

# THE HILTON

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HILTONIA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## *From The President*

The Hiltonia Association was formed to "promote the welfare and character" of our area and to "advance civic and social interest". During the past two years we have been successful in achieving these goals. Through social events, we've become better acquainted with our neighbors. Through meetings of committees and the general membership, we've formed a cohesive group that has become involved in issues that affect Hiltonia directly and Trenton in general. The joint participation of the city and area residents in the "Hiltonia Plan" is a clear example of how the association can work to improve our neighborhood.

Hiltonia is an integral part of the city, a part of the West Ward. The quality of life in Hiltonia is tied to that of Trenton as a whole. As conditions in Trenton improve, Hiltonia will benefit. So it is in our best interest to be actively involved, within the constraints of our constitution, in City issues. We have been active and this year we look forward to continuing that involvement through the formation of two new committees -- the "City Improvement Committee" and the "City Affairs Committee".

Last summer, a group of volunteers undertook the repainting of the Senior Citizen Cottage in Cadwalder Park. Later in the year, on behalf of the cottage, we submitted a proposal to City Council requesting that \$6,600.00 of "Community Development Block Grant Funds" be allocated to repairs of that facility. It now appears certain that this proposal will be funded. The City Improvement Committee will be responsible for overseeing these repairs. But equally important, they will look for similar worthwhile projects in which the association can participate.

The City Affairs Committee will become involved in the activities of City Council. Members will attend Council meetings and assess proceedings, with particular emphasis on those issues that affect Hiltonia. They will further present these issues to the general membership, along with a recommended position. With the consensus of the Association, they will present our views to the Council. Active participation as envisioned for this committee can work effectively for the betterment of Hiltonia.

We can realize these goals only through your participation. All our committees need your ideas and active support. By becoming involved, we all benefit.

Finally, Stu Anderson, our past president, last year's executive board, and all committee members deserve our sincere appreciation for a job well done.

Robert Topper

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### ***NEXT MEETING***

Hiltonia Association meetings are scheduled in the months of September, November, January, March and May. The next meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY, MAY 13, 1980. Mark this date on your calendar and watch your mailboxes for further details.



## TRENTON COUNCIL OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

Making Trenton a better place in which to live and work, keeping the people informed, being the Voice of the People, and speaking out on issues - is what the Trenton Council of Civic Associations is all about.

The Trenton Council of Civic Associations is the common forum for the fifteen member associations in the City. The TCCA serves the individual associations by monitoring the activities of the City Administration and the City Council and addressing the issues which will have significant impact on us all. Some of the recent issues on which the TCCA took a firm position include the CEDCO investigation, the appointment of a particular constable, the housing proposal at the Crane site, and the appointed school board. At our January meeting we had a heated debate on the elected versus appointed school board. In February, we had County Executive Mathesius, Freeholder President Sigmund, and Mayor Holland discussing what we can expect for Trenton. This month, we hope to have a professional grantsman and city officials debate why Trenton does/does not need a grantsman. Another issue that will be addressed in the near future is property re-evaluation. TCCA will

by John P. Ryan, President

also be presenting proposals to the Mayor and City Council for increasing the revenues obtained from dog licensing and for collecting unpaid motor vehicle and criminal fines. If these are implemented, an additional one million dollars could flow into the treasury.

The TCCA meets the second Wednesday of every month in the City Council chambers. Each member association is entitled to three delegates for voting purposes. Other association members are always welcome to attend.

A lot of work is required if we expect to do our job. A number of people dedicate a great deal of time and effort to furthering our cause. Two examples of this dedication are Mike Turansick from the Wilbur Association and Hank Rouse from Hiltonia.

It is incumbent upon all of us to find that extra few minutes in our daily schedules to do whatever we can to make our City a little better. Attending a City Council agenda session can be a real eye opening experience. If you can find those extra minutes and want to make sure your tax dollars are well spent, give me or your president a call.

## EDITORS

### NOTE:

NEW PEOPLE! NEW IDEAS!

As you can see from the articles in this newsletter, the Hiltonia Association is becoming more and more involved in the Neighborhood, West Ward and City. It is difficult to spread all these activities amongst only a few people. That is why many of the articles are asking for your participation. Won't you please pick up your telephone and call one of these numbers to offer your assistance. We need to work together to promote our interests in our homes, our neighborhood, and the city in which we live. Won't you please make some time.

The Hiltonia Association totals 184 members as of this issue. If you have not paid your membership dues since August 1, 1979, you have not paid your 1980 dues. Membership dues are \$5 per adult member. If you are not sure you have renewed your membership or if you would like to join, please contact Linda Reid, 212 Renfrew Avenue at 393-2314.

Thank you to all who contributed to this newsletter and especially for meeting the April 1st deadline. I hope everyone has enjoyed reading it.

Gloriann Kyte

## Friends of *Cadwalader Park*

The Friends of Cadwalader Park has a membership of 103 people of which 35% are Hiltonia residents! For a six month old group to grow so quickly is truly a tribute to the care and interest we all share for this park.

Three committees are now working. Two of the committees, "Flowers and Shrubs" headed by Jane Olson of Cadwalader Drive and "Trees" headed by Ren Verasco of Cornwall Avenue, recently toured the park with city officials to understand first hand some of the growing problems. The 3rd committee, "Historic" headed by Linda McGhee of Parkside Avenue, is researching and planning a historical exhibit for the Heritage Day Festival, June 7 and 8 on the Trenton Commons.

## CADWALADER PARK

At the request of the League of Womens Voters, the City Council has allocated \$10,400 of the Community Development Block Grant Funds to "prevent further deterioration" of the park. The City Council has also assigned the Department of Housing and Development to make a long range plan for historic restoration. On the staff of this department is a restoration architect, Dan Vierya of Kensington Avenue and a landscape architect, Joy McCloughan. All this effort is being coordinated by the Mayor's Parks Advisory Committee, the League of Women Voters, and Friends of Cadwalader Park.

At the last meeting of the Friends of Cadwalader on March 23, Joseph Tucillo, Director of Public Works and Richard Cubberly of the Shade Tree Division answered questions about the care of trees. Nate Cobb, Director of Health, Recreation, and Welfare and Harry Baum of Park Maintenance answered questions on general park care while T. Howard Waldron, Director of Public Safety spoke about the city and special police patrolling the area and about the enforcement of traffic ordinances.

Interested in helping in any way? Call Catherine Paci, 989-8944.

CATHERINE PACI

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## *Congratulations*

### BIRTHDAY WISHES GO TO:

\*\*\*Sara Shields (5), Christopher Donnelly (12), Susan Shelingoski (3), Anne Marie Cirillo (6), Sara Smith (2), Michael (7) and Gregory (4) Busch, and Damon Priest (2).

February and March are busy months in the Topper house (Buckingham Avenue) because 5 out of the 6 Toppers celebrate their birthdays. Happy Birthday to all.

\*\*\*Art and Madelaine Elson of Cornwall Avenue on their 39th Wedding Anniversary which was celebrated on March 20th. Art is chariman of our Block Party.

\*\*\*Elaine and Robert Martinez of Renfrew Avenue on the birth of their first child. Their daughter, Marisa, was born on November 21, 1979 and weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz. Welcome Marisa!

\*\*\*Tony Stellitano of Cadwalader Drive who just received his architect's license from the State of New York.

\*\*\*Cleopatra Mathis of Cadwalader Drive on the publication of her first collection of poetry entitled, "Aerial View of Louisiana".

\*\*\*Dr. Doris Donnelly of Buckingham Avenue on the publication of her book.

## SAFETY COMMITTEE

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT

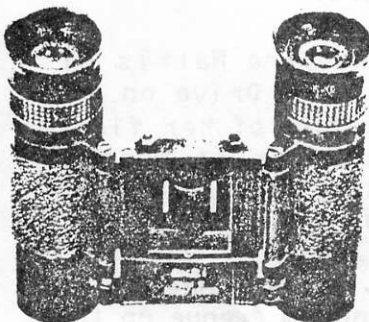
From January 1, 1979 through December 18, 1979, there were 92 reported burglaries in Hiltonia. If 1979 is a representative year, then the warm weather months will have the largest number of reported burglaries, with the worst months being May, July, and August.

The police records break each day into 3 - 8 hour time periods. They are from midnight to 8AM, 8AM to 4PM and 4PM to midnight. These periods had 41, 17, 34 burglaries respectively. The data support what could be expected, that is, most burglaries take place in the evening and early morning.

When broken down by days of the week, the distribution was Monday 14, Tuesday 7, Wednesday 18, Thursday 10, Friday 19, Saturday 12, and Sunday 12. Make note that Wednesday and Friday were the days of highest burglary incidences.

Please help us all be safe. Be observant, lock your doors, and close your windows each evening!

Glen Palmer

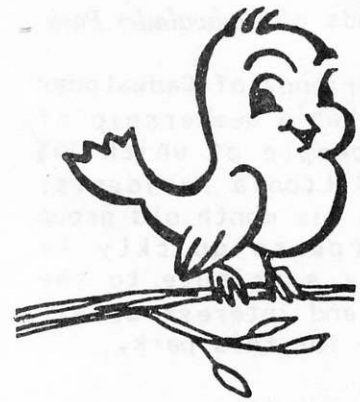
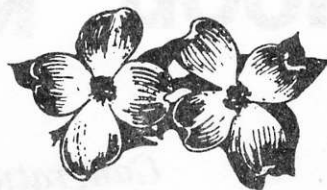


### Special Events

#### EASTER EGG HUNT

Hiltonia's second annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 5th at the home of David and Annette Schroth of Hilvista Boulevard. Toddlers through 3rd graders had an active hour hunting for eggs and exchanging the eggs for sweets.

Carol Gaiser was chairperson for this event and was assisted by Donna Imerman, Judy Priest, Gloriann Kyte, Bobbi Shelingski, Terry Shields, Doris Smith, Barbara Welle, and Rene Williams. Our egg holders included Kim and Curt Topper, Anne Marie Carroll, Dolores Smith, and David, Kevin and Kathy Schroth.



Many fathers turned out to help set up and supervise along with a special visit from the Easter Bunny who took time from her busy schedule to brighten the day.

The following businesses contributed the Easter candy: McCrory's, Parkway Pharmacy, Woolworth's, West Side Thriftway, Gis's, Dunkin Donuts, and Acme Markets. Myrna and Levy Kushner of Buckingham Avenue donated their collectibles to the October Flea Market, the proceeds of which went to support our children's activities.

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this day a happy one. It was wonderful!

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Block Party - ART ELSON (393-1722)  
City Affairs - LARRY WELLE (396-0520)  
City Improvement - Unnamed  
Civic - GREG SMITH (396-4732)  
Council of Civic Associations - MARIA WEGNER (989-7121)  
Hospitality - TERRY SHIELDS (396-2626)  
Membership - LINDA REID (394-2314)  
Neighborhood Improvement - EVELYN OGDEN (394-9660)  
Program - RITA CARNEY (396-9351)  
Publicity - GLORIANN KYTE (392-6036)  
Tax Abatement - JOCK REID (394-2314)  
Safety - GLEN PALMER (393-0103)  
Special Events - CAROL GAISER (393-7689)

### A Covered Dish Supper

Joan Anderson  
Gloriann Kyte

On Thursday evening, March 27, 1980, the Hiltonia Association's 2nd meeting of 1980 was held. This meeting featured a covered dish supper and a mini auction which raised \$58.50 for the association. Joan Anderson and Denise Mortimer were responsible for these activities and as always did a terrific job. Thank you both.

Seventy residents turned out to enjoy an evening with their friends and neighbors and to help discuss the issues facing Hiltonia. Bob Topper presented past president, Stu Anderson, with a gavel as a token of appreciation for the wonderful job and time he gave in leading our association in 1979.

Two new committees were named. The City Affairs Committee, which held its first meeting on April 2nd, will have a representative at all City Council meetings. The City Improvement Committee will oversee the funds for the Senior Citizen's Cottage in Cadwalader Park (see President's letter). If you would like to participate, please let any of the officers know.



Several issues were brought up for discussion. The first was about the parking of commercial vehicles in Hiltonia which extended itself to parking problems in general. The membership decided to have the Civic Committee study both these problems. If you can help, please notify Greg Smith at 396-4732.

Also discussed was a possible reduction in the collection of trash from 3 days to 2 days. This problem was discussed at length and a motion was carried not to give up the 3 day service. This led to a motion that we study the expenditure of all city funds to see how they are distributed for service. A committee was formed for this purpose. The Tax Abatement Committee was also resurrected to keep tabs on the city's re-evaluation.

## HELP NEEDED

### NEWSLETTER

We would like to put out an edition of the HILLTONE every other month. In order to meet this endeavor, the deadline for articles will be the 1st of every even numbered month. If you have anything to add to the next newsletter please give it to Gloriann Kyte, 109 Cadwalader Drive, 392-6036 by June 1. We would like to hear from you.

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU

*\*\*\* to Jock and Linda Reid of Renfrew Avenue who typed and printed this issue of The Hilltone.*

## CLASSIFIED

Anyone in need of a babysitter? Curt Topper of Buckingham Avenue is an experienced babysitter for all ages and comes with an excellent reference. Curt is 13 and can be reached at 393-0432.

The Cadwalader Library on N. Hermitage Avenue is in need of volunteers who can give at least 1 hour of their time once a week. If you can help this worthwhile cause, please call the library at 392-7886.

Francis Kiernan of 105 Buckingham Avenue has recently relocated his ballet school to 100 Scotch Road in the educational building of the First Presbyterian Church of Ewing. The curriculum at the school covers classical ballet only, from beginning through advanced levels, for children (age 6 and older), teenagers and adults. Anyone interested in observing a class should call Frank at 396-1683 to arrange a convenient appointment.

## NEW RESIDENTS

### WELCOME TO HILTONIA

Since the last publication of our HILLTONE, we have had several new families that we'd like to welcome and wish the best:

Rob McCombe & his wife, Vivian

213 Kensington Avenue

Stan and Toni Jedynak & their daughter, Allison

1431 Stuyvestant Avenue

Alan and Rita La Bel

2A Buckinham Avenue

The LaBel's have 2

children in college

Ihor & Dora Vynnytsky

9 Buckingham Avenue

Peter & Elena Aluotto

1425 Stuyvesant Avenue

Kenneth & Barbara Shirk

1525 Stuyvesant Avenue

The Shirks khave 3

daughters, 17, 20 & 21

Steve & Mary Ellen

Schragger

24 Hilvista Boulevard

The Schraggers have 3

youngsters, David, Katie

and Stephanie (its

almost like a return for

Steve - he has returned

to his former homestead)

Thomas Carmine

217 Kensington Avenue

Tom is Carol Gaiser's

brother: it's so nice to

have more of her family

in the neighborhood.

Brenda & Johnny Koonce

1440 Stuyvesant Avneue

Clem & Sandra Mapp

102 Renfrew Avenue

---and a belated welcome

to

Thomas McCarthy

1429 Stuyvesant Avenue

Please help to keep us informed on any new neighbors - Thanks!

Terry Shields (396-2626)

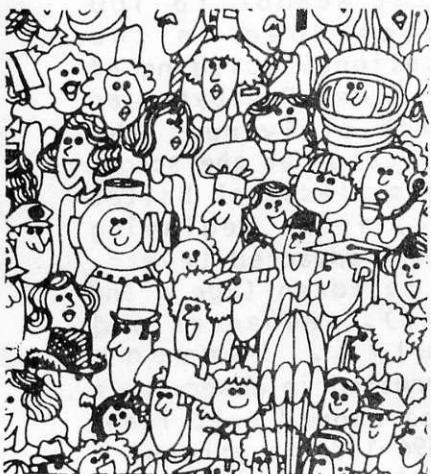
Carol Gaiser (393-7689)



## BLOCK PARTY PLANS

The third annual Block Party to be held in early September is in the planning stage. Chairmen and members of the various committees are needed. Anyone interested in seeing that this is the best block party ever, contact Art Elson at 393-1722 or Dave Emge at 396-6383 and offer your service.

ART ELSON



# Calendar

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 50 W. State Street at Fisher Place. ROAST BEEF DINNER, Wednesday, April 23rd from 4 to 7 pm. Tickets are \$5.50 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. For tickets contact Rev. Williams at 101 Cornwall Avenue or call 695-6511.

Friends of the Library will feature WOMEN EXPRESSING THEMSELVES THROUGH ARTS AND CRAFTS, Sunday, April 27th from 1 to 4 pm at the Cadwalader Library at 200 N. Hermitage Avenue. If you have something you would like to exhibit, please call Betty Culbreath at 393-2113 or Ed Fagan at 396-5979. Hope to see you there.

Friends of Cadwalader Park, MEETING, Wednesday, April 30th at 7:30 pm at the Cadwalader Library on N. Hermitage Avenue. Reports from the nominating committee and historic committees are on the agenda.

City of Trenton, HERITAGE DAYS, June 7th and 8th on the Trenton Commons. This year's theme is neighborhoods. Anyone who has any ideas on how Hiltonia can take part or can help, please call Carol Gaiser.

EARTH DAY IS APRIL 22ND.

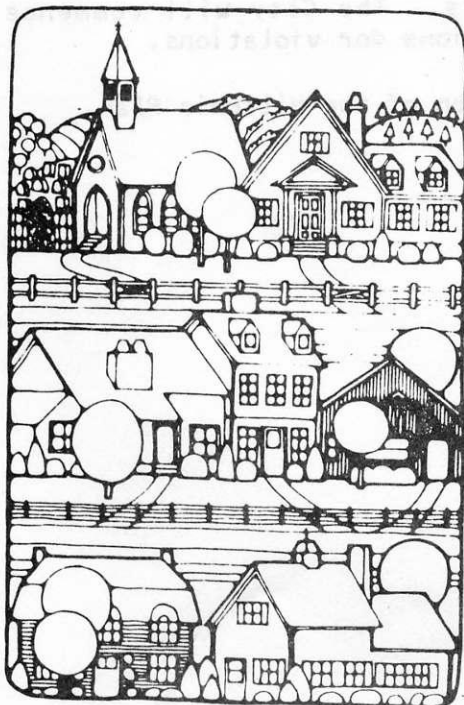
## TREASURERS REPORT

### PLUSES AND MINUSES

This year is getting off to a fairly good start. 1980 dues collected during 1979 totaled \$695 and since January 1st, we have collected another \$240. We still haven't heard from some of our old members.

Aside from some of the usual expenses, the Hospitality Committee has incurred meeting expenses of \$53 and Welcome Wagon expenses totaling \$13. The Program Committee has incurred \$210. These and other expenses leaves the Association with a balance of \$1,350.37 as of March 26, 1980.

Denise Mortimer



## HILTONIA

### ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President - BOB TOPPER (393-0432)  
Vice President - KEN KYTE (392-6036)  
Treasurer - DENISE MORTIMER (393-9705)  
Recording Secretary - JOAN ANDERSON (393-3416)  
Corresponding Secretary - JOE PRIEST (392-1091)

## Weather

At last winter is coming to an end and our need for heat is slowly diminishing. How much energy did you conserve this winter? How much money did you save?

The price of oil is hovering just short of \$1.00 per gallon. The price of gas is \$4.60 plus .3573 cents per therm up to 26 therms and .32 cents per therm thereafter. Also, add to this the fuel adjustment factor to obtain the total cost of natural gas.

Our heating (and air conditioning) needs are based on a statistic called a degree day. A degree day is the difference of a day's average temperature from the norm of 65.

Here's how the degree days add up through March 31 in the Philadelphia area:

Normal Winter 4376  
Last Year (78-79) 4385  
This Year (79-80) 4425

How does your use of energy add up?

## FLEA MARKET

Carol Gaiser

Another Hiltonia Association Flea Market is in the planning for late May. Flyers, with details, will be circulated throughout Hiltonia in early May. Meanwhile, with spring cleaning upon us, it is a good time to sort through our collectibles with the prospect of renting a table at the Flea Market.

We hope to have a donation table for those people who are not interested in renting a table but who have articles to sell, the proceeds of which will be donated to the association. Last year our donation produced a sizeable amount of money which was designated for children's activities.

With your continued interest and support, we can make this year's Flea Market as successful as the previous one. If you would like to serve on this committee, call Carol Gaiser at 393-7689.

## Improvement Committee

Last December the Hiltonia Association presented "The Hiltonia Plan: A Continuing Program for Improvement to our Neighborhood" to the City Government. The plan was developed by the Improvement Committee, distributed to all residents for comment and discussed at two general membership meetings. The current plan covers sidewalks and curbs, roads and trees.

In response, the City complimented the plan and outlined the following actions which the City would undertake:

Shade Trees - The Shade Tree Division will schedule trimming and removal of those trees which are the City's responsibility. The crews will be scheduled on Wednesdays beginning January 16, 1980 to October, 1980.

Streets - The Street Division will make a special effort to fill all pot holes in the area. Every effort will be made to resurface Stanley Avenue in 1980 providing that the homeowners repair curbs.

- All gutter adjustments will be corrected providing that property owners correct the curbing in front of their properties.

Sidewalk Inspections - The City is willing to cooperate with individual homeowners to encourage them to install and/or repair sidewalks and curbs. The President of the Association would appreciate your cooperation.

The City has filled many of the potholes identified in the plan. Removal of dead trees between the sidewalk and curb has been initiated. The Improvement Committee is contacting homeowners who have dead trees to gain permission for removal. We ask for your cooperation.

We are pleased to see that many homeowners have started to repair sidewalks. As you know, last fall the City cited many properties on Cornwall for needed repairs to sidewalks and curbs. Legal counsel for the association advised us that maintenance of sidewalks and curbs is legally the responsibility of the homeowner.

In the Hiltonia Plan, we asked the City to cooperate with the residents of Hiltonia on the repair of sidewalks and curbs. The Association set October 1, 1980, as the target date for repairs. This date would allow residents time to make repairs. The City will commence inspections of sidewalks and curbs after 1980 and will issue citations for violations.

The Improvement Committee welcomes suggestions for expansion of the Hiltonia Plan.

The members of the Committee are:

Art Elson	393-1722
Evelyn Ogden-Chairperson	394-9660
David Emge	396-6385
Janet Jessel	394-9660
Tom McCarthy	392-7225
Ruth Samsel	392-0946
Lee Lybarger	396-1099
Bob Steinmetz	393-2885
Ken Kyte	392-6036
Stu Anderson	393-3416
Peter Alluotto	
Elena Alluotto	