



VILLAGE OF HILTON NEWSLETTER



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Hilton Citizen of the Year

The Hilton Village Board named Pastor Albert Zoller as Hilton's "Citizen of the Year" Pastor Zoller's impact to Hilton has been felt well beyond his stewardship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Born in Jamaica, N.Y. Pastor was called to St. Paul's in 1973.



Pastor Albert Zoller

On June 28, 2006 Pastor Zoller was honored and presented with the "Citizen of the Year Award" followed by a sumptuous pot luck dinner. Warm memories and well wishes for his retirement were shared by all.

The Pastor has been an icon in the Hilton community. While serving at St. Paul, Pastor Zoller was also active in the community, serving as Fire Department Chaplain for over 15 years, providing "open gym" for our area youth, organizing motorcycle rallies for numerous charities and providing the church building for public elections and many other community activities and events.

Pastor Zoller was a Vice-President of the Eastern District, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; and a Circuit Counselor for the Rochester West Circuit of the Eastern District.

As the Fire Department Chaplain, Pastor Zoller was always committed above and beyond to the Hilton Fire Department having been called on to handle many difficult situations Chaplain Zoller could always be depended on for his commitment, care and compassion.

He has three children; Eric, Jennifer and David. He also has one grandson.

Recent reports have Pastor Zoller enjoying his retirement out west where it's never too cold to ride his motorcycle and he is currently learning to speak Spanish. Pastor Zoller will be home in Hilton in November to visit with his children for the Holidays. Please be sure to congratulate him and thank him for his many dedicated years of service to our community.

Mayors Message

On Behalf of the Hilton Village Board I wish to extend our best wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season and thank you to all the Village residents that attended our 15th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Hilton Village Gazebo. The Hilton Village newsletter continues to offer a bi-annual means of keeping our residents informed on pertinent matters of the village. We also try to add human-interest stories and interesting facts about life in our community. This addition of the Hilton Village newsletter is the first issue compiled and edited by Sandra Watkins, a village resident with experience in writing and public relations.



Mayor Larry Gursslin

I would like to take a moment to extend a thank-you to all of our Volunteer Firemen, EMS personnel, and Ladies Auxiliary, for their time and service to the Hilton Parma Community and beyond. In particular, I wish to especially comment on the house fire at 73 Heinz St in the early morning hours of Sept 16th where tragedy and additional losses were avoided due to the quick response time of our trained personnel. I also wish to recognize Ms Lynn Webster and her son, who were delivering newspapers at that time, spotted the fire, and summoned help.

In other news, I'm pleased to report that, through the efforts of our staffers, Janet Surridge, Amy Harter, and Debbie Buongiorno, we now have a new and improved website. This goal was set by former Mayor Bill Carter last March to help further improve communication. For example, the site now includes online applications for permits and improved links to relevant websites. The information has more than doubled, and I encourage you to review the website at www.hiltonny.org

Sandra and the Village Board welcome your comments and suggestions on our newsletter. Sandra may be reached by mail at 59 Henry Street, e-mail swatkins3@rochester.rr.com or by calling her at 392-4144.

Sincerely,

Larry Gursslin, Mayor

Hall of Fame Inductee

On a chilly October afternoon I had the opportunity to sit and talk with Mary in the Historian's Office in the Hilton Community Center. Mary told me that the room we were sitting in used to be the Shop Classroom when she attended High School there. She spoke extensively about what those days were like. At the end of our visit I was overwhelmed with facts about this life well lived. I chose to publish her speech instead of anything I could write. I think you will agree that what she wrote beautifully conveys the essence of this extraordinary woman. It was a history lesson I will not soon forget.



Mary Townsend

Mary J. Pickett Townsend was inducted into the Hilton High School Hall of Fame on September 28th 2006

By: Mary Townsend

First of all, I wish to express my gratitude to Barbara Carder and the Hall of Fame Committee for seeing worth in my handling of life as it happened to me. I am proud, excited and humble all at the same time at this honor they have chosen to bestow on me.

Much of how I dealt with my life had to do with my parents.

I lived in a home that was free of strife and loaded with love, books and wisdom. My parents did not have the privilege of a high school education. They taught themselves and persevered through life's troubles with honor. At one bad time in my life, my mother's advice was very simple—"OK, they've knocked you down and stepped on you, now get up, put your chin up and GO!" I took her words very seriously. I think it's probably how I managed to get here tonight!

The real beginning of the exciting part of my trip through life began when I hit Kodak's glass ceiling. It meant that I had no opportunity to grow and I had this enormous need to do SOMETHING, something significant. I entertained the ridiculous thought of becoming a nurse, took the plunge and applied. Highland Hospital took a chance on their very first "older" student, and so it all began—and at the age of 35 I became an RN.

As I learned more, I realized I never knew quite enough, so I kept searching for more knowledge. It took me to the U of R to become a Nurse Practitioner; a tour on the Ship Hope to live and work in a foreign country and culture; and on to Empire State College to earn my BS degree. After many long years of different work experiences, I finally ended up back in my hometown as historian, another entirely new learning experience. I cannot possibly know what is coming next. The search is endless.

In this process of searching, I met some spectacularly wonderful people who inspired and helped me through both great and tough times. And true to my parents'

teachings, I always got up, put my chin up and met the world head on. I persevered, but probably not always with wisdom, being of the species "human being".

So, I am wondering where all those years went, and feeling a Wonderment at being so honored for just trying to learn enough.

Harvest Facts

New York State's "Bumper Crop" of apples is second in the nation for apple production with 25 million bushels equal to 1 billion pounds! The term "bumper" comes from the 17th century where it was used to describe a large glass of beer or wine that was filled to the brim, hence the sense of bumper as large.



The next time it rains think about this:

It takes 100 pounds of rain water to produce a single pound of food from the earth. Between 10 and 20 tons of water must pass through the roots of an acre of corn before one bushel of corn will be produced.

Did you know a herd of sixty cows is capable of producing a ton of milk in less than a day?

On average, a pound of potato chips cost two hundred times more than a pound of potatoes.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans eat more than 22 pounds of tomatoes every year. More than half this amount is eaten in the form of ketchup and tomato sauce.

Hilton Village News

Under the Leadership of Vice Mayor Walt Horylev, the Village Board authorized a sign review committee to consider updating our current code. Members of this committee are:

Walt Horylev, Vice-Mayor, Debbie Buongiorne, Recording Secretary, Rick Bjornholm, Mark Hedberg, Rick Furnal, Mary Horowitz, Dave McCracken. Results of the committee are expected by April 2007.

Dana Brunette has been appointed to Chair the Hilton Economic Development Committee.

Jim Buongiorne has resigned from the Zoning Board and a new appointment is being sought.

Bob Cusenz was appointed to the Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of Larry Gurrslin. Bob formerly served as chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals and brings a wealth of experience with him.

The Hilton Village Board recently enacted two new laws. A new ordinance to control the number and size of sheds as well as one to modify and control unlicensed and unregistered vehicles.

Managing Pet Waste to Prevent Contamination of Drinking Water

Did you know that it is a violation of Village Sanitary Ordinances not to pick up and dispose of your pet's waste?

The most effective way for pet owners to limit their pet's contribution to source water contamination is to simply clean up and dispose of pet waste. As long as the droppings are not mixed with other materials, pet waste should be flushed down the toilet, this allows waste to be properly treated by community sewage system. Also, pet waste can be buried or sealed in a plastic bag and put in the garbage.

Thank-you for helping to keep our village streets and waterways clean.

Hilton Milling Station Improvements



New streets are opened to the public as Village crews complete the paving of Canning Street and Upton Street as part of a Community Development project begun in 2003. Work will continue throughout 2007 on items such as sidewalks, landscaping and tree planting, as well as the third phase of construction to Hazen Street.

Old Customs: "A Hearty Welcome"

Take a large brown paper bag and place in it a loaf of bread, a package of salt, a package of flour and a broom with the handle sticking out.

Tie a tag on the broom handle reading: "Welcome to your new home. It is an ancient tradition that upon moving into a new home a family should be welcomed by these four symbols:

"A broom, that the home may always be clean. A loaf of bread that there may always be food on the table. Sugar that there may be sweetness abounding. Salt that there may be spice in living. To which we add our own good wishes for health and happiness."

This was shared by my Grandmother who was of Scottish descent.

If you have an old custom you would like to share. Please e-mail me: SWatkins3@rochester.rr.com or mail to: Hilton Community Center, 59 Henry St.



Affordable Housing Community for Senior Citizens opens in Hilton -SPRING 2007

Unity Health System Accepting Applications for Hilton Park

Unity Health Systems has announced that applications are being accepted for Hilton Park Senior Apartments. The complex, located in the Village is an affordable senior housing community funded by the NYS Housing Trust Fund. Eligibility is based on Federal government guidelines of age and income:

- Head of household must be 55 years of age or older
- Maximum gross income for one person household cannot exceed \$22,450
- Maximum gross income for a two person household cannot exceed \$25,650

One and two bedroom apartments are available. Security and fire systems, on-site laundry, a community room and lounge are among the benefits to tenants. In addition, Hilton Park residents will have access to all services provided by Unity Health System, including home health care and skilled nursing care.

Tenants will be chosen by lottery from the pool of eligible applicants. Hilton Park is an equal opportunity housing development. Applications are available to all interested without regard to religion, race, color, sex national origin or disability. For more information, call 368-4201.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE - REFUSE/RECYCLING

HOLIDAY	All Departments CLOSED	REFUSE/ RECYCLING
Christmas	Mon. Dec. 25	Tues. Dec. 26
New Years Day	Mon. Jan. 2	Tues. Jan. 3
Martin L. King	Mon. Jan. 15	Tues. Jan. 16
Presidents Day	Mon. Feb. 19	Tues. Feb. 20
Good Friday	Fri. April 6	Not Applicable
Memorial Day	Mon. May 28	Tues. May 29

Reminder: No vehicle shall be parked on any public highway within the corporate limits of the Village of Hilton between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00am during the period beginning November 1st and ending April 1st

What is the fixed rate for the Village of Hilton electric?

Dana Brunatte has been appointed to chair what committee?



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Hilton resident Tricia Williams and friend Jerry share a Columbus Day afternoon at Hilton Village Park.

Village of Hilton Public Works

Tom Tilebein - *Superintendent* - (585) 392-4144

Assistant Superintendents

Mike McHenry & Keith Brown - (585) 392-9632

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Water/Sewer Emergencies

(pager numbers) 529-0822 • 525-0709 • 525-7113

Fire/Ambulance/Police - 911

RG&E Emergency - 546-1100

Citizens Communications - 352-9611



Jennejahn Lodge with new benches and table. Thank-you Adam Wallenhorst and Boy Scout Troop 99 for the completion of their Eagle project at Jennejahn Lodge.