



Village of Port Dickinson

Spring 2026 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.gov

MAYOR: Kevin M. Burke – 607-723-5674

TRUSTEES:

Administration: Rob Warholc - 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:

During the last 5 years we have had 3 tax decreases, 2 years with no increase & 1 year with a tax increase. This year this will be **NO TAX INCREASE.**

Water System Plans:

The Village is continually in the process of applying for Federal and State Funding to replace the 100-year-old plus Chenango St Water Main. We will keep you updated on our progress.

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 28/29 - Water Bill Payment Deadline.

May 31 - Water Bill Payment Deadline.

June 30 - Village Tax Payment Due.

August 31 - Water Bill Payment Deadline.

November 30- Water Bill Payment Deadline.

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

**HELP YOUR POLICE
DEPARTMENT HELP YOU.**

***If you
See something,
say something!***

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

No call is too small, and no need to provide your name when reporting.

NOTE: If you have a situation such as sewer or water problem when the Village Office is closed, please call the PD Police 607-722-1255, state your problem to the dispatcher and a Port Dickinson Officer will contact you to resolve your situation.

PARK CLOSURES: Due to municipalities up-river (north/east) of the Village that have filled in areas along the river with dirt for development it has resulted in less areas for the river to expand into during times of heavy rain and storms. This causes the water to expand into the park. As a result, for safety reasons we find it necessary to close the park at times of high water & flooding in the park. We are sorry for this inconvenience. We have contacted the NYSDEC flood control officials, and they replied that it is the individual communities that permit this filling in of the flood expansion areas. When the Park is closed, no VEHICLES or PEDESTRIANS are allowed.

FIRES & OPEN BURNING:

The burning of garbage, rubbish & lawn debris in any manner at any time is prohibited in the Village.

NYS Open Burn Ban is March 16 to May 14.

Absolutely no open burning anywhere.

YARD WASTE PICKUP BEGINS TUESDAY

APRIL 8

Cut grass will be collected on Tuesdays in April and May but grass collection ends May 27.

Remaining lawn debris will be collected.

(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 the day prior to collecting.

Please note due to the Holidays 5/26 pickup will be 5/27. and 9/2 will be 9/3.

Last Yard Waste pickup October 7

IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISCHARGE GRASS, LAWN DEBRIS INTO THE STREET.

TREE TRIMMING: It is the homeowners' responsibility to trim their trees to allow for a min. of seven feet of clearance over the sidewalk & street.

BUILDING PERMITS are MANDATORY:

The following require permits (not limited to) New Structures/Construction/Additions, Pools, Decks, Certain Size Sheds, Hot Tubs, Fireplace/Wood Burners, and *Handicap Ramps.

ROOF REPLACEMENT AND ALL FENCES NOW REQUIRE PERMITS PER NYS.

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 download an application on the Village website or pick up permit applications at the Village Hall.

HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS:

Everyone has seen the Banners in our Village honoring our Veterans. This is an incredibly momentous program and a wonderful way to honor our Military. We all owe a tremendous thank you to Roger Shaller & Bob Blakeslee our Historians for initiating and overseeing this wonderful program.

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YARD SALE.

**NEW DATES: FRI. MAY 1st,
SAT. MAY 2nd & SUN MAY 3rd**

9 AM to 2 PM

RAIN OR SHINE

\$5.00 to participate covers the cost of advertising. Any profits will be donated to the PDCA. For information, please contact Stephanie DeAngelo 607-221-3235. email stephandgiord@yahoo.com. *And a special thank you to Stephanie DeAngelo for organizing this tremendously successful and popular event for the last 5 years.*

PORT DICKINSON COMMUNITY ASSOC.

The PDCA provides an abundance of programs for our children and Volunteers are always needed.

Donations to the PDCA are tax deductible and can be mailed to the Village Hall.

ANY QUESTIONS/ CONCERNS:

EMAIL: Portdca@gmail.com. Check our Facebook page and on Instagram follow @portdickca.

PORT DICKINSON FIRE DEPARTMENT:

WE'RE THERE WHEN YOU NEED US!

Your Fire Dept. urgently needs more Volunteers. The FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVES US BY PROVIDING NUMEROUS CRITICAL SERVICES. There are various levels in which to participate. There is ongoing training/recertification in CPR and AED available.

Please call the Village Hall at 771-8233 and leave your name and an FD Representative will contact you about how you can further serve your neighbors and friends or stop by the Fire Station any Monday evening to see how you may be able to help.

The gratitude you receive from those you serve is beyond measure. All training and necessary equipment are provided. Being a Volunteer only requires a few hours a month of training. The knowledge and experience you receive is immeasurable.

NEIGHBORS PROTECTING NEIGHBORS!

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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.

The burning of garbage and rubbish in any manner is prohibited.

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BLACK BEAR WARNING

Spring/Summer 2026

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.

**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!**

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)