



# Village of Port Dickinson

## Spring 2018 Newsletter

### Important Telephone Numbers:

**POLICE, FIRE & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES- 911**

Police – 722-1255

Village Hall & Business – 771-8233

Building Inspector & Code Officer - 771-8233

Fire Dept. Information and Non-Emergency - 771-8233

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

### **Yard waste pickup begins on TUESDAY APRIL 3.**

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 as collection will be delayed 1 day.*

### **YARD WASTE PICKUP IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**After this summer 2018, the Village will no longer be picking up cut grass / grass clippings in the normal Tuesday Yard Collection.**

***Please note this doesn't begin until April 2019***

*Due to the cost of processing, labor to collect, transportation and worker liability, we can no longer continue to offer this service. We want to provide you with proper time to prepare*

*We will be forwarding to you information regarding the benefits of leaving grass clippings on the lawn and composting. As in the past all remaining debris will continue to be collected.*

### **FROM THE MAYOR:**

This year's Village Tax rate will increase aprox.2% and we will stay under the NYS Tax Cap. This equates out to be an approximate .13 cents per thousand \$ of assessed evaluation or an estimated \$9.10 annually on a home assessed at \$70,000. Our 2018-19 budget maintains all the services you are accustomed to along with street and infrastructure improvements.

**TO NON RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FORWARD ALL APPLICABLE INFORMATION TO YOUR TENANTS**

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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

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

**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) make sure you receive an email reply to insure that your reading has been received. Bills with checks can be placed in drop box. We do not accept cash in the drop box.*

**UPDATE REGARDING SEWER RATES:** As most of you are now aware there will be an increase in the rate that the Binghamton- JC Sewage Treatment charges. We have not received the increase yet but we are being advised to expect an approximately 8% increase on the sewer rate. This is due to the multi-million dollar project that is currently under way.

As one of many outside users of the Treatment Plant we have no voice or control of what rate they pass on to us, but we wanted you to be aware of this and be prepared. We are being advised that this work is extremely necessary, long overdue and that these improvements are to endure for a very long time.

### **PORT DICKINSON COMMUNITY ASSOC.**

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

**APRIL 8- CHICKEN BBQ IN FRONT OF FIRE STATION 11 AM UNTIL GONE.**

**MAY 19 – BENEFIT FOR 11 YEAR OLD CANCER PATIENT DAMON GOGA .**

**PDCA WEB SITE [portdickcommunity.org](http://portdickcommunity.org)**

**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 no one is at home as you are only inviting problems
- **DO NOT LEAVE BICYCLES AND OTHER VALUABLE ITEMS OUTSIDE AT NIGHT.**
- Please Call the Police **IF YOU SEE OR HEAR ANY SUSPEICIOUS 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, call 722-1255 and state your problem or request to the dispatcher and a Port Dickinson Officer will either visit you, meet you at Police Station or phone you if you request.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Your Fire Department like all Volunteer Departments is in **NEED OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS - FIRE FIGHTERS, FIRE POLICE & 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***  
**DEDICATED TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**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.**

**WATER SITUATION:** We apologize for the dark water problems that have been occurring for several months and to thank you all for your patience during these extremely frustrating conditions. Our main supplier, the Town of Fenton has completed extensive work on its system to prevent this occurrence. We have been in constant contact with Fenton Councilman Rick Pray who oversees the Water System and he has informed us that all repairs and upgrades have been completed. Measures have been taken to eliminate the appearance of iron and manganese in our water. Mr. Pray and the Hillcrest Water Dept. have been extremely concerned and cooperative in working with us to eradicate this challenging problem.

Current plans are to begin "Directional Flushing" of the Fenton System in early Spring. Once Fenton is complete the VOPD will begin the Directional Flushing process. Each segment will take several days and may cause discoloration and we will provide everyone with notice. This flushing procedure is intended to cleanse the water mains of the existing materials that have caused the discoloration. Then with the new measures that Fenton has invoked our water system should return to normal.

### **GRANTS & FUNDING:**

The Village has submitted a grant application to the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) for the replacement of the Chenango St. (100 year old plus) and Rochelle Road (4" very undersized) water mains. We will keep you informed as these applications progress.

The Village is also submitting a grant application to the USDA for assistance to rebuild and add on to the 3 bay fire station which is extremely constricted and needing costly repairs.