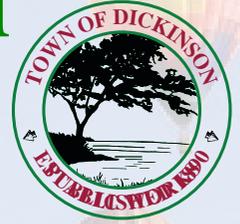


Town of Dickinson Newsletter



“A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE”

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- Town Clerk* 723-9401
- Town Court*..... 723-9403
- Supervisor* 723-9401
- FAX* 723-0922
- Town Assessor*..... 723-9401
- Code Enforcement* 723-9401
- H'way/Water/Sewer*..... 771-0771

Message from the Supervisor

Towns are the Wellspring of Democracy

Our newsletter is a report to our constituents to show you how our operations are progressing and how the town is doing overall.

The 2025 Town Budget was again a great teamwork effort. We continued to keep our annual budget within the state-imposed tax cap, while at the same time experiencing ever-increasing costs for materials, health insurance, state retirement, state mandates, equipment, etc. Sales tax, which our town relies on to fund our Highway Department and in part, our general fund, increased for 2024 and that helped us in maintaining our operations and staying, once again, under the state-imposed tax cap. The increase in town property taxes was 1.2%.

As a reminder, we continue to deal with property owners who violate our Building Maintenance Codes and Building permits procedures. This behavior increases the workload for our code officers, town clerk, town judges, town attorney, etc. Properties that are in violation of various building codes also generate safety and health issues that negatively affect

neighbors and the surrounding community, not to mention property values. We will not sit idly by and we will take whatever necessary action under the law to hold property owners responsible and correct the violations.

I was extremely honored to be unanimously voted to be the next President of the New York Association of Towns. As always, I will work alongside my NYAOT Executive Board and Executive Director in an effort to address any and all issues that impact our towns with the focus on preserving Home Rule. NYAOT is going through many positive changes with the appointment of the new Executive Director, Chris Koetzle, who is the former Supervisor of the Town of Glenville, NY. The changes are exciting and innovating and the Association is stronger than ever, representing over 900 towns and 9 million people. I am also very proud to have been chosen to become a



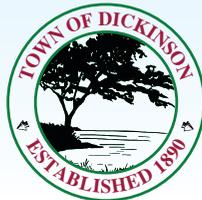
Michael Marinaccio

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Message from the Supervisor (continued)

board member of the SUNY Broome Housing Development Corporation and I am looking forward to working with this group of various local leaders and school representatives.

As always, it is an honor and a pleasure to serve the residents of the Town of Dickinson and I am looking forward to working with you, our staff and our elected officials in a continuing effort to keep the Town of Dickinson a great place to live.



Glenwood Cemetery

The Glenwood Cemetery is owned and operated by the Town of Dickinson. If you are interested in purchasing a plot or would like more information, please contact us.

Private Regular Plot: \$550.00
Opening/Closing, \$500.00
Private Cremains Plot: \$250.00
Opening/Closing, \$300.00

Contact: Darrell Dennison,
Administrative Assistant
Town of Dickinson
607-723-9401, Ext. 203

Town Website

We invite you to go to our town website and to browse through it. You can view all town meeting minutes, download and print various forms, contact various town officials, review planned events, and review the entire Town Code.

Go to www.townofdickinson.com
There are also links to other sites that you may find interesting.



Water/Sewer Rates

As a reminder, the Town of Dickinson does not have its own water wells or sewage treatment plant but instead, we purchase our water from the Town of Chenango, City of Binghamton, Town of Union and Johnson City. We average the rates that we are charged plus we add our maintenance and operation costs and come up with the rate that you are charged. Over the years the rates have increased due to water treatment costs for our suppliers and our own increased labor and equipment charges. The same applies to our sewage rates. We will continue to review our costs and what we charge our residents as we move forward. Please be aware that the town reserves the right to turn off water supply to those property owners who do not pay their water/sewer bills.

Annual New York State Audit Report

Once again, the New York State Audit & Control rated the Town of Dickinson very high in the Town's financial status. The State reviews all aspects of our Financial Status such as the General and Highway Funds, Personal Services, Employee Benefits, Bonding, etc. and reported that the Town of Dickinson was in an excellent financial position.



Wet Wipes

The town is currently experiencing difficulties in its sewer system due to the improper disposal of supposedly disposable wet wipes. These wipes do not disintegrate once they enter the system and may cause sewage backups into individual homes. We strongly advise against using wet wipes.

New this year, the town will conduct its mandated lead and copper sampling in accordance with state and federal regulations. Several houses selected through our distribution system will receive an instruction letter and sample bottles. Kindly adhere to the instructions to insure compliance and facilitate the timely collection of samples, which will commence in June.

Sincerely,
Matt Fitzpatrick, Water/Sewer Superintendent



2025 Annual Installation of the Prospect Terrace Fire Company Officers and Board of Directors

Supervisor Marinaccio administered the Oath of Office to the following:

Fire Company Officers

Chief: Jason Delanoy
1st Assistant Chief: Kyle Doyle
2nd Assistant Chief: David Tripicco
Captain: Adam Lubbe
Lieutenant: Michael Cisek
Lieutenant: Jamar Dimanche
Lieutenant: Tyler Ellis

Fire Company Board Officers

President: Tom Pudish
Vice President: John Kolly
Secretary: Allison Springfield
Treasurer: Keith Delanoy

Fire Company Board of Directors

Tyler Ellis, Mike Cisek, Adam Lubbe, George Zlock, Vince Pilotti, Tyler Ellis

Honoring Prospect Terrace Fire Fighter Mark DeMaria for his 50 years of service. Assemblyman Joe Angelino and Supervisor Mike Marinaccio awarding Mark DeMaria with Proclamations. Marinaccio proclaimed March 8, 2025 as Mark DeMaria Day in the Town of Dickinson.

Supervisor Marinaccio administering the Oath of Office to the Prospect Terrace Fire Company Officers and Board members



Town of Dickinson Court

Welcome to the Town of Dickinson Court! Your court is part of the Sixth Judicial District Courts of the New York State Unified Court System. This



Town of Dickinson Court

includes the counties of Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Madison, Otsego, Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins.

Most of the work at the Court centers on Vehicle Traffic Law infractions and misdemeanors. This would include arraignments, trials and sentencing. The Court also can arraign on felonies, however, after arraignments are completed, felonies are typically handled in the higher courts. With the Broome County Jail located within the

jurisdiction of the Court, any activity that occurs with defendants and or inmates at the jail that require further court action will be heard in the Dickinson Court. In addition, this Court will also hear violations stemming from residents disobeying Town and Village of Port Dickinson ordinances such as parking, building codes or dog control issues.

In 2024, we announced the launch of an Apprenticeship Program. We are pleased to share that our relationship with SUNY-Broome's Paralegal and Criminal Justice program continues. SUNY- Broome graduates have completed our Apprenticeship Program and have been successfully placed in our local courts. We would also encourage anyone who is not a current SUNY-Broome student or may have a degree in another program area to investigate our Apprenticeship Program as well.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the Apprenticeship Program either for yourself or someone you know, please contact us at the Court

number (607 723-9404 or dickinsontowncourt@nycourts.gov.

This year, we are pleased to announce that the Dickinson Court has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,257. These funds will be used to enhance our court security and court efficiencies.

As a final note, a reminder that Judges will perform marriage ceremonies subject to their availability. Ceremonies can be performed anywhere that is mutually agreed upon throughout New York State.

Should you have any questions regarding the operations of the Court, please find us on the Town of Dickinson website.

Town of Dickinson Court

Dear Neighbors & Friends

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy as we make our way through 2025! As an elected official, I always want to help make our Town one in which we can take great pride. Our friendly office and staff will always work with your needs in mind and strive to provide the utmost satisfaction when responding to your requests. Some of our services include: Applications for building and fence permits, Copy of Death and Marriage certificates, Marriage licenses, and Parking Permits for people with disabilities. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to assisting you in the coming year and hope your experiences with our office are always pleasant and provide the satisfaction you have come to expect.

Sincerely, Wendi Evans, Town Clerk

Municipal Cleanup Day

The Town of Dickinson will hold a Municipal Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 9 am to 3 pm

at the Town of Dickinson Highway Garage

531 Old Front Street, Binghamton, NY 13905

Wastes eligible for this program include bulk items, white goods, scrap metal, wastes from illegal dump site cleanups, and other waste, as may be collected through your special cleanup day effort. Wastes not eligible for this waiver include: General municipal solid wastes, leaves and yard wastes, construction and demolition debris, and other wastes that are managed through the course of regular collection services.

- White goods (e.g., appliances) will be accepted if the doors are removed.
- Tires will be accepted, limited to 8 per residence
- No electronics, chemicals, paints, yard waste or garbage will be accepted
- Participation is limited to Town of Dickinson residents only – no businesses.
- Identification is required

2025 NY Association of Towns Training School



Supervisor Marinaccio was unanimously voted in as the next President of the NY Association of Towns during the 2025 Annual NYAOT Business Meeting and Conference held in New York City. "I am extremely honored to become the President of this great organization. I will be working closely with the Executive Director and the Executive Board in supporting the over 900 towns in New York in protecting Home Rule, working with the Governor and State Representatives in an effort to reduce mandates, changing the tax cap formulae that better meets the needs of our constituents and increase funding for our highways, infrastructure, etc."



Supervisor Marinaccio addressing the NYAOT members at the 2025 NYAOT Conference



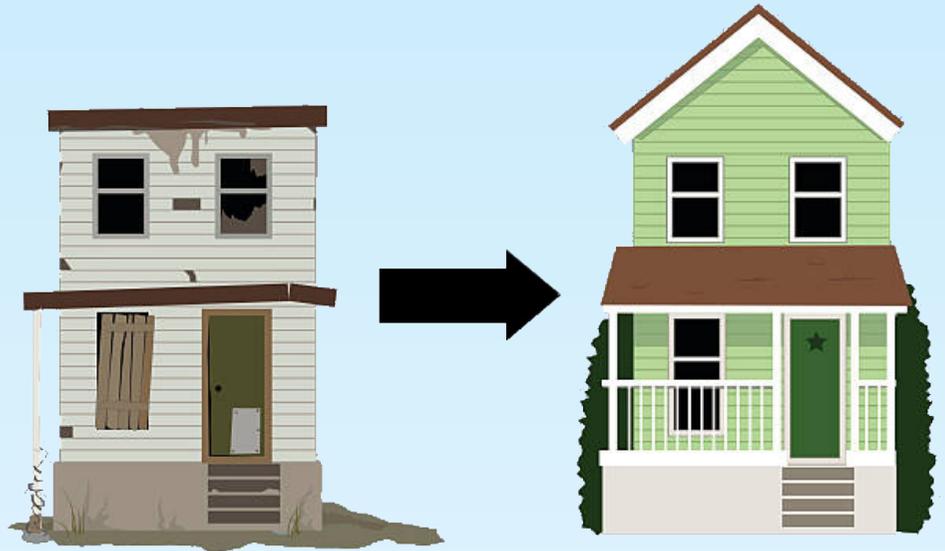
Supervisor Marinaccio chairing the NYAOT Resolutions Committee in Albany



CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

2024 was a steady year in the Code Enforcement Department. A total of 112 building permits representing over \$6,000,000 worth of construction were issued, which is a significant increase from last year. Although there was only one new commercial project, most permits issued were for improvements to residential properties. These permits included new roofs, decks, siding, sheds and swimming pools. We saw an increase in vehicle charging stations being installed on commercial properties. Fire/Safety inspections continue to be completed each year and have been beneficial in building relationships between the businesses and the town, and assisting in the prevention and education of fire/safety throughout the town. Solar was a large project for the year with multiple site visits and inspections being completed at the Citizens Solar site on Glenwood Rd. As this project starts to wrap up the second solar project located at 512 Glenwood Rd will be starting in the spring of 2025. New housing on Fuller Rd. will be wrapped up in 2025 with several other home renovations and new construction that will be starting or finishing up throughout the town.

To help improve our local laws and keep up with the changing times, nine new local laws were adopted from Solar Energy Systems, Fire Protection Systems, Food Trucks, EV Charging Stations, Outdoor Lighting Regulations, Lot Coverage, Driveway Regulations, and Parking on Glenwood Rd. Permit applications, violation reports, appearance tickets, and fire/safety reports were revamped and updated. Along with a new updated permit fee schedule.



The code office continues to work closely with the Broome County Health Department, Broome County Fire Investigation Bureau, Village of Port Dickinson Code Enforcement, Town of Chenango Code Enforcement, Chenango Fire Department, Port Dickinson Fire Department, and Prospect Terrace Fire Department. Working with these agencies has helped improve communication and resources between all the agencies. Continued education and training were completed by attending the New York State Fire Marshal and Inspectors Association seminar, and through the New York State Division of Standards and Codes.

For 2025, the code office is looking forward to continuing relationships with these agencies. Along with new software that will help improve the workflow and documentation in the office, and provide a more streamlined service to the public. The code office will continue to encourage and support public safety by ensuring that all buildings, structures, and related equipment are designed, constructed, installed and maintained in compliance with the standards of the established building and fire codes.

Exception: Buildings identified under an addressing scheme as part of a countywide 911 numbering system.



Code Enforcement Department

Parking Garage – An EV charging station within a parking garage is regulated because a parking garage is a “building” as defined in Executive Law 372(3)

Parking Lot/Driveway on a Building/Structure Premises – An EV charging station that receives electrical service from a building or structure is regulated because a building or structure’s premises are subject to the Uniform Code pursuant to Executive Law 378(2)

Residential Garage – An EV charging station within a residential garage (i.e. one or two-family dwelling or townhouse) is regulated because such garage is a “building” as defined in Executive Law 372(3). See 2020 Residential Code of New York State Sections R327.12 and E3702.13
EV charging stations located in the following places are not regulated under the Uniform Code.

Parking Lot not associated with a Building or Structure – An EV charging station located in a parking lot that has its utility service connection and associated electrical circuits independent from any building or structure.

Free Standing EV Charging Station – An EV charging station not connected to the electrical system from a building or structure.

The Code Enforcement Office continues to work with local businesses and multifamily property owners within the town to complete yearly Fire Inspections. This is to ensure the safety of all businesses within the town are up to and following NYS Fire Codes.

Another ongoing issue we have been running into is the number of complaints regarding garbage on rental properties. Per Town code **Chapter 462 Article 2 Section 462-3-2 It shall be the duty of every owner and occupant to provide, for exclusive use his/her parcel, household unit or non-householder unit, sufficient receptacles for solid waste and recyclable material ordinarily generated upon such parcel. Any container that does not conform to the provisions of this chapter or that may have ragged or sharp edges or any other defect liable to hamper or injure the person collecting the contents shall be promptly replaced upon notice. The owner of a parcel shall be responsible and liable for compliance with this chapter by the occupants of said parcel.**

Also, to remind all town residents that it is required by NYS Fire Code that all homes and buildings have visible address identification. This helps in the event of an emergency for first responders to clearly see your address.

505.1 Address identification:

New and existing buildings shall be provided with approved address identification. The address identification shall be legible and placed in a position that is visible from the street or road fronting the property. Address identification characters shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numbers or alphabetical letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out. Each character shall be not less than 4 inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 1/2 inch (12.7 mm). Where required by the fire code official, address identification shall be provided in additional approved locations to facilitate

emergency response. Where access is by means of a private road and the building cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure. Address identification shall be maintained.

Exception: Buildings identified under an addressing scheme as part of a countywide 911 numbering system.

We continue to work on resolving blighted property in the Town of Dickinson. This year we were able to demo a property on Pulaski St that had become a public safety hazard.

New housing continues to develop in the town and this year Habitat for Humanity added another home to Linda Dr. These homes are done with the help of Broome-Tioga BOCES, which their campus is also located in the town to help build these new homes and provide students with an opportunity to learn these trades.

Code Enforcement staff are always willing to assist any property owner or residents with any questions that they may have concerning town codes and their requirements. You are encouraged to email the Code Enforcement Department or leave a voice mail message. Contact information is available on the Town Website.

Kyle Doyle, Code Enforcement Officer



Assemblyman Angelino at the rally for increasing CHIPS funding for municipalities



Supervisor Marinaccio addressing the crowd at the official ribbon cutting for the new Greenlight Networks Grand Slam Park, formerly BAGSAI.



NYS Supreme Court Judge Oliver Blaise administers the Oath of Office to his son Brian as he becomes the youngest town official in history to be appointed to a Planning Board in the Town of Dickinson



Governor Hochul presenting a \$1,000,000 check to the Prospect Terrace Fire company for their fire house expansion project



Honoring our Veterans at a ceremony at SUNY Broome



The Inauguration of SUNY Broome President Tony D. Hawkins



Supervisor Marinaccio reading to the students at Theodore Roosevelt School.

TOWN OF DICKINSON

YARD WASTE/COLLECTION/SNOW REMOVAL

2025 SCHEDULE AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES

YARD WASTE:

IMPORTANT - This is a vital service aimed at collecting limited amounts of vegetation. We cannot pick up large amounts of brush, limbs, or tree trunks.

TOWN OF DICKINSON YARD WASTE PICKUP DAY IS MONDAY

- Pickup will begin at 7:00 am on Monday, April 1, 2025, and continue until Monday, November 12, 2025.
- If Monday is a holiday, pickup will be on Tuesday. On weeks with a major holiday, pickup could be Tuesday or Wednesday after the holiday.
- Place grass and other waste in solid containers - **NO PLASTIC BAGS!**

Branches and brush need to be bundled and tied in approximately 4-foot lengths.

IMPORTANT - CONTAINERS AND BUNDLES SHOULD NOT WEIGH MORE THAN 40lbs.

Overweight containers/bundles will not be picked up.

LIMIT OF 6 CANS/BUNDLES PER WEEK

Please do not put garbage or plastic in your yard waste. No dirt or rocks either. This service is for yard waste only. Please don't put more than forty pounds in a can. Containers must have handles on them or they will not be picked up. Yard waste pick up starts at 7:00 am every Monday. Depending on how much yard waste is put out governs what day it will be picked up. Public Works staff start at one end of the Town and keep going until it's all picked up. Weeks that have a holiday on a Monday, pick up will start the next day.

FALL LEAF PICK-UP:

Rake leaves to the curb or place in cans.

Pickup will begin shortly after leaves begin to fall and will end on the first snowfall.

Pickup could be any weekday. **DO NOT MIX YARD WASTE WITH THE LEAVES.**

SORRY - NO COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, SCHOOL, OR CHURCHES.

SNOW REMOVAL:

It is against the law to shovel or snow blow into the street.

Please abide by Storm Parking Regulations as posted throughout the Town of Dickinson.

TOWN OF DICKINSON (Not including Village of Port Dickinson) SNOW ORDINANCE STATES IF THERE ARE **2 INCHES** OF SNOW ON THE GROUND, OR **2 INCHES** OR MORE PREDICTED - **NO PARKING** WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE TOWN OF DICKINSON STREETS.

CHRISTMAS TREES:

Place at curb for pickup most any day until January 31st, 2026.

This will BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

Notes from your Dog Control Officer:

*If your dog Passes Away, is Relocated, or Changes Ownership, please be sure to notify the Town Clerk (607) 723-9401, ext. 201 immediately! If you do not notify us of the changes and ignore license renewal forms and calls, you could be summoned into court. To avoid this, please keep us informed of your dog's status!

*The annual renewal fees are:

\$15.00 for spayed/neutered dog license

\$25.00 for unspayed/unneutered dog license

\$ 3.00 for replacement dog tag

\$10.00 late fee applied (15 days past due)

Court Appearance ticket issued (30 days past due)

*Any person within the limits of the town, it shall be unlawful for any owner of a dog to be off the owner's property, unless restrained and controlled by an adequate collar and a leash not exceeding eight feet in length.

*The Dog Control Officer is equipped and trained to respond to dog related issues ONLY. If you need assistance handling other domestic animals or nuisance wildlife, contact Broome County Communications @ (607) 778-1911.

Greg Starley, Dickinson Dog Control Officer



Highway

This year we are planning on resurfacing JT Blvd and Rundall PL. As always, we appreciate your patience as we complete the process. We know that it's a big inconvenience when we are doing road reconstruction but we try to complete the project as quickly as possible. We will be passing out flyers to those who will be affected prior to the work.

Reminder: TOWN OF DICKINSON (Not including Village of Port Dickinson) SNOW ORDINANCE STATES IF THERE ARE 2 INCHES OF SNOW ON THE GROUND, OR 2 INCHES OR MORE PREDICTED - NO PARKING WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE TOWN OF DICKINSON STREETS. As winter becomes more unpredictable, we ask that you adhere to these parking restrictions. Nobody likes to get a ticket, but they are to protect your property and the safety of our drivers. So please be more mindful this coming winter.

Joel Kie, Public Works Commissioner

Town Appointments

If you are a resident in the Town of Dickinson and you are interested in becoming a member of our Zoning, Planning and Board of Assessment Review, email your interest and a short resume to

mmarinaccio@townofdickinson.com.

You will be considered when an opening occurs.



Contacting Elected Officials

*US Congress, 19th District, Josh Riley,
607-242-0200, 202-225-5441

*Senator Lea Webb: 52nd District.
Local office at 607-773-8771, NYS Office at 518-455-2677

*Assemblyman Joseph Angelino: 121st District
Local office 607-648-6080, Albany office 518-455-2170

*Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, 123rd District
Local office: 607-723-9047, Albany office 518-455-5431

*County Legislator: District 12, Louis Augustini
louie.augostini@broomecountyny.gov



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TOWN MEETINGS

Town Board Work Session – 1st Monday of each month except during July, Aug. & Sept. (5:30 pm)

Town Board Regular Meeting – 2nd Monday of each month (6:00 PM) except July, Aug. & Sept. (5:30 pm)

Planning Board & Zoning Board Meetings – go to website for meetings schedule

Please refer to the Town Website for other meetings and cancellations throughout the month

ELECTED & APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Town Board

Michael A. Marinaccio Town Supervisor,
Code Enforcement and Personnel Committee
Danny Morabito Councilman, Public Works Committee
Sharon Exley Councilwoman, Deputy Supervisor,
Water/Sewer Committee
Tom Burns Councilman,
Planning & Zoning Board Committee
Steve Gardner Councilman, Finance

Town Clerk Office

Wendi Evans Town Clerk
Linda Lee Deputy Town Clerk

Administrative Assistant/Finance/

Water & Sewer Billing Darrell Dennison

Attorney for the Town Keegan Coughlin

Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Doyle

Deputy Code Enforcement Joel Kie

Town Justices Kathleen Groover, Eva Randall

Public Works Commissioner Joel Kie

Water/Sewer Superintendent Matt Fitzpatrick

Town Assessor Jack Cahill

Assistant Assessor Daniel Scoville

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nazar Logvis Chairman
Jeanne Compton
Lubomyr Zobniw
Michael Curley
Jason Delanoy

Planning Board

Hans VanHouton Chairman
William Sands
Judie Mickelson
Christine Klein
Brian Blaise

Dog Control Officer Greg Starley