



# Village of Port Dickinson

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## Important Telephone Numbers:

Village Hall Business – 771-8233

Building Inspector & Code Officer 771-8233

Police – 722-1255

Police & Fire Emergency – 911

*From your Mayor regarding  
the Village Contracting for*

*Home Owners for Garbage Removal.*

On 4/10/07 a public information session was held to inform our residents of this concept. Your Village Board was urged by the NYS Comptrollers Office to pursue this, indicating that it would largely reduce the cost as it has in several areas e.g. Town of Dickinson.

The Village advertised for bids from numerous garbage haulers and received a bid guaranteed for 2 years that would have a single home pay \$133. annually for the pickup of two 65lb cans weekly (\$28.25 quarterly). Compared to average quarterly billing at that time of \$62.00, this would have been a 54% savings. The village plan was to bill the residents with the semi-annual water bill. This plan included up to a 4 unit home with those paying 2, 3 or 4 times the single rate.

At that April information session there were approximately 50 home owners represented and the majority were against having the village pursue this plan on their behalf. Based on the input from these home owners the Village Board ended this process.

Since that date I have received numerous inquiries “that based on the cost savings why was this plan not adopted” and that numerous residents claimed they thought this was a “done deal.” The Village Board sincerely felt that based on the input at that meeting we were not pursuing this any further. If this is something that a majority of home owners would like to have us pursue again, please send to my attention at the Village Hall, names (signed lists) and addresses stating that this is a service you want. Thank you.

## **WATER & SEWER RATES: GREAT NEWS!**

There will be no increase in these rates.

## **ANGEL OF HOPE MONUMENT.**

If anyone would need information on obtaining a memorial brick for the next placement please contact:

Bereaved Parents Group

1250 Front St., PMB 147

Binghamton, NY 13901-1043

**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.

**LEAF PICKUP:** Is scheduled to begin the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.  
**Monday Yard waste pickup ends October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Your Fire Department is always in need of new members. This is a great way to serve your community. There are various levels in which you can serve. Please call the Village Hall, leave your name and number and a member will call you back.

We would like to congratulate Mike Scott on being elected our new Fire Chief. Mike is a great person and comes with an extensive background of service to Port Dickinson and the Fire Service and we wish him the best and thank him for his commitment and service.

The Village would also like to thank Past Fire Chief Joe Griswold for his numerous years of dedicated service. Joe’s new assignment as Asst. Chief of the Endicott Fire Department made it hard for him to wear two helmets, so he retired his PDFD Chief duties, but remains close by to offer his labors. Congratulations and Good Luck to Past Chief Joe with his new responsibilities.

## **HELP YOUR FIREFIGHTERS HELP YOU!**

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

**MILLENNIUM PIPELINE:** As of this writing we have been informed by Millennium that our Park **WILL NOT** be impacted by the pipeline crossing the river. They are estimating to start work in our area in early October.

**PORT DICKINSON COMMUNITY ASSN:** Is in the process of arranging for contractors to do the upgrade and remodeling of the fields and facilities. These wonderful improvements are the culmination of a lot of hard work by the PDCA and are being primarily funded by a \$50,000 NYS Parks Grant that was presented to them by Senator Tom Libous. The Association is still in need of additional funds to continue their great work. All donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to them at the Village Hall.

Officers of the PDCA

Bill Phillips President    Jen Green Vice President  
Beth Shear Secretary    Rhonda Holmes Treasurer

At Large Board Members

Todd Shear    Don Snyder  
Erica Scott    Krista Shoemaker

For information call Bill Phillips at 722-6208.

**VILLAGE WEBSITE:** We now have our own website and it provides a great amount of data and historical information at [www.portdickinsonny.us/](http://www.portdickinsonny.us/)  
Thank you to Bob Blakeslee for creating this for us.

**SNOW REMOVAL: DO NOT SHOVEL or DISCHARGE SNOW INTO THE STREET.** It is illegal and this law will be enforced. Also please assist our snow plowing efforts and if possible park your vehicles off the street during snow storms.

**SNOW ON SIDEWALKS:** The village may clear such sidewalks of snow and ice if they are not cleared by the owner or occupant within twenty-four (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 your sidewalks clear and safe.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Wants you to know that if you need any assistance or have a question of our officers please do not hesitate to call them at 722-1255. Your Police are there 24 hours a day to serve you. **Please lock your car doors when parking overnight.** And it's illegal to park your car on or across the sidewalk.

**IF YOU HAVE A WATER, SEWER or PUBLIC WORKS 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. PLEASE, if in doubt just call!

**FLOODING:** We received a reply regarding our request to the NYSDEC stating that they are addressing the flooding that occurred in the lower part of the Village. The DEC tells us they have purchased 3 large volume portable pumps to increase the total flood water pumping capability at the levee. In addition they are investigating the installation of an automated "trash rack" to keep the intake clear of debris. They also will continue to monitor this location in high water events

**DONATIONS:** Anyone who may wish to make a donation to the Village and apply it towards a specific project e.g. Community Park, please contact the Mayor or one of the Trustees and we will assist you with your request. Donations can be made payable to the *Village of Port Dickinson*.

**HISTORICAL NEWS:** Our Historians are attempting to compile a list of Village residents who have died in military line of duty. If you have information on this please forward it to the Historians, either through the website [www.portdickinsonny.us/](http://www.portdickinsonny.us/) or mail it to the Village Hall to their attention. They also are looking into the possibility of erecting a monument to honor and remember the sacrifice of these residents. We will keep you informed as these efforts evolve.



Chenango St, still brick, near Terry Ave, after the 1935 flood.

**REMODELING, AN ADDITION,  
A POOL or CARPORT ???  
ALL PROBABLY REQUIRE  
BUILDING PERMITS.**

Building Permits are REQUIRED for VIRTUALLY ALL CONSTRUCTION. PLEASE CALL THE BUILDING INSPECTOR @ 771-8233 WITH ANY QUESTIONS **PRIOR TO INITIATING YOUR PROJECT TO AVOID DELAYS & LITIGATION.**

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