



From the Municipal Utilities Commission

Your Power Works Because They Do!

National Lineman Appreciation Day is celebrated each year on **April 18th**. This day is intended to honor the hard work, innovation, and dedication of America's electrical line workers.



Hamilton's Municipal Utilities Commission has proudly administered the operations of the Village Electric system since 1895. A member of the MEUA and NYMPA, along with 35 other municipalities across the state, the Village supplies its customers with affordable 100% carbon free electric power. The system has the distinct honor of being exceptionally dependable with rapid emergency response and limited outage times. This directly relates to the careful planning and maintenance of this essential system by our talented line crew.

Special thanks and acknowledgements go to **Bart King**, Electric Line Supervisor, **Jesse "Jake" Palmiter**, Qualified Electric Lineman, **Dakota Browning**, Electric Utility Worker, second year line school and **Tim Reichard**, Water/Wastewater Utility Worker also in second year line school.

Please join with the Municipal Utilities Commission and proudly recognize all electric linemen, especially our own, for the services they perform around the clock in dangerous conditions to keep power flowing and protect the public's safety. [#thankalineman](#)

Attention Graduating Colgate Seniors: Electric, Gas and Water & Sewer utility accounts registered in your name must be closed and balances paid before you move out of the Village. Please contact the Village Office at 315-824-1111 to arrange for this service change. Your landlord is not required to do this.

The Village Water Department is alerting residents that water system flushing will begin this spring as weather permits. Please don't be alarmed to see a fire hydrant open and running. Questions regarding this necessary process in maintaining a healthy water supply can be emailed to: nancym@hamilton-ny.gov.

April is National Safe Digging month! DO I NEED TO CONTACT 811?

Yes! Installing a fence, a mailbox, a sign, a tent? Building a house? Residents and contractors, you are *required* to place an underground utility location request. To place this request visit **UDigNY.Org** or **Call 811** at least two business days before excavation. Familiarize yourself with Safe-digging concepts like the APWA Uniform Color Code. Learn more about safe digging at UDigNY.org.



From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Neighbors,

We are very pleased that over 75 community members attended the two meetings sponsored by the NYS Department of Transportation to discuss the 12B renovation project. Everyone had the chance to share their ideas and concerns about the plan in small group discussions. The DOT team will incorporate the information they received in their design stage and will return to share some possible plans. Once again,

community input will be very important. In the meantime, they welcome further comments at <https://www.dot.ny.gov/rt12Breconstruction> on the “feedback” tab.

I was honored to be included in a small luncheon with a Mexican delegation led by Jorge Islas Lopez, Consul General of Mexico. They were visiting Colgate to discuss Mexican items in the Colgate art collections, but also wished to learn more about local governance and the agricultural community.

We have been busy developing grant proposals for Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and Congressman Williams seeking additional funding for improvements to our water and sewer infrastructure. This past week I was fortunate to have personal discussions with key staff people in each of the offices and am grateful to Colgate for facilitating those opportunities. Keep your fingers crossed!

I look forward to seeing you around the Village as the weather improves and also at the Farmers Market on May 6th! Enjoy!

All the best, RuthAnn

Arbor Day Celebration 2023

The Village will celebrate Arbor Day on **Saturday, April 29th at 11a.m.** at the Montgomery Street Arboretum, next to the gazebo at the Chenango Canal Towpath trail head. Volunteers are welcome, and the Village Tree Commission will lead the planting of a tree and smaller saplings along the trail. Along with planting, volunteers will prune, and mulch established trees. Bartlett Tree Experts and the Hamilton Climate Planning Working Group will also be there to provide information.

The Arbor Day Foundation named the **Village of Hamilton a 2022 Tree City USA** for the 4th year in a row to honor its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Tree Commission works closely with the Village DPW staff to maintain a healthy tree population in the Village.



Julie Dudrick, Trustee; Derek Buschor, DPW Crew Chief; and Greg Owens, Tree Commission.



April is Fair Housing Month. Each year the Board of Trustees declares the Village of Hamilton’s participation and support in recognizing the importance of fair housing practices. Information about Fair Housing will be available at the April 18th Village Board of Trustees meeting and at the Village Office. Additional information is available online at <https://dhr.ny.gov/fairhousing>

Village of Hamilton Farmers’ Market

The popular market opens on the Hamilton Village Green, Saturday May 6th at 8 a.m. and continues Saturdays through October. Hours are 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Employment Opportunities:

***Program and Events Coordinator:** The Hamilton Public Library is hiring! Are you an energetic, creative person that likes people of all ages? You might be the perfect fit on our team! For more information, visit our website at <https://www.hamiltonlibrary.org/> or contact the library at hpljobs@midyork.org.

***Farmers’ Market Monitor:** The Village of Hamilton is seeking a qualified individual to fill the Farmers’ Market Monitor position, Saturdays only, starting May 6, 2023, and ending October 28, 2023. [Market Monitor](#)

***Electric Utility Line Mechanic-Meter Technician:** The Hamilton Municipal Electric Department is seeking a qualified individual for this position. For the complete job description, visit: [Hamilton Lineman](#)