



# Village of Port Dickinson

Spring 2013

## 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 Emergency – 911**

WEBSITE: [www.portdickinsonny.us/](http://www.portdickinsonny.us/)

### **MAYOR:**

Kevin M. Burke – 723-5674

### **TRUSTEES:**

Administration & Codes: Michael Blakeslee 725-4980

Parks, Water & Sewer: Bob Aagre 217-4122

Police & Fire: Richard Felo 724-4170

Public Works: Michael Cashman 724-6764

## **From the Mayor...**

**VILLAGE TAXES:** At this writing we have not fully completed the 2013-14 budget. Early indications are that there will be an approx. 6.75% increase. That equates to a \$33.00 annual increase for a home assessed at \$60,000 (Village Average) or \$2.75 a month. Over the last 5 years we have had a 2.1% average tax increase so it is evident that your Board is committed to efficiency and practical taxes. This year we have been charged with extremely high workers compensation costs, bond payment, along with always increased insurances. The good news is that our County Executive has pledged to restore the full 50-50 Sales Tax split to municipalities over the next few years which will relieve some of our burden. Your Trustees and I have as our goal to maintain the quality of life we have in the village along with progressing the features as efficiently as possible.

**YARD WASTE PICKUP:** Regular lawn debris pickup will be on Mondays **beginning April 1,** (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 note: We are no longer able to pick up large branches or truckloads as these seriously affect the compaction at our Compost Facility***

**WATER RUN OFF** – The EPA 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 will be 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.

## **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FLOOD & FLOOD INSURANCE INFORMATION:**

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as a result of the BW12 Act has changed many aspects of FLOOD INSURANCE coverage. One main change is that the lower (SUBSIDIZED) rates now paid by participants will not be allowed to be transferred to future owners of your home. There are other issues that after 2014 will begin to phase in full costs over a 5 year period to certain participants. Please contact your insurance representative or NFIP for further information.

In order to maintain the Village as a participant in the NFIP we may potentially be required to certify the Levee within the Village. This is a cost that could range from \$50,000 to \$400,000. At this writing the Village is working with the NYSDEC as they solicit the Army Engineers for a cost estimate to certify several Levees in the region. If this cost is reasonable the NYSDEC will try to take over this overwhelming expensive task.

## **FLOOD MITIGATION INFORMATION UPDATE:**

The NYSDEC is working on a plan to provide relief for the flooding in the Village. Our supported proposal will be to double the pumping capacity from 6,000 to 12,000 gallons per minutes in removing flood water from the lower village by installing a second pump. In addition the plan calls for an electric generator that would insure the pumps run in the event of a power failure. As this facility is a NYS operation, it is not eligible for FEMA assistance. Currently there is a hydrologic modeling study being conducted to determine the volume of water entering this area during floods. We are grateful to Senator Libous and his staff for assisting us with this.

## **PORT DICKINSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT**

### **WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT THEM?**

Your Fire Department 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 levels in which to serve.

**Make sure your Smoke and CO2 Detectors are working properly. Replace batteries annually.**

**From your POLICE DEPT:  
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. **Help your Police Officers help YOU!** Don't hesitate to call them if you have any questions or concerns.....

**722-1255 or 911 for Emergency**

- Please always lock your vehicles.
- Close your garage doors when your home is vacant.
- 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 and weekend calls to the PD Police are received by Broome County Emergency Services. If you desire to talk to an officer, just state your request to the dispatcher and a Port Dickinson Officer will either visit you or phone you if you request.

**You can report anything anonymously if you wish.**

**COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:** Port Dickinson Community Association serves the youth of our Village. Please support their fund raising activities as all proceeds go directly to support our youth programs. Please consider a donation to the PDCA as they are tax deductible and it will go a long way in serving our youth and community.

**UPCOMING PDCA EVENTS:**

- April 6, Spring Park/Field Clean up. Rain date 4/13.
- Baseball begins 4/21.

Watch for activity on their new sign at the Park.

For PDCA information call: Rob Moss 723-6388

Visit the PDCA WEB SITE for more information @

**portdickcommunity.org**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING:  
GARBAGE, and WASTE CONTAINERS:**

No containers - (Garbage, Recycling, Lawn Debris or other Collectibles) may 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 Sunday.*

**Containers must be removed from the curb area no later than 9PM the evening of that pickup.**

All debris must be in suitable containers to prevent blowing and scattering.

***Please be considerate of your neighbors!***

The code allows for a fine of up to \$250.

**BUILDING PERMITS are MANDATORY**

**The following require permits (not limited to)**

All New Construction including In & Above Ground Pools, All Decks, Certain Size Sheds, Hot Tubs, All Additions, Fire Place/Wood Burners, Porches 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.*

**Handicap Ramps still require a Building Permit.**

**CALL THE BUILDING INSPECTOR @ 771-8233 WITH ANY QUESTIONS PRIOR TO INITIATING YOUR PROJECT. 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.**

**PLAN AHEAD!**

Building Permits are still only \$25.00

**If you initiate construction without a permit the cost increases to \$100.00**

**VILLAGE HALL RENOVATION:** The work of installing an elevator and refurbishing the Community Room is nearing completion. This is possible from a \$400,000 CDBG NYS Housing and Renewal Grant. This work will make our entire facility handicap accessible. This grant also provides for 2<sup>nd</sup> floor refurbishment of restrooms, food prep area and general meeting room. This would allow for all of our community groups to have a local facility.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT: Important Warnings**

**Grass in Streets- It is illegal to discharge grass or any debris into the street.** This debris seriously complicates drainage especially in severe storms as was evident in the 9/11 Flood. Code & Police Officers & the DPW assist in reporting violations and enforcement.

**Good News:** Please join us in extending a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mr. Richard Lewis. Mr. Lewis has been our main volunteer prettification expert, keeping our park clean and picturesque for many years. **Thank you and Happy Birthday Mr. Lewis.**

**Hydrants will be flushed Friday April 26 & Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> during the evening. You may temporarily experience dirty or rusty appearing water on each subsequent Saturday.**