



Village of Port Dickinson

Spring 2009

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: Edward Corcoran 724-1965
Police & Fire: Richard Felo 724-4170
Public Works: Steven Horoschak 772-0573

From the Mayor...

VILLAGE TAXES: The proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2009-10 will raise taxes 1.9% or approx. \$0.15 Per \$1,000 assessed valuation. (e.g. \$50K assessment equates to a \$7.50 total annual increase.) The Board reviewed every line item and in light of so many uncertainties facing us we developed this budget which allows us to replace outdated equipment and continue planned projects with a minimal impact on our home owners. As this year progresses we will be extremely cautious with our sales tax revenues and adjust our budgets accordingly to avoid any detrimental impact to the village operations and our residents.

SEWER & WATER RATES: Please review the separate letter for further details on this issue.

YARD WASTE PICKUP- Lawn debris pickup will be on Mondays, beginning April 6, (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 has a limited capacity and the alternatives will prove very costly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Our Fire Department always needs new members especially during the day hours and for the Fire Police Division. Call the Village Hall at 771-8233, leave your name and a member will call you back

VILLAGE HISTORIANS: Are still progressing with their efforts and if you have anything to share please contact Bob Blakeslee or Roger Shaller at the Village Hall at 771-8233 M-F 8AM to 4 PM.

REMODELING or ADDING ON?

Installing a pool, or carport!

ALL REQUIRE BUILDING PERMITS.

BUILDING PERMITS are **REQUIRED** for **VIRTUALLY ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION**. CALL THE **BUILDING INSPECTOR @ 771-8233** WITH ANY QUESTIONS **PRIOR TO INITIATING YOUR PROJECT 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!

WINTER ODD-EVEN PARKING:

This past winter we have experienced numerous problems with snow removal primarily due to residents leaving their vehicles on the street during snow storms. The Board is looking at several options to modify the winter 2009-10 parking laws. New laws being considered are:

1. 24 Hour Odd Even Parking (vs. current Midnight to 7AM) for **every street** excluding Miller St. between Chenango & State Streets. Similar to the City of Binghamton.
2. No parking on any Village Street after 2 inches of snow has accumulated. Similar to the Town of Dickinson.

We are also considering a tow away ordinance for all parking offenders to expedite the clearing of streets. We are being forced into this situation for safety reasons and to allow for the most efficient snow removal.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

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.

- **Please Report ANY & ALL Suspicious Activity!**
- **Police Phone Stickers are available by calling the Village Hall 771-8233 and they will be mailed to you.**
- **Remember to Always Lock your Car Doors!**
Please do not hesitate to call the Police if you have a question about anything!

If desire to talk to an officer regarding any concern you have, please state your request to the dispatcher, the officer will visit you or call you if you request!

“YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IS HERE TO SERVE YOU!”

HOUSE NUMBERING: The Village Code (§46-2) and the 911 laws state that each principal building or each front entrance to such building shall be posted in a manner as to be legible and distinguishable from the street on which the property is located. Please place visible house numbers on your homes for your own health and safety and to expedite emergency response.

GARBAGE and RUBBISH REMOVAL:

The Village Code states garbage shall be placed at the curb line no earlier than the evening preceding the collection day, in suitable containers or securely stacked in bundles so as to prevent blowing and scattering. There have been several occasions where the person fails to arrange for garbage removal or to remove extra items e.g. Ranges, TV's Sinks, and Construction Debris etc. These unsightly items get left at the curb provoking numerous complaints.

If these items are not removed by the evening of collection we will have them removed and the property owner will be charged for the expense.

Please understand we do not want our home owners to incur any additional costs but to avoid this condition and respond to the complaints properly we will continue to be persistent. Also please be considerate of your neighbors and remove your garbage cans as soon as possible after collection.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: For over fifty years the **Port Dickinson Community Association** has served the youth of our Village. Their financial support is generated mainly through dues that are charged for membership and fund raisers such as candy sales and chicken barbeques. Like everything else their costs have risen. The PDCA is asking for financial support. Your tax deductible donation will allow these great people, the volunteers of the PDCA, to continue to serve all of the children in our village. Your contribution no matter how large or small will help insure that the PDCA is able to continue to serve the youth of our village for years to come. Please mail any donations to the PDCA c/o 786 Chenango St. Binghamton, NY 13901 or put them in the drop box in the front of the Village Hall.

NEW LOCAL LAWS:

1-2009 – Provides that if water has been shut off for non- payment, the service will not be restored until the bill plus the 15% penalty is paid and a \$75.00 service charge has been paid in advance.

10-2008 Adds additional trees that are allowed to be planted between the sidewalk and the street and established a Village Tree Board to encourage the planting of trees.

TREE PLANTING: This past year we established a Tree Planting Board whose mission is to attempt to identify private locations that might be willing to host the planting of new trees. This group originated due to the extremely significant reduction in the number of trees in the village due to various reasons. The planting of trees is known to affect energy costs, water management and pollution removal & increase property values. Trustee Ed Corcoran will be the contact for the board along with residents Bob Aagre and Bob Shields, who in addition have expanded the varieties of trees that may be planted between the sidewalk and the curb. Call the Village Hall for details on sponsoring a tree.

WATER METER TAMPERING: Only the village employees may remove reset or otherwise adjust water meters. The Village Code reads as follows:

(1) If the Board finds that the meter has been interfered with, tampered with, the seal broken, or the water has been diverted from passing through the meter and registering, or if there has been any other act which would indicate an attempt to defraud the Village, the Board may discontinue water service.

(2) Additionally, the Board may charge the person in possession of that property with Criminal Tampering in violation of section 145.15 of the Penal Law of the State of New York or Theft of Services in violation of section 165.15 of said Penal Law or as having committed an offense against this provision of this chapter, in which event the person in possession of the property in which said meter had been installed shall be presumed to have committed such violation.

(3) The property owner shall be responsible for having a new meter installed by the Village Water Department at a cost of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00), and shall be charged for the water which had been diverted from the meter for the period of time since the most recent correct meter reading in an amount that reflects the highest 6 month consumption during the past 5 years. (Amended 1-11-05 by LL No. 1 - 2005)

CANINE WASTE: Village Code 22-3A&D.

A. Any person owning, harboring, walking or in charge of a dog is responsible for the cleanup and removal of that animals waste.

D. Any person who observes a violation of this section may sign a criminal complaint and the offender will be summoned before the Town of Dickinson Judge.