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The Tax Man Cometh!

In a sporting mood?

Care to place a wager on the outcome of the citywide property revaluation now under way?

Some say Hiltonians will benefit; others warn of even heftier tax bills when 1988 rolls around.

Or will it be a toss-up? Good news for your neighbor, a nightmare for you...

Maybe no one knows for sure, but we might all learn a little Tuesday, May 20, when Trenton's Chief Tax Assessor Joseph T. Kucinski and a representative of the firm conducting the revaluation address the Hiltonia Association General Meeting.

MAY GENERAL MEETING

Who: Chief Tax Assessor Joseph T. Kucinski and a representative of Real Property Appraisers will be on hand.

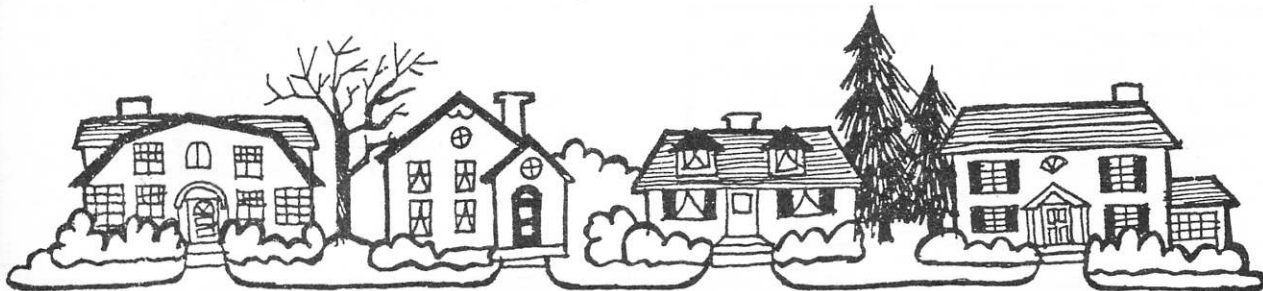
What: A discussion of the city's ongoing property revaluation.

When: Tuesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Where: 119 Renfrew Ave.

Why: To answer your questions about this crucial process.

Don't gamble on second-hand revaluation rumors; stop by for the straight skinny!



HILTONIA REFLECTIONS

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BY Pat Flores

Did you know there was a time in this community when there were no children? Pretty hard to believe!

When I interviewed Harry Barr, a 30-year resident of the 200 block of Kensington, he recalled that, "As children of the original home owners grew up and moved away, no young families moved in to fill the void. It took a long time before young families began filtering into the neighborhood."

"We were the first family in years to give birth," said Louise Pellettieri Devine, also of Kensington Avenue. The child she refers to is daughter Vivienne, and that was a quarter century ago. Louise reminisced how two neighbors came with baby gifts to welcome them, and asked if they could please see the infant -- "It had been such a long time since there was a baby in the neighborhood."

Seven years later, daughter

This column will be devoted to looking back in time, in an attempt to give current residents of Hiltonia an appreciation of the early days. If anyone reading this article has information to share, please contact me at 695-3141.

Yvette was born; by that time, the laughter of children was being heard more frequently.

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"A point of interest," said Louise. "When we purchased our home from the Allfathers, the realtor informed us it had the highest elevation in Trenton. Actually, the corner of Kensington and Glenwood is considered the highest point, so all four houses at that intersection can claim the same distinction."

The Allfathers owned the Allfather Candy Company of Trenton, and Mr. Allfather was the originator of the yellow-yolk Easter egg. Their advertising slogan was ALL MOTHERS LOVE ALLFATHERS.

There's nothing I could add to top that, so I'll end this column while I'm still ahead.





More than 75 Hiltonia households are now part of the civic association's Crime Watch network.

If yours is not one of them, won't you consider joining?

The Crime Watch is nothing more than a way to keep neighbors informed when any crimes or attempted crimes occur in Hiltonia. It does not involve any active crime detection or police work; we leave that to the police.

But it is an excellent way to stay informed, and thus to protect yourself and your home better.

Here's how it works: When a neighbor notices any suspicious activity, he or she calls the police. Then, the leaders of the network are informed. If the resident doesn't call the crime watch leaders, our contact at the police department will.

Armed with the information, the leaders call the first person on each of the five calling "trees." The information is passed along, with everyone on the tree calling one or two others.

The network was last used in March, after police reported a rash of car break-ins in the neighborhood. Those whose names appear on a tree were called, advised about the incidents, warned not to leave cars unlocked or parked on the street, and asked to keep an eye out during the upcoming weekend.

The network has worked well, with

crimes and attempts dropping dramatically since the watch was established.

Help us make it work even better. First, call Betty Walton at 393-3663 or Ellen Wry at 695-4372 to add your name to one of the trees.

And, whether you're a member of the watch or not, please call Ellen or Betty to report any crime-related incident. Your eyes and ears can help us all.



The skies were bright and the competition lively March 22 as 45 of our youngsters took part in the Annual Hiltonia Easter Egg Hunt.

After a round of picture-taking and handshaking with the Easter Bunny (the intrepid Randi Kyte of Cadwalader), the kids got down to business, quickly stripping the area of every visible colored egg.

The lucky few who found the eggs with the messages inside won special prizes, but nobody went home empty-handed: a bag of gooey goodies went to one and all.

Special thanks to Terry Castro of Cornwall, who organized the event, and to the Schroths and the Schraggers of Hilvista, who once again donated their yards to the cause.

A Message From Norma

That Hiltonia is alive and extremely well was evidenced by the tremendous turnout at our last general meeting.

About 70 of our neighbors turned out to meet and socialize with our newest residents, Mayor Arthur Holland and his charming wife, Betty. The Hollands and their family recently took up residence on Buckingham Avenue.

What was most exciting about the gathering was the large number of new people who have moved into Hiltonia within the last year. Our neighborhood has become and is one of the area's most desirable places to live.

A beneficiary of the large group is our Crime Watch program. The Crime Watch, which has been one of our most active programs, has signed up many new participants.

As good and as active as this program has been, we can always use more participants. If you are interested, please call Ellen Wry at 695-4372 or Betty Walton at 393-3663. They have done a tremendous job in organizing the new Crime Watch "tree."

Another important benefit of the civic association is the social activities provided for children and grownups.

And we mustn't forget our worthy projects, under the direction of Joan Anderson, who is doing a great job. During the holiday seasons, Hiltonia provides food baskets and

other items for needy families.

Hiltonia -- with its beauty in homes, trees, flowers and gardens -- is a proud community. As Hiltonians, we can all keep it proud and beautiful and make it the showplace of Trenton and its surrounding communities.

The success of Hiltonia is the cooperation and great effort of all the people serving on committees and Hiltonians participating.

Thank you all.

Norma B. Stern
President

Some Highlights Of Recent Meetings

In January, the general membership approved a 1986 budget of \$2,120, down from the \$2,690 budget proposed for 1985 but well above the \$1,556 actually spent last year.

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The Executive Board has voted to join several Trenton organizations, including the Trenton Museum Society, Pride in Trenton, Trenton Renaissance, Friends of the Library, Friends of Cadwalader Park and the Trenton Civic Improvement Committee. Checks have been sent to all.

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Pat Flores has accepted the job of Hiltonia Historian. She has requested residents with Hiltonia memorabilia to get in touch with her.



Guess What's Brewing

Trenton's Heritage Days festivities this year will join in the nation's celebration of the Statue of Liberty's centennial, with several exhibits marking that theme.

And while festival-goers drink

up the history, volunteers will serve up the beer at four stands sponsored by the Hiltonia Association.

The festival -- to be held this year on June 6 and 7 -- is one of the major association fundraisers each year, with \$450 of the suds proceeds earmarked for our treasury.

Special projects chairman Bill Anderson is once again looking for volunteers who can spare at least two hours to man the stands. No pay, but you won't go home thirsty.

Call him at 392-8802.

The Executive Board

The members of the 1986 Executive Board welcome your ideas, complaints, suggestions, etc. Please clip and save their numbers for ready reference.

Norma Stern (President)	. . . . .	396-3361
Bea Scala-Fischler (Vice-President)	. . . . .	599-9520
Clem Mapp (Corresponding Secretary)	. . . . .	392-3563
Janet Doyle (Recording Secretary)	. . . . .	695-2371
Joe Priest (Treasurer)	. . . . .	392-1091
Cindy Helmke (Civic)	. . . . .	989-1257
Linda Reid (Membership)	. . . . .	394-2314
Marion Vogler (Welcome Wagon)	. . . . .	393-5632
Brann Wry (Refreshments)	. . . . .	695-4372
Ellen Wry (Security)	. . . . .	695-4372
Betty Walton (Security)	. . . . .	393-3663
Alison Cumming (Hilltone)	. . . . .	394-7754
Kent Ashworth (Worthy Projects)	. . . . .	394-7754
Joan Anderson (Worthy Projects)	. . . . .	393-3416
Ken Kyte (TCCA)	. . . . .	392-6036
Bill Harbach (TCCA)	. . . . .	392-6380
Bill Anderson (Special Projects)	392-8802
John Vogler (Special Projects)	393-5632

Hiltonia Association Members...

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9 Cobb, Nathaniel, Alva
13 Paci, Robert, Cathy
17 Murphy, Patrick, Mary
103 Graham, Robert, Catherine
107 O'Connor, Ned, Toni
109 Kyte, Ken, Gloriann
117 Anderson, William, Roberta
121 Olsen, Allan, Jane
125 Robinson, Eileen
127 Fischler, Michael
Scala-Fischler, Bea
201 Lewis, Dwight, Sandra
205 Rosenthal, Steven
Kirlin, Eileen

BUCKINGHAM

7 Kushner, Myrna, Levi
10 Ogden, Evelyn
Jessel, Janet
11 Carabelli, Carol, Anthony
15 Palancher, Joseph, Mary
103 Topper, Robert, Mary Sue
104 Conlon, Mike, Katie
107 Vogler, John, Marion
109 Ross, Robert, Miriam
111 Levie, Eunice
121 Wry, Brann, Ellen
122 Barber, Mary
124 Aldridge, Fred, Lori
Carter, Annie
125 McCormack, Raymond, MaryAnn
126 Doyle, Janet, Patrick
202 Karkosza, Walter
Bodman, Jean
203 Holland, Arthur, Betty

204 Guhl, William, Michelle
209 Wegner, Bill, Maria
210 Cooper, Albert, Katherine
212 Armstrong, Peter
Small, Henrietta

KENSINGTON

15 Gustafson, Carl, Brenda
16 Noble, Raymond, Alice
17 Din, Franklin, Cynthia
108 Anderson, Stu, Joan
109 Waldron, T. Howard, Richard
117 Caton, Phil, Lisa
118 Hicks, Sidney, Olga
119 Gartmann, Hans, Selma
120 Miterko, Robert, Jane
121 Devine, Louise, Robert
201 Jablonski, Leo, Sr., Joan
Jablonski, Joseph
Jablonski, Laurie
Jablonski, James
Jablonski, Robert
Monk, Jerry
Monk, Anne Marie
202 Helmke, Cynthia
Cohen, Ronald
205 Hilton, Gary, Carol
207 Glendinning, Alex, Emily
209 Butterfield, Scott, Sheree
210 Barr, Harry, Babe
211 Tyrell, Francis, Marjorie
212 Knobel, Aaron, Toba
214 Kitts, Laura
216 McLaughlin, Helen, Arthur

RENFREW

3 Callahan, Raymond, Esther
7 Livingston, Barbara

8 Samsel, Ruth
8 Jablons, Rea
9 Dovidio, Joseph
10 Carney, Rita
14 Martin, Joseph
Martin, Thomas
Martin, Jude
Martin, J. Timothy
18 Feller, Irving, Phyllis
102 Mapp, Clem, Sondra
109 Graff, William, Carol
112 Frey, Samuel, Beatrice
115 Friedland, Stanley, Ruth
119 Walton, Betty
122 Flores, Pat
201 Connolly, Peggy
205 Cumming, Alison
Ashworth, Kent
207 Palmer, Glenn, Sue
212 Reid, Linda
221 Wade, Frank, Mary

CORNWALL

1 Castro, Ray, Terri
14 Jablonski, Leo, Jr., Tina
Jones, Leigh, Susan
16 Emge, David, Mary
123 Linowitz, Louis, Rose
129 Lybarger, Lee, Connie

130 Stark, Amel, Natalie
206 Armiger, Mary Lou
Goldman, Norman
212 Wortham, William, Marie
213 Zoltick, Pat, Harry
217 Stern, Norma, Harvey

STUYVESANT

1403 Hartleroad, Grace
1425 DeSmet, John
1431 Jedynak, Toni, Stanley
1490 Mortimer, Denise
1492 Griggs, Florence
1502 Wilcox, Diane, Charles
1509 Lewis, Jeanette
1511 Priest, Joseph

HILVISTA

10 Self, George, Anne

GLENWOOD

20 Hamlet, James
40 Mitchell, Guy, Tina

STANLEY

40 Emmons, Jean, Ruth

...Won't You Join Us?



From The Editor's Desk...

Allow me to introduce myself.

I'm a former newspaper reporter and editor who's taking a break from the publishing world to care for my two small boys.

What better place to channel all those excess editorial urges than The Hilltone, a formerly flourishing publication that's been a bit down on its luck in recent months.

The Hiltonia Association board hopes a return to regular publication of the Hilltone will help revitalize the group. I hope so too.

There's just one small problem. With only 10 months as a Hiltonian under my belt, I don't know all that many of you. And I'm not all that sure what you'd like to read here.

So I'm asking for your help. The form on the facing page is my first

attempt to catch up quickly on what's going on around here.

Please take a moment to look it over and fill out any sections that apply. You'll find a box on the front step of 205 Renfrew where you can drop it off. With more than 300 homes in Hiltonia, I'll hope to see it overflowing in a few days.

Meanwhile, thanks to former editors Gloriann Kyte and Ellen Wry for their help; to freelance artist Sandy Lewis of Cadwalader, who created our new masthead and nearly all the art on these pages; to Pat Doyle, who donated the paper and printed this issue, and to my husband, Kent Ashworth, who burned the midnight oil with me a few times to put this baby to bed.

See you in June.

Alison Cumming

Hiltonia Association Membership Form

As of April 20, the Hiltonia Association had 177 members, with 92 of the more than 300 homes in our neighborhood represented.

That's a great start, but the association would like to add your name -- and voice -- to the list.

Dues for the 1986 calendar year are \$7.50 per adult member (over 18).

Please fill out the form at right and return it with your check to:

Linda Reid
212 Renfrew Ave.
Trenton, N.J. 08618

Thank you.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Listed? _____

How long have you lived here? _____

First names and birthdates of children under 18: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

THE ALL-PURPOSE HILLTONE INFORMATION FORM

___ We have a spring graduate in our home. Here's his/her name, age and school graduated from: _____

___ Please place a free classified ad in the next issue for me. It should read: _____

___ I'd like to place a paid ad in the next Hilltone to advertise my business and help defray your production costs. Please call me to arrange it: _____

___ I'm a neighborhood kid who'd like to earn some money this summer. Please include my name, phone number and the job(s) I would like to do (babysitting, yard work, etc.) in the June issue: _____

___ I have some news I'd like to share with my neighbors (promotion, new baby, travel, etc.). Please tell them about it: _____

___ Please don't forget my children's birthdays. Here are their names, and the day, month and year each was born: _____

___ Here's what I'd really like to see in a future issue of the Hilltone: _____

MY NAME:
MY ADDRESS:
PHONE NUMBER:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO 205 RENFREW AVE.

Hiltonia's best friends may well be the Friends of Cadwalader Park. Over the years, they have done more and more to improve our park, and that makes our neighborhood a better place to live.



The members of the Friends have contributed more than \$3,000 to maintain the park's trees. Last fall, they planted more than 1,000 tulip bulbs: the results are in evidence now.

They are starting a tree nursery to replace trees at lower cost. And every year, members volunteer their time to prune bushes and clean up the winter debris.

The Hiltonia Association extends its thanks and encourages residents to join the Friends. Even if you can't donate your time, a contribution will be appreciated and put to very good use.

Call Chuck Schwartz at 587-5354.

Young Friends of Cadwalader Park is a club for young friends who care and want Cadwalader Park to be clean.

All members of the club will work their hardest to keep the pond from being polluted, the park from being littered and the play area from being vandalized.

We also plan to have fundraisers to buy flowers, bushes and things for the animals and to beautify the park.

And we are planning other activities such as a sports day and a park walk.

If you are or know of any youngsters who might be interested in joining us, please call Nikki Priest at 392-1091 or Meredith Guhl at 695-5528.

Written by
Your YFOCP

(The association has donated \$25 to get the Young Friends started.)

With our city in fiscal crisis and property tax hikes a distinct possibility, it pays to stay on top of local politics.

Municipal elections will be held Tuesday, May 13. We'll be voting for a mayor, three councilmen at large, and our own West Ward councilman.

This year, two Hiltonians -- long-time mayor but

neighborhood newcomer Arthur Holland and Norma Stern -- are on the ballot. Mayor Holland is running for re-election and Norma is seeking an at-large Council seat against six opponents.

The Hiltonia Association board voted not to sponsor a candidates' night because so many are already scheduled. Check the local papers.

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Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Kilmer School.



Neighborhood News

Kim Topper of Buckingham played one of the daughters in the Notre Dame High production of "Fiddler on the Roof" last month....Teresa and Joe DePula of Stuyvesant have opened a restaurant on South Broad Street called The Annex....Rita Carney of Renfrew has opened The Book Stop in Pennington, across from the Pennington Market....Bridget Corrado, daughter of Judy and Frank Corrado of Renfrew, won the Rose and Hy Littman Scholarship to Rutgers U., where she is a freshman....Susan Kamp of Hillvista was named Business Person of the Year at the 1985 N.J. Future Business Leaders of America conference...Check out the new fitness Gamecourt in the playground area of Cadwalader Park.....

Pleased-ta-Meetcha!

With so many new faces in the neighborhood, Welcome Wagon chairman Marion Vogler has had her hands full in recent months.

With the help of Janet Doyle and Michele Guhl, Marion has been making visits to many of our new families, dropping off a gift from the association and a newcomers' package to help them get acquainted with Hilltonia.

Here are just a few of the new folks on the block:

Ray and Alice Noble have moved into 16 Kensington with their six daughters, Jennifer, Lisa, Sara,



The happiest of April birthdays to: Joshua Knobel(4), George Paci(16), Nadir Jamal(1), Evan Anderson(2), Anna Rosenthal(1) and Stephanie Flores(18).

Best wishes to our May birthday children: Eric Reid(7), Kristen Mapp(1), Jon Harbach(18), Anthony Carabelli, Stephen Kitts, Charles Ramsey and Gail Zoltnick(16).

And there's a June celebration in store for: Adam Bitterman(8), Toni Stellitano(7), Jennifer McHugh(5), Rachel Noble(2) and Samuel Ashworth(2).

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

Mara, Jessica and Rachel. The children range in age from 16 to just under 2. Alice is finishing up a master's degree and plans to teach; Ray, an attorney, is a state employee.

George and Carolyn Johnson Jr. are the new residents of 22 Cornwall. They came from Washington, D.C. George is a professional musician, and Carolyn is a professional actress, choreographer and teacher. They have two children, 2-year-old Tahin Hammeed and 1-year-old Nadir Jamal.

Frank and Cindy Din, of 17 Kensington, moved here from Plainsboro. He is a Princeton dentist; she is a dental hygienist in Robbinsville.

Classified

BRIDGE, ANYONE? Eileen Robinson, 125 Cadwalader, wants to hear from anyone who is interested in playing bridge. She hosts bridge parties at her home. Call her at 392-5668.

NEEDED: PLAYMATES! Blake(2) and Dara(5) Lewis would like to meet some new buddies. Please call 394-5539 or stop by 201 Cadwalader.

WALKERS WANTED: Janet Doyle of Buckingham would like to hear from neighbors who would be interested in walking for exercise in the evenings, beginning around 8. The more the merrier! Call her at 695-2371.

PLACE YOUR FREE classified ad in the next Hilltone by calling 394-7754 or drop it off at 205 Renfrew.

TYPESETTING help wanted: If you can offer equipment or help in typesetting the next Hilltone, I'd love to hear from you. Call Alison Cumming at 394-7754.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor, The Hilltone:

It has been brought to my attention that my involvement with the new construction in the Hiltonia area requires clarification.

With regard to 106 Kensington Ave., my information indicates that the current owner-occupant contracted with a builder after purchasing the land through Carl F. Jacobelli. I played no part in the transaction.

On Stuyvesant Avenue, I marketed both the new construction (1484) and the residence of the builder (1486). Both properties are now sold. I had no financial involvement with either of these homes, other than to sell the properties under a normal listing agreement.

My information on the new construction on Renfrew Avenue is that a builder purchased the land through the Bird Agency. I do not know his disposal plans upon completion of the home.

I would also like to point out that the Doolan family has always considered Hiltonia to be the premier neighborhood in our market area and has consistently accorded its residents the highest respect.

Peter Doolan
Doolan Realtors

The Hilltone welcomes letters to the editor on subjects of interest to the neighborhood. Send them to Alison Cumming, 205 Renfrew Ave.