



# Village of Port Dickinson

## Spring 2017 Newsletter

### 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](http://www.portdickinsonny.us)

**MAYOR:** Kevin M. Burke – 723-5674

### **TRUSTEES:**

Administration & Code: James DeGennaro 725-4730

Police & Fire: Michael Cashman 724-6764

Water & Sewer: Bob Aagre 217-4122

Public Works & Parks: Charles Harding 722-2534

**FROM THE MAYOR:** After 2 consecutive years of having the Village Tax rate decline there will be a 1.15% increase and we will stay under the NYS Tax Cap. This equates out to be a .13 cents per thousand \$ of assessed evaluation or approximately \$9.10 annually on a home assessed at \$70,000. Our 2017-18 budget maintains all the services you are accustomed to along with street repaving, important Village Hall repairs and equipment purchases. This is all possible due to the efficient work 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 Sewer Rates:** We are very happy to announce that for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row the “Operational Expense” portion of you bill will be reduced from \$72.05 to \$41.57 on each billing a 42% decrease. The Sewer Rate will be reduced from \$6.67 to \$4.32 a 35% decrease. This is due in part to completing the funding for the mandated sewer line inspections & repairs and a refund we received from the Sewage Treatment Plant. As one of many users of the Treatment Plant we have no say in what costs they pass on to us and are uncertain of future rates but we wanted to pass on these savings now.

**WATER RATES:** With the good news on Sewer Rates there is also the glum news that we must increase the Water Rate from \$2.58 to \$3.19. Our main supplier, the Town of Fenton has incurred extensive costs in improving the pump systems, storage tanks and transport lines. This work insures that we will have a safe, pure and adequate supply of water for years to come. (*Water and Sewer Rates are per 100 cubic feet of water which is 748 gallons*)

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**February 1-10 - Water Meter Readings Due.**

**March 31 - Water Bill Payment Deadline.**

**April 2 - Community Association Phil's Chicken House BBQ. Fire Station - 11 AM till gone.**

**June 30 - Village Tax Payments Due.**

**June 1-10 - Water Meter Readings Due.**

**July 31 - Water Bill Payment Deadline.**

**October 1-10 - Water Meter Readings Due.**

**November 30 - Water Bill Payment Deadline.**

All meter reading cards can be mailed or dropped off in the Drop Box in front of Village Hall or emailed to the Clerk at [pdclerk@stny.rr.com](mailto:pdclerk@stny.rr.com) please make sure you receive an email reply to insure that your reading has been received. Bills with checks can be placed in drop box also we do not accept cash in the drop box.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** wants to bring to your attention the following information and advice:

- **UNLOCKED** Vehicles are being entered.
- Remember to **LOCK YOUR VEHICLE** and your home.
- Close your garage doors when your no one is at home as you are only inviting problems
- Avoid leaving bicycles and other valuable items outside during the night.
- **PLEASE Call the Police if you see or hear any Suspicious or Unusual Activity. No call is too minor.**
- 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 sunset, 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 problems e.g. 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.

**STORAGE OF CONTAINERS:** -“All garbage, recycling, debris containers shall be placed and stored behind the building out of view from the street or roadway. In no event may 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.”

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Your Fire Department like all Volunteer Departments is in need of more members, FIRE FIGHTERS, FIRE POLICE & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE RESPONDERS. Please consider serving your Village. The reward of gratitude from those you serve is immeasurable. 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 and fulfilling way to serve your community. All training and necessary equipment provided. The knowledge and experience you receive is immeasurable. Please support the Fire Department with all of 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.

***VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS / EMS***  
***the***  
***HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY***

County Executive Jason Garner or a representative will be at the March 14 Village Board Meeting to provide information on the state of the County.

**PORT DICKINSON COMMUNITY ASSOC:**

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

**April 2 PHILS CHICKEN HOUSE BBQ IN FRONT OF FIRE STATION 11 AM TILL GONE.**

Adult Programs are being planned (cards, crafts, music, sports & any ideas you come up with). Help needed with mowing during summer.

Board Members and Officers needed. PAYS GREAT! 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](http://portdickcommunity.org)

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

- 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 each pickup.** Containers must be removed from the curb area no later than 8PM the evening of that pickup.
- No unregistered vehicles/trailers allowed outside on property.
- Discharging/Mowing Grass into the street is illegal.
- Vehicles may not be parked on lawns.
- Dogs must be leashed.

**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.*

**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.

**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.**

**YARD WASTE PICKUP:** Starts Tuesday\*April 4. 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.