

# Hilltop Highlights



Newsletter of Your Hilltop Civic Association

March 2014

## 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.

Our community has seen a lot of change in the last year - the opening of the Quarry Shopping Center and our new YMCA, to name a few. At the same time, we made a few changes to our Civic Association events to reflect what YOU told us you wanted to see.

You'll read more about some of the changes - the Fall Festival, the new Egg Hunt - in this newsletter. Once you've read about our plans, 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 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!

## 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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groups/HilltopCivic/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/HilltopCivic/)

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**First-Ever Fall Festival &  
Pig Roast a Success  
Thanks to Partnership  
With Bon Air Fire Company**

Amazing food. Fun activities for the kids. Good neighbors. Great times.

...an easy way to describe our first Fall Festival and Pig Roast, a joint effort between Hilltop Civic Association and the Bon Air Fire Company.

Kids of all ages enjoyed the pony rides, mechanical bull, moonbounce and bungee racing. The kids also received an important lesson in fire safety in the "smoke house" demonstration.

While the kids were playing, everyone was enjoying a fantastic spread of food and drink - complete with our own pig roast feast. The food was wonderful.

Our meals were complete after enjoying one of the many volunteer-made cupcakes that were entered into the cupcake contest. We agreed - everyone came out a winner.

Thanks to all the volunteers (too many to name!) who made it happen, and to the donors who contributed items or funding to the event: Beneficial Bank, Bywood Seafood, Commissioner Bill Wechsler, Commissioner Mario Oliva, Four D Electric, Frank Farrelly, Giant, Hockeytown 19083 Pro Shop, Pagano's, Philadelphia Wings Lacrosse, Piazza Honda, Pretzel Boys, Sarah Marcelli-Long & Foster Realty, and TD Bank.



**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. Look for more improvements in the spring!

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

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

**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](mailto:homebound@haverfordlibrary.org). You can also download an application at [haverfordlibrary.org](http://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: A smaller, more personal event planned for 2014**

Our 2013 Easter Egg Hunt was our largest yet! Nearly 300 kids scrambled for more than 2,200 eggs, enjoyed arts and crafts, visited with vendors, and took photos with the Easter Bunny.

### **2014 Egg Hunt: New and Improved**

Last year's Egg Hunt was so large that our association has decided to make some changes for 2014 that will result in a smaller, more manageable event.

This year's event is open to members and their families, and will be held on Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. at Bon Air Fire Company.

We are planning an egg hunt, lunch and snacks, and a visit from the Easter Bunny and his fireman friends!

*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](mailto:debbiecipolla@icloud.com) if you can volunteer or help with a raffle item.

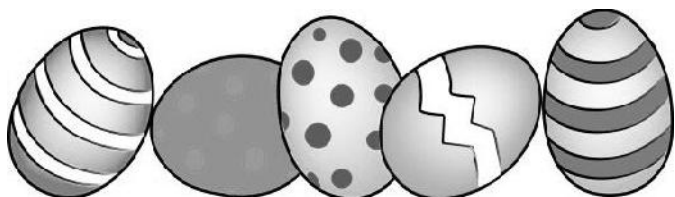
Please note: monetary donations and wrapped candy are also welcome and appreciated. Proceeds will again benefit Hilltop Civic Association programs.

### **Thanks for 2013**

Thanks to Gina Pompilio and all the 2013 volunteers for making the event possible.

Thanks to the businesses that supported the 2013 event with candy donations: CVS Pharmacy (on Route 3) and Hershey's.

Items for our 2013 Egg Hunt raffles and giveaways were graciously donated by: All Ball Basketball Camp, Applebee's Restaurant, Buttons and Bows, Creative Clubhouse, Danielle Bacon Designs, Debbie Cippola, Dougherty Landscape, Hershey Park, Hilltop Baseball, McDougall's Victory Cakes, Mr. A's Martial Arts School, Strange Girl Jewelry, The Beauty Suite, and Tony Roni's Pizza.



## **Tree Lottery: 2013 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 2013 were:

- Jim & Robin Garahan, 603 Country Club Ln
- Michele Whipple, 485 Olympic Ave
- Walt & Terry Hilsee, 559 Willowbrook Rd

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

Don't forget to enter for 2014 using your membership form!



## **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 2013 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:

Leo & Meghan Estes, 24 Columbus Avenue  
Richard Gallo, 216 S. Manoa Road  
Brian & Bridget Dougherty, 1510 Steel Road

### Holiday Lights:

Donna & Dane Anderson, 124 Clamar Ave  
Linda & Nick Ayoub, 224 N. Drexel Avenue  
Patti & Fran Downey, Jr., 325 Stump Lane  
Richard Gallo, 216 S. Manoa Road



Didn't win in 2013? Forgot to enter? Make sure you do for 2014! (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 [amydevens@hilltopcivic.org](mailto:amydevens@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](mailto:tim_lawless@hilltopcivic.org) for more info.

Think you'd be interested in volunteering some other way? Send an email to [amydevens@hilltopcivic.org](mailto:amydevens@hilltopcivic.org).

# 2014 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

☐ Outdoor Movie Night – Planning

☐ Outdoor Movie Night – Night Of

☐ Garden Contest judging

☐ Holiday Lights judging

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

☐ Fall Festival event

My idea for a program or event: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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)*



# 2013 Hilltop Photo Gallery



Thanks to our  
fabulous  
photographers:  
Donna Anderson,  
Debbie Cipolla,  
Kate Stickel,  
and Michele  
Whipple





## 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 or step-child of an HCA member.

Recipients cannot be a previous winner of a grant. We had fantastic applicants for the 2013 awards - and are proud of all of them.

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

- Kelsey Degnan, Class of 2014
- Eva Egelkamp, Class of 2016
- Alexandra Stein, Class of 2015

Applications for 2014 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: 2014 Events

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

Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Hilltop Civic Assoc Board Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

Saturday, March 22 – 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Hilltop Little League Field Cleanup Day & HCA Mulch Drop

[www.hilltopleague.com](http://www.hilltopleague.com)

Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Hilltop Civic Assoc Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Celebration

Members only at Bon Air Fire Company

Sunday, May 18 – 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Haverford Spring Festival – [HaverfordSpringFest.com](http://HaverfordSpringFest.com)

Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Hilltop Civic Assoc Board Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

May/June

Hilltop Civic Assoc Garden Contest Judging

Sunday, June 1 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Haverford Township Historical Society Heritage Day

[haverfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://haverfordhistoricalsociety.org)

Friday, July 4

Hilltop Civic Assoc Independence Day Parade & Celebration

Bon Air Fire Co / Hilltop Park / Steel Field

Saturday, September 6

Haverford Music Festival – [haverfordmusicfestival.org](http://haverfordmusicfestival.org)

Thursday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Hilltop Civic Board Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

October 11

Haverford Township Day

October (TBD)

Hilltop Civic Assoc / Bon Air Fire Co Fall Festival

November 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Hilltop Civic Board Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

November or December

Hilltop Civic Assoc Neighborhood Social – Location TBD

December

Hilltop Civic Assoc Holiday Lights Contest Judging

2014 Membership Renewal

Please Support Your  
Civic Association!

### 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: 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  
Tree Lottery: Vince Snyder - 610-449-9136  
Fall Festival: 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 Family Membership!

