Village of Port Dickinson

October 2014

Important Telephone Numbers:
Police, Fire Medcal Emergency – 911
Port Dickinson Police – 722-1255
Village Hall Business – 771-8233
Building Inspector,Code, Clerk - 771-8233
Website: www.portdickinsonny.us/

MAYOR:
Kevin M. Burke – 723-5674
TRUSTEES:
Administration: James DeGennaro 773-8078
PD Buildings, Insurance, Building/Code Enforcement
Water & Sewer: Charles Harding 722-2534 Parks, Water & Sewer (Billing & Leaks)
Public Safety: Mike Cashman 724-6764
Police & Fire Departments.
Public Works & Parks: Bob Aagre 217-4122
Streets, Leaf / Snow Removal.

FROM YOUR POLICE DEPT:
HELP US HELP YOU!

Call at once if you see or hear any Suspicious or Unusual Activity or Potential Illegal Actions.

You can report anything anonymously if you wish.

Reminders:

Always lock your vehicles when unattended and keep valuables out of sight.
Close your garage doors when your home is vacant and lock all of your doors.
Your Police are there 24 hours a day to serve you and they will address your problems in total confidence.

Port Dickinson Police 722-1255
Or 911 for Emergency

GARBAGE & RECYCLING CONTAINERS:

- Containers - (Garbage, Recycling) may not be placed to the curb area prior to 2 PM the day proceeding the day of pickup.
  For Lawn Debris that would be 2 PM Monday.
- Containers must be removed from the curb no later than 9PM the evening of the pickup. All debris must be in suitable containers or securely stacked in bundles so as to prevent blowing and scattering.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE
ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING BEGINS NOVEMBER 1.

Effective for 24 hours beginning at 5 PM.

"PARK FOR TOMORROW"
Example: on December 1St, on or after 5PM
Park your vehicle on the Even Side of the Street.

ALL STREETS in the Village will have 24 hour alternate parking
Except the following:
Miller St. (0ne Way) - Parking on S.West Side Only.
Note: No parking on Miller St. - Midnight to 7AM

No Parking allowed any time on these listed roads:
Church St.
Old State Road - Chenango to Rt.7.
Beacon St. - between Chenango and Kirkwood Ave.

If a vehicle is parked illegally & poses an immediate problem it will be towed at the owner's expense (plus storage costs) to expedite safe snow removal with reasonable consideration by the Police Department

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS LOOK TO MERGE: The Village of Port Dickinson and the Town of Dickinson are in discussions to merge the two municipalities Public Works Departments. These two departments have been working collectively on various projects for years and this is a way to economize while maintaining our current services and improving other amenities offered to our residents. We will keep you informed of the progress and schedule.

PORT DICKINSON COMMUNITY ASSOC.:
The PDCA has done an incredible job of providing youth services for our children. ***THE GIRLS MINORS TEAM FININSHED IN 1st PLACE "UNDEFEATED" and the BOYS LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM "WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP."***
The 2nd Annual Halloween Party will be October 24th at the Community Park. 100% of donations go to serving the youth. Please consider a tax deductible donation to the PDCA at 786 Chenango St. Binghamton, NY 13901.
Visit the PDCA WEB SITE for more information.
portdickcommunity.org
For PDCA information call Rob Moss at 723-6388.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Our Fire Department is always looking for new volunteers. They are needed especially during the day hours. Call the Village Hall at 771-8233, leave your name and a member will call you back. Please consider joining the Fire Department. There are many areas in which to serve. The service they provide us is endless and the personal reward is beyond measure! The Fire Department protects us in countless ways and is frequently called on to assist our Police Department.

TO HELP OUR FIREFIGHTERS PLEASE:

- **When you see a Blue Light behind you while driving please allow them to pass.**
- **Make sure your Smoke and CO2 Detectors are working properly. Replace batteries annually.**

THE PORT DICKINSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Where would we be without them?

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

SNOW & ICE LEFT ON SIDEWALKS: The village and or their contractors may clear such sidewalks of snow and ice if they are not cleared by the owner 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 owner and be reasonable with this enforcement as adverse weather conditions direct. Please be considerate and keep your sidewalks clear. Minimum charge is $25 plus additional labor and melting materials costs.

TEMPORARY VEHICLE STRUCTURES: AKA. "Car Tents." Per the NYS Fire Prevention & Building Code these structures are only allowed to be erected for 3 months during any 12 month period.

DISCHARGEING/SHOVELING SNOW INTO THE STREET IS ILLEGAL. This law will be enforced by the Police and Code Enforcement.

SNOW AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS: Please assist your Firefighters and keep the Fire Hydrants clear of snow. You will be helping yourself & adding to the safety and security of your neighbors!

CHENANGO & PHELPS ST. DRAINANGE PROJECT: The NYSDOT will be installing new "drop inlet" drainage at this intersection in the next few months. This will entail major excavation but will result in a great improvement in the drainage at this intersection. Please be aware of the construction.

Tuesday Yard waste pickup ENDS
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12th.
(Due to holiday). ***Please note the date.***

LEAF PICKUP: Will begin as necessary and continues as accumulation dictates. Please rake your leaves to the area between your sidewalk and the curb, **not in the street**, or to the edge of your sidewalk. Leaves obstruct the street drains very seriously**.**

DISCHARGING GRASS IN TO THE STREET IS NOW PROHIBITED: Following an audit this past summer by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation we were urged to discourage this practice. Their concern is the chemicals on the grass will enter the river through the street drains. Also this accumulation of debris clogs the pipes and proves to be destructive during heavy rains and flooding.

WATSON AVE. FLOOD CONTROL PUMP PROJECT: The NYSDEC has awarded a contract for this work but it is temporarily delayed due to the private contractors work load. It is an approved and scheduled project and it is expected to begin this fall. This project entails replacing the 6,000 GPM Pump with a 10,000 GPM Propane Powered Pump along with numerous other improvements at this site to help in alleviating flooding in the lower part of the Village.

RECENT NYS COMPTROLLER AUDIT of VOPD: The Comptroller referred to the Villages practice of using the surplus fund balance to minimize tax increases. In our response to NYS we stated *"it was our intention while completing the annual budget to propose the minimum annual tax increase for our residents that would sustain our operations. This has been our goal for the last several years even prior to the Governors initiative of the Tax Cap. In using these surplus funds to retain the lower tax increases we always felt we had maintained what we believed to be a respectable fund balance to fund emergency type expenditures and non-recurring expenses based on past experiences. This also takes into account that many of the residents of our Village are on limited personal income and thus are not in a position to readily accept significant increases to local taxes. On an annual basis we did adopt a balanced budget by identifying and estimating expenditures to provide the services that the Village provides to its residents. We then estimated all sources of revenue to fund these services*." This practice was discontinued with the 2013-14 budget. The Comptroller also listed the problems with billings from the Binghamton-JC Sewage Treatment Plant but as was evident from the information we provided, we have no input into the planning and billings from the Bing.-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Board.