

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, Dryden, 2nd floor. Meeting times are 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	

Mayor

Reba Taylor stepped down as Mayor on September 30, 2017. The Village would like to thank her for her years of service.

Randy Sterling was appointed to Mayor by the Village Board of Trustees to serve until the next Village Election which will be held on March 20, 2018.

Village Trustees

Mike Hattery stepped down as Trustee on October 4, 2017 due to his relocation. We thank him for his years of service.

Bruce Drowne and Dan Wakeman were appointed by Mayor Randy Sterling to the vacant positions on the Village Board created when Mike Hattery stepped down and Randy was appointed as Mayor. They will serve until Village Elections.

Planning Board

Deborah Hattery stepped down as Planning Board Member as of September 30, 2017. We would also like to thank her for her years of service.

Nick Kizmik was appointed to the vacant position on the Planning board created when Deborah Hattery left. David Bravo-Cullen was appointed to the Planning Board as an alternate.

Urban Grant

The Village has received a Tree Grant through DEC in the amount of \$11,209.50. The Grant includes the cost to purchase 85 trees. Trees will be planted on Main Street and the Elementary School neighborhood.

TREE LIGHTING

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, December 2nd. Beginning around 5:00-5:15 p.m. the Dryden High School's Concert Band will play on the Village Green. At 5:30 p.m. Santa will arrive via fire truck to the Village Green to light the tree.

A craft opportunity will be available to youths after the tree lighting at the Dryden United Methodist Church.

The Dryden Historical Society will open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. that day featuring local exhibits, a craft opportunity to make an ornament and refreshments-free and open to all ages.

The Dryden Café will be open and will have Music following the tree lighting.

Water Project

Work on the water project continues. The first of two Water Tanks located near TC3 is near completion. A second tank, not yet under construction, will replace the current one being used on Ferguson Road. Construction throughout the Village, on West Lake Road and Lake Road is ongoing for the new water main installation. The expected date of completion for the water project 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 approved an increase to the water and sewer rates. The rates became effective as of July 15, 2017 and were reflected on the October 15, 2017 bill. The average increase to residential water and sewer bills are approximately 14%.

Safe Routes to School & Pedestrian Safety Grant

The Sidewalk project has begun. The project includes new sidewalk for George, Elm, South and North Street. All new sidewalks are ADA compliant. New sections of sidewalk being replaced on James Street near the Elementary School will be brought up to made to ADA specifications. New crosswalks will also be added to South and North Street with flashing lights.

New Emergency Siren

The Village of Dryden has a new emergency siren for your continued safety. The siren is not just for fire calls. It will be used for other types of emergencies.

The siren will sound for each of the following events:

Fire: Six seconds on - three seconds off. Repeated three times. Notification for first responders.

Severe weather: Three minute steady tone. Seek shelter immediately.

Dam failure: Fifteen seconds on - fifteen seconds off repeated for three minutes. Evacuate to higher ground immediately.

If you hear the siren, do not call 911. Instead, tune to your local radio/TV station, or the National Weather Service for updates.

The emergency notification siren will be tested on Saturdays at noon.

A brief ceremony was held at the Dryden Village Hall on November 16th to thank NYSEG for donating the materials and time needed to install the new siren and Mr. Robert Baxter and Dryden Mutual Insurance Company for their generous contribution that allowed the village to purchase this equipment.

Revitalize Montgomery Park

The new park playground is in constant use by Dryden children and welcome visitors. The Rotary Club received a grant for the purchase of a tree and a new bench to be placed at the Main Street entrance.

Raking Up the Good Deeds a great success! On Saturday, November 4, about 45 volunteers from the village including a number of Dryden High School students and students from Tompkins-Cortland Community College raked leaves for 18 village residents who needed some help. Charlie Hart had the idea and organized the teams, Deborah Mohlenhoff from Tompkins-Cortland Community College organized the campus effort, Village Trustee Tom Sinclair helped with refreshments, the Dryden Beautification Brigade contributed volunteers and rakes and the Village and Town of Dryden shared rakes with the volunteers. The weather even cooperated. Organizers hope that this becomes a regular occurrence bringing the village and students together as neighbors helping each other out.

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 was 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 Village has received a draft of the mapping.. 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

TCAT Bus Passes

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

Garbage Tags

Trash Tags for Alternative Waste can be purchased at the Dryden Village Hall, Express Mart, Clark's Shurfine and

Kinney's Drug Store. The cost of the tags is \$17.50 for a sheet of 12 until June 1, 2018.

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

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION

Mulch

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

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

Prescription Medicine Drop Box

A Prescription Medicine Drop Box is located in the lobby of the Village Hall. There you can dispose of no longer needed or outdated prescription drugs in a safe secure location.

SHARPS: Mercury and a few other items are not allowed.

For more information go to

www.healthyyouth.org/medication-disposal.php:

Parking on Village Streets

There is no overnight parking on Village Streets or Municipal Parking Lots from November 1st through April 30th.

Safety Reminders:

School is back in session. Please watch for stopped school buses and for children entering and exiting the buses.

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.

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 lowered their standards and now requires all public water systems 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 10.4 (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 Elizabeth Cameron, P.E. of the Tompkins County Health Department at 274-6688.

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