



Village of Dutchess

December 2017

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our families to yours.

During the Christmas week the Village of Dutchess office will be closed from December 24 -January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Garbage pickup will move from Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday December 28<sup>th</sup>. Garbage pickup will resume regular pickup on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Dutchess Firemen are hosting their annual Santa Claus parade on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 5:30, the firemen will stop at every home handing out candy canes and wishing all a Merry Christmas.

Coming up in January...It's a new year for....

Business licenses

Dog & Cat licenses



And if any of your information has changed, please let us know.

We would all like to thank our Fire Chief, Greg Witt for his continued leadership and congratulate him on celebrating 25 years with the Dutchess Fire Department. Thank you Greg!



Merry Christmas from the Duchess Fire Department

The Duchess Fire Department has had another steady year with call volumes similar to years past. We have had 45 calls to date and the breakdown is as follows:



- 10 motor vehicle accidents
- 23 medical first response calls
- 12 grass / wildland fires
- 4 structure fires
- 3 stand downs / false alarms
- 4 alarm calls

Some highlights of this year include; the first ever firetruck pull during Duchess Days. This event was well received by the competing teams and spectators alike. Last Spring also saw the first Fire Cadet Program completed with a final demonstration for the public in May. The program has been continued this year with 6 Cadets from last year returning and 5 new recruits joining.

The Annual Santa Claus Candy Cane Parade will take place on December 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30. Santa, the firemen and the Fire Cadets will be going door to door with candy canes and to wish a Merry Christmas to all.

Currently we have 19 members on strength consisting of:

Kole Brear, Michael Reid, CJ Marin, Ron Torkelson, Johan Wall, Zack Miller, Seth Peterson, Danny Thiessen, Willie Thiessen, Chris McNamara,  
Phil vandenbrink      John Loewen  
Lieutenant. JR Stenger      Lieutenant. Ben Thiessen  
Lieutenant. Ron Torkelson      Captain Claudia Locke  
Captain Wayne Elsbett      Assistant Chief Steve Dunford  
Chief Greg Witt

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the community for your continued support and we look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year

Greg Witt - Fire Chief

Duchess and Rural Fire Protection Area

