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VILLAGE NEWS

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ALICE TYNAN

HILTON'S WALKING INSPIRATION

Chances are pretty good that if you've traveled through the Village of Hilton, you've most likely passed by the smiling face of Alice Tynan, as she was walking by. Over the past 6 years, Alice has become a familiar sight, walking through the streets of the Village, almost daily, waving to just about everyone she meets. Many know her and others have wondered who she is. Here is a small glimpse into the life of Alice.

Alice Tynan was born and raised in Penfield.

She grew up on a farm with her parents and two older brothers.

When she was a mere 3 years old, her brother Larry was

smashing glass beer bottles on a near-by rock. A piece of the glass ricocheted off the rock and struck Alice in the right eye. Alice lost her eye as a result of the accident and has lived with a glass eye ever since. Over the years, the vision in her one good eye has declined, leaving Alice legally blind. Although she can still see, she cannot operate a vehicle and depends on others to assist her with some of her own needs. Don't think this has slowed Alice down though. She says that the good Lord has blessed her and she doesn't let her limitations stop her from living a fruitful life.

Alice is 62 years old and a resident of the Hilton East assisted living community. She came to Hilton to find a living facility that was more suited to her, and says that she has been very happy ever since. When you see her walking in the Village, she is not only getting exercise, she is on a mission to help one of her fellow Hilton East residents who cannot help themselves. She will do just about anything for anyone. Despite her own limitations, she

goes to the Post Office for some, picks up cigarettes and other items for others and will even do people's banking when asked. While thoroughly enjoying the help that she is supplying to others, Alice benefits too.

"The walking keeps me healthy. I have a good heart and am more physically fit now, than I was a long time ago", says Alice.

Even the weather doesn't slow her down much. In the colder months, as long as it isn't too bad, she'll still venture out when there's a need. In addition, she loves to volunteer at the Hilton Apple Fest Information Booth, and assist with numerous other activities at the Hilton East facility.

The Hilton community is very fortunate to have such a generous, giving person living within the Village. She is a "walking" inspiration. Alice Tynan helps to make life a little easier and more pleasant for those she encounters. The next time you travel through the Village, make a special effort to look for Alice, she's sure to be doing a good deed for some lucky friend!



Alice assists her room-mate Jean, with a helping hand.

2009 BUDGET

WORKING HARD TO REMAIN COST EFFICIENT

The Village Board took a conservative approach to it's preparation and adoption of the budget for the 2009 fiscal year. Keeping in mind the current state of the economy and many unknown factors as to future revenue that the Village may or may not receive from anticipated County sales tax, management personnel cautiously put out a plan that continues to safeguard residents in the event of future changes in the economy.

Expenditures have been kept at a minimum to provide for necessities, without sacrifice to the quality and quantity of services the community has come to expect.

The total budget for 2009 is \$5,819,488.00. *The tax rate per \$1,000 will remain the same as last year, at \$2.48.* While acknowledging that the average Hilton home assesment increased between 8 and 11% in 2008, increasing revenue for the Village, it was still a difficult task to maintain the tax rate at the same level, for the 2009 fiscal year.

The Village has had to compensate for future expenditures in other ways. For example, effective on June 1st, the sewer rates will go up \$5.00

per single household/apartment unit, from \$58.00 to \$63.00. The cost increase will help raise money to maintain a savings plan for the refurbishing of older sewer mains, in the near future. Secondly, effective January 1, water rates increased from \$2.58 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons. The cost increase will be justified by using the extra revenue

machine and \$218,000 for a new recycling truck. The current recycling vehicle will be kept by the Village and used as a back-up when mechanical issues arise and for holidays when two routes are collected in one day. In addition, \$10,000 has also been budgeted for a new copier/printer/fax machine for the Village office. Project expenditures that have

been included in the budget for 2009 are milling, re-paving and adding of new gutters and

sidewalks to Henry Street at the cost of \$30,000.00.

Additionally, all Village parking lots will be slurry sealed this summer at a cost of \$47,000. Finally, \$25,000 has been set aside for the ongoing replacement and repair of Village sidewalks.

Village administration is striving to be responsible with your tax dollars. It is our hope that consumers will understand the level of hard work and commitment undertaken to maintain the service the Hilton community deserves, while striving to remain within our financial means without overburdening taxpayers.

10 YEAR VILLAGE TAX RATE HISTORY

Over the past 10 years the Village tax rate has only increased .16 cents per \$1,000

99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10
\$2.32	\$2.32	\$2.32	\$2.32	\$2.32	\$2.32	\$2.37	\$2.37	\$2.48	\$2.48	\$2.48

collected towards a 4 year meter replacement plan. Each homeowner's water meter is Village owned, and many of the meters are older than their 15 year life expectancy and no longer accurately measure water usage. The Village plans to purchase 1,600 replacement meters over the course of 4 years, and install the new meters at a rate of 400 per year. The added cost of water to consumers will cover the cost of the new meters and the labor to replace them.

The Village has a 10 year replacement schedule for DPW equipment. Equipment expenditures that have been included in the budget for 2009 are \$21,000.00 for a new leaf

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FOR BUDGETARY REASONS, THE VILLAGE WILL NOT SEND A WORKER AROUND THIS YEAR TO DO THE ANNUAL WATER METER READING. WATER CARDS WILL BE MAILED AND MUST BE RECORDED AND RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE OFFICE BY THE INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



MARCIA DOLES RETIRES

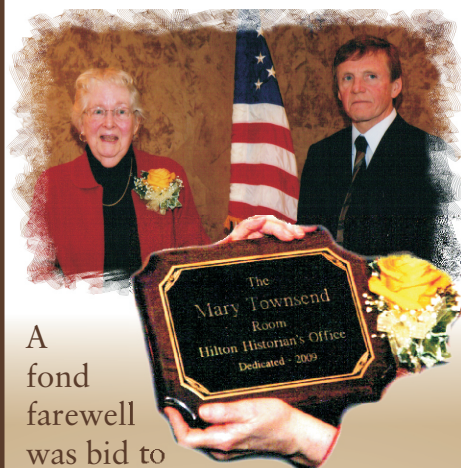
building presentable for all the folks who use the facilities daily, from the seniors in the senior center to the young children in the daycare and the staff and employees that work in the Community center. Marcia has enjoyed working with and getting to know them all. Marcia says that this has been the most interesting place that she ever worked. She will miss all of her friends very much but has promised to come and visit and participate with the Seniors in some of their activities.

Marcia Doles, the daytime custodian for the Village Community center retired April 30, 2009, after 13 ½ years working for the Village of Hilton. Marcia began her career in 1995 as the night custodian, working both nights and weekends. Within a year she switched to days and has been there ever since. Marcia has been keeping the building in tip-top shape from Monday through Thursday, part time during the day, while 3 other employees take turns during the night and weekend shifts.

In her retirement, Marcia plans to spend more time with her 4 grown children, 11 grandchildren and her newest grandchild expected in September. She also plans on being more active with the "Friends of the Library" where she is currently Treasurer. Best of wishes to you Marcia for a restful and fulfilling retirement. Thank you for a job well-done! You will be missed.

Most people take for granted the clean floors, sparkling windows and over-all cleanliness of the building. Not Marcia! She has taken special pride in keeping the

MARY TOWNSEND HONORED



A fond farewell was bid to Mary Townsend, former Village Historian, as her co-workers, friends and family wished her well at a retirement luncheon held in her honor at the Arlington Restaurant, January 29, 2009. Mary was honored for her 19 years of dedicated service and was also recognized as Hilton's first NYS Registered Historian, one in a group of 7, who were the first in the state. She tearfully accepted a special honorary plaque naming the Historian's office after her, "The Mary Townsend Room".

In her final Historian's report to the Village Board, Mary is quoted as saying,

"My years in this Historian's office have been full of learning, joy, hard work, wonderful people and experiences that could be had in no other place or occupation. The very old becomes invaluable and the new is looked at with anticipation of what it might become. It is never just a job, but always a quest of the future from the past."

Mary retired Dec. 31, 2008.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

for the residents of Parma and Hilton will be held at the Town of Sweden Highway Department

on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

Appointments must be scheduled ahead of time with the Parma Highway Department

by calling **392-9464**



VILLAGE ACCEPTS CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The Village of Hilton is pleased to announce that we are now accepting Mastercard and Discover credit/debit cards for payments. Customers who wish to use this method of payment will have to agree to pay a convenience fee to Nationwide Payment Solutions, who is the third party vendor selected by the Village for this purpose. The fee will be 2.45% (\$1.50 minimum).

For those who wish to pay their taxes on a

credit/debit card, Mastercard and Discover cards may be used with the 2.45% (\$1.50 minimum) fee added. In addition Visa cards will also be accepted, for tax payments only, with the exclusive flat fee of \$3.95. **This is the only time Visa cards can be used.** Payments can be made either in person, by mail or by telephone.

For more information please call the Village office at 392-4144. ■

Yard Waste Pick-up

The Village DPW crews will collect yard waste on the **Last Friday in May, June and September.**

Materials that will be accepted are sod, leaves, small stones, gravel, twigs, hedge trimmings, grass and small stumps. Materials **MUST** be in plastic or metal containers and placed by the street before 7:00am.

Containers must not exceed 30 pounds. **Loose materials, plastic or paper bags and cardboard boxes will NOT be collected.** More than 3 containers may be used for this collection. No stickers are required.

VILLAGE *Environmental* ISSUES

Wastewater Discharge from Pools

Although it is perfectly safe to enjoy pools when their waters are treated properly, that same water in our stormwater system can become hazardous for aquatic life and our environment. Chlorine, acid, algaecides and other water treatment chemicals should be handled, stored, used and disposed of properly. Even the empty containers need proper cleaning before disposal.

Draining or Backwashing Pools

Pool backwashing is the most common maintenance activity. Backwash water can become a pollutant to our stormwater system, and draining to a storm sewer or water body is illegal if the

water contains chemicals. Drain or backwash your pool only when a tested sample does not detect chlorine. Do not drain or backwash your pool down a driveway or into a storm sewer. Instead, drain slowly into the lawn or other landscaped area of your property using a low-volume pump or siphon. Be considerate of drainage patterns that may affect neighboring properties, especially steep slopes.

Triple rinse all chemical containers before disposal. Dispose of old or unwanted chemicals only at a Household Hazardous Waste facility. In Monroe County, call 753-7600 to schedule an appointment for disposal.

Hilton's New Green Energy Coordinator

HILTON OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF HARNESSING WIND ENERGY TO ADD TO THE VILLAGE'S EXISTING AND SUCCESSFUL ELECTRIC UTILITY PROGRAM.

VILLAGE BOARD MEMBER, LARRY SPEER, HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW "GREEN" ENERGY COORDINATOR FOR HILTON. LARRY WILL BE ATTENDING THE "WIND POWER EXPO" IN CHICAGO FROM MAY 4TH THROUGH THE 7TH, TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE WAYS IN WHICH SMALL COMMUNITIES LIKE HILTON CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGY.

LARRY HAS VOLUNTEERED TO JOIN A NEW 30 MEMBER COMMITTEE THAT HAS BEEN FORMED CALLED THE "HILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GREEN INITIATIVE COMMITTEE". THE COMMITTEE WILL BE FOCUSING ON ENERGY CONSERVATION, WIND ENERGY, IMPROVED RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES AND ALTERNATIVE CLEAN ENERGY FUELS TO POWER THE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

SUCCESSFUL TELEVISION AND ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION CONTINUES

With the success of the e-waste collections in January and February, recycling 3.8 tons of electronics, and fulfilling the desire to dispose of such items properly, the Village will now provide curbside collection of computer monitors and televisions on a trial basis. Note that **ONLY** monitors and televisions will be collected. Beginning June 1, 2009 a sticker may be purchased for the (TV-\$10), or (computer monitor-\$5) by visiting the Village office. Place the sticker on the item and set it at the street by 7 am on **Fridays** for collection. The Village will be partnering with Sunnking Inc. to ensure that proper disposal methods are strictly followed. Residents may dispose of all other e-waste items such as computers, laptops, keyboards etc., by taking such items to a local computer recycling facility such as Sunnking or calling the retailer where the item was purchased. Please call the Village office at 392-4144 with questions.

BE A RESPONSIBLE PET OWNER

When walking your dog around the Village, and through neighborhoods, please remember to be respectful of other people, their property and of public places such as Village parks and walkways. Remember to use a leash at all times and properly clean up after your pet.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL VILLAGE TRUSTEE

JOE LEE
392-3373

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in
Hilton



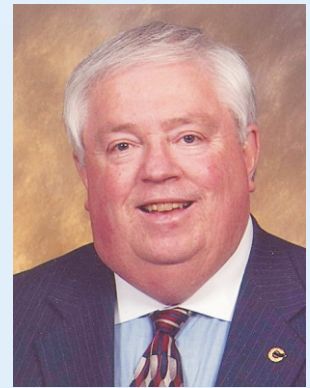
MARKET

OPEN
MID. JUNE
THROUGH THE
END OF OCTOBER.

SUNDAY'S
FROM 9:00AM UNTIL 2:00PM

PARK AND RIDE PARKING LOT
LOCATED AT HOVEY STREET
AND RAILROAD AVENUE.

2009 Citizen of the Year



Thomas Burger

The Village Board has named
Thomas Burger as
Hilton's Citizen of the Year.

Tom has been actively
involved in serving the Hilton
community for many years.

Many people know Tom for
the very personal and caring
service he provides as Owner
and President of the Thomas
E. Burger Funeral Home, Inc.,

located in the Village of
Hilton. Tom is also known
for the many hours he devotes
in the Rotary Club, where he
recently received the "*Paul
Harris Fellowship Award*".

The award is the highest
honor a person can receive in
the club, for exemplary

"*service above self*". Tom's
community involvement
doesn't end there. He is also
active with the Masons, is the

Chairperson of the Parma
Bicentennial Committee and
is the Town of Parma
Historian. Tom has many ties
with the old families of Hilton
and Parma through his strong
interest in genealogy.

Tom's active involvement in
the community and dedication
to the service of others makes
him worthy of the honor of
Citizen of the Year.

Congratulations Tom!

BUSINESS NEWS

The Village of Hilton warmly welcomes

Jurs Barber Shop

Jurs Barbershop caters to men and boys. The business is owned and operated by John Jurs, and has two additional employees. The shop is located at 20 East Avenue, in the rear of the building.

Hours are

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

CLOSED SUNDAY



**\$11.00
Basic Cut**

**\$8.00
Senior Cut
Before 12:00 pm**

**Walk-ins Welcome
No Appointment Necessary**

WHAT'S NEW IN HILTON

DEMOLITION OF THE SOUTH AVENUE FIRE HALL

After the Hilton Fire Department successfully moved into new facilities on Old Hojack Lane, April 4th, a professional crew was hired to begin the controlled process of asbestos removal from the old facilities located on South Avenue. The process will continue with the complete dismantling and demolition of the old structure and the blacktop area that surrounds the building. Following, the site will be restored to a natural state and will become the property of the Village of Hilton. The building pictured below will soon be a distant memory in the history of Hilton.



Community-wide Garage Sale



**Sponsored by the
Parma
Bicentennial
Committee**

**Sat. & Sun.
May 16 & 17, 2009
9:00am to 3:00 pm**

published times

\$10.00 advertising fee
entitles you to be listed on the maps.

Garage sale is held on your premises.
contents and proceeds are your own.

**All Hilton and Parma
premises are invited**

**For an application
contact the
Parma Town Clerk's Office**

HILTON BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 200 YEARS

2009 will stand out as a memorable year for the Hilton Baptist Church. The Church will celebrate it's 200th anniversary of public ministry within the Hilton community.

From the humble beginnings in the home of Samuel Hick, led by Elder Phineas Clark, the original First Baptist Church began, in 1809. In 1831 a second church formed in the Wright's School House under the leadership of Reverend C.A. Hilton the man for whom the Hilton Village was named. That second church was known as the Free Will Baptist Church. By 1920 the two churches combined into the current Hilton Baptist Church under the present leadership of Reverend Walter Steensen.

The Church plans a wide variety of activities in celebration of this historic

accomplishment. The celebration will begin on Saturday, September 19th, with Family activities, games and crafts. There will be a Puppets presentation catered by "Happy Days", a costume contest and a historian display along with a tour of the church. Tickets are also available for a sit down dinner. The celebration will continue on Sunday, September 20th, with a worship service, guest speakers and a release of balloons. For a complete listing

of activities and times, contact any member of the bicentennial committee or call the church office at 392-7990.

Information is also available on the church's website at www.hiltonbaptistchurchny.org

Congratulations to the members of the Hilton Baptist Church!



May through December 2009 Refuse & Recycling Holiday Schedule

HOLIDAY

Memorial Day
Independence Day
Floating Holiday
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving
Floating Holiday
Christmas
New Year's Day

ALL DEPTS CLOSED

Monday, May 25th
Friday, July 3rd
Monday, July 6th
Monday, Sept. 7th
Monday, Oct. 12th
Wednesday, Nov. 11th
Thursday, Nov. 26th
Friday, Nov. 27th
Friday, Dec. 25th
Friday, Jan. 1st, 2010

SERVICES RESUME

Tuesday, May 26th
Services not affected
Tuesday, July 7th
Tuesday, Sept. 8th
Tuesday, Oct. 13th
Thursday, NOV. 12TH
Wednesday, Nov. 25th
Services not affected
Services not affected
Services not affected



Note: If your normal pick-up date falls on the day departments are closed, your new pick-up date will be on the day that services resume. All other days remain unaffected and on normal schedule.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The following services are available
within the Hilton-Parma community.

Emergency Food shelf
234-2090

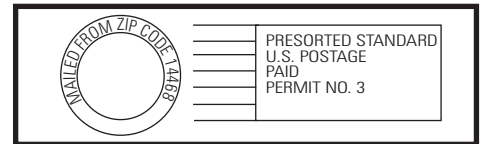
Clothes Closet
392-7236

Furniture Alert
234-2700

**Hilton-Parma Community
Council of Churches
P.O. Box 127
Hilton, NY 14468
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QUESTIONS TO THE EDITOR AT MARYSEMAIL@FRONTIERNET.NET

WELCOME DAVE CRUMB NEW VILLAGE HISTORIAN



At the January meeting of the Village Board, Dave Crumb was appointed as the new Village Historian. A special ceremony was held on January 16, 2009 in the Village board room where Mayor Larry Gursslin witnessed, as Dave was sworn in.

Dave was born and raised in Hilton and graduated from Hilton High School. He attended both the Florida and Michigan State Universities, earning a Masters Degree in business. After a successful career in management in the hotel industry he began a 20 year career in education. Dave holds a current teaching

position at the Rochester Institute of Technology where special assignments have led him to teach in both Europe and Croatia. Dave has been married to Mari Crumb for 35 years. He and Mari have 3 children, all graduates of Hilton High School.

Dave's family history has inspired him with a great interest in the history of Hilton. He has spent 28 years assisting past Historians Elizabeth Keller, Leith Wright and Mary Townsend in Hilton's Historian

office. Dave has noted that the previous Historians have acquired a remarkable archive of materials relating to Hilton's past. Dave is pleased and honored to be the new Village

Historian and looks forward to using the resources for the benefit of the community.

Stop in and welcome

Dave to his new position and take a look at the wonderful items on display for all to enjoy.

