



# THE HILLTONE

HILTONIA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## SAVE THE HILLTONE

Glorianne Kyte produced 17 issues of this neighborhood paper during her tenure as editor, a tremendously time-consuming task. She did it conscientiously and beautifully.

Now, she has returned to teaching and can no longer edit the Hilltone. The Association needs help if the paper is to survive. Ellen Wry, chairman of the publicity committee, needs people who will be willing to write, type, gather news and distribute the Hilltone to block reps.

Can you help? If so, please call Ellen at 695-4372.

One generous contribution toward saving our paper has already been made by Pat Doyle. Pat is in the printing business and has donated the cost of printing this issue.

Thanks too, must go to Linda Reid who, during the time Gloriann was editor, provided typesetting and printing. Gloriann and Linda deserve our gratitude for contributing so much.

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## MAYOR'S TAX REFORM PROGRAM AIRED AT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Mayor Arthur Holland and city business administrator, Bill Guhl, were the guest speakers at the Hilltonia Civic Association's April 4 general membership meeting. They presented their proposals for tax reform and urged the support of property owners in this area.

They distributed a sheet of figures showing how Trenton's costs for public assistance, police protection and firefighters compare with surrounding townships'. Public assistance here ran \$1,371,905 in 1983; Hamilton, the municipality with the next highest cost, paid only \$104,083. We paid about three times as much as Hamilton for police and fire departments. Eighty per cent of the families receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children in the county live in Trenton.

This creates a tremendous tax burden, especially in a neighborhood like ours. The Mayor and Bill therefore propose three kinds of tax reform:

- (1) pass legislation requiring that property owners pay no more in real property taxes than 5% of their total income, provided their income is no more than \$60,000;
- (2) create a uniform tax rate throughout the State: now our rate is much higher than surrounding municipalities (a uniform rate would double the rate in Princeton, cut Trenton's rate in half);
- (3) implement "tax base sharing," a system of sharing taxes received from new industry (40% would go to the "host" community where the plant is located and the remainder would go to a pool to be used to share the costs for needy areas).

All of these require state legislation. Write to the Governor and your legislators if you support these proposals.

The mayor also supports a city tax on the income of people who work here so that those who live elsewhere but use our services each day will share the costs.

The Association is on record as favoring tax reform. These proposals deserve our serious attention.

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## RECYCLING PROGRAM

It costs the City of Trenton \$20 in dumping fees alone to get rid of the garbage we put on the curb every week. In the hope that we will eventually have a mandatory recycling program for papers, glass and cans, the city has just started a voluntary recycling program for newspapers and magazines.

Every second and fourth Tuesday (except holidays) the city will pick up newspapers and magazines of any kind placed on the curb by 8:00 a.m. Even if the city does not make a profit by selling the paper, the amount saved in dumping fees should save the taxpayers a significant amount of money.

Papers should be either tied in bundles, placed in paper grocery bags, or put into cardboard boxes. They should not be put in plastic bags. They should not be loose in a garbage can either since loose papers are impossible to stack for weighing at the recycling center.

If you wish, you may take newspapers and magazines to the recycling center at Brunswick Avenue and Race Street (next to U-Haul), on Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 989-3265.

## PRIDE IN TRENTON

Over 90 organizations, plus many individuals and businesses, belong to this fine group which aims to publicize the many good reasons to live and work in Trenton. The Hiltonia Civic Association is a member. Hiltonia, in fact, played a part in a highly successful display showing photos of Trenton homes. It stood in the Hughes Justice Complex for a week in March and was co-sponsored by Pride in Trenton and the Trenton Council of Civic Associations. It gave state workers a chance to see, many for the first time, the many lovely places there are to live in Trenton.

Bob Topper's photos, taken in the spring, showed us off at our best. The display made it easy to see why, as one realtor says, Hiltonia is the "hottest neighborhood in town." As of the beginning of May, only six houses were for sale here,

Another good reason to take pride in Trenton, and in our neighborhood.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Former Association president, **Joan Anderson**, has been appointed by Bishop Reiss to be corresponding secretary of the Trenton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The Friends of Cadwalader Library recently honored **John Vogler**, our representative to the Friends, for his outstanding service to that organization.

**Barbara Livingstone**, Renfrew Avenue, is enjoying her first year of retirement from her teaching position in the South Brunswick school system. She is teaching a writing course at Middlesex County College.

**Mary and Ray McCormack** gave a reception recently for their son, John, and his new wife, Myly. They were married on the west coast and this was the first time Myly had visited John's family.

Former neighbor, young **Joe Carroll, Jr.**, was seriously injured in a car accident on Easter. He is in the Medical Center at Princeton Hospital and is improving. Several neighbors have asked whether he will need blood donations. His father says that the blood bank at Princeton will give all he needs and that donors will not be needed to replace it.

**Bob Topper** and **Ken Kyte** will be running in the Spring Lake 5-mile race on May 28. Bob made headlines last October when he finished third for his age group in the Trenton Freedom Run.

Best wishes to **Pam Wilson** of 1478 Stuyvesant Avenue and **Bob Geary**, who married in November. They will live on Stuyvesant Avenue.

**Kim Topper** is Hiltonia's newest star. She played the part of one of the orphans in Notre Dame's "Annie" and will appear in Lawrenceville Prep's "H.M.S. Pinafore."

And **Chris Harbach** brought the house down with his performance of Judd in Pennington School's "Oklahoma." (A good agent's brain would be buzzing

by now: Tandy and Cronin; Eddy and McDonald; Lunt and Fontanne... Topper and Harbach? "Talented young pair puts Hiltonia on the map..."

**Ken Kyte** has just become a member of the Trenton Zoning Board.

**Ray and Mary McCormack's** family gave them a surprise 40th anniversary party on December 27.

Need a hoagie expert? Call on **Greg and Doris Smith** and their daughter Dolores. They were the chairpersons of the 8th grade Hoagie sale on Super Sunday at Blessed Sacrament School.

Congratulations to **Brann Wry** who was granted tenure at N.Y.U. and was made chairman of the Arts Administration Department.

The Association extends condolences to **Glenn Palmer** on the death of his sister and to Gary Hilton on the passing of his mother.

**Linda and Michael Bitterman** and their son spent part of December in Florida visiting Linda's mother.

**Ken and Gloriann Kyte** had a surprise visit in January from Ken's aunt and uncle, **Dottie and Chris Christiansen**, from St. Louis.

## WE OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES

One feature of the Heritage Days celebration this year will be videotapes of various sections of Trenton. **Janet Doyle** of Buckingham Avenue has volunteered to make a tape of our neighborhood. She hopes to do the taping at the end of the week of May 13. The tapes will then be edited to run for about two minutes of each neighborhood. If you see Janet riding by, SMILE!



## HE'S YOUR DOG, CHARLIE BROWN...

...so why not ask him to read this plea from his human neighbors:

Please - don't stay out all night barking, or wake us up early in the morning.

Don't mess your neighbors' lawn: we work hard to get it to grow and keep it looking nice.

Remind your people that Trenton has a leash law; if everyone observed it, there wouldn't be any garbage cans knocked over, lawns messed or little kids frightened.

The peacefulness and cleanliness of our neighborhood are two things that make it so attractive. Please help keep it that way.

## THANK YOU...

... to our no-longer-anonymous good Samaritan: that generous soul who hopped on his snow-plow on several snowy mornings to clean his front walk and just couldn't stop. Jim Hamlet's neighbors are eternally grateful: he made winter a bit more bearable this year!

## INTERNATIONAL CELEBRITY APPEARS AT HILTONIA EVENT

The Easter egg hunt was a huge success this year, not only because of the skill and determination of the hunters but because of the unexpected appearance of a guest celebrity: the **Easter bunny** himself, in the flesh. He obligingly posed for pictures with his admiring fans, then hopped off to finish dyeing the remainder of the more than 7,000,000,000 eggs he would distribute on Easter. He said the pressure of the job is tremendous, and that he is considering hiring a part-time assistant for next year. Nevertheless, he said, he would never consider another job: "I've been doing this for 1600 years now, and I really am crazy about it. In fact, I'd rather be Easter bunny than president!" (Wouldn't we all?)

## THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY IS REQUESTED...

If you're not a member of the Hiltonia Association, you are invited to join. We promise you a lot for your money: \$7.50 dues per year for each adult member entitles you to social events for yourself and your kids. More important, it gives you a voice in your community. The association regularly has guest speakers come to meetings to discuss vital issues: tax reform, conditions at the psychiatric hospital, maintenance of sidewalks and streets. It is important to have the views of many neighbors on these problems: come to a meeting or call Linda Reid (392-3214).

## FINANCIAL REPORT

At the executive board meeting on April 24, treasurer Bill Harbach reported that the association has assets of \$1621.73, with only a few very small bills to be paid.



The last Hilltone reported that the Association had passed a resolution in September to circulate petitions asking city council to change the ordinance governing the parking of commercial vehicles in this neighborhood. Until recently, no commercial vehicles could be parked here: a new ordinance changed that.

The petitions read: "All commercial vehicles must be parked off the street and garaged between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m." They were circulated, signed and submitted to city government.

Ken Kyte reported at the April 24 executive board meeting that the petitions are now being checked for validity of the signatures. If they are accepted, city council will then decide whether to amend the ordinance as we have requested.

## FRIENDS OF CADWALADER PARK: GOOD FRIENDS TO HILTONIA

Probably no group has done as much to maintain the attractiveness of Hiltonia as the Friends of Cadwalader Park. The park is an important part of our neighborhood. If it is well maintained and cared for, it benefits all of us.

Unfortunately, it has not always had the attention it deserves from city government. That's why our friends in the Friends deserve recognition.

They prune shrubbery and clean debris. They have worked hard to obtain funding for repairs which have been desperately needed for years. They paid to have dozens of the park's precious trees pruned; as a result, not a single pruned tree was damaged in the March storms.

Now, thanks to the Friends, the ponds are being repaired and cleaned and the clay tennis courts are being restored and repaved. Had they not obtained grant money, none of it would have happened.

Look for their booth at Heritage Days and give them your support. They have done so much for us and need our help.



## CRIME WATCH

**Bobbie and Chuck Shelingoski**, chairmen of the Security Committee, have had no reports of crimes in Hiltonia in the past few months. Our crime watch program may well be partly responsible.

### Branch #1:

Renee and Bob Williams  
Sophia Schnitman  
Myrna Zwillenberg  
Nathaniel and Alva Cobb  
Frank and Alliene Wade  
John and Barbara De Smet  
Judy Cabella Kadlub  
Rita Carney  
Sheree and Scott Butterfield  
Israel and Ruth Feinsilber  
Aaron and Toba Knobel  
Pat and Janet Doyle  
Larry Carter  
Bill and Michelle Guhl  
Fay and Jim Hamlet  
Joe Dovidio

### Branch #2:

Ken and Gloriann Kyte  
Jean and Bill Harbach  
Joe and Judy Priest  
Linda Reid  
Bob and Mary Sue Topper  
Ned and Toni O'Connor  
Greg and Doris Smith  
Marion and John Vogler  
Douglas, Jeff, Allan and  
Jane Olson  
Barbara Livingstone  
Ruth Samsel  
Chuck and Bobbie Shelingoski  
Steve and Mary Ellen Schragger  
Pat Flores  
Mildred Wortham  
Peggy Connelly

### Branch #3:

Joyce and Dave Walukiewicz  
Barbara Shirk  
Kate and Bill Thursby  
Glenn and Sue Palmer  
Evelyn Ogden  
Janet Jessel  
Norma and Harvey Stern  
Denise Mortimer  
Tom Brown  
Jim Farrell  
Stu and Joan Anderson  
Ellen and Brann Wry  
Cathy and Bob Paci  
Norm and Edith Hartman  
Rose and Lou Linowitz

Anyone may be a member of the crime watch network; it's not restricted to Civic Association members. If you are not on any of the following lists of the three branches of the network, you are urged to call the Shelingoskis and sign up: 394-2610.

## KEEP IT SHORT!

It's that time of year again. The allergy season returns and the sound of the lawn-mower is heard in the land.

Only the grass fanatic really likes mowing the lawn, but nothing detracts more from the appearance of the neighborhood that a poorly kept yard. So, mow we must.

Trenton, in fact, has an ordinance requiring that residential yards be kept short. So join the dandelion brigade and help keep Hiltonia trim.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KIDS

There's not enough room to name all the young Hiltonians who are graduating this year from college, high school, junior high, grade school and, yes, even nursery school. We're proud of all of you and wish you happiness and continued success.

Congratulations, too, to the littlest angels who made their first communion at Blessed Sacrament Church on May 6.

## HERITAGE DAYS

The annual Heritage Days, a celebration of the cultural richness of the Trenton area, will be held this year on June 2 and 3. Lionel Hampton's Band will be playing on Sunday. The festival will be on the Trenton Commons and in Mill Hill Park. It features the food of dozens of countries, all representing the ethnic groups living in our city.

You can sample Scottish meat pies, Korean dishes, knockwurst, and an almost endless choice of the best of every cuisine imaginable. Hundreds of stands will sell not only food, but unusual crafts as well.

The Hiltonia Association has always run the beer concessions. Most of the money earned helps to pay for the festival, but it is also a way for us to earn a little money.

More important, though, are the fun and the real sense of community that comes from working together and meeting Trentonians from other neighborhoods.

Won't you volunteer to help for an hour or two? Call Bill Anderson (392-8802) or John Vogler (393-5632).

## HELP WANTED

For the past few years, the Hiltonia Association has paid someone to mow the lawn at a city-owned house at the corner of Stanley and Cadwalader, just to keep it from detracting from the other homes nearby.

Bids are now being accepted again. Please submit your bid, in writing, to Ken Kyte, 109 Cadwalader. Include your name, address, phone number and cost per mowing. Ken will call the successful bidder and set up a schedule for mowing.

Thanks to the young people who took on this job over the past few years.

## BIRTHDAY KIDS

Happy May birthday to **Eric Reid, Dougie McCormack and Jon Harbach.**

**Adam Bitterman, Toni Stellitano, and Owen Noel** will celebrate birthdays in June.

And just in case they don't hear from us by then: happy birthday in July to **Kelly Jedynak, Pam Pukala, Nikki Priest, Randi Kyte, Tom Vogler, Allison Busch, Michael Paci, A. J. Bashiti, Stephanie Schragger, Allison Jedynak, Eric Williams, Horace Cobb and Steven Flores.**

## 1984 OFFICERS

**President: Rita Carney**  
10 Renfrew (396-9351)

**Vice President: Scott Butterfield**  
209 Kensington (394-3682)

**Recording Secretary: Pat Flores**  
18 Renfrew (695-3141)

**Corresponding Secretary: Betty Walton**  
119 Renfrew (393-3663)

**Treasurer: Bill Harbach**  
7 Kensington (392-6380)

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Civic: Ken Kyte**  
109 Cadwalader (392-6036)

**Hospitality: Marion Vogler**  
107 Buckingham (393-5632)  
Denise Mortimer  
1490 Stuyvesant (393-9705)

**Membership: Linda Reid**  
212 Renfrew (394-2314)

**Program: Jean Harbach**  
7 Kensington (392-6380)

**Publicity: Ellen Wry**  
121 Buckingham (695-4372)

**Worthy Projects: Joan Anderson**  
108 Kensington (393-3416)

**Security: Bobbie and Chuck Shelingski**  
108 Buckingham (394-2610)

**Special Projects: Bill Anderson**  
117 Cadwalader (392-8802)

## REPRESENTATIVES

**TCCA: Ken Kyte**

**Pride in Trenton:**  
Mary Sue Topper

**Friends of Cadwalader Library:**  
John Vogler

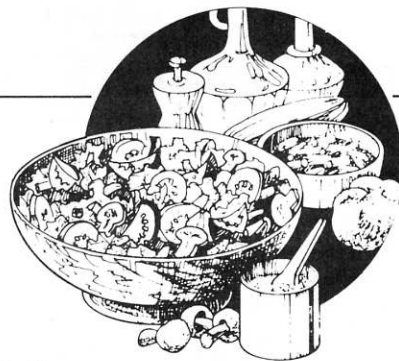
## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

**Bill Guhl**, Trenton's business administrator, and his wife **Michelle**, have moved into 204 Buckingham with their two daughters, **Meredith** (8) and **Christine** (5).

**Joe Dovido**, 9 Renfrew, moved last fall from the Atlantic City area. He is a staff attorney on the Central Appellate Research Staff, which does legal research for New Jersey's intermediate appellate court, and he has cut his commute from 1 hour and a half to 6 minutes. Gives him lots of time to develop his new hobby: killing dandelions.

A special welcome to our newest neighbor, never before seen in anyone's neighborhood: **Evan Matthew**, born on April 21, to **Bill and Roberta Anderson** of Cadwalader Drive. He weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces.

**Joe LaPlaca**, owner of Joe's Mill Hill Saloon at the corner of Broad and Market, has just bought the house at 16 Buckingham. He has done a beautiful job renovating his restaurant building and we're glad to have him join us.



## THIS YEAR'S COVERED DISH DINNER WILL HAVE SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY. SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 1

The Hiltonia Association has sponsored a covered-dish dinner annually for several years. It has always been one of the year's most successful events. It's a great chance to relax with neighbors and to test the best of Hiltonia's soups and salads, pastas and pies, baked beans and brown breads.

This year, the dinner will not be for adults only: children and grandchildren are invited. Pete Magitti will be there to entertain the kids and to lead them in a singalong with "Uncle Pete."

We will provide set ups, bread and butter, coffee and dessert (the old favorites, ice cream and cookies, for the little guys, and Michelle Lorie's famous cheesecake for the grownups).

You bring wine or other drinks for your family, eating utensils (dishes, knives, forks, spoons), serving spoon, pot holders (if needed) and a dish to serve your family plus two people.

Cocktail hour at 6:30; dinner at 7:00. Donation will be \$1.50 per adult; children and grandchildren free.

Remember: June 1 at Casey Auditorium, Blessed Sacrament School, Bellevue Avenue. There will be plenty of oven and stove space to keep things warm.