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June 2023 Newsletter
From the Municipal Utilities Commission

The Village Water Department is continuing to request that residents assist in completing your required system meter inspection by taking a picture of your meter, including the service lines in and out (as shown in the example), and email it to: *MattS@hamilton-ny.gov.*
Please include the location address with the photo.

Do you use an EMAIL account? If so, please consider receiving your Utility Bills Electronically! Rising utility costs are a concern for everyone and the cost to produce, fold, stuff, and mail bills are considered in the utility rate process and are passed on to you, the customers - and it's good for the environment! Please email info@hamilton-ny.gov to update your account.

UDig NY – protecting the Village's underground infrastructure is paramount in providing customers with our safe and reliable Natural Gas, Water, Sewer, and Electric services. Please **Call 811** at least two full business days in advance to have the utilities located prior to beginning any type of excavation project – from installing a mailbox to digging a foundation.

From the Mayor's Desk

Hello Neighbors,

While we welcomed thousands of guests for graduation and reunion weekends, we now enjoy the slower, quieter pace of summer. It is especially important during these months to remember to buy local and support our area businesses.

There are many exciting Village projects in the pipeline that demand extensive planning and, not surprising, there is much confusion about the processes. I would like to briefly explain two major developments.

- The NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) is planning a major reconstruction of 12B through the Village in 2025. In preparation for that work, they are studying all the intersections to determine if they should be altered to be safer and more efficient. Community input is very important, and they have held one community meeting to date to solicit public opinion. At the next one (probably sometime in July) they will return with some ideas for us to consider. Watch for news about that date and I encourage you to attend.
- The Village received a $2.25M NY Forward award from the State earmarked for downtown revitalization. Before receiving the funds, we must undergo an extensive planning process to identify the projects that will be considered for funding. A 15-member Local Planning Committee, representing various constituencies, has been appointed by the State to work with the Village, representatives from the Department of State, and State appointed planning consultants. Two community meetings will be scheduled for public feedback and the first is on June 27th at 5:00 at the HUB, 20 Utica Street. We are updating our Village website (hamilton-ny.gov) to include sections devoted to both projects. Please check it regularly for updates and information on future meetings.

I look forward to seeing you at the Farmers' Market, Fourth of July festivities, Symphoria on July 6th, and the Concerts on the Green beginning July 15th! Enjoy!

All the best, RuthAnn

July 4th Festivities - This year's plans for the **July 4th Parade** are in full swing. The parade will kick off at 10:30 a.m. from Wings Way north of the Village and continue south to West Kendrick Street. Road closures, including Rt. 12B, and altered traffic patterns throughout the Village will begin at 10 a.m. and return to normal at Noon. For questions regarding the July 4th event, please contract Chelsea Lehmann at hometownevents315@gmail.com

Symphoria Concert on the Green - Thursday, July 6th. Events will begin on the Green at 6:30 p.m. with a petting zoo, and the symphony concert will start at 7:30 p.m. Bring your chair or blanket and prepare for a lovely evening with family, friends and neighbors. Expect alternative traffic patterns and the closure of Rt. 12B to be in effect from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Please be aware of the scheduled traffic patterns and road closings

included above and plan accordingly. Only authorized emergency vehicles will be allowed once a street is closed. Please pay attention to stationed officials and detours to keep everyone safe and to maximize enjoyment!

Thursdays on the Village Green – This series of 5 events will begin on **June 15th and continue each Thursday through August 10th** on the Village Green. Activities will begin between 5:00 and 5:30 with music starting at 7:00 p.m. from the newly refurbished Village Gazebo. Food vendors along with free ice cream provided by Gilligan's will be available. The rain location is Arts at the Palace, 19 Utica Street. This is a free event supported by generous local sponsors. Programs are available at the Village Office.

Cruise In – Tuesdays through the Summer - East Broad Street is closed from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. for local car enthusiasts to enjoy and display their classic cars. The event is open to all, so come and enjoy.

Village Tax Bills – A reminder that your Village Taxes are due by June 30, 2023, and can be paid at the Village Office through October 2, 2023, by mail to P. O. Box 119, Hamilton, NY 13346, or in person Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the 3 Broad Street address. Penalties for late payment of taxes will be applied as follows:

- 5% penalty if paid by 7/31/23; 6% penalty if paid by 8/31/23; 7% penalty if paid thereafter.

Generous Donation: The Village of Hamilton Police Department has been the recipient of a new electric police patrol bicycle graciously donated by long time Village residents Harvey and Debbie Kliman. People can expect to see the bicycle in use for special detail in the downtown area at Village Events. Chief Janczuk and his entire force wish to thank the Klimans for this wonderful new resource for the department.

Pictured left: Chief Matt Janczuk, Harvey, and Debbie Kliman

Codes Corner - Boarding House license applications were due May 31, 2023, and are now past due. A $75 penalty fee must be included for late applications. Please complete the paperwork and return it to the Village Office along with the required fee and penalty. Please call or email the Village Codes Officer to schedule the required inspection. 315-824-1111 or villagecodes@hamilton-ny.gov

Global Garbage Man Day on June 17th honors the garbage men and women of the world that help keep our environment safe and sanitary. A study has estimated that sanitation work is one of the most dangerous and hazardous. Our Village DPW crew works constantly to make a better environment for us, so please remember when you see them to help keep them safe and thank them for their dedicated service to the Village.

DPW – The Village's Street Paving projects have begun for the summer. **East Pleasant and Lower Hamilton Streets will be paved on Friday June 9th.** College Street has some additional work being done by outside contractors and will be completed by the end of June. The DPW Crew Chief asks for patience while these projects are ongoing. Other road work will continue over the summer months and will include storm sewer repairs, sidewalk/cross walk upgrades, and safety painting of street crossings and parking areas. Please use caution and pay attention to flag persons when approaching and passing workers.

Employment Opportunities:

Farmers' Market Monitor: Seeking **multiple** individuals! Meet local vendors and become acquainted with 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 to discover a fulfilling career in Village Government.