

THE HILLTONE

Hiltonia Association

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Burglars hit three homes


A rash of burglaries and other suspicious incidents in Hiltonia means it's time for all of us to pay some extra attention to home security.


Homes on Stuyvesant, Cadwalader and Renfrew were robbed during a 48-hour period last week. In one of the burglaries, a car was also taken although it was later recovered. The burglaries occurred during the daytime, early evening and late night. In two instances residents were home at the time, but never heard the intruders.


Two of the homes were entered through basement doors. At the third home, thieves used a ladder left in a yard to enter an open second-story window.

Trenton police have increased uniformed and plainclothes patrols in our neighborhood, but preventing these crimes is mainly our responsibility.

Some points to remember:

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Don't leave ladders or anything else that might provide a step up to a thief out in your yard. Make sure all doors and windows are locked. Especially check doors and windows in the basement.

Don't leave car keys or purses in highly visible spots like your kitchen counter. If a burglar does get in, it's an invitation to steal your car, too.

Most important of all, let's all be our neighbor's keeper. Keep an eye on your neighbors' homes as well as your own. If you see anything suspicious, CALL THE POLICE. Better to bring them here on a false alarm than allow a crime to happen.

Our Crime Watch tree was activated last week. If you are on the tree and didn't get a call, you might want to check with the person who's supposed to call you. If you want to learn more about our Crime Watch program, call co-chairwomen Ellen Wry, 695-4372, or Betty Walton, 393-3663.



Happy autumn and winter birthdays to the following Hiltonia youngsters:

October birthday children are Robert Kyte(8), Scott Shelingski, Mara Noble(9) and Christie Noble(10).

Happy November wishes to Robert Paci(17), Rory Connolly(5), Evan Ashworth(5), Blake Lewis(3), Vanessa Carabelli(12), Marisa Martinez(7) and Angel Frontiero(4).

December's children are Dara Lewis(6), Renee Topper(16), Greg Harbach(17), Leigh Leventhal(8), Sean Vereen(10) and Sara Noble(12).

(To include your child's birthday in the Hilltone, call Alison Cumming at 394-7754.)

Mayor Holland to speak at November meeting

Arthur Holland, Trenton's mayor and our neighbor, will make his second appearance at a Hiltonia Association general meeting on Monday, Nov. 17. This time, the gloves are off.

When the mayor and his wife, Betty, first moved to Hiltonia last spring, they were welcomed at a "no politics please" reception. This time, the mayor has agreed to speak on Trenton's future and what it is likely to mean for Hiltonians.

Please try to join us for what is likely to be a spirited meeting. It begins at 8 p.m. at 125 Buckingham Ave.



Local Realtor provides some encouraging words

At the Hiltonia Association's September meeting, Trenton Realtor Peter Doolan told a large crowd that appreciation in values in our neighborhood continues to outstrip general inflation, making Hiltonia an ongoing good bargain for home buyers.

*A controversy over the preservation of Hiltonia's trees was discussed at great length, triggered by a request from Kensington Ave. resident Leo Jablonski that the city remove five Norway maples in front of his home.

In keeping with the Executive Board's view that healthy trees should be preserved and diseased trees saved if possible, the membership voted that the board should consult with tree experts to ascertain the health of the trees before taking a firm position.



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By PAT FLORES

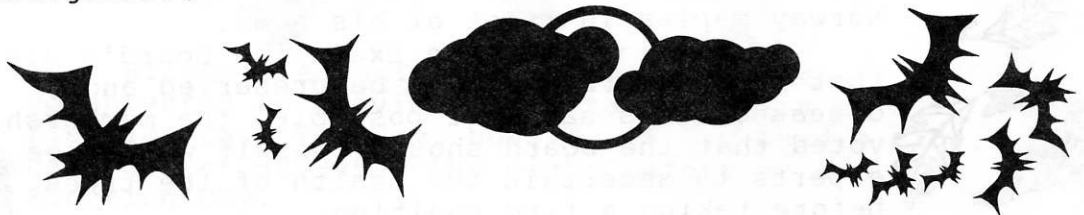
Halloween Heaven.

That's what Hiltonia turned into on the night of October 31, according to Peter Stern of Renfrew, who turned his mental clock back to the late fifties to conjure up visions of Trick or Treating here in the "good old days."

The neighborhood was different then, more isolated from the rest of the city, and with considerably fewer houses. Carloads of Trenton kids would be driven to Hiltonia and dropped off on the street corners to cover the territory and amass what fortunes they could in candy and other goodies.

Every ghost and goblin would head first for the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schragger on Hilvista Boulevard. Peter recalled that they had three aluminum tables set up in their driveway, forming a U shape, and laden with huge glass bowls of candy, along with bowls of shiny pennies and nickels -- and you could take some of EACH. The Schraggers started the tradition when their own children were Trick or Treating, and loved to see the kids come through in costume.

Steve Schragger, Charles' son, now lives in the family homestead. I called him to ask a few details and he told me his parents continued this ritual until the early sixties. At some point, it seemed to them that avarice had taken over, and they discontinued Halloween altogether.





Hiltonia Halloween Party



GAMES

Friday, October 31, 1986

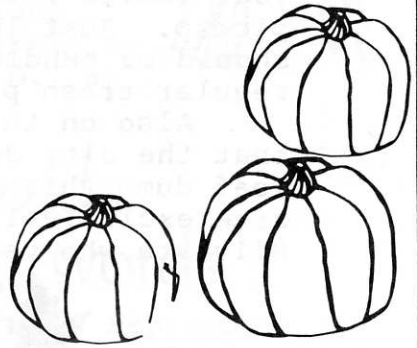
PRIZES

7:30 to 8:30 P.M.

119 Renfrew Ave



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They knew that some kids would either change masks or costumes just to get a second shot at the Schraggers' generosity. Steve told me his Dad used a hand counter, and on one such Halloween night logged more than 600 kids.

Halloween Heaven. The Schraggers have touched many lives and I'm sure that on Halloween they are fondly remembered by young adults all over the city.

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Pat Flores is the Hiltonia Association's historian. If you have information you'd like to share, please contact her at 695-3141.

You ought to know...

 Vice President Bea Scala has learned that the city intends to remove all dead trees on city property in Hiltonia this fall, and will attempt to provide replacement trees to homeowners who request them. 



And speaking of trees, neighborhood newcomers might be interested to learn that you can rake your leaves into the street at curbside for city pickup. Just leaves please; brush and branches should be bundled and placed at the curb for regular trash pickup.


Also on the leaf front, we have been told that the city does not plan to use the Hilvista leaf dump this year, and will be using the Crane site exclusively. Good news for all you folks on Hilvista who've been fighting the dump for years.



Bored by television? Like to be stimulated by the ideas of great philosophers, novelists, poets and essayists?

Lee Lybarger, 129 Cornwall, is interested in forming a book discussion group. If you'd like to join, call him at 396-1099 or leave a note in his mailbox.



Hiltonia Association VP Bea Scala has volunteered to provide rides to the polls this Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. If you need a ride, call her at 599-9520 the night before or early on Election Day. 



Graduates spread their wings & fly

Many of our neighborhood grads were left out of the last issue. With apologies for the delay, here's what a few more of our young people are up to.

Katie Anderson of Kensington graduated from Paterson College.

The Holland children of Buckingham are a busy group. Elise, 21, graduated from the University of Vermont with a B.S. in biochemistry. She spent the summer on Kodiak Island in Alaska cleaning fish in the canneries there. After traveling cross country, she's home again and plans to write a book on her experiences.

Her brother, Chris, 18, a junior at Drew University, left for Brussels to study economics at the Institute of European Studies. Their sister, Cynthia, 22, is in Philadelphia for her senior year studying sociology at La Salle University.

Jonathon Harbach of Kensington graduated from the Pennington School, where he received awards for performance in a musical, distinctive service in drama and school spirit. He's attending Ursinus College.

Chris Walton of Renfrew graduated from Notre Dame and is now at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla., where she's studying English.

Other Notre Dame grads were Anthony Corrado of Renfrew and Kathy Schroth of Stanley. She is attending Georgetown University.

Elizabeth Hilton of Kensington graduated from the Hun School. Her brother, Gary, received the Thomas W. Wheaton Memorial Award there.

Billy Thompson of Renfrew is a junior at Boston College, and a starting defensive end on the varsity football team. His sister, Sharon, is at the Groton School in Groton, Mass., for her last two years of high school.

Association News...

« It was another successful End of Summer Picnic on Sept. 6, as dozens of Hiltonians gathered to share news about our busy summers and plans for the year ahead.

The event was a financial success as well, with treasurer Joe Priest reporting we took in \$217.45 in ticket sales that day and cleared a profit of a whopping \$19.25.

Special thanks to Terry Castro for yet another outstanding job planning the day's events, which included games for the kids and the raw egg toss that is becoming an annual tradition for the grown-ups. And thanks, too, to the Wegners, who once again graciously volunteered their yard.

« Some Hiltonia T-shirts are still available at \$5 each. They're bright yellow and carry the slogan, "Hiltonia -- Trenton's Premiere Address." Call Bea at 599-9520 to get yours.

« The association's nominating committee is hard at work coming up with a slate of officers for next year. If you've been thinking about getting more involved, here's your chance. Committee chairman Bill Anderson is waiting to hear from you at 392-8802. Last we heard, he was especially in the market for a recording secretary.

« Hiltonia Association membership chairwoman Linda Reid has reported that we now have 202 members, the most since 1978. If it's true that there is strength in numbers, where do you think we should go from here? Something to think about.
