



THE HILLTONE

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Fall 2017

Halloween Party by Kathleen Coughlin



Join us for the annual children's Halloween party and parade on Saturday, October 28th from 3:00-4:30 PM at 205 Kensington Ave. There will be Chick-fil-a, a photo booth, crafts, and other kids' activities. All are welcome, including friends and family!

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

Membership Information by Lily Knezevich

Gentle Reminder: To be eligible to vote on any motion, you must have paid your annual dues. To vote for officers at the January 2018 meeting, you must have paid your 2018 dues no later than December 31, 2017. (From our By-Laws)

One Time Offer: Neighbors who have not paid 2017 dues will have the option of joining for the remainder of 2017 and all of 2018 for a rate of \$20 for an individual, or \$35 for a family. (In other words, just \$5 more than the yearly fee will pay for the remainder of 2017 and all of 2018.) What a great deal!!!

Membership Has Its Privileges: Remember that it's easy to become a member of the Hiltonia Association--as long as you live in Hiltonia---whether you own or rent, all you need to do is pay your annual dues. Then you get to vote on all proposals and motions. Remember it's the dues that pay for our social events, charitable donations, and children's events like the upcoming Halloween Party on Oct. 28th.

There is a membership form on page 5.

Elections are Approaching

Linda Reid is our Nominations Committee chairperson. She is assembling a slate for next year's election of officers. If you are interested in holding a position, or are willing to be on the Nominations Committee, please contact Linda at 394-2314. Nominations will be announced at the November meeting. You may also nominate someone (as long as you have previously verified their interest) at the November meeting. Elections will take place at the January 2018 meeting.

Charitable Contributions

One of the Hiltonia's missions is to make charitable contributions to worthy area organizations. Urban Promise, which sponsors free after-school programs and a summer camp for Trenton children at the Trinity Cathedral, is our latest recipient.



The heart of Urban Promise Trenton is their after school program. They believe that every child has a seed of greatness, and by providing a child with a safe and supportive environment that seed can grow and thrive. They provide local urban youth and teens with a chance to believe in, and build, a positive future. Urban Promise Trenton is a non-profit organization under the 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Service filing.

It was decided that the Urban Promise donation would be a matching one. Residents are being asked to contribute to this program and Hiltonia will match donations, up to a total of \$300. Please send your contributions to our president, Lily Knezevich, at 207 Renfrew Ave.

For more information on their programs, visit their website at <http://www.urbanpromisetrenton.org/>.



Anti-Litter Clean-Up by Trevor Kacedon

The trash pickup in Cadwalader Park was such a great success in the spring that we'd like to hold another pickup this autumn. Only this time our focus will be Hilvista Boulevard!

On Saturday, November 4th, (FYI - I can change the date if need be) we will meet at the corner of Cadwalader & Hilvista at 8:30 AM. We will collect trash from 9-11 AM as we make our way south on Hilvista.

Gloves and bags will be provided by Trevor & Brad. Once we've picked up trash, the bags can be left at the available garbage cans along Hilvista.

If you are able to join us, please let me know (takacedon@gmail.com).

TCCA Annual Celebration and Awards Ceremony by Lily Knezevich

The Trenton Council of Civic Associations' annual celebration and awards ceremony is on Thursday, November 9 from 5:30 to 9 PM. It will be held at the Ambassador Banquet Hall, 610 New York Avenue, Trenton. The awards portion of the evening begins at 7:00 PM.

This event gathers all the Trenton Civic Associations to recognize significant achievements in the city as we recommit to working together across the neighborhoods to build a better Trenton. Working together we can affect significant change. One of the awards that will be given out is the Don Wallar Scholarship Award.

The event is a cash-bar social, with ample hors-d'oeuvres. This is a great chance to meet other civic leaders and build connections that can help us in future initiatives to help Trenton thrive.

Tickets are \$35.00. I have set a goal to have at least 30 Hiltonians participate. Tickets can be

purchased through me, or via paypal at: www.tccatrenton.org.

Please consider joining us. It would make for a fun neighborhood gathering.

A NEARBY TREASURE by Kathi Eckert

The majestic stone building "at the bend in the Scotch Road" in suburban Ewing, NJ has stood for 150 years as a central landmark in the township. The 1867 Sanctuary at Ewing, as it is now known, is still a beautiful gathering place, and is currently being maintained and cared for by Preservation New Jersey (PNJ),

No longer strictly a "church," the stunning, 200-seat, ADA-accessible gathering place re-opened in 2015, and now serves the central New Jersey and Bucks County PA region as an impressive mid-sized arts and cultural center. It hosts concerts, recitals, theater, entertainment, exhibits and more.

It offers diverse genres of music, accomplished and up-and-coming talent, all in a beautiful and acoustically magnificent hall.

For the remainder of October, treat yourself to a concert of contemporary acoustic guitar, classical cello, singers/songwriters, vocal jazz, spirituals, and a whole lot more! And ticket prices are VERY REASONABLE, usually



only \$20 for general admission. If you become a member, you save \$5.00. What a bargain for such acoustical magnificence!

The 1867 Sanctuary is located at 101 Scotch Road in Ewing. For more information about the venue, and for a complete schedule of concerts, check out their website at www.1867sanctuary.org.

If you haven't yet enjoyed a concert at the 1867 Sanctuary at Ewing, you are in for a treat. I wholeheartedly recommend that you try them out.

Email Distribution & Opting-Out 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 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!!!



This 'N That... . . .

- If you are not sure of your membership status for 2017, please contact Kathi Eckert at 731-1705 or at kathi325@gmail.com. And don't forget "the great membership deal" mentioned on page 1.
- Hiltonia Association website: www.hiltoniaassociation.org; We have an association calendar of events on the website. You can also install a Google app for the calendar for your phone.
- Have you signed up for our "News Only" email list? We promise to not deluge you with annoying emails. But we will push out event flyers, The Hilltone, and any news that Lily, our president, needs to share with you. To sign up, please email Kathi Eckert at kathi325@gmail.com. (And we promise to not share the list out to anyone!!)
- Thank you to the 27 households who have opted out of the printed version of The Hilltone!!!! It saves our legs and our budget!! Anyone else???? We will still provide the printed version of The Hilltone for those who wish that format.
- If you have a new neighbor (within the last year or so), would you please share their contact information with us? Candace Brearley has graciously volunteered to be our "Welcome Wagon" greeter, and she is eager to meet them and welcome them to the neighborhood. We need to develop a current list for her.

The Cookie Jar

If you have attended any of our recent meetings, then you have enjoyed the yummy homemade creations of Georgia Wallar, our Hospitality chair. And lucky for us, she is willing to share some of her delicious treats. Here's the first to warm up your ovens.

Chocolate-Cherry Oatmeal Cookies:

Ingredients:

- 1 stick butter, melted
- ¾ cups white sugar
- ¼ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg room temperature
- ¼ tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup flour
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¾ tsp. cinnamon
- 1 ½ cups old-fashioned oats
- ¼ cup dried sour cherries
- ¼ cup semisweet chocolate chips
- ¼ cup walnuts



1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees
2. In a mixing bowl, cream the butter and sugar together. Add egg and vanilla until smooth.
3. In a separate bowl, mix together flour, baking soda, and cinnamon. Add to butter mixture.
4. Mix in desired add-ins (raisins, cherries, chocolate chips, etc.) until just combined
5. Line a baking pan with parchment paper. Using your hands, measure out about 5 ounces of dough and space out evenly on the paper, flattening slightly.
6. Bake for 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Allow cookies to cool before transferring them to a wire rack.



.....to Jim Brownlee & Scott Collins for hosting the fabulous Hiltonia summer garden party in their very party-friendly home!

.....to Kathleen and Brennan Coughlin for providing their assistance with the printing of this issue of *The Hilltone*; and for all their hard work in sponsoring our National Night Out event.

....to Candace Brearley & Jon Saul, to Bea Scala-Fischler & Mike Fischler, and Trevor Kacedon & Brad Vile for hosting our last three months of the "First Friday Flamingo" parties.

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



Introducing Jessika and Mark Dahart

We would like to introduce our new neighbors, Jessika and Mark Dahart, whom many of you have already met since they moved into 119 Kensington last November (previously the Viehland homestead).

Jessika and Mark both work for the State, Mark for the Department of Labor in Trenton, and Jessika in Camden where she runs a program for retraining people impacted by foreign trade.

This is the first time they have owned a house and they are ambitiously working on it, inside and out, to make it their own attractive place. Soon, they expect another member of the household: a mini pig, named Xena, which is reported to be a friendly and intelligent pet who will enjoy the run of their newly enclosed back yard.

Bob and I are enjoying having a truly nice couple living next door.
(submitted by Ellen Heath)

Welcome to 7 Renfrew

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors at 7 Renfrew Avenue, Dennis Wendell and Terri O'Prey. They moved from Lawrenceville to Hiltonia (previously the Heisey/Mandy homestead) this past June, and have graciously agreed to share some information about themselves.

Dennis is a software engineer, and Terri is a managing editor. Both work in Princeton. They have two daughters. Ashleigh lives in Chester, NY, and Veda just started her freshman year at Sarah Lawrence College.

Thanks to their having attended various neighborhood gatherings, many of us have already had the pleasure to make their acquaintance. We feel very lucky to have them in our midst!

Dennis and Terri have been steadily unpacking and settling in very nicely. They look

forward to hosting a Hiltonia Association event in the coming year of 2018. We wish you, Dennis and Terri, many happy and healthy years here in Hiltonia!!

Again, WELCOME!
(Submitted by Maria Spillmann)

Hello to Barry & Joanne!

Welcome to my new next-door-neighbors, Barry Giordano and Joanne Rounsaville, at 123 Renfrew Ave (formerly the Kutch's home).

Barry is a life-long Trentonian, who grew up in Chambersburg, lived in Villa Park prior to moving here, attended Trenton schools, and Trenton State College (class of 1972).

He worked for the State of NJ Department of Treasury as an investigative supervisor, retiring in 2010. He also has been a local basketball referee and baseball/softball umpire for 20 years.

He has three children, son Anthony who is an auditor with the NJ Department of Community Affairs, and is chairman of the Trenton Zoning Board; two daughters, Antonia, who is currently teaching in Korea, and Judi, a dietician at Conway Hospital in South Carolina.

He has one pet cat, Catrina, who joins Joanne's dogs, Rose and Ladybug.

Joanne grew up in south Jersey, spent her childhood in Palmyra, and moved to various towns around the state throughout her life. She went to college with the intent of becoming a special ed teacher, but decided it wasn't the career for her. She has had a diverse history of jobs, including catering, accounting, riding race horses, and 38 years working in the field of veterinary medicine. She has traveled to over 40 countries but Italy is still on her bucket list!

She has one son (who ironically teaches special needs children) in Alloway Twp., and two longhaired miniature dachshunds, Ladybug and Rose. Both are rescue dogs.

(Submitted by Kathi Eckert with Barry & Joanne's help)





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 **(please see the special offer on page 1.)** 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.

2017-18 Hiltonia Association Membership Form

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone:_(H)_____ (C)_____

Email:_____

Date you moved in: _____

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

Please return this form, along with a check payable to the Hiltonia Association (\$20 per adult for 2017-18), to our treasurer, Jim Ambrosio, at 201 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

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.

What content would you like included in future Hilltones? 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, or on my cell: 609-731-1705.....**Thanks!!!**.....Kathi Eckert

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: VACANCY--
ANY VOLUNTEERS ??????

Recording Secretary: Margaret Mason,
3 Cadwalader Drive, (609-656-0203)

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)

Welcome Wagon: Candace Brearley,
128 Buckingham Ave.(609-393-8724)

Worthy Projects: Maria Spillman
11 Renfrew Ave. (609-695-1210)



Keeping Hiltonia Clean: It's Up To Us!

Please keep in mind that the city does **NOT** pick up loose leaves from the gutters or curbside during the spring or summer months, or the early fall. Here is a synopsis of the "Leaf Collection Program" as issued by the City for 2017:

BAGGED LEAVES:

Beginning Oct. 30, 2017 through December 29, 2017, BAGGED leaf collection will take place in Hiltonia on Tuesdays and Fridays. Leaves may be placed curbside in brown PAPER recycling bags or open rigid containers with handles; **PLASTIC BAGS ARE UNACCEPTABLE**. No more than 20 bags/containers can be placed curbside with weight not exceeding 50 pounds each.

GUTTER LEAVES:

Loose leaves left at the gutter (curbside) will be picked up every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Hiltonia beginning Oct, 23, 2017 through January 12, 2018. **PLEASE ADVISE LANDSCAPING CONTRACTORS OF THIS LAW TO AVOID PENALTIES AND FINES.****

** If you hire a **lawn service**, please make sure your service knows that they are responsible for hauling away any leaves or debris they collect outside of the guideline dates. Otherwise, you, as the resident, are responsible for bagging it all or transferring it to your trash cans. It **CANNOT** be left loose in the gutters before the defined collection dates.

BRUSH/BRANCHES:

Sticks and branches need to be twined up in bundles of no longer than 4' in length and no more than 35 lbs. each. Brush/branches should be placed curbside **SEPARATE FROM LEAVES**.

Citations can be issued for those who do not comply.

GRASS CLIPPINGS:

The City follows a policy of "Clip & Leave", which means when you cut your grass, you leave it to be absorbed back into the soil. For more information, please call the Solid Waste Office at (609) 989-3175.

If you let leaves and debris collect in the gutters, you are attracting rodents and other critters and also adding to the litter problem. We need to work together to keep our streets looking clean and well tended. Debris encourages drive-by littering as well. Let's show pride in our neighborhood by keeping the litter off our streets, our curbs, and our public spaces.

Thank you for your help in keeping Hiltonia beautiful.

Calendar of Events

October 26: Citizens Police Advisory Council (CPAC) meets on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6—7 PM at the Hermitage Police Substation

October 28: Children's Halloween Party: Saturday, at the Coughlin's (205 Kensington) from 3:00 to 4:30 PM;

November 3: First Friday Flamingo Social, TBA

November 4: Saturday--- neighborhood clean-up on Hilvista Blvd. from 8:30-11:00 AM

November 9: Thursday, TCCA's Annual Celebration; Ambassador Banquet Hall, 5:30 to 9:00 PM

November 15: Wednesday, General Association Meeting, 7:00 PM at 40 Glenwood Ave.

December 1: First Friday Flamingo Social, TBA

January 2018: Holiday Party (we need a host and a date--- volunteers anyone???)

KID CONTRACTOR ADS:

Helping Hand:

Need help around the house?
Does your dog need a walk?
Does your lawn need mowing?
Text Thomas Knezevich at 609-731-1031. (limited availability during the school year).

Dog Walker Ad:

I'm looking for a neighborhood teenager who is available to walk my dog 2-3 times weekly in the afternoon. Please call Kathi at 609-731-1705 if you are interested.



Who Do You Call??? The Quick List

CITY PHONE DIRECTORY: (CLIP & SAVE)

1. Birth, Death, and Marriage Certificates (Vital Statistics), 989-3236
2. City-owned Property:
 - Auctions, 815-2151
 - Boarding & Securing, 989-3163
 - Cleanup, Call 989-3163 to have city-owned vacant buildings boarded and cleaned of illegally dumped trash.
 - Cleanup of Streets and Alleyways, 989-3200
3. Crime:
 - Police Non-emergency Line, 989-4170
 - Police Emergency, 911
 - Police Department, Front Desk - 989-3905
4. Dumpster permits/ tax maps/deed plotting- 989-3157(Engineer's Off.)
5. Garbage Days and Special Pickups, to dispose of large household items such as appliances or old furniture, call the Sanitation Office to order a pick-up date at (609) 989-3175. There is a limit of 5 bulk furniture items per appointment.
6. Erase graffiti with a call to Graffiti Blasters at 989-3175.
7. Handicapped parking & ramps/Street Reconstruction/Pole Light Repairs(refer to PSE&G)-989-3612(T&T Off.)
8. Housing and Rental Inspections --To report illegal dumps, unsecured privately-owned vacant properties or poorly maintained rental properties, call 989-3563
9. Municipal Court, 989-3700
10. New Water Serv. & Shut-Offs, 989-3222
11. Property Tax Payments and Installment Plans, 989-3070
12. Recycling
 - Call 278-8086 (English) or 278-8083 (Spanish) if the recycling truck missed your house.
 - To obtain a recycling container, contact the Recycling Office at 609-989-3175
13. Sanitary Health (Restaurants) and Pest Control, 815-2153
14. Senior Grant Program for Home Repairs, 989-3548
15. Sewer Back-ups-989-3180
16. Sidewalk Damaged by City-owned Trees, 989-3611
17. Street Sweeping/Potholes/ Street Milling & Paving-989-3201
18. Traffic and Transportation (Speed Limit Signs, Residential Parking Permits, Handicapped Parking), 989-3612
19. Tree Trimming (Streets Division), 989-3163
20. Tax Assessor (Inquiries about Property Ownership, Assessments), 989-308
21. Trenton Animal Control/Shelter, 609-989-3254
22. Vacant lots/city-owned property-989-3164 (PP Off.)
23. Water:
 - Bill Payments and Installment, 989-3055, 989-3099
 - Leaks/main breaks/ gen. complaints- 989-3222
 - Meter repairs- 989-3225
24. Sewer Stand-by (Emerg. repairs)-989-4170

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

- Detective Tamika Veal:
tveal@trentonpolice.net; 609-215-2501
- MYBLOCK: to report crimes & incidents & violations: <http://trentonpolice.com/my-block.html>
- Zach Chester, West Ward Councilman,
zchester@trentonnj.org; 609-954-4883
- If you mistakenly receive a notice that your home is listed as a vacant property (as one of our neighbors did!!), the person to contact is the Director of Housing and Economic Development, Diana Rogers. Her number is: 609-989-3512.
- At the Hiltonia Association meetings, we often field questions about what to do when houses in the neighborhood are not being maintained adequately, or the lawns are overgrown and the grass is out of control. You can report all such issues to the Department of Housing Inspections. They will investigate and a citation can be issued if there's a violation.
 - Our ward's inspector is Mike Buzugbe;
mbuzugbe@trentonnj.org; 609-989-3569
 - There is also a general complaint email box:
InspectionDepartmentComplaints@trentonnj.org