



The Hilltone

Neighborhood Update

1. I have put in a request with the City to replace the missing trash cans on Cadwalader & Hilvista. If this is not able to happen within a reasonable time frame. The Association will explore purchasing them ourselves. I have a contact who can get us industrial items at close to cost.

2. Clogged drainage and poor street surface conditions on Stanley have been reported to Public Works. We are on their list. You may want to call and see where we are in the line up of repairs.

3. Tree debris is all over the neighborhood. There is only one man and a truck picking up yard debris for the entire city. I have asked that we be made a priority but Public Works reminded me it may be faster, as stated in our egroup earlier, to break everything into 4 ft pieces and bag them for garbage pick up. If you have neighbors who may not be on our egroup, you may want to suggest they consider bagging the debris for garbage pick up, OR take the initiative and bag it yourself.

4. There are several issues with signage that have been brought to the attention of Trenton's Traffic & Transportation Division:

--Yield signs on Stanley and Glenwood where they meet the cross streets: The Association explored earlier the idea of installing speed bumps but that was nixed by the City because it is not conducive to fire truck access and emergency personnel. We have suggested installing 'yield' signs instead and the City's engineering department is checking it out and will make a request to the state DOT for the signs. I will be sending a letter in support of this.

--A couple other signs that have been suggested: --"Curb your pet" along Hilvista

--"Speed limit 25" and "Children at Play" near Buckingham and Hilvista, and Buckingham and Glenwood (and perhaps a few other sites)

--"Speed limit 25" on Cadwalader

--"Yield to Pedestrians" in crosswalk at Stuyvesant and Cadwalader

--"Welcome to Hiltonia" at Cadwalader and Stuyvesant; this will be association-funded and we need approval from the owner to post the sign on the house side of the street.

Elise Mannella, *president*

General Meeting

Join us at our September Meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 7:30 pm. Our host is Gil Varnes at 201 Kensington Ave.

Hear West Ward Councilman and Hiltonia resident Zac Chester and Freeholder Sam Frisby (*and YMCA CEO*) update us on city and county issues. Bring your questions for them!

Hiltonia Website

www.hiltoniaassociation.org

Want to know what's going on in Hiltonia? Join our Google Group at the website! Now, more user-friendly! ~ Give it a try!

Hiltonia T-Shirts

Support neighborhood activities while "sporting" a t-shirt unique to Hiltonia. \$15 each. Available at General Meetings and other events.

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Calendar

(dates, times & locations TBA)

Wed., Sept. 19th - 7:30 pm
General Meeting: (read Hilltone for details)

Sat., Sept. 29th (Rain Date: Sept.30th)
Hiltonia Yard Sale

Week of Oct. 17th - 7:00 pm
Neighborhood Dinner at Rho Ristorante

Sat., Oct. 27th - 1-3 pm
Children's Halloween Party
Tricks 'n Treats at 119 Kensington Ave. (If Rain: go to 10 Buckingham Ave.)

Fri., Nov. 2nd - 6:00 pm
TCCA Dinner

Wed., Nov. 13th - 7:30 pm
General Meeting: Christina Seix Academy - 1550 Stuyvesant Ave. (tour to be arranged prior to meeting)

Looking Ahead

(dates, times & locations TBA)

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Tues., Jan. 17th - 7:30 pm
General Meeting

Jan. - Feb.
Winter Party

Wed., March 12th - 7:30 pm
General Meeting

March - April
Easter Egg Hunt

Tues., May 15th - 7:30 pm
General Meeting

June - July
Garden Party

Tues., Aug. 6th - 6:00 pm
National Night Out

Food donations are welcome and appreciated at any Hiltonia event. Together, we can help feed those less fortunate.

If you are interested in hosting ANY of these events, please contact Phillip Steffani. Your neighborhood needs your help!



Happenings Around Town

- Trenton Council of Civic Association (TCCA) will hold its annual banquet Friday November 2 at the Trenton Country Club. Tickets, \$55 per person, can be purchased from Elise Mannella at 609-672-7455. This year's awards are as follows:
 - Student of the Year: Raamiah Bethea (wrestling championship winner, son of Alex and Gloria Bethea)
 - Citizen of the Year: Harry Jackindoff, Villa Park Neighborhood Association
 - Public Employee of the Year: Marc Maurice, Trenton Public High School, Principal
 - Civic Association of the Year: Eyes of Trenton/Joni Sampson
 - Business of the Year: Trenton Social
 - President's Appreciation Awards:
 - Verlina Reynolds-Jackson, City Councilwoman for the East Ward
 - Jermaine Kamau, Trenton High School, Vice Principal
 - Perry Shaw III, A Better Way

Marino Passo, Tremendously Trenton
Octavia Sutphin, Neighborhood Improvement Association/Youth Empowerment Summit
Jessie Tossie, West Ward Committee

Nicholas Cirillo, Trenton High School Debate Coach
Major Countess Irvin, Junior ROTC
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 - The Cristina Seix Academy on Stuyvesant Avenue opened this September with its first pre-K and Kindergarten classes! Currently there are three classrooms of children in each grade level. The school gym and fitness center have been built as well as the pre-K to grade three classroom space and the welcome center housing office space. The Head of School's house is completed, and Rob Connor and his family have moved in. Some dorms are complete. As you may remember, Nigel and Nicole Furlonge live in Hiltonia—Nigel is Dean of Students for the Academy. We plan to hold our November Hiltonia meeting at the school so anyone interested can get a tour and view the campus.
 - A local group of citizens headed up by Rob Lowe is working to have Trenton designated as a "green" city which will make the city eligible for a number of sustainable grant programs. Part of that process is to identify assets in the community. The Trenton Community Asset Map at www.mappler.net/trentonassetmap/ seeks your input. We have also included a copy of the questionnaire with this flyer. For more information or to give your suggestions, contact Rob at lowerc2@aol.com.
 - Majority for a Better Trenton (MFABT) is a non-partisan group of citizens focused on the benefit, betterment, advancement and general civic improvements of Trenton. Their first initiative is three-pronged—a ballot question that would switch the city's May elections for council and mayor to November, the other two initiatives would introduce staggered city council terms and eliminate the city's use of runoff elections.
- If city elections were moved to November, the runoff election date would likely fall around the second week of December. With the holidays and winter approaching at that time of year, voter turnout could be exceedingly low. Without a runoff, whoever wins a plurality in the general election would be the winner. By staggering city council terms — ward council terms would last two years and at-large seats, four, providing continuity and depth of knowledge on Council activities during transitions. The move to hosting elections in November would also save the City \$80,000-\$100,000. (adapted *from* www.nj.com)
- Volunteers are needed to walk the neighborhood and gather signatures to change the ordinances. Please contact Elise Mannella at 609-672-7455 for more information.
 - The Hiltonia Association received a lovely thank you note from Rev. LaGretta J. Bjorn of Cadwalader Asbury United Methodist Church, thanking us for the food donation collected during National Night Out. Thanks again to all who contributed!
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