



Village of Port Dickinson

October, 2006

Important Telephone Numbers:

Village Hall Business – 771-8233
Building Inspector & Code Officer 771-8233
Police – 722-1255
Police & Fire Emergency – 911

From your Mayor and Village Board

Regarding the Dissolution Petition Process.

In County Executive Barbara Fiala's press release of August 3, 2006 she encouraged a petition process where "elected leaders at least investigate the impact of dissolution". In regard to the sample petition on her website: It does not call for an investigation!

Rather it requests the Board of Trustees to adopt a resolution to Village voters to approve the dissolution of the Village. While a study committee would be appointed under Village Law to investigate, the matter must be submitted for a vote at the next regular election. Even if the study concludes it is not in the best interest of Village residents to dissolve the Village, nevertheless it must be put on the ballot for a vote

In Port Dickinson the Mayor and Board of Trustees are already comparing present costs of village services to costs of those same services in the Town. We expect that study to be completed before the end of this year, at which time it will be made public for discussion by Village residents. So, if the residents of Port Dickinson want that dialogue to begin, please be advised that it already has.

In response, we of the Village Board question the need to start the process that will essentially result in a referendum when the results of the study may very well show dissolution would be more costly than at present. While we await the result of this study, we remind Village residents (as we do in our Village newsletters) of the many ways we are already saving Village taxpayers money by sharing services with other municipalities and continually striving for greater efficiencies and outside sources of funding.

LEAF PICKUP: Is scheduled to begin the 3rd week in October or adjusted as necessary and continues as weather allows. Please rake your leaves to the area between your sidewalk and the curb, **NOT IN THE STREET**, or leave them on the edge of your sidewalk. Leaves obstruct the street drains very seriously. **Yard waste pickup ends October 30th.**

Mayor: Kevin M. Burke – 723-5674

TRUSTEES:

Administration: James DeGennaro 773-8078

Village Buildings and Insurance.

Parks, Water & Sewer: Edward Corcoran 724-1965

Parks, Water Bills and Water Leaks

Public Safety: Richard Felo 724-4170

Police, Fire and Building/Code Enforcement

Public Works: Steven Horoschak 772-0573

Streets Leaf / Snow Removal.

PORT DICKINSON COMMUNITY ASSN:

Thank You to SENATOR THOMAS LIBOUS. Through the personal efforts of NY State Senator Thomas Libous the Port Dickinson Community Association is receiving a \$50,000 NYS Parks Grant to be used toward the partial upgrade of all facilities and programs. This is a result of a comprehensive plan that the PDCA Officers worked diligently on to prepare over the last two years.

Again, our sincerest thanks to the Senator.

MORE FROM THE COMMUNITY ASSN.

To allow the PDCA to continue their rigorous plan for improvements they will be conducting a mail campaign to our residents and businesses very soon. Please consider a gift toward our youth programs and be advised that all contributions are tax deductible.

The PDCA would like to extend their **Thanks to the Plumber's & Pipe Fitter's Local 112** for donating their labor to repair and weld the Little League Bleachers. For information on youth programs for Village residents please call 723-0167.

VILLAGE CODE: Does not allow for vehicles to be parked on the area in front of a residence.

SNOW REMOVAL: DO NOT SHOVEL or DISCHARGE SNOW INTO THE STREET. It is illegal and this law will be enforced.

SNOW ON SIDEWALKS: The village may clear such sidewalks of snow and ice if they are not cleared by the owner or occupant within 24 hours after a snowfall. The cost of this removal will be assessed against the owner of the property. We will attempt to notify the resident and be reasonable with this enforcement due to adverse weather conditions. Please be conscientious & courteous and keep you sidewalks clear and safe.

JUNE FLOOD: We are working with FEMA and the NYSDEC to mitigate future damage that may affect our residents. However low the chance may be of this occurring again, we are not going to wait. At this time we are anticipating additional pumping equipment that will increase the total flood water pumping capability at the levee in the Village.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Please join us in extending **a very sincere Thank You to our Volunteer Fire Department!** Their dedication to assisting everyone this past June during the flooding to prevent further damage proved to make the real difference. These great volunteers spent endless hours aiding our residents and providing pumping assistance. Some labored while they were experiencing damage in their own homes. When you see our FD members extend a warm thank you to them for their tireless efforts!

Help your Firefighters and yourselves, **please shovel the snow away from the hydrants** so they are visible to the responding Fire Apparatus.

HELP YOUR FIREFIGHTERS HELP YOU!

Your Fire Department is always seeking new members. This is a great way to serve your community. There are numerous levels in which to serve. Please call the Village Hall, leave your name and number and a member will call you back.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Reminds you to please lock your car doors when parking overnight. Also it is illegal to park your car on or across a sidewalk.

Police Consolidation: The County Executive has proposed the formation of a County Wide Police Force. The impact to the Village of Port Dickinson is that we would pay Broome County \$357,000 annually to participate and be contractually obligated to participate for 5 years. The VOPD Patrol car and Officer would then be required to respond to any participating municipality (Binghamton, JC, Endicott & Vestal) as needed and dispatched. Potentially the PDPD could be located in an area of high need for extended periods as directed by the Under Sheriff.

IF YOU HAVE A WATER OR SEWER EMERGENCY during the night, weekends or holidays please call the Police at 722-1255 and inform the officer of your situation. They will arrange to have the appropriate personnel respond to assist you. Don't hesitate to call.

COMMUNITY PARK: **Thank You to the Hillcrest Rotary Club** for their generous donation of a park bench. It will be located near the plaque adjacent to the parking lot for your use.

ANGEL OF HOPE MONUMENT. If anyone would need information on obtaining a memorial brick for placement please contact:

Bereaved Parents Group
1250 Front St., PMB 147
Binghamton, NY 13901-1043

TOWN OF DICKINSON: We maintain a close working relationship with the Town by sharing and receiving services from them. We continue to utilize the Town Animal Control Officer, Assessor Services along with Public Works assistance with Street Cleaning and Road Construction.

To retiring TOD Highway Supt. Don Kumpon, **Thank You** for the assistance you have provided the Village during your tenure.

HISTORICAL NEWS: The Village of Port Dickinson is sorely lacking in photos and news events of the past. If you have any old photographs and/or news articles regarding buildings, people or events that took place in the Village, or any historical letters, documents, etc., please contact one of our new Village Historians, Bob Blakeslee or Roger Shaller. They will pick up your items, scan and/or copy them, and get them back to you within a very short period of time. You will be credited for providing any items for our historical collection. Port Dickinson does have an interesting past, and we need to document it as best we can. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

You can contact the Village Historians by calling the Village Hall and leaving a message for them

DONATIONS: We have received several calls from individuals who would like to make a donation to the Village to apply towards a specific project or a general fund. If you have a specific donation idea please contact the Mayor or one of the Trustees and we will work with you on it. One area that we are always accepting donations is toward the constant improvement of our Community Park. Any donations can be made payable to the *Village of Port Dickinson*.

Thank you for your great support of our Park.