



THE HILLTONE

Hiltonia “Worthy Projects” Initiative for 2021

By Maureen and Jacques Lebel, Co-Chairs

Annually the Hiltonia Association conducts a Worthy Projects initiative. The concept is to pick several (usually 2) not-for-profit organizations that are outstanding in serving Trenton’s population. Then, through a process of individual donations from Hiltonia residents, increased by Hiltonia Association funds, each of the designated organizations receives a donation indicating the list of individual donations plus the Hiltonia Association match of up to \$250 for each recipient organization.

This year the Worthy Projects committee is proposing two potential recipients:

The 1719 Trent House Museum

Located at 15 Market Street in downtown Trenton, William Trent, a Philadelphia merchant, built Trent House as a summer estate. This was in the early 18th century when the location, along the Delaware River, was a real wilderness. There was no city, no permanent neighbors, and only occasional visits by indigenous people who had lived along the river for thousands of years before European colonization.

Three centuries later, thanks largely to the efforts of the Trent House Museum staff and volunteers, the authentic history of the house and its people is being uncovered, documented and shared. Open for guided tours of the building and grounds, the museum also conducts programs and events to highlight the life and times of Trent House.

Trenton Animals Rock

Not long ago the Trenton Animal Shelter was a sad case, with overcrowded holding pens, few services other than basic necessities, and one of the highest kill shelters in the state. To improve the situation, the City chose the nonprofit, Trenton Animals Rock (TAR) to manage animal welfare services. After several years of close cooperation, TAR and Trenton Animal Control (TAC) have substantially improved the state of Trenton’ animal welfare. The euthanasia rate is now approaching a “no-kill” status.

They also are working cooperatively with the organization Trenton Cats Rescue (TCR) to upgrade the services available to that organization’s clientele as well.

Unfortunately, all of the good works and cooperation referenced above need money well above what the City can provide. A recent fundraising request from TAR expressed their dilemma as follows:

“The changes we’ve made to improve the quality of life for animals in the Trenton Animal Shelter have been nothing short of incredible. But, the building is terrible and old, and the kennels are loud and out-of-date in design. The cat room is tiny and crowded. There is no space to treat the sick, to heal those in recovery, or to encourage the public to spend time looking for their new best friend.

Our wish is to raise enough for a new facility; a place where cats have a dedicated space to play, where dogs can have meets in quiet, comfortable rooms and where we can safely quarantine new, sick, injured and recovering animals. This is what these animals need. This is what they deserve.”

The Association will match individual contributions from Hiltonians of up to \$250.00 for each organization. Residents of Hiltonia who would like to participate should make out separate check(s) payable to the Trent House and/or Trenton Animals Rock. The checks should be delivered to President Jeannie Weakliem (12 Hilvista Blvd.) as soon as possible, but no later than January 10, 2022. If you want a 2021 tax deduction for your charitable deduction, please date it for the end of the year.

(For more information about TAR, see the article on page 3)



From the Archives By Terri O'Prey

This August 1986 article by Hiltonia treasure Pat Flores called out to me for republishing. We moved to the neighborhood days before the annual Garden Party, which was followed in quick succession by Flamingo Socials where I had a chance to chat with my new neighbors and learn more about Hiltonia's history. We found the neighborhood warm and welcoming, and I loved hearing stories about people's homes and their history. It's interesting to imagine Hiltonia in 1930, desolate with mostly empty lots. I'm glad that distrust of strangers and unfriendliness are no longer primary descriptors of its residents, and I look forward to a future where gathering together is once more a simple and natural process.

Hiltonia Reflections, by Pat Flores (Hiltonia Association Historian)

In 1925, Samuel Hilton began developing this area he named for himself, and advertised as "this wonderful place for a home." On Sunday, July 13, 1986, *The Trentonian* carried a full-page article on page 43 about the inception of Hiltonia, naming the earliest residents and where they lived.

The feature was written by Sally Lane, who is very much an historian. Going back into the archives of the *Trenton Times*, she reports that on Sunday, March 1, 1925, a small story at the top of the real estate page proclaimed, "Hilton to Start Large Operation," with a sub-headline: "Developer of Hiltonia Plans Dozen Houses at Cost of \$240,000."

As a complement to the newspaper story, John Vogler of Buckingham Avenue called to reminisce about the early days of Hiltonia. He consented to type up his thoughts, and kindly allowed me to share them with you. We all thank you, John, for giving us a glimpse into the past. Here is John's story:

Moonshine in Hiltonia

I grew up in the West End, about a mile from Hiltonia. By 1930, Hiltonia was semi-developed, with houses only on Cadwalader, Buckingham, and Kensington, plus a few on lower Cornwall. The Depression had halted all development and most of Hiltonia consisted of streets, sidewalks, and empty lots.

My father was a city sanitary inspector, and in this period he investigated a complaint of foul odors from an empty lot in Hiltonia. Much to his surprise, he found that a Prohibition still in one of the homes was discharging its waste products into an adjacent empty lot. The "Revenooers" were dispatched, and Hiltonians were wary of strangers thereafter.

When I was a teenager I often got summer jobs cutting weeds in the empty lots. I received \$2 for a 50-foot lot -- good money for those Depression days. It was hard, hot work, usually taking one morning for a 50-foot lot. I would work with scythe and sickle all morning, swim in the canal after lunch, and return after dinner to work until dark. The bushes, vines, and poison ivy were tough. The few residents were so unfriendly that I had to carry my own drinking water. I never dreamed that I would one day live on "Cracker Hill," as Hiltonia was called in those days.

A note from Pat: According to John, Cracker Hill was a nickname bestowed by "locals," because when the new homeowners were through paying their mortgages and taxes, they would have only enough money left to buy crackers. It appears that in 60 years, we have come full circle.

Email Distribution & Opting-Out of the Printed Newsletter

We are always trying to improve communication within the neighborhood, so we have created an Association email distribution list. If you are currently not receiving any neighborhood news via email, and you would like to, please send your email to Jeannie at hiltonia.association.president@gmail.com and you will be added to the email list. Our president will keep you informed of neighborhood news and happenings.

We would also like you to consider "**opting-out**" of the printed form of *The Hilltone* when we resume the printed format of our newsletter. Please send a note from your preferred email to thehilltone@gmail.com with your name, address, and phone number with your wishes (email only or print only). **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!



What a year for the Real Estate Market ! By Linda Reid

Homes came on the market, sold so quickly, many multiple offers - so hard to keep up. As the holiday season sets in things are calming down a bit, mostly because there is very little that is available.

But it was a good year for Trenton. We used to be pleased to see sold prices that were in the \$200s, the year 2021 brought us the \$300s and even a couple of sales in the \$400s. And the last couple of years also brought us about 30 new neighbors.

That being said, there are only a couple of things for real estate sales - the prices go up, but also go down, and no one has a crystal ball.

So quoting an expert:

“Whether the pandemic delayed plans or created new opportunities to make a move, Americans are poised for a whirlwind year of home-buying in 2022. With more sellers expected to enter the market as buyer competition remains fierce, we anticipate strong home sales growth at a more sustainable pace than in 2021,” said realtor.com® Chief Economist Danielle Hale in a statement.

So if I can help, and answer questions about the current market and values, give me a call - I always have time to chat (linda.reid@foxroach.com; 609-273-4152 - cell).



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Here are a few ways:

1

FOSTER

We provide the food, medical care and training support. You provide the love.

2

ADOPT

Each year 100s of animals are in need of loving homes - just like yours!

3

VOLUNTEER

Walk dogs. Clean. Fundraise. There's something for everyone.

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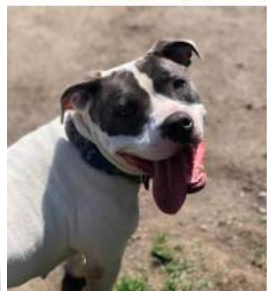
DONATE

Whether it's treats, supplies or money, every single dollar and donation helps.



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Trenton Animals Rock

By Michael Ranallo

The shelter is perpetually at or over capacity and any help people can give with fostering, adopting or showing up to volunteer would be so appreciated.

It is really heartbreaking to see how these dogs and cats suffer being held in the shelter for so long. Getting them into caring and loving homes with minimal shelter time is the goal for all of them.

We do a great job with the limited resources we have, but always need more help. Please help where you can.

(Mike is a board member of Trenton Animals Rock, and a resident of Hiltonia.)

Trenton Animals Rock in Desperate Need of Fosters

DESPERATE PLEA FOR FOSTERS! All Trenton Animals Rock kennels, shelter partners and rescues are full. We need fosters & adopters. Meet over 20 other pups at TAS.PETFINDER.COM. Please apply to foster at tarnj.org/foster or to adopt at tarnj.org/adopt



Hiltonia Book Club: *Beautiful Ruins*

By Pat Rodeawald

Why join a book club? Probably the top answer for me is to read books that I might not choose on my own. We all have our comfort zones and habits, and book clubs take us out of them. I remember reading *Blink* by Malcolm Gladwell as a book club pick many years ago. It wasn't originally on my radar, but I was asked what I thought about the book in a job interview shortly after I'd read it. It felt great to be able to answer the question rather than flounder for a response. Even though I didn't get the job.

I recently selected a non-fiction book about a female WWII spy for a book club (The book was *Agent Sonya*.) During our discussion, several members of the club admitted that they weren't looking forward to reading it since they rarely read non-fiction. But everyone completely enjoyed the book and some even researched additional books on similar topics.

Other reasons for joining a book club? Conviviality and good conversation, for sure. And if it's the Hiltonia Book Club, then good food and wine as well.

I attended my first Hiltonia Book Club meeting on October 24, and it checked all of the boxes. There were 10 of us in all, and we were able to sit outside, yet stay protected from the elements on Kathi Eckert's porch. The book we read was *Beautiful Ruins* by Jess Walter, and as it took place largely in Italy, the menu was Italian. The food was bountiful – two types of lasagna, pesto, bruschetta, antipasto, Caesar salad, figs and prosciutto along with cannoli and tiramisu for dessert.

The wine flowed as well, but I don't think we needed it to get the conversation flowing. The reaction to the book was decidedly mixed. Some people didn't like it at all while others thought it was just okay. Criticism included dislike of the writing style as well as some aspects of the story itself. I think I was the odd person out – I thoroughly enjoyed the book and have since recommended it to friends. But I think I'm correct in saying that we all had a lovely time – even if you don't like a book, a book club offers a great opportunity to vent!

The next Hiltonia Book Club pick is Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale*. The meeting will be in the afternoon of January 9 at Pat Rodeawald and Jim Ambrosio's house at 201 Renfrew. The menu will be cozy soups, breads, salad and dessert.

If you're not currently on the Hiltonia Book Club mailing list and are interested in joining, please contact Maris Williams (maris.w@comcast.net) to receive updated information. Or, just take a chance and read the book!



The Hiltonia Welcome Wagon Is On Vacation

By Linda Reid

Well, not really, but for the first time in as long as I can remember there are no homes for sale in Hiltonia (there are 5 homes under contract).



The 2021 year brought us about 30 new neighbors and I think that might be a record number. The pandemic has kept us from doing in-home visits, but I did try to drop off *The Hilltone*, a membership form, public works info, recycling info, and flyers for any currently happening event. Sometimes, if folks were home, I even got to chat.

We will continue welcoming new neighbors in the new year. If you meet a new neighbor, please pass on their contact information to me as soon as possible. I want to get out there and officially greet them on behalf of the Association.

If we missed you, or you have questions about the Hiltonia Association, the City of Trenton, or other needs, please contact me by email or phone (gnrlinda@gmail.com; 609-394-2314 - home or 609-273-4152 - cell).



Trenton Seeks Feedback for Downtown Neighborhood Grant

Submitted by Lily Knezevich

The city of Trenton is conducting a survey to gather input from residents and other stakeholders to inform the design of projects to revitalize and rejuvenate the downtown area. The survey is being conducted in conjunction with the state Department of Community Affairs Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP). In October 2021, Trenton was awarded a five-year NPP designation. Trenton's downtown will receive up to \$125,000 a year for five years to assist with economic and community development.



The online survey is your opportunity to provide valuable input for the five-year NPP Implementation Plan.

The effort is being led by the City of Trenton in partnership with Isles Inc. This survey is a good opportunity to provide your feedback on what you'd like to see in Trenton's downtown. It only takes a few minutes to complete. The survey is open until December 31st. You can find it at [this link](#). Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to open the survey.

Worthy Projects of Christmases Past

By Jacques and Maureen Lebel

Humbly aside, it is the time of the year that we look to be generous, or at least to accumulate some tax deductions. Below is a list of earlier Worthy Projects to which the Hiltonia Association and individuals have made contributions. All are still functioning and could use your continued support.

- Trenton Children's Chorus
- Passage Theater Company
- Meals on Wheels of Mercer County
- Trenton City Museum (Ellarslie)
- Capitol Philharmonic Orchestra
- Mercer Street Friends
- Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

Doggie Directory By Kathi Eckert

If you are a member of our Google Board discussion group, then you are aware of the frequent occurrences of lost and roaming pets in our neighborhood. These have included mostly dogs and cats, but in all cases, they are much loved pets.



To assist in finding their owners, it was suggested by a neighbor who has actively assisted in rehoming these loose pets, to create a "Doggie Directory" to post on our Hiltonia website.

We would maintain a pictorial catalogue of the pets in the neighborhood as a reference for when one of the little critters gets loose. You can provide as much information as you like, but at minimum we request at least one photo, and your name and email information. If you then find a lost pooch or kitty in your yard, you can check out the website to see if the pet is listed, and contact the owner directly.

If you would like to participate in this endeavor, please provide the following information to thehilltone@gmail.com. I will build the directory as photos and information are received.

Starred ** items are required.

** Pet's Name: _____

** Your Email _____

** Pet Description _____

** Pet Issues to be aware of _____

Opt. Your Address _____

Opt. Your Phone # _____

** Pet Photo. (You may send multiple photos. I will include as many as I have room for.)

All submissions should be emailed to me at thehilltone@gmail.com.



Book Club Changes for 2022

By Terri O'Prey

The new year will bring changes to our neighborhood book club. In an effort to meet on a more regular schedule and to offer everyone a chance to actively participate in selecting books and leading discussions, in 2022 we'll try a new system. At our January meeting (already set for January 9 to discuss Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale*), we'll set aside time to map out a monthly schedule for the year.

- Starting in February, and following every other month, one of us will lead a meeting centered on a favorite book. Others won't need to have read the book for the meeting. Instead, this is a chance to learn about a book and its significance in someone's life. We hope these talks will inspire others to dive into these books.
- Group discussion of shared reads will take place as usual on alternate months, with one twist: We'll take turns with a member selecting the book and leading the discussion with questions of the facilitator's own choice.

How exciting would it be to kick off 2022 with a complete roadmap for a year of reading and talking about books? Between now and January 9, let's all consider taking a turn at sharing an old favorite or putting forward a new one to read collectively. While the location for the January meeting is tentatively set for Pat Rodeawald's home (depending on the Covid situation), one thing is certain: We'll aim to get signups for as many months as possible. Interested in joining the fun? **Please contact Maris Williams (maris.w@comcast.net).**

Donna's Little Free Library By Pat Flores



The Little Free Library is ready for the holidays, and flags were added December 7, in memory of Pearl Harbor Day and in honor of those brave men and women who lost their lives in the bombings.

I'll be with family over Christmas, so hopefully you will all keep books circulating.

Peace and Blessings,
Pat, your Library Steward

On a Sad Note. . . Brann Wry asked that we include this in our newsletter to let you know of the passing of a former, long-time neighbor, Alan McLeod. To view his remarkable obituary, [click here](#).

Social Committee News

By Lori Emmerson

Our Flamingo social events are back in full swing! Thank you Candice Brearley and Jon Saul, Jeannie and John Weakliem, Regina and Bill Merz, and Patrick Krey for recently hosting parties.

We have decided, due to COVID concerns and the need to be indoors during winter months, that we will put our Flamingo events on hold until the spring.

However, we're always looking for volunteers to host so if you're interested, please email Lori Emmerson @ lorimarkemmerson@gmail.com. Include the month and day that's most convenient for you and we'll get it on the calendar.

Please note that hosting is a stress-free experience. The Association provides paper goods and our neighbors bring a dish to share and their drink of choice.

Right now, we need a volunteer to host our holiday party in April. Contact me if you're interested.

In the interim, if you're interested in joining the fun, we will have monthly Association gatherings at local restaurants. More information and details to come. Look for the emails.

Halloween Children's Celebration

By Margaret Mason

The Hiltonia Association Children's Committee held an outdoor Halloween party on October 30. A happy group of children enjoyed painting small pumpkins, participating in relay races, hula hooping, and drawing with sidewalk chalk. Hungry party goers snacked on pizza and chips.



The party was planned and hosted by Dekontee Elliott, the newly appointed chair of the children's committee, with party-day assistance from Margaret Mason. A good time was had by all.

To access the links in this newsletter go to our Association website.

You can download this newsletter at:
<https://hiltoniaassociation.org/the-hilltones-1998-thru-present/>

For additional pages not included in the printed copy, go to:

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This 'n That . . .

- We will be in need of speakers for our general meetings once we resume meeting in person. If you have any suggestions, if there is someone from whom you want to hear, please contact Jeannie to suggest someone.
- Linda Reid is our "Welcome Wagon" greeter. If you have new neighbors who have bought or rented a home in Hiltonia (within the last year), would you please share their contact information with Linda so she can meet and greet them? Her email is: grnlinda@gmail.com.
- The Hiltonia Association's website is: www.hiltoniaassociation.org; we have an Association calendar of events on the website. You can also install a Google app for the calendar on your phone. Our newsletters are archived there.
- The City has a centralized system for residents to report serious issues: it's the GovAlert app, and it is a genuine 311 system. The app is available on the trentonnj.org website. It can be used to send your concerns to the City. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your concern and you should receive an email when your concern has been resolved. Whether you are seeing suspicious vehicles, drug deals, violations of zoning ordinances, disrepair to roads, potholes, or ATVs, we now have a single, central contact to get our issues funneled to the appropriate City department.
- Just a reminder to keep our neighborhood streets clear on Wednesdays to ensure that the street sweeper can do a thorough job of cleaning our streets.
- If you hire a lawn service, please make sure your service knows it's responsible for hauling away any leaves or debris collected outside of City pickup 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.

Membership Information

Welcome to the neighborhood new residents! We are excited that you have decided to make Hiltonia your home. We are a very close community which is active civically and socially.

Please complete the application **included in this newsletter (on page 9)** and submit it with your payment: \$15.00 per person and \$30.00 per family, per year, to join the Hiltonia Association for 2022!

Current residents please renew your Hiltonia Association membership and pay your dues! We need you!

PS. A 2022 membership form can be downloaded [here](#).



....to Jacques and Maureen Lebel, Mike Ranallo, Pat Rodeawald, Pat Flores, Linda Reid, Lily Knezevich, Lori Emmerson, Margaret Mason, and Terri O'Prey, who provided content for this issue!

....and to our **EXTREMELY AWESOME** proofreader, Terri O'Prey.

2021 Hiltonia Association Officers

President: Jeannie Weakliem, 12 Hilvista Blvd. (609-577-7148)

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Worthy Projects: Maureen & Jacques Lebel, 25 Cornwall Ave. (609-218-5124)



Is It Us or Is It Them

By Linda Reid

When we “open” our email and see a message from “Hiltonia” it could be from the Hiltonia Association or it could be from the Hiltonia Google Group. They are not one and the same.

The address for the Hiltonia Association is hiltoniaassociation.org and this will bring you to the Association’s website. There you will find all kinds of interesting “stuff.” The current officers and committee folks, *The Hilltones* (some from long, long ago) and other interesting info pertaining to the Association and to the City. If you wish to email the Association the contact email is: hiltonia.association.president@gmail.com .

The email for the Hiltonia Google Group is hiltonia@googlegroups.com and this is a place where folks post conversations, things to share, and other information that might be of general interest.

At one time (back in the day, as my kids say) there was only one site. But, as many of you know, the conversations on the Google Group are often lengthy with lots of back and forth, and some not so positive. Many of the Hiltonia Association members expressed that they did not want all those messages coming from the Hiltonia Association email, hence the Google Group was created as a neighborhood platform (many of the folks who post are not members of the Hiltonia Association, and others are).

The Hiltonia Association messages go to all Hiltonia residents for whom we have email addresses, as well as messages for the general meetings, *The Hilltone*, and social gatherings for both adults and kids. All Association events are open to members and non-members alike.

We sure would like it if many more neighbors would become members - it’s only \$15.00. See the membership article on page 7 and the membership form on page 9.

Although we hope the Hiltonia Google Group is limited to Hiltonia residents, the owner and manager of this site controls admission to the group. Only Google Group members can post to the Hiltonia Google Group. The content may only be monitored by the site owner/administrator.

Meet Matt and Mia on Renfrew

By Kathi Eckert

I had the delightful opportunity to visit Matt Gould and Mia Angelella in their home at 208 Renfrew after a rather unique meeting after the Capital Philharmonic Christmas concert. The young couple moved in on April 22, 2021, with their two cats, Bubby and Izzy.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



When looking for homes, and after many lost offers in this very competitive market, once they found Hiltonia they knew they had found their home. They are busy making improvements and repairs, and absolutely love their home. It is one of the unique homes in Hiltonia with a high sloping roof line in the Great Room. In fact, as I entered the room, I became aware of lots of light. Nestled in the corner was a most spectacular 15 foot Christmas tree bedecked with lights. Wow!

Matt and Mia are both musicians and teachers. Both graduated from The College of New Jersey in 2013. Mia is currently a 5th/6th grade orchestra teacher in North Brunswick, and performs lots of private gigs. Matt formerly taught middle school in Warminster, PA. He currently plays the tenor/bass trombone for the Capital Philharmonic, and is a member of the Philadelphia Ballet Orchestra at the Academy of Music. He tells me that they both are extremely busy doing this season, sometimes making it difficult to catch them both at home at the same time.

In the meantime they are also getting ready for their upcoming wedding on January 22, 2022, at a winery in Pennsylvania. They look forward to that for sure, and to getting to know lots of their neighbors. They are also open to hosting once they get more of their projects done, and we will be happy to take them up on their offer once they are ready! So stop by and say hi!



Whether you are new to Hiltonia, or have spent your entire life here, you will find one thing in common – Hiltonia is a wonderful place to live!

2022 Membership Drive

THE HILTONIA ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 7315
West Trenton, NJ 08628
www.hiltoniaassociation.org

Membership Dues are \$15.00 per adult in the household

Dues are used to fund neighborhood events such as the children's Easter and Halloween parties, National Night Out, adult winter and summer garden parties, and various social and community events throughout the year. The Association is also a proud supporter of various local charities through our Worthy Projects committee. **Dues run from January through December.** If you're interested in joining, please fill out this form.



2022 Hiltonia Association Membership Form

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Address: _____ Date you moved in: _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____

Email 1 _____ Email 2 _____

WANT TO BE INFORMED OF NEIGHBORHOOD HAPPENINGS, ISSUES & SOCIAL EVENTS???
PLEASE JOIN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD EMAIL LIST.

[] Please add me to the president's email distribution list (no 'reply all'—no discussions—just info.)

Interested in Volunteering?

Please check the box if you can assist the Association. You do not need to chair a committee, but be willing to help out on one!! Most events only require a few hours of your time. Thank you, in advance, for your help!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality (help with snacks at meetings) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiltonia garden and beautification projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome wagon (greet new neighbors) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flyer foot patrol (<i>Hilltone</i> distribution) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting a meeting or event (WE SET UP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Become an Officer/Executive Board member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership (help keep list current) | <input type="checkbox"/> Event planning: Children (Easter, Halloween, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity (take pictures) | <input type="checkbox"/> Event planning: Adults (parties, pot-lucks, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic Committee (attend a meeting as our rep at City Council /Police Relations-CPAC/TCCA) | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications (website, newsletter, email groups) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Please return this form, along with a check or cash, payable to the "Hiltonia Association" (\$15 per adult, \$30.00 for a family), to:

Treasurer, **June Guerrero**, 201 Buckingham Ave. (732-673-0374)

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Thank you for your support of the Hiltonia Association!



Please Support our Neighborhood Services

Do you have something to sell, trade, or give away? A service to provide? Email Kathi at thehilltone@gmail.com if you want to place an ad in the next issue of *The Hilltone* (free to residents of Hiltonia).

Certificate of Notary Public

Rana R. Tewari, a realtor and neighbor at 108 Renfrew Avenue, has been duly commissioned as a Notary Public of the State of NJ. Accordingly, fellow Hiltonians are welcome to avail the Notary Service by making an appointment by calling 609-213-9197 any day of the week .

 **Linda Reid**
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Jimmy Marks, who is a fixture in our Hiltonia community, is volunteering to maintain the Don Wallar Memorial Garden site on Hilvista Blvd. It's a big commitment which he is graciously providing for us. In return, we would appreciate it if you give him your support. If you have any landscaping or lawn service needs, give him a call! Thank you Jimmy!


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15 Years Experience
Call Rafael Munoz for free estimates

609.533.3944
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Rafeal is back working in the neighborhood! A while back, someone asked if anyone had contact information for Rafael who had been doing masonry work in our neighborhood. Many of us were pleased with his work. Well, I found his card and sent him an email asking if he was still in business. Indeed he is: Rafael's Masonry, 609-533-3944 rafaelsolaresbusiness@gmail.com
Cheers, Ellen Heath

The Hilltone Publication Schedule for 2022

We publish *The Hilltone* 4 times per year. You may receive your newsletter either digitally or in the print version. Please "opt-out" if you want only the digital version from this point on (see page 2 for details).

For any residents and Executive Committee members who wish to submit an article for our neighborhood newsletter, here are the email submission dates for each issue:

- March 2, 2022
- June 1, 2022
- September 7, 2022
- December 7, 2022

We'd love to hear from you about what's happening in your family. Send them to thehilltone@gmail.com .

Quick List

Litter, trash, graffiti, and neglected buildings create an atmosphere of neglect and apathy. Every resident who keeps his or her property tidy makes an important contribution to community well-being. The City government is committed to keeping Trenton clean and welcoming.

- ◆ Unsecured abandoned buildings invite trouble. Call 609-989-3163 to have City-owned vacant buildings boarded and cleaned of illegally dumped trash.
- ◆ To report illegal dumps, unsecured privately owned vacant properties, or poorly maintained rental properties call 609-989-3563.
- ◆ For help getting streets and alleys cleaned call 609-989-3200.
- ◆ To learn when trash is picked up in your neighborhood or to arrange special pickups call 609-989-3175.
- ◆ Recycling truck missed your house? Call 609-278-8086 (English) or 609-278-8083 (Spanish).
- ◆ Erase graffiti with a call to Graffiti Blasters at 609-989-3175.
- ◆ Have overgrown street trees trimmed by calling the Shade Tree Bureau at 609-989-3255.
- ◆ Report unsanitary conditions in restaurants and pests in public places with a call to 609-989-3280.