



**May 2023 Newsletter**  
**From the Municipal Utilities Commission**

**Protecting our water, protecting our future!** 

For most of us, when we turn on our faucets and we see water coming out, we don't think about how that water arrived at our home. We also don't worry about it being clean or safe to drink. That's because of the work of water professionals such as those at the Village of Hamilton's Water and Wastewater facilities.

The Village Water and Wastewater systems have been an integral part of Hamilton's development and history. Maintaining a clean, fresh, healthy water supply is fundamental mission that protects our residents and encourages community growth. The Municipal Utilities Commission has, in recent years, supported projects that include upgrades to the existing water supply wells, development of a new well for a redundant water source, and a \$13M upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant. Plans are currently being developed to address the aging system infrastructure to ensure the viability of these critical public systems for many years to come.

Water/Wastewater operations are a 365/24/7 responsibility. It takes a talented and dedicated group of individuals to keep up with the needed improvements and also operate the systems day-to-day. The Village of Hamilton Municipal Utilities Commission wishes to acknowledge the employees that work tirelessly to make that happen by pronouncing **May 18, 2023**, as **Drinking Water and Wastewater Professionals Appreciation Day in the Village of Hamilton**. Please join the MUC and proudly recognize our talented team of Water Wastewater Professionals for their outstanding service to the community.




**WASTEWATER: Matt Saltern**, Operator in Charge, **Trevor Reed**, Operator, **Tim Reichard**, Utility worker.

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**Other Utility News:**

***The Village's 2022 Annual Water Report is posted on the Village's Website***

**The Village Water Department is required to complete a meter inspection of its entire system in the next year.** To help complete this process in a timely fashion,  taking a picture of your meter including the service lines in and out (as shown in the example) and emailing it to [MattS@hamilton-ny.gov](mailto:MattS@hamilton-ny.gov) will greatly assist the process. Please include the location address with the photo.



Water system flushing will continue as weather permits. Fire hydrants will be open and running. As a result, you may experience slight clouding of your water. Please run the tap until it clears.

**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.



**From the Mayor's Desk**

Hello Neighbors!

A sure sign of Spring is the opening of the Farmer's Market and I hope you were able to visit the Green this past Saturday. We are delighted to welcome 17 additional vendors this year thanks to the work of Kim Taranto who coordinates market activities. However, we are still searching for a market monitor (or more than one to share the responsibility), so if interested, please contact Kim at [kimt@hamilton-ny.gov](mailto:kimt@hamilton-ny.gov).

I am sure you have noticed the work on the gazebo in the middle of the Green. It was in dire need of repairs so that we could safely hold events this summer. The work is now complete, just in time for the many activities planned.

Preparations are well underway for our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. If you are interested in marching in the parade, joining the activities on the Green, or volunteering, please contact Chelsea Lehmann at [hometownevents315@gmail.com](mailto:hometownevents315@gmail.com).

Watch for announcements about our summer recreation program under the director of Sarah Zogby. We look forward to another comprehensive program for our children.

Our crews are very busy cleaning up winter debris and working to make the Village beautiful for Spring. We are thankful for their commitment and hard work.

Enjoy these beautiful spring days!

All the best, RuthAnn



**Work Zone Safety** - Construction season is here, and our crews are out in full force performing the necessary operations to keep Hamilton safe and beautiful. **PLEASE be aware of their presence, slow down** and heed instructions of any flag person at the scene. Their safety while working is of the utmost importance to all of us.

**Village Tax Bills** – You will soon receive your real estate property tax bill for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Taxes can be paid June 1, 2023, through October 2, 2023, by mail to P. O. Box 119, Hamilton, NY 13346, or in person at the 3 Broad Street office. Penalties will be applied after **June 30<sup>th</sup>**



**Dog Park** – Please honor the temporarily closed park signs for the re-establishment of the grass on the large dog side. The small dog section is currently open – **PLEASE** clean up after your dog!

**Codes Corner** – It is **unlawful** to blow grass clippings into roadways or on sidewalks. Homeowners are responsible for removing them immediately as they are a safety hazard. Green waste like brush should be no longer than 8' and piled neatly between the curb and sidewalk for pick up.

**Boarding House** license applications are now past due. If you have not done so, please complete the paperwork and return it, along with the fee, to the Village Office. Inspections will be scheduled by the Codes Officer at the end of the month.

**Copper Beach Tree** - The DPW crew, with assistance from Greg Owens of the Tree Commission, planted a Copper Beach Tree next to the Hamilton Public Library, donated by the Kaimal family in honor of Lorraine and Chandran Kaimal. The Village wants to thank the family as all will enjoy the tree for many years.

*Pictured right is the Kaimal Family, Greg Owens, DPW crew and Mayor Loveless.*



**Arbor Day** - was celebrated by the Village on Saturday April 29. Brush was trimmed along the canal trail and trees were planted at the Village Arboretum located by the Canal Trailhead on Montgomery Street.

Climate Smart Community's planning group was represented and distributed information on "Bee Smart" and the benefits of plants for pollination.



*Pictured left: Mayor RuthAnn Loveless pitches in with local residents to install a new tree at the trailhead.*

### **Employment Opportunities:**

**Farmers' Market Monitor:** Seeking **multiple** individuals! Meet local vendors and locate fascinating gifts and delicious foods! *Please provide us with your available Saturdays along with your application. Only one monitor is required per Saturday.*

**Line Mechanic-Meter Technician:** Come together with our electric crew to improve our utility system!

**Part-Time Clerk:** Apply now and discover the inter-workings of the Village. Collaborate with our appreciative team and become an integral part of our community!