



# THE HILLTONE

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Spring 2017

## Join Us at the Easter Egg Hunt

All are welcome to join us at 103 Buckingham Ave. to celebrate Easter with our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Feel free to bring your children's friends and other family members. We look forward to seeing you April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to Noon.



Questions? Contact Kathleen Coughlin at [kbcoughlin@gmail.com](mailto:kbcoughlin@gmail.com) (856-397-3799).

## CADWALADER PARK CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 22, 2017

9 a.m to 11 a.m

Meet at the park pavilion at 9 a.m. sharp

Sponsored by the Cadwalader Park Alliance, Hiltonia Civic Association, and Cadwalader Heights Civic Association in collaboration with the City of Trenton



## Cadwalader Park Clean-Up on Earth Day

Trevor Kacedon

Cadwalader Park Alliance, with support from the Hiltonia Association and Cadwalader Heights Association, will be hosting a park clean up on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> - EARTH DAY! The event will start at 9 AM sharp at the park pavilion. The Alliance will hold a pre-meeting before the pickup to share information and assign sections of the park to each group...but I have it on good authority that the Hiltonia group will have first grab at the Deer Paddock/Meadow area since it is closest to us.

Speaking of the Hiltonia group, we are now TWENTY-SIX people strong. That's a fantastic showing....can I get 5 more volunteers so we can top 30?

Gloves & bags will be provided, but feel free to bring any tools you think will make the job easier. We will pick-up for 2 hours, and at the end we will have small prizes for most trash collected & strangest thing found! If you have any questions or want to join us on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, please feel free to reach out to Trevor Kacedon at 201 Buckingham Ave or [takacedon@gmail.com](mailto:takacedon@gmail.com)



The flamingos are out and about and ready for our Flamingo Party this Friday evening. Have you spotted them yet? If you haven't attended one of our Friday evening get-togethers, please join us. Just bring a snack to share, and your beverage of choice. It's an easy and fun way to meet your neighbors!

One of the highlights of the year in Hiltonia is our annual summer Garden Party. Won't you consider opening your yard or garden for this terrific event? If you would like to volunteer your home for this summer's Hiltonia Garden Party, please contact Trevor Kacedon (908-343-6512).

## Email Distribution of the Printed Newsletter.....Kathi Eckert

We are trying to improve communication within the neighborhood, and to reduce printing costs, so we have created a new list of any of your email addresses that we had on record. If you received a duplicate, please let me know to which address you would like to continue receiving the electronic version of The Hilltone. We would also like you to consider "opting-out" of the **printed** form of The Hilltone. Please send me a note from your preferred email to [kathi325@gmail.com](mailto:kathi325@gmail.com) with your name, address, and phone with your wishes (email only, print only, or both versions). We will continue to distribute it in printed format if you so choose, but we will need your name and address to compile a list of print recipients. Thanks!!!



## Hiltonia House Tour Trevor Kacedon

The house tour is BACK and we need your help! After a brief hiatus we are bringing back the house tour for autumn 2017. Our friends in Cadwalader Heights have offered to help us out on the day we choose, if we're willing to help them with theirs during the summer - I think that's a great way to be neighborly.

Right now I have about 5 individuals willing to help, I'm looking to form a committee of at least ten individuals. We will have our first meeting in May to identify which houses we have available to us and break out the work that needs to be completed.

If you're interested in participating on the committee or showing your home (you get to choose how much of it you show!), let Trevor Kacedon at 201 Buckingham Ave/[takacedon@gmail.com](mailto:takacedon@gmail.com) know. We have a lot of work to do but we can't let Cadwalader Heights and Glen Afton show us up!

## Police and CPAC

Hiltonia is lucky to have the services of Detective Tamika Veal ([tveal@trentonpolice.org](mailto:tveal@trentonpolice.org)) as liaison for the West Ward with the Trenton Police Department. She is committed to serving our community. Feel free to email Tamika ([tveal@trentonpolice.net](mailto:tveal@trentonpolice.net)) with issues or concerns that may involve crimes or violations of ordinances. Tamika's phone number: 609-789-6839.

Another resource is "My Block." **My Block** is an online reporting system that you can use to alert the police of concerns in the neighborhood. All you need to do is to go to:

<http://trentonpolice.com/my-block.html>

Enter the information that requires a police response. Please note, however, that genuine emergencies should be reported via dialing 9-1-1.

## Taste Trenton

Trenton Council of Civic Associations (TCCA) is sponsoring the third annual restaurant crawl on April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. All funds raised from this event are returned to the community as contributions to the food banks. All you need is to purchase a wristband for \$7.00 (in advance) or \$10.00 that weekend.

Taste Trenton will feature restaurants across Trenton including those located in Chambersburg, Downtown Trenton, as well as other neighborhoods in the capital city, each offering samples of their own unique cuisines.

"Passport" wristbands (valid all weekend) will be sold (@\$10/each) throughout the weekend event at the Taste Trenton 2017 Welcome Table located the Trenton Visitors Center at 102 Barrack Street.

Questions? Go to: <https://tastetrenton.com/>

Tickets can be purchased at [www.tastetrenton.com](http://www.tastetrenton.com)

## Calendar of Events

**April 7: 1st Friday Flamingo party**

Location TBD

**April 8: Easter Egg Hunt**

103 Buckingham Avenue

**April 13: TCCA**

Thomas Edison, 7 PM

**April 21-23: Taste Trenton Restaurant Crawl**

Sponsored by TCCA

**April 22: Earth Day**

Cadwalader park Clean-up, 10-12

**April 24: CPAC Meeting**

Hermitage Police Station, 6 PM

**May 10, HA General Meeting**

Location TBD



.....to our wonderful neighbors Maureen and Dennis Keenan for hosting a delightful Hiltonia Holiday party in their very own winter wonderland. And how delightful to see our former neighbors and old friends, Jean and Bill Harbach and Glen and Sue Palmer back in the neighborhood!

.....to Kathleen and Brennan Coughlin for providing their assistance with the printing of this issue of *The Hilltone*

.....to all chairs who provided content for this issue



# Q & A

## President's Report by Lily Knezevich

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On March 8th, Mayor Eric Jackson and five members of his senior staff attended a special meeting of the Hiltonia Association. According to our non-scientific count, about 55 neighbors turned out. The mayor spoke about his accomplishments and the projects that are underway to improve the vitality of the City. He also took questions. The mayor and his team stayed for about one hour -- time ran out prior to getting to all the questions. Below is my summary of his responses to the questions we were able to ask at the meeting, and the responses to questions I submitted by email to Francis Blanco, the mayor's chief of staff.

- **Abandoned and unsecured properties:** Advice we received about 9 Cadwalader or similar properties is to: (1) report to police via My Block; (2) Police will contact Merkle Cherry (Director of Public Works); he will send out inspectors, who can file complaints; (3) TPD will then be able to issue citations and secure property. Mayor Jackson and Captain Gonzalez were eager to remind our neighborhood to utilize My Block: <http://trentonpolice.com/my-block.html>
- **Trenton Water Works:** TWW is limited in its hiring by residency requirements, but work is underway to locate the appropriate technical staff to fill open positions and positions that will be vacated in the future. Dir. Cherry has made a commitment to reduce vacancies by 30% in next six months.
- **Density and Affordable Housing:** Mayor Jackson reported on various projects underway, such as Roebbling Lofts and Bell Telephone building.
- **Trenton 250 vs. State of NJ** plan for its structures downtown: Mayor Jackson explained that the city cannot dictate terms to the State. His understanding is that "mixed use" refers to blocks or sections of blocks, not to individual buildings. Mayor Jackson is working to the best of his ability to have input in the State's plans.
- Any hope for a reinstatement of the city's **Enterprise Zone** status? See answer to prior question.
- Will the City ever **recover the \$4.7 million IPS payroll company embezzled?** The mayor explained that this was a federal financial crime and that the City will be made (almost) whole by means of the courts' imposition of various penalties on the perpetrator, including the likelihood of court-ordered restitution to the City.
- **Branch libraries:** There is no money in the budget for opening the libraries. but the City is working with the library board and Friends of Trenton Libraries.
- **Yard Waste:** The city will be working with me to get the gutters cleared of leaves.
- **Litter:** The City is about to begin an anti-litter pilot program, and we are hoping Hiltonia will be included. This is the **C.I.E.A.Neighborhoods** program. The community liaison for TCCA on this pilot is Bernard McMullen.
- **When will the new taxes on the reassessed value take effect—in May or August?** The revalued assessments will affect the third and fourth quarter billings, but the third and fourth quarter billings will include the balances due (if any) from the first and second quarter already billed, which were estimates based on last year's figures.
- **Why did the assessed value of some residents' land almost double?** Taxes are paid on total assessed values. The improvement values are calculated using standard appraisal practices and the remainder is attributed to the land.
- **Will senior citizens get a freeze on any increased property taxes?** Only if they qualify under existing State programs.
- **Trenton Boards and Trenton Commissions:** Finally, Mayor Jackson made a strong plea to the residents of Hiltonia who have the time and the interest to volunteer for one or more of the several important commissions or boards, including the Board of Education, that work to improve our city. The city needs your talent and your vision.

Respectfully submitted, Lily

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# Membership

If you have not yet paid your 2017 dues, or have never joined the Hiltonia Association before, please consider doing so now to help make our neighborhood even stronger.

Membership Dues are \$15.00 per each adult in the household. Dues are used to fund neighborhood events such as the adult Winter and Garden Parties, children's Easter and Halloween parties, National Night Out, and various other social and community events throughout the year. The Association is also a proud supporter of various local charities.

If you are interested in joining, please fill out the form below.

### 2017 Hiltonia Association Membership Form

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date you moved in: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please add me to the moderated email group for announcements and info:  
([hiltoniaassociation@googlegroups.com](mailto:hiltoniaassociation@googlegroups.com))
- Please add me to the open email group for more in depth general discussions among neighbors  
([dialogue-group@googlegroups.com](mailto:dialogue-group@googlegroups.com))
- Please add me to the **NEW** email distribution list  
**(no 'reply all'—no discussions—just info.)**

Please return this form, along with a check payable to the Hiltonia Association (\$15 per adult), to our treasurer, Jim Ambrosio, at 203 Renfrew or to our president, Lily Knezevich, at 207 Renfrew.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Lily at 215-534-7739.

Thank you for your support of the Hiltonia Association!  
[www.hiltoniaassociation.org](http://www.hiltoniaassociation.org)

## 2017 Hiltonia Association Officers:

**President:** Lily Knezevich  
207 Renfrew Avenue  
(215-534-7739)

**1st Vice President:** Trevor Kacedon  
201 Buckingham Avenue  
(908-343-6512)

**2nd Vice President:** Brad Vile  
201 Buckingham Avenue  
(609-425-7314)

**Corresponding Secretary:** Kit Newman  
12 Hilvista Blvd.  
(301-706-3919)

**Recording Secretary:**  
VACANCY--**ANY VOLUNTEERS ??????**

**Treasurer:** Jim Ambrosio  
201 Renfrew Avenue  
(609-638-5827)

## 2017 Chairs:

**Adult's Social:** Trevor Kacedon  
201 Buckingham Ave. (908-343-6512)

**Children's Social:** Kathleen Coughlin  
205 Kensington Ave. (856-397-3799)

**Civic Committee:** Maria Spillman  
11 Renfrew Ave. (609-695-1210)

**Communications:** Kathi Eckert  
40 Glenwood Ave. (609-731-1705)

**Hospitality:** Georgia Wallar  
2 Buckingham Ave. (609-695-8711)

**Membership:** Vacant

**Publicity Committee:** Linda Reid  
212 Renfrew Ave. (609-394-2314)

**Worthy Projects:** Maria Spillman

## Hiltonia's Website & The Hilltone

Have you noticed our updated web calendar? Lily has been posting our upcoming events. It's a way to stay current with neighborhood happenings. Stay tuned, an updated website is coming soon. It will be reorganized a bit. We've had some technical issues with the domain provider, but they will be resolved soon.

What content would you like included in future Hilltones? I've reviewed some of the older Hilltones, and there were lots of fun topics covered. Do you have any favorites you'd like to bring back? Favorite recipes, restaurant reviews, "trips down Memory Lane", etc. Do you have any pics of past events within the last two years that you care to share? Please email them to me for future possible use.

If you have any suggestions or comments for the website and/or The Hilltone, please contact me at [kathi325@gmail.com](mailto:kathi325@gmail.com), or on my cell: 609-731-1705.....**Thanks!!!**.....Kathi Eckert