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PROPERTY TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE



The association is organizing a Property Tax Relief Committee to assist residents that may want to appeal their property tax assessments.

The committee will review the property tax rolls at the Court House and prepare a tax map of Hiltonia indicating the property tax assessments for each house. In addition, the committee will prepare a listing by style of house (tudor, Dutch Colonial, ranch, etc.) of our area. To complete their research, we are hopeful that the committee will be able to obtain copies of the City of Trenton Assessors records for each dwelling.

With this information we expect that any homeowner will be in a position to present an appeal for reduction in property taxes where an inequity of assessment exists. Also, with the impending re-assessment of the entire city, this background information will be invaluable in appealing the new assessments when they occur.

Interested in helping? Call Stu Anderson 393-3416.

S. Anderson

RESULTS OF REFERENDUM

At the January meeting, members were asked to respond to a referendum about spending association funds on worthy projects. Forty-two ballots were cast and the results were:

Question 1. Shall the Hiltonia Association Executive Committee be empowered to designate funds from dues and fund-raisers, which are considered excess to the immediate needs of the organization, to support worthy projects? (Such excess funds shall not exceed \$200 in a calendar year without authorization by the membership.)

YES 29 or 69% NO 13 or 31%

Question 2. If question one has a positive majority vote, should a constitutional amendment be written to establish a standing committee empowered to authorize the disbursement of such excess funds?

YES 31 or 74% NO 9 or 21%

Question 3. If the money is allocated, designate the priority you would place on the various options listed by placing a 1 for highest, 2 for next priority, etc. An X placed on a line will be interpreted as a negative vote on that option.

	Contribute to specific charities				
Priority	1	2	3	4	NO
Votes Cast	-	-	8	4	12
Percent	0	0	19%	10%	29%

	Contribute to the United Fund				
Priority	1	2	3	4	NO
Votes Cast	2	-	4	6	12
Percent	5%	0	10%	14%	29%

	Contribute to projects which relate only to Hiltonia or the adjacent areas				
Priority	1	2	3	4	NO
Votes Cast	19	10	-	-	3
Percent	45%	24%	0	0	7%

	Contribute to projects which benefit Hiltonia and the City of Trenton				
Priority	1	2	3	4	NO
Votes Cast	18	15	-	-	2
Percent	43%	36%	0	0	5%

Based on the above, the Executive Committee is empowered to set aside up to \$200 for projects that relate to Hiltonia and the adjacent area or Hiltonia and the City of Trenton.

Here is your chance to become active in your association. We would like to organize a committee of three people to handle this project. Interested? Call Stu Anderson 393-3416.

S. Anderson

From The President

The second year of our re-vitalized association is well underway and Larry Welle, his officers and committee people can reflect with satisfaction on their accomplishments.

I hope we can continue the progress in 1979. My thanks for your confidence in electing me president of your association.

And it is your association. We need your ideas, support and energy to flourish. There's lots to do, so don't be bashful. Help us.

STU ANDERSON

Greta and John Lamb of Cadwalader Drive have been enjoying a summer visit from Mr. Lamb's sister and 11 year old niece, Lara of Ontario.

Kate and Bill Thursby of Buckingham Ave. Have delighted in hosting the summer stay of their niece, Anne. Anne is from Australia and upon leaving here, she plans to join the rest of her family in England.

Mrs. Harry Barr of Kensington Ave. has received word from one of our former neighbors, Annette Westenberg, who asks for and sends regards to all.

For neighbors who might like to drop a line to Miss Jane Brown of Kensington Ave., mail can be sent to the Lawrence Nursing Home in Lawrenceville.

Tony Graham of Cadwalader Drive has just returned from a week's vacation in Disney World.

Pauline and Tony Cirillo of Kensington Ave. had a wonderful trip to England during the late spring.

Ross McLeod of Buckingham Ave. will be returning to Cornell in the fall for his second year there. His sister, Bee, plans to attend William and Mary in Virginia.

The Shields family of Kensington ave. have recently returned from a month's vacation at the shore. They were much missed by their neighbors.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Committee met on July 26th. Some of the items discussed were the city ordinances, the bike path, the painting of the Senior Citizen's Cottage in the park by Hiltonia volunteers and the upcoming Open House and Block Party.

PLUSES AND MINUSES

The financial activities for the association have been few and far between since the last Hilton. Our total expenses have been exclusively for the Welcome Wagon in the amount of \$49.

Our revenues since the beginning of May have included membership dues for calendar year 1979 from Toni and Ned O'Connor-Welcome!

Speaking of dues--Beginning on August 1, 1979, the Membership Committee will launch its' campaign to collect dues for calendar year 1980 activities. As we have recently reflected in amendments to our Constitution, payment of 1980 dues will provide for voting privilege in the January, 1980 elections. However, they will not qualify a member for officer nominations at the November meeting.---You must be a 1979 dues paying member to be nominated for an office. Please contact Linda Reid at 394-2314 for payment of dues.

Help Is On The Way

We voted this year to spend a maximum of \$200 for worthwhile civic--oriented projects in our neighborhood and Trenton. At the last meeting, Bob Topper and I were appointed co-chairman to recommend worthwhile projects. At present, we are investigating the possibility of contributing some recreational equipment to the Trenton Senior Citizen Cottage in the park.

The Parks Advisory Committee has also been active in developing some civic-oriented projects which the association could undertake to improve the general condition of the park. At present, we are repainting the exterior of the Senior Citizen Cottage and have several projects proposed which require the investment of time. A better Hiltonia needs your time--2-4-8 hours of effort on your part will all add up to a better neighborhood and City for us all. I'd be very interested in your available time, special skills, or suggestions of worthy projects for the association to undertake

Ken Kyte
292-6036

Special Projects

The Executive Board Has recently formed a Special Projects Committee, a sub-committee of the Program Committee. The purpose of this new committee is to stimulate and promote ideas and projects that would continue to make our community a pleasant place to live, work and play.

In order for this committee to be viable, we need your input. All thoughts are welcomed regarding children activities, volunteer work senior citizen projects, formation of clubs, i.e. bridge club, tennis club, special gatherings, etc.

If you are interested in expressing your ideas so they can be further implemented, please contact me.

Carol Gaiser
393-7689

Lost And Found

Joan Anderson, our Program Chairperson, is searching for:

One Volunteer-Lost in the confusion of our children's Easter Egg Hunt.

This young woman, who offered her services to the association is still anonymous to those who witnessed her kind offer. If you are that person, Joan would love to have your help with the Block Party Call her at 393-3416.

Will the real Easter Volunteer, please call up???????

Enterprising Neighbor

Toni O'Connor of Cadwalader Dr is the new proprietor of a beauty salon:

Little Women
831 Parkway Ave.
Ewing

We wish her the very best of luck!!

ADOPT - A - LOT

The summer maintenance of our adopted lot on Cadwalader Drive is a direct way of expressing interest and caring for our neighborhood.

We wish to thank Bob Topper, Ken Kyte and those who may still remain anonymous for mowing the lot this season. You've done a great job.

If you would like to join this project, let us know or if the grass is tall enough - just "mow" ahead with our appreciation.

B. Welle

BLOCK PARTY

The Children's Games Committee for the 2nd annual Hiltonia Block Party is in need of felt scraps, yarn, pipe cleaners and fabric remnants. The committee plans to use these articles to construct hand-puppets for the children. If you would like to donate any of the mentioned items or are interested in working on this committee please contact Carol Gaiser 393-7689 or Terry Shields 396-2626. You don't have to be a seamstress to volunteer your time. Your help in cutting, pinning or gluing would be appreciated.

Block Representatives Needed

We would like to thank Pam Smith of 2A Buckingham and Judy Morley of 9 Renfrew for their dedicated services as Block Representatives over the past year.

In view of their respective retirements, two more representatives will be needed in these areas.

If you would like to volunteer or discuss the responsibilities of this very important way to serve our neighborhood, please call me or Denise Mortimer (393-9705). We would really appreciate your help.

Barbara Welle (396-0520)
Publicity Committee

CONGRATULATIONS !!!

To Mr. & Mrs. Barrett of Cadwalader Drive on their July 4th marriage.

To Randi Kyte of Cadwalader Drive on her 6th birthday celebrated on July 4th.

To Cleopatra and Bill Mathis of Cadwalader Drive on the birth of their daughter, Alexandra. Weight, 8lbs., 2 oz., she was born on April 25th.

To Susan and Anthony Stellitano and daughter Amy on the birth of new baby Toni. Not to be outdone she weighed 9lbs., 3oz. and was born on June 1st.

To Carol Corso, daughter of Arlene and Ben Poreda of Renfrew Ave being married in August. She and her husband will reside in the Washington D.C. area where Carol now lives

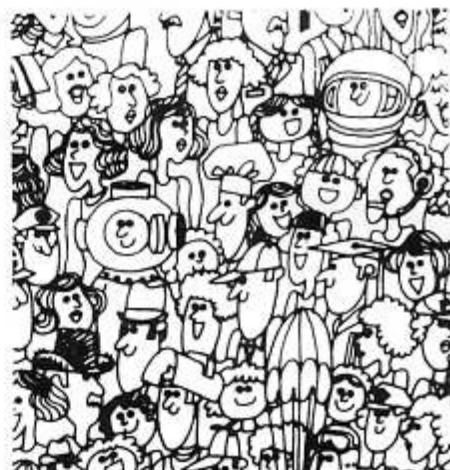
To Allison Bush, daughter of Don and Carol Bush of Stuyvesant Ave. who celebrated her 5th birthday on June 19th.

To Nikki Priest, daughter of Joe and Judy Priest of Stuyvesant Ave. celebrating her 4th birthday on July 31st.

To Adam Bitterman, son of Mike and Linda Bitterman of Renfrew Ave. who celebrated his 1st birthday in July

HILTONIA ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Stu Anderson, President - 393-3416
Bob Topper, Vice Pres. - 393-0432
Ken Kyte, Treasurer - 392-6036
Joe Priest, Corres. Sec. - 392-1091
Denise Mortimer, Rec. Sec. - 393-9705



OPEN HOUSE

Watch your mailbox for flyers announcing the mystery location of the second annual open house party on August 19th from 1-5 P.M.

If you missed last year's parties be sure to reserve the date this year for a pleasant afternoon of meeting new neighbors and renewing old acquaintances.

Refreshments will be served in a garden party atmosphere.

Sponsored by the Membership Committee, the open house is directed at both new members as well as encouraging renewal dues for 1980.

Dues are still \$5.00 for each adult.

Come and express your ideas and share your views with officers and other members.

Questions call Linda Reid at 394-2314.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Greg Smith - Civic Committee
396-4732
Terry Shields + Carol Gaiser
396-2626 393-7689
Hospitality and Welcome Wagon
Linda Reid - Membership Committee
394-2314
Joan Anderson - Program Committee
393-3416
Barbara Welle - Publicity Committee
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Norm Walton - Safety Committee
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