

# Hilltop Highlights



Newsletter of Your Hilltop Civic Association

February 2013

## From Our President: Amy Clevens

Greetings to all my Hilltop Neighbors! And welcome to the 2013 membership drive for Hilltop Civic Association. We're a group of neighbors who want to stay connected with what is going on in OUR COMMUNITY.

Think about it... this past year, we voted in the U.S. Presidential election - but what impacts our life more than LOCAL events and news?

That's where we come in... we are your local civic association and we're here to give you a voice in your neighborhood.

Maybe the best part: we have FUN - that's a big part of why we keep coming back for more.

Why not get informed, get involved, and have some fun? Here's how:

- Maintain your membership, it's only \$10
- Attend a meeting - share your input, or just listen
- Volunteer for an event - we always can always use more help
- Sponsor an event, or help us find donors
- 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, right, 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



*Father and Son, Planting A Tree, Having A Blast!*

## **New Trees at Steel Field/Hilltop Park Thanks To Our Volunteers**

For several months, members of your civic association worked with local groups and Township officials to add some trees to the natural landscape at Steel Field and Hilltop Park. Their hard work paid off on October 21, 2012 when we planted 14 new trees!

We were joined by volunteers from the Haverford Township Tree Tenders who directed our work. Thank you to that wonderful organization and their volunteers - Jeanne Angell and Fran Ficco!

Trees were planted in areas to provide shade for guests at the sports fields and near the playground equipment. We secured these trees through partnerships with the Tree Tenders, the Township, the State, and other community partners.

## **Haverford Heritage Trails: Now In Hilltop!**

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 partnered with several Haverford High School juniors who were earning their Eagle Scout badges.

The group began by clearing and mulching various parts of the trail, from behind the Recreation Department building on Glendale Road to the Little League field at Hilltop Park. All the work was completed in mid-November.

Big thanks to Eric Gillard (Haverford Township), Peter Puglionesi and the Friends of Haverford Trails Committee for their partnership - and thanks to Tina Crognale for her leadership on this project!

What's next for the trail? In the spring the Township will be grading a small area of trail to make it easier to walk on.

Want more information on the trail? Visit [havtrail.com](http://havtrail.com).

## **What's Next for Our Parks?**

We're continuing to partner with the Township and local groups to continue to improve both Steel Field and Hilltop Park.

A number of other projects are planned, like resurfacing the basketball court, reinstating the volleyball nets, and building a pavilion behind the upper baseball field at the park!

Look for more trees, additional landscaping, additional benches, more paths, and a pavilion - all to come soon!

**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: Building On Last Year's Success**

Our 2013 Easter Egg Hunt will be our best yet - and is scheduled for Saturday, March 30 at Steel Field. Make sure you send in your membership form so you'll get an email with all the details!

Want to get more involved? We always need volunteers to help organize and run the event, or donors for raffle items and services. Please contact Gina Pompilio at (610) 772-1905 or ginacbs3@aol.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 Alex's Lemonade Stand and HCA programs.

Our fifth annual egg hunt did not disappoint. The weather was beautiful and the field was filled with more than 200 excited kids waiting for their chance to collect their share of the 2,000 stuffed eggs covering the field.

The highlight of the event was a visit from the Easter Bunny, escorted by the Bon Air Fire Company.

We had an extensive raffle table, an expanded venue for local crafters, a jelly bean counting contest, coloring table, face painters and complimentary lemonade and pretzels.

Thanks to your donations and raffle sales, we raised \$500 for Alex's Lemonade Stand and \$748 for Hilltop Civic Association programs, like the Egg Hunt, Fourth of July Parade and Outdoor Movie Night.

Kudos to Gina Pompilio and all our volunteers for making the event possible.

We also want to thank the many businesses that supported this popular community event with candy donations: CVS Pharmacy (on Rt. 3), Hershey Chocolate Company, Rite Aid Pharmacy (Manoa)

Items for our raffles and giveaways were graciously donated by: Applebee's, Camden Riversharks, Dougherty Landscape, McDougall's victory Cakes, Mr. A's Martial Arts, Hilltop Baseball, Cottage Home, 31 Bags (Beth Gowie), Manoa Elementary School, Toni Roni Pizza, All Ball Basketball Camp, Danielle Bacon Designs, The Beauty Suite, Vito's Hoagies, Silpada Jewelry (Liza Vecchio), Saigon Harbor Restaurant, McDonalds in Havertown

## **Tree Lottery: 2012 Winners**

Every year the Association gives away three trees to winners of our annual tree lottery. The winners received free trees from HCA, and had them delivered and installed by Dougherty Landscaping.

Our lucky winners for 2012 were:

- Stephen & Sheri Bozzacco, 76 Warrior Rd
- Wendy & Dan Loney, 112 Friendship Rd
- Mary Beth Ryan 1036 Steel Road

Thanks to Vince Snyder and Brian Dougherty for their work on this program!

Don't forget to enter for 2013 using your membership form!



## **Summer Movietime: Oh, What A Night!**

Plans are already underway for our next Summer Movie Night. We'll have it scheduled soon - make sure to send in your membership so you'll get an email with all the details!

Our 2012 Summer Movie Night was a huge success! The night was full of fun, friends, and film. More than 500 neighbors claimed a piece of Steel Field on June 2 and enjoyed "A Bug's Life."

While volunteers sold candy, drinks, and other goodies, our guests enjoyed the summer night and the company of their neighbors.

Thanks to Katie Cooper for leading this event, and to all our volunteers.

We were even able to raise nearly \$100 through our snack sale!

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

**We need a Webmaster to help move our webpage to a new hosting service! If you are familiar with hosting, wordpress, or want to learn, please email [KateStickel@hilltopcivic.org](mailto:KateStickel@hilltopcivic.org) for more details.**

## Honoring Our Best Gardens, Halloween Spirit, and Holiday Décor

Every year, we have a lot of fun with our contests... and 2012 was no exception! All the entrants were worthy, but we were able to pick winners for each category. Make sure to congratulate your neighbors if they won!

### Garden Contest:

Lisa & Robert Cunningham - 32 South Manoa Road  
Michael Katrakazis - 144 Flintlock Road  
John & Martha Lacoboulos - 120 North Ormond Avenue  
Joseph Spitz - 126 Columbus Avenue

### Halloween Contest:

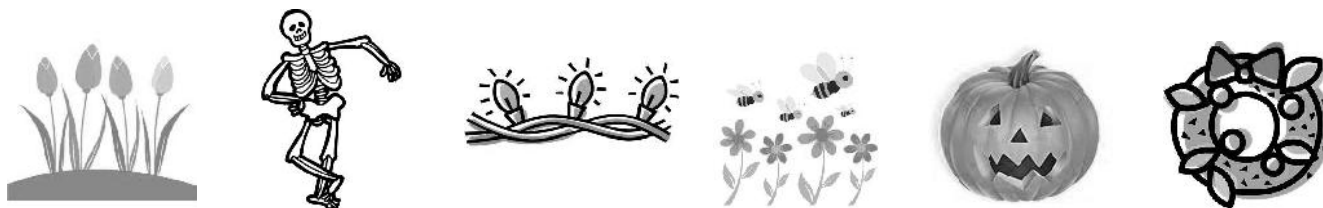
MaryBeth Ryan - 1036 Steel Road

### Holiday Lights:

Charles & Patricia Denick - 213 North Belfield Avenue  
John & Katina Lulias - 528 Hillside Avenue  
Donna & Fran Magee - 229 Clamar Avenue  
Mary Beth Ryan - 1036 Steel Road



Didn't win in 2012? Forgot to enter? Make sure you do for 2013! (It's on your membership form.)



## Trunk or Treat: Possible New Event in 2013

We're always looking to expand or otherwise change our programs to match the interests of our members and neighbors. As a result, in 2013, we're considering a new event on October 26: Trunk Or Treat.

What is Trunk or Treat? It's when several families get together at a designated spot, park their cars in the parking lot, open up the trunks of their cars, and kids come around to each car to Trunk-or-Treat. Adults have a blast decorating their cars, and kids... well... candy!

According to HCA President Amy Clevens, the tentative event would fulfill a number of criteria for a successful program:

"It would be fun for all age groups in different ways, relatively easy to organize, and be a lot of fun," Amy said. "An added bonus: kids would get one more use out of their Halloween costumes!"

Other coordinated activities could include bobbing for apples, a bake sale, or a pumpkin carving contest.

Let us know what you think about this idea - and volunteer if you'd like to be a part of making it happen!

## Thank You

*Please consider these partner businesses when making purchases, and thank them for their support of Hilltop Civic Association:*

All Ball Basketball Camp  
Applebee's  
Camden Riversharks  
Cottage Home  
CVS Pharmacy, Rt. 3  
Danielle Bacon Designs  
Dougherty Landscaping  
Hershey Chocolate Company  
Hilltop Baseball  
Jano's Pizza  
Manoa Elementary School  
McDonald's Havertown  
McDougall's Victory Cakes  
Mr. A's Martial Arts  
Rite Aid Pharmacy (Manoa)  
Saigon Harbor Restaurant  
Silpada Jewelry (Liza Vecchio)  
The Beauty Suite  
31 Bags (Beth Gowie)  
Toni Roni Pizza  
Vito's Hoagies

# 2013 Membership Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$10 for our household membership

New residents (\$10 membership fee waived)

Contest Entry – Please enter my home in the following:

Garden Contest

Holiday Lights

Tree Lottery

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

Easter Egg Hunt – filling eggs before

Easter Egg Hunt – Day Of

Garden Contest judging

Summer Movie Night

Holiday Lights judging

Webmaster – Web Hosting Advice

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & Celebration

Trunk-Or-Treat event

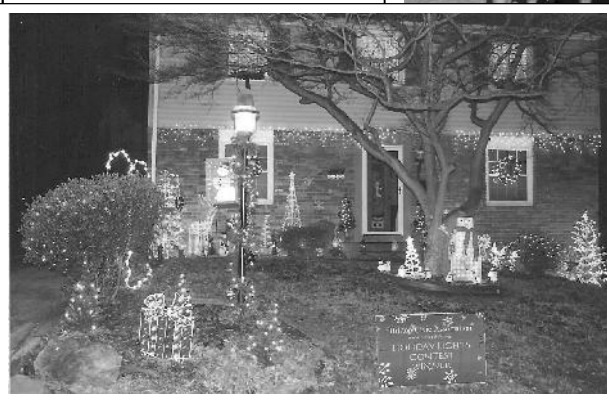
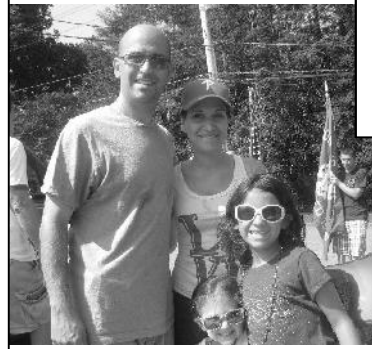
My idea for a program or event: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Checks made payable to "HCA," thanks!  
Now just tear out this page,  
and mail it with your payment  
(\$10 if you aren't a new neighbor) to:

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

*Prefer to pay online with a credit card? We accept PayPal! Visit [HilltopCivic.org](http://HilltopCivic.org)*

# Hilltop Photo Gallery



Thanks to our fabulous photographers: Debbie & George Cipolla, Daria Condo, Kate Stickel, Jen Walsh, and Michele Whipple

## Cheers to Another Successful Neighborhood Social!

Tip O'Leary's played host for our Second Annual Neighborhood Social - what a great night!

More than 40 Association members braved some horrible weather to enjoy the company of their friends and neighbors. We had our own room, which was great considering all the talk and cheer - not to mention the great food and raffle prizes!

Thank you to Gina Pompilio and Tina Crognale for leading this great event!



## 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.



*Ready for the Parade - And Some Water Ice!*

## SAVE THE DATES: OUR 2013 EVENTS

all dates tentative - confirm on our website

**March 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

Board Meeting - Bon Air Fire Company

**March 30 at 10 a.m.**

Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Celebration - Steel Field

**May 23 at 7:30 p.m.**

Board Meeting - Bon Air Fire Company

**June - TBD**

Family Movie Night - Steel Field

**June**

Garden Contest Judging

**July 4**

Independence Day Parade & Celebration

**September 26 at 7:30 p.m.**

Board Meeting - Bon Air Fire Company

**October**

Halloween Contest Judging

**October 26 - NEW EVENT!**

Trunk Or Treat - Decorate Your Trunk Halloween Style!

**November 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

Board Meeting - Bon Air Fire Company

**November**

Neighborhood Social - Location TBD

**December**

Holiday Lights Contest Judging

## 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 or step-child of an HCA member.

Recipients cannot be a previous winner of a grant. We had quite a few applicants for the 2012 awards - and are proud of all of them.

Congrats to each of our winners, who have received \$150 each: John Erickson, Christian Giambuzzi and Kelly Tierney.

Applications for 2013 can be returned with your membership application. Know a Hilltop student who could be our next winner? Make sure they know about the grant!

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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, May, June, and September and the third Thursday of March and 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: Gina Pompilio - 610-772-1905  
Web Hosting: Open - Please Consider Volunteering  
Trails in Hilltop: Tina Crognale - 610-446-9349  
Garden Contest: Nancy Ryan - 610-853-4423  
Independence Day Parade & Events: Tim Denny - 610-446-5317  
Tree Lottery: Vince Snyder - 610-449-9136  
Trunk Or Treat: Amy Clevens - 610-789-2656  
Holiday Lights Contest: George & Debbie Cipolla - 610-789-4549



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