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## December 2021 Newsletter

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### FROM THE VILLAGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMISSION

Do you heat with Village Electric? You may be eligible for the Village's Independent Electric Efficiency Program (IEEP) Insulation Program



This program measure reduces heating costs and improves the comfort level in homes and businesses. Buildings using electric heat, with insulation measuring 8" thick or less, may be eligible for additional insulation and ventilation at no cost. Please send your inquiry to [nancym@hamilton-ny.gov](mailto:nancym@hamilton-ny.gov).

Are you a new Village Utility customer or a current customer that is interested in making your utility payments online? Please send your request to: [info@hamilton-ny.gov](mailto:info@hamilton-ny.gov). Instructions on how to use this energy efficient payment method will be emailed to you.

### From the Mayor's Desk

Hello neighbors!

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. While so many of us have much to be thankful for, there are still those in our community who struggle. We are grateful to our local religious organizations and other community groups who reach out to those in need the year around, and especially during the holidays. If you are able, please consider donating so that those less fortunate may enjoy this holiday season as well.

You may have noticed that a beautiful 20-foot Norway Spruce has been planted on the south section of the Village Green. Our traditional holiday tree is showing its age and will be removed in a few years when this new tree is sturdy enough to replace it. The new tree is the latest that we have purchased (along with 129 others) from a donation made by Colgate in celebration of its bicentennial. Colgate's generous gift enhances our already beautiful Village.

We had great fun reinstating our traditional "Night of Lights" this year. Many thanks to Chelsea Lehman for spearheading the effort along with her many volunteers and the generous donations of so many local businesses.

Once again, I urge you to BUY LOCAL as you continue your holiday shopping and beyond. The shops are scheduling late night shopping on Fridays, December 10 and 17 for your convenience. To add to the holiday spirit, our traditional horse-drawn carriages (through the generosity of Rotary and the Colgate Student Government) will be available for free rides on Saturdays, December 4, 11 and 18, between 3:00-5:00, leaving from the Colgate Inn.

The recent spike in COVID cases reminds us that we must continue to be vigilant. Please do your part to keep yourselves, family, and community safe. I send warmest holiday wishes to you and your families and look forward to a wonderful 2022!

All the best, RuthAnn

**Village Holiday Hours** - The Village office and all departments will be closed on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday December 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. All Village departments will be closed for the day on Friday December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Dog Park** - Due to muddy conditions, the south section of the Dog Park has been closed for the winter months. The grass in the north section is in better condition and that section will remain open for now unless and until conditions deteriorate.

**Parking on Village Streets** - A friendly reminder that overnight parking is limited on Village streets to 30 minutes between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. any day. During winter snowfall events this is especially important so the Village Crews can keep the streets safely clear. Please be respectful of Village law.

**Yard Waste Clean Up** – The leaf vac has been put in storage for the winter. Please keep in mind that any yard waste to be picked up must now be bagged or placed in cans. Please be courteous at all times and keep leaves separate from sticks, branches and other yard waste. Also please remember to pile all materials safely on the curb and not in the street.

**Sidewalks and Snow Removal** – Please be reminded that while the Village strives to keep sidewalks plowed, property owners are responsible for snow and ice removal from sidewalks that cross your property.

**Village Office Renovations** - The Village office interior renovations are continuing and we expect the project will be complete in January of the new year. As the work proceeds, please continue to use the drop box at the front door at 3 Broad Street for payments. Please make sure to enclose the top portion of your bill with the amount to be applied to each account written on the bill.

**Codes Corner** – Gerard Snow is the Village's new code enforcement officer. He can be reached at 315-750-0497, or at: [villagecodes@hamilton-ny.gov](mailto:villagecodes@hamilton-ny.gov).

### **NOTICE TO ALL UTILITY CUSTOMERS**

If you are a **gas or electric residential or small business customer with 25 or fewer employees**, protections from termination of service for the non-payment of an overdue charge may be available to you for a period of 180 days after the State disaster emergency declaration that expired at the end of the day on June 24, 2021.

If you are a **water customer**, similar protections are also available. If you are a residential water customer, a non-residential customer whose account serves residential premises, or an eligible small business customer we will not terminate service or place, sell, or enforce any lien on your property for any charges incurred while the State disaster emergency declaration was in effect. Additional protections may be available to you for 180 days after June 24, 2021.

If you are having trouble paying your electric, natural gas and/or water bills, you are entitled to enter into a **Deferred Payment Agreement** without any down payments, late fees, or penalties. Please note that you are still responsible for any arrears you accrue, and it is imperative that you contact us as soon as possible so that we may find the best way to assist you in your situation.