



THE HILLTONE

HILTONIA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1998

THINGS TO DO IN DECEMBER IN TRENTON

Old Mill Hill Society; 32nd Holiday House Tour

Date/time: December 5, Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$10, tickets sold at The Douglas House, Front and Montgomery Streets

Ellarslie - Cadwalader Park Open House and Exhibit Opening

Date/time: December 12, Saturday, 5 to 8 p.m.

The is the African/American Art Exhibit Opening. Ellarslie will be decorated for the holidays; refreshments will be served.

The William Trent House - 15 Market Street 18th Century Holiday Open House

Date/time: December 13, Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Seasonal decorations are done by the Garden Club of Trenton. A Highland piper, Celtic harp, spinning demonstration and refreshments are planned.

The Trustees will be selling greens, decorated wreaths and holiday plants on Friday the 11th and Sunday the 13th.

Old Barracks Museum - Barracks Street

Grand Re-opening, free admission

Date/time: December 12, Saturday 12 to 5 p.m.
December 13, Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Battles of Trenton - call 396-1776 for more information

Grand Illumination Tours - December 26

Battle Re-enactment - December 27

CITY OF TRENTON CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

For the fourth year, the Hiltonia Association will participate in funding the City of Trenton's Christmas Party for underprivileged children. This year it will be held on Sunday December 20. At the September meeting, the Hiltonia General membership voted to match up to \$200 in donations from the neighborhood.

Please drop your check off to Melinda Chance at 7 Cadwalader Drive for as many children as you'd like to sponsor. Each five dollars you give will sponsor one child. Checks should be made out to **The City of Trenton**

Children's Christmas Fund. Contributions should get to Melinda by December 14. Any questions contact her at 393-2715.

HILTONIA CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE: December 20, 1998 - Sunday

TIME: 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: 123 Renfrew Avenue, home of the Kutches

For the first time in quite a few years, Hiltonia will be having a Holiday Party for Children on December 20. This is being organized by Melinda Chance and Chris Zeppenfeld.

Refreshments, games and a special visit by olde St. Nick will be the events of the day. For more info. contact:
Melinda Chance 393-2715 or Chris Zeppenfeld 392-7453

WORTHY PROJECTS

The December neighborhood Worthy Project is for HOMEFRONT, a non-profit organization that provides help for homeless families living in the Route 1 motels.

We are asking Hiltonia neighbors to donate non-perishable items to distribute for Christmas. Suggestions include peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, baby formula, cereal. They are always in need of ordinary items such as hats, mittens, buttons, sewing kits, etc. Especially in need of those items for adults as it seems most clothing is geared toward children.

This is a wonderful organization! 90% of the donations to HomeFront benefit homeless Trenton families.

Items can be dropped off at 7 Cadwalader Drive through December 18. For more information contact:

Melinda Chance at 393-2715.

HILTONIA ADULT HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE: January 9, 1999 - Saturday

TIME: 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

PLACE: 7 Kensington Avenue, home of
Bill and Jean Harbach

We've scheduled the adult Holiday Party after the Holidays as that was quite successful the past two years - hope you can add this date to your calendar!! Last year's party was a huge success with lots of people, great food and good conversation.

You don't have to be a paid member of the Hiltonia Association. This is a good way to try us out - and see some of your neighbors before the winter sets in.

We ask that you bring an appetizer - the Association will provide everything else.

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING

DATE: January 12, 1999 - Tuesday
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: 123 Renfrew Avenue, home of
Gene and Jackie Harbach
SPEAKER: Jim Forkle, Princeton Tower Club

We're starting the new year off with a gentleman from one of Princeton University's eating clubs. His topic will be culinary in nature. I'm sure we'll enjoy this even after we have stuffed ourselves over the Holidays. Hope you can come.

The nominating committee proposed the following slate at the November General Meeting, to be voted on at the January meeting:

President	Hal Szenes
1st Vice President	Linda Reid
2nd Vice President	Bill Graff
Treasurer	David Maynard
Recording Secretary	Cathe Frierman
Corresponding Secretary	Jackie Kutch

We're trying to keep you informed of meetings in advance, so please mark you calendars with the following dates:

February dinner out - we'll announce the date & place at the January meeting; no money collection, just call Gail Szenes to reserve a space; we're trying to do this more informally so perhaps we can schedule one dinner a quarter

March General Meeting - 9th, Tuesday, speaker, Annette Horton Lartique, West Ward councilwoman, host to be announced

May General Meeting - 11th, Tuesday, topic/host to be announced

MEMBERSHIP

The membership form is being distributed with this newsletter - won't you join?? 1998 membership was way down from previous years - only 103 participants. This is a 30% reduction in membership over the past two years.

We'll provide a basket at the Holiday Party so you don't need a stamp. Or return in the envelope provided to Nancy Maynard at 226 Renfrew Avenue.

Please take a moment this year to check off those areas in which you have an interest. We're hoping to get more neighbors involved in the Committees. We're asking that you include your phone number.

I have heard rumblings that the Association is just the same old people with the same old ways and nothing changes. If you don't participate and give us your input, you're right, nothing changes. So please, let us hear your voice.

The Association cannot survive without active members. If you have any ideas to improve it, let us know. If you would like to get some activity going, either socially or civic-oriented, we would like to hear about it.

THANK YOU

Halloween Parade

A great big thank you to everyone who helped make the Halloween Party so wonderful and fun.

Thank you to Eleanor Kubacki and Randy Silver for so graciously opening their home and hosting the party. They went above and beyond the call of duty by kindly donating food, decorations, crafts and rental of the very popular "Blue" costume.

Thank you to Chris Zeppenfeld for all the help organizing and shopping. Thanks to Chris and Sherri Reinhart for staying up until midnight helping to stuff treat bags. Many thanks to Chris, Sherri, Kim Derby, Regina Merz for bringing food and coffee. Special thanks to all the children who attended.

We all had fun working together as neighbors. Thank you!!

Melinda Chance

Heritage Days

It's really much too late to publish the list of volunteers during the June fund raiser. Suffice it to say, once again the residents in Hiltonia pulled together to pump beer for two days, hopefully having fun while doing it - and gained a nice contribution to our financial kitty. This money makes it so much easier for us to host the various events during the year for our children and adults. Thanks ever so much to everyone who participated and many thanks to Don Wallar. Again he put in lots of hours to organize our efforts - he always pulls it off with such ease.

CRIME WATCH

We did have several occurrences in October. Thankfully, a suspected thief was apprehended.

We've also had some vandalism in the Hiltonia Flower Garden - the hose sprinkler was removed and broken. We hope it was not any of the Hiltonia children being mischievous.

It is very important to keep your doors locked, a good idea to have some outdoor lights on at night. We are fortunate to live in attractive homes - unfortunately this is also a temptation for robbery. Please be aware and take extra care of your most prized possession - your home. As always, please keep a watchful eye for suspicious cars, persons, etc. If you think something appears out of the ordinary but is not an emergency call the Police Radio Dispatch number 989-4170.

Are you on the Crime Watch Tree? **I can't stress the importance of the Crime Watch chain.** Hopefully you received a call to pass along the October information. If not, please contact Bill or Jean so they can determine if there are any broken links in our chain. This is a very important step in keeping our neighborhood safe. Bill and Jean are working on the telephone trees - if you are not on the list please give either of them a call to be added, or if you want to be removed.

If anyone (even if you are not on the Crime Watch Telephone Chain) experiences or hears of car thefts, burglaries, etc. be sure to call Bill Graff 393-4437 or Jean Harbach 392-6380 to start the phone calling.

MOMS AND TOTS PLAY GROUP

The neighborhood playgroup has been a great success. If anyone is interested in meeting the other neighborhood moms and tots, please call:

Melinda Chance at 393-2715 or Chris Zeppenfeld at 392-7453

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

If you would like some information listed - birthdays, anniversaries, births, graduations, anything - let me know.

Would you like to write an article for the Hilltone? Do you have suggestions? As I've been doing this since Fall of 1993, I could use some new ideas.

Please give me (Mary Pappas) a call at 599-1755

WELCOME TO:

It seems most of the homes that were for sale this summer and fall have been sold. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not received a welcome visit please call Jackie Perry, our chairperson for Welcome Wagon.

Contact Jackie Perry at 599-3430 with any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

DON and GEORGIA WALLAR on the birth of their grandson Wade Scott Reichl August 3 - Wade arrived one month prematurely and weighed only 4 lbs. 15 oz and was 17 1/2" long. His parents are Sheila and Tim Reichl of Baden PA. Wade is Don and Georgia's first grandchild - they been waiting ten years since the wedding - I understand they are still in a state of shock.

LEAF COLLECTION

With such a warm Fall, our leaves have been coming down forever. The Maples were about three weeks late this year in dropping so I guess we'll be raking until Christmas.

The City Street Department began curbside pick earlier this month and will continue through December. But if you're concerned about curb damage, The Department of Public Works suggests bagging them.

If you bag your leaves - the City Sanitation Department also began routinely picking up bags November and will continue through the end of December, after that date they have to be called (just like other bulky items) at 989-3175.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Monday and Thursday of each week.

NO recyclables!! NO cardboard!!

It is the HOMEOWNER's responsibility to contact the Sanitation Department for large bulky items, metal, leaves, yard debris, clean wood, etc. Anything that seems out of the ordinary for regular trash disposal.

Remember branches or any large pieces of wood can be no longer than 4 ft and should be bundled.

989-3175 or 989-3176

COUNTY RECYCLE

Every other Thursday

December	10	24
January	7	21
February	4	18

The following guidelines are a REQUIREMENT for recycling in Mercer County.

GREEN BUCKET

Newspaper and inserts, magazines and catalogs, stationery and mail, school paper, copier and computer paper, index cards and file folders, dry food and detergent boxes, shoe and gift boxes, paper bags and telephone books. KEEP CLEAN AND DRY

Do Not Include : paper towels, tissues, tissue paper, waxed papers, books, carbon papers, padding materials & padded envelopes, plastic window envelopes, food stained boxes such as pizza or frozen food.

YELLOW BUCKET

Glass (clear, green & brown), food & beverage containers : RINSE, REMOVE LIDS & RINGS, DO NOT BREAK

Cans - Aluminum, tin & bi-metal cans : EMPTY & CLEAN

Plastic Bottles — only #1 or #2 (stamped on bottom) : EMPTY & RINSE, REMOVE LIDS & RINGS, FLATTEN

Aseptic Boxes & Polycoated Beverage Cartons : EMPTY & RINSE, FLATTEN

Do Not Include : ceramics, mirrors, crystal, drinking glasses, dishes, light bulbs, TV tubes, window and auto glass, Pyrex, medicine bottles, foil, baking or roasting pans, scrap metal or paint cans, Styrofoam, motor oil or antifreeze containers, plastic tubs, plastic dishes, any plastic bottles without #1 or #2 on bottom.

Household Drycell Batteries — zip-lock bag with supplied Green Sticker : place on top of recyclables.

For Green Stickers or additional information call 609-695-1200.