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From the Municipal Utilities

Village of Hamilton Municipal Utilities Celebrates Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day March 18, 2023

This is the eighth year in which Natural Gas Utility Workers' Day has been officially celebrated across the country. This day of recognition is a time when communities such as ours give recognition to the employees who provide one of their most valuable assets—their natural gas utility service.

This annual nationwide event is intended to build public awareness about the hard work done by the employees of natural gas utilities. We continually work to educate residents on the environmental, safety and cost benefits of using clean, dependable and affordable natural gas. This month we are emphasizing the crucial role of our natural gas system employees to make sure that service is consistently available without interruption.

From conception in February of 2012, to the first customer service installed in October of 2014, to the current 280 system customers, the Village of Hamilton Municipal Gas Utility has become one of only 3 successful municipally owned and operated gas companies in New York State. This growth and safety record would not be possible without the dedicated efforts of Natural Gas Utility crew lead by **Chris Carhart**, Supervisor, and supported by qualified natural gas mechanics, **Bernie Kelly, Jim McCann, and Shane Palmer**. Chris, Bernie, and Jim have been with the Utility from its beginnings with Shane joining a few years later to round out the team. The Village is proud to have such a dedicated and talented crew and wants to thank and recognize them on this occasion.

The Village of Hamilton Municipal Gas Utility is well positioned to bring safe and reliable natural gas into your homes and businesses for many years to come. As noted on the New York State Public Service Commission website, "Natural Gas is a vital component of the world's supply of energy," and it is also a critical part of the energy equation here in Hamilton.

If you would like to learn more about the benefits of natural gas and how you can begin the process of connecting your home or business to this clean burning fuel, please contact us at: chrisc@hamilton-ny.gov

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Neighbors,

The Village of Hamilton is thrilled and honored to be selected for a $2.25M New York Forward grant award. Partnerships are critically important to everything we do here in the Village. I want to thank our colleagues from Colgate University and the Town of Hamilton for their collaborative support, as well as Jocelyn Gavitt, Executive Director of the PCD, who played a key role in formulating this application.

This photo was taken last month when Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez announced the area awards. In our application we stressed the need for upgraded infrastructure, housing, and economic

development. However, community involvement is very important to this process, and in the next few months we will be scheduling sessions that will provide the opportunity for your input. After those meetings we may adjust our priorities before implementation of the program. Please watch for the announcement as I encourage you to join this important conversation.

With Spring around the corner, plans for our summer recreation program are being finalized. I want to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to the Hamilton Community Chest who, once again, has provided financial support. These funds are critical if we are to offer meaningful opportunities for our local children. This year we are saying goodbye and thank you to Robert Poznar, who has overseen the tennis program for over 20 years! We are grateful for his commitment to this important activity. If anyone is interested in working with the program this summer, please contact Sarah Zogby, szogby63@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars for these important events!

May 6th – Farmer's Market opens
July 4th – all the traditional activities!
July 5th – Summer Recreation begins
July 6th – Symphoria on the Village Green
July 13th – Thursday Concerts on the Green

Fingers crossed for warm, sunny days to come!
All the best, RuthAnn

****Route 12B Public Meeting****

Hamilton's Partnership for Community Development will host the NYS Department of Transportation at a public event to seek input on the community's goals and priorities regarding the re-design of Route 12B through the Village, including the 5-way intersection. The meeting will be held at the HUB Business Incubator space at 20 Utica Street on Tuesday, March 28th. Two sessions will be offered – an afternoon session from 2-4 p.m. and an evening session from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The public is strongly encouraged to attend.

Village Parking

The Village of Hamilton Police Department reminds residents that increased parking fines are now in effect. Parking violation fines are as follows:

- Unlawful handicapped parking -- $100.00.
- Blocking a fire hydrant -- $75.00
- All other parking violations -- $40.00
- All fines not paid within 72 hours increase by $25 and by an additional $50 if not paid within 7 days.

There is no overnight parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on ANY village street. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. **Parking regulations are being enforced**.

Codes Department

All paperwork for the Zoning and Planning Board applications must be completed and submitted to the Codes Office for approval at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. All submissions must include 10 copies in "packets" for the members of the board. Anyone not meeting the 7 day or 10 copies requirements will be rescheduled to the following month.

DPW

Please be polite when walking your dog on the Village sidewalks, parks, and streets. Clean up your dog's waste and dispose of it properly in the garbage. Leaving the bag on the sidewalk or tossing it in the bushes creates an unsightly mess and poor rapport with your neighbors.