



Hilltop Highlites

Newsletter of the Hilltop Civic Association

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HCA 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, garden contest, Halloween decorating contest, holiday lights contest, tree lottery, and education grants. Ideas for new programs such as the free outdoor movie we had in September are welcomed.

You can support our association and programs with your annual dues of only \$10 per family. We also encourage you to share your talents and energy to keep our association strong. A membership form is enclosed. Please complete the form and short questionnaire about upcoming programs, enclose your check and return it as soon as possible.

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.

HCA Website and 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 to members by email or postcards. Stay abreast of all happenings and events by visiting our web-site at: <http://www.hilltopcivic.org> or friend Hilltop Civic Association on Facebook.

HCA Board Election

Now is your opportunity to get more involved in the Hilltop Civic Association. Positions are available for Vice President and Secretary. If you have a little time to invest in our neighborhood and are interested in one of these positions, please let us know by April 15.

Hilltop Civic Association 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 (Pilgrim Gardens).

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 at 7:30 P.M. (enter through back of building). We invite you to attend with ideas and suggestions. Check our website for updates.

HCA Outdoor Movie a Hit!

If you weren't among the 300 plus neighbors at our free outdoor movie on Steel Field, September 11th, you missed a great event! The weather was perfect for watching "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" under the stars. Despite a few glitches with the electricity, a fun time was had by all.



Thanks to our volunteers – Amy & Keith Clevens, Susan Revelle, Jackie Engler, Debbie Cipolla, Lynne Grady, Gina & Drew Pompilio, Denise and Rich Scala, Judy O'Neill, and Jennifer & Blair McCaughey for making this event a success!

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors: Appliance Difference, Beer Guys, Bon Air Fire Company, Bryn Mawr Trust, Eye to Eye Contact – Dr. Steven Berger, Havertown Roofing & Siding Company, Kane Paving & Sealcoating, Mom's Club of Havertown-West, Pretzel Boys – Pilgrim Gardens, Primo Hoagies, State Senator-Daylin Leach and W. F. Wechsler & Associates – 9th Ward Commissioner Bill Wechsler.

Genevieve Davis Education Grants

Each year the HCA awards grants to students who have already graduated from high school and are currently enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at a college, university, nursing program or

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business school. The amount and number of grants will be determined based on funds available after our membership drive. 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 applicants for the 2010 grants, and congratulations to the recipients of \$300 grants in 2010!

- **Sean Spellacy**, Albright College, Class of 2014, Alpha Major
- **Joseph Ryan**, West Chester University, Class of 2012, Criminal Justice
- **Michael Gdovin**, Kutztown University, Class of 2013, Electronic Media

Applications for 2011 can be returned with your membership application.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our fifth annual egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 am until noon at Steel Field located on Steel Road. (Rain date and location to be determined. Check our website for details.) The hunt is FREE for all children up to age 11. Bring your own basket to collect all those surprise-filled eggs! The egg "Dash" will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m. but come early to participate in the other activities.



There will be face painting and a coloring contest for the kids, raffles and shopping with local craft vendors for Mom and Dad, soft pretzels, and even a visit from the Easter Bunny. Don't forget your camera!

Volunteers are needed. Anyone who would like to help with the event or can donate items/services/gift certificates for the raffles, please contact Gina Pompilio at (610) 772-1905 or by email at ginacbs3@aol.com. Monetary donations and wrapped candy are also welcome and appreciated. Proceeds benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand and HCA programs.

A special thank you to Susan Preston and Girl Scout Troop 51097, our many volunteers and the local businesses who donated candy and prizes for our raffle in 2010. Candy donations from: CVS (W.C. Pike) and Rite Aid (Manoa); Raffle donations from: Zone Fitness, Applebee's (Manoa), BJ's (Springfield), Moko Salon (Philadelphia), Discovery Toys (Susanne Allen), The Beauty Suite (Eagle Road), Jockey, Dougherty Landscaping (Havertown), AllBall Basketball Camp and Premier Jewelry. Bon Air Fire Dept escorted the Easter Bunny & the Manoa Fire Dept donated tables and a bullhorn.

Tree Lottery

Each year, HCA sponsors a tree lottery for its members to help beautify our community. Winners receive a certificate for a free tree which includes delivery and planting.



The trees for our 2010 lottery were donated by our 9th Ward Commissioner, Bill Wechsler, and planted by Haverford Township. In a random drawing, the lucky winners were:

- Marie Tallent**, 260 Friendship Road
- Nancy & John Ryan**, 1234 Leedom Road
- Sarah Pusey**, 10 N. Lexington Avenue

Trees in 2011 will be donated by Orner's Garden Center and planted by Dougherty Landscaping, an HCA member. Winners will be drawn at our May meeting.

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 2011 Membership Form.

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 form. Judging is done in mid-July. Winners will receive a \$25 award and a special sign to display in their yard.



Special thanks to Sophia DiTrollo and Martha Lawless, Jackie Engler, Lee Hamilton, Nancy Ryan and Kristin Stevens for coordinating the 2010 contest and thanks to our participants for beautifying our neighborhood!

Top Awards

- Greg & Joan Naehr**, 141 Friendship Road
- Art & Linda Noel**, 513 Royal Avenue
- Dawn & Rich Kessler**, 348 S. Manoa Road
- Barbara & Jim Celia**, 104 Warrior Road

Honorable Mentions

- Sue & Daniel Donnelly**, 1266 Dill Road
- Tara Scherf**, 524 Hillside Avenue
- Sarah Pusey**, 10 N. Lexington Avenue
- Mike & Cathy Clark**, 105 Warrior Road

Please indicate on your membership form if you are interested in nominating your property or helping with the judging in 2011.

Neighborhood Flea Market

Time to start cleaning out your basements, attics, and garages for the HCA Flea Market planned for May 14th (rain date May 21) from 9 till 2 on the Hope United Methodist Church parking lot located at Steel Road & Drexel Avenue. Spaces are \$10 for HCA Members and \$25 for non members. Fees are non-refundable unless both dates are rained out (rain begins before noon both days).

Spaces are limited so reserve your spot today. Check the box on the membership form and include your check to reserve a space. We need lots of help to ensure a successful event so please check off the box on your membership form if you are able to help.

Haunted Houses Wanted

Our second annual Halloween Decorating Contest last year was spooktacular! The participants really outdid themselves making it very tough to narrow down the decision. Our 2010 winners of the \$25 award were Jim & Robin Garahan, 603 Country Club Lane.

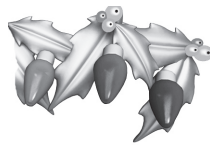


Thanks to all the Hilltop members who displayed a wonderful Halloween spirit, and thanks to Amy Clemons, Jackie Engler and Marie Tallent for such a great job organizing this now annual event.

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 form 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 2011. Winners will be awarded \$25 prizes. Judging will be done in mid-December.



Hilltop was twinkling with the Christmas handiwork of our neighbors in 2010. Winners were:

Dan & Terry Doyle, 4 Columbus Avenue

Paul & Diane Marconi, 1020 Steel Road

Nick & Barbara DiTrollo, 236 N. Belfield Avenue

Jim & Barbara Celia, 204 Warrior Road

Thank you to the many families who helped to make our neighborhood so bright and cheerful this holiday season, and thanks to Debbie Cipolla for coordinating this popular event.



Celebrate the 4th of July With the HCA

Once again Tim Denny, our Township Recreation Director, did a great job organizing the 2010 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, prizes were awarded... family races were held... notes to our troops were written... door prizes awarded... and soft pretzels and water ice donated by Hilltop Baseball League 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 July 4, 2011. Please indicate on your membership form if you can help with any of these activities and check our website for details as they become available.

Ideas for HCA Activities

HCA is always looking for new ideas and members to chair new events. We have a few ideas on the table for 2011, but without your help, these ideas can't become reality.

- 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. Candy and prizes for the best costumes, children 11 or younger
- Hilltop Field playground equipment replacement. Investigation is underway.

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

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