



THE HILTONE

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HILTONIA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2

Ground Hog Day

FEBRUARY 11

Blessed Sacrament PTA
ICE SKATING PARTY
7:00-9:00 pm, Mercer County
Rink West Windsor
Donation - \$1.50



FEBRUARY 11

Trenton Council of Civic Associations
7:30 pm, City Hall
Topic - Re-evaluation
Speaker - Jim Vroonland

FEBRUARY 12

Lincoln's Birthday

FEBRUARY 14

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

FEBRUARY 22

Washington's Birthday

MARCH 10

General Meeting, Hiltonia Association
COVERED DISH DINNER

MARCH 15

Deadline for Hiltone articles
bring to 109 Cadwalader Drive

MARCH 17

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Calendar of Events

Although the following dates are subject to change, we would like to give you an idea of some of the dates for meetings and events so that you can mark your calendars now. You will be receiving flyers before all of the events.

March 10th	Covered Dish Dinner & General Meeting
April 18th	Easter Egg Hunt
April 25th	Rain Date
May 12th	General Meeting
September 12th	Neighborhood Gathering (Block Party or Something New)
September 13th	Rain Date
September 22nd	General Meeting
November 10th	General Meeting
December 18th	Holiday Party

There are a number of events we have not yet scheduled. You will be hearing about them at a later date.

Also, there has been some discussion about having some special interest meetings —meetings that would be on a specific topic of interest to some, but not necessarily to all who might wish to attend a General Meeting. If you have some ideas for such meetings, please contact me at 393-9705.

Denise Mortimer
Program Chairman

ON TRENTON....

Following the Trenton Council of Civic Association's Annual Dinner Dance held on November 22, 1980 at Romeo and Juliets, a group of us (Bob & Mary Sue Topper, Ken & Gloriann Kyte, Linda & Jock Reid, Glen & Sue Palmer, Maria & Carl Wegner) went over to the newly renovated Penn Hotel by the Clinton Street train station. It was a very interesting place with the newly completed mirror bar. Anyone who would enjoy a trip into the past should put this on top of their list. There's plenty of parking too!



The January quote: "Trenton's biggest problem is a shortage of taxpayers."

**Community Development Block Grant
"a program"**

Several months ago, members of the Civic Improvement Committee met to discuss several worthwhile projects which could be recommended for funding under the City's Housing and Community Development Block Grant Program. Since Hiltonia is not directly eligible for assistance (by virtue of its not being a low income neighborhood), a project was conceived for another area in the West Ward which would not only benefit Hiltonia, but the remainder of the City as well. Basically, the project calls for the rehabilitation and resale of now vacant and abandoned buildings. The purpose, of course, is to attract stable, moderate income families to the West Ward and to return these buildings to the tax rolls.

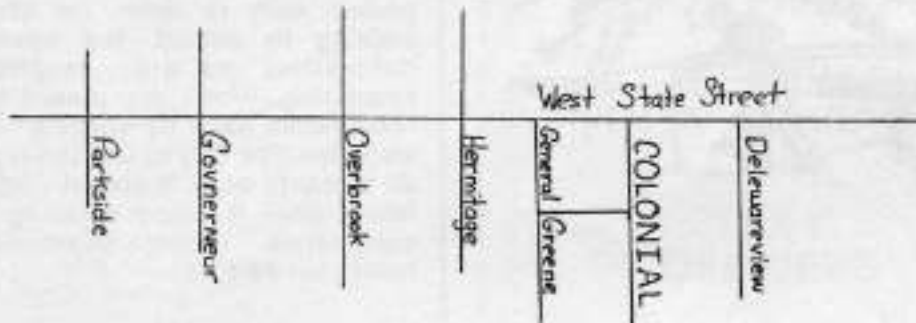
The idea was presented at a meeting of the general membership for approval. Afterward, it was presented to several other West Ward Associations for their input and approval. It was at this time that the proposed target area was formalized. The group settled upon Colonia Avenue (see map) which is located perpendicular to West State Street and included as part of the Hermitage House Civic Association.

Since a project of this magnitude requires a broad base of support in order to succeed, it was presented to the Trenton Council of Civic Associations for endorsement. A representative of the City urged that the TCCA NOT endorse the plan, but endorse a similar city-sponsored plan instead.

Another committee was established to compare details of each plan and to make a recommendation. The issue was resolved in the following way: the TCCA and it's members would agree to the City's plan if the City agreed to increase it's proposed budget to at least \$200,000 and to select Colonial Avenue as the target area. The TCCA, via a poll of the Presidents, even agreed to sponsor the program for the City.

On January 7, the proposal was presented to City Council at their final hearing on the Community Development Block Grant Program. Numerous groups supported it and we are awaiting word of the City Council's decision.

Peter Aluotto
Past Chairman
City Improvement



Hiltonia Safety Committee Report

Please note that there have been FOUR reported break-ins in Hiltonia since the first of the year. Three of the four may have occurred during daylight hours.

Tips:

Be sure your windows are locked and fixed so they cannot be easily broken, unlatched and raised.

Be sure that your house looks lived in. Be sure that if you leave, you have someone shovel your walks when it snows and drive a car in your driveway, to leave tracks, if that is a normal occurrence.

If you see someone loitering, call the police! It takes just a minute to check and it may save a friend from being burglarized.

Remember, a safety survey of the premises is available from the Crime Prevention Unit of Trenton Police. Phone: 989-3373.

Glen Palmer
Safety Committee



PLUSES AND MINUSES

During the past month we have collected \$245.00 in dues. (If you haven't paid yours, don't forget). Interest earned on our savings account during the past year was \$78.60. Our expenses included \$63.95 for the Hilltone and \$49.80 for four flyers.

The treasurer's books were audited by the Audit Committee (Stu Anderson and Bill Thursby) prior to the January 20, 1981 meeting. The Audit Committee gave the books an A-1 rating.

I have enjoyed being the Treasurer of your association during the past year and look forward to continued involvement during 1981. I know you will join me in welcoming your new Treasurer, Steve Schragger, aboard.

Denise Mortimer
Outgoing Treasurer



BEWARE OF WALKERS

There are a lot of people in Hiltonia who use the sidewalks in the winter. Some people walk to work, the children are walking to school, the newsboys are delivering papers, neighbors are exercising...Won't you please help make their walks safe by keeping your snow shoveled. The City of Trenton requires that all property owners shovel their snow 24 hours after it stops snowing. Let's be considerate. Hiltonia's sidewalk users need your help.

**General Membership Meeting
January 20, 1981
Election of Officers**

The election of officers for the Hiltonia Association took place at the general membership meeting on January 20, 1981, at the home of Dr. and Mary McCormack. A short business meeting preceded the election. The following people were elected to office for 1981:

President - Joan Anderson (393-3416)

Vice President - Peter Aluotto
(396-3173)

Treasurer - Steve Schragger (392-4990)

Recording Secretary - Peggy Connelly
(393-3134)

Corresponding Secretary - Joe Priest
(392-1091)

Good Luck To Our New Officers!

The committees have not yet been appointed, but they will appear in the next Hilltone.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bob was presented with a gavel from Hiltonia Association at the Executive Board Meeting of January 18, 1981. The residents of Hiltonia thank Bob for all the work he has done. Our association is one of the strongest in the City. Thanks to all outgoing officers and the Executive Board.



**WE NEED SOME MEETING
PLACES**

Anyone interested in holding a general membership meeting in their home, please contact Denise Mortimer at 393-9705. The meetings that have been held in Hiltonia homes have been a huge success. If we can use your house, you need not do anything. Refreshments are taken care of by our Hospitality Committee and chairs will be delivered and picked up. Won't you invite your neighbors?



**PRESIDENT
JOAN ANDERSON**

**VICE PRESIDENT
PETER ALUOTTO**

**REC. SECRETARY
PEGGY CONNELLY**

**COR. SECRETARY
JOE PRIEST**

**TREASURER
STEVE SCHRAGGER**

**1981
OFFICERS**

THE HOLIDAYS IN HILTONIA

The Holidays were a busy time for most Hiltonians and a busy time for the Hiltonia Association. The following articles will tell you about the Hiltonia Holiday Season.

Hiltonia General Membership Meeting December 16, 1980

The 4th general membership meeting for 1980 was held on Tuesday, December 16, 1980 at the home of Bob and Mary Sue Topper. Mayor Authur Holland was the evening's guest speaker. The question and answer format was used and the following issues were discussed:

New Jersey is the 2nd in the nation on it's reliance on the local property tax. In an area like Trenton, with a socio-economic imbalance, the local property tax is high.

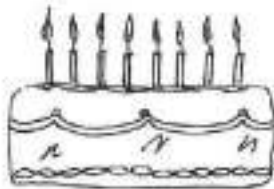
	Rate per \$100 (1980-81)
County Tax	\$1.62
School Tax	\$3.16
Local Tax	\$5.14
Total Tax	\$9.92

Mayor Holland favored a statewide uniform property tax in order to share the welfare burden, so that it becomes manageable.

The tax base in Trenton is shifting from local manufacturing to government. The first in-lieu of tax payments from the State were received in 1962 and this year the City received \$1.4 M from the State. However, this is not a guaranteed payment since it is voted on annually. The money received never pays for the services that the City provides.

Re-evaluation is going out to bid in January. The bid will buy the city a tax system so that re-evaluation will never have to be done again since the new system will have the ability to be kept updated. A lot of the leg work is expected to be done by CETA employees. At the next meeting of the Trenton Council of Civic Associations on February 11, Jim Vroonland will speak about the re-evaluation process, what the tax payers rights are, and what the appeal process is. The Mayor said that you do not need to let people in your house, however, they can assume that the inside is better than the outside.

A discussion on Historic Preservation followed. The Mercer Hospital Project, Chambersburg Mall, and the Lambertson Street Sewer were some of the projects that cost the City time and money because of Historic Preservation. For example, the Lambertson Street Sewer had to be rerouted in order to preserve the original sewer pipe because of it's historic design. Historic Preservation is not always bad as is seen in the opening of the Eagle Tavern.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sara Shields (6), Marisa Martinez (1),
Gregory Busch (5), Michael Busch (8),
Leigh Levinthal (2), Rene Cirillo (5),
Dolores Smith (10).



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Joe and Shirley Pukala of Cornwall Avenue on the birth of their son, Joseph on November 26th. He joins his 5 year old sister Pam.

Ray and Terry Castro of Cornwall Avenue on the birth of their daughter, Andrea Rene on Super Bowl Sunday, January 25, 1981. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and joins her brother Adam who is 2.

Kathleen McCormack, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. McCormack of Buckingham Avenue on her marriage.



Neighborhood News:

***It's good to see Lee Lybarger up and around after his accident this Fall.

***Kathryn Graham of Cadwalader Drive has been elected President of the Trenton Chapter of the NAACP.

Neighborhood Travelers:

***Karl and Kitty Hastedt of Stuyvesant Avenue spent a week in October in beautiful Hawaii. Karl was attending a convention for Former FBI agents.

***The Kytes' of Cadwalader Drive spent a week in October visiting Disney World and Ken's aunt and cousins in Miami.

***Bob and Mary Sue Topper spent a long November weekend in Hilton Head and a long January weekend in Chicago with Bob's sister. Robby went along for the visit.

WINTER GARDEN TIP

"*Sow in the Snow*" - Grass seed should be thrown on top of the last snow fall. In this time of low rainfall it may be the only way to get the ground wet enough for the grass to grow.

Weather Watch!

If you hold on to your utility rate schedules, we will try to locate some information on your heating needs and how to compute any savings you may be seeing due to improvements in your home. Have you added insulation, weather stripping, storm windows, day-night thermostats, or something else? How do you know what you saved?

We have all been given percentages of savings for certain improvements. 20% here, another 30% on something else. If you add up the percentages you might reach 100% which can't be. We need to have some heat. In the next Hilltone we will try to supply you with the data you need to compute your savings.

Don't be discouraged if you're using more this year. It's been a cold, cold winter.

The following table compares degree days (the difference of a day's average temperature from the norm of 65°) for the months of September through December for the past 5 years. Remember 1976-77 was our last very cold winter and 1977-78 was our very snowy winter. We will continue to complete this chart in the next two issues.

	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	NORM (1941-1970)
SEPT	58	38	79	28	28	34
OCT	392	321	300	289	314	243
NOV	719	519	521	393	654	564
DEC	1054	944	824	763	1066	946
TOTAL	2223	1822	1724	1473	2062	1787
TOTAL FOR YEARS	5407	5458	4914			

Data from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Asheville, N. C. and N. J. Department of Energy, Newark, N. J.



SAVE THIS PAGE FOR REFERENCE

With the cost of all utilities on the rise, they are becoming a major part of a lot of people's budgets. It might be helpful to have some information on the different rates and how the increases have affected you. The following paragraphs will show you the electric, gas and oil rates and their increases. The numbers in () are for example purposes.

Natural Gas:

RATES	Service Charge	1st 26 therms	Over 26 therms
Up 'til April 17, 1980	4.60	.3573 ^c	.32 ^c
After April 17, 1980	5.50	.45067 ^c	.41765 ^c

Compute you bill (example based on 60CCF)

1. You need to know the number of therms used.
Multiply the number of cubic feet (CCF)
(60) x 1.02 = 61.20 therms.
 2. Multiply the number of therms by the
Fuel Adjustment Factor(from your bill) per
therm (61.20 x .098371) 6.02
 3. Multiply the first 26 therms or
less by the rate (26 x .45067) 11.72
 4. Multiply the remainder of the therms
(60-26) by the rate (34 x .41765) 14.20
 5. Add on the service charge 5.50
 6. Add the above for your bill \$37.44
- By repeating the process with last
years rates, you bill would be \$28.75

Your increase is 30%. If you use the same number of therms as last year your bill will be 30% higher.



Electric:

RATES	Service Charge	1st 300KWH	Over 300KWH
Nov.-May	4.26	.073763*	.057763*
June-Oct.	4.26	.073763*	

Compute your bill (example based on 534 KWH):

1. Multiply 300 KWH or less by the rate (300 x .073763)	22.13
2. Multiply the remaining KWH by the rate (234 x .057763)	13.52
3. Multiply the total number of KWH by the Fuel Adjustment Factor as given on the bill (534 x .011848)	6.33
4. Add on the service charge	4.26
	\$46.24

By repeating the process with last years rates,
you bill would be \$36.40

Your increase is 27%.

Now repeat the process using the summer
rate and assuming that the fuel adjustment
factor will remain constant. Your bill
will be \$49.98

This represents an 8% increase over the winter
rates. Note: We usually use less electricity
in the summer.

Oil:

	Dec. 78	Dec. 79	Dec. 80
Rate	.54	.94	1.12
Gals.	500	500	500
Price	\$270	\$470	\$560
%increase		74%	19%
		107%	

Next month, we'll try to pass on some information about the water rates. The water rates on the last bill were difficult to compute because the city got a rate increase that was prorated and they changed the billing cycle to make up a 1980 deficit. (What will they do in 1981?)

We'll also try to give you some of the Bell Telephone charges. How much do you love your touch tone telephone, your princess phone?

CLASSIFIED ADS PAY:
(Hiltonia Young Adults)

Would you like to earn some extra money? Do you have any hidden talents? It'll pay to advertise in the Hilltone. There are a few residents in Hiltonia who need snow shovelers, leaf rakers, lawn mowers, etc. Why not advertise? Send your ad to Gloriann Kyte, 109 Cadwalader Drive before March 15th. Include your name, phone number, what you would like to do, and your fee. (The fee need not be included.)

CLASSIFIED

Babysitter needed on Kensington Avenue. Hours Flexible. Call 396-9778. \$2.00/hr.



WELCOME TO HILTONIA

The Hospitality Committee recently welcomed 3 new families to Hiltonia:

(1) Charles and Wanda Stansbury at 206 Renew Avenue

The Stansburys' have two children, Fanya (7) and Coltrane (6). The children attend Kilmer, where their Dad teaches 5th Grade!

(2) Dr. and Mrs. Gary M. Williams at 12 Kensington Avenue.

Dr Williams' area of specialty is in Hypertension Research. Their daughter, Karen is in 2nd grade at Kilmer and is looking for playmates!

(3) Gail Mazucco and Matthew Powell at 12 Hilvista Boulevard.

We wish all newcomers health and happiness in their new homes. We hope to see you all at our next meeting.



*ANY NEWCOMERS IN YOUR BLOCK?
Please let us know. The new
Hospitality Chairperson is Bobbi
Shelingaski at 394-2610*

*Thanks,
Terri Shields
Past Hospitality
Chairperson*

BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

	1st Block	2nd Block	3rd Block	
Cadwalader	Dave Walukiewicz 15 Cadwalader 989-9396	Gloriann Kyte 109 Cadwalader 392-6036		
Buckingham	Rita LaBel 2A Buckingham	Mary McCormack 125 Buckingham	Kate Thursby 212 Buckingham 394-8787	
Kensington	Steve Schragger 24 Hillvista 392-4990	Pauline Cirillo 112 Kensington 396-9778	Terry Shield 206 Kensington 396-2626	
Renfrew	PLEASE HELP, WE NEED SOMEONE!	Elaine Martinez 105 Renfrew 396-0918	Peggy Connelly 201 Renfrew 493-3134	
Cornwall	Doris Smith 9 Cornwall 396-4732	Natalie Stark 130 Cornwall 396-1485	Marvin Franklin 225 Cornwall 396-6681	
Stuyvesant	Odd 1403-1405 Even 1402-1420	Odd 1425-1431 Even 1422-1464	Odd 1441-1449 Even 1466-1492	Odd 1505-1525 Even 1494-1528
	Kate Thursby 212 Buckingham 394-8787	Alena Aluotto 1425 Stuyvesant 396-3173	Denise Mortimer Stuyvesant 393-9705	Judy Priest 1511 Stuyvesant 392-1091

The above is an updated list of Block Representatives. The Hiltonia Association wishes to express its thanks to several retiring Block Reps. They have provided the very special service of keeping you informed. Our thanks to Audrey Blackburn, Beatrice Barr, Judy Corrado, and Terry Castro.

Welcome aboard to the new Block Reps. If for some reason you cannot deliver the material within 4 or 5 days, please let us know. We'll be glad to help out if you get stuck. We still need a Block Rep for the 1st block of Renfrew. Won't someone please help us out. It only takes a few minutes a couple of times a year. Thanks to Curt Topper who has been doing this block. Any questions, call Gloriann Kyte.

A Message from the President

A great deal of thanks is due to our outgoing president, Bob Topper, the executive board and all those who worked on projects during 1980. The time and effort put forth by these people is the major reason for the Hiltonia Association being the strongest civic group in Trenton.

I am looking forward to the challenge of this new year as president of your association. And it is YOUR ASSOCIATION.... It can only be as vital as its membership, and I hope that all Hiltonians will, in some way, support their association this year. We want your suggestions and ideas on what you would like to see happen in our area and we welcome your help in implementing these ideas.

There is no shortage of projects starting with sidewalks, housing, rehabilitation, re-evaluation and public safety. In our enthusiasm to achieve progress though, let's not overlook the needs of our neighbors. If Hiltonia is to remain the finest residential area in the city we must first address ourselves to our own needs. But it takes time and effort. Please come and take part in your association. We're a great bunch of people!

Joan Anderson
President

