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FROM THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMISSION

The **Village of Hamilton** now offers its customers the ability to view and pay your utility accounts online.

[Sign up for paperless bills!](#)

Register your account at <https://hamilton-ny.gov/pay>. You will need your account number and previous payment amount. You will then create a username and password. Getting your bill in the mail can be complicated and timely. When you sign-up for paperless bills, you will receive an email notification with a link to your bill. Your bill is ready for viewing by the 13th of the month. You will be able view and/or print your bill as you choose.

[Pay your bills online!](#)

Pay with your checking, savings, or credit card account. (Credit card payments and e-check fees will apply). Email questions to: info@hamilton-ny.gov.

GO PAPERLESS AND PLANT A TREE!!



To promote paperless billing, online payments and green climate initiatives, the Village is hosting a “plant a sapling tree” program. If 25% of customers sign up by Arbor Day, April 30, a sapling tree will be purchased in honor of each online account. Customers may choose to plant the tree in their own yard, or the Village will plant it in designated areas around the Village. Help create an “online forest” and save time, money, and the environment - sign up now!

From the Mayor’s Desk

Hello neighbors,

Over the past few months, we have engaged the community in the NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative. We now have a draft report that can be accessed through the Village website: www.hamilton-ny.gov. We encourage you to provide feedback before it is finalized, which you can email to info@hamilton-ny.gov. Also, on March 22nd at 6:00 p.m., the Village Board will hold a public hearing via ZOOM to hear and consider comments regarding the draft plan. We invite you to participate by emailing nancym@hamilton-ny.gov no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 22nd to obtain the meeting invitation link and password. For online security purposes, please include your name, address, and phone number with your request. We are grateful to the many people who contributed to this important process and helped us develop a plan will strengthen public safety in Hamilton.

Colgate has changed the date of graduation from May 16th to May 9th to ensure that students will not leave Hamilton between exams and graduation. As I write this, no decision has been made about

allowing guests to attend but we should hear soon. As we all know, these decisions could be altered at a moment's notice.

It has been heartening to learn of the significant increase in available coronavirus vaccines. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity as soon as possible. We all look forward to Spring and warmer weather when we will be able to enjoy outside activities safely and begin our journey back to normalcy. A vaccinated community is important to this process. In the meantime, we mustn't let our guard down. It is very important to remember that we must continue with pandemic protocols: wearing masks and safe distancing.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you enjoying the Village!
All the best, RuthAnn

Attention Hamilton Electric Utility Customers!

Rebates available for purchases of energy efficient appliances – You can get rebates when you purchase and install energy-efficient ENERGY STAR® appliances and high-efficiency cold climate heat pumps. Eligible appliances include Clothes Washers and Dryers, Dehumidifiers, Smart Thermostats, Refrigerators, Windows, Dishwashers, Room Air Conditioners, Freezers, Cold Climate Heat Pumps, Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pumps, and Heat Pump Water Heaters. Forms are available on the Village Website: <https://hamilton-ny.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/IEEP-APPLIANCE-ADVANTAGE-REBATE.pdf>

March is Women's History Month – This is Women's History Month! This year's theme celebrates the women that fought for the right to vote. For information and national events, visit: <https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>.

Think Spring – Spring is almost upon us! Feeling up to some spring cleaning? A friendly reminder to cover your garbage to prevent night critters such as skunks from making a mess. Please be considerate of our DPW workers and their safety when putting your garbage and recyclables out for pickup. The Village Code requires that all cans, bags, and bundled refuse be placed within three feet of the curb. Although the Village office is still closed, we are still collecting household batteries to recycle. Please bring your batteries in a sealable zip-bag, place it in the labeled bucket on our front porch and we'll take care of the rest! If you wish to order a dumpster for your spring cleaning, please call the DPW at 315-824-2590. For questions about recycling, visit www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/2376/Recycling.

The Village planted over 100 trees in 2020 and we have plans to plant another 20 trees this April. We cannot honor every request, but to inquire about a tree near your property, please email us at: info@hamilton-ny.gov

Village Office - The Village Office remains closed to the public for the protection of our employees and residents. If you need assistance with a Village matter, please call 315-824-1111 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or email the Village Clerk at kimt@hamilton-ny.gov and arrangements will be made to address your concern. Unless it is absolutely necessary to come into the Village Office, all requested documents, such as payment receipts, birth, and death certificates, etc., will be returned by mail. You can find information about Village services, updated news, and board meeting minutes on the Village website: www.hamilton-ny.gov