

# The Village of Hilton

THE LITTLE VILLAGE WITH THE BIG HEART



October 2018



## Many Thanks to Mike Copek

Have you ever noticed the beautiful flower boxes in the village around Main Street and South Avenue during the summer months? To date, approximately 20 adorn the village. For 18 years these beautiful floral works of art have brightened up the Hilton community thanks to Mike Copek.

Mike, a landscaper by trade, was first approached in 1999 by Walt Horylev, former Trustee on the Village Board, to look into the purchase of flower boxes to dress-up the village. Mike agreed to the request, but was unsuccessful finding a container for the needs put forth. In his persistence, he found a company, Shenks Fence in Avon, who agreed to make a custom 24 x 24 inch box out of fencing material. The design was a success! Initially costing around \$100 a box, the village ordered 15 the first year. Later, a second batch was ordered bringing the total to 24. With the purchase of the boxes, Mike took on the job of coordinator for preparing, purchasing and planting each of the flower boxes. Annually, Mike spent between 20 and 25 hours on the job. His duties also included periodic weeding, trimming and fertilizing.

Over the years some of the boxes have been damaged by cars and vandalism, so repairs have been made or replacements have been sought. Recently, Shank Fence Co. went out of business and in searching,

Mike has been unsuccessful finding another company to build more boxes, and so has been unable to replace the damaged ones.

Mike would like it known that

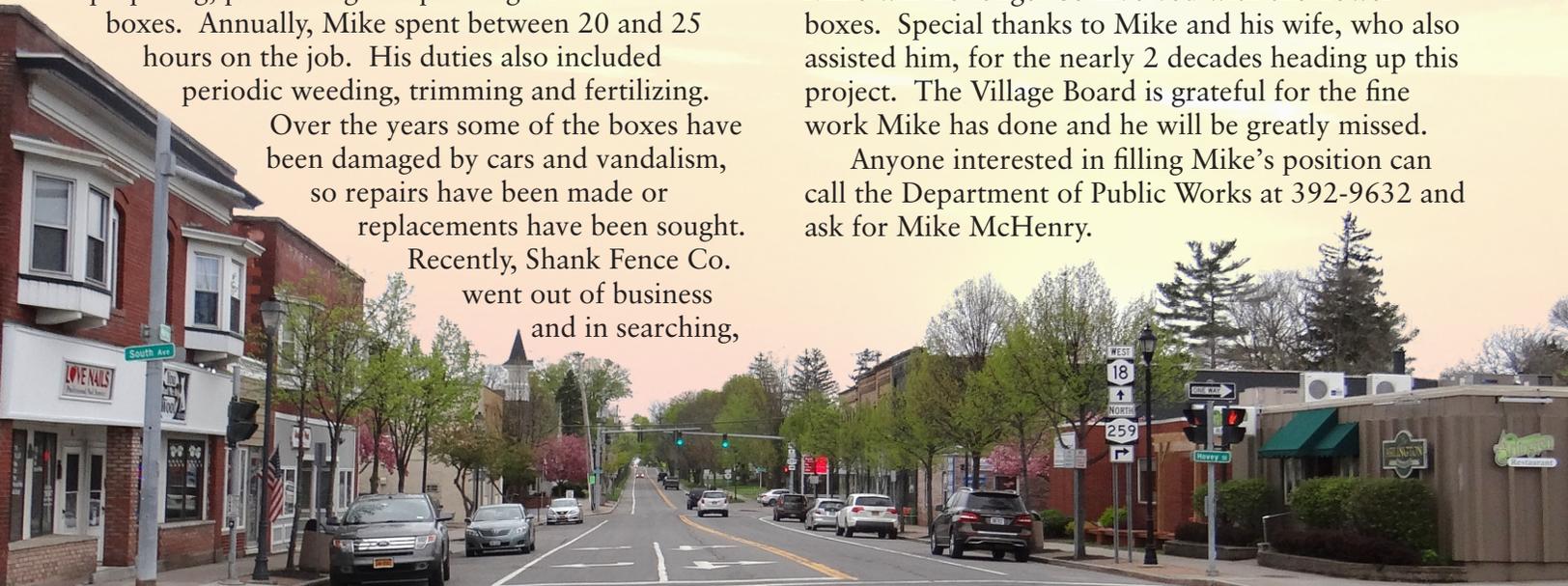
this endeavor has not been his alone.

Many others have been involved over the years. The first flower boxes were filled by a Boy Scout to fulfill his Eagle Scout project. Later, a teacher at the Quest school arranged for a group of students from her ecology group to plant the boxes. Others were also involved including the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts. Village DPW crews have played a large part since the beginning, watering the plants on a daily basis and storing and

retrieving the boxes at the beginning and end of each season. Each box weighs about 600 lbs when full so it is no small job to move them.

Since he is now retired, at the end of this season, Mike will no longer be involved with the flower boxes. Special thanks to Mike and his wife, who also assisted him, for the nearly 2 decades heading up this project. The Village Board is grateful for the fine work Mike has done and he will be greatly missed.

Anyone interested in filling Mike's position can call the Department of Public Works at 392-9632 and ask for Mike McHenry.





FROM  
**MAYOR**  
*Joe Lee*



## Honored to Support our Troops

I want to share with you a special honor I received this past July.

A short time ago, Tops Markets on South Avenue donated some small, personalized bags filled with toothbrushes, razors, shaving supplies, and various other hygiene products in support of our troops overseas. Along with the bags, brand new books were also donated.



U.S. Army Captains Daniella & Michael Preece present American flag to Mayor Joe Lee

It has been my privilege as Mayor and a representative of the Village of Hilton, to bring these donations to Pettinari's Deli and Pizza, Inc., on Roosevelt Highway, where they have been packaged and sent to the U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq.

The donations were sent to the battalion of Daniella and Michael Preece, both Captains in the U.S. Army, and stationed in Iraq. Daniella is the daughter of Dominic Pettinari, owner of Pettinari's Deli and Pizza and Michael is her spouse.

In recognition for my participation, I was presented with an American flag that was flown above the 710<sup>th</sup> Brigade Support Battalion Headquarters at Qayyarah West Airfield in Iraq on November 11, 2017. I was honored to accept this flag and wanted to share this honor with the Hilton community that I represent.

It is my belief, if we love this country, we should support those who serve in our military. I want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to support our troops in whatever way you can; whether through prayer, donations or any service you can provide, your actions will always be gratefully accepted, and very much appreciated.

## Hilton-Parma Special Police Has 5 New Members

Since October 2017, officials from the Village of Hilton, Town of Parma, Hilton Central School District and Hilton-Parma Fire District have been actively working together, seeking volunteers to form the Hilton-Parma Special Police. The purpose of the Special Police is to assist the community with traffic control for special events.

Over the past year, 5 men have come forward and joined the organization. Please welcome Craig Burritt, Nicholas Ruffle, Peter Colombo, Sean Glenney and William Nielson as the new members of the Hilton-Parma Special Police. On behalf of the 4 municipalities, we would like to thank them for stepping forward to assist the community with their services.



Additional men and women are sought to volunteer with the Special Police. You must be at least 21 years of age and have a valid driver's license. No other qualifications or residency is required, just the desire to work with people and give back to your community. Please call the Village Office at 392-4144 for more information.

*Welcome to Hilton*

## Business News

*Support the newest business in the Village!*



### Farmer's Insurance

67 Old Hojack Lane  
Suite 104  
585-225-2100  
Owner: Nicole Curcio

Life, automobile, home, business and pet insurance.

E-Mail: [ncurcio@farmersagent.com](mailto:ncurcio@farmersagent.com)

Website: [farmersagent.com/ncurcio](http://farmersagent.com/ncurcio)

**Hours:** Mon. - Fri. 9:00am-5:00pm, Closed Sat. & Sun.



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## Hilton's Oldest, Continually Operating Business Under New Ownership

As one makes a right hand turn at the red light, from Main Street onto South Avenue, the building on the left is a familiar one to Hiltonites.

William V. Newcomb began selling insurance in that building in 1921 and his insurance business has been continually operating there ever since. When William died in 1967, Frank McCann, Newcomb's son-in-law, took over the business and the company became Newcomb-McCann. In 1970, Pete McCann, Frank's son, and William Newcomb's grandson, joined the firm and eventually took complete ownership.

About 5 years ago, Pete McCann sold the Agency to Gary Johnson and Michael Piper, a father and son duo from Churchville, and co-owners of a similar agency known as Churchville Agency, located in Churchville, NY. The new owners have continued the Newcomb-McCann agency under its same name. Although the business is no longer under Newcomb-McCann



L to R: Michael Piper, Owner, Kristine DeNeve, Agent, Gary Johnson, Owner

family ownership, after the sale of the business, Pete McCann stayed active in the company as an employee. There has been a graceful transition as Gary and Michael have taken over, working with Pete to accommodate all customers. On June 29, 2018, Pete officially retired to pursue, more avidly, some of his special interests.

In 3 years, the agency will celebrate it's 100th anniversary as the oldest continually operating business in the Village of Hilton.

Even in retirement Pete McCann still finds time to drop by his former business and stay in touch. He is still around town to stay tuned in with his many friends, and a good place to catch him is at the Arlington

Restaurant during Friday lunch.

On behalf of the Village of Hilton, we wish Pete a fulfilling and well-earned retirement, and we welcome Gary and Michael as the new owners of the Newcomb-McCann Agency. Feel free to stop in and say hello to them.

## Garbage Recycling Holiday Pick-up Schedule

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.

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>ALL DEPTS CLOSED</u>	<u>PICK-UP DATE</u>
Columbus Day . . . . .	Monday, October 8 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>
Veteran's Day . . . . .	Monday, November 12 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving . . . . .	Thursday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup> . . . . .	<b>Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup></b>
	Friday, November 23 <sup>rd</sup> . . . . .	Services unaffected
Christmas . . . . .	Tuesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Wednesday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>
New Year's 2019 . . . . .	Tuesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> . . . . .	Wednesday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Martin Luther King . . . . .	Monday, January 21 <sup>st</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, January 22 <sup>nd</sup>
President's Day . . . . .	Monday, February 18 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, February 19 <sup>th</sup>
Good Friday . . . . .	Friday, April 19 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Services unaffected



# Newly Updated Village Clock

On September 19, 1998 the clock in the center of Hovey Square was gifted to the Village of Hilton by John D. Klock in honor of his grandfather John E. Cooper. Over the span of nearly 20 years the sun, rain and wind have dealt harshly with the clock, and over time some of the internal gears and other parts have worn out making repairs a necessity. As far back as 4 or 5 years ago, village employees began budgeting to have the clock repaired. It was estimated that repairs and updates would cost \$14,000. As the money was being saved, village crews had to find creative and innovative ways to keep the clock



running and in the proper time setting until it could be repaired. Because of a few broken gears inside the clock, the time could not be manually re-set after a power outage or when daylight savings or the switch back to ordinary time occurred. As a result, the power to the clock had to be shut down

for 24 hours and the clock re-started at the proper time, to arrive at an accurate setting. Village crews were constantly trying to find parts to fix the clock and keep it in working order. Over time, the Village saved \$10,000 toward the clock restoration. To speed the process along, Mayor Joe Lee sought out 3 donors to fund the remaining \$4,000 needed to begin the repairs and updates. Donations were received from the Hilton-Parma-Hamlin Chamber of Commerce, the Hilton Family Restaurant in memory of Tommy and Maria Strebennis, and the Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home in honor of the many families they have served since 1976. Thanks to these generous donors, the Village Clock is now better than ever.

The only part of the original clock that remains is the outer shell and base. Both received a fresh coat of paint. The rest of the clock was



L to R: Gary Penny, Doug Sholette, Mayor Joe Lee, Dan Kubit, Gus Strebennis and Linda Viney

completely re-furbished. All four clock faces have been replaced and new dials have been added, complete with new lenses to cover each face. The inside mechanics have been completely gutted and new digital components were installed in place of the old mechanical ones. The refurbished clock is now fully automatic and time changes for daylight savings or ordinary time are controlled by a satellite, keeping the accuracy of the time always in check. It only took about a week to do all the work. The work was completed by The Verdin Clock Company, and performed in the Village DPW garage.

In commemoration of the restoration, a Bronze plaque was installed on the side of the clock base in gratitude for the donations that made it possible.

A dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 to celebrate the newly updated clock.





Louis Jr., Alissa, Sammy, Jacob & Louis Hauck with Walt Horylev

## Louis & Alissa Hauck Receive 2018 Walt Horylev Civic Beautification Award

Congratulations to Louis and Alissa Hauck, co-owners of the Hojack building and recipients of the 2018 Walt Horylev Civic Beautification Award.

The Haucks purchased the old Agway building and the associated property, located at 67 Old Hojack Lane, in 2016. In a year's time, the Haucks completely renovated the exterior of the building with new siding, a new roof, new windows and all the trimmings. The renovation has completely changed the look of the property and given an impressive rehabilitation to the area. In addition to the exterior, the interior of the building has endured on-going construction and remodeling to make it acceptable and up to code for the new businesses that inhabit it.

The Hauck's named the building "The Hojack", and the property currently houses 8 businesses, including the Hauck's own business - Hauck Construction. Current renovations are underway to include a space for an additional tenant with the possibility of one more in the works.

The Haucks were honored at the September 4th Village Board Meeting and were presented with a certificate and a plaque in appreciation for the exemplary work they've done on The Hojack.

The Village Board would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to Louis and Alissa!



**Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
through  
**Friday, December 7<sup>th</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 gutters and storm drains along the sides of the road.**

*11<sup>th</sup> Annual*

**Make a Difference Day**  
**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

The largest national day of helping others  
*get involved and give back to your community*

Call the Hilton Central School District for more information  
392-1000

**Hilton Fire  
Department**  
**Open House**

120 Old Hojack Lane

**Saturday,**  
**October 27<sup>th</sup>**

12:00-3:00 PM

*Bring  
the  
whole  
family*



*Lots to do  
and see!*





# Christmas Tree Lighting



Start the holiday season off with the annual lighting of the Village Christmas tree on

**Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Bring your family and friends for a festive evening of fun!

**Santa will arrive at 7:00 PM**

There will be singing of Christmas carols, cookie decorating, hot chocolate, games, crafts, coloring and a movie - *The Grinch!*

*Please bring a non-perishable item for the food shelf!*



**LITTLE FREE LIBRARY.ORG**  
TAKE A BOOK • SHARE A BOOK

## Enjoy a Free Book!



Getting absorbed in a good book is not as popular these days as it was in the past. Present technology has encouraged people to surf the web and indulge in social media rather than sit down to read a good book. There's a

non-profit organization that's trying to curb this trend and help books to make a comeback through community sharing. That organization is called the Little Free Library.

Little Free Library is a neighborhood book exchange where everyone's invited to take a book or leave a book.

The first Little Free Library was built in 2009 by Todd H. Bol, who then founded a non-profit organization with the goal of inspiring readers and strengthening communities by fostering little free libraries around the world. Anyone can start a little free library, including you. A small, free-standing enclosure keeps the books protected from the elements, while making them easily accessible to interested persons. Either build your own library and register it, or buy a kit or pre-built library from [LittleFreeLibrary.org](http://LittleFreeLibrary.org).

There are several Little Free Libraries right here in Hilton. There is one outside the Community Center, at the north end of the building, by the handicap ramp. That one was built by Girl Scout Troop 60322 during the summer of 2017. Another library was built as an Eagle Scout project in front of the Department of Public Works on Henry Street. There are several more around the village and town. Currently, there are more than 70,000 Little Free Libraries around the world. Check out the world map on the Little Free Library website to find a library near you.

It's a great idea to make some quiet time and get away from it all - read a book!

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## Mobile Christmas Wagon

**The wagon will travel around the village**

**December 19 - 22 from 6 to 8 PM**

**Come outside and visit with Santa & friends**

**Meet at the Community Center parking lot at 6PM to ride along!**





# Carter Drive Culvert Replacement

JUNE ~ AUGUST 2018



Underground Utilities for the neighborhood lay atop the new culvert.

4 years of planning, 2 of which it took to secure funding, has culminated in the completion of the Carter Drive culvert replacement project.

“What is a culvert?”, you may ask. A culvert is a structure that allows water to flow under the roadway from one side to the other. The original Carter Drive culvert was a large steel pipe that, over the years, had deteriorated and was in need of replacement.

The Village made plans and sent the job out for bid in the spring of 2017, with the goal to have a new, improved culvert, constructed of reinforced concrete, by the end of the summer. The new concrete structure, more durable than the previous steel one, is projected to

last well over 100 years and up to several centuries. When the bids came back too high, they were rejected and a re-bid was sent out. The new bids came back lower, resulting in a \$35,000 savings to the Village. The bid was secured by C.P. Ward, Inc., a New York based civil construction firm, in business for over 100 years. The project, having been delayed a year because of the re-bid, began the day after schools let out for summer break in June of 2018.

The majority of the project was complete and the road re-opened at the end of July; a month ahead of schedule and on budget. The final cost of the project came in at \$268,446.00

Village Department of Public Works employees were able to pave the new roadway and pour concrete for the new sidewalks over the culvert, saving taxpayers an additional \$20,000 by doing the work themselves.

Thanks to Senator Joe Robach, who helped to secure a grant for \$203,845.00 from The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, or DASNY, the project was able to proceed. In addition to the grant, The Village started saving money in a capitol reserve account, 4 years prior, to cover additional costs not covered by the grant.

Through wise planning and proper budgeting, the total cost of the project has been covered and necessary maintenance to assure public safety has been provided.

Special thanks to Superintendent Mike McHenry who worked behind the scenes to save taxpayer money and to make this project a success!



Stone base, preparation for culvert installation.

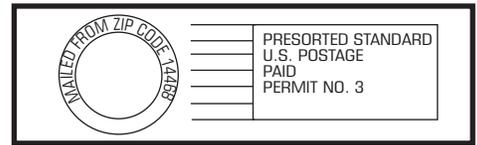
FINISHED PROJECT



Be considerate of those  
who work to keep the streets  
and sidewalks clear of snow



VILLAGE OF HILTON  
59 HENRY STREET  
HILTON, NY 14468



# Winter is coming...

Parking is prohibited on village streets from  
**November 1st through April 1st**  
from 12:00 AM until 6:00 AM

*It's the law!*

Plowing, shoveling and snow blowing snow  
into the road is **prohibited** by Village law.

If there is a **fire hydrant** near your house,  
do your part to keep it accessible this winter!

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

Postal Customer  
Hilton NY 14468

## Plan ahead when having a Driveway Paved

If you plan to have your driveway paved, you should notify the Village Office at 392-4144 on or before **April 1st** of the same year that the work will be done. A Village representative will inspect the sidewalks and gutters by the driveway and make a determination if any repairs are needed. Scheduling for sidewalk or gutter repair work takes place early in the season and will not be done after April 1st. After the inspection, replacement work, if needed, can be done in advance of paving and will save the new driveway from any damage.

## Where to Properly Dispose of an Old American Flag

*The Village Office collects used, American Flags. If you have an unwanted flag, please bring it to the Village Office, located in the Community Center.*

*The flags will be picked up by a veteran who will transport them to the Boy Scouts, where a special ceremony will be performed and the flags properly burned. Call 392-4144 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*  
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Vicky Taylor, *Customer Service*

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Joe Lee, *Mayor*  
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### Newsletter

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