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CALENDAR

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OCTOBER 5	Martha Graham Dancers War Memorial 8:00 PM, Tickets \$5.00 - \$12.50.
OCTOBER 7	Hiltonia Association Executive Board Meeting
OCTOBER 8	YOM KIPPUR
OCTOBER 12	COLUMBUS DAY
OCTOBER 16	Cleaveland Orchestra War Memorial 8:00 PM, Tickets \$5.00 - \$12.50.
OCTOBER 18	Trenton Symphony Orchestra War Memorial 8:00 PM, Tickets \$5.00 - \$12.50.
OCTOBER 25	"Eyes on Trenton" Ends
NOVEMBER 5	Hiltonia Association Executive Board Meeting
NOVEMBER 6	Tcca Dinner Dance - Romeo & Juliets 6:30 - Cocktails, 7:30 - Dinner For tickets call Ken Kyte - 392-6036
NOVEMBER 7	St. Paul United Methodist Church Annual Bazaar and Turkey Dinner (4:00 to 7:00 PM) See Bob or Renee Williams, 101 Cornwall, 695-8511 for tickets.
NOVEMBER 10	HILTONIA ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOMINATION OF OFFICERS FOR 1982
NOVEMBER 26	HAPPY THANKSGIVING

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

Please read carefully

Earlier this year an amendment was proposed and seconded at a meeting of the Hiltonia Association that we change the By-Laws to permit a resident of Hiltonia to pay their membership dues for the coming year up to and including the night of the election of officers in January. The following amendment was proposed at the regular meeting of the Association on September 15, 1981 and we are publishing this amendment as charged to do so by Article VII of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Article II - Section 1 of the By-Laws now reads as follows: Dues shall be \$5.00 per calendar year, per member, payable in advance by January 1st of that year, and shall not be prorated.

The proposed change is: Dues shall be \$5.00 per calendar year, per member, payable at anytime prior to the time of the vote at the January membership meeting for the election of officers for that year, and shall not be prorated.

To conform with the above proposed change, the following changes must also be made:

Article VI - Elections and Nominations - Section 3 - Item 6 now states:
To be eligible for election to an office, a member must have paid his dues for the current year by January 1 as required in Article II of these By-Laws.

The proposed change is: To be eligible for election to an office, a member must have paid his dues for the current year at any time prior to the time of the vote at the January membership meeting for the election of officers for that year.

Article VI - Elections and Nominations - Section 3 - Item 7 now states: To be eligible to vote for officers at the January meeting, a member must have paid his dues by January 1 of that year as required by Article II of these By-Laws. Further, all voting must be done in person and no proxies will be permitted.

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Article VII - Amendments - Item 3 states that every member of the Association shall receive a copy of the proposed amendments at least three days prior to the vote on it. **Item 4** states that a majority vote of the membership present at the regular meeting shall be necessary for the adoption of the amendment.

Please consider this formal notice of these proposed changes to our By-Laws. I ask that you read them carefully because they will be voted on at our regular membership meeting to be held on **NOVEMBER 10, 1981.**

Joan Anderson

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -- September 15, 1981

The 4th 1981 general membership meeting of the Hiltonia Association was held on Tuesday, September 15 at the home of Betty Walton on Renfrew.

An amendment to the Constitution was proposed by the general membership to change the deadline for payment of dues in order to be eligible to vote on Election Night. Please read the changes that appear elsewhere in this newsletter. These amendments will be voted on at the next general membership meeting on November 10.

President Joan Anderson announced the members of the nominating committee. Those members are Rita Carney, Chairperson, Joe Shields, Tom Brown, and Linda Reid. It was asked if anyone in attendance wished to volunteer. When there were no volunteers, Joan asked that either Stu Anderson or Bob Topper, as past presidents, fill the fifth slot. This nominating committee will meet between now and the November meeting at which time they will present their choices. If you know of anyone who would like to be considered as a nominee, call Rita Carney (396-9351) or any other member of the nominating committee.

An hour discussion about the Hiltonia Plan followed. Stu Anderson who was president in 1979 began the discussion by explaining the events that led to the formation of the Hiltonia Plan. In August 1979, a Cornwall Avenue resident complained about the sidewalks and curbs in Hiltonia and on August 15, 1979 approximately 35 Cornwall residents were cited by the City for breaking the City Ordinance on sidewalks and curbs and were given 30 days to make the necessary repairs. The Hiltonia Association called a special general membership meeting on August 30, 1979. At that meeting a resolution was passed by the membership. That resolution stated that the Hiltonia Association would obtain legal counsel to find out whether or not the residents were legally responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks, curbs and gutters and then to act on the behalf of the residents of Hiltonia. An attorney was consulted and the residents were told that the City had a legal right to enforce the sidewalk, curb and gutter ordinance and that the residents must comply or face the penalties.

Ken Kyte who was co-chairmen of the Hiltonia Association Planning Committee which was formed to follow through on the resolution spoke about the Hiltonia Plan. The Hiltonia Plan provided all homeowners in Hiltonia with 2 years to repair their sidewalks and curbs while the City assumed responsibility for the gutters. The Hiltonia Plan also included a mandate for the City to remove dead trees and repair pot holes. These items are the City's responsibility which they had been neglecting. The Hiltonia Plan was presented to the Mayor on December 28, 1979. On January 11, 1980, a letter from the City indicated their approval. At the January 29, 1980 general membership meeting, the plan was presented and accepted with no one voicing any objections.

In July 1981, 115 citations were issued. These citations contained no deadline for repairs and were the citations that the Hiltonia Plan felt should be sent by December 1980 or 1 year before the repairs had to be made. The purpose of this citation was to make the homeowner aware of the problem, yet give him ample time to make repairs. As of September 1981, 103 homeowners or a little more than one third of the houses in Hiltonia have made repairs to their sidewalks and/or curbs. Not all of these 103 homeowners had been cited. If you look around the neighborhood, you can see more and more people repairing their concrete.

In a conversation that Joan Anderson had with Mr. Joseph Tucillo, Director of Public Works, Mr. Tucillo indicated that a reinspection would be made and a final citation would be issued in February or March. This final citation will include a date by which repairs must be made. Mr. Amil Stark recommended that the citations not be ignored. A phone call to City Hall should be made to explain your problem if the date cannot be met.

A discussion by the membership followed and below are some of the points which were made:

(1) Both Amil Stark and Steve Schragger suggested that anyone with a problem should contact Mr. Petrino, the sidewalk inspector. He has proven to be very helpful and very accomodating.

(2) People have had trouble locating contractors to do this kind of work.

(3) The shallow rooted trees (mostly maple) have caused some of the sidewalk problems. The City has been allowing the contractor to remove the roots. However, if the problem is too extensive the City can be called.

(4) There was an overall feeling that the association should make sure that the City is providing the services for which we pay taxes. But it was called to everyone's attention that this task can have as its by-product citations for sidewalks, curbs, and gutters or citations for other ordinances. It is the City's job to enforce City ordinances.

(5) Snow plows have been responsible for removing sections of curb.

(6) Cracked, broken or raised sidewalks are a danger and need to be repaired.

(7) There was some strong sentiment that the Hiltonia Association should not be involved in projects like the Hiltonia Plan. Some felt that each person should be able to set their own priorities for their home. However, there was even stronger sentiment that the Hiltonia Association should be involved in protecting the neighborhood. "Partying" is fine but when it comes down to purpose the association should be involved in protecting the welfare and character of the area.

Following the discussion a motion which read, "The Hiltonia Association should establish a new committee to review, amend, and update the original Hiltonia Plan and to bring before the membership those issues and a time table under which they are to be considered." was passed by the membership. If you wish to be part of the committee which will deal with this resolution, please contact Joan Anderson (393-3416).

The meeting was adjourned.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Ken Kyte of Cadwalader has been elected chairman of the Mayor's Parks Advisory Committee at their September 24th meeting.

Peter Aluotto of Stuyvesant has been nominated to sit on the Board of Housing Incorporated. (See Peter's article for more information on Housing Incorporated.)



eyes on trenton

On Friday evening, September 4, the Trenton Artist's Workshop Association (TAWA) began a 2 month long program called "Eyes on Trenton". Rita and Alan LaBel and Lillian Mitchell of Buckingham and Denise Mortimer of Stuyvesant were some of the 1,000 or so people who attended the opening evening festivities at Ellarslie and the State Museum.

There are paintings and sculptures that were done by area artists on display in both Ellarslie and the State Museum. Many of the paintings depict life in Trenton and are easily recognizable. There are also scheduled concerts, lectures, plays, etc. throughout the 2 month period. Everyone should try to enjoy some of these events.

On Sunday afternoon, September 20, a Hiltonia resident, Dave Keller of Cadwalader had a poetry reading at Ellarslie. Unbeknownst to Dave he had someone in the audience who understood the comment he made about one of his poems. I, too, remember when his neighbors tore out all their bushes. I appreciate the ability that a poet has in putting into words little things that we all can see. Dave pointed out that at this time of year the grass looks greener than it has all summer. I have to agree with Dave, but never would I have considered it a fight for life, a final breath before winter. I thank you for a delightful afternoon.

"Eyes on Trenton" Continues --

*October 2,3,9 and 10 at 8:00 PM at the Original Trenton Coffee House. "*Miss Lydia*", a play by Don Evans. Tickets - \$4.00.

*October 2 and 3 at 8:00 PM and October 4 at 2:30 PM at the Mill Hill Play House. "*Good Friends*", a play by Louis Revesz who is a playwright and Director of the Trenton Arts Commission. Tickets \$4.00.

On this Sunday afternoon, Dave was joined by another poet, Rod Tulloss and opera singer, Gloria Teti who is a resident of Glen Afton. Gloria delighted us with several selections which she also provided the English translations for. Included in her selections were some Childhood Fables, Polaroli, Tigeroo, and Lenny the Leopard, which brought a chuckle from the audience. However, my favorite was a song she did as an encore. It was a Portuguese folk song which she got from Beverly Sills when she was singing at the N.Y. Met. It brought tears to the eyes!

Watch the newspapers for more about "Eyes on Trenton".

Gloriann Kyte

*October 15,16 and 17 at 8:30 PM and October 18 at 2:30 PM at the Mill Hill Play House, "*The Shadow Box*", a play by Michael Cristofer. Tickets - \$4.00.

*October 23,23 and 25 at 8:00 PM at the War Memorial, "*Transatlantic*", Antheil opera.

*October 3,10 and 17 at 8:30 PM at the Artist's Showcase, "*Gounod's Faust*". Tickets - \$4.00.

*October 4 at 3:30 PM at Trinity Cathedral, "*Little Orchestra of Princeton*".

*October 4 at 7:30 PM at the Trenton War Memorial, "*Capitol County Concert*". Admission is free but tickets must be obtained in advance.

*October 17 at 8:30 PM at the Jewish Community Center. "*Baroque Jazz Concert*", Frances Cole.

Tickets can be obtained at The Old Pub, Armentis, Joe's Mill Hill Tavern, Something Special, and Triangle Art

Hiltonians participate in TOMATO PATCH WORKSHOP

For twelve day in July, **A.J. Bashiti** and **Robert Paci** participated in Tomato Patch Workshop at Mercer County College. Boarding the T Bus on Stuyvesant Avenue and arriving 50 minutes later at the West Windsor campus, the young men attended classes in drawing, cartooning, musical comedy, jazz improvisation, and stage management. Geared for 7th - 9th graders, three weeks of work ended with a two day stage production and art display.

There is also a similar three week Tomato Patch suited for 10th and 12th graders.

Interested? Watch the Mercer County College Bulletin in February, or better still talk to Rob or A.J. They've already signed up Nadia Bashiti and George Paci for July, 1982.

Catherine Paci

CADWALADER CONCERTS

On Saturday evening, August 29, the Lamplighters entertained an audience of approximately 75 Trentonians in Cadwalader Park. The music was delightful and once again the weather was perfect for a night under the stars.

The Hiltonia Association sent letters to the Berkeley Square Association, the Cadwalader Heights Association, the Cadwalader Place Association, the Glen Afton Association, the Hillcrest Association, and the Island Association to inform them of the concert and to ask for the support of their membership. Let's hope that the attendance will continue to increase.

The Hiltonia Association will keep you posted on next year's schedule. Bring a neighbor, bring a friend!

**1982
DUES ARE WELCOMED**

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

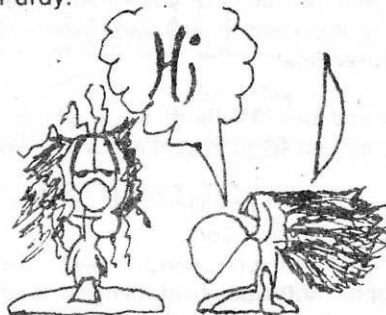
There have been several residents who have recently moved in. The Welcome Wagon will be visiting 201 Cadwalader, 203 Kensington, 210 Cornwall, 9 Buckingham, and 9 Cadwalader shortly.

The Association has received thank you notes for our welcoming gifts from Carl and Lynn Pope of Cadwalader, Joseph Vuonno of Stuyvesant, and Bill and Roberta Anderson of Cadwalader.

If you know of any other new residents, please let Bobbi Shelingoski (394-2610) know.

A WELCOMING PARTY

On August 4, Bill and Roberta Anderson of Cadwalader were the guests of honor at a dessert party given for them at the home of Ken and Gloriann Kyte. They were welcomed to the neighborhood by their Cadwalader neighbors, Eileen Robinson, Carl and Lynn Pope, Jane Olsen and her son, Doug, Henry and Fay Schragger, Greta and John Lamb, Toni and Ned O'Connor and their son, Sean, and Ann and Levy Purdy.



MEMBERSHIP

During the month of October the Hiltonia Association will be sending out statements to people who have not paid their 1982 membership dues. We ask your cooperation. If you have any questions or would like to pay you dues, please contact Linda Reid at 212 Renfrew (394-2314).

TRAVELING ABOUT

*Peggy Connelly of Renfrew spent most of the summer in the Poconos.

*Jock, Linda, Eric, and Sara Reid of Renfrew spent some time in Cape Cod visiting Linda's parents.

*Henry and Fay Schragger of Cadwalader spent August at the Jersey shore where Terry and Joe Shields and their children Joey and Sara spent the summer.

*Bobbi and Chuck Shelingoski, their children, Susan and Scott of Buckingham and Kim Topper of Buckingham spent a week in Maine. Looking at the shoes on their feet, one would guess that they visited the Bass Shoe Factory.

*Aaron and Toba Knoble of Kensington spent a week in Boston.

*Ellen and Bran Wry of Buckingham spent the end of the summer in Paris, France.

*Bill and Roberta Anderson and son Bill of Cadwalader spent a week in New England.

*Ken, Gloriann, Randi, Amy, and Bobby Kyte of Cadwalader spent a week at Swartswood Lake in North Jersey.

*Bob and Cathy Paci and their children, Robert, George, and Michael of Cadwalader spent the Labor Day Weekend in Maryland where they attended a wedding.

*Barbara and Larry Welle of Buckingham left the boys behind and spent a weekend in the Poconos.

Doris, Peggy, and Chris Donnelly of Buckingham spent a week in Cape Cod.

Renee Topper of Buckingham spent two weeks with her grandmother in Connecticut.

*Bob and Renee Williams and their daughters of Cornwall spent the summer in Ocean City. For Bob it was not all play, since he was working on his doctorate.

*Eunice and Archie Masser of Buckingham have recently returned from a relaxing trip to Wildwood. They were accompanied by Archie's parents.

Dear Neighbors,

At the last membership meeting on September 15th, we had a rather low turnout of about 40 residents. It was somewhat disappointing to me, considering the topic for the evening was the controversy over sidewalk and curb replacements.

A number of those who attended made their views, both pro and con, known. This was precisely what I had hoped would happen. The discussions were stimulating and in the final analysis, very positive.

A resolution was passed to continue the Civic Improvements Committee to "review, amend and update the original Hiltonia Plan", so that this will remain the finest residential area in Trenton.

Several of those present did volunteer to be a part of that committee, but I am still looking for more neighbors to participate.

The first meeting of the Civic Improvement Committee will be held at my house, 108 Kensington Avenue, at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 13, 1981. This is your opportunity to be an active force in this association. Please take advantage of this opportunity. If you cannot make this meeting but are interested in being part of this Committee, please call me (393-3416) and I'll see that you are notified of future meetings.

When the Committee has updated the Plan, it will be presented to the membership, as was done when the original Hiltonia Plan was written. At that time we will all have a chance to vote on the acceptance of this document.

As President of the finest Civic Association in Trenton, I want to thank you for your efforts in maintaining Hiltonia as **THE** nicest place to live.

Joan Anderson
President



TRICK OR TREAT

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Chatter

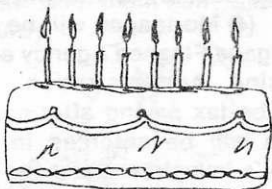
CONGRATULATIONS:

Peter and Alena Aluotto of Stuyvesant on the birth of their first child, a daughter born on Friday, September 25, 1981. Marianne was 6 pounds, 12 ounces and 20 inches long and arrived just in time for this issue of the Hilltone. Welcome to Hiltonia!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Terry Shields of Kensington. Terry has completed her masters degree in education at Trenton State over the summer and is teaching nursery school at the Hughes Nursery at Blessed Sacrament.

Pauline Cirillo of Kensington who received notification on September 18 that she passed her state boards for nursing. Pauline is now a registered nurse at Helene Fuld's Intensive Care Unit.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Amy Kyte (5), Sean O'Connor (12), Kimberly Topper (13), Adam Castro (3), Bobby Kyte (3), Amy Stellitano (5), Judd Welle (7), Jonathon Welle (4), Joshua Welle (2), and Scott Shelingoski (2).

VISITORS

Ann and Levy Purdy of Cadwalader had a visit from Ann's brother and sister-in-law who are former Trentonians now residing in Florida.

HOUSING, INC.

As has been reported in past issues of the Hilltone, our association has been actively involved in the establishment of a new non-profit organization called Housing Incorporated. The long range goal of Housing Incorporated is to acquire for rehabilitation and resale the existing inventory of about 800 city-owned, vacant, abandoned houses.

Using Housing and Community Development funds in combination with a grant which we hope to receive from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, the first five homes should be under construction by next spring. The way the program works is as follows: (1) The corporation acquires a block of houses from the City for a nominal price. (2) The corporation obtains bids from general contractors for the whole package. (3) The corporation sells the completed homes at the prevailing market value. If the cost of rehabilitation is greater than the prevailing market value, the difference will be subsidized from Community Development funds. Of course, the homes selected for rehab will be those where the subsidy is minimized or not required at all. (4) Mortgages will be provided by the N.J. Mortgage Finance Agency and/or the Federal Housing Administration. (5) The properties will be tax paying after completion and city codes will be enforced in order to protect the City's investment and the integrity of Housing Incorporated's projects.

Special thanks are in order for **Jeanne Angel** and **Anne Croke-Shoemaker** of the City's Housing and Development Department for the marvelous job they have done on this project. Special thanks also to **Red Kennedy** of the Building Trades Council for helping us to think big for a change.

Peter Aluotto

CONCRETE'S SHORTCOMINGS

The problem with concrete is that it doesn't last forever. Here are some helpful hints for added life:

(1) Do not let grass or weeds grow between the cracks in your sidewalks. Either pull them out or kill them with a spray. Letting weeds grow through the cracks causes the concrete to crack and crumble.

(2) Repair cracks to prevent water from getting in the concrete blocks. Cracks in concrete are particularly vulnerable in winter when water is freezing and thawing almost everyday. One little crack can grow and grow.

(3) Be careful of what you plant near concrete (or for that matter macadam too). Certain plants can cause damage to concrete. For example, maple trees with shallow roots will lift a sidewalk or push out a curb or pine trees hanging over a sidewalk will cause it to crumble.

Preventative maintenance now can save you some future problems.

CIVIC COMMITTEE

The Civic Committee which is chaired by **Ray Castro** is busy putting together a folder of information for newcomers. Some of the items suggested for inclusion in the folder are the Hiltonia Association Constitution and By-Laws, the Hiltonia Plan, the map of Hiltonia, and a copy or two of the Hilltones. If you have any suggestions or would like to help, please contact Ray Castro on Cornwall. We could use your input.



SCHOOL STARTED
DRIVE CAREFULLY

GARBAGE COLLECTION

The Trentonian has made us all aware that Mayor Holland has asked the city police to enforce the garbage collection ordinance. This law prohibits you from placing your garbage at the curb before 5:00 AM on the day of collection. In some instances this has created a hardship for people who are working different shifts.

The topic was brought up at the September 9th meeting of the Trenton Council of Civic Associations where Mayor Holland and Mr. Joseph Tucillo, Director of Public Works were present. After a lengthy discussion the council voted to support the existing ordinance and favored no change at this time.

In Hiltonia, we are fortunate that garbage is not a big problem since we are residential only but in other areas of the City where business and high density residential living is the case, garbage makes for an ugly scene particularly after it is torn apart and scattered. People in these areas are concerned about the appearance of their neighborhoods.

Mayor Holland has suggested that people use metal or plastic garbage cans so that the animals will stop scattering garbage over the streets. This type of incident was observed last week in Cadwalader Heights because of the use of a plastic bag.

TIMELY REMINDER

Lately there has been a lot of talk about garbage. Below is a list of some of the City's Ordinances that pertain to garbage:

*Garbage must be placed in a leak proof container of metal or plastic.

*Full containers cannot weigh more than 50 pounds.

*Branches must be tied in bundles not longer than four (4) feet in length or heavier than 50 pounds.

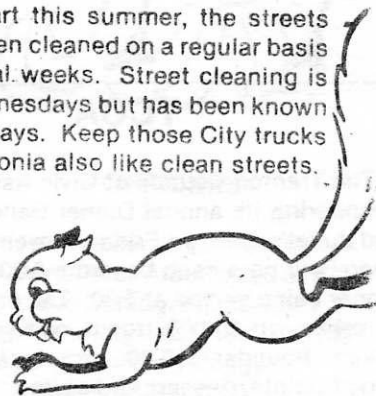
It is very probable that the City will begin collecting garbage only 2 days a week in the near future. The West Ward will be scheduled for garbage collection on Mondays and Thursdays. In the months of July and August we will return to garbage collection 3 days a week. It is hoped that the City has devised a plan to compensate the West Ward residents for all the Monday holidays. Garbage collection once a week can present a problem particularly around holidays.

A thought. . . .

There is a question we should all be asking about the Mayor's request to enforce the garbage ordinances -- why does the mayor or anyone else have to ask for the law to be enforced.

STREET CLEANING

After a poor start this summer, the streets in Hiltonia have been cleaned on a regular basis for the past several weeks. Street cleaning is scheduled for Wednesdays but has been known to occur on Thursdays. Keep those City trucks rolling! We in Hiltonia also like clean streets.



*Furniture, stoves, refrigerators, or other items will be picked up by calling the Sanitation Department for a special pick up.

*Rubbish from construction must be removed by the owner as soon as possible after completion.

*Your yard, sidewalk or gutter must be cleaned of all debris. The proper storage and handling of your litter is your responsibility.

*No person shall sweep litter in the gutter. Sidewalks and curbs shall be free of litter and weeds.