chagrinfalls.gov

What's this about?

We are recommending that the village's Internet domain name (used for the website, email, etc.) be updated to **chagrinfalls.gov** from **chagrin-falls.org**.

What is a domain name?

Domain names are a key part of the Internet infrastructure. They provide a human-readable address for any web server available on the Internet.

Any Internet-connected computer can be reached through a public IP address (e.g. 173.194.121.32). Computers can handle such addresses easily, but people have a hard time finding out who's running the server or what service the website offers. IP addresses are hard to remember and might change over time. To solve all those problems we use human-readable addresses called domain names.

A domain name has a simple structure made of several parts (it might be one part only, two, three...), separated by dots and read from right to left:

Top-Level Domain (TLD): TLDs tell users the general purpose of the service behind the domain name. The most generic TLDs (.com, .org, .net) don't require web services to meet any particular criteria, but some TLDs enforce stricter policies so it is clearer what their purpose is. For example:

• Local TLDs such as .us, .fr, or .se can require the service to be provided in a given language or hosted in a certain country – they are supposed to indicate a resource in a particular language or country.
• The .edu TLD is only for use by educational and academic institutions.
• TLDs containing .gov are only allowed to be used by governments.

Why are you recommending this change?

It should be easy to identify governments on the internet, and using a .gov domain shows you're official. The public shouldn't have to guess whether the site they're on or the email that hits their inbox is genuine.
Use of a hyphen is permitted but not recommended. Omitting the hyphen makes the domain name easier to remember and communicate verbally, as when giving an email address over the phone.

Why now?

To borrow from an old saying, the best time to register a .gov was 30 years ago, and the second best time to register a .gov is now. The upcoming launch of the new Village website on the CivicPlus platform provides a unique opportunity to publicize the new domain name.

What will it cost?

There is no cost to register a .gov domain name. There is an annual renewal process, which will require a small effort from the administration to verify eligibility, and there may be a minor additional cost for name server services from our DNS provider, Acendex.

What are some other consequences of this change?

The current domain will continue to work while we migrate and indefinitely afterwards, until the administration decides it is no longer necessary to maintain. There will be some necessary effort to update other digital systems, such as the village newsletter and email signatures. Physical manifestations of the current domain name (on business cards, letterhead, police cars, etc.) will need to be updated over time.

What are the next steps?

1. Prepare and send the authorization letter.
2. Submit the online form at the .gov registrar.
3. Wait for review (approximately 20 days).
4. Add name server addresses (once approved).

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.Gov Domain Registration
c/o Verisign, Inc.
12061 Bluemont Way
Reston, Virginia 20190

To the .gov Program:

As authorizing authority for Chagrin Falls, I request that responsibility for the domain name **chagrinfalls.gov** be delegated to my municipality.

The domain name will be used for the village's primary website, the administration's email, and other Internet-based services provided to the community.

As the name "Chagrin Falls" is unique, and not duplicative of any city, county, parish, town, borough, village, or equivalent elsewhere in the country, I request an exception to the requirement to include the two-letter state abbreviation or state name.

In order to obtain and maintain **chagrinfalls.gov** Chagrin Falls will meet the general and specific requirements for federal agencies, found at https://home.dotgov.gov/registration/requirements.

The following will be listed as contacts for **chagrinfalls.gov**, which Chagrin Falls will keep up to date in the .gov registrar.

Administrative contact
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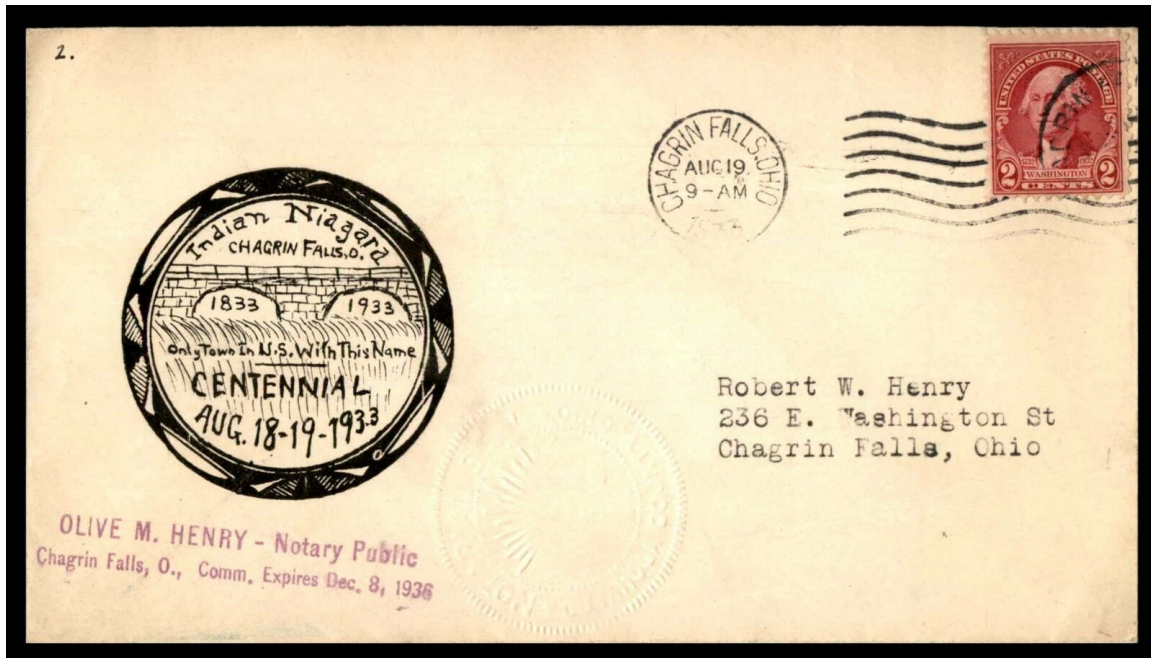*Address*
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Sincerely yours,

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