

Hilltop Highlights



Newsletter of Your Hilltop Civic Association

February/March 2015

From Our President: Amy Clevens

Welcome to our Civic Association's annual newsletter - and our annual membership drive! The Hilltop Civic Association is a group of neighbors who want to stay connected with what is going on in OUR COMMUNITY. We're here because of YOU.

We love living in our corner of Havertown, and try to plan events that reflect the community we serve. You'll learn more about them in this newsletter.

As you know, it starts with maintaining your membership. We are very careful with our funding and work to stretch every dollar we have!

Want to get more involved, and have some fun? Here's how:

- Encourage your neighbors to maintain their membership, it's only \$10 per year
- Attend a meeting - share your input, or just listen
- Volunteer for an event - we can always use more help
- Sponsor an event, or help us find sponsors
- Suggest an additional program or event
- Make a donation to a program you believe in

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do - why not get more involved and see how much fun we have!



Amy and her family on vacation

Welcome new neighbors!

New to our area? Welcome to Hilltop!

We'd like to offer you a free one-year membership to your Civic Association. Just indicate "new neighbor" on your membership form.

And please don't forget to check out our webpage and Facebook group to get more information on our Association, and Havertown in general!

We're glad you're here!

Stay in Touch!



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Hilltop Parks Update!

Thanks to the hard work of several of our neighbors, our neighborhood now enjoys our own piece of the Haverford Trail!

Hilltop Civic Association volunteer Tina Crognale continued to partner with several Haverford High School juniors who were earning their Eagle Scout badges. The group cleared and mulched various parts of the trail, and will continue to help with the ongoing maintenance. Towards the end of March, we will be resurfacing the trail at hilltop field with wood chips from the township. We will post on hilltopcivic.org and Facebook once we confirm the dates.

Also at the park: the volleyball nets will be back in place soon, so we can enjoy them throughout the warmer weather. We also saw a new surface on the basketball court and are looking forward to the new pavilion getting more use near the baseball fields this spring.

Want more information on the trails? Visit www.havtrail.com.



Street Tree Program from Haverford Tree Tenders

The Haverford Tree Tenders will be once again partnering with Haverford Township to offer free large-species street trees this spring.

Trees may be planted in your front yard (or in the planting strip if it is at least 48" deep).

While they won't have the list of available trees for a few weeks, if you are interested in getting a tree, please send an email to Jeanne Angell at angellsrus@comcast.net to receive the list when it is available.

Please be sure to send your name, address, phone number and email address.



Delivery Service from Haverford Township Library



If you are unable to visit the Haverford Township library on a short- or long-term basis, you may apply to have library materials delivered to your home once a month or upon request.

Residents may request titles or have the staff choose. Materials are available as regular or large print, audio books, DVDs, and CDs.

For more information, call Joyce Platfoot at 610-446-3082, extension 205, or send an email to her at homebound@haverfordlibrary.org. You can also download an application at haverfordlibrary.org.

Do you think we should continue to partner with area groups and our local government to make these projects happen? Help Us Out!

Please Join Our Association – It's Only \$10!

Volunteer for Any Of Our Events!

Or Donate: Your Donations Help Pay For Tools, Volunteer Refreshments, and Volunteer Recruiting/Printing – Like This Newsletter

Easter Egg Hunt: Great Fun in 2014, Similar Event Planned for 2015!

Our 2014 Easter Egg Hunt was a smaller version of previous years' events - but it certainly wasn't less fun!

Nearly 100 kids joined us at Bon Air Fire Company for the traditional hunt, plus arts and crafts, vendor visits, and photos with the Easter Bunny.

2015 Egg Hunt: Back at Bon Air Fire Co
We're at it again! This year's egg hunt will build on the success of last year's event, and will again be at Bon Air Fire Company.

The event is open to members and their families, and will be held on Sunday, March 29 at 12:30 p.m. at Bon Air Fire Company.

We are planning an egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny and his fireman friends! Lunch, snacks, and raffles will be available for purchase.

RSVPs will be required for this year's event so we can plan accordingly - visit our website to RSVP now, or look for more information via email.

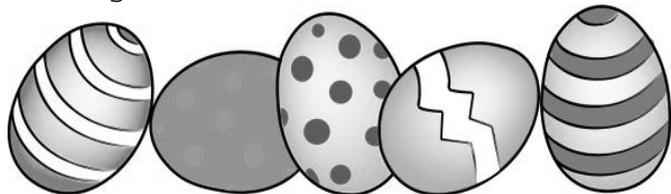
Want to get more involved? We always need volunteers to help before, during and after the event. Please contact Debbie Cipolla at (610) 446-4765 or debbiecipolla@icloud.com if you can volunteer or help with a raffle item.

Please note: monetary donations and wrapped candy are also welcome and appreciated. Proceeds will again benefit Hilltop Civic Association programs.

Thanks for 2014

Thanks to Debbie Cipolla, the Bon Air Fire Company and all the 2014 volunteers for making the event possible.

Items for our 2014 Egg Hunt raffles and giveaways were graciously donated by: Beach Pebbles Jewelry; CVS (West Chester Pike); Danielle Bacon Designs; Amy DeFruscio Blankets; Dougherty Landscaping; Great Clips; Huntington Learning Center; Jano's Pizza; Swiss Farms; McDonalds of Havertown; and the Wilmington Blue Rocks.



Thanks to Swiss Farms for a Great Partnership!

Thanks to Swiss Farms for their donations to our civic association in the last year.

Not only do they donate snacks and drinks for our events, but our discount card program saved our members money and earned \$229 for our group!

While the program has been discontinued for the near future, we hope it will start again soon.

Say "thanks" at your next visit!



Outdoor Movietime: Back By Popular Demand!

Plans are already underway for our next Outdoor Movie Night, tentatively planned for the fall.

We're already looking forward to this year's event, but need help to keep it going!

If you have some time and energy to spare, consider volunteering to help plan the event or help run it in September.

There's plenty to be done both before and during the event - and we'd love to get more members involved!



Our 2012 event team - we love our volunteers!

Honoring Our Best Gardens and Holiday Lights

Every year, we have a lot of fun with our contests... and 2014 was no exception! We had so many wonderful entrants it was really hard to just pick three winners for each contest. Make sure to congratulate your neighbors if they won!

Garden Contest:

Jackie & Bill Engler - 201 Rodmor Road
Lisa McVeigh - 1258 Dill Road
John & Joy Tolar - 204 N. Belfield Avenue



Holiday Lights:

Tom & Donna Ellixson - 1248 Fairview Avenue
Jeanne Montgomery & Hugh Durkin - 329 Stump Road
Greg & Joan Naehr - 141 Friendship Road
Brian Swift - 4 N. Drexel Avenue

Didn't win in 2014? Forgot to enter? Make sure you do for 2015! (It's on your membership form.)



WANTED

As our association continues to grow and offer more activities, we have to find additional volunteers to help us meet our mission. There are plenty of opportunities available – but here are two specific needs.

Auditor – according to our bylaws, an auditor must review our financials once a year. This job would be simple for anyone with a basic understanding of accounting principles... and a great way to start your involvement. Contact amyclevens@hilltopcivic.org for more info.

Treasurer – interested in helping us track our financials every month? Our current treasurer is starting to think about his next role with HCA, and would like to ensure a smooth transition. You'd get plenty of training and orientation, and the job couldn't be more rewarding. Email tim_lawless@hilltopcivic.org for more info.

Think you'd be interested in volunteering some other way? Send an email to amyclevens@hilltopcivic.org.

2015 Membership Form



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

- Enclosed is \$10 for our household membership
- New residents (\$10 membership fee waived)
- Garden Contest Entry – Please enter my home in the garden contest!
- Holiday Lights Contest Entry – Please enter my home in the lights contest!

Volunteer – I MAY be able to help out with the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Egg Hunt, help w/planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Egg Hunt, Help Day Of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night, help w/planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night, Help Night Of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Contest judging | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th of July Parade & Celebration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall / Halloween event (TBD) | |

My idea for a program or event: _____

Checks payable to "Hilltop Civic Association"
Now just tear out this page,
and mail it with your payment
(\$10 if you aren't a new neighbor) to:

Hilltop Civic Association
c/o Susan Revelle
1204 Fairview Avenue
Havertown, PA 19083

Prefer to pay online with a credit card? We accept PayPal! Visit HilltopCivic.org

2014 Hilltop Photo Gallery



Thanks to our fabulous photographers:
Liz Agiorgousis,
Donna DeSantis
Anderson, Colleen
Carol, Debbie
Cipolla, Kim Brown
García and Kate
Stickel



Independence Day Parade & Celebration

Once again, our annual Independence Day Parade and Celebration was a highlight of the summer.

The activities included the bike parade and decoration contest, family foot races, games, and pretzels and water ice.

Thank you to Tim Denny and the Denny family for their continued leadership and dedication to this fantastic event. This great tradition continues because of them!



Genevieve Davis Education Grants

Every year, HCA awards grants to students who are currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at a college, university, nursing program or business school.

The amount and number of grants is determined based on funds available after that year's membership drive.

Applicants must be 25 years old or younger and must be the child of a Hilltop Civic Association member.

Recipients cannot be a previous winner of a grant. We had fantastic applicants for the 2014 awards - and are proud of all of them.

Congrats to each of our winners, who have received \$150 each:

- Colleen Downey - class of 2016
- Justin Plasmeyer - class of 2017
- Matthew Rozanski - class of 2015

Applications for 2015 are on our website (www.hilltopcivic.org) and can be returned with your membership application. Know a Hilltop student who could be our next winner? Make sure they know about the grant!



Save The Dates: 2015 Events

all dates tentative – confirm on our website or the site listed

Saturday, March 21 – 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.
Hilltop Little League Field Cleanup Day & HCA Mulch Drop
www.hilltopleague.com

Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m.
Hilltop Civic Assoc Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

Sunday, March 29 at 12:30 p.m.
Hilltop Civic Assoc Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Celebration
Members & families only at Bon Air Fire Company

Sunday, May 17 – 12 noon to 7 p.m.
Haverford Spring Festival – HaverfordSpringFest.com

Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Hilltop Civic Assoc Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

May, June, July
Hilltop Civic Assoc Garden Contest Judging

Sunday, June 7 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Haverford Township Historical Society Heritage Day
haverfordhistoricalsociety.org

Friday, July 4
Hilltop Civic Assoc Independence Day Parade & Celebration
Bon Air Fire Co / Hilltop Park / Steel Field

Saturday, September 5 (tentative)
Haverford Music Festival – haverfordmusicfestival.org

Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m.
Hilltop Civic Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

October 3 (tentative)
Haverford Township Day

October (TBD)
Hilltop Civic Assoc / Bon Air Fire Co Fall Event

November 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Hilltop Civic Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

November or December
Hilltop Civic Assoc Neighborhood Social – Location TBD

December
Hilltop Civic Assoc Holiday Lights Contest Judging



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About Your Hilltop Civic Association (HCA)

We are a volunteer organization. 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 and encouraged to attend our meetings. They are held on the fourth Thursday of January, March, May, and September and the third Thursday of November at 7:30 p.m. We meet at the Bon Air Fire Hall - enter through the back of the building.

All neighbors are invited to attend with ideas and suggestions.

Please check our website for updates, follow us on Facebook, and give us your email to stay in touch! We won't send too many emails, we promise.



Our Board:

- President: Amy Clevens - 610-789-2656
- Vice President: Gina Pompilio - 610-772-1905
- Secretary: Jackie Engler - 610-449-8550
- Treasurer: Tim Lawless - 610-449-9306
- Membership: Susan Revelle - 610-446-1026
- Publicity: Kate Stickel - 610-789-6557

Thank You to Our Wonderful Program Leaders:

- Education Grant: Sue Donnelly - 610-853-6589
- Easter Egg Hunt: Debbie Cipolla - 610-446-4765
- Outdoor Movie Night: TBD
- Trails in Hilltop: Tina Crognale - 610-446-9349
- Garden Contest: Nancy Ryan - 610-853-4423
- Independence Day Parade & Events: Tim Denny - 610-446-5317
- Fall Event: Amy Clevens - 610-789-2656
- Holiday Lights Contest: George & Debbie Cipolla - 610-446-4765



We're Committed to Keeping Hilltop a Wonderful Place to Live!
Please Support Your Civic Association with
Your \$10/year Family Membership!