

# **Village Plans Upgrade To More Efficient LED Lighting**

In 2007, the Village of Hilton purchased the street lighting system within the corporate limits of the Village. The purchase saved taxpayers up to \$50,000 annually in associated equipment rental and NYS fees. The Village took out a bond to pay for the purchase. The annual \$50,000 savings associated with the purchase provided the funds necessary to repay the bond over the course of 7 years. In November 2014, the bond was fully paid. The continued annual savings has made it possible to begin an upgrade and improvement schedule for the street lighting system. Beginning with a selection of light poles, plans are underway to replace current light heads with new, high efficiency LED lights, with the intention to expand the upgrade throughout the Village over the next several years.

The benefits of upgrading to a highly efficient LED system are substantial. The new lights promise superior performance in comparison to those presently being used. Not only will the lights last longer, with a life expectancy of double to triple the hours, the cost of power will drop by 50% because the lights use ½ the electricity. Maintenance costs will also be reduced by 50% because of long life expectancy and less need for replacement. The change will improve the quality of light. The new lights will seem brighter but will actually be equivalent in wattage to those being used at present. LED lights have a truer white cast as opposed to the more yellowed lighting now in use.

The Village Board has taken the next steps to budget for the 2015-16 year for the installation of

47 new LED street light heads, that will be mounted to the existing poles on several Village streets. Beginning this summer, installation of the new light heads will take place on Old Hojack Lane, Henry Street, Grove Street, Gorton Avenue, Heinz Street and West Avenue. \$22,000 has been budgeted for the project. The lighting will be purchased through a bid process. The work will be contracted to Power and Construction Group. There will be no inconvenience to residential properties. The pole and arm will remain the same, only the light head will be replaced.

In on-going research concerning public lighting, the Village Board deemed it necessary to impose a moratorium, that is a restriction, on the installation of any new parking lot lighting within the Village for a period of 8 months, from October 2014 through the end of May 2015. It was determined that the Village code book was lacking in the proper guidelines to manage the amount of permissible parking lot lighting for areas situated near residential zones. It was concluded that a change was necessary in the Village code. During the moratorium, under the guidance of the Village Board, the Code Enforcement Officer has been reviewing the laws of surrounding villages and towns, has attended a conference on outdoor lighting, and has been working with MRB, the Village's engineering firm, to determine what industry standards are for this type of lighting. The process is ongoing. Plans are being made to amend the current code to both protect and enforce a reasonable solution.





As Mayor, one of the commitments I've set my focus on is the improvement of Hilton's Community Center, a facility that is in constant use by people of all ages, offering various services, housing several organizations and providing numerous activities. I feel it is important to maintain and improve this facility as it serves so many purposes for the community.

Recently, an upstairs room at the north end of the building was renovated to accommodate a new, custom designed space for the Hilton-Parma Emergency Food Shelf. The location of the new space, directly across from the building's elevator, was a key factor in the decision to relocate the Food Shelf; formerly located at the opposite end of the building. Modifications to the space included the removal of a wall, a fresh coat of paint and the addition of a new cold storage room for perishable food items. The new location has proven to be beneficial as it has made the delivery of food donations and access to the facility so much easier.

Several more renovations are currently underway. Plans to repair and refinish the floor in the gymnasium have been put in motion. Additionally plans to update and enhance the Ingham room have also begun. With the addition of paint, some new utility cabinets and the replacement of worn ceiling tiles, the room will be more pleasant for the many daily activities it houses. Another project, soon to be underway, is the addition of a canopy over the handicap entrance ramp at the north end of the building, and new handicap entrance doors. The new doors will provide easier access to the building and the canopy will protect the ramp-way from rain and slippery ice and snow.

The Village of Hilton has applied for a grant to fund future improvements, such as the replacement of the existing first floor restroom entrance doors with new automatic handicap accessible doors, and the replacement of a new ADA compliant drinking fountain.

It is our hope that the grant will be approved so we can continue to upgrade this facility.



The 2015 season of the Foodlink Mobile Pantry will begin on May 9th at the Hilton DPW garage (50 Henry Street). The Foodlink Mobile Pantry is a market on wheels, filled with essential, nutritious food items, that travels to locations to serve rural and under-served areas.

Everyone 18 years of age and older will be helped on a first come, first served basis regardless of income or where you live. Vehicles should line up on Old Hojack Lane and proceed through the DPW garage for the food distribution. Food will be dispersed from 11am until 1pm, or until food items are gone, with a limit of one order per household. Those who could be helped by an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables, bakery items, and non-perishable grocery items are invited to come to the site and collect the food. The Foodlink Mobile Pantry carries perishable items that change daily depending on donations to Foodlink.

Volunteers will be available to load the food into your car. This is a drive through, no need to leave your car. If you are collecting food for someone else, please come to the Hilton Food Shelf, 59 Henry Street, Room 1B before the distribution date, for the pre-approved paperwork.

We will also have information about assistance with SNAP (formerly known as food stamps), and contact information for the Hilton Parma Emergency Food Shelf, as well as current programs we are offering. The Mobile Pantry will also be in Hilton on August 8th and November 14th.

For more information, call the Hilton Emergency Food Shelf at 234-2090 before May 9th.



Provided Information

# **New Law for Responsible Electronics Recycling**

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation enacted a new law. Beginning January 1, 2015 it is illegal to dispose of any electronic waste in any solid waste management facility, in the trash or at curbside for trash pick-up, or in any hazardous waste management facility in this state.

Many electronic devices contain lead and other elements such as mercury and cadmium that, if improperly disposed of, can contaminate the air, water and soil and pose a hazard to the environment.

Electronics manufacturers are required to provide a convenient way for consumers to recycle certain types of electronic waste (e-waste), including computers, televisions, cathode ray tubes (CRT), small scale servers, computer peripherals such as monitors, electronic keyboards, electronic mice or similar pointing devices - including any cable, cord or wiring permanently affixed to or incorporated into such a product, facsimile machines, document scanners and printers (only those intended for use with a computer and weighing less than 100lbs), VCRs, digital video recorders, portable digital music players, DVD players, digital converter boxes, cable or satellite receivers, and electronic or video game consoles.

In addition, NYS law prohibits the disposal of most rechargeable batteries. Retailers of nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cad), button and lithium ion batteries are required to accept them back for recycling. Retailers include Best Buy, Lowes, Home Depot, Sears, Staples, Sprint, Target, Radio Shack, Batteries Plus and Verizon Wireless. The Monroe County Ecopark will also accept these batteries. Regular household alkaline or zinc batteries can be disposed of in the trash.

Manufacturers of cell phones and printer ink cartridges are required by law to accept these items back for recycling or arrange for such via shipping. These items are also accepted by Monroe County's household hazardous waste program. Call 753-7600 - option 3 for more information.

There are several companies and municipalities in the Monroe County area that will accept electronics for safe recycling. Two local facilities are Monroe Tech, 392-8324 or <u>www.monroetech.com</u>; and Sunnking Electronic Recycling, 637-8365 or

<u>www.sunnking.com</u>. Call or visit their websites for more information. For a complete listing visit <u>www.dec.ny.gov</u>.

Prior to recycling, be sure to erase any personal information from your devices to protect your identity.

Violators of the new law will be subject to a \$100 fine for each improperly discarded electronic item.

For more information and a complete list of included and excluded electronics covered by this law, visit <u>www.dec.ny.gov</u>, call (518) 402-8706, or e-mail <u>ewaste@dec.ny.gov</u>.





Dave DeConinck at 748-3353

# **Yard Waste Collection**

All Pick-up dates are the last Friday of the month

### **Dates are:**

April 24<sup>th,</sup> May 29<sup>th,</sup> June 26<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>

## Place at the curb by 7:00 am

- Material must be placed in a plastic or metal container. <u>No</u> plastic or paper bags! <u>No</u> cardboard boxes!
- + More than 3 containers are acceptable.
- +Place stumps next to containers.
- Containers over 30 pounds will <u>NOT</u> be picked up.
- +No stickers required

#### <u>Acceptable materials:</u> sod, leaves, small stones, gravel, twigs, hedge trimmings, grass, stumps

# **Brush Collection**

Brush will be picked up on the first and third Friday of each month, north of West Avenue and East Avenue and

the second and fourth Friday of each month, south of West Avenue and East Avenue

#### LOOSE MATERIAL RAKED TO THE CURB WILL NOT BE COLLECTED

### Meals on Wheels needs Volunteers!

Hot meals, warm smiles, independence and peace of mind - Meals on Wheels delivers this and more to the homebound, elderly or ill through a dedicated volunteer force.

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals right in your own community! You can volunteer weekly, monthly or seasonally! Information on how to get started can be found on our website at <u>www.vnsnet.com</u> under the Meals on Wheels tab, or by calling the Volunteer Services Office at **787-8326**.

# From the Office of Code Enforcement

### Abandoned, Unlicensed, Inoperative, Junked or Discarded Vehicles

The Village Board has ordered immediate action for the enforcement of local law #6, chapter15B, section M. The law states the following:

It shall be unlawful for any owner of or occupant of any real property in the Village of Hilton to have or permit the outside storage of any automobile or other motor vehicle on said real property, for a period longer than seven days that is required to be licensed and or registered and not bearing a current and valid license plate, registration sticker, and inspection sticker properly displayed according to the Vehicle and Traffic Law. The Code Enforcement Officer may grant permits for a period of no longer than three months, allowing the outside storage of a vehicle that does not have a current and valid license plate, motor vehicle sticker, and inspection sticker properly displayed. Such permits may be renewed a maximum of 3 times upon good cause shown, including but not limited to, the following:

- a. the motor vehicle is up for sale
- b. the motor vehicle is being stored for winter months (Nov. Mar.)
- c. Owner is serving in the armed forces
- d. Owner is temporarily relocated by his/her employer
- e. Owner is attending school out of area.

Furthermore, it is unlawful to have or permit the outside storage of any motor vehicle which is wrecked, stored, discarded, dismantled and or which is not intended or in any condition for legal use - such as being held or used for the purpose of resale of used parts or for reclaiming the use of materials therein for the purpose of disposing of the same.

Violators will receive a written notice by mail specifying the alleged violation, with a reasonable time of not less than 5 days to comply. In cases of noncompliance the Code Enforcement Officer has the authority, pursuant to the NYS Criminal Procedure Law, to issue an appearance ticket to appear in the local criminal court. Punishment for conviction of noncompliance is a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment up to one year, or both.

# 2015-16 Village Budget

The 2015-16 budget, adopted by the Village Board, effective June 1, 2015, shows an increase of .10 cents in the tax rate from \$2.58 to \$2.68 per \$1,000. The increase remains within the Governor's tax cap limit.

\$100,000 is included in the new budget for street maintenance. Parma View Drive, Applewood Lane, Doud Circle, Raintree Lane and the Unionville tract are scheduled for slurry sealing and crack filling. \$25,000 has been budgeted for sidewalk and gutter replacement on Cambridge Drive.

\$206,000 has been budgeted for continuing sanitary sewer improvements. Included in the improvements are: \$100,000 for the slip lining of sewer mains along Brook Street, \$4,000 to eradicate root

problems, \$7,000 for lift station pump rebuilds, \$3,000 for the replacement of fencing at the Unionville lift station, \$2,000 to build a crane to lift and lower the pumps into and out of the lift stations, \$60,000 to replace the sewer jet trailer, and \$30,000 for a standby generator for the Parma View Dr. lift station.

\$1,650 has been budgeted to paint the interior floors of the Jennejahn Lodge and replace 5 of the tables.

The Village is on a vehicle replacement plan of up to 30 years. This year \$175,000 has been budgeted to replace a 1995, 6-wheel dump truck with plow and wing, and \$3,900 for a snow pusher for the backhoe.

\$22,000 has been budgeted to replace 47

streetlights with new LED heads. \$5,500 has been set aside to continue to update our street signs to meet NYS regulations.

Sewer rates will increase by 4% across the board to help offset costs of continued maintenance on the sewer mains.

Due to an increase in Monroe County water rates, there will be a .03 cent increase in the consumption charge from \$2.88 to \$2.91 per

thousand gallons. There will also be an increase in the daily water charge from .15 cents to .20 cents.

The Village has applied for several grants to enable future improvements in the

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community. The first grant seeks to improve the Jennejahn

Lodge. 1 of 2 Plans are possible. The first plan seeks \$67,200 for an addition to the porch, extending south. The second plan seeks \$160,600 for the addition of a covered porch on the west side of the lodge and the enlargement of the interior space to accommodate up to 99 people.

A second grant for \$22,400 has been sought to continue improvements on the Community Center. If the grant is awarded, plans include upgrading the building to be ADA (American Disabilities Act) Compliant to Federal standards.

The Village has applied for a third grant to allocate \$121,000 to mill, recycle and pave Cedar Terrace and Village II Drive.

Holiday Pick-up Schedule
If your normal pick–up date falls on the day depts are closed, your garbage and recycling will be picked

Recycling

up on the new pick-up date. All other days remain unaffected and on normal schedule.

HOLIDAY	ALL DEPTS CLOSED	PICK-UP DATE
Memorial Day	. Monday, May 25 <sup>th</sup>	. Tuesday, May 26 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	<mark>. Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup></mark>	. Services unaffected
	Monda <mark>y July 6<sup>th</sup></mark>	Tuesday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	. Monday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	. Tuesday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>
Columbus Day	. Monday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>	. Tuesday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>
Veteran's Day	. Wednesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>	. Thursday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving	. Thursday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>	. <u>Wednesday</u> November 25 <sup>th</sup>
	Friday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Services unaffected
Christmas	. Friday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	. Services unaffected
New Year's Day 2016	. Friday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	. Services unaffected







Contributed by **Dave Crumb** Village Histonian



Remembering Mary Pickett Townsend

Sadly, a well known village resident, Mary Pickett Townsend passed away on January 7, 2015.

Mary spent both her early and later years in Hilton, and was a member of two well known local families; the Coxs' and the Picketts'. Her accomplishments were many and they point to the generous, dedicated, and giving person she was.

In 1946, when Mary was 17, she was crowned Hilton's Harvest Queen and represented Hilton-Parma in Monroe County for the annual festivities.

As an adult, Mary worked as a Nurse Practitioner at Highland Hospital in Rochester where she also held administrative positions. One of the highlights of her life was the year that she spent as a nurse on the ship "Hope", which sailed in the Caribbean and provided medical assistance to the people of Haiti.

In the late 1970s Mary returned to Hilton to care for her parents, Frank and Ina Pickett and her Uncle, Frank Cox. She made her home at 39 Smith Street which had been home to her family for several generations. Mary's father, Frank Pickett, was always involved in Village life, having served on the Village Board and then as Mayor from 1945-1952. Her grandmother, Cora Cox, was the night operator for the telephone company and was nicknamed "the voice of Hilton".

Mary assisted Leith Wright for many years as the assistant Historian for the Village of Hilton and from 1992 through 2008 served the community as the Historian. She was dedicated to her work and made the office a friendly and accessible resource for all.

Mary was also an avid quilter. She spent most of her later years crafting quilts and then donating her beautiful creations to patients undergoing cancer treatment in the local hospitals. It gave her great purpose and satisfaction to help others!

Mary was a contributing member of Hilton's writer's guild and was a stickler for the proper use of the English language. Her sharp wit and good natured humor will not be forgotten.

Mary was a dear friend to all those who knew her and will be greatly missed!

# **Business News**

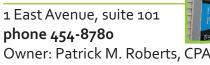
The Village of Hilton warmly welcomes the following new businesses to the community!

#### Subway

8o South Avenue **phone 392-9866** Owner: Joe Franch <u>Hours</u>: M-F 7<sup>am</sup>-9:30<sup>pm</sup>, Sat. 8<sup>am</sup>-9:30<sup>pm</sup>, Sun. 9<sup>am</sup>-9<sup>pm</sup>



#### **Roberts Accounting** & Consulting



Hours: Tax season (Feb.1-Apr. 15) M-F  $9^{am}$ - $5^{pm}$ , Sat.  $9^{am}$ - $3^{pm}$ , Non Tax Season M-W-F  $9^{am}$ - $5^{pm}$ , & by appointment

### **Simply Cuts**

*New Location!* 1 East Avenue **phone 392-3330** Owner: Joanne Clifford



No Appointments Necessary - Just Walk in!

Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 11am-7pm, Fri. 11am-6pm, Sat. 11am-4pm, Closed Sun. & Mon.

20 years in Hilton - featuring **Tanning!** Full service salon for men, women & children

#### Rachael B Cupcakes & Bake Shoppe 🛛 🧮

10 Old Hojack Lane, suite 106 **phone 392-4348** Owner: Rachael Burns



Catering Bakery - No walk in Hours <u>www.rachaelbcupcakes.com</u>

<u>Grand Opening</u> Ribbon cutting on May 4th, at 9am. Watch for our specials all week!

We bake for all celebrations!

### Village Motors

100 Old Hojack Lane **phone 690-8901** Owner: Dave Dix

Hours: afternoons and by appointment



Financing available

We buy cars and sell cars on consignment

# **CROP Walk** 2015

The Hilton Parma Community Council of Churches will again be sponsoring the 2015 Hilton CROP Walk.

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help mid-west farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia.

Today, we've outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fund-raising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS local offices across the US..

The *Hilton CROP Walk* is scheduled for *Sunday, May 3*. Registration will begin at 1pm, with the walk beginning at 2pm. This year participants will have a choice of a 1-mile or a 5K walk. We would also welcome those who would prefer to "roll" (with strollers or wheelchairs) the route. Another option is to "rock" in rocking chairs during the walk.

If you are not able to participate in the walk, we would encourage you to sponsor someone who is rocking, rolling, or walking! 25% of the total proceeds go to the Hilton-Parma Emergency Food Shelf!

For registration and sponsor forms, call Kurt Traugott at 585-392-6120. Hope to see you there!



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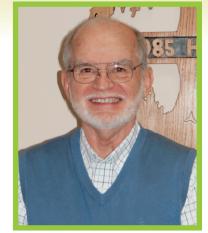
# **Citizen of the year**

Congratulations to **Tom Scheg**, Hilton's 2015 Citizen of the Year!

Tom is being honored for the countless hours of service he gives to the community driving the ambulance and for his past service as a Fire Police Officer in the Hilton Fire Dept. Because of his dedication, Tom received a special award from the fire department for "most ambulance hours served" in 2013-14, with a combined total of over 5,000 hours. This is not the first year Tom has won this award! That says a lot about the caring, generous person he is!

Tom has been a member of the Hilton Fire Dept. for 6 years. He previously served in 4 other departments and has a total of 55 years in the fire service, which includes 35 years as drum major in the various fire department bands.

Tom is equally active in many other ways. He served as past President and Secretary on the Unionville Station Condo. Board, he is a former member of the Hilton Rotary, he serves as lector at his church, he delivers food



from Tops to St. Peter's Kitchen for the needy, he is a bell ringer for the Red Kettle, a member of the Hilton Exempt club, a volunteer at the Hilton Apple Fest and also a volunteer on the EMS team in the first aid tent and he has volunteered parking cars at the annual fly-in breakfast. Tom is always ready to help when there is a need.

Tom and his wife Wendy have lived in Hilton for 15 years. They have 5 grown children, Steven, Christopher, Karen, Susan and Patrick.

Tom will be honored at a formal ceremony on May 5th during the Village Board meeting, where he will receive a special plaque commemorating this honor.

the Hilton Farmer's Market Open Sundays 9am to 2pm

In the Park & Ride lot, corner of Railroad Ave. & Hovey Street May 17 through October 25 To be a vendor call Mayor Joe Lee 794-7045

# Save the Dates!

Memorial Day Parade - May 25th at 10am Starts at the High School and ends at the Community Center.

#### **7th Annual Hilton-Parma Community**

Garage Sale - May 29-30, 9am to 5pm, Call 392-9030 or e-mail\_tvenniro@parmany.org by May 12th to be on the map.

### **The Hilton Fire Department Carnival** -

NEW DATES! - Wednesday, July 15th through Saturday, July 18th. One week earlier than usual - with all new games and rides.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament - Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Start time is 9<sup>am</sup>. 59 Henry Street in the Community Center parking lot.

## March 21<sup>st</sup> was the **<u>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</u>** of the fire on Hilton's Main Street!

A remembrance event is planned for September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hilton Exempt Club, 135 South Avenue, at 7:00pm

#### Hilton Apple Festival - Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>.





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# Don't Miss the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Classic Wheels on Main Street! Sponsored by the Village of Hilton & Carb Kings Car Club of Hilton

## Saturday, August 15th from 9:00am to 4:30pm

### Main Street will be closed to traffic from 8am until 5:00pm.

Entertainment by D.J. Mike Vickers Legends 102.7

Awards presentation at 3:30 p.m. Must be present to win.

Awards for Each car class category Best dressed car owner Mayor's choice D.J.'s choice

Enjoy the music, cars, food, prizes and fun! Bring the whole family!

**Rain or Shine!** 

Proceeds benefit the Hilton Parma Emergency Food Shelf. Donations gratefully accepted during the event.

**Car owners** may register online at www.hiltonny.org.

Support the local food establishments. Stop in for a bite to eat!

## Want to volunteer? Email Connie at cdeconinck1@gmail.com or call Kevin at 392-7793 for more information.

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

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