

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Winter 2025

Village Office located at 509 Liberty Street

PUBLISHED QUARTERLY

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 2nd Tuesday and December's reorganizational meeting which is held on the 1st 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

Email: mayordexter@villageofdexterny.com

Village Clerk-Treasurer: Michelle McGrann

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer: Danielle Queior

PLANNING BOARD

Chairman: Stephanie Ferguson

Members: Deborah Harmann, Carol Oliver,

Vice Chairman: Brian Moore

Charlene Mannigan, Tammy Hanson, Tiffany Ladd

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 315-771-2772

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

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

Check out www.facebook.com/dexternyhistory for great pictures and information!

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

P/T Police Officers: Chief Christine Kennedy, Steve Wood, and Dennis O'Brien

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

Supervisor: Richard Lane Town Clerk: Novina Green Deputy Clerk: Michelle Kurzenberger

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

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

WD#1 & WD#2 along with dog renewals can now be paid on the Town website!

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

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: Kathy Quencer, Joe Murphy

Court Clerk: Jamilyn Moser...315-767-6940; 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

DEXTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION...315-405-3412

Gerry Kostyk

DEXTER CITIZENS COMMITTEE ...315-577-0960

Glenn Rifenburg

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.



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

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: Lucas Conklin

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.

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

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

Principal: David Ramie, dramie@gbliions.org

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

Principal: Amy Scott, ascott@gbliions.org

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

Principal: Janelle Dupee, jdupree@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 2024-2025 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.

DEXTER FREE LIBRARY...315-639-6785

120 East Kirby Street

Email: dexlib@ncls.org or cellingsworth@ncls.org

Director: Colleen Ellingsworth

Staff: Cindy Parker

President: Sabrina Dettmer

Secretary: Sarah Ellingsworth

Treasurer: Rebecca Hall

Members at large: Liz Bourcy, Linda Carroll, Lori Guerriero, Kathy Lent, Janice O'Connell, Al Romano

Library Board of Trustees meet the 2nd Tuesday of month at 6:00 PM.

Library Hours:

Tuesday: 10am – 6pm

Wednesdays: 10am – 6pm

Thursday: 10am-6pm

Saturday: 9am-Noon

Adult Social Hour is Tuesdays at 1:00. Join us for crafts, puzzles, games, and laughs!

Preschool Story Hour is Wednesdays at 10:30.

It's a nice time for caregivers to visit while the children make crafts, play together and hear stories.

Elementary Play Time is Thursdays from 3:30-5:00.

Crafts, games, Legos, toys, and books are available. (Students must be accompanied by an adult.)

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

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

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

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

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

For more information contact Mike Shanahan at 315-408-8049 or email troop55dexterny@gmail.com

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 2nd Tuesday of each month.



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!

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.

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**

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.

DEXTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. & DEXTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY LAST STATION PROJECT, As of December 23, 2024.

With the help of the Village of Dexter crew and equipment, and materials from the Town of Brownville, the committee, fire department, and historical society were able to wrap up the construction of the retaining wall between the new building and E. Kirby Street towards the end of October. Though we are set up to install the flagpole, donated by the Dexter American Legion, the weather just did not cooperate. With the help of Marty Beaman, his wife Marge, and their son the committee was able to pull off an excellent pulled pork recognition luncheon, held at the historical society campus, for people that helped us with the project on November 14th.

Bill Haller and the committee have completed the process of naming the museum building itself, designated areas of the museum and Last Station to commemorate individuals and families that have helped make the Dexter Historical Society and the Dexter Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. what they are today. The building and area dedications are scheduled for Sunday May 18th, 2025. There is a fire engine and pumper event being planned for June 8th, 2025. There will be more information in the future.

The historical society and fire department have organized The Last Station Coordinating Committee to take care of the museum complex and to perpetuate the area's history into the future. The historical society started scheduling dates and times for the museum and Last Station to be open to the public over the past summer months. The response was positive, and the scheduling will be considered for the summer months to come.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the window display during the holiday season. We certainly would entertain ideas and props for future displays in the window. Please contact Gerry Kostyk using the information below.

To date we have better than half of the spaces on the fire department memorial cross filled. Plaques for the Maltese Memorial Cross to honoring firefighters and auxiliary members that have answered their last call are still available. The Memorial Cross is on display 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 on the cross, are available at the display or by contacting Gerry Kostyk, Chairperson. Please phone or Text @ 315-405-3412 or email 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., and the Dexter Historical Society to help us build a facility to house and perpetuate the history of Dexter and surrounding area. The new building is complete, but the fire department

and historical society will accept donations to help offset utility, insurance, and future building maintenance costs. Checks should be made out and sent to either the Dexter Historical Society, PO Box 231, Dexter, NY 13634, or Dexter Vol. Fire Dept. Inc. ("The Last Station Future" in the Memo) PO Box 74, 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 serves as a ¼ time pastor along with his wife Martha 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 2025

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

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

November - December 2025

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 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.

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 1st to April 1st. 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.

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.

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."

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.

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

1/2 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.

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.
- Recyclables must be rinsed and cleaned. They 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
BUT NOT: Wax-, Plastic-, or Metal-Coated Cardboard Styrofoam, Food-Contaminated Boxes	BUT NOT: Hardcover Books Napkins, Paper Plates, Cups Tissue/Toilet Paper	BUT NOT: Plastic Bags or Toys Styrofoam or Packaging Motor Oil or Rx Bottles	BUT NOT: Propane Tanks or Paint Cans Clothes Hangers or Silverware Small Appliances or Scrap	BUT NOT: 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.

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

All submissions must be received by April 1, 2025.

Village of Dexter

PO Box 62, 509 Liberty Street Dexter, NY 13634

Christine Kennedy

Chief of Police, Dexter Police Department

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.

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 1st to April 1st. Violators will be ticketed, towed or both.

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.

WATER BILLS

Water bills are **mailed quarterly on or before January 10th, April 10th, July 10th and October 10th**. It is your responsibility to know when your bill is due, if you do not receive your water billing by the 16th 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.

Spring 2025 Newsletter new information is due March 27, 2025: Articles/information can be e-mailed to mayordexter@villageofdexterny.com, faxed to 315-639-3121, or left at the Village Office located at 509 Liberty Street, Drop box available.

WINTER 2025 EVENTS

Look for postings on the Village Sign and the Village Calendar www.villageofdexterny.com

Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025	Wishing a year of Happiness & Good Health to all!
Thursday, Jan 2, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Monday, Jan 6, 2025	Water Bills Mailed
Monday, Jan 6, 2025	Christmas Tree Pick Up , Curbside, One Day Only
Tuesday, Jan 7, 2025	Adult Social Hour, Dexter Library, 1:00pm
Wednesday, Jan 8, 2025	Preschool Story Hour, Dexter Library, 10:30am
Wednesday, Jan 8, 2025	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 2:00-3:00pm
Thursday, Jan 9, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Tuesday, Jan 14, 2025	Adult Social Hour, Dexter Library, 1:00pm
Wednesday, Jan 15, 2025	Preschool Story Hour, Dexter Library, 10:30am
Wednesday, Jan 15, 2025	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday, Jan 16, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Monday, Jan 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Village Office Closed
Tuesday, Jan 21, 2025	Adult Social Hour, Dexter Library, 1:00pm
Tuesday, Jan 21, 2025	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00
Wednesday, Jan 22, 2025	Preschool Story Hour, Dexter Library, 10:30am
Wednesday, Jan 22, 2025	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday, Jan 23, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Monday, Jan 27, 2025	Planning Board Meeting if business, 6:30pm Zoning Board Meeting if business, 6:30pm
Tuesday, Jan 28, 2025	Adult Social Hour, Dexter Library, 1:00pm
Wednesday, Jan 29, 2025	Preschool Story Hour, Dexter Library, 10:30am
Thursday, Jan 30, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Tuesday, Feb 4, 2025	Adult Social Hour, Dexter Library, 1:00pm
Wednesday, Feb 5, 2025	Preschool Story Hour, Dexter Library, 10:30am
Thursday, Feb 6, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Monday, Feb 10, 2025	Water Bills Due
Tuesday, Feb 11, 2025	Adult Social Hour, Dexter Library, 1:00pm
Tuesday, Feb 11, 2025	Blood Drive, American Legion Post 583, 1:00pm-5:00pm <i>Sign up for an appointment at Redcross.org</i>
Wednesday, Feb 12, 2025	Preschool Story Hour, Dexter Library, 10:30am
Wednesday, Feb 12, 2025	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 2:00-3:00pm
Thursday, Feb 13, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Friday, Feb 14, 2025	<i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>
Monday, Feb 17, 2025	Presidents Day, Village Office Closed
Tuesday, Feb 18, 2025	Adult Social Hour, Dexter Library, 1:00pm

Tuesday, Feb 18, 2025	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00pm
Wednesday, Feb 19, 2025	Preschool Story Hour, Dexter Library, 10:30am
Wednesday, Feb 19, 2025	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday, Feb 20, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Monday, Feb 24, 2025	Planning Board Meeting 6:30pm if business
Tuesday, Feb 25, 2025	Adult Social Hour, Dexter Library, 1:00pm
Wednesday, Feb 26, 2025	Preschool Story Hour, Dexter Library, 10:30am
Wednesday, Feb 26, 2025	Food Pantry, Methodist Church, 6:00-7:00pm
Thursday, Feb 27, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Tuesday, Mar 4, 2025	Adult Social Hour, Dexter Library, 1:00pm
Wednesday, Mar 5, 2025	Preschool Story Hour, Dexter Library, 10:30am
Thursday, Mar 6, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Friday, Mar 7, 2025	Fish Fry, American Legion Post 583, 4:30pm-Til
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Thursday, Mar 13, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Friday, Mar 14, 2025	Fish Fry, American Legion Post 583, 4:30pm-Til
Monday, Mar 17, 2025	Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Tuesday, Mar 18, 2025	Adult Social Hour, Dexter Library, 1:00pm
Tuesday, Mar 18, 2025	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00pm
Wednesday, Mar 19, 2025	Preschool Story Hour, Dexter Library, 10:30am
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Thursday, Mar 27, 2025	Elementary Play Time, Dexter Library, 3:30-5:00pm
Thursday, Mar 27, 2025	Get information in for Spring 2025 Newsletter
Friday, Mar 28, 2025	Fish Fry, American Legion Post 583, 4:30pm-Til
Monday, Mar 31, 2025	Planning Board Meeting 6:30pm if business
Tuesday, Apr 1, 2025	Hometown Hero Banner Deadline for Submissions
Friday, Apr 4, 2025	Fish Fry, American Legion Post 583, 4:30pm-Til
Friday, Apr 11, 2025	Fish Fry, American Legion Post 583, 4:30pm-Til
Tuesday, Apr 15, 2025	Blood Drive, American Legion Post 583, 1:00pm-5:00pm <i>Sign up for an appointment at Redcross.org</i>
Friday, Apr 18, 2025	Fish Fry, American Legion Post 583, 4:30pm-Til
Sunday, Apr 20, 2025	Easter Sunday
Saturday, Mar 1, 2025	Fowl Night, Dexter Fire Hall, to benefit the Dexter Fire Dept. Inc <i>Time to follow</i>