



# Village of Port Dickinson

Spring , 2007

## Important Telephone Numbers:

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

## MAYOR:

Kevin M. Burke – 723-5674

## TRUSTEES:

Administration: James DeGennaro 773-8078  
Parks, Water & Sewer: Edward Corcoran 724-1965  
Public Safety: Richard Felo 724-4170  
Public Works: Steven Horoschak 772-0573

## *From the Mayor...*

**VILLAGE TAXES:** The proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2007-08 will raise taxes 1.7% or .12 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This equates to an approx. \$7.00 annual increase to the average home in the Village. Within this budget is an annual contribution to partial funding for all future capital purchases thus averting borrowing. This financial plan is a result of some strong planning and attention to detail by your Trustees. I would also like to thank our Treasurer Cheryl Miller and Village Clerk Sue Fox for their contributions. Even though they both serve on a part time basis, their support is felt full time.

**Thanks to all of you for your hard work!**

**SEWER & WATER RATES:** GOOD NEWS. Due to proper planning and constant review we will maintain the current rates. We have also extended our successful agreement with our friends in the Town of Fenton to continue our desirable water rates.

**SIDEWALKS:** Over the next several months we will be initiating an effort to notify home owners of all sidewalks that are unsafe or in disrepair. We have received numerous complaints from our residents regarding this situation. The Board has reviewed and revised the code with regard to sidewalks to make the code more enforceable. Code Enforcement will notify you by mail if you are in violation. Our Enforcement Officer will work with you on this to make adjustments uncomplicated. It is also our hope to have a list of contractor's with rates available for the residents to assist in compliance. This program was to begin last year but due to the flooding and limited availability of contractors we delayed it. We are committed to working with our residents on this so please do not be alarmed.

## **ARE YOU PLANNING TO REMODEL, ADD ON, INSTALL ANY TYPE OF POOL or CARPORT??? ALL 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 & ADDED COSTS.**

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

**FLOODING:** Of special interest to Terry & Watson Ave., Riverview Rd., and approx. 694 to 710 Chenango St. area residents. We requested the DEC to reprioritize their flood relief efforts in our area. I received notice that their engineers will review the pumping station at the levee adjacent to the end of Watson Ave. Our expectation is that they will adjust this pump station to allow flood waters to enter that structure at approx. 2 feet lower & to increase the capacity of the existing pump or install a second one. We feel this will alleviate a large amount of the flooding in this area of the village.

**VILLAGE CONTRACTING WITH PRIVATE HAULERS FOR GARBAGE REMOVAL:** We are in the process of soliciting bids from contractors to collect all Village garbage in 1 to 3 family homes. It is our hope that this endeavor will reflect a significant savings to our residents, possibly up to 50%. If this is agreeable to our residents, the charge for this service would be on the semi annual Water & Sewer statement. **A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY APRIL 10 at 7 PM in the PD SCHOOL CAFETERIA.** Watch newspaper for notice.

**MILLENIUM PIPELINE UPDATE:** It appears that the pipeline will be further delayed. We met with the Millennium officials and are receiving funding to have a landscape improvement plan prepared for the park in the event it is needed for the staging of the pipe to cross the river. The net result will be an improved park at absolutely no cost to village residents.

Your **FIRE DEPARTMENT** is always seeking new members... especially during the day hours and also for the Fire Police Division. Call the Village Hall at 771-8233, leave your name and a member will call you back.

*Please consider becoming a Fire Department Member. There are many areas of interest to be involved with. The service they provide us is immeasurable! The Fire Department protects us in many ways. If not for their commitment during the floods the resulting damage to our Village could have been much more severe.*

**TREE PLANTING:** The Village Code long ago established standards for tree planting and maintenance in the area between the public sidewalk and highway curb. This code was enacted as a result of the trees roots in these locations invading the sewer lines and causing extensive sewage back up damage to homes.

The list of allowed trees for curb area planting is:

**Small Trees:** "American Hornbeam", "Goldenrain", "Flowering Crabapple" and "Japanese Tree Lilac."

**Medium Trees:** "Honeylocust"(thornless), "Kwanzan Oriental Cherry" and "Callery Pear."

In addition no trees may be planted closer to any curb or sidewalk than the following: Small Trees - 1 and one-half (1.5) feet; and Medium Trees - 3 feet. No trees may be planted closer together than the following: Small Trees, 25 feet; and Medium Trees, 35 feet. For further information call the Village Hall.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Wants to remind all residents about the popular and ongoing "**RESIDENT REASSURANCE PROGRAM.**" (Formerly Operation Reassurance) This is intended to assist anyone who requests special consideration during any home rehabilitation or just to reassure safety in your residence. It works by having the resident call the Police at a predetermined time to notify the officer that they are safe and sound. If the call is not received by the agreed time, the officer will phone and if necessary come to the residence to inquire on their safety. This entire process is completely confidential. Just call the Village Hall during the day for more details.

- **Police Phone Stickers** are available by calling the Village Hall and they will be mailed to you.
- Spring is the time when **Door to Door Solicitors** increase their activity. Village Law states that all solicitors must register at the Village Hall with Photo ID prior to starting and only between 9AM and sunset.
- **Remember to Always Lock your Car Doors!**
- **Please Report ANY & ALL Suspicious Activity!**
- The Police Department is very proud and happy to announce the return of Officer Mark Robinson to our force. Officer Robinson has retired from the Endicott Police Department after a dedicated and decorated career there and is looking forward to serving our residents.

**NEW CODE RELATED TO DUMPING FILL:** A new code was established that requires a permit if a landowner desires to dump more than 100 cubic yard of acceptable fill (dirt) on their property. To receive the permit a site plan with intentions will be required.

**YARD WASTE PICKUP-** 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 TRASH or PLASTIC BAGS.** Place containers or bundles between the sidewalk and the curb. **PLEASE CONSIDER COMPOSTING** your lawn waste whenever possible. The Village Landfill has a limited capacity and the alternatives will prove very costly.

**COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** In addition to the funding from Senator Thomas Libous, the PDCA is continuing to seek tax deductible donations to be able to complete the extensive upgrade of the facilities and programs. Please mail any donations to the Village Hall in care of the PDCA. It will go to good use!

**VILLAGE HISTORIANS:** Are continually in search of historical information of the Village. If you have any old photographs, news clippings, letters about Port Dickinson, etc., please contact one of our Historians. They will arrange to pick it up, scan it, and return it to you, normally within a day of receiving it. Even if you don't think your item(s) might not be of value or importance, we would urge you to contact Bob Blakeslee or Roger Shaller so they may review it. Call the Village Hall at 771-8233 and leave a message.

**Photo from the Fire Department's Annual "KIDS DAY" 7/7/64 behind the PD School. If anyone can identify the children please call the Historians.**



Kids on elephant, Port Dickinson Fire Company Circus  
Press 07/07/1964