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CADWALADER PARK LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPROVES

At the June 26 meeting of the Hiltonia Association's Executive Board, Captain Richard Lucharini discussed problems of law enforcement in Cadwalader Park. Captain Lucharini will become Trenton's Director of Public Safety when our neighbor, Howard Waldron, retires on November 1.

Captain Lucharini is determined to improve law enforcement in the Park. By the time of the board meeting, over 100 arrests had been made in the Park this summer, most for marijuana use and some for use and distribution of alcohol and other drugs. There are undercover officers on duty in the Park in addition to uniformed officers and officers of the park police (who are not part of the police division).

Board members emphasized that Hiltonians want not only safety in the park, but also peace and quiet. There have been several occasions this summer, and many in the past few years, when noise from loudspeakers has disturbed families 3 or 4 blocks away. Police response has frequently been unsatisfactory.

According to Captain Lucharini, officers receiving noise complaints usually require citizens to sign complaints. However, if the noise is loud enough, an officer can sign the complaint himself or herself. If the noise bothers you, let the police know.

The board voted to write Captain Lucharini to let him know that Hiltonia supports strong law enforcement in the Park. He is the person responsible for Park patrols, but he and the Mayor have had some adverse reaction to the recent arrests. The board believes his efforts are essential to the continued viability of our neighborhood and it offers its thanks and support.

WATCH OUT FOR THE LITTLE FOLK: OBSERVE THE SPEED LIMIT

There are more than 100 children in Hiltonia, many too little to watch out for cars. Please be careful to observe the 25 mile-per-hour speed limit throughout the neighborhood, especially on those wide open spaces on Hilvista and Stuyvesant.



ART EXHIBIT CELEBRATES D & R CANAL SESQUICENTENNIAL

To commemorate the 150th birthday of the Delaware and Raritan Canal, there will be an art exhibit in September in Ellarslie in Cadwalader Park. It will show works of art relating to the canal and will be sponsored by the Princeton Art Association and Trenton City Museum.

GALA CELEBRATES TRENTON'S 305th BIRTHDAY

Pride in Trenton will celebrate Trenton's 305th birthday with a gala "Salute to Trenton" on Saturday evening, September 15. Various programs and menus will be available for prices ranging from \$150 to \$10 per person. The gala will be at the Capital Plaza Hotel; there will be dancing and celebrations in six different locations at the Hotel. Anyone interested in joining a Hiltonia table should call Rita Carney (396-9351) as soon as possible.

ONE YEAR OLDER

Hope their August birthdays were happy ones for **Lauren Smith** (five years old) and for **Kathleen** and **Seamus Doyle** (six years old).

And a happy August birthday yet to come for **Derrick Milner** (four), **Amy Kyte** (eight), **Sean O'Connor** (fifteen) and **Paul Cirillo** (seven).

A special triple happy birthday to **Beth Walton**, who will be eleven on August 30. Somehow, the Hilltone missed her birthday the last couple of years. Hope this makes up for that a bit.

In September **Adam Castro** will be six, **Kim Topper** will be sixteen, **Jessica Milner** will be seven, **Caroline Harf** will be three, **Jonathan Welle** will be seven and **Jared Innocenzi** will celebrate his first birthday. Happy birthday to all of you.

HEARD AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD...

Congratulations to **Annie Flores** who received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley. **Pat and Sal Flores** attended their daughter's graduation on May 10 with their other children.

Bob Topper should work for the C.I.A. His top secret plans (aided by 4 small undercover operatives) paid off on May 12 with a surprise for **Mary Sue**: a cruise to Bermuda. The kids saw them off in New York and even **Robbie** didn't spill the beans.

Doris Donnelly, with son **Christopher** and daughter **Peggy**, just returned from three weeks at St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont. All three Donnellys fell in love with Vermont's cool, clear days. **Doris** was teaching a theology course.

Katie Anderson, Stu and Joan's daughter, just finished a three week trek through Ireland with a friend.

Mary McCormack worked hard during her vacation: she helped her daughter **Mary Ann**, who lives in Maine, move to a new house.

Robert T. Vogler, son of **Marion and John**, and **Tom's** older brother, graduated on June 10 with a Juris Doctor degree from Duquesne University School of Law. He received the school's excellence award and was on the law review, serving as a senior staff member.

He had earlier earned B.S. degrees from Cook College and the College of Engineering at Rutgers in 1981.

Loren Lybarger, a junior at Earlham College, will spend the fall semester in Bogota, Columbia. A participant in a program of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, he will tour, study, do community work and become involved in various service projects. Other students will go to Europe, Japan and Israel. **Loren's** sister, **Kathy**, will start studying at Earlham in the fall.

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM A MOTHER WHO KNOWS: PAPER BOYS AND GIRLS ARE A VANISHING BREED.

Jeannie Harbach, mother of 3 hard-working and reliable paper boys (Jon, Gregory and Chris), reports:

Hearsay has it that the traditional paper boy and girl as we know them are fast becoming a thing of the past. Hiltonia is set to become a motor route. A motor route usually consists of several hundred customers within a certain radius, who have their papers delivered by someone in a moving vehicle. So if you still have a paper boy or girl, appreciate him or her while you still can. To all of those kids who passed before them, our thanks to you.

And thanks, too, to parents like Jeannie and Bill who did so much to help and support those kids.

NEW PEOPLE.....

Howard Marcou, the new resident at 114 Cornwall, moved in in November. He is a tenured professor at Mercer Community College, teaching speech and humanities. He enjoys cooking (we expect to see him at the covered dish supper next spring) and he breeds champion dogs.

Anne and George Self, 10 Hilvista, also moved here in November. **George** has worked for the Agency for International Development and has been a professor in Texas and Virginia. Now he is vice-president for international programs for Chronar Corporation. It produces solar cell devices for industry and satellites. **Anne**, born in West Virginia and raised in Florida, now works for Winifred Donahue Secretarial Service in Princeton.

James and Mary Simpson moved to 200 Cornwall in May. **James** is a building inspector for the New Jersey Department of Health and a technical writer for an architectural firm in Princeton. **Mary** is busy organizing their new home. They lived in Princeton when they first moved to New Jersey in 1983.

Michael and Bea Scala-Fischler, here from Manhattan since April, now live at 127 Cadwalader. Michael is a salesman and also paints and sculpts. **Bea** is a freelance writer.

214 Kensington is the new home of **Laura Kitts** and her son, **Stephen**. **Laura** first came to this area in 1969 to study at the Princeton Theological Seminary. She now works for the New Jersey Department of Human Services. **Stephen**, eight years old, is a student at Edgewater School in Yardley. Their friends, **Henrietta Small** and **Peter Armstrong**, will soon be moving to the Thursbys' house on Buckingham.

Welcome to **Donald and Mary Goodenough**, 17 Buckingham. **Donald** is retired and **Mary** is a tennis coach at Rider. Their three children are grown and living in their own homes.

NEW PETS.....

Muzzles Woofery, Hiltonia Canine Association representative, has also been making the rounds. He was delighted to welcome some new four-legged neighbors.

Spotty Simpson, a senior citizen (15 years old) is spending his retirement at 200 Cornwall. Spotty has a cat-buddy but Muzzles, not too keen on kitties, neglected to get her name. "Cats," he sniffed, "Who needs 'em."

He was impressed, though, with the three champions at 114 Cornwall with Howard Marcou. He also met Ziggy Self, Mandy Kitts, Rosie Scala-Fischler, and Frodo and Peaches Goodenough. He gave them all applications for the job of city fireplug and telephone pole inspector. (He is very civic-minded).



CRIME WATCH REPORT

When Captain Lucharini talked with the Association board in June, he discussed four break-ins or attempts which had occurred on Cadwalader, Buckingham and Stuyvesant shortly before. They had all been committed by a black man, about 5'8", 25 to 27 years old, wearing a shower cap. He had used a ladder or trellis to reach the second floor of some of the houses.

Shortly after the meeting, the police shot a man fitting the description during an attempt in Glen Afton. There have been no further break-ins or attempts reported to the Crime Watch network since then.

We need as many people as possible on the network, which is an information and awareness network only. Unlike some neighborhood organizations, this one is not actively involved in crime prevention. We do not, for example, have neighborhood patrols. The main goal is to inform residents as soon as possible after a crime so they can protect themselves and report any suspicious activities to the police.

Call Chuck and Bobbie Shelingoski (394-2610) and ask them to add your name to the list. You need not be a member of the Association.

And, if you should be the victim of a crime, call the Shelingoskis after you call the police. It sometimes takes the police a few days to tell the Crime Watch people about a crime.

FREE FIREWOOD: A GIFT FROM THE FRIENDS OF CADWALDER

The Friends of the Park will be having the Park's trees pruned in late August and early September. All wood will be given away to anyone who wants it.

It will be cut to fireplace length: some will need splitting. Oaks will be pruned first. Later in the season, poplar, ash and maple will be available. Call Chuck Schwartz at 587-5354 for information on when the wood will be available.

TAX REFORM: SOUND LIKE A GOOD IDEA TO YOU?

The last issue of the Hilltone presented Mayor Holland's tax reform proposals. He seeks a uniform tax rate throughout the State, a limit on the amount of real property tax a homeowner must pay and provisions for sharing tax revenues among communities.

Those proposals represent major reforms. None has a chance without public support.

The Trenton Council of Civic Associations wants to get 10,000 letters supporting tax reform. Hiltonians are acutely aware of how much of the cost of government and education comes from real property taxes. Without reform the upward spiral may never end.

You may not agree with the specific proposals the Mayor supports. But if you think we need tax reform, this is your chance to speak up.

Don't leave it to someone else. Write today to Mayor Arthur Holland, City Hall, Trenton. He will present all letters to the Governor.

CITY DOG CENSUS: A WISE USE OF OUR RESOURCES?

Here is the letter Association President, Rita Carney, wrote in response to a request to provide volunteers to conduct a house-to-house dog census:

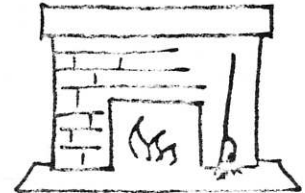
Dear Mayor Holland:

We have received your invitation to help with the Citizens' Participation project and have discussed it at our Executive Board meeting.

Our membership certainly wants to cooperate to make Trenton a better place to live. However, considering the other urban problems we face, such as crime, deterioration of housing, etc., the taking of a neighborhood dog census is simply not a priority for us.

Although the Hiltonia Association has decided not to participate in the dog census activity, we shall be glad to let everyone in our neighborhood know that the city plans to conduct such a census. Further, through our newsletter, **The Hilltone**, we shall encourage our neighbors to be certain that they have current licenses for their dogs.

We want to assure you of our abiding interest in the quality of life in the City of Trenton, and we hope you will not hesitate to call upon us for future projects.



SEPTEMBER 8: NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Did you miss the bus trip to Atlantic City last year? How about a quick trip to Hawaii next month?

This year's neighborhood block party will be Hiltonia's version of a Hawaiian luau. Continental Caterers will prepare a delicious dinner of ham, sweet and sour meatballs, chicken, rice and other mouth-watering goodies. There will be a chance for young artists to help with the decorations: kids are invited to arrive early and help paint a Hawaiian mural to put us in the mood.

The party starts at 3:30; dinner will be served at about 5:00. Bill and Maria Wegner had, again, offered their yard at 209 Buckingham.

Everyone is welcome. Though the luau is sponsored by the Hiltonia Association, we hope to see non-members there as well. Join your neighbors for some fun; bring the whole family.

Watch for a flyer for ticket prices and other information.

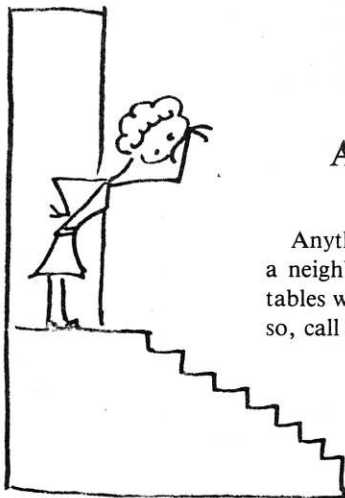
HERITAGE DAYS: A BIG SUCCESS

The four beer stands operated by the Hiltonia Association at Heritage Days grossed \$14,061.62. At a dollar a glass, that's a lotta suds! (No one seems to know where the 62¢ came from.) Most of the money helps finance the festival but the Association also profits. We have added \$450 to our treasury. Thanks to everyone who gave time: it was fun and is a great contribution to our city.



THANK YOU, MOBIL!

Mobil donated funds this year to fund summer jobs for teens who painted the fence and barn in the deer paddock in the Park. Take a look: things are looking up. Thanks, Mobil!



ANYTHING IN YOUR BASEMENT THAT DOESN'T LOOK FAMILIAR??

Anything long, hard and flat with four legs? (Besides the alligator.) Bob Williams, a neighbor and minister at St. Paul's Methodist Church, is looking for two long tables which were borrowed about three years ago. Do you know where they are? If so, call Bob or Renee Williams at 695-6511.

"FAAANTASTIC!!!"

That was the response of Barry Hogan, head of Trenton's recycling program when asked how the program is working. Started in May, the program brought in 500 pounds of paper and magazines on the first day. Now, when collections are made in the three pilot neighborhoods (Hiltonia, the Island and Glen Afton) 2 tons are collected each day. Forty to fifty percent of the residents are participating.

Unfortunately, a scavenger has been picking up papers in the morning before the city truck can arrive. Mr. Hogan's department is now trying to get an ordinance passed which would prohibit such scavenging. In the meantime, the city is saving the \$20 per ton dumping charge and, much more significant, we are reusing our resources and saving landfill space.

Mr. Hogan has also announced that the city will also pick up aluminum cans and glass for recycling. Put them in bags or boxes (no need to separate aluminum from glass) and leave them on the curb on paper pickup days (the second and fourth Tuesday of each month) before 8:00 a.m.

REACTIONS

The Hilltone received several responses to the article in May's issue about dog problems. We've been asked to pass them on to you.

First, a sincere thank you to those who have been thoughtful enough to stop their dogs from barking and who have been more conscientious about cleaning up after them. Your neighbors appreciate it.

But a reminder to others: please observe the cleanup and leash laws. Don't make others clean up the street or lawns near their homes. Several comments, especially from older residents, emphasized how difficult and annoying it can be to have to contend with someone else's pet. Please be considerate.

GOODBYE TO A GOOD NEIGHBOR

One of the original Hiltonians, Norman Hartman, died on May 10. Norman and his wife, Edith, built their lovely home when Hiltonia was just being established, and both of them have long been held in the highest respect and affection by their neighbors. Norman always gave generously of his time and wisdom at many Association meetings and events. We will miss him and we extend our sympathy to Edith.