



Village of Port Dickinson

Newsletter Spring 2014

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/

MAYOR: Kevin M. Burke – 723-5674

TRUSTEES:

Administration & Code: James DeGennaro 725-4980
Police & Fire: Michael Cashman 724-6764
Public Works & Parks: Bob Aagre 217-4122
Water & Sewer: Charles Harding 722-2534

VILLAGE TAXES: At this writing we have a tentative budget that calls for a 3% increase. That equates to an approximate \$26.00 annual increase for a home assessed at \$100,000. Your Village Board along with the Treasurer and Clerk have been exceedingly challenged with this year's budget process to economize, while at the same time advancing & maintaining the quality of life we all appreciate. We are continually facing unfunded mandates from the DEC and EPA in regard to storm water and drainage issues. Also, the Village has entered into several agreements with our neighboring Towns for numerous services to increase all of our efficiencies. Good news is that our County Executive Debbie Preston will continue to increase the percent of sales tax to municipalities in 2015 as she has done during the last 2 years.

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 with respect to overuse or misuse.

GARDENERS: Looking for interested gardeners to meet May 7th at 10:30 AM in the Village Community Park to discuss projects for the Park. Call Cheryl Miller at 759-1112 for information

FREE MAPLE SHADE TREES. The Village Tree Restoration Program has a few trees left. Please call the Village Hall 771-8233 M-F 8 to 4 and reserve one.

GREAT NEWS! **FLOOD WATER CONTROL** **PROJECT**

The NYSDEC has approved the design for the new emergency flood water pumping facility located adjacent to Watson Avenue at the levee and has scheduled the work for the Spring/Summer of 2014 construction season. The current 6,000 gallon per minute pump will be replaced by a 9 to 10,000 GPM pump. This pump will have a propane powered engine thus eliminating the need for emergency generators in the event of a power failure. Also to be installed is a concrete pond and ramp where portable pumps can be safely located in the event of the need for additional pumps. Monitoring equipment and remote cameras to detect water levels on both sides of the levee will also be installed. The DEC has informed us that no work will begin until all necessary equipment has been delivered to insure a minimum of interruption in flood protection. We are grateful to Senator Libous and his staff for assisting us with this project.

YARD WASTE PICKUP **NOTE DAY CHANGE** **Yard waste pickup will be on** **TUESDAYS, Beginning April 8.**

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.*** This change is necessitated due to the Village composting facility nearing capacity. We are coordinating this work with the assistance of the Town of Dickinson DPW and will be using their compaction truck and taking the debris to an out of Village location.

NON RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS: Please provide the Village Clerk a phone number for emergency notification. During past emergencies there have been instances where the Village and BC Emergency Services were unable to make contact. Call 771-8233 M-F 8 to 4 and leave a contact name and phone number.

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.*

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!

If you initiate construction without a permit the permit cost increases to \$100.

PORT DICKINSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

Where would we be without them?

Your Fire Department, like all Volunteer Departments, is always in need of additional Volunteers 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 participation levels in which to serve. It is a very honorable way to serve your community

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**

DISCHARGING/MOWING GRASS INTO THE STREET IS ILLEGAL. The EPA and DEC has issued warnings in regards to the chemicals that may be on the lawn debris. This debris also 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.

WELCOME TRUSTEE CHARLES HARDING:

Charles "Chuck" Harding was appointed in January to complete the term of Mike Blakeslee who resigned. We Thank Mike for his service and welcome Chuck as our new Commissioner of Water, Sewer & Storm Water Control.

**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 have a problem at these times such as water or sewer or desire to talk to an officer, just state your problem/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.

PORT DICKINSON COMMUNITY ASSOC:

The PDCA is in the process of renovating their building. This will allow them to better serve the area youth and they are very pleased to announce that the extremely popular **SUMMER FUN PROGRAM** will be a **FULL DAY** program this summer.

Please support their fund raising activities as 100% of all proceeds and donations go directly to support the youth programs. Consider a donation to the PDCA as they are tax deductible and it will go a long way in serving our youth and community.

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**

GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND LAWN DEBRIS CONTAINERS,

may be placed to the curb the day prior to the day of pickup. For lawn debris that would be 2PM on Monday (note change). 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 \$250.