

RuthAnn Speer Loveless, Mayor 824-2024
Russ Lura, Deputy Mayor 750-0222
Julie Dudrick, Trustee 825-5525
Chris Henke, Trustee 723-9002
Samanthi Martinez, Trustee



VILLAGE OF
Hamilton
New York

Melanie Vilardi, Administrator 436-8305
Kim Taranto, Village Clerk 824-1111
Nancy Mitchell, Operations Dir 824-1111
Mary Ann Henderson, Treasurer 824-1111
Gerard Snow, Codes 750-0497

December 2022 Newsletter

FROM THE HAMILTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMISSION THE VILLAGE TEAM WISHES YOU THE BEST OF HOLIDAYS



DECEMBER IS A BUSY TIME FOR THE VILLAGE

A special thank you to the Village Crews for decorating and the Hamilton Fire Department for safely bringing Santa to the tree lighting event.



High energy prices remain a concern for this winter. Consumers must be aware of steps they can take and the programs they can participate in, to reduce their energy use and help control energy costs. To Learn about programs that can protect your services and assist you in managing your bills visit: www.dps.ny.gov/winter

Do you heat your home with **Electric** heat? The Village Electric Utility, through the Independent Energy Efficiency Program (IEEP), offers free or reduced cost attic insulation to qualified residents. Send an email to nancym@hamilton-ny.gov to schedule your no cost home evaluation.

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Neighbors –

Our holiday lights illuminate the sky, the Village tree stands majestically on the Green, and special festivities abound. As I write this, the temperature hovers close to 50 degrees and the thought of snow seems a distant future! However, we know that will change without a moments' notice – so please stay safe!

Many thanks to Chelsea Lehman for organizing our annual Night of Lights. It was wonderful to share the evening with so many people on the Village Green who enjoyed the company of one another, chatted with Santa, and experienced a horse drawn carriage ride! IF you missed this opportunity, the rides continue Saturdays from the Colgate Inn through the 17th.

For the past two years, my December newsletter urged vigilance in the fight against COVID. While it still looms, the aggressive spread of the flu and VRSA are added concerns this season. Please do your part to keep yourself, family, and community healthy.

BUY LOCAL is the mantra of the season as you continue your holiday shopping. Your support of the local merchants and restaurants keeps our Village vibrant and welcoming. A series of holiday movies is planned this month: The Polar Express (Dec 17th at 11 a.m.), It's a Wonderful Life (Dec. 18th at 11 a.m.) and ELF (Dec. 21st at 6 p.m.). Enjoy!

I send warmest wishes to you and your families as you celebrate the season and look forward to a wonderful 2023!

All the best, RuthAnn

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS FOR DECEMBER Village Departments will be closed at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, December 14, 11:30am Friday, December 23 and December 30, and all day Monday, December 26 and January 2.

GARBAGE PICK UP FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS - If your trash/recyclables picked up on Monday, December 26 or Monday, January 2 your trash/recyclables will be picked up on the following Tuesday (December 26 and Tuesday, January 3). All other trash/recyclables schedules will remain the same. **Reminder** – caps and lids must be removed from all recyclables and all cardboard must be flattened (see madisoncounty.ny.gov).

DECEMBER 2022 MEETING CALENDAR

Please go to: www.hamilton-ny.gov for updates to the monthly meeting schedule:

12/13/22	Municipal Utilities Commission	3:30 pm	3 Broad St.
12/14/22	Library Board	4:00 pm	60 Montgomery
12/14/22	Planning Board	5:00 pm	60 Montgomery
12/20/22	Board of Trustees	6:00 pm	60 Montgomery St.

LIBRARY NEWS December is back! To celebrate the holidays, the library is officially marked as a collection site for letters to Santa, now through December 22. Pick up a Letter to Santa kit at the Circulation desk and return your message to our special mailbox in our main lobby. Santa will email a printable response to the parents of each child who participates along with a photo of their original letter. Also, to celebrate the arrival of winter (hopefully soon), our circulating collection of ice skates has returned from storage! Come try on a few pairs and check them out with your library card to use in the Village rink right in our parking lot, or anywhere else there's a rink! Skates are maintained and sharpened using funds from the Friends of the Library. Thanks for reading!

SURVEY ON LYME DISEASE Colgate student Hallie Koslowski '23 is conducting a survey with support from the Upstate Institute at Colgate University about public knowledge and awareness of tick-borne diseases like Lyme Disease. Please consider taking the survey at the QCR code, as her data will help to create a proposed educational campaign for our community.



VILLAGE OF HAMILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thankful for the Police Department for keeping the Village safe as well as building relationships with residents of all ages.

OPictured left - Chief Janczuk gives a fist pump to a new resident in the Village.

