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What a Year!

Port Jervis Making Strides

The City of Port Jervis has seen increased improvement during 2016 that will certainly extend into 2017.

The 16.5 miles of hiking and biking trails in the Watershed Park and Elks-Brox Park were introduced during this past year and the reception has been nothing but outstanding from people who have traveled far and wide to experience the terrain and sights. Two very successful biking events as well as a college showcase came to the city this year and will continue to grow in 2017.

Sidewalk replacement continued on East Main Street as a result of new high pressure gas main installation.

The turntable property was cleared to begin the positioning of the Tri-State Railway Museum. Leading to new life in 2017, the D&H Canal was also cleared of

trees. With the additional removal of overgrowth and silt deposits, approximately 300 feet of the canal was recovered. This restoration could lead to activities such as soft water canoe and kayaking as well as ice skating and ice hockey events.

In streetscape improvements, the city installed new ADA compliant and high visibility stamped crosswalks on East Main Street along with ADA curb cuts and new high visibility street signs.

Business took off in 2016 with the opening of several retailers putting life back into long empty store fronts.

Port Jervis has seen some down days but positive planning for the future of our city will equal success that we will enjoy for years to come.

Mayor's Corner



As the 2016 year wraps up I want to remind the residents that although we have trials and tribulations, there are people working hard and working together for the betterment of our city.

Frank Bell, Dennis Simmons, and Bob Ritchie were 3 men who loved their city and worked hard to see that the city could move forward with an opportunity of growth. Unfortunately they will not see their hard work pay off but we must certainly not forget their commitment.



Moody's Report December 2016

Stable Outlook Assignment rather than Downgrade should be the focus for the City of Port Jervis Moody's Investors Service report.

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE

As expected, Moody's Investors Service downgraded the City of Port Jervis once again this year to Baa1 from A3 but has assigned a stable outlook.

What brought two downgrades in a row of this year to the city? A few prior years of poor planning cuts, depleted reserves, imaginary income forecasts, and little to no tax increases to offset city expenses. Currently, that has ended.

As you read through Moody's December 20, 2016 report, you will now find a stabilizing tax base (limited but stabilizing) and sources of liquidity outside the General Fund. There are still concerns regarding below wealth levels, growing debt burden, and multi-year deficits that narrowed reserves for the city but this is being addressed too.

At the end of 2017 the direction should change to an upgrade as we will see major city improvements in sewer, street scape, infrastructure, and recreation as well as additional

2017 Garbage Pickup and Recycling Guidelines

Here is a link to the 2017 City of Port Jervis Garbage Schedule as well as the Orange County Transfer Station Schedule. Additionally the link provides Recycling and Garbage disposal information for city residents.



<http://www.portjervisny.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/2017-Garbage-Pickup-and-Recycling-guidelines.pdf>

replenishment of the fund balance and reduced expenses through energy savings.

To view the 2016 December City of Port Jervis Moody's Report click or copy/paste this link:

<http://www.portjervisny.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/2016-Moodys-Final-Report-Port-Jervis-NY.pdf>

Get Involved

To make our city shine

It is easy to sit back and say we should do this or we should do that. **Please get involved.** This is your city and you can help lead it to a positive future.

Share your ideas, thoughts, or even volunteer your time. This city can be a great place to live, work, and play.



January 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Fire # of 0 7pm	3 DPW 6:00pm Zooing 7pm	4 Plumbing 6:30pm Electrical 6:45pm Code 7pm	5	6 Emergency Warning Siren 1pm	7
8	9 Common Council 7pm	10 Civil Sec 1pm	11 Tourism 6:30pm Recreation 7pm	12 Rep Com 7:30pm	13	14
15	16 Dr ML King Jr Day Fire & Emerg Magnet 7pm	17 Planning Board 7pm	18 Finance 6:45pm Dom Com 7pm	19 Drug Task Force 7pm	20	21
22	23 Common Council 7pm	24 Police Com 6:30pm PJ Housing 7pm	25 CDM 7pm	26 Mayor's State of the City 6:30pm	27	28
29	30	31				