



Village of Port Dickinson

Spring 2012

Important Telephone Numbers:

Village Hall Business – 771-8233
Building Inspector & Code Officer 771-8233
Police – 722-1255

Police & Fire Emergency – 911

WEBSITE: www.portdickinsonny.us/

MAYOR:

Kevin M. Burke – 723-5674

TRUSTEES:

Administration & Codes: James DeGennaro 773-8078
Parks, Water & Sewer: Bob Aagre 217-4122
Police & Fire: Richard Felo 724-4170
Public Works: Michael Cashman 724-6764

From the Mayor...

VILLAGE TAXES: The Village like all municipalities (and homeowners) is faced with rising expenses for everyday operations along with NYS costs. The Trustees and I feel we have we have prepared a responsible operating budget. The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 will raise taxes 2. % or approx. .17 cents per \$1,000. of assessed valuation. (E.g. A home assessed at \$50,000 will pay \$8.50 more per year.) I want to thank the Trustees and our Treasurer Cheryl Miller for their perseverance in compiling this challenging budget.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE DEBBIE PRESTON will attend the May 8, 2012 Village Board Meeting at 6PM at the Elementary School Library. Plan to attend and ask the Executive any questions you may have.

GRANT AWARDED for VILLAGE HALL: We have been successful in our application for a \$400,000 CDBG NYS Housing and Renewal Grant to allow us to install an elevator in the Village Hall that will make our entire facility handicap accessible. This grant also provides for 2nd floor refurbishment of restrooms, food prep area and general meeting room. This would allow for all of our community groups to have a local facility to enjoy. AND no cost to the Village. Construction begins this summer.

WATER RUN OFF – The EPA is directing all communities to be aware of what we allow to flow into the waters of streams and rivers in respect to runoff. Our street drains will be marked to indicate which ones flow directly into rivers and streams. Please be cautious in applying any fertilizers/weed killers in respect to overuse or misuse.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Please call the Police if you see or hear any suspicious or uncommon activity. Be a good neighbor and protect our Village and preserve the quality of life we all enjoy. Help your Police Officers help YOU! Don't hesitate to call them if you have any questions or concerns.

722-1255 or 911 for Emergency



Evening and weekend calls to the PD Police are received by Broome County Emergency Services. If you desire to talk to an officer, just state your request to the dispatcher and a Port Dickinson Officer will either visit you or phone you if you request. You can report anything anonymously if you wish.

- Police Phone Stickers are available by calling the Village Hall 771-8233 and they will be mailed to you.

BUILDING PERMITS are MANDATORY

The following require permits (not limited to)

All New Construction including In & Above Ground Pools,
All Decks, Certain Size Sheds, All Additions, Fire
Place/Wood Burners and Porches.

CALL THE BUILDING INSPECTOR @ 771-8233 WITH ANY QUESTIONS PRIOR TO INITIATING YOUR PROJECT. THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO AVOID DELAYS, LEGAL ACTION & ADDED COSTS.

Please allow time for the Inspector to return your call.
You can pick up permit applications at the Village Hall.
PLAN AHEAD!

FIRE DEPARTMENT: It became very evident to everyone how valuable our Fire Fighters were to us during the flood this past September. These great dedicated and unselfish VOLUNTEERS worked over 1,000 man hours in 57 homes pumping water and preventing further damage.

WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT THEM?

Please extend a thank you to them whenever possible.

The Port Dickinson Fire Department is always in need of additional members and especially if you're available during the day. Please call the Village Hall at 771-8233 and leave your name and a representative will contact about how you can serve your community. Please keep in mind that there are various levels in which to serve.

Make sure your Smoke and CO2 Detectors are working properly & CALL 911 FIRST.

FIRE SAFETY NOTE: A house fire can become uncontrollable in 3 minutes. In 1975 that average was 17 minutes. It's not the house you live in...but what you put inside! *National Institute of Standards and Technology.*

SEWER RATES: Due to ever increasing costs associated with sewage treatment and our collection system, there will be an increase of .50 cents per 100 cu. ft. (100 cu. ft. = 748 Gals.). the new Sewer Rate will be \$4.66 on the July bill. No water increase at this writing.

FLOOD INFORMATION UPDATE:

Portions of the Village experienced devastating damage during the Sept.2012 Flood. FEMA reports that we had 92 homes damaged at various degrees. With 52 sustaining extensive content and structural damage.

We are working with FEMA, SEMA, NYSDEC, NYS DOT and Senator Libous is offering his assistance to us on a mitigation plan to install an additional pump along the levee. These plans will double the capacity from 6,000 to 12,000 gallons per minute in removing flood water from the collection area. In addition the plan calls for an electric generator that would insure the pumps run in the event of a power failure.

Please note: A greater tragedy was averted in September in that the electricity remained constant during the flood. If the levee pump lost electricity we would easily have doubled or tripled the flooded properties.

This project will range from \$200K to \$1Mill. The large variance is about the need to bore through or straddle the top of the levy. The former being the more expensive.

ATT: NON RESIDENT OWNERS PLEASE FORWARD THIS NEWSLETTER TO YOUR TENANTS OR CALL 771-8233 & A COPY WILL BE MAILED.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: IMPORTANT NOTICES

Public Works & Police assist in reporting violations.

House Numbering- Village Code 46-2 & the 911 Law requires that all properties must have their number affixed in a conspicuous manner in a conspicuous place near the front entrance. Fine not to exceed \$250.

Help yourself & the emergency responders & clearly number your house.

Grass in Streets- It is illegal to discharge grass or any debris into the street. This debris seriously complicates drainage especially in severe storms as was evident in the 9/12 Flood.

Garbage Cans: Village Code 30-3A. Garbage, and rubbish generated shall be placed at the curb line ***not earlier than the evening preceding the collection day*** in suitable containers or securely stacked in bundles so as to prevent blowing and scattering. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Fine not to exceed \$250.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: For over fifty years the **Port Dickinson Community Association** has served the youth of our Village. Please support their fund raising activities as all proceeds go to support our youth programs. Please consider a donation to the PDCA as they are tax deductible and it will go a long way in serving our youth and community.

UPCOMING PDCA EVENTS:

March 31, Spring Park/Field Clean up, Baseball sign-up to be posted on PDCA sign.

Meetings are being held the last Sunday of each Month at 5:00pm sharp at Uncles Place.

SPECIAL NOTE: Starting April 2012 meetings will return to the last Tues. of each month at Club house at 6:30pm sharp.

For PDCA information call:

Rob Moss 723-6388 or Jen Morgan 206.0879

Be looking for the new PDCA information sign adjacent to the Community Park.

YARD WASTE PICKUP: Regular lawn debris pickup will be on Mondays beginning April 2, (weather permitting). All debris must be in containers (**Max. 50lbs.**) Branches must be tied in 4 ft lengths. **NO PLASTIC BAGS or TRASH.** Place containers or bundles between the sidewalk and the curb. Please consider composting your lawn waste whenever possible. The Village Compost facility has a limited capacity and the alternatives will prove very costly.