

Can you answer these questions?

How many phone calls did the Office Staff receive last year?

Where is the Community Garage Sale being held?

How many newspapers on average does Joe Bullis sell on Sunday?

Who now owns the Arlington?

When is the Apple Fest this year?

Search inside for the answers.



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Credit Unions Merge

The Hilton Teachers Federal Credit Union, previously located in the West Avenue School and The Summit Federal Credit Union, recently merged their respective banking institutions. In doing so, they have established a new banking facility in the central business district. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on March 2nd where Mayor Carter officially extended a



Mayor Bill Carter, Michael Vadala, President & CEO, Mark Brewer, Janet SurrIDGE

Omega Consolidated Co. Receives Partial Facelift

After constructing a major addition to the manufacturing plant on Old Hojack Road, the Hunte family contracted last fall to install similar red stone to part of the addition. Say's Vice Mayor Walt Horylev: "It blends in nicely and adds character in the continuity of the elongated structure."



Community Garage Sale at Jennejahn Lodge

At the March meeting of the Village Board, permission was given to the Hilton Apple Festival to hold a community garage sale at the Jennejahn Lodge on May 20th. Residents who desire to rent a space for \$15 to sell their goods are encouraged to call 392-7773 for more information. Proceeds from the rentals will go towards the general fund of the Apple Festival. "Come on down" to sell or buy and visit one of our new village assets. Jennejahn Lodge is located behind the West Avenue school and is accessed by

Joe Bullis, Hilton's Newspaper Man

It's 4:30am on a cold February morning and, as usual, Joe Bullis is venturing out of his house to set up shop at the corner of Main Street and South Avenue. For the past 23 years, Joe has been selling newspapers on this corner where he is considered Hilton's most recognized citizen.



Joe sells newspapers on a chilly morning

Joe is slightly handicapped with a rheumatic heart and curvature of the spine, which precludes his driving a car and other tasks. This disability, however, has not stopped him from trying to support his family. Says Joe, "I know I'm not going to get rich on this job, but every bit helps." Every morning, Joe packs up his custom-made wagon and walks in the near darkness to meet his customers.

On average Joe sells about 40 local and 6 *USA Today* newspapers. His busy day is Sunday where on average he sells 110 papers. Many of his customers are regulars who stop by on their way to work in the morning. Joe enjoys the brief chat with people stopping by his business either by letting them know about the day's weather forecast or providing driving directions to a lost motorist. "I'm kind of an information center," he says smiling. Joe can often be seen walking across Main Street on his way to the Hilton Family Restaurant for his morning coffee or to deliver a newspaper to another motorist in a warm car.

When asked about his longevity on the job, he acknowledged the physical toll of dealing with inclement weather and sickness that sometimes results from being outside too much. "I don't know how much longer I can do this," says Joe, "But as long as I'm able, I'll be here." When asked about the physical changes to the village, Joe commented, "I've seen it all. This used to be Sassone's Bakery right here, and the Ben Franklin building use to be the Hilton Big M. It was nice to stand inside the bakery and smell the donuts. Those were the days."

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Joe Bullis, continued from page 1



Front row: L-R, Maryalice Edwards, Janet SurrIDGE, Shari Pearce, Back row: L-R, Debbie Buongiorno, Amy Harter

Office Employees

The village office has five full-time employees who manage the day-to-day operations. While each employee's individual tasks are quite varied, everyone is cross trained for each other's job duties. Say's Administrative Assistant Amy Harter, "we are well versed in all Village Office aspects." Deputy Clerk Shari Pearce agrees and further states "we handle everything from pay checks and parking tickets, to building permit applications, tax bills, water, sewer and gas payments, as well as support to the Planning and Zoning Boards."

Maryalice Edwards is Deputy Treasurer who, along with the other team players, works closely with Clerk Treasurer Janet SurrIDGE to manage the finances. Maryalice's comment on the Village Office operation is that "no two days are ever the same, which makes for an interesting day." The newest member to join the staff is Clerk-Typist Debbie Buongiorno who is usually the first person to greet you in the office.

Janet SurrIDGE has seen many changes to the Office over the years. She refers, as an example, to the budget which was a 3-month process and now with Power-Point presentations, and laptop computers, states "we can make decisions and immediately determine the effect on the tax rate without additional meetings." Janet reports to the Village Board and operates under the guidelines of NYS Audit and Control.

Mayor Carter is very proud of the staff and recently said "most of our constituents have no idea of the amount of responsibility and workload that takes place within the office. I'd like to publicly recognize and thank each employee who works on this dedicated team and express my gratitude to them."

The Arlington, Under New Management

After almost 50 years of ownership/management by the Edelman family, "The Arlington" has been sold to local residents Tom and Anna Maria Ban, and Robert Buono. They have been in the restaurant business in the Rochester area for over ten years, both owning and operating the "Bayside" in Webster and the "Newport House" in Irondequoit. After learning that the Arlington restaurant might be available, the Bans were very enthusiastic about the prospects of owning a well known quality establishment just a mile from home.



The original Arlington Hotel & Restaurant was located on Hovey St, behind the Baptist Church. Its closing in 1966 brought an end of 70 years of continuous operation in the three story rambling structure. Mr. George Edelman Sr. was the manager at the time. The Arlington was demolished in 1967 in order to expand parking facilities. In 1965, after the Main St fire, Mr. Erwin Sullivan and George Edelman Sr. purchased the vacant land and constructed the current Arlington restaurant. It opened for business on March 21, 1966 with George Jr. operating its liquor store.

Now 40 years after rebuilding, with thousands of "fish fries, prime ribs, and jumbo shrimps" having been served by George Jr. and wife Cheryl, the torch has been passed. Of importance to note is the many past community benefits sponsored by the Edelman family, especially the founding of the Sally Edelman - Harry Gardner Cancer Research Foundation, where close to 3 million dollars has been raised. On behalf of the Hilton Board of Trustees, well wishes are extended to the Edelman family in their retirement years. Say's Dave Rowley a frequent customer of the Arlington, "we're gonna miss ole George and his barroom philosophy, and humor." Dave's girlfriend, Tammy Mault, bartender, say's that "George treated all his patrons as friends, and was always consistent about taking time for each of us, we'll miss him for that".

The Ban's are now purveying their own special brand of home style scratch cooking with nightly specials, a full kids menu, and a bar that's open daily. Says Anna Maria: "we have extended the hours and serve lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday. As an example, we have a choice 16 oz New York strip steak available every Monday

night with baked potato and salad bar for only \$12.95." Tom commented that "the Friday night fish fry remains the same as it always has, "fresh and delicious", and we pride ourselves on our Saturday prime-rib dinners."

The new owners would also like to bring some of the old Arlington back into its décor. They have been designing a new logo to represent the earlier 1897 structure and are actively seeking photo's or memorabilia for displaying. Mayor Carter welcomes Tom, Anna Maria and Robert to the business community and encourages you to meet with them personally while enjoying one of their entrees.

House at 38 East Avenue to be demolished

The Village of Hilton has purchased the house at 38 East Avenue. The intended purpose, is to provide additional parking for the central business district, improve the entrance to the parking area, and to allow for the possibility of a new business venture at this location. According to Vice Mayor Walt Horylev, liaison to the business community, the property had been targeted as an asset to meet our long range goals as outlined in the master plan.



Although the exact age of the Garlock-Holtz house is not known, it is the oldest one remaining on the north side of East Ave. The 1872 Unionville map shows a building at the site. The house was purchased in 1873 as William Garlock and his wife Lucy became the first occupants of record. In 1915 John and Christiana Holtz bought the house upon their arrival from Germany. They became naturalized US citizens and were among the charter members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church.

In 1931 the Holtz's sold it to their son Charles, who lived there with his wife Minnie and daughter Mabel, who later obtained it. Mabel Holtz like her mother, worked in the Hilton cannery and was a regular employee each season at the Hilton Packing and Storage Co. on Collamer Road. She also used her talent as a capable seamstress to many Hiltonites.

The Village purchased it from Mabel, and has most recently allowed it to be used for fire drills. It is intended to be

Village Office Workload

Over the past year the Village Office staff has monitored the various tasks and workloads in order to determine if the current resources are appropriately budgeted to the areas of services provided. Of interest to note is the number of customer phone calls and visits to the office that the staff addresses.

Last year 10,108 phone calls were made to the Village Office! This number represents 57% of all personal communications. 7,525 people walked thru the doors to meet with Village staff members, to either pay a bill, ask directions, buy a bulk refuse sticker, sign up for gas/electric service, etc. Village Clerk-Treasurer Janet Surrige was surprised by the number of residents who are constantly being served, simply stating, "we always strive to give quality customer service on a daily basis and now we realize more than before, the volume of time devoted to customer service."

Municipal Electric Program

The office staff are very pleased to report: "902 residents and businesses have enrolled in the new Municipal Electric program. Of this figure, 535 customers had already been enrolled in the Village's natural gas program. We'd like to thank all of our customers for supporting our community program and for being so patient with us these past few months while we have been working with Energetix to develop our billing program. We are hoping to begin our own electric billing in May, 2006."

Natural Gas Program

According to Clerk-Treasurer Janet Surrige, an additional 251 natural gas customers signed up last fall as a result of implementing the new electric program. We now serve a total of 1,005 gas customers.

Due to the mild winter, the amount of natural gas in storage across the country is at a record high level which is forcing prices down considerably. Beginning with the April usage, our customers will be billed at a much lower price as a result of the changes taking place in the market.



Community Room at the Center

Plans are being made by the Village Board to provide space for a "community room" on the second floor in the Community Center. Its purpose is to allow for open general use for those who may lack space otherwise. As an example, a business may want to use it for training or workshops. More details will be in the fall newsletter.

Village Electric Updates

Three years ago, DPW Superintendent Tom Tilebein and Mayor Carter made initial contact with Rochester Gas and Electric to pursue the purchase of the street lighting system in the Village. This activity began prior to RG&E's merger with Energy East.

In early 2005 the Village Board agreed to purchase this system. Terms and conditions were finalized, and Mayor Carter signed documents on February 7, 2006, which went to the Public Service Commission for final approval.

The Village budget for this system is in excess of \$100,000 a year. With the growth of the community this cost will grow proportionally. The Village has obtained a bond covering the purchase cost along with the fees associated to disconnect it from the current system in order to meet the terms of the contract. The Village is formulating a collaborative agreement with the Village of Spencerport Electric Utility to maintain the system initially.

The good news is that within 8 to 10 years, the bond will be paid and the Village will then realize a 50% savings each year. This will be accomplished without raising the Village tax rate.

Hilton Apple Festival Historic Barn Project

The Hilton-Parma Historic Barn Project, a Hilton Apple Festival Committee, is in the process of recognizing owners of historic barns in the community. The committee is putting together a display of photographs for the Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2006 festival, which will feature the "Historic Barns in the area." There are more than 170 barns in the Hilton-Parma area which are being photographed for the display. The Barn Project is working with local historians to help preserve this part of the community's heritage.

A team of volunteer photographers and writers are working to capture the image and history of the barns, including photographers David Beadling [Braddock Bay Gallery]; Bill Bernbeck [Image City Gallery], Barbara Carder [Hilton School District Communications]; Walt Horylev [Suburban News]; Chuck Nichols [Old-Timer]; Maureen Spindler [Village Photographer]; Harriet Zunno [Apple Fest]; historians/writers Mary Townsend, John Bullock and Tom Burger. The photographers are visiting barns and shooting from various vantages and at various times throughout the year. The photographs will be reproduced and enlargements made for the display and other promotional purposes as well as for use by the individual photographer. Part of the Project is to look into each barn's history and legacy.

Participation in the Barn Project ensures Hilton agricultural heritage a place in history. Further questions: call Co-Chairs Joe Lee, Chairperson of the Hilton Apple Fest Committee, at 234-3378 or Barbara Carder, Hilton School District Communications Director at 392-1000 ext. 7045.

When Joe goes for his coffee or stands inside the Arlington restaurant on brief occasions to warm up, he leaves his papers on the corner “People in Hilton are very trustworthy,” he says. Whenever he will be away from “his corner” for any length of time, Joe makes sure to arrange for a stand-in. If you need a newspaper and would like to support a fine community-minded individual, Joe would certainly appreciate your business. At 9am Joe Bullis heads back home to join his wife Freda, except for Sundays when he quits work at noon. Joe and Freda have three children, Joe, Chuck and Freda. They also have five grandchildren: Ashley, Matt, Bob, Dan and Jake.

Mary Townsend, Registered Historian

Congratulations are extended to Village Historian Mary Townsend, who recently obtained the distinction of being one of the first NYS Registered Historians in the State. The Association of Public Historians of NYS bestowed this recognition to her upon Mary’s achievement of showing a standard of excellence with criteria being: educational training, life experience, and community outreach as well as historical accuracy in the research, documentation, and presentation of their community’s history.

Carol McKenna, President of APHNTS stated “we would like to commend her for all the fine work she has done for the Village of Hilton as well as how proud we are to have

Fire Protection Service

The Hilton – Parma Fire District has five elected Fire Commissioners who are responsible for overseeing the financial operation of the district and to ensure sufficient equipment and personnel are in place to protect the general public. The elected commissioners are: Chairman Mike McHenry, Steve Burritt, Ray Ward, Jim Bimmler, and John Lemcke. The Commission owns the fire hall and fire fighting equipment.

The Hilton Fire Department is a volunteer organization that consists of over 125 active members. These volunteers are trained to respond to emergencies and work very closely with the Fire Commissioners. The following line officers have been installed for 2006: Chief Mark Kalen, Deputy Chief Eric Guest, Assistant Chief Jeff Mullen, Captains Joe Lissow, Don Harter, and Wayne Collins. The Lieutenants are: Mike Mullen, Jeff Gates and Steve Carter. Many others also serve in the area of Safety Officers, EMS, and Fire Police. The Hilton Fire Department sponsors many community events to promote safety, in addition to the carnival. The department owns the land located behind the fire hall .

To learn more about the Hilton Fire Department or to volunteer, you may visit their website at webmaster@hiltonfd.org

Street Maintenance for 2006

The Village uses a resurfacing process called Metro-Mat, a material made and applied by the Suite-Kote Corporation. This street maintenance process will provide a black, long lasting skid-resistant surface. No loose stone or dust is involved with this application. However, in order to accommodate this work, it will be necessary to prohibit traffic for a 3-4 hour period sometime between 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM, for curing.

On the day before work is to begin, you will receive a notice from the crew, advising you to move your vehicles to an adjacent street before 7:00 AM if you must use your vehicle that day. Your patience and cooperation will be helpful in the success of this operation. It is important that your children and pets stay clear of the active construction site on the day work is scheduled. The material, when not fully cured, can be tracked by cars, children, or pets. Emergency vehicles (fire & ambulance) shall have full access at all times. We regret any inconvenience, and appreciate your cooperation during this necessary process. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Keith Brown or Mike McHenry at the Public Works Dept. 392-9632 or Tom Tilebein at 392-4144.

The following streets are scheduled for 2006:

Applewood La. / Archer Dr. / Bernie Whelehan Dr. / Cedar Terr. / Doud Cir. / Hazen St. / Hillside Dr. / Hilton Heights Dr. S. / Panarites Ln. / Parkwood Ln. / Park Square / Parma View Dr. / Raintree Ln. / Smith St. / Verney Dr. / Village II Dr.

Did you know....

- The Hilton Apple Festival Board of Directors donated the tables to the Jennejahn Lodge?
- Omega Consolidated Corp. at 101 Heinz Street sharpens the blades for the Village wood chipper.... and has never charged for this service?
- 46 % of residents pay their Village bills at the Village Office?
- You can recycle your cell phone or ink jet cartridge at the Post Office for free?
- The Historians office is located in the Community Center and it is generally open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons?
- Efner Drive in the Short Hills subdivision was named after Charles Efner, who was responsible for bringing the railroad through the Village?
- The 26th Hilton Apple Fest has been scheduled for Sat., Sept. 30 and Sun., Oct. 1, 2006.
- The Gazebo Band will perform 7:00 PM on the following Wednesdays at the Gazebo?
Wed. June 21 • Wed. June 28 • Wed. July 5
Wed. July 12 • Wed. June 19 • Wed. July 26
If it rains, concert will be moved to Ingham Room.

VILLAGE OF HILTON RESIDENTS YARD WASTE COLLECTION 2006

**Fri. April 28th • Fri. May 26th
Fri. June 30th • Fri. September 29th**
ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL

- Sod, leaves, small stones, gravel, twigs, hedge trimmings, grass, and stumps
- Material must be placed in a plastic or metal container.
- **No Plastic or Paper Bags, No Cardboard Boxes**
- More than 3 containers are acceptable.
- Place at the curb for collection before 7:30 AM.
- Place stumps next to containers.
- Loose material raked to the curb will **NOT** be picked up.
- Containers over 30 pounds will **NOT** be picked up.
- Yard waste collection does not require stickers.

Brush - Brush will be picked up on the normal schedule as follows:

First and Third Friday of Each Month
North of West Avenue & East Avenue
Second and Fourth Friday of Each Month
South of West Avenue & East Avenue

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday June 17, 2006 at the Spencerport Public Works Facility. Appointments may be made by calling the Village

Remaining Holidays 2006

Holiday	All Departments Closed	Refuse & Recycling
Good Friday	Friday April 14 th	Not Applicable
Memorial Day	Monday May 29 th	Tuesday May 30 th
Independence Day	Tuesday July 4 th	Wednesday July 5 th
Labor Day	Friday September 1 st	Not Applicable
	Monday September 4 th	Tuesday September 5 th
Columbus Day	Monday October 9 th	Tuesday October 10 th
Veterans Day	Monday November 13 th	Tuesday November 14 th
Thanksgiving	Thursday November 23 rd	Wednesday Nov. 22nd
	Friday November 24 th	Not Applicable
Christmas	Monday December 25 th	Tuesday December 26 th

Hilton Fireman’s Carnival

This year the annual Hilton Fireman’s Carnival is scheduled for Wed. July 26th thru Sat. July 29th. The Kiddy Parade is Wednesday followed by the Grand Parade on Thursday evening at 7:00pm. Mark you calendar and plan to attend this family event.

Mayor William Carter

“Bill; we will miss you.” I believe I speak for the rest of the Village Board members in saying that. Trustee for 4 years and mayor for the last eight years. Bill was a strong leader and a man of vision who served his community well, much like his father, who served the community as mayor forty years ago. Bill spent many hours on village matters, as close to being a full-time mayor as his family and his other work obligations allowed. One of his first efforts in saving the village money was the development of a plan to prepay village bonds purchased to finance the post office property, a plan which cut the payment schedule in half and saved the village about \$125,000 without raising taxes. His vision was displayed by his efforts in support of the new master plan modifications regarding the central business district and immediate surrounding area. This plan safeguards the community from developmental sprawl and supports an American Village concept as regards architecture and zoning restrictions. It also gives flexibility to homeowners in the new limited commercial district to use their property for residential or commercial purposes.

Bill was proactive in seeking ways to save money for the residents, being sensitive to the fact that there were people in our village who were laid off and/or working for less pay. He was instrumental in creating a village utility, providing gas to residents and soon, electricity, and, as a legacy to his term of office, led the way to purchase the street lights in our community, a contract that should soon take effect. That action, after about a ten year payback period, will save money every year, much like owning a phone as opposed to renting it. He also contributed to making the Department of Public Works more efficient and cost-effective and emphasized quality control measures in the office. Bill’s village board meetings were characterized by length of time; four hours was the norm (!), much discussion and a lot of consensus building. Fortunately, the board was also proactive, in a fiscally conservative manner, and there were very few serious disagreements.

We wish you the best in your retirement; Bill; may you enjoy good health and much happiness in family activities and relaxation!

Trustee Charlie Kimball

Charlie Kimball, a Village Board Trustee for the past four years, chose not to run for office in the recent Village election, owing to health considerations. He was basking in the Florida sun while contributing to the Village budget process in March, via teleconference meetings. Charlie was a fiscally conservative trustee with a keen understanding of governmental financial matters, enhanced by his background in understanding school budgets as a result of working in several areas for the Hilton Central School. His sense of humor will be sorely missed as well as his contributions in the Village’s computer area, an area that has seen many updates and modernization. He was a keen supporter of cost-efficient programs and, as a board representative of the personnel team, always tried to give employees a fair deal within the constraints of what the Village could afford.

Charlie was a stabilizing force on the board and no “shrinking violet.” May your retirement be a “bed of roses,” Charlie. We’ll miss you and wish you good health and enjoyment in whatever you choose to do in the future!

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