

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. Due to the Christmas Holiday, the December meeting is scheduled for December 15th. 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: drydenpd@dryden-ny.org	

Water Project

The Engineering portion of the village water project is progressing at a very satisfactory pace. The Village will be adding two new above ground water tanks (one at the Ferguson Road site and one at TC3) and two new wells at Dryden Lake, in addition to a new pump house; at the Dryden Lake site. The Dryden Lake site was chosen main reasons; 1.) Known source of basically arsenic free water on existing well at this location tested last year had an arsenic level ten times lower than the State mandated Arsenic Level. 2.) The same existing well had a very high gallon per minute production rate.

The two new wells have been drilled. The monitoring of production and water analysis will be completed by the end of October. Once all of the reports, flow rate, gallons per minute, water analysis (contents on water for minerals, etc. the Village is planning on going to bid for several portions of the Water Project early in 2017.

The Village Grant application for financial assistance from the NYS Clean Drinking Water Fund mentioned in the last Newsletter was denied. The Village is pursuing other grants for financial assistance.

Safe Routes to School & Pedestrian Safety Grant

Preliminary design for the Safe Routes to School project is completed. Design plans for six sidewalk improvement areas in the village were reviewed at a public information meeting on January 7 at the village

hall. With public input from this meeting, final design plans will be completed during the summer of 2016. The village will be going to bid for sidewalk construction in late summer or early fall. Sidewalk construction should take place in late fall 2016 or spring of 2017. A project summary from the public information meeting is available on the village website.

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 will be 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 Spring/Summer of 2016. 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. For example, the Public Works Department removed several beaver dam structures on Egypt Creek between Lewis Street and Springhouse Road this January.

Montgomery Park

Montgomery Park is once again humming with the sound of children playing.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Montgomery Park Playground was held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 10. Author and columnist Amy Dickinson was the Master of Ceremonies, introducing Jason Leifer, Town of Dryden Supervisor and Randy Sterling from the Village Board of Trustees. The assembled crowd also heard historic anecdotes about the park from Robert Baker, Jr. Bob's father, Robert Baker, Sr., was instrumental in purchasing land that enlarged the park to its current size.

For six days, the park was humming along with teams working from 7 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. Meals were provided three times each day, along with snacks. The park went from level ground to completed playground in just six days.

A team of six build captains dedicated their time to be there every moment of the build, under the instruction of two Play By Design supervisors. Close to 500 volunteers came to lend a hand, including the TC3 men's basketball team, Ithaca College's women's volleyball team, Dryden High School Cheerleaders, students from George Junior Republic, workers from Challenge Industries and many, many more.

Our local churches and community service organizations turned out with workers, meals, snacks and beverages.

Businesses from the community were generous with their time, supplies and building materials. The memorial board at the playground will be installed recognizing generous donors. A picket fence surrounds the playground, with each picket a donation from a community member, engraved to show their support of our children. Thanks to generous donors, a healthy maintenance fund will be established to keep the playground in top shape for generations to come.

While building a playground was the goal, the lasting investments reach far beyond a play structure. The strength of our community coming together, with each member doing their part, showed itself in new relationships formed, new working partnerships introduced, and the strong sense that we can accomplish so much more together than apart.

VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE

TCAT Bus Passes

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

Garbage Tags – Garbage Tags can be purchased at the Dryden Village Hall, Kinney's Drug Store and the Extra Mart. The cost of the tags is \$17.50 for a sheet of 12.

Garbage/Recycling Pick-Up Holiday Schedule

PLEASE NOTE: Alternative Waste will pick up garbage on Thanksgiving Day. There will be no delay due to the Holiday. Recycling will be delayed by one day for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION

Fall Leaf Pick-Up Schedule - Leaf pick-up is scheduled to begin October 24th and end on November 18th, weather permitting. Please rake leaves to the curb being careful not to put near catch basins or in the roadway.

Fall Hydrant Flushing Schedule

The Department of Public Works will be flushing fire hydrants on October 17th through October 20th 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.

Snow Removal - When clearing your driveway or sidewalk remember that it is unlawful to push snow into the street.

REMINDER: There is no overnight parking allowed on Village Streets from November 1st through April 30th. (THIS INCLUDES PARKING LOTS)

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

Notes from Police Chief Randy Mack

Fall is upon us and the snow and winter will be here soon. I would like to remind all drivers, as the weather is changing, so must our driving habits. Wet/leaf covered and soon to be snow covered roadways, sometimes create hazardous driving conditions. Please pay attention to the ever changing road conditions.

Friendly reminders:

- Add additional time to your daily commutes
- keep a safe distance while driving- slow down
- plan your driving route; know alternate routes caused by inclement weather or accidents
- watch local weather forecasts-for impending weather changes
- have cold weather supplies in your vehicle
- keep vehicle clear of debris and snow and in good working order
- wear sunglasses and lower visor to reduce effects of glaring sun
- keep scanning the roadway – watch for flashes/flashing lights and pedestrian traffic – truck or treaters will be out soon
- Studded snow tires are permitted **October 16th-April 30th**
- Village restricted overnight (2am-7am) parking starts **November 1st-April 30th**.

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.

Cops, Kids & Toys

- Applications can be obtained from ANY Tompkins County Police Agency, or online @ copskidsandtoys.org
- Applications **must be** in by **December 1st 2016**
- Delivery Day **December 13th 2016**
- Volunteers needed contact : info@copskidsandtoys.org

In closing, I would like to thank all the Village residents for your continued support of your local Police Agency.

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. In 2015, arsenic was detected at our Jay Street well at an average level of 11.6 ppb, which is above the newer current MCL 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 four quarters averaged 11.3 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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