



Village of Port Dickinson

Newsletter Spring 2016

Important Telephone Numbers:

Village Hall Business – 771-8233

Building Inspector & Code Officer 771-8233

Police – 722-1255

Fire Department Non Emergency 771-8233

Police, Fire & Medical Emergency – 911

WEBSITE: www.portdickinsonny.us

MAYOR: Kevin M. Burke – 723-5674

TRUSTEES:

Administration & Code: James DeGennaro 773-8078

Police & Fire: Michael Cashman 724-6764

Public Works & Parks: Bob Aagre 217-4122

Water & Sewer: Charles Harding 722-2534

FOM THE MAYOR: For the 2nd consecutive year the Village Tax rate will decline. Our 2016-17 budget provides for all the services you are accustomed to along with some plans for repairs & improvements. This is all possible due to the dedication and economical operations of our employees, volunteers and the Village Board. This is being accomplished despite facing unfunded mandates from NYS and Federal Agencies in regard to storm water, drainage and numerous other directives.

GREAT NEWS Regarding Water and Sewer Rates:

We are very happy to announce that with the next billing the “**Operational Expense**” portion of you bill will be **reduced \$14.19 on each billing**. We were able to pay off the construction costs of the Pump Station upgrades earlier than planned. It is our hope that as the Federal and NYS Mandated CMOM (Comprehensive Maintenance, Operation and Management) program is completed this year, and with no unforeseen additional costs, we will be able to further lower this portion of your Water/Sewer Bills.

EMERGENCY FLOOD WATER CONTROL

PUMPING FACILITY: The construction of this new facility located adjacent to Watson Avenue will be complete by April according to the DEC. This is a major upgrade that increases the pumping capacity by nearly 50% and insures that pumping will continue during electric failures. This site will also have a concrete pond facility where, if needed, portable pumps can be located and operate more efficiently. Monitoring equipment and remote cameras to observe water levels on both sides of the levee will also be installed. This has been nearly a 4 year endeavor with the NYSDEC. It will provide much needed relief in times of flooding.

CODE ENFORCEMENT asks you to be mindful:

Discharging/Mowing Grass into the street is illegal.

Garbage, Recycling and Lawn Debris Containers- may be placed to the curb after 2PM the day prior to the day of pickup. For lawn debris that would be 2PM on Monday. Containers must be removed from the curb area no later than 8PM the evening of that pickup.

Storage of Containers -“All containers shall be placed and stored behind the building out of view from the street or roadway. In no event may garbage, debris, rubbish, recycling containers be stored in front of, in the front yard, or on the front porches of buildings. In the event any garbage can, recycling bin, or debris container or other related items cannot be stored out of view from the street or roadway, the property owner shall screen such areas of storage by opaque fencing and or plantings.”

Vehicles may not be parked on lawns.

No unregistered vehicles/ trailers allowed outside on property.

Canine Waste: you must clean up after your dog. Violation is a \$25 Fine and potential seizure and impoundment of the dog. 22-3A. *In addition to our Code Enforcement Officer, violations are reported by the Police and Public Works employees.*

BUILDING PERMITS are MANDATORY

The following require permits (not limited to) New Structures/Construction/Additions, Pools, Decks, Certain Size Sheds, Hot Tubs, Fire Place /Wood Burners, and *Handicap Ramps.

***Virtually all Handicap Ramps per the NYS Building code do not comply and would require a variance. The Village passed a resolution to allow these non-compliant ramps only for the temporary period that they are needed, but still require a permit.**

CALL THE BUILDING INSPECTOR @ 771-8233 WITH ANY QUESTIONS PRIOR. THIS WILL ALLOW YOU 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. If you initiate construction without a permit the permit cost increases to \$100.

We are continuing to research the potential to merge our Public Works Department with the Town of Dickinson and are looking into State programs that may assist us in this endeavor.

YARD WASTE PICKUP: Starts Tuesday April 5.
ALL DEBRIS MUST BE IN SOLID CONTAINERS. Max. 40lbs. Overweight containers/bundles will not be picked up. **NO PLASTIC BAGS. BRANCHES MUST BE TIED IN 4 FT. LENGTHS.** Place containers/bundles between the sidewalk and the curb after 2PM on Mondays. **If the preceding Monday is a Holiday then pickup will be on Wednesday so place containers to the curb on Tuesdays.*

PARK FUNCTIONS: If you wish to reserve the Park Pavilion, Ball Fields etc. call the Village Office ASAP. Don't wait and miss out. Village residents have priority until April 1.

PORT DICKINSON COMMUNITY ASSOC:

Please support their fund raising activities as 100% of all proceeds and donations go directly to support the youth programs.

SAT. MARCH 13 BROOKS BAR-B-QUE IN FRONT OF FIRE STATION 11 AM TILL GONE.

Watch for activity on the PDCA Sign on Chenango St. at the Community Park entrance.

For PDCA information call: Rob Moss 723-6388

Visit the PDCA WEB SITE for more information

@ **portdickcommunity.org**

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Your Fire Department, like all Volunteer Departments, is always in need of additional members and especially if you're available during the day. Please call the Village Hall at 771-8233 and leave your name and a FD Representative will contact you about how you can serve your community. Please keep in mind that there are various involvement levels in which to serve. It is a very admirable way to serve your community. Please support the Fire Department with their upcoming Fund Raisers as all proceeds directly benefit our Fire Fighters.

TO HELP OUR FIREFIGHTERS PLEASE:

- **When you see a Blue Light behind you while driving please allow them to pass.**

**Some people run from problems,
Firefighters run to them!**

CONCERNS: if you have concerns or problems regarding anything in the Village please don't hesitate to call the respective Trustee or Mayor to answer your questions.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: Asks you to please:
Call the Police if you see or hear any
Suspicious or Unusual Activity.**

Be a good neighbor and protect the quality of life we all enjoy. Don't hesitate to call them if you have any questions or concerns. If something seems out of the ordinary to you then there is probably something wrong that the Police should look into. **You can report anything anonymously and in total confidence if you wish.**

722-1255 or 911 for Emergency

Crime Prevention Advice.

- **Always lock your vehicles.**
- **Close your garage doors when your home is vacant.**
- **Don't leave bicycles outside unprotected.**
- **Door to door Solicitors** are Police regulated. All solicitors must register prior at the Village Hall with proper ID. Registered solicitors are allowed from 9AM to 5PM, not on Sundays or Holidays.

Evening, weekend & occasional day calls to the PD Police are received by Broome County Emergency Services. If at these times you have a problem such as water or sewer or desire to talk to an officer, just state your problem or request to the dispatcher and a Port Dickinson Officer will either visit you or phone you if you request.

Help your Police Officers help YOU!

WATER RUN OFF – The EPA & the NYSDEC is asking all residents to be aware of what we allow to flow into the waters of streams and rivers in respect to runoff. Our street drains are marked to indicate which ones flow directly into rivers and streams. Please be cautious in applying any fertilizers/weed killers in respect to overuse or misuse.

RETIREMENT: We would like to announce the retirement of **Mark LoVuolo** of our Public Works Department. Mark has served us diligently and with great pride in his work for over 34 years. Mark is one of the longest serving employees the Village has had. As we wish him a happy retirement he has assured us that he will remain close as he possesses a wealth of knowledge that he will continue to share and assist the Village. **MARK, BEST WISHES & THANKS!**

NEW HIRE: To replace Mark we are very fortunate to have our long term part-time employee, Joe Fronda, take over. With Joe's experience he will be able to hit the ground running and insure the continued quality of service these gentlemen have always provided us.