



Village of Port Dickinson

Spring 2010

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: Michael Cashman

From the Mayor...

VILLAGE TAXES: The proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 will raise taxes 1.19% or approx. .09 Per \$1,000. assessed valuation. (E.g. A \$50,000 assessment equates to a \$4.50 total annual increase.)

This increase allows us to continue to with our planned projects with a minimal impact on our home owners. As this year progresses we will be carefully monitoring our sales tax revenues. Beginning in January 2011 Broome County has changed how they will distribute sales tax revenues to the Villages and Towns. The Village will be limited in any growth to a maximum of 2% of the previous year's receipts regardless of how the economy recovers and grows. As a result any economic growth that results in higher sales tax collections will not be shared as they were in the past. The County Legislators that represent Port Dickinson, Jason Garner and Wayne Howard voted against this reduction noting how unfair it was for the county to limit local municipalities this way.

Projects scheduled for this Fiscal Year

- We will be totally rebuilding Mill St. this spring as this is the last street in the Village requiring this extensive work.
- We have negotiated with Millennium Pipeline and have received \$75,000 from them to rebuild Phelps St. from the Service Rd to the Town line.
- We will be replacing the Playground equipment in the Park. This may be in increments or one large purchase of existing equipment.

SEWER & WATER RATES: No increase at this writing but we are expecting a water rate increase from the Town of Fenton within a few months. You will be notified with a notice in your billing prior.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FEDERAL FLOOD MAP CHANGES

FEMA has updated the Flood Insurance Rate Maps. These changes have affected several properties within the Village. This is a nationwide effort to update the most current flood risks. What this means to you is that if you ever considered purchasing Federal Flood Insurance you may want to do it in the near future as during 2011 the cost will increase severely.

There is a map listing the changes in the office of the Village Hall. This map is available between 8AM and 4:30 daily for your review along with a list of the PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES that will supply you with more information.

The following website also has the mapping - www.rampp-team.com/ny.htm

The Public Open Houses will be extremely helpful and we highly encourage you to stop by and present any questions you may have.

Public Open Houses: **Stop in anytime!**

4/19/10 - Windsor High School 4-8PM
1191 Rt. 79 Windsor.

4/20/10 –Theodore Roosevelt School 5-9PM
9 Ogden Street, Binghamton.

4-21-10 – UE High School District Office 4-8Pm
910 East Main Street, Endicott.

4-22-10 – Conklin Community Center 4-8PM
942 Conklin Road, Conklin.

WATER RUN OFF – The EPA is directing all communities to be aware of and restrict what we allow to flow into the waters of streams and rivers in respect to runoff. Please be cautious in applying any fertilizers/weed killers in respect to overuse or misuse.

Are you installing a pool, carport,
remodeling or an addition?

BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED.

**BUILDING PERMITS are REQUIRED for VIRTUALLY
ALL NEW CONSTRUCTION. Including In & Above
Ground Pools, All Decks, Certain Size Sheds, All Additions**

**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!**

FIRE DEPARTMENT: "ENGINE 99"

Most of you are aware of the dedicated and unselfish service provided to us by our Fire Department every minute of every day. But you probably are not aware of one additional benefit our great volunteers have recently added. The Firefighters of the Port Dickinson, Hillcrest, Chenango, Choconut Center, Chenango Bridge and Port Crane Fire Departments take turns on a rotating basis and man a selected fire station from 8AM to 6PM on various days. What this provides to our community is an immediate response of a fully staffed fire apparatus with trained personnel to all emergencies. While these firefighters volunteer their personal time we receive the ultimate in fire and emergency response.

If the opportunity provides itself please take a moment and thank our Fire Fighters for their relentless sacrifice in protecting us and please try to support their efforts. The Port Dickinson Fire Department is always looking for new members, please call the Village Hall at 771-8233 and leave your name and a member will contact about how you can serve your community.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Please report any suspicious activities.
- 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 722-1255 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!

THANK YOU: A special thanks to long time Village Resident Mr. Richard Lewis for his daily contributions to our Park. Mr. Lewis while during his daily walks insures that the Village Park is neat and clean for all of us. We also want to extend our sincerest appreciation to his son Richard a tree specialist for volunteering his time to maintain and trim the trees in the park thus extending their life and appearance.

BURNING LAW CHANGES: NYS and Broome County have instituted new laws, directions and limitations on burning due to safety, environmental & primarily air pollution concerns. As a result the Village has added this to the Code under Fire Prevention Chapter 34. It states:

No person shall burn or cause to be burned or aid or assist in the burning of any material for any purpose, in any street, lot or parcel of land (either public or private), within the Village of Port Dickinson.

Allowed is: "Residential Outdoor Cooking."

Defined as: *A cooking fire that is limited to the minimal size necessary and contained in a device designated for that purpose. Fuel for residential outdoor cooking is limited to charcoal, LP Gas, natural gas, or seasoned or flavored wood chips commercially sold for the purpose of barbeques.*

Also Outdoor Cooking is prohibited on balconies, covered porches, and covered patios in any multiple dwelling building.

Organization sponsored events (bonfires) shall be permitted and restricted to those meeting all of the requirements of the Fire Company with an approved "Open Burning Operating Permit" from the Code Enforcement Officer .

TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM: During 2009 the Village Tree replacement program was extremely successful with nearly 50 trees planted. A special thank you to our volunteer "Tree Specialists" BOB AAGRE and BOB SHIELDS for their work in this great effort. We are continuing this popular program into 2010. Any Village home owner wishing to have a free tree planted on their property in the spring of 2010 please call Bob Shields at 772-1320 and place your order. We are accepting requests now on a first come first served basis. The tree is free, planting is free and pruning is included for the first few years. Various trees are available and are suitable for northeast planting.

WELCOME: New Village Trustee Mike Cashman. Mike began his Trustee service in January and will take over the Public Works operation. Years ago Mike served us all as a Police Officer in the Village and with his past knowledge has been able to come up to speed very fast and has proved to be a great asset to us all.

YARD WASTE PICKUP- Lawn debris pickup will be on Mondays beginning April 5, (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.