

VILLAGE OF DRYDEN

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VILLAGE NEWS

Monthly Board of Trustee Meetings

Village Board meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at 16 South Street, 2nd floor at 7:00 p.m. All Village residents are invited to attend.

Phone numbers for Village Offices:

Village Clerk's Office..... 844-8122
email: info@dryden-ny.org
Village DPW 844-8865
email: publicworks@dryden-ny.org
Village Police..... 844-8118 email:
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Village Board Members

Reba Taylor was re-elected as Mayor for another two year term. Mike Murphy was re-elected as Trustee for a two year term. Welcome to a new member Tom Sinclair who was elected to a two year term. Thank you to Les Hibbert for his previous two years of service as Board Member. Mike Hattery and Randy Sterling will continue on as board members.

CONGRATULATIONS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE DRYDEN COMMUNITY AND EVERYONE YOU HAVE HELPED TO MR. BOB BAXTER OF DRYDEN MUTUAL FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE WHEN WE HAVE NEEDED YOU; AND TO PRESIDENT CARL HAYNES FOR HIS 23 YEARS AS PRESIDENT OF TC3 AND HIS 48 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE AND TOMPKINS AND CORTLAND COUNTIES. You both will be truly missed. I have enjoyed knowing and working with both of you. I hope we will still see you around the Village for our various festivities. GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU. HAPPY RETIREMENT TO YOU BOTH. YOU HAVE WORKED A VERY LONG TIME TO GET THERE.

Reba Taylor, Mayor

Water Project

The water project is continuing on schedule. The Bids for the construction of the Water Project were very favorable to the Village. The Notice of Awards has been issued. It is anticipated work will commence on May 1st. The expected date of completion is April 2018.

The Village has been classified as a "HARDSHIP" community which makes the village eligible for a zero

percent interest loan. This will save the Village several million dollars in financing costs over the life of the loan.

Water & Sewer Rates

The Village Board recently approved an increase to the water and sewer rates. The rates will be effective as of July 15, 2017 and will be reflected on the October 15, 2017 bill. The average increase to residential water and sewer bills will be approximately 14%.

Village Budget & Taxes

The Village Board adopted has adopted the 2017/2018 Budget. The Tax Rate will be \$7.89 which is an increase of 1.798% over the current year. Tax Bills will be mailed on May 31st. If you do not have an escrow account and do not receive your tax bill by June 9th please notify the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.

Siren

A new emergency siren has been purchased. Bob Baxter of Dryden Mutual graciously offered payment for the siren and the electrical work that needed to be done for the hook-up. NYSEG has generously offered to give the village the required pole needed to install the siren. They will install the pole and mount the siren.

Safe Routes to School & Pedestrian Safety Grant

Final design plans are expected to be completed during the next few weeks. The village is anticipating going to bid for sidewalk construction in May 2017. Sidewalk construction is expected to begin by June 2017. A project summary is available on the village website. (Please see January 2016 Minutes which includes the summary of the project.)

Revitalize Montgomery Park

The new park playground has proven to be a valuable community asset. Dryden children and welcome visitors have kept in in near constant use in good weather! Several other improvements are in the plans for this summer. A new walkway to the park directly off West Main Street and next to Dryden Hotel will be completed this spring/summer. Also coming to the park this summer: a new bike rack near the playground, updated basketball courts, a pickle-ball court, a children's court area, along with a new entrance sign, garden and bench at the Main Street entrance.

There will be renewed activity in the park this year beginning with Kiwanis sponsored T-Ball this spring. Beginner Yoga in the Park begins Saturdays in June, July and August 8:30 am – 9:30 am—free classes, no experience necessary, taught by certified yoga instructor Michelle Brackin. Enjoy Beginner Yoga Classes in the beautiful outdoors. All strengths and abilities can find benefit in these classes with a variety of modifications. Please bring a mat. If it is raining at the time class begins, class will be cancelled.

Finally we are planning to offer Music in the Park summer concert series later in the summer. The series is, tentatively slated for Saturdays, 6:30-8:30 pm: July 29 Arthur B and the Planetary Mix, August 5 Acoustic Rust, August 12 Sunny Weather, August 19 Jim Hull. Come out and enjoy an evening with your family.

and/or variances. ALL swimming pools, sheds and some fences require permits.

Flood Control Efforts

In order to identify needed flood control measures for the future, the village has moved forward with a plan have flood mapping completed for the Egypt Creek Watershed. This work is being done by the US Geological Survey. The village has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the Tompkins County Stream Bank and Flood Hazard Mitigation Program to help with the cost of this study. The mapping should be available for village planning by the summer of 2017. The village flood control committee and the Department of Public Works are working on a number of stream maintenance issues to improve future flow conditions.

VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

Summer Camp

The Village of Dryden is again sponsoring the Dryden Community Camp. The Camp is six-one week sessions (July 5th through August 11th) and will be held at the Dryden Elementary School. Children entering Kindergarten and who have just completed fifth grade are eligible to attend. The hours of the Camp are from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Each week there will be a different theme. There will be field trips and bike ride days along with walk days to Montgomery Park for-lunch and to the Southworth Library. The cost of the Camp is \$70.00 per week. The Village would like to thank United Way for their continued support of the Program. For more information please call (607)844-8122. Registration forms will soon be available at the Dryden Village Hall, 16 South Street, Dryden, or by email at info@dryden-ny.org.

TCAT Bus Passes

TCAT Bus Passes can be purchased at the Dryden Village Hall. Bus Schedules are also available.

Garbage Tags

Alternative Waste has agreed to extend their current Contract for Garbage hauling for another year. The cost of the tags will remain at \$17.50 for a sheet of 12 until June 1, 2018. Trash tags can be purchased at the Dryden Village Hall, Express Mart and Kinney's Drug Store.

Food Scraps Recycling

Tompkins County Recycling and Solid Waste have provided Drop Spots where residents can bring food scraps and paper napkins and towels, free of charge. A Drop Spot is located at the Dryden Town Highway Department. Drop times are Saturdays, 9:00am-Noon. Compostable liners are available for use. NO plastic bags.

ZONE & CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Village contracts with the Town of Dryden for Code Enforcement and Fire and Safety Inspections. Please contact Kevin Ezell or Dave Sprout at 844-8888, Ext. 216, for questions regarding building permits, zoning requirements

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION

2017 Curbside Brush pick-up schedule

The curbside brush pick-ups will be on May 1st, June 5th, September 5th and October 2nd. REMINDER: brush must be no longer than 4 feet in length, bundled and tied for easier handling. Appliances such as stoves, washers, dryers and hot water heaters (no refrigerators) will also be picked up on June 5th. Rugs and stuffed furniture will be picked up on October 2nd.

Mulch

Mulch is available for Village Residents at the Village Public Works Department located at 64 South Street.

Village Truck Use

Village residents are allowed use of a village truck twice per calendar year to load with brush, grass clippings, stones, etc. Man-made products are not allowed. The truck would be dropped off at approximately 2:30 PM in the afternoon Monday through Friday. Use can also be reserved for the weekends. This service is available until October 27, 2017. Scheduling is done at the Village Office by calling 844-8122.

2017 Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The Department of Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants on May 15th through May 18th and October 16th through October 19th between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. As your water may be discolored it is strongly recommended that light colored laundry not be done during those hours.

Paving

Paving projects scheduled for 2017 will be James Street (from Pleasant to Lake), Jay Street, Lee Road and Highland Crescent. Affected residents will be notified prior to the start of paving in their area.

Water Problems

You should contact the Department of Public Works if you notice a sudden decrease in your water pressure or if you notice water pooling on the ground or in the roadways that does not appear to be normal in nature. This could be a water main leak that may need immediate repair. Please call 844-8865 or 229-8580.

POLICE NEWS Emergency Dial 911

Safety Reminders

- Prescription Medicine DROP BOX: located in the lobby of Village Hall. This is a safe sure location in which you can dispose of no longer needed or outdated prescriptions drugs. SHARPS, Mercury and a few other items are not allowed. For more information go to www.healthyyouth.org/medication-disposal.php

- Lock your House and vehicle
- Keep valuables secured and out of sight
- Property Checks: if you are planning on being out of town stop into the Village Police Department and fill out a property check request.
- “If you see something say something”- call 911 to report any suspicious activity.
- Leash Law, please remember that all dogs are required to be on a leash or under their owner’s voice/hand control at all times. Also remember to clean up any waste your animal may leave behind (that includes the grassy areas in the park, the fountain and Times Square).

Public Notice of Arsenic Levels for Village Water Customers

This notice is to provide you information regarding a violation received by the Village of Dryden regarding the municipal water system and supply. The Village water is supplied by four ground water wells in the Village of Dryden. The wells are located on South Street, Lake Road, and Jay Street. As of 2006, NYS requires all public water systems to meet a reduced Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 10 ppb (parts per billion) (from 50 ppb) for arsenic.

Arsenic is a metal found in ores of copper, lead and other minerals and may be naturally present in the soil, groundwater, and surface water. Arsenic compounds are also used in wood preservatives and have been used in commercial pesticides.—Contamination of drinking water may occur if arsenic gets into surface or groundwater after dissolving minerals or contaminated soils in the ground. It may also occur after the use of arsenical pesticides and improper waste disposal by smelting operations. The sample results at the Village’s wells and other wells in the area suggest that arsenic naturally occurring in the groundwater is the probable source.

Some people exposed to high levels of arsenic in drinking water for long periods of time developed skin effects, including warts and corns on the hands and feet and darkening of the skin. Long-term exposure to high levels of arsenic is also associated with nerve and liver damage, high blood pressure, damage to the vascular system (i.e., blood vessels of the heart and brain) and may lead to learning deficiencies. There is increasing evidence that long-term exposure to high levels of arsenic in drinking water increases the risk of lung, skin and bladder cancer. Chemicals that cause adverse health effects in humans after high levels of exposure may pose a risk of adverse health effects in humans exposed to lower levels over long periods of time.

The level of arsenic in our water may slightly exceed the standard of 10 ppb, which is designed to protect against possible health effects from long-term exposure. Its presence at these levels does not constitute an immediate health hazard. If you have concerns, you may wish to consider using bottled water (certified for sale in New York by the NYS Department of Health) or water from an

alternative safe source for drinking and food preparation (e.g., soup, spaghetti, boiling vegetables, etc).

Samples taken from the Jay Street well the last quarter showed an arsenic level of 10.7 (ppb). Samples over the last four quarters averaged 10.5 parts per billion (ppb) of total arsenic, which exceeded the MCL for arsenic of 10-ppb. **None of our other wells exceeded this limit.** The MCL was revised from 50 ppb to 10 ppb in 2001 by the US EPA and adopted in New York in 2006.

Under normal operating conditions, water is drawn very infrequently from the Jay Street well and for a limited time, usually to maintain and check equipment. This greatly reduces any potential exposure to water from this well. Currently pumping time from this well is approximately four hours per month. While the level of arsenic measured in the water may be slightly above the drinking water standard, it is not likely that use of the water for bathing, hand washing, dishwashing, or house cleaning activities would result in health effects. At the concentrations of arsenic detected at the Jay St. well, arsenic cannot be detected through taste or smell. The Village is now required to sample the Jay Street source for arsenic every three months. Public notification will be sent every quarter until the MCL violation has been abated.

If you have any questions, please call Superintendent Paul Sabin at 229-8580 or Assistant Superintendent Ron Moore at 280-1757, or you may contact Steve Maybee, P.E. or Elizabeth Cameron, P.E. of the Tompkins County Health Department at 274-6688.

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