



Village of Port Dickinson

Spring 2023 Newsletter

Important Telephone Numbers:

POLICE, FIRE & MEDICAL EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

Police – 607-722-1255

Village Hall & Business – 607-771-8233

Building Inspector & Code Officer – 607-771-8233

Fire Dept. Info. and Non-Emergency-607-771-8233

WEBSITE: www.portdickinsonny.us

MAYOR: Kevin M. Burke – 607-723-5674

TRUSTEES:

Administration Rob Warholic - 607-760-2350

Police, Fire, Code. James DeGennaro- 607-725-4730

Water/Sewer & Parks: Rob Moss - 607-206-8215

Public Works: Michael Cashman-607-760-9801

Village Taxes:

GOOD NEWS: THERE WILL BE NO INCREASE IN THE VILLAGE TAX RATE.

For the 2nd year in a row no increase. We will be able to continue improvements such as paving streets and constructing handicap ramps. We will be installing a 4-swing set at the Wayne Ave. Park and a 2-swing infant set at the play site on Beacon St.

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 1-10 - Water Meter Readings Due.

February 28 - Water Bill Payment Deadline.

June 30 - Village Tax Payment Due.

April 1-10 - Water Meter Readings Due.

May 31 - Water Bill Payment Deadline.

July 1-10 - Water Meter Readings Due.

August 31 - Water Bill Payment Deadline.

October 1-10 - Water Meter Readings Due.

November 30- Water Bill Payment Deadline.

Water Meter Readings do not apply to homes with Remote Water Meters.

If you would like to be notified by email that water bills have been mailed, please email the Village Clerk at pdclerk@stny.rr.com. Bills with checks can be placed in the drop box. We do not accept cash in the drop box.

YARD WASTE PICKUP BEGINS TUESDAY

APRIL 4.

Cut grass will be collected on Tuesdays in April and May but grass collection ends May 30.

Remaining lawn debris will continue to be collected as usual.

(For information on grass composting contact Broome County Cooperative Extension on Front St.)

ALL DEBRIS MUST BE IN SOLID CONTAINERS. Max. 40lbs. No overweight containers. NO PLASTIC BAGS. BRANCHES MUST BE TIED IN 4 FT. LENGTHS or IN CONTAINERS. Place containers between the sidewalk and the curb after 2PM on Mondays.

Please note due to the Holidays 5/30 pickup will be 5/31. 7/4 will be 7/5 and 9/5 will be 9/6

Last Yard Waste pickup October 1

FALL LEAF COLLECTION: Please do not wait until all your leaves have fallen to place them at the curb. Once it begins to snow, we are forced to cease leaf collection as we must remove the leaf collection box from the truck and prepare for plowing. So please move leaves to the curb as they accumulate.

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WATER SYSTEM: Our Public Works Dept. Will be flushing the entire water system during the week of 5/8 to 5/11, Midnight to 5AM, weather permitting. You may experience water discoloration. We will post signs on the streets and have a notice on the Village Website.

4 TH ANNUAL PORT DICKINSON YARD

SALE.

For the entire Village

MAY 5 & 6 FRI. & SAT

9 AM to 2 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

. \$5.00 to participate covers the cost of advertising. Any profits will be donated. For information, please contact Stephanie DeAngelo 607-221-3235. email stephandgiord@yahoo.com.

PORT DICKINSON COMMUNITY ASSOC.

Will hold its annual FIELD CLEANUP DAY ON April 1st. 9 to 12. This may require more than one weekend, weather permitting, so come and help us get the fields ready for play.

There will be an ALL CIVIC EASTER EGG HUNT in EARLY APRIL. Watch Facebook for details.

ANY QUESTIONS/ CONCERNS:

EMAIL: Portdca@ gmail.com. Check our Facebook page and on Instagram follow @portdickea. Donations to the PDCA are tax deductible and can be mailed to the Village Hall.

QR code for Spring Sports and PDCA

Membership.



FIRES & OPEN BURNING:

The burning of garbage, refuse and rubbish in any manner is prohibited. Open burning for outdoor cooking is prohibited in or on multiple-dwelling structures.

New Trustee Appointment:

In November Trustee Charles “Chuck” Harding passed away. Chuck served the Village genuinely and with pride. We extend our sincerest condolences to his family. We will all miss Chuck.

Rob Warholic was appointed to take Chucks place as the Trustee in charge of Administration and as the Liaison to the Community Association. Rob previously served as the Chairman of our Planning Board and assisted in completion of the recent Binghamton Precast expansion project.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Will be vigorously enforcing the State & Village Laws regarding illegally loud vehicles. The Police are now operating a Decibel Meter and will be enforcing the Decibel Limit of 60 DBA during the day and 50 at night in residential areas.

HELP YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT HELP YOU.

PLEASE CALL THE POLICE IF YOU SEE OR HEAR ANY SUSPICIOUS OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY.

No call is too minor, and you are not required to provide your name when reporting.

- **UNLOCKED VEHICLES ARE BEING ENTERED. LOCK YOUR VEHICLE & YOUR HOME.**
- **CLOSE YOUR GARAGE DOORS** when no one is at home as you are inviting theft.
- **DO NOT LEAVE BICYCLES AND OTHER VALUABLE ITEMS OUTSIDE AT NIGHT.**
- **Door to door Soliciting is allowed from 9 AM to sunset not on Sundays or Holidays. They must be registered with the Clerk.**

NOTE: Evening, weekend & occasional day calls to the PD Police are received by County Emergency Services. If at these times you have a problem e.g., water or sewer or desire to talk to an officer, call 722-1255, state your problem/ request to the dispatcher and a Port Dickinson Officer will either visit you, meet you at the Police Station or phone you if you request.

PARKING: Be advised that Alternate Street Parking ends April 1.

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OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FIRES or CAMPFIRES SHALL BE PERMITTED ONLY WHEN THE FOLLOWING IS ADHERED TO:

- **When the fire is contained to a device designed to hold a small fire, such as an outdoor fireplace, or commercially manufactured steel or ceramic portable fireplace, and used according to the manufacturer's directions.**
- **Said fire is solely for a recreational purpose.**
- **Said fire is placed no closer than 25 feet to any structure.**
- **Said fire is properly attended and controlled at all times by a responsible party with appropriate fire extinguishing equipment readily available.**
- **Said fire shall not present a safety hazard to life or property, nor create a nuisance.**

Control of fires within the Village. If, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, weather conditions are such that the starting or the continuation of burning is a risk to life, health or property within the Village, he or she shall have the right to declare that any and all burning shall cease immediately until further notice.

Enforcement. The Fire Chief and such firefighting personnel as he or she shall designate, the Police Department's officers, and the Code Enforcement Officer are hereby vested with authority to enforce the provisions of this section. The Fire Department is hereby authorized to extinguish any open burning fire being conducted in violation of any of the provisions of this section.

Penalties for offenses. (1) Any violation by a person, firm or corporation of any provision of this section shall be deemed a violation pursuant to the Penal Law of the State of New York,

punishable by a fine not exceeding \$250 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 days, or both.

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REMINDER OF COMMON BUILDING, MAINTAINANCE & PROPERTY CODES

- GARBAGE/ RECYCLING & LAWN DEBRIS CONTAINERS - may be placed at the curb after 2PM the day prior to the day of each collection. Containers must be removed from the curb area no later than 8 PM on the evening of that collection. Please note that if you have anything more than your normal container of garbage (e.g., furniture, appliances), you must call your contractor in advance of pickup to have those items removed. All garbage, debris and recycling must be collected and removed weekly. All remaining debris will be collected by the DPW or a contractor. Homeowner will be charged for this removal, normal cost may exceed \$50.00
- STORAGE OF CONTAINERS: - “All garbage, recycling, debris containers MUST BE PLACED AND STORED BEHIND THE RESIDENCE / 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.”
- VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS ON THE FRONT OF HOMES / STRUCTURES IS REQUIRED.
- DISCHARGING / MOWING GRASS INTO THE STREET IS PROHIBITED.
- PARKING VEHICLES ON THE FRONT LAWN AND SIDEWALK IS PROHIBITED.

- NO UNREGISTERED VEHICLES / TRAILERS ALLOWED OUTSIDE ON PROPERTY.
- PEELING and or DETERIORATING PAINT ON STRUCTURES.
- CANINE WASTE: you must clean up after your dog and all dogs must be on a leash while being walked. Fines, potential seizure, and impoundment of the dog can occur.

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The Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector will work with all property owners to bring all violations to a satisfactory and uncomplicated conclusion.

In addition to Code Enforcement, the Police and Public Works employees report violations.
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BLACK BEAR WARNING

Spring/Summer 2023

The Village of Port Dickinson like other communities has over the years experienced situations where BLACK BEARS travel into our neighborhoods.

The following information was received from the NYS Department of Conservation Wildlife Officer.

- *Bears are once again wandering through our neighborhoods in search of food. **They will eat anything that is easily accessible.***
- *You can discourage them by **taking down your bird feeders.** Birds do not need supplemental food in the spring and summer.*
- ***Also clean your barbeque grills and keep them inside (garage/shed) if possible.***
- ***Store pet food indoors and garbage in a secure container or building.***
- ***Clean garbage cans frequently and with ammonia products** and do not burn garbage.*
- ***DO NOT add meat scraps, bones or melon rinds to your compost pile.***
- *Bears will **eat virtually anything,** and they follow the path of least resistance, but will shred a metal garbage can to get at anything that may appeal to them*

The only way to discourage and eventually stop these bears from Entering our neighborhoods is to shut off their food supply.

Please report any Bear sightings in the Village to the Port

Dickinson Police at 911 or 722-1255.

To learn more about Black Bears visit the DEC website at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6995.html or look for the DEC's DVD: "Living with New York Black Bears" available at most public libraries in New York. For more information about bears in your area or to report other problems with black bears, contact the nearest regional DEC Office. Kirkwood DEC Office 1679 NYS Route 11, Kirkwood, NY 13795 607-775-2545. (3/23)

We have been notified by the NY State Environmental Conservation Police that it is illegal to feed Bears either intentionally or unintentionally.

The NYSDEC Law Enforcement Officer will serve all offenders with a summons!