



## Making a Difference



*Bill Bellman and a few of the animals he has helped*

Have you ever been inspired by someone helping another in need? Bill Bellman is one of those people who inspires.

After surviving a serious battle with cancer, in thanksgiving for a new lease on life, Bill decided he wanted to give back and pass his blessings on to others in need. For the past 14 years he has been doing just that, by generously giving of his time, talents and personal finances to care for sick, injured and orphaned animals in and around the Hilton-Parma area. He began by becoming a licensed New York State Wildlife Rehabilitator.

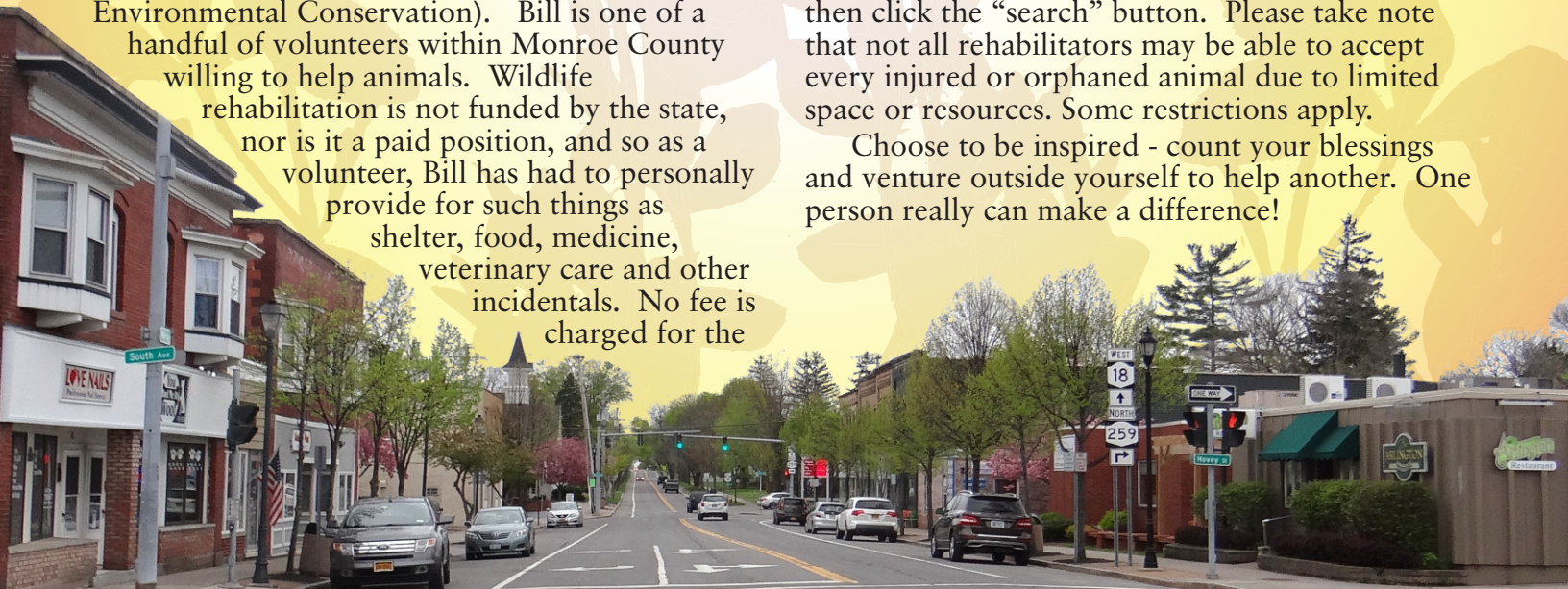
As required by New York State, Bill began his journey to become a Wildlife Rehabilitator by taking a few training classes. After passing a final exam, he became licensed, working under the guidance of the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation). Bill is one of a handful of volunteers within Monroe County willing to help animals. Wildlife rehabilitation is not funded by the state, nor is it a paid position, and so as a volunteer, Bill has had to personally provide for such things as shelter, food, medicine, veterinary care and other incidentals. No fee is charged for the

services Bill provides. His help comes from the bottom of his heart. He welcomes, and is thankful for, any support he can get. In the past, high school students have spent community service hours assisting Bill with his work. Contributions of canned cat food, dog food, venison meat or monetary support is greatly appreciated. Bill can be reached by calling 286-6157.

A retired senior citizen, Bill is hoping more volunteers will be motivated to step-up and eventually fill his shoes.

To assist a sick, injured or orphaned wild animal, or to obtain more information on becoming a licensed volunteer visit the website [www.dec.ny.gov/animals/83977.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/83977.html) and click on "find a wildlife rehabilitator near you", then select your county and the species of animal in need, then click the "search" button. Please take note that not all rehabilitators may be able to accept every injured or orphaned animal due to limited space or resources. Some restrictions apply.

Choose to be inspired - count your blessings and venture outside yourself to help another. One person really can make a difference!







FROM  
MAYOR  
*Joe Lee*



## Public Safety - A Top Priority in the Village!



School has been back in session for a few weeks now. In the village we are stepping up our efforts to remind drivers to stop for school busses and watch for children walking and crossing the street. Please commit the following items to memory when operating a motor vehicle.

- Be vigilant watching for children walking or biking to school in the early hours of the morning especially before the sun comes up.
- When backing out of a driveway, be sure the sidewalk is clear of pedestrians before crossing.
- Slow down and watch for children walking in the street or crossing, especially in cross walk zones.
- Be alert for yellow flashing lights which indicate that a bus will be stopping to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop.
- Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate that a bus is stopped and children are getting off or on. **All** motorists must stop and wait until the red lights stop flashing and the extended stop arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they may start to drive again.

Another safety concern involves the village sidewalks. Sidewalks were designed to keep citizens out of the street by giving them a safe alternative for walking. Many of the village sidewalks are often blocked with parked cars, forcing pedestrians, and those who rely on electric scooters for mobility to enter the street to bypass the cars. This can be dangerous and puts others at risk. Please be considerate. Don't block the sidewalk with a motor vehicle. Also, please remember that pedestrians always have the right of way in a crosswalk.

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

## Solar Farms on the Rise

With the support of New York State, solar power has become a popular source for renewable energy in our area. You may have noticed the recently developed 17,000 panel solar farm that went up on Manitou Road. Another solar farm has been proposed for an area along Burritt Road.

Village officials are in support of lowering the carbon footprint in the Hilton community through the use of alternative energy. They encourage residents to understand that solar power is an option that is available, and can be taken advantage of, if desired.

Homeowners who consider solar power as an option need to understand that when a person subscribes to energy produced from a solar farm the electric they receive will still be delivered through RG&E. Solar energy, converted from the sun, is fed into the electric grid system and contributes to the power that RG&E distributes. The power source is not entirely solar. It is important to understand how this will affect your billing. Be sure to ask questions.

Take time to educate yourself before deciding if solar is right for you. For more information, visit [www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/NY-Sun](http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/NY-Sun).





## Hilton Garden Club Recipients of the 2019 Walt Horylev Civic Beautification Award

Congratulations to The Hilton Garden Club, winners of the Walt Horylev Civic Beautification Award for 2019. In honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Village Board chose the Garden Club as worthy recipients of this year's award. Members of the club have decorated the village with various arrangements of flowers and plants since 1959.

Current Garden Club members were honored at the September 3rd Village Board meeting and were presented with a certificate and a plaque in recognition and appreciation for the beautiful work they have done for the past 60 years. After the award was presented, cake was enjoyed by all.

The Village Board is appreciative of all of the members, both past and present, who have participated in the club. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success!

2019 Hilton Garden Club members include:

*Carol Bell, Kate Bopp, Karen Britt, Linda Calberg, Rita Carleton, Carrie Cliff, Colleen Dox-Griffith, Trish Fatta, Linda Fiske, Michele Harrison, Debbie Horek, Carole Mack, Priscilla Marsiglio, Sue Oakden, Bethany Oyer, Cheryl Sauter, Edie Schneider, Bonnie Senkala, Carol Snook, Sharon Valet, Aneita VanHorn & Diane Wallace.*



**Representatives of the Hilton Garden Club**  
Front (L to R): Edie Schneider, Bethany Oyer, Debbie Horek  
Back: Walt Horylev, Diane Wallace





# Update on the New Village Comprehensive Plan

Work has been progressing in the development of a new Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Hilton. The steering committee is now into its sixth month of the scheduled year long process. Community members have had three opportunities to share their thoughts with the committee. Following are some highlights of the work the committee has been facilitating:

1. A public survey was sent out in the community with 266 returns, averaging about a 10% response.

2. A public meeting was held on June 27th. Approximately 30 people, including the committee, were in attendance. Participants were encouraged to engage in four different visioning exercises; the first included mapping what they love about Hilton; the second included mapping what elements of the village they would like improved; the third included listing financial priorities and how they would invest in the community; and the fourth was taking an analysis of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the community.



3. A riding tour of the village was taken on September 11th by the committee.

4. A second public meeting was held on September 26th. At the time this newsletter went to print, the second meeting had not yet taken place.

In addition to the public meetings, committee members have had several additional meetings to review the data received and are currently looking forward to developing the fine details of the plan. Presently a vision statement is being worked on and core values are being developed.

For the most detailed, up to date information and for future updates visit the website [www.envisionhilton2030.org](http://www.envisionhilton2030.org).



## Garbage & Recycling

## Holiday Pick-up Schedule

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>ALL DEPTS CLOSED</u>	<u>PICK-UP DATE</u>
Columbus Day . . . . .	Monday, October 14 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, October 15 <sup>th</sup>
Veteran's Day . . . . .	Monday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving . . . . .	Thursday, November 28 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	<b>Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup></b>
	Friday, November 29 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	services unaffected
Christmas . . . . .	Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Thursday, December 26 <sup>th</sup>
New Year's 2020 . . . . .	Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> . . . . .	Thursday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Martin Luther King . . . . .	Monday, January 20 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, January 21 <sup>st</sup>
President's Day . . . . .	Monday, February 17 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Tuesday, February 18 <sup>th</sup>
Good Friday . . . . .	Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> . . . . .	Services unaffected

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.



# Development Restricted By FEMA For 135 South Avenue



Public input for the new Comprehensive Plan has stirred up many suggestions regarding the property at 135 South Avenue, the site of the former Hilton fire house. Village officials would like to educate the community on the restrictions that have been incurred on that property by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In 2009 a hazard mitigation grant, administered by The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYSDHSES) and funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), was obtained by the Village of Hilton and the Hilton-Parma Fire District to partially fund the demolition and removal of the flood-prone fire hall. With the acceptance of the grant money, to protect lives and reduce the impact of future disasters, FEMA required future stipulations regarding the use of the property. The stipulations are as follows:

1. the property must forgo all future development and must be maintained in accordance with open space management standards.
2. Approval must be acquired by FEMA and NYSDHSES for any recreational or open space related development on the property.
3. Regular reports documenting compliance with the open space requirements must be made including photographs.

The portion of the property that has been restricted from development is the former building and parking lot area where the fire house was once located. The remaining part of the property, known as the carnival grounds, is privately owned by the Fire Department Inc. and is not public property.

Village officials appreciate all the input and suggestions from the community, but in regards to this property, the restrictions that are placed on it put future development out of our control.

*A warm welcome to the newest business in Hilton!*

## Business News



### Heart of Hilton Gift Shop

9 South Avenue

**Hours:** Thursday 9-2,  
Friday 4-9, Saturday 10-6,  
Sunday 10-1.

Closed Mon., Tues. & Wed.

**Owners:**

Melanya Bileschi (585) 683-7192 & Christine Marini (716) 697-4397

e-mail: [Heartofhilton@yahoo.com](mailto:Heartofhilton@yahoo.com), Facebook: [Heartofhiltongiftshop](https://www.facebook.com/Heartofhiltongiftshop)

Instagram: [heartofhiltonny](https://www.instagram.com/heartofhiltonny)

Formerly located in Jo's Diner, & Lake Ontario Winery - The Heart of Hilton Gift Shop is filled with locally handcrafted decor and gifts from a variety of vendors. Visit their family fall festival on October 5th & 6th from 12 pm to 6pm. See their facebook page for more information. Interested vendors are welcome to contact the owners.

## Hilton Fire Dept. Open House

**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:00-2:00PM**

Live demonstrations

Refreshments  
Activities  
&  
Take-home items!

Enter your child  
to win a ride  
to school  
on a fire truck

**FREE  
FUN  
FOR THE  
WHOLE  
FAMILY!**





## Village CHRISTMAS TREE

Lighting

**Saturday  
December 7<sup>th</sup>  
from 5:30 to 7:30**

Santa will  
arrive at  
6:00 pm

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



**Free!**

## MOBILE CHRISTMAS WAGON

**We're trying  
something different  
this year!**

**3 nights of fun!  
December 19, 20 & 21**

**Come and visit  
the Mobile Christmas  
Wagon at**

**Unionville & Unity  
from 6-8 on Thursday  
the 19<sup>th</sup>  
at**

**Hilton East from 6-7  
& by the Diner from 7-8  
on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>  
and in**

**Tops parking lot  
from 6-8 on  
Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>**



**Bring a camera  
and take a photo with Santa!**



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**Dave Crumb**

## Historical Society Celebrates 50 Years!

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> was a special day for the Parma Hilton Historical Society. 170 members of the community were in attendance at a gala event, held at the Firemen's Exempt Club on South Avenue, in celebration of the Societies' 50th anniversary.

Distinguished guests at the event included the New York State Historian, Devin Lander, and Monroe County Historian, Carolyn Vacca. Lander noted in his comments that he attends many of these events throughout the state and was impressed by the robust turnout for Parma Hilton. He commented on New York State's historical initiatives to interest young students, as well as tourists, genealogists, and others in our unique historical record over the past 381 years.

Edward Gable, former Parma Hilton Museum Curator and presently Museum Registrar, authored a commemorative booklet on the history of the Society. David Almeter and David Crumb authored another book, released on the evening of the gala, on the Parma Hilton time line from the beginning, 1638-2019. The book is available for sale at the Village of Hilton Community Center, The Parma Town Hall and the Parma Hilton Historical Society Museum, for \$15.00.

The Society, originally chartered in 1969, held its first meeting at the home of, then Village Historian, Leith C. Wright, on Gorton Avenue. Twenty five interested local citizens were in attendance. By August 1, 1969, when the official charter was received, there were 103 members. Today, after 50 years, the Societies' membership stands at 142. Of the original charter members, at the time of the banquet, there were 9 still living and 8 active.

The Parma Hilton Historical Society Museum is located at 1300 Hilton Parma Corners Rd. It is opened to the public on Sundays from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, from April through November. Be sure to make a trip to see some of the interesting, authentic artifacts from the history of your community.





Pictured: Cody Kelly



Pictured: Brian Lissow, Doug Jock and Cody Kelly



## Employees of the Village of Hilton Department of Public Works replace damaged gutters and sidewalks along Sunny Slope Drive



Pictured front row: Andy Steiger and Jeff Pearce  
back row: Doug Jock, Cody Kelly, Chad McManus  
and Superintendent Mike McHenry





# 39th Annual Hilton Apple Fest

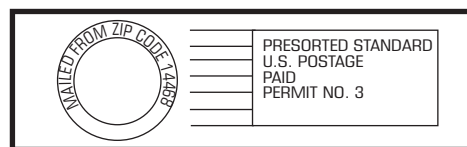
59 Henry Street ~ [hiltonapplefest.org](http://hiltonapplefest.org)

**Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** & **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 am-5:00 pm** & **10 am-4:30 pm**

No Parking at festival ~ Free shuttle from the High School



VILLAGE OF HILTON  
59 HENRY STREET  
HILTON, NY 14468



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Hilton NY 14468



## Winter reminders

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

No Plowing, shoveling or snow blowing into the road

Keep the fire hydrant near your house shoveled

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

## FALL LEAF COLLECTION

**Monday, October 21st**  
**through**  
**Friday, December 6th**

DO NOT bag leaves

Place leaves in loose piles  
between the sidewalk and street.

DO NOT rake leaves into the street.



## Hilton's 12th Annual Make A Difference Day October 26, 2019

The Village of Hilton,  
the Hilton Central School District,  
and the Town of Parma  
will partner together for a day  
of community service projects.

*Consider how you can get involved!*

For information call **Tom Venniro**  
**392-9461** or email [tvenniro@parmany.org](mailto:tvenniro@parmany.org)  
**Hilton Parks and Recreation Director**

**Please Keep leaves out of gutters and storm drains along the sides of the road.**

### Hilton Village Office 392-4144

Shari Pearce, Village Manager/Clerk  
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Amy Harter, Deputy Clerk  
Debbie Jones, Billing Clerk/Cust. Service  
Vicky Taylor, Customer Service

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Doug Jock, Chad McManus, Karen Weissenburger  
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Jim Liese, Jeff Pearce

### Newsletter

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