



# Hilltop Highlites

**Newsletter of the Hilltop Civic Association**

February 2010

## Membership Drive

Greetings Hilltop Neighbors and welcome to the kickoff of our annual membership drive!

The Hilltop Civic Association (HCA) promotes the development of our community and the betterment of our neighborhood. We keep members apprised of neighborhood issues and sponsor local events of interest to the community such as the Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Parade and program, Garden Contest, Halloween Decorating Contest, Holiday Lights Contest, Tree Lottery, and Education Grants. We support the Hilltop Baseball League and the Manoa and Bon Air Fire Companies with contributions.

You can support our association and programs with your donation of only \$10 per family. We also encourage you to share your talents and energy to keep our association strong. A membership application is enclosed. Please return it as soon as possible with your \$10.00 donation. Don't forget to fill out the short questionnaire about upcoming programs.

## New Neighbor Welcome

If you are new to the neighborhood, we would like to offer you a free one-year membership. Please return the membership form and indicate that you are a new resident. For more information about Haverford Township, see the links on our webpage for Elected Officials and Haverford Township.

## Hilltop Civic Area of Service

Membership in the Hilltop Civic Association is open to all households within the area bounded by Glendale Road, West Chester Pike, Township Line Road and Dermond Avenue.

All residents are invited to attend our meetings. They are held on the fourth Thursday of January, March, May, June, September and November at the Bon Air Fire Hall, 7:30 P.M. (enter through rear of building). We invite you to attend with ideas and suggestions. Check our website for updates.

## HCA Board Election

After many years of outstanding service to the Hilltop Civic Association, Mary Anne Degnan and Cecilia Gerard, Co-Presidents, and Carol Kelly, Vice President, have announced their retirement from the board. Thank you all for your dedication, perseverance, and energy in keeping the HCA running smoothly and promoting all the wonderful programs we enjoy today.

Now is your opportunity to get more involved in the Hilltop Civic Association. Elections will be held in May for the positions of President and Vice President. If you are interested in one of these positions, please submit your letter of intent which includes prior experience or expertise with your membership application and dues no later than April 15.

## Genevieve Davis Education Grants

Each year the HCA awards three \$300 grants to students who have already graduated from high school and are currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate students at a college, university, nursing program or business school. Applicants must be 25 years old or younger and must be the son, daughter, step-child or adopted child of a Hilltop Civic Association member. Recipients cannot be a previous winner of a grant.

**Thanks to all the applicants for the 2009 Grants and congratulations to the recipients:**

- **Katie McCreesh**, Haverford High School '06, West Chester University '10, Communications.
- **Justin Pellegrini**, Haverford High School '06, West Chester University '10, Business.
- **Kathleen Walsh**, Cardinal O'Hara '06, Penn State '10, Communications/Public Relations.

An application for the 2010 Grants is located at the end of this newsletter. Applications can be returned with your membership dues but must be postmarked no later than May 1.

## Hilltop Civic Website & Facebook

Due to the high cost of mailing, this is the only newsletter sent to all residents in the HCA area. Reminders of events are sometimes sent by e-mail or postcards to members. Stay abreast of all the latest happenings and events by visiting our web-site at: <http://www.hilltopcivic.org> or join our new facebook group – Hilltop Civic Association.

## Genevieve Davis Tree Dedication

HCA recently honored Mrs. Davis, a Havertown resident for 56 years, for her many years of dedication and volunteerism to the HCA and our community by planting a tree on the grounds of the new Manoa Elementary School. She was also involved with the Haverford Township Civic Council, Boy Scouts of America and various other civic groups.

## Tree Lottery

Each year, HCA sponsors a tree lottery for its members to help beautify our community. Three winners receive a certificate for a free tree which includes delivery and planting. Winners will be drawn at our May meeting.

**In a random drawing, the 2009 winners were:**

- 542 Country Club Lane
- 210 S. Manoa Road
- 4 N. Drexel Avenue

Thanks to Vince Snyder for coordinating the lottery and to all who participated. It's easy to be included in the lottery – just check off the box on the 2010 Membership Application.



## Community Wide Yard Sale

Although Mother Nature did not cooperate with our plans, we had great interest and participation in our 2009 community-wide yard sale last May. Many thanks to Jennifer and Blair McGaughey for their terrific coordination and to everyone who participated.

In 2010 we are considering doing a neighborhood flea market /vendor fair in lieu of the community-wide yard sale. It would be a great opportunity to sell, shop, and enjoy the wares of local vendors all in one location. Please indicate on the membership Application if you would be interested in participating.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Our fourth annual egg hunt will be held on Saturday, March 20 (rain date Sunday, March 21) at Steel Field located on Steel Road. The hunt is FREE for all children up to age 11. Bring your own basket to collect all those surprise-filled eggs! The egg drop begins at 11:00 a.m. but come early to participate in the other activities.

There will be charity raffles benefiting Alex's Lemonade Stand, face painting, soft pretzels, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny. Don't forget your camera!

Anyone who would like to help with the event or to donate items/services/gift certificates for the raffles, please contact Gina Pompilio at (610) 772-1905 or by e-mail at [ginacbs3@aol.com](mailto:ginacbs3@aol.com). Monetary donations and wrapped candy are also accepted and appreciated.

A special thank you to Susan Preston, Girl Scout Troop 51097, our many volunteers and the local businesses who donated candy and prizes for our Charity Raffle in 2009. (The list of businesses who supported our event were previously listed on our website.)

## Hilltop is Blooming

All members with green thumbs... get ready for our annual garden contest and don't forget to check the box on your membership Application. Judging is done in mid-July. Four winners will receive a \$25 award and a special sign to display in their yard.

Special thanks to Sophia DiTrollo and Martha Lawless for coordinating the 2009 contest and thanks to our participants for beautifying our neighborhood!

### Top Awards

- 168 Flintlock Road
- 201 Friendship Road
- 165 Warrior Road
- 324 Bryan Street

### Honorable Mentions

- 209 James Drive
- 325 Stump Lane
- 1201 Fairview Avenue
- 513 Royal Avenue
- 183 Treaty Road
- 524 Hillside Avenue

Please indicate on your membership application if you are interested in nominating your property or helping with the judging in 2010.



## Celebrate the 4th of July with the HCA

Once again Tim Denny, our Township Recreation Director, did a great job organizing the 2009 celebration! Thanks to all who helped.

Our celebration began with a decorated bike and costume parade from the Bon Air Fire House to Hilltop Field led by the Bon Air and Manoa Fire Companies. The participants were decked out in patriotic red, white and blue, and the bikes, scooters, strollers, and wagons were decorated to the max!

Following the parade, Bill Wechsler, our 9th Ward Commissioner, kicked off activities... a presentation was made to the Hilltop Little League for their contribution to the community... prizes were awarded... family races were held... notes to our troops were written... door prizes awarded... and soft pretzels and water ice were enjoyed by all.

Thanks to everyone for coming out to celebrate the 4th of July and creating a great community event! We hope you can join us in 2010. Please indicate on your membership application if you can help with any of these activities.

## Haunted Houses Wanted

Our first annual Halloween Decorating Contest last year was spooktacular! The participants really outdid themselves making it very tough to select the winners. Each participant received a special Halloween treat to let them know that the judges had been to their house.

**Top honors and \$25 awards went to:**

- 124 West Westwood Park Road
- 1028 Steel Road



Thanks to all the Hilltop members who displayed a wonderful Halloween spirit, and thanks to Amy Clevens for such a great job organizing this new event.

Do you have a flare for creating one of the spookiest houses in the neighborhood? Or do you want to get in on the fun with coordinating and judging the contest? Don't forget to check off the box on the membership application when you send in your dues.

## Holiday Lights Contest

Get ready...get set...get decorated! HCA will again sponsor our annual holiday lights contest in 2010. Four winners will be awarded \$25 prizes. Judging will be done in mid-December.

**Our top 2009 winners were:**

- 124 West Westwood Park Drive
- 168 Flintlock Road
- 201 Friendship Road
- 1312 Leedom Road

**Honorable Mentions awarded to:**

- 603 Country Club Lane • 1204 Fairview Ave
- 209 James Drive • 120 N. Ormond Ave
- 236 N. Belfield Ave • 113 Milard Lane

Thank you to everyone for helping to make our neighborhood so bright and cheerful this holiday season, and thanks to Debbie and George Cipolla and their elves for coordinating this popular event.

## New HCA Activities



The HCA is always looking for new ideas and members to chair new events. We have a few new ideas on the table for 2010.

- **Outdoor Movie Event** - A family friendly movie under the stars at Steel Field this summer.
- **Children's outdoor concert** or entertainment
- **Oktoberfest** - Adult social event with beer and/or wine tasting by local area brewery and/or vineyard and a great opportunity to meet fellow Hilltop Civic Association members.
- **Halloween Costume Contest and Parade** Halloween candy and prizes for the best costumes for children 11 or younger
- **Hilltop field playground replacement** -- investigation is underway.

Please complete our short membership application and survey to let us know you are interested in participating and/or volunteering to help with coordination of proposed events. Feel free to share your ideas for other programs.

### HCA Officers

#### Presidents

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Cecelia Gerard 610-446-6140

#### Vice President

Carol Kelly 610-789-3282

#### Secretary/Membership

Susan Revelle 610-446-1026

#### Treasurer

Tim Lawless 610-449-9306

### Programs

#### Education Grant

Sue Donnelly 610-853-6589

#### Tree Lottery

Vince Snyder 610-449-9136

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Gina Pompilio 610-772-1905

#### Garden Contest

Sophia DiTrollo 610-449-6230

#### July Fourth Parade

Tim Denny 610-446-5317

#### Halloween Decorating Contest

Amy Clevens 610-789-2656

#### Holiday Lights Contest

George & Debbie Cipolla 610-789-4549

#### Hilltop Playground Replacement

Sarah Antonelli 610-446-7907