

VILLAGE OF DRYDEN

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Village News

Monthly Board of Trustee Meetings

Village Board meetings are held the 4th 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: drydenpd@dryden-ny.org	

Water Project

The Village is moving forward with the Water Project and pursuing drilling new wells at the Dryden Lake DEC site. Thus far the Village has met with all involved parties to this extensive project. We recently received good news from the NYS EFC (state funding source) that all of the components of the project will be combined into a single project which will now receive subsidized interest financing and will be considered for Hardship eligibility. The reduced interest rate and consolidation of the projects will save the Village considerable costs. If the Village receives a hardship determination, it can further reduce our interest rate and lead to further savings on the project. We will be continuing to pursue additional financial savings and funding options for this project.

Progress is being made relative to the SEQR process and coordination with State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Based on previous test wells drilled on the Dryden Lake site, based on archeological evidence, and based on coordination with our well driller and geological engineers; preliminary locations for test wells have been identified. We will be diligently working on completing SEQR for the project, beginning the well investigation drilling at Dryden Lake, and coordinating the project schedule and schedule of finance in the next month.

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 spring and 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.

Revitalize Montgomery Park

The Village received a small grant to develop a plan to revitalize Montgomery Park in 2014. The new plan with substantial citizen input was finalized in January of 2016. A board appointed citizen committee has stewarded the development of this plan and is now working to revitalize Montgomery Park. The committee worked to submit a proposal to a New York State Parks Grant program in August which was not successful. The committee will seek additional source of funding and is soliciting community support for key parts of the park revitalization plan. Important early projects include: a new playground area, Gazebo revitalization and restoration of the main street entry way. A community build playground project is planned for late summer/fall of 2016. Please see a detailed summary of the park revitalization work and the consultant Montgomery Park Revitalization Plan on the village web site at: <http://www.dryden-ny.org/montgomery-park/> Contact the village hall if you or your group wants to contribute or work on a piece of the plan.

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 is 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.

TCAT Bus Passes

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

Garbage Tags

The current cost is \$17.50 per sheet of 12. This price is in effect until June 1, 2016. As of June 1, 2015 the hauler for the Village is Alternative Waste. Trash tags can be purchased at the Dryden Village Hall, Express Mart and Kinney's Drug Store.

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.

Police News: Emergency Dial 911

Winter is here and they say we will soon have snow. The Village, Town and State public works all strive to keep the roadways safely drivable, at reasonable speeds, during winter weather. However, drivers must also do their part. Below are some friendly reminders:

Friendly reminders:

- Always buckle your seat belt and require you passengers to do the same
- Add additional time to your daily commutes
- keep a safe distance while driving- slow down
- Use your brakes CAREFULLY. Brake early; it takes more time and distance to stop in adverse conditions.
- 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
- Studded snow tires are permitted **October 16th-April 30th**

• SNOWPLOWS

- Stay behind it until it's safe to pass. Remember, a snowplow driver has a limited field of vision.
- - The road in front of the plow is **usually in much worse** condition than the roadway behind the plow. Plows will typically travel under 35 miles per hour and there is always a temptation to pass them.
 - Allow plenty of room when passing a snowplow. **Do not cut back into the lane ahead of the truck too quickly** since the plow extends several feet ahead of the truck. Some snowplows are equipped with a "wing plow," extending off the side of the truck.

Safety Reminders

- Village restricted overnight (2am-7am) **PARKING is NOW IN EFFECT** until April 30th 2016.
- 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 ALLOW. www.healthyyouth.org/medication-disposal.php for more information.
- Lock your Houses and vehicle's; within the last couple weeks we have seen an increase in Larcenies from **UNLOCKED** 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.

Local Events:

- COPS KIDS & TOYS was a tremendous success, with the communities more than 1,056 children were served. THANK YOU ALL.
- Follow us on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Dryden-Police-Department-177662755902144/>

In closing, I would like to thank all the Village residents for your continued support of your local Police Agency. We, the members of the Dryden Police Department, are dedicated to protect life and property, to work with our citizens to reduce crime, disorder, and the fear of crime.

Chief Michael P. Watkins

Public Works News

Snow Removal

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

PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS NO OVERNIGHT (2am – 7am) PARKING ON VILLAGE STREETS FROM NOVEMBER 1ST THROUGH APRIL 30TH.

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 280-1757.

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 2014, arsenic was detected at our Jay Street well at an average level of 13.0 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).

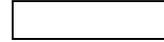
Samples taken from the Jay Street well the last four quarters averaged 12.6 parts per billion (ppb) of total arsenic, which exceeded the MCL for arsenic of 10 ppb. **None of our other wells exceeded this limit.** The MCL was revised from 50 ppb to 10 ppb in 2001 by the US EPA and adopted in New York 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. For example, no water was drawn from this well since the approximate date of December 25, 2015 through January 12, 2016.

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 Ron Moore at 844-5265 or 280-1757, Assistant Superintendent Paul Sabin at 229-8580, 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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