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# Chenoa Junction

“Chenoa Crossroads of Opportunity”



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## Let's Talk Water

Automatic Withdrawal (ACH) is a service for the water bills. The fee is \$3.00 a month to use the ACH service. We will waive the \$3.00 ACH fee for anyone that signs up for paperless billing. Paperless billing is an option for everyone. It is a great way to get your bill without delay from the post office.

- Late notices for water bills are sent on the first Tuesday of the month.
- The water shut off day for unpaid water bills is the third Tuesday of each month.

Chenoa City Code for shutting off a resident's water service. This is **NOT** a new process but there have been inconsistencies with the processing in the past so we want to remind residents of the city code. If your water is shut off for non-payment, there is a reconnect fee as well as the entire amount of the account must be paid to a zero balance before your water service will be restored.

8-2-12: SERVICE DISCONTINUANCE

# Mayor Shane Lane

We have so many exciting things and improvements happening in the city! I am proud to be your mayor.

- The Clearwell Project is very close to completion.
- We have a new Parks & Health Commissioner - Manny
- Citizens are using our improved & still being updated City website
- City Wide Hydrant flushing is under way
- Repairs at the Silliman Pond are scheduled
- Our grant writer has made great progress
- We have new businesses in town

If you have any ideas to improve the city, please reach out to me. I am here to listen and work with our City Council and the residents to make Chenoa even better.

## Commissioner Corner - Zack Lopeman Live from the Streets of Chenoa

The streets department which also covers alleys and storm water has been busy the past couple months with identifying issues and making temporary repairs to keep water flowing. We would love to start replacing tile but first we need a master plan of what size and locations the tile actually needs to be, so we have started working with an Engineering firm to design a town wide plan for storm sewer distribution. If you notice drainage issues such as water backing, puddling, sinkholes, or random holes in the city easement please let city hall know and we can look into it. Please know that much like our water distribution issues, this will not be a quick or cheap fix. We can check into things quickly and make temporary repairs if at all possible but full replacement will take some time to get done.

Since we're coming into fall with leaf season and fall cleanup a quick reminder of a few of the city codes.

4-4-4: Burning of leaves in the city, burning is allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, year round from 7am to 7pm, when winds are below 10mph. Leaves shall only be burned on property owned, and cannot be burned on any road way or blacktop driveway. The fire must be attended at all times and a hose with sufficient capability of extinguishing the fire must be ready and within reach of the fire. When burning leaves, the party burning shall use discretion in determining the smoke drift and whether such drift is heading in the direction of a roadway and reducing visibility of drivers or drifting directly towards neighboring properties as to affect

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In Honor of Veteran's Day, here is a display that is outside of the Chenoa Locker. John Kestel & Charlie Umgelder made this for Terry Bittner - the owner of the Chenoa Locker. All three men are Veterans.

**Thank you to all Veterans for your service.**



# Resident Avenue

## Manny Hernandez – Chenoa’s Parks and Public Health Commissioner

Hi I'm Manny Hernandez. I'm honored to have been appointed as Parks and Public Health commissioner. I moved to Chenoa in 2019. What I love most about the community is how everyone is willing to help their neighbors and their community. I hope to be a valuable asset to the already amazing helpful community. My current goal is to learn the ropes, see where the community needs the most assistance in my role and to revitalize the Silliman Pond. I am currently working on restocking the fish in the pond and adding habitat structures so that the fish can spawn and increase their numbers. I would love to hear from you as a community as to where you feel we can improve in the Parks and Public Health department in the future. I will do my best to be the commissioner that you are looking for.



## Q: What is the Clearwell Project that I have heard about around town and in council meetings?

A: Clearwell is the tank that stores the water after it has been treated. When the water tower gets low enough, the high service pumps pump water from the Clearwell tank to the town.

The old Clearwell is in not is good shape - it's just a matter of time before the top caves in. The old Clearwell is underground.

The new Clearwell tank project started in July. The new tank will be above ground because it's better for the high service pumps. The new tank is made of concrete and holds around 60,000 gallons. The tank is currently up and they are finishing the plumbing. The Clearwell Project should be completed next month.

## What is Veteran Day?

Veterans Day is a special occasion in the US. It is a yearly occasion respecting veterans in the military. It is a government occasion, which implies that there is no work, business or school required on that day. It is yearly celebrated on November 11. Veterans Day is a vital delineation of the country's most extreme regard and appreciation for the service of its military. It is a vital topic covered in the general science and social studies educational modules of the government educational system.



## Leaf Bags have arrived at City Hall

You can purchase leaf bags at City Hall during normal business hours. The bags will be sold per roll for \$10. A roll includes 10 bags. The leaf bags are 60 gallons: 38 X58.

**Exact Cash Payments Accepted Only.**

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer the leaf bags free to residents anymore due to the minimal bags that are being picked up by the city compared to the amount of bags purchased by the city.

The proceeds from the Aluminum Can Dumpster for October go to the PC West Primary School (Chenoa) After School Program. For November, the proceeds go to the Thanksgiving Baskets provided by the Chenoa Women's Club.

# Chenoa Club Crossing



## The Chenoa Space Age Pioneers 4H and Cloverbud Club

averages 25 members and we incorporate kids ages 5 to 18 from five different school districts. We meet monthly on the third Sunday at 4 pm at an area church.

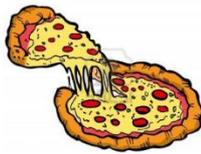
Our 4Hers show their projects at the McLean County Fair at the Interstate Center. But you don't have to show projects at the fair to be in 4H. Say what? Shocking, I know. 4Hers learn by doing.

Our next meeting is Sunday, October 15 where we will elect club officers, learn about pumpkins and take home a pumpkin grown by club member Lucas Ellis. We're growing and would love for you to check us out! Reach out to our organizational leader, Rachel Kridner. She can be reached at [spaceagepioneers@gmail.com](mailto:spaceagepioneers@gmail.com) or 309-531-6682 to learn more about 4H in Chenoa.

Click here for an interesting article from Successful Farming on 4-H. [10 Things 4-H taught me that sports couldn't](#)



## Chenoa Business Boulevard - Joe's StationHouse Pizzeria



Why Chenoa? After meeting with the Cerda Family and visiting OB's, we knew that we would be a great match. We are a family owned and operated pizzeria and after talking with the Cerda's we felt confident that our values as small business owners would be a great fit. Once we visited OB's, we fell in love with the location. OB's has it all: Fun, Entertainment, Family or Adult night out, Volleyball, Bags, Games and so much more.

The Hoekstra Families history with Joe's: Steve, while in high school, started working for the Limberg Family in 1995 when they obtained Joe's Pizza in Streator. In December of 2000, Steve and Kerri Hoekstra opened Joes Station House Pizzeria in Pontiac at 726 W Howard St. After a tragic fire in September of 2007, the Hoekstra's re-opened in November of 2007 in their current location in the old Train Depot in Pontiac (721 W Washington). October 2023, we officially

<http://www.joespizzachenoa.com> has online ordering, menu, and links to all of our social media

1-815-945-9999

We will be open Wednesday-Sunday at 4:00

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the health of the residents inside or outside. In all instances, the party burning shall use all efforts to ascertain whether individuals in close proximity may suffer from lung related illnesses or asthma and schedule burns when such residents are not present. A reminder that any police officer, firefighter, or other appointed Commissioner or officer of the City of Chenoa, may require any fire being burned if, in that official's opinion, such fire and the related smoke are injurious to the health or safety of any other citizens of the City, to be immediately extinguished by any individual conducting the burn.

4-4-5: Use of City Waste dump premises, the city dump is only for landscape waste and brush. This means no concrete, brick, asphalt, lumber, appliances, tires, TV's, mattresses, or any other garbage besides landscape waste and brush. Violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be a violation of the general penalty provisions of section [1-4-1](#) of this Code, with a minimum fine per violation of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00), and every day that waste other than that allowed herein is allowed to remain on the premises shall be a separate violation. In addition, for those individuals found to be in violation of these provisions by dumping electronics, oil-based and alkyd paints, pesticides, automotive fluids, tires, concrete, furniture, other toxic household products or any other item in violation of this section and in excess of 75 lbs., the City reserves the right to charge up to \$750 per incident for such violation. In the event of collection of fines for such violations, the City reserves the right to charge collection costs including court costs and attorney's fees relating to such violations.

4-4-7: Yard Waste Collection, a few key reminders from this section. Leaves, grass clippings, and other small yard waste must be bagged in biodegradable bags weighing no more than 50lbs, city hall does have bags for sale for \$10 per 10 bags. Brush / limbs must not be longer than 8' and piled neatly along the curb line but not in the roadway.

This a quick highlight of some items in those sections, please feel free to review them and if you have any questions please reach out to myself or city hall and we will assist best of our ability. If there's anything else pertaining to streets, alleys, or storm water please reach out to me and we'll get looking at the issue and try to find a solution!

Thanks, Zack!



# October / November

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	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
October / November	15-Oct	16 Trash Day &Recycle Day Bosses Day	17 Water Shut Off Day	18	19	20	21 Sweetest Day
	22	23 Trash Day	24 City Council Meeting 6:30 pm	25 Water Bill Due Date	26 EDC Meeting 6 pm	27	28
	29	30 Trash Day & Recycle Day	31 Halloween Trick or Treat Hours 5 - 8 pm	1	2	3	4
	5-Nov Daylight Savings Time - Clocks fall back one hour at 2 am	6 Trash Day Zoning Board Meeting 6 pm	7	8	9	10 City Hall Closed - Holiday	11 Veterans Day
	12	13 Trash Day & Recycle Day	14 City Council Meeting 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18
	19	20 Trash Day Issue 4 Chenoa Junction Released	21 Water Shut off Day				