

# The Village of Hilton

THE LITTLE VILLAGE WITH THE BIG HEART

October 2017

## Community Center & DPW Lighting Updated to Safe, Cost Efficient LED

Increasing efficiency while keeping costs down are two essential guidelines employees strive to implement in the everyday operations of maintaining the village.

Early in the year, following an issue regarding a lighting fixture in the Community Center, staff thought it prudent to have an inspection done to check the safety of the remaining fixtures throughout the building. An energy service representative was called to make the safety inspection and also to evaluate the building's energy usage and efficiency. Upon completion of the inspection, it was determined that 95% of the existing fixtures were installed prior to 1950. It was further determined that the existing, oil filled ballasts posed a dangerous threat, as they are prone to leak without warning. Repairing the fixtures was not an energy or cost efficient option.

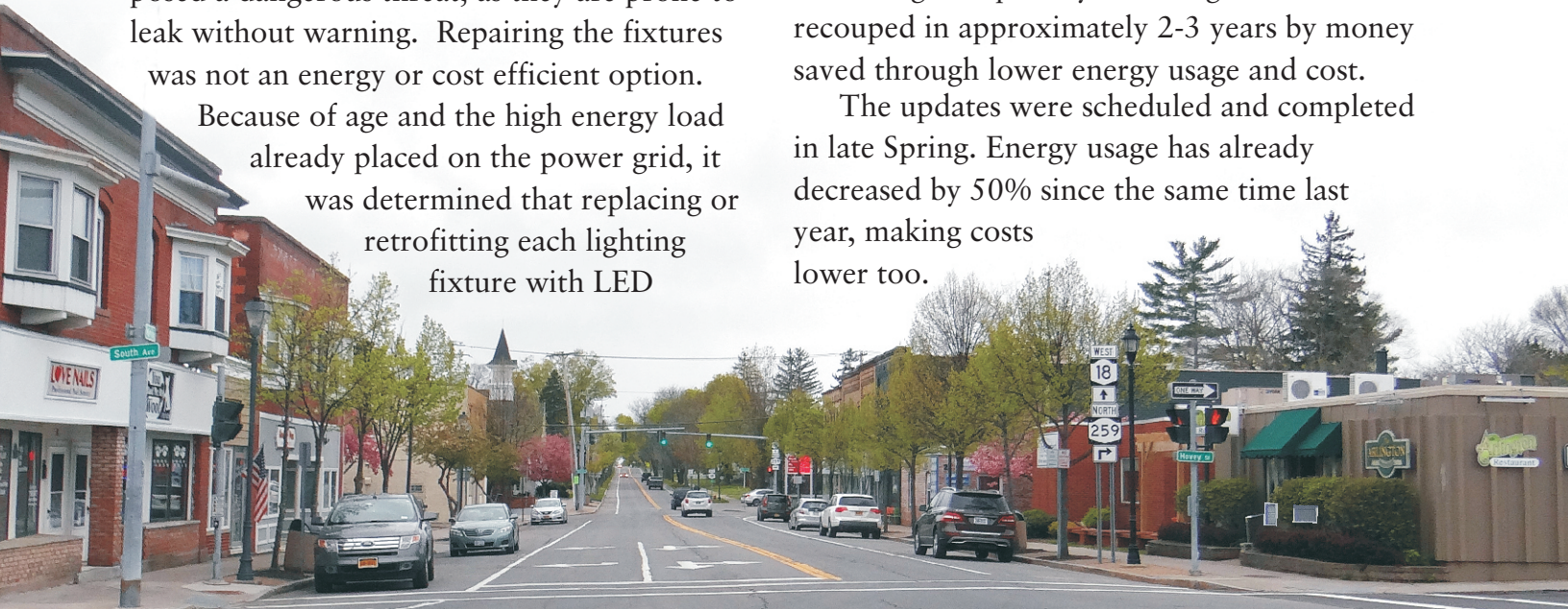
Because of age and the high energy load already placed on the power grid, it was determined that replacing or retrofitting each lighting fixture with LED

lighting would be the safest and most economical option. LED fixtures use much less energy, taking pressure off the power grid, and saving money.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) building was also inspected, since it contained similar lighting as the Community Center. It was decided that both the Community Center and the DPW interior and exterior lighting needed updating with LED lights.

The good news is that RG&E has a plan that offers a monetary contribution to offset the costs of LED replacement through their Small Business Energy Efficiency Program. Through this program, RG&E contributes up to 70% of the total replacement cost. The remaining cost paid by the village will be recouped in approximately 2-3 years by money saved through lower energy usage and cost.

The updates were scheduled and completed in late Spring. Energy usage has already decreased by 50% since the same time last year, making costs lower too.







FROM  
**MAYOR**  
*Joe Lee*

Governor Cuomo signed New York's "*County-Wide Shared Services Initiative Act*" into law, as part of the state's 2017-18 budget. This law mandated that each county's executive leader convene a panel of local officials comprised of city, town and village executives and school district officials that wanted to participate, to seek ways to save property taxpayer dollars by sharing or consolidating services.

Each municipality represented was required to submit cost-saving strategies for recommendation to the county. From all of the county recommendations submitted, a plan was voted on and then certified. The certified plan was scheduled to be submitted to the NYS Dept. of Budget by September 15, 2017. Each county in the state was required to submit their own plan.

The Village of Hilton was an active participant in this process. I'd like to note that we have been sharing services with the town, school and fire district for many years, and we continually seek to improve future cost efficiency to lessen the burden on our residents.

Monroe County's final plan can be viewed on their website at [www.monroecounty.gov/](http://www.monroecounty.gov/).

## New Dog Restrictions in the Village of Hilton

Recently there have been multiple instances of loose dogs chasing and menacing people and also instances of serious dog bites due to owner/caretaker's failure to keep their dog under proper control and restraint. In the interest of public safety, dog owners/caretakers will be held responsible for violations. Violators run the risk of the animal being seized, impounded or even destroyed if necessary. Furthermore, owners/caretakers can be fined and held responsible for damage and injury. Dog ownership is a serious responsibility. Please keep control of your dogs, always clean up after them and be considerate and caring of others. Village officials feel it's prudent to remind residents of the responsibilities connected with the ownership/care taking of dogs within the village.

Be aware that the Hilton Central School District has drafted a new set of 6 rules pertaining to dogs on school property. New signs have been posted and are visible for all to see. Dog owners should familiarize themselves with the new regulations before bringing a dog onto school property. See the sign graphic on the bottom left.

On May 2, 2017, the Village Board voted to approve the following Section 24-209 of the Hilton Village Code. This code specifically targets those wishing to own more than three dogs permanently at their residence.

(1) It shall be unlawful to permanently keep or harbor more than three dogs which are more than four months of age within the confines of any lot within the Village of Hilton, unless the property owner or resident complies with the provisions of Subsection (2) of this section.

(2) A property owner or resident may apply for a special permit to retain more than three dogs on his /her premises.

There are 6 requirements that apply for the ability to obtain the special permit. To review the 6 requirements and to see the full Village Code, please contact the Village Office at 392-4144.

### Hilton Central School's New Regulations Pertaining to Dogs on School Property



#### Dogs on School Grounds Rules and Regulations



1. When school is in session, dogs are prohibited from school grounds 30 minutes before school begins **through** 30 minutes after school ends.
2. No dogs are allowed on playgrounds or athletic fields at any time.
3. Dogs must be on a leash, properly restrained, and under the owner's control at all times.
4. Owners must clean up and carry out pet waste.
5. Service dogs certified by an accredited agency, and dogs used for law enforcement or instructional purposes are the only exceptions.
6. Owners assume all risks to public safety and property damage.





## Christmas Tree Lighting

**Saturday,  
December 2, 2017  
6:30-8:30**

Enjoy the timeless tradition of the lighting of the Village Christmas tree with family and friends while singing Christmas carols. Santa will arrive at 7:00pm. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and sit on Santa's lap. Indoor activities include cookie decorating, games, crafts and coloring. Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Hilton Food Shelf.

## Mobile Christmas Wagon



You can join Santa and friends traveling around the Village in the Mobile Christmas Wagon beginning **December 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from **6-8pm**. Meet at 6pm at the Community Center to join the fun!



## Engels Gualdani Civic Beautification 2017 Award Recipient



Congratulations to **Engels Gualdani**, owner of Great Lakes Classic Cars and More, located at 6 Upton Street. Engels is the 2017 recipient of the Walt Horylev Civic Beautification Award. He is receiving the honor for the tremendous improvements made on the building and grounds where his business is located. The transformation of the facility is truly impressive. A lot of time and effort went into this project. Engels deserves the recognition of this award for his efforts.

The award, given annually since 2012, was conceived to encourage people to improve and beautify our village. The Village Board receives nominations of deserving individuals, and a winner is chosen by a vote.

Engels will be awarded a certificate and plaque at the October Village Board Meeting, in appreciation for making our village a little more beautiful. Thank you Engels, nice work!

## Garbage & Recycling

If your normal pick-up date falls on the day depts are closed, your garbage and recycling will be picked up on the new pick-up date. All other days remain unaffected and on normal schedule.

## Holiday Pick-up Schedule

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>ALL DEPTS CLOSED</u>	<u>PICK-UP DATE</u>
Columbus Day . . . . .	Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, October 10 <sup>th</sup>
Veteran's Day . . . . .	Friday, November 10 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Services unaffected
Thanksgiving . . . . .	Thursday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> . . . . .	<b>Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
. . . . .	Friday, November 24 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Services unaffected
Christmas . . . . .	Monday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>
New Year's 2018 . . . . .	Monday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Martin Luther King. . . . .	Monday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday January 16 <sup>th</sup>
President's Day . . . . .	Monday, February 19 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, February 20 <sup>th</sup>
Good Friday. . . . .	Friday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Services unaffected





# Village of Hilton Curfew Law

As a courtesy reminder to the community, village officials would like to restate that the Village of Hilton has a curfew law and would like to explain what that means to youth in the Village of Hilton.

In December of 1991, The Hilton Village Board adopted a curfew law for the purpose of reducing juvenile crime and vandalism and to protect the children of this municipality and reinforce parental authority to keep minors out of public areas after dark.

The curfew law states that it is unlawful for any child age 17 or under, to remain in or upon any public street, sidewalk, highway, park, vacant lot or other public place starting at 11:00 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday and ending at 5:00 a.m. The next day; and starting at 11:59 p.m. Friday and Saturday and ending at 5:00 a.m. The next day.

There are a few exemptions to the law as follows.

- ★ (A) At any time, if the child is accompanied by his or her parent, legal guardian or other responsible person who is over the age of twenty-one and approved by the child's parent or legal guardian;
- ★ (B) if the child is legally employed, for the period from one-half hour before or after work, while going directly between his or her home and place of employment. This exception shall also apply if the child is in a

public place during curfew hours in the course of his or her employment. To come under this exception, the child must be carrying a written statement from the employer attesting to the place and hours of employment;

- ★ (C) If the child is coming directly home from a school activity or an activity of a religious or other voluntary association, or a place of public entertainment, such as a movie, play or sporting event. This exception will apply for one-half hour after the completion of such event, but in no case beyond 1:30a.m.
- ★ (D) If the minor is exercising first amendment rights protected by the Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, speech, or assembly, provided the minor first has given notice to the Administrator by delivering written communication signed by the minor and countersigned by a parent of the minor which specifies when, where, in what manner, and for what first amendment purpose the minor will be on the streets at night during the curfew period.

Failure to comply with this law shall be a violation of the New York State Penal Law and penalties may be imposed.

## Winter Reminders

Please keep your children **OFF** road-side and cul-de-sac snowbanks, and off sidewalks when the sidewalk plow is in use.



### Village law prohibits...

- ★ Parking on village streets Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> through Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> from 12<sup>am</sup> to 6<sup>am</sup>.
- ★ And, plowing, shoveling or snow blowing into the road.

## 10th Annual Make A Difference Day

Saturday

October  
28<sup>th</sup>

[www.hilton.k12.ny.us](http://www.hilton.k12.ny.us)

*The largest national day  
of helping others*

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*Beautiful*  
hanging flower baskets  
adorned the gazebo  
during the summer.

*Provided by the  
Village of Hilton*







## Retired Teacher-Friends Create Imaginative Art in Hilton



Hugh Ratigan and Al Colburn

In a housing tract in the village, just before the curve on Peach Blossom Road North, passers-by may notice something quite out of the ordinary. On the exterior side of the backyard fence of the property on Hale Haven Drive, which borders Peach Blossom North, an imaginative, colorful train exists. The train, created by 2 retired Hilton school teachers, was made “for the children”. Modeled after a Lego train, the creation consists of hand-made wooden cut-outs with additional painted details on the fence.

The creators of the train, Donald (Al) Colburn and Hugh Ratigan, have been co-workers and good friends for over 37 years. Now retired, Hugh, “Mr. Ratigan”, was a Science teacher at Merton Williams for grades 6, 7 and 8, from 1968 through 2001 and Al, “Mr Colburn” was an 8th grade Science teacher at Merton Williams from 1972 through 2002. Through their friendship they discovered a mutual enjoyment creating fun, interesting works of art together.

The train, one of many projects the friends created together, began with the donation of a few oak veneer cabinets. The cabinets were being discarded from a remodeling job at the middle school. Al was lucky enough to obtain the cabinets and kept them for about 10 years before the idea of the train was conceived. Since one of Al’s sons liked Legos and they were readily available, a lego train was used to model the design. Hugh, the detail man, drew a train car on the wood from the donated cabinets. Al, a wood craftsman, would then cut out the design with one of the many power tools in his

garage. Both men collaborated in the painting, but Hugh would paint the details, adding fun, personal touches, such as the train Engineer (*which is actually a portrait of Al in his younger days*) or the cat in one of the train cars (*Hugh is an avid cat lover, with 7 cats at home*).

Decisions were made as they went along. More cars were added one at a time until both felt the job was complete and to their liking. The pair worked on the project every day for a month - except for weekends, (*or if it was too hot - it was a very hot summer that year*). The project was finished in 2014. Since then, many passers-by have stopped to admire the work. Al, who’s property the fence is on, really enjoys the attention the artwork attracts. He welcomes people, and encourages them to come closer to fully appreciate the finer details. As an added bonus, when the holidays come around or the Apple Fest, the friends decorate one of the box cars to celebrate the season.

An earlier project the pair created which adorns the front section of fence facing Hale Haven Drive, is an enchanted woodland scene complete with animals and even a Tinker Bell. Hidden in Al’s basement is another gem. He has a room dedicated to trains in the cellar. An entire wall has been painted with a mural of Hilton, by Hugh - the backdrop to what used to house Al’s train table.

The next time you find yourself in the neighborhood, take a moment to stroll by and admire the talents of these two fine men. Their work is impressive and worthy to be enjoyed by all.





# Historic 1800's Railroad Clock Has A New Home



Contributed by  
**Dave Crumb**  
Village of Hilton  
& Town of Parma  
Historian



For those village residents interested in history, a new acquisition arrived at the Community Center several months ago. The item, a railroad depot clock, donated by Pete McCann, now hangs handsomely in the foyer of the Village Office for public display.

The black walnut, wall mounted clock is believed to have been originally located in the North Parma Depot (later known as the Hilton Depot) which was erected at the time of the Hojack (Rome, Watertown, and Oswego) Railroad's opening in 1876.

Before electricity and digital clocks, "correct time" was imperative for the punctuality of railroad schedules. Everyday at noon a telegraph was received from Washington to the depot recording the correct Eastern standard time. The depot clock was set accordingly for the benefit of the community. Residents set their clocks and

watches by the depot clock.

When passenger service at the depot ended in 1934, Henry Cosman, Hilton's long time Optometrist and Jeweler acquired the depot clock where it hung in his store on Main Street. At the time of his death in 1943, with the liquidation of his store inventory, Hilton's Mayor William V. Newcomb purchased the clock and hung it in his insurance office, Newcomb and McCann at 7 South Avenue. There the clock was well cared for and has ticked away for the last 74 years. Mayor Newcomb's grandson, Pete McCann generously donated the clock to the Village Historian's Office recently and it has been placed in a location where it can now be enjoyed by the public.

Stop in to the Village Office and be sure to take notice of the clock next time you visit the Hilton Community Center.

## Mainly Books Celebrates 10 Years!

This year the Friends of the Parma Public Library are celebrating the 10th anniversary of Mainly Books, located at 24 Main Street. The store is staffed by volunteers who give time and dedication to it's operation. We are grateful to our patrons and volunteers who have made the store a success. Proceeds from Mainly Books support projects and programs that the library might not be able to

afford otherwise. Some of these include the Summer Reading Programs, contests, art and craft classes and the Ancestry Program to name a few.

Mainly Books is proud to be a member of the Hilton Business Community. We are grateful to Bob Hunte for providing a location for us.

*provided by Kay R. Melvin*







## **Triton Mechanical**

7 Upton Street, Suite 5  
Owners: Jake & Jeff Koch  
Office: 585-209-1600  
Mobile: 585-703-5277

Commercial Refrigeration & HVAC  
Service, Sales and Maintenance.  
By Appointment.  
e-mail: jKoch@tritonmech.com  
website: www.tritonmech.com



## **Hilton Ky Kushin Karate**

9 South Avenue, Suite 13  
Owner: Shihan Todd Hutchison  
Phone: 392-8200

**Hours:** Mon. 7-8, Tues., Wed., & Th. 5:45-9pm  
**Classes:** Young Lions 4-6, Kids 6-12, Adult/teen 12+, Sparring, Advanced (yellow & up), Black Belt.  
E-mail: hiltonmartialarts@gmail.com  
website: www.hiltonkarate.com



## **Wrap Gods USA**

7 Upton Street, Lower level  
Owner: Colin Sixt  
Phone: 585-613-6214  
By Appointment

Design, digital printing, indoor/outdoor signs, stickers and decals, vehicle wraps with complete or partial coverage for mobile billboard, banners, graphics, lettering, canvas prints & posters. Large format printers, high quality with vivid color - no limit to size or shape - no job too small.  
Website: www.wrapgodsusa.com



## **Red Zone Apparel**

67 Old Hojack Lane  
Owner: Timothy Mason  
Phone: 697-4652

**Hours:** M-F 9:30-5:30, Sat. 10-3, closed Sunday  
Screen printing & embroidery for business or sport, sports-wear apparel. Online catalogs.  
E-mail: tim.redzone@yahoo.com  
website: www.rz-apparel.com



## **Foster's Restaurant**

50 Canning Street  
Owner/Chef: Steve Spotts  
Phone: 392-4081  
Casual American Dining

Over 30 years experience as chef. House made entrees of steak, seafood and pasta dishes.  
**Hours:** Open Tuesday through Saturday  
Bar and lunch menu served 11:30am till midnight. Serving dinners from 4-9pm. Visa, MC, Discover & American Express accepted. View their online menu at www.fostershiltonny.com  
e-mail: info@fostershiltonny.com



## **K. Lissow**

### **Wood Interiors**

67 Old Hojack Lane  
Owner: Karla Lissow  
Phone: 755-2026  
By Appointment

Custom wood cabinets, railings, furniture, trim.  
E-mail: karlalissow@gmail.com



## **CMF Hair**

9 South Avenue, Suite 5  
Owner: Chrissy Flagg  
Phone: 366-7579

Get 6 hair cuts - 7th free!  
pick up our CMF card.

Hair salon for men, women and children.  
Walk-ins & appointments welcome.  
Hours: Tues.-Fri. 11-7, Sat. 11-6, Sun. 12-5.  
Hair cuts, wax, color, grooming, KMS Goldwell



## **HG2LLC**

Laser Marking & Engraving  
67 Old Hojack Lane  
Owner: Mark Herington  
Phone: 585-370-6583  
By Appointment

Trophy and Award Plaques,  
Wood Engraved Signs, Pens, Specialized Gifts,  
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E-mail: mark@hg2llc.com  
Website: HG2LLC.com



# Leaf collection

Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>  
through  
Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>

**DO NOT** bag leaves.

Place leaves in loose piles  
**between** the  
sidewalk and street.

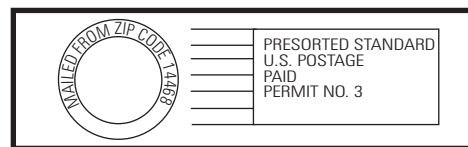
**DO NOT** rake leaves  
into the street.



**PLEASE Keep leaves  
out of storm drains.**



VILLAGE OF HILTON  
59 HENRY STREET  
HILTON, NY 14468



Postal Customer  
Hilton NY 14468

## Hilton-Parma Special Police Recruitment



The Village of Hilton and the Town of Parma are actively seeking interested individuals to serve the community as a member of the Special Police, a volunteer organization that

serves the village, town, school district and fire district.

An informational meeting will be held on

**October 11, 2017 at 7:00pm**

at the Hilton-Parma Fire Hall, located at  
**120 Old Hojack Lane.**

There are no residency requirements. Interested persons must have a valid driver's license and be 21 years of age or older. Questions can be directed to the Village Office at 392-4144.

### 3 TRICK OR TREAT EVENTS

Free Shuttle  
Between  
Events

**OCTOBER 28**

### FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

**HILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

120 Old Hojack Lane

12:00 - 3:00

### HCS TRANSPORTATION DEPT. BUS GARAGE OPEN HOUSE

300 School Lane 10:00 - 1:00

### HALLOWEEN PARADE & CELEBRATION

Parade line-up at St. Leo's 10:00

Celebration at Community Center

10:30 - 12:30

Pre-registration is required for the Halloween Celebration.

Register online at [www.parmany.org/recreation](http://www.parmany.org/recreation)

or call 392-9030 or stop in at 59 Henry Street

#### Hilton Village Office 392-4144

Shari Pearce, *Village Manager/Clerk*  
Maryalice Edwards, *Village Treasurer*  
Mike Lissow, *Code Enforcement Officer*  
Amy Harter, *Deputy Clerk*  
Debbie Jones, *Billing Clerk/Cust. Service*  
Vicky Taylor, *Customer Service*

#### Board of Trustees

Joe Lee, *Mayor*  
Shannon Zabelny, *Vice Mayor*  
Craig Burritt, *Trustee*  
Jim Gates, *Trustee*  
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Richard Bjornholm, *Chairman*  
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Keith Brown, *Assistant Superintendent*  
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#### Newsletter

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