

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024

Village Office located at 509 Liberty Street

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## **VILLAGE BOARD...315-639-6260**

Mayor: James Eves

Trustees: Bruce Nutting, Richard Stevenson

Deputy Mayor: Bruce Nutting

Renee Stano, Mike Lane

Village Board Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM in the Village Office Conference Room, located at 509 Liberty St, with the exception of April's meeting held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and December's reorganizational meeting which is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday both at 4:00 PM

## **VILLAGE MANAGER...315-639-6260**

Stephen Lane

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS...315-639-4200**

Working Foreman: Mathew Shawcross

Staff: Lucas Peters, Justin Green

## **VILLAGE CLERKS OFFICE...315-639-6260** Fax: 315-639-3121

Monday-Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm [www.villageofdexterny.com](http://www.villageofdexterny.com)

**Email: [mayordexter@villageofdexterny.com](mailto:mayordexter@villageofdexterny.com)**

Village Clerk-Treasurer: Michelle McGrann

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Danielle Queior

## **PLANNING BOARD**

Chairman: Stephanie Ferguson

Members: Deborah Harmann, Todd Reinhardt,

Vice Chairman: Brian Moore

Carol Oliver, Charlene Mannigan, Tammy Hanson

Regular meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 6:30 PM, in the Village Office Conference Room, located at 509 Liberty St, unless there is no business.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Chairman: Donald Butler

Members: Amy Kenney, Ryan McIntosh, David Ladd

Vice Chairman: John Stano

Regular meetings are held the last Monday of January, April, July, & October at 6:30 PM, in the Village Office Conference Room located at 509 Liberty St, unless there is no business.

## **ZONING/ BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

James Millington: 315-639-6260 or 315-777-6115

**Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00-11:30am**

*VILLAGE OF DEXTER ZONING CODE & NYS BUILDING & FIRE CODES*

You may be required to have a building permit for construction, demolition, furnace or wood stove installation, plumbing alteration or electrical updates, roof replacements, & installation of pools or fencing within the Village of Dexter. This is a partial list of what may require permits. New York State has revised code requirements for many building permits including roofing. If you are considering improvements to your property, it is recommended you contact Mr. Millington to see if a building permit is required. Permit applications can be found on the Village website, mailed, or picked up at the village office.

## **VILLAGE HISTORIAN...315-639-3522**

John Stano [jstano366@gmail.com](mailto:jstano366@gmail.com)

John would appreciate donations or lending of stories, family pictures, and or artifacts from the Dexter Area.

Check out [www.facebook.com/dexternyhistory](http://www.facebook.com/dexternyhistory) for great pictures and information!

## **POLICE...315- 639-6261** (Village Office)

P/T Police Officers: Chief Christine Kennedy and Steve Wood

**Jefferson County Sheriff's Dept...315-788-1441 Non-Emergency Dispatch...315-786-2601**

**Emergency, Fire, Ambulance or Sheriff's Dept...911 NYS Police...315-782-2112**

If you have a complaint or a problem and need assistance, please call the non-emergency dispatch number at **315-786-2601**. If one of the Dexter Police Officers is on duty, they will be dispatched to the problem. Otherwise, the nearest Jefferson County Sheriff or NY State Police Officer will be dispatched.

## **TOWN OF BROWNVILLE...315-639-6266**

Monday-Thursday Noon-5:00pm & Fridays Noon-4:00pm

[www.townofbrownville.com](http://www.townofbrownville.com) WD#1 & WD#2 along with dog renewals can now be paid on the Town website!

Supervisor: Richard Lane

Town Clerk: Deleha Decker

Deputy Clerk: Novina Green

Councilmen: Jeffery Timerman, Ronald Tepfenhardt, Richard Dodge, William Pickett

The Town issues marriage, hunting, fishing & dog licenses. Birth and death records.

**Town meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM at the Town of Brownville Office located at 16431 Star School House Road, Dexter.**

## **ASSESSOR...315-639-3037** Fax: 315-639-3951

Rebecca Trudell: [Brownville.assessor@gmail.com](mailto:Brownville.assessor@gmail.com)

Assists residents with questions or concerns regarding their property assessment and exemptions.

**Office Hours: Friday 9am-4pm, Brownville Town Office, 16431 Star School House Road, Dexter.**

**TOWN OF BROWNVILLE COURT...315-639-6266, option 1**

Town Justice: Justin Brotherton, Kathy Quencer

Court Clerk: Jamilyn Moser...315-767-6940; [Brownvilletowncourt@nycourts.gov](mailto:Brownvilletowncourt@nycourts.gov)

Court is held every Thursday at 6:00 PM in the Brownville Town Office, 16431 Star School Road, Dexter.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER...315-836-5312, Betsy Ring**

To obtain a dog license, residents of the village can go to the Town of Brownville office, located at 16431 Star School Road, Dexter, Phone: 315-639-6266. Renewals can now be paid via the Town of Brownville website

[www.townofbrownville.com](http://www.townofbrownville.com)

**DEXTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION...315-405-3412**

Gerry Kostyk

**DEXTER CITIZENS COMMITTEE...315-804-7923**

Alana Romeo

**SMITH-SAVAGE AMERICAN LEGION...639-8803**

The monthly meetings for the American Legion are as follows:

Legion Meeting: Second Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM.

Auxiliary Meetings: First Thursday each month at 6:00 PM

Sons of the Legion Meeting: First Thursday each month at 7:00 PM.



**100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration**

**To be held the weekend of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Look for more information to follow!**

**COUNTY OF JEFFERSON BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**

William Johnson, District 2 Legislator, representing Towns of Lyme and Brownville.

<https://co.jefferson.ny.us/towns-of-lyme-and-brownville>

**JEFFERSON COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION...315-785-3027**

Registration forms to register to vote in Jefferson County for General Elections are available in the Village Office. If there has been a change in your name or address since you last voted, if you want to enroll in a political party or change your enrollment, you must fill out a new registration form. To qualify to vote, you must be 18 years of age & have resided at your present address 30 days before the election.

**FRONTIER HOUSING CORPORATION...315-965-8150 Fax: 315-293-2969**

Office Located at 321 Lakeview Drive Dexter, PO Box 56 Email: [info@frontierhousingcorporation.com](mailto:info@frontierhousingcorporation.com)

[www.frontierhousingcorporation.com](http://www.frontierhousingcorporation.com)

**Board of Directors**

President: Cheryl Lane

Vice-President: George Youngs

Treasurer: Becky Flath

Secretary: Beth Todd

Directors: April Marvin, Kathy Pitkin, Michael Heise

**Office Staff**

Director of Operations: Karl Ahlheim

Accountant: Laurie Hulbert

Grants & Program Manager: Nicole Henry

Properties Manager: David Bogart

Maintenance: Anton Attrill, Christopher Chartrand

Frontier Housing Corporation has grant funding available through NYS Affordable Housing Corporation and The North Country HOME Consortium for owner occupied rehabilitation. We serve the following townships: Brownville, Hounsfield, Henderson, Lyme, Adams, Ellisburg, Rodman, Lorraine and Worth. These grants provide financial assistance to help income-eligible homeowners with necessary improvements for their homes. Our focus is making the home safe and energy efficient by testing for lead-based paint, replacing roofs, windows, doors and other repairs throughout the home. For more information, or an application, please contact Frontier Housing Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-4:00 and PM Fridays-8:00 AM-1:00 PM.

**The Frontier Housing industrial building located at 321 Lakeview Drive is currently for sale.**

**Contact Cathy Garlock-NY Licensed R.E. for more information.**

**DEXTER FAIR HOUSING LAW**

The Mayor and Board of Trustees would like to remind residents that the Village of Dexter Fair Housing Law makes it illegal to discriminate in the sale or rental, or the provision of brokerage services due to race, creed, color, religion, sex, handicap, or family status. If anyone feels that they have been discriminated against for any reason, please contact the Village Office at 315-639-6260.

**GENERAL BROWN CENTRAL SCHOOL...315-779-2300**

Superintendent: Brian Moore, [bmoore@gbliions.org](mailto:bmoore@gbliions.org)

**General Brown Junior/Senior HS...17643 Cemetery Rd. Dexter**

Principal: David Ramie, [dramie@gbliions.org](mailto:dramie@gbliions.org)

**Brownville/Glen Park Elementary School...275 E. Main St. Glen Park**

Principal: Amy Scott, [ascott@gbliions.org](mailto:ascott@gbliions.org)

**Dexter Elementary School...415 E. Grove St Dexter**

Principal: Janelle Dupee, [jdupee@gbliions.org](mailto:jdupee@gbliions.org)

**GENERAL BROWN ELEMENTARY PTO You can help support the PTO by:**

- The backpack program continues to provide weekend meals to over 55 students. Food, monetary donations or simply donating some of your time is appreciated, items can be dropped off at elementary buildings during school hours.

-Collecting and dropping off soda can tabs to either elementary school building. We collect these throughout the year and donate them to the Shriners Organization who uses the funds for Shriners Children's Hospital programs.  
-Participating in our Box tops for Education Program. You can do this all from the comfort of your home! The "new" digital approach requires downloading an app to your phone and scanning your grocery receipts. There is nothing to send in! Scanning your receipts will allow the Box Top funds to be deposited directly into the school's account. **We look forward to a great 2023-2024 school year! Thank you for supporting the PTO and your local schools!**

### ***HEAD START PROGRAM...315-782-4900 ext. 236***



***Building Bright Futures, Enroll Your Child in Head Start!***

At Head Start Preschool, we believe in laying the foundation for lifelong learning and success from an early age. Our program is designed to ignite curiosity, foster creativity, and promote social-emotional development in young minds. With a nurturing and stimulating environment, experienced educators, and a research-based curriculum, Head Start offers your child the perfect start to their educational journey. Our innovative approach combines play-based learning with structured activities, ensuring that every child receives individualized attention and support. From developing essential cognitive skills to cultivating a love for learning, we prioritize your child's holistic growth and development. Join our Head Start community and give your child the gift of a strong educational foundation. Together, let's embark on a journey of exploration, discovery, and endless possibilities for your little one's future.

### ***AMBULANCE SERVICES...315-788-8105***

The Town of Brownville, with cooperation from the Villages of Dexter, Brownville and Glen Park, have contracted with Guilfoyle Ambulance Service, Inc. to provide ambulance service on a 24/7 basis to the Town of Brownville and the Villages of Dexter, Brownville, and Glen Park. **Guilfoyle will bill your private insurance carrier, Medicare or Medicaid for their services. You will be required to provide Guilfoyle personnel with your insurance information when requested.** The contract does not include routine nonemergency transfers to and from the home, hospitals or doctor's offices. If you need an ambulance, please **call 911** and the Guilfoyle ambulance will be dispatched to your residence.

### ***DISABLED PERSONS PERMIT***

Plastic hanging permits are available for Village residents at the Village Office. To obtain a permit you need an application certified by a physician, or a dated certification letter from your physician on official stationery stating a permanent or temporary disability. If you have a driver's license, a copy is required at the time the handicapped hanger is issued. A copy can be made at the Village Office.

### ***VILLAGE SQUARE PUBLIC SIGN***

Nonprofit events may be advertised on the Village Square sign. Anyone wishing to use the sign will need to contact the Village Office at **315-639-6260** or stop in.

### ***PARKING***

**Whether there is snow or not the parking of vehicles is hereby prohibited on all highways or between the sidewalk & the street within the village of dexter between 2:00 am and 6:00 am November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Violators will be ticketed, towed or both.**

Public parking at a local business must not interfere with emergency vehicles. Fire, rescue and ambulance vehicles must have a clear path to and from the Municipal Building at all times. There is no parking allowed on East Kirby St. across from the Laundromat in signed areas. Violators will have the appropriate action taken.

**Storage of abandoned, unused, or unlicensed motor vehicles upon private land within the village, unless wholly contained in a garage or other structure is prohibited.** A 30-day permit can be obtained in the Village Office. **Violators can be issued a fine of up to \$250.**

Basketball hoops or any other obstructions within the Village Right of Way need to be removed. The Village will not be responsible for any incidents and or damages that may occur from such obstructions.

### ***BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA PROGRAMS***

#### ***CUB SCOUT PACK 55***

Cub Scouts is open to all youth from kindergarten through 5th grade. Meetings are Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM at Scout Hall, 227 East Bronson Street, Dexter.

For more information contact Mike Shanahan at {315}408-8049 or email [pack55dexterny@gmail.com](mailto:pack55dexterny@gmail.com)

#### ***BOY SCOUT TROOP 55***

Boy Scouts is open to boys ages 11 through 17. Meetings are Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM at Scout Hall, 227 East Bronson Street, Dexter.

For more information contact Mike Shanahan at 315-408-8049 or email [troop55dexterny@gmail.com](mailto:troop55dexterny@gmail.com)

If you would like to donate cans & bottles to the Troop, please drop them off in the shed located in the Dexter American Legion parking lot, labeled as "Boy Scouts Drop Off for Bottles & Cans." Proceeds from these donations are crucial to the Troop, helping cover the costs of supplies, service projects and summer camp expenses.

#### ***SEA SCOUT SHIP 55 AND VENTURING CREW 55***

Sea Scouts is a specialized program for young men and women ages 14 to 20. Sea Scouts units focus on sailing, boating and paddle-sport skills. Sea Scouts is the official youth program of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Visit [www.seascouts.org](http://www.seascouts.org)

Venturing is a Youth Development Program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and woman ages 14 through 20. Venturing units provide exciting, positive experiences to help young people mature and prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Visit [www.venturing.org](http://www.venturing.org)

For more information contact Mike Shanahan at 315-408-8049 or email [troop55dexterny@gmail.com](mailto:troop55dexterny@gmail.com)

## **DEXTER FREE LIBRARY...315-639-6785**

120 East Kirby Street  
Email: [dexlib@ncls.org](mailto:dexlib@ncls.org)

Director: Colleen Ellingsworth  
Staff: Cindy Parker  
President: Liz Bourcy  
Secretary: Sabrina Dettmer  
Treasurer: Rebecca Hall  
Members at large: Marcia Schryver & Linda Carroll

**Library Board of Trustees meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at 6:00 PM.**

Have you ever considered being more involved in the library? We are looking for interested people to become Trustees on our Board. You can stop by the library to find out more about it, or attend any regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Join us every Tuesday from 2-4 for our Adult Social Gathering with puzzles, snacks, and laughs!

Teen Time is every first Thursday of the month from 4-5. We have snacks and games to play.

Our new Lego Club meets the third Thursday of every month from 3:30-5. All ages welcome!

We still have solar eclipse glasses for library card holders. Stop in!

**Join us every Wednesday at 10:30am for story hour with reading and crafts.**

For more upcoming events please visit us at <https://www.dexterfreelibrary.org> or check us out on Facebook or Instagram.

## **DEXTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

President: Carolyn {Corky} Marlowe  
Secretary: Lynne Rigabar  
Corresponding Secretary: Deborah Harmann  
Treasurer: Roy Parsons

**Board of Trustees meet at the Dexter Village Offices, 509 Liberty Street, at 7:00PM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.**

The goal of the Dexter Historical Society is to make the rich and interesting history of the Dexter area, including Limerick & Pillar Point, readily available to all residents of and visitors to our community. To this end, the Society presents a series of programs and events each year and maintains the Dexter Area Museum, 105 East Kirby Street. It is our goal to open the Museum to the public at regular times each week. To make this possible, we must first complete the sorting & detailed cataloging of the Society's holdings, a task which will require significant time and effort from a team of volunteers. We invite anyone interested in assisting with this task to join with us in our efforts to provide regular public access to the Museum.

The Museum building is now over 180 years old. The exterior of the building has been scraped and repainted, the steeple has been repaired, and the bell which previously hung has been removed and mounted on a pedestal beside the Museum, with a big help from our fellow Village DPW. Interior maintenance still needs to be done; and pressure washing will be done to the exterior to remove grime and insects.

All are welcome to attend the meetings to learn more about the Society's work & programs. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Society, annual membership fees, per individual, are as follows: Regular Membership: \$10.00; Sponsor Membership: \$20.00; Patron: \$30.00; Lifetime Membership: \$200.00. There is no membership fee for students. To join, send information and fee to the Dexter Historical Society, PO Box 231, Dexter, New York 13634. If you would like to help us create a truly available Dexter Area Museum or would like more information about the Society, please contact the Society **President Carolyn Marlowe @ 315-782-4705 or [church314@twc.com](mailto:church314@twc.com)**

Check out **Facebook.com** and enter **@dexternyhistory** into the search bar. We offer our sincerest thanks to the Dexter Community for all of your interest & support.

## **THE LAST STATION CAMPAIGN DEXTER VOL. FD, INC. & DEXTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY, As of March 27, 2024**

Thanks to many volunteers, the heating system provided by the Northern New York Community Foundation (NNYCF), and The Last Station Committee deciding to insulate the new building with a couple inches of spray foam, we have been able to work on the inside of the building during the winter months.

The historical society's second floor storage area is complete, electrical installation is roughed in & complete in areas, fiberglass insulation on top of the spray foam is installed, the breezeway is about ready to paint, and the ceiling is being installed. It is safe to say that about 80% of the interior work is done. With the help of the Village of Dexter, Town of Brownville, and a break in the weather we were able to upgrade the sewer and water connection to the museum and install a connection to the new building.

Since the inception of the project in 2019 we have experienced a 20%+ cost increase for materials. We have also included several items in the project that complement the existing museum building to make it an integral part of the Dexter Historical Society Campus, provide much needed storage space for the historical society and to ensure The Last Station will last well into the future to perpetuate the history of the Dexter Volunteer Fire Department. Yes, the costs have exceeded our 2019 estimate.

Personal donations, donations in memory of people that have passed on, business donations, fund raising activities by the two organizations, the grant from the NNYCF, volunteer time and village & town equipment, work force and material have allowed us to get the project to where it is today, but we need a little more to get us over the hump to complete the project. At recent meetings of the fire department and historical society the memberships have agreed to commit to helping the project to get over this hump to completion. But please remember that both organizations have their own budget constraints, and we will need help covering utility, insurance and maintenance costs going into the

### **Library Hours:**

**Tuesday: 10am – 6pm**

**Wednesdays: 10am – 6pm**

**Thursday: 10am-6pm**

**Saturday: 9am-Noon**



*The Dexter Historical Society, in collaboration with the Dexter Volunteer Fire Department, is offering two "Special Occasion Calendars" for \$10 each or \$15 for both. Checks can be made payable to the Dexter Volunteer Fire Department. Contact Gerry Kostyk at 315-405-3412, Mike Heise at 315-778-6942 or Corky Marlowe at 315-782-4705. Calendars are food forever as there is no date on them. Thank you for your support!*



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future. Please consider contributing to The Last Station Funding Drive to not only help us move forward, but also to be recognized in the new building for doing so.

To date we have about half of the spaces on the fire department memorial cross filled. Plaques for the Maltese Memorial Cross honoring firefighters and auxiliary members that have answered their last call are still available. The final resting place for the memorial cross will be at The Last Station and will become an important part of the department's history. The plaques for the cross can be purchased by family and friends of those who served the Dexter Fire Department. Forms required for the plaques are available at the display or by contacting Gerry Kostyk, Chairperson. Please phone or Text @ 315-405-3412 or email [gkostyk@twcny.rr.com](mailto:gkostyk@twcny.rr.com). Please do not hesitate to contact Gerry if there are any questions. Thank you to all that have donated time and made donations to the Dexter Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.'s Last Station Funding Drive, and the Dexter Historical Society's Capital Campaign to build a facility to help perpetuate a valuable part of Dexter and the Dexter Area's history.



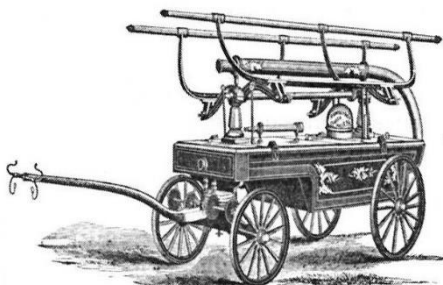
## THE LAST STATION RIBBON CUTTING SUNDAY, JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>!

### ACCESSIBILITY

Another very significant part of the project is the addition of facilities which will make both The Last Station and the Dexter Area Museum accessible for the handicapped and for those who are not so young anymore. A lift is being installed which will run between The Last Station, at ground level, and the Museum, which is over half a story higher, making the Museum fully accessible. The restroom facilities will be handicapped accessible also (which those in the Museum most definitely are not).

**When we began this project, cost estimates were at around \$100,000. We set this as our initial goal. Since that time, estimates have risen to at least \$125,000. The reasons for this, which include supply chain issues and the current state of our economy, are all too familiar to most. To date, we have raised approximately \$90,000 – certainly encouraging, but the completion of the project will require even more generosity from the people of our community. Please help us to finish this great project and, through it, to honor those who give and have given selflessly to ensure our safety and well-being.**

For more information about The Last Station, contact Last Station Committee Chairman Gerry Kostyk at 315-405-3412



**AT THE LAST STATION**  
 1929 Brockway Pumper  
 1865 Rumsey Hand Pumper  
 Exhibits showing the history of the Dexter Volunteer Fire Department and the Dexter EMS  
 Storage Space for the Dexter Historical Society  
 Handicapped Lift to the Museum  
 Handicapped Accessible Restroom Facilities



### THE LAST STATION FUNDING DRIVE

The Dexter Volunteer Fire Department is turning to the residents of the Dexter area for help with a very significant project. Partnering with the Dexter Historical Society, we are adding a new building to the Society's Museum, to be known as The Last Station. The building will house two historic pumpers owned by the DVFD and related exhibits, as well as storage space, which the Society badly needs.

The facility will increase public awareness of a most important part of our village's history. Perhaps more significantly, it will honor our firefighters and the selfless service they have provided to our community for over a century and a half. The building and its exhibits will be unique in the region and possibly in all of Upstate New York. They are certain to draw many visitors to our village.

This Drive is separate from the Historical Society's Capital Campaign, If you have given to that campaign, we thank you very much. We certainly do not expect you to give to this drive, also (but we would not discourage it, either).

### GIVING CATEGORIES

Through this funding drive, the Dexter Volunteer Fire Department hopes to raise the funds still needed to complete The Last Station. Any contribution is very much appreciated, of course. However, we are hoping for a number of substantial donations, given the importance of this project. We are establishing three categories of giving, with donors to be listed on three appropriate Last Station donor plaques, each in the form of a fire hydrant. (These will be separate from the Historical Society's Capital Campaign plaque, listing only donors to this drive.)

The three categories, with donation ranges, are:

**GOLD HYDRANT: \$500+**

**SILVER HYDRANT: \$250-\$499**

**BRONZE HYDRANT: \$100-\$249**

There will also be a Major Donors plaque, a **Chief's Helmet**, where the names of those donating \$1000 or more will be listed. This list will include anyone whose combined donations to the Funding Drive, the Capital Campaign, and any other fund-raising efforts total \$1000 or more.

(It would be possible, then, for a donor to be listed on the Historical Society's Capital Campaign plaque, on one of the Hydrants, and on the Chief's Helmet. We encourage our supporters to consider this possibility.)



### THE LAST STATION FUNDING DRIVE

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payable to: Dexter Volunteer Fire Department  
 100 Locke St Dexter, NY 13634

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Immaculate Conception	Brownville	Saturday: 5:30 PM, Sunday 9:00AM
St. Andrews	Sackets Harbor	Saturday: 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM
United Methodist Church	Dexter	Sunday 9:30 AM
United Methodist Church	Brownville	Sunday 11:00 AM
Presbyterian Church	Dexter	Sunday 11:00 AM
Presbyterian Church	Chaumont	Sunday 9:30 AM
Airport Fellowship Church	Dexter	Sunday 10:00 AM

## **DEXTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Located at 210 West Kirby Street in the Village of Dexter. The Church holds worship service every Sunday at 9:30AM. Pastor, Joseph Auslander along with his wife Martha serve as a ¼ time pastor and we wish them well. Come join us... you will find friendly, welcoming people.

The Methodist Church has a St. Pauley Shed drop off box, available in the church parking lot, for community members to donate wearable clean clothing, shoes, belts, purses, linens, blankets, curtains, etc. Please no rags or fabric scraps. All items must be tied in plastic bags before being placed in the drop box. This is a mission program. Used clothing is given to families in the United States as well as in 43 other countries. All items are shipped whole garment and will be worn by someone someplace. Receipts for tax deductions are available in the mailbox on the drop box.

## **TOWN OF BROWNVILLE FOOD PANTRY**

Located in the basement of the Dexter United Methodist Church  
210 West Kirby Street, PO Box 642, Dexter, New York

**Coordinators:** Barb Compeau: 315-788-5238, Barbara Tyler: 315-271-5844

**The Pantry is open to all residents within the Town of Brownville** to include both residents within the villages of Brownville, Glen Park, Dexter as well as residents outside of the village limits and Pillar Point. We welcome anyone who is in need of a little extra help each month.

## **Dates & Times the Food Pantry is open is as follows:**

### **January - October 2024**

Second Wednesday each month: 2:00-3:00pm

Third & Fourth Wednesday each month: 6:00 PM-7:00pm

### **November - December 2024**

First Wednesday each month: 2:00-3:00pm

Second & Third Wednesday each month: 6:00pm-7:00pm

*\*If General Brown School cancels school because of weather the pantry will also be closed unless otherwise stated at the bottom of the channel 7 TV screen {channel 4 on Spectrum Cable}.*

## **The food pantry will allow you to choose your own food items, with some restrictions listed below.**

- 1.) You will still remain in your vehicle until it is your turn. We will get your information and give you a number.
- 2.) The Town of Brownville Food Pantry is open to all qualifying residents in the Town of Brownville to include the Villages of Dexter, Brownville, and Glen Park. You will need to fill out and sign a short form, show a photo ID, along with two proofs of current residence showing your actual physical address such as a National Grid Statement {not PO box or an envelope}. All information provided is confidential and kept in locked files.
- 3.) Only one person per family will be allowed in the pantry. If you need extra assistance, the assistant will also need to abide by the rules.

The food pantry provides a five-day supply of food and you may choose your items. A volunteer will provide you with the quantity you will receive in regard to your family size. Residents from the Town of Brownville may visit the food pantry once a month. We do not make deliveries to your home.

## **The following is a list of food we try to keep in stock:**

Canned Vegetables	Spaghetti Sauce	Dry Milk/Canned Milk	Juices
Jellies & Jams	Canned Fruit	Peanut Butter	Baby Foods
Dried Beans	Tuna Fish	Canned Meats & Stew	Canned
Pasta Meals		Frozen Meats	

## **The following are popular non-food items needed:**

Bathroom Tissue	Tooth Paste/Tooth Brushes	Deodorant
Hand Soap	Shampoo	

**Drop off boxes located at** the Dexter & Brownville Post Offices, the Brownville & Glen Park Village Offices, and the United Methodist Church in Dexter. Please be sure to notify one of our contacts prior to dropping off any donations to the United Methodist Church to ensure that someone will be there. For monetary donations checks may be made payable to the Dexter United Methodist Church Food Pantry mailed to PO Box 642, Dexter, New York 13634. Please no open or partially used products. New York State allows us to give out food items that are no more than one-year past expiration date. Volunteers check every item donated for expiration dates, please do not bring items that cannot be of use to us.

*The Town of Brownville Food Pantry wants to thank everyone who continues to make donations to the food pantry. Our pantry appreciates your support, kindness and thoughtfulness towards others in our communities. We are able to keep our food pantry open because of caring people like you as well as our 35 volunteers who help run the pantry. Volunteers come from the three villages within the Town of Brownville, Watertown, and Town of Hounsfield. They include young and older men, women, students from the General Brown School District, Boy Scouts, and Cub Scouts. The pantry couldn't function without their help and dedication.*

**LOCAL LAW #4 OF 4-2017 DOG CONTROL**

According to Village of Dexter Local Law #4 of 2017, dogs are not permitted to run at large, deposit waste on public or private property, bark, howl, or whine continually, within the Village of Dexter. Violation of this law is punishable by a fine of \$25.00 or more. Any dog, running loose without a collar or tag will be considered unlicensed or any dog creating a nuisance will be picked up by the Dog Control Officer. Should you encounter a problem with a stray dog or a bothersome dog, please call the Dog Control Officer Betsy Ring 315-836-5312.

**DOG LICENSE**

To obtain a dog license, residents of the village can go to the Town of Brownville office, located at 16431 Star School Road, Dexter, Phone-315-639-6266.

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**VILLAGE OF DEXTER PRIOR NOTICE LAW**

No civil actions shall be maintained against the Village of Dexter for damages or injuries to persons or property sustained by reason of any highway, bridge, sidewalk, or culvert being defective, out of repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed unless: written notice of such a condition was received by the clerk of the village, and there was a failure or neglect within a reasonable time after the giving of such notice to repair or correct the defect.

**Village Law §6-602; Highway Law §319**

This is a friendly reminder that the Village of Dexter Department of Public Works/Highway Department has no liability in replacing or repairing mailboxes or other fixtures that are placed in the village’s right-of-way. During the course of roadway maintenance and snowplowing, such items may be unintentionally damaged. We regret that this may happen from time to time, but our road safety and maintenance is priority and of the utmost importance. Property owners have no right to interfere with a speedy and efficient removal of snow by placing the mailbox in such a position as to cause interference. There is no statutory law or legal authority which grants a property owner or resident along a public highway or street the right to place a mailbox in a highway right-of-way. Please see Village Law §6-602; Highway Law §319, which can be found online.

**The Village of Dexter’s Sewer Code {Article VI § 232-25} states the following:** “No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, groundwater, roof run-off, sub-surface drainage, cooling water, or industrial process water to the public sewer.” This code includes sump pumps. It is illegal to discharge water from sump pumps into the sanitary sewers. Sump pumps must discharge into the storm sewer or out into the yard. For questions, please call the Village Office at 315-639-6260 or the DPW at 315-639-4200.

**Per Village of Dexter Code §310-15: Damage to Water Meters**

“Any damage which any meter may sustain by reason of the carelessness of the owner, his agent or tenant of the premises or from neglect of any of them to properly protect the same, including any damage or injury that may result from allowing said meter to become frozen or otherwise injured, shall be paid to the Village of Dexter by the owner of the property served by such meter.”

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**WATER FILLING STATION**

The Village of Dexter has a water filling station  
Located next to the DPW building at 223 lakeview drive.

**WATER FILL RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- 2 INCH VALVE:** \$1.50 – 250 GAL; \$3.00 – 500 GAL; \$6.00 – 1000 GAL
- ½ INCH VALVE:** \$0.50 – 5 GALLONS

\*Exact change must be used. Machine does not make change. Please read directions before operating.  
Questions: call the village office at 315-639-6260.

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**SEWER DISCHARGES**

To the residents of the Village of Dexter,

In 2016 the Village of Dexter underwent a multimillion-dollar sewer system upgrade. At that time Village residents were notified to have any and all discharge water that was being sent to the public sewer system rectified.

**Per Village Code Article VI Use of Public Sewers, 232-25. Drainage discharges. It states, “No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, cooling water, or industrial process waters to the public sewer”.**

The Village is requesting inspections of the storm drainage discharges on all Village properties. The Village will begin enforcing removal of all “illegal” connections to the sanitary sewer system. The Dexter Code provides penalties at \$250 per day for the failure to comply with a notice to disconnect an illegal connection within 30 days. The Village expects there will be a high rate of voluntary compliance with this inspection program as the goal is to reduce sewer treatment plant costs, in turn keeping sewer rate increases to a minimum.

All residents are being asked to please call the Village Office to set up an appointment for an inspection with James Millington, Village of Dexter Code Enforcement. After being inspected documentation will be provided to the homeowner as well as being filed with the clerk in said resident’s file. Thank you for your time in the matter.

Respectfully,  
James R. Eves, Mayor

## TRASH REMOVAL

### PICK N GO PROPERTY WASTE SERVICES

#### Weekly Service, Thursdays, beginning at 7am

All recyclables and trash must be curbside by 7am in order to be picked up.

- Refuse is limited to six 33-gallon trash bags weighing no more than 40 lbs. each.
- All recyclables must be rinsed and cleaned. Recyclables can be placed together in one container or one CLEAR plastic bag.
- All cardboard must be broken down/flattened, tied and separated from all other trash and recyclables.
- Electronics, including televisions, will NOT be picked up on weekly trash days or during the Spring & Fall Cleanup Days. See notice below to dispose of electronics. -Please place trash bags in trash cans with covers.

**Recyclables cannot be mixed with garbage.** Landfills are strictly enforcing the Jefferson County Recycling Law. The landfill will not accept and will issue fines to the Village for cardboard mixed with garbage.

**PICK N GO Recycles**

Our weekly **no-sort** recycling service can handle all of these items:

Cardboard	Paper	Plastic	Metal	Glass
Lightweight Cardboard Corrugated Cardboard	Newspapers & Inserts Junk Mail & Magazines Phonebooks & Paperbacks Brown Grocery Bags Milk & Juice Cartons	Plastic Containers (#1-7) Milk & Water Jugs Cottage Cheese, Yogurt, & Pudding Cups Soap & Detergent Bottles	Food & Beverage Cans Clean Aluminum Foil Aluminum Plates & Trays Empty Aerosol Cans Meal Lids	Clear, Green, & Amber Glass Canning Jars Liquor & Wine Bottles Food & Beverage Jars
<b>BUT NOT:</b> Wax-, Plastic-, or Metal-Coated Cardboard Styrofoam, Food-Contaminated Boxes	<b>BUT NOT:</b> Hardcover Books Napkins, Paper Plates, Cups Tissue/Toilet Paper	<b>BUT NOT:</b> Plastic Bags or Toys Styrofoam or Packaging Motor Oil or Rx Bottles	<b>BUT NOT:</b> Propane Tanks or Paint Cans Clothes Hangers or Silverware Small Appliances or Scrap	<b>BUT NOT:</b> Lightbulbs or Broken Glass Drinking Glass, Ovenware Dishes, Mirrors, or Windows

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS ALSO INCLUDE:**  
Contained Gaseous Waste · Dead Animals · Hazardous Waste · Infectious Waste · Mercury-Containing Waste · Liquid Waste  
Medical Waste · Pesticides & Chemicals · Radioactive Waste · Scrap Metals

**If the above rules are not followed the trash will not be picked up.**

Any questions, please call the Village Office 315-639-6260.

## SPRING CLEAN UP SATURDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

SEE THE VILLAGE WEBSITE FOR RESTRICTIONS

When residents or contractors cut down trees within the Village of Dexter, they are responsible for taking away any and all wood and brush. The Village DPW will pick up limbs once during the week of spring and fall clean up and after severe storm damage. All other brush and trimmings throughout the year will need to be taken to the Town of Brownville Transfer Site or the Jefferson County Transfer Site. Brush and limbs need to be removed from the side of the road within 14 days.

For Village residents the Town of Brownville Transfer Site will accept electronics, to include computers, printers, monitors, televisions, microwaves and rechargeable batteries along with green material- leaves, lawn clippings and branches up to 4" diameter and 4' lengths. **If you are a resident of the Village of Dexter, a permit for the transfer site can be picked up at the Village Office during normal office hours, there is no permit fee.**

**Brownville Transfer Site** Game Farm Rd, Brownville, Ny 13615

Hours for Village Residents are as follows: **Wednesdays: 2:00 - 7:00pm & Saturdays: 8:00am - 3:00pm**

**Jefferson County Recycling & Waste Management Facility...315-785-9072**

27138 State Route 12 North, Watertown, New York 13601.

Hours for the facility are as follows: **Monday - Friday: 7:30am - 3:00pm & Saturday: 7:30am - 1:00pm**





## The Village of Dexter is Honoring its Service Members!

The Village of Dexter is launching a Hometown Heroes Banner Program as a living tribute for our community to honor past and present members of the Armed Forces. The banners, similar to the one above, will be hung on utility poles lining the village streets.

If you have loved one that you would like to honor, please contact us.

### Village of Dexter

509 Liberty Street Dexter, NY 13634

Christine Kennedy

Chief of Police, Dexter Police Department

[Dexternypd@gmail.com](mailto:Dexternypd@gmail.com) or (315)-639-6260



### ***DON'T GET SCAMMED***

Phone, text and email scams are on the rise and scammers are becoming more and more sophisticated in their tactics. They may call you claiming to be a family member in legal trouble needing bail money. They might claim your accounts are in danger of being closed, utilities will be shut off or threaten you or your family with legal action. Scammers rely on creating a sense of urgency to get you to act without thinking. These high-pressure tactics are red flags of a scam.

- Don't rely on caller ID-scammers can make it seem that they are calling from a legitimate business
- If you are suspicious of a call, text or email, contact the business through their published phone number
- Never give sensitive information- PINs, account numbers, social security number, etc.
- Never click on an unsolicited link sent via text message- especially if it asks you to sign in to your bank account
- Be skeptical of every email-often, the scammer will disguise the email to look and sound like it's from your bank or other legitimate business.
- If they tell you that you have to pay a bill using gift cards-IT IS A SCAM!

### **What to do if you fall for a scam**

1. If you gave a scammer personal information like your SSN or bank account number, go to IdentityTheft.gov or call (877) 438-4338 to see what steps to take, including how to monitor your credit.
2. Change your password if you shared any sort of username or password.
3. Contact your bank and/or credit card company.
4. If you lost money, file a police report by calling 315-786-2601.
5. Report the scam to the Federal Trade Commission or call 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357).

### **REMINDERS:**

The operation of Utility Terrain Vehicles is not permitted on Village roadways.

### ***ANNUAL BURN BAN***

The annual state ban on outdoor burning begins on March 16 and extends through May 14. With the winter season this year providing much less snow than normal across Tug Hill, the wildfire danger may start earlier than normal, so the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation "advocating extra vigilance before the burn ban goes into effect". Open burning remains the single greatest cause of wildfires in New York.

### ***WATER BILLS***

Water bills are **mailed quarterly on or before January 10<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>**. It is your responsibility to know when your bill is due, if you do not receive your water billing by the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month they are mailed out, please call the Village Office at 315-639-6260 for information on your billing. Please keep our office updated with current contact information and any address changes. **If the water, sewer, and refuse billing is not paid within the allotted 60-day period and service is shut off, a restoration fee of \$50.00 will be charged and added to the amount due. The restoration fee for turn on afterhours, weekends, and holidays is \$100.00. The full amount due must be paid before services will be reinstated.**

**There is a drop box located next to the side entrance of the Village Office**, located at 509 Liberty Street, for your convenience. If you need to leave water payments, tax payments, building permits, or other information after office hours, please use this drop box. Be sure to put all payments in an envelope with your name address or account number included.

**Summer 2024 Newsletter** new information is due March 25, 2024: Articles/information can be e-mailed to [mayordexter@villageofdexterny.com](mailto:mayordexter@villageofdexterny.com), faxed to 315-639-3121, or left at the Village Office located at 509 Liberty Street, Drop box available.

### **Spring 2024 EVENTS**

Look for postings on the Village Sign and the Village Calendar [www.villageofdexterny.com](http://www.villageofdexterny.com)

Tuesday, Apr 2, 2024	Presidential Primary Election, Village Offices, 6:00am-9:00pm
Wednesday, Apr 3, 2024	DVFD Meeting, 7:00pm
Thursday, Apr 4, 2024	Water Bills Mailed
Tuesday, Apr 9, 2024	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00pm
Wednesday, Apr 10, 2024	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 2:00-3:00pm
Monday, Apr 15, 2024	Tax Day
Wednesday, Apr 17, 2024	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 6:00-7:00pm
Wednesday, Apr 24, 2024	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 6:00-7:00pm
Monday, Apr 29, 2024	Planning Board Meeting if business, 6:30pm Zoning Board Meeting if business, 6:30pm
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	DVFD Meeting, 7:00pm
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 2:00-3:00pm
Sunday, May 12, 2024	<b><i>Mother's Day</i></b>
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 6:00-7:00pm
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00pm
Saturday, May 18, 2024	<b>Spring Clean Up, 7am</b>
Saturday, May 18, 2024	Breakfast, Pillar Point VFD
Sunday, May 19, 2024	Chicken BBQ, DVFD
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 6:00-7:00pm
Monday, May 27, 2024	<b>Memorial Day</b>
Wednesday, June 5, 2024	DVFD Meeting, 7:00pm
Weekend of June 8, 2024	<b>American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Year</b> Anniversary Celebration <i>Look for more information to follow</i>
Wednesday, June 12, 2024	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 2:00-3:00pm
Friday, June 15, 2024	<b>Flag Day</b>
Saturday, June 15, 2024	Breakfast, Pillar Point VFD
Sunday, June 16, 2024	<b><i>Father's Day</i></b>
Sunday, June 16, 2024	Chicken BBQ, DVFD
Tuesday, June 18, 2024	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00pm
Wednesday, June 19, 2024	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 6:00-7:00pm
Sunday, June 23, 2024	The Last Station Ribbon Breaking Ceremony, 105 East Kirby <i>Look for more information to follow</i>
Monday, June 24, 2024	Get information in for Summer 2024 Newsletter
Monday, June 24, 2024	Planning Board Meeting if business, 6:30pm
Wednesday, June 26, 2024	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday, July 4, 2024	<b>Independence Day</b>