

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Village of Parish
P.O. Box 308
Parish, NY 13131

Dear Local Resident:

Before you discard this letter, please take a few minutes and read it carefully. Many of you, me included, are tired hearing about the water issue and find out that nothing is happening. We keep filling out these surveys only to no avail. The wheels of government and assisting programs move very slowly. The water challenge still remains. However, we are again in need of your assistance.

The problem is not from the lack of trying. At the Village or Town meetings, this has been a constant endeavor. The funding agencies have certain criteria that we must meet in order to qualify. Part of the problem stems from the most recent survey of collected data regarding the Village of Parish. Since the year 2000, Census data indicates that the annual median household income of the Village has risen almost \$25,000 per year, from about \$36,000 in 2000 to about \$59,000 in 2013. We do not believe this figure is accurate. The only way to counter the inaccurate data on file is to submit information to the contrary. This is where you can assist.

We are in need of help from every wage earner within the Village – homeowner and renter. What is needed is to get a true and accurate data profile pertaining to the income level for each resident. Without a true indication of these income levels within the Village of Parish, it puts our municipality at a much lower level for financial assistance from any of the funded programs available. As our income appears to be too high, it would indicate that we can afford to undertake projects with little or no assistance.

This information goes directly to an information collection agency and no knowledge of its contents is revealed at the local level. It is imperative that we get an 80% - 85% response rate from the Village residents in order to pursue our water endeavor.

We would ask that you assist by completing and submitting this survey and encourage your friends and neighbors within the Village to do the same. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Perkins, Mayor

Village Board of Trustees

Parish economic details

	2000	2010	2013
Households	199	173	185
Median Household Income (MHI)	\$35,903	\$55,089	\$59,063
% Poverty	10.5%	3.1%	5.0%