

Hilltop Highlights 2017



NEWSLETTER OF YOUR HILLTOP CIVIC ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

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 growing our memberships. We are very careful with our funding and work to stretch every dollar we have!

Your paid membership also gets you special, members-only updates with lots of great local information.

We're also trying something new this year by dedicating a few of our meetings to "special topics" – like the skate park relocation, the Township Line Road planning and roadwork, and the Opioid Crisis in our neighborhoods. Have an idea for a topic? Pass it on!

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

- Encourage your neighbors to maintain their 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!



Amy and her family this past holiday season

Welcome new neighbors!

New to our area? Welcome to Hilltop!

We 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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Our 1st Trunk or Treat - And Chili A Big Success Thanks to Volunteers

Thanks to the hard work of several of our neighbors, our neighborhood was able to enjoy our first Trunk Or Treat and Chili Cookoff!

The event began with a short Halloween costume parade from the corner of Steel and Eagle Road - what a treat for the kids (and the grownups, too!)

Once the parade arrived at Bon Air Fire Company, the kids were able to go from car-to-car enjoying the decorated trunks and collecting their treats!

While the kids enjoyed their sweet treats, the moms and dads were inside - enjoying the entrants to our Chili contest!

Congrats to Helen McAllister for winning the chili contest!

We're planning on repeating this event in 2017 - make sure to join the association so you can be there!



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.



Homebound Delivery Service from Haverford Township Library

If you are homebound and 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.



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 2016, Similar Event Planned for 2017!

Our 2016 Easter Egg Hunt was one of our best yet!

More than 120 kids joined us at Bon Air Fire Company for the traditional hunt, plus arts and crafts, vendor visits, a raffle for kids and adults, and photos with the Easter Bunny.

2017 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 Saturday, April 8 at 11:30 a.m. at Bon Air Fire Company.

We are planning an egg hunt, lunch and snacks, a raffle, 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. Make sure to join the civic association so you get the email with all the details!

Want to get more involved? We always need volunteers to help before, during and after the event. Please contact Tracy Nini at 610-212-5136 (mobile) or crayolaedu@aol.com if you can volunteer or help with a raffle item.

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

Thanks for 2016

Thanks to Debbie Cipolla - who has run the Egg Hunt for several years. Special thanks to the Bon Air Fire Company and all the 2016 volunteers for making the event possible.

Items for our 2016 Egg Hunt raffles and giveaways were graciously donated by: Amy Brill Sweaters, Applebee's, Avon, Barbara Fisher, B&L Florist, Creative Clubhouse, CVS on West Chester Pike, Do-It Best Hardware (Wayne, PA), Haverford Dog Park, Dougherty Landscape, Giampino's Restaurant, Giant, I'll Be Dipped, Jano's Pizza, J.D. McGillicuddy's, J.E.K. Home Maintenance, Kettle Restaurant, Longwood Gardens, Painted Tea Cup, Pepperoncini Restaurant, Philadelphia Eagles, Ultimate Wellness of Havertown, and WaWa.

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3. Pay with the App to earn 5% reward credit for you and 3% for Hilltop.



Our Next Outdoor Movie Night: Saturday, August 26, 2017!

Plans are already underway for our next Outdoor Movie Night, planned for Saturday, August 26.

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 on the evening of the show.

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

Special Thanks To Our 2016 Sponsors!

Bon Air Fire Company; Cappello Plumbing & Heating; Dougherty Landscape; J. Halligan & Sons Oil & Gas Heating, Air conditioning, Fuel Oil; J.E.K. Home Maintenance & Construction, LLC; Kane Paving & Sealcoating; Senator Daylin B. Leach; Sally R. Marcelli - Realtor - Long & Foster; Congressman Patrick Meehan; The Painted Tea Cup; Run The Day Race Management; State Representative Jamie Santora; John Serock Catering; Ninth Ward Commissioner William Wechsler

Honoring Our Best Gardens and Holiday Lights

Every year, we have a lot of fun with our contests... and 2016 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:

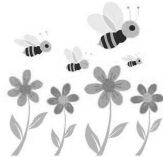
Tom & Donna Ellixson - 1248 Fairview Avenue
Brian & Colleen Swift - 4 North Drexel Avenue

Holiday Lights:

Ed & Maureen Deal - 124 Friendship Road
Vince & Katie DeSantis - 636 Furlong Avenue
Dan & Terry Doyle - 4 Columbus Road
Denis & Karen Pernace - 97 Rodmor Road



Didn't win in 2016? Forgot to enter? Make sure you do for 2017! (It's on your membership form.)



Back by Popular Demand for 2017: Kelly Music for Life presents the SUMMER CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES

Based on the success of the 2016 Inaugural Season, the 2017 Concert in the Park Series is sure to deliver a night of fantastic live music under the stars for all who attend – and for a great cause.

Save these (tentative) dates:

- Coopertown/Highland Pavilion - June 28
- Paddock Pavilion - July 12
- Hilltop Park/Steel Field Pavilion - July 26
- Westgate Hills Pavilion - August 23
- Merwood Pavilion - August 30



Proceeds benefit Civic Associations and local initiatives. Concerts are produced by Kelly Music for Life and are live streamed on iRadioPhilly.

All shows are on Wednesday evenings, times TBD. Make sure to bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of live music under the stars!

Tickets will tentatively cost \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door. Kids 12 and under will be free.



2017 Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

- ☐ Enter my home in the garden contest
- ☐ Enter me in the tree lottery
- ☐ Enter my home in the holiday decorating contest

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

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|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Easter Egg Hunt | <input type="checkbox"/> planning | <input type="checkbox"/> day of the event |
| Summer Movie Night | <input type="checkbox"/> planning | <input type="checkbox"/> night of the event |
| Garden Contest judging | <input type="checkbox"/> volunteer judge | |
| July 4th Parade/Celebration | <input type="checkbox"/> planning | <input type="checkbox"/> day of the event |
| Fall/Halloween event | <input type="checkbox"/> planning | <input type="checkbox"/> day of the event |

My idea for a program or event: _____

Annual dues are \$10.00 per household. Please mail your check or money order to:
Hilltop Civic Association, P.O. Box 814, Drexel Hill, PA 19026

If you prefer, you may complete the membership form and pay online with a credit card or PayPal. (We must add a \$0.75 fee to defray the cost to HCA.) Visit www.hilltopcivic.org

2017 Education Grant Application

Applicant must be:

- The son, daughter, or dependent (per tax guidelines) of a Hilltop Civic Association member.
- Under 25 years of age.
- Currently a freshman, sophomore, or junior undergraduate student at a college, university, nursing program, or business school.
- Not a previous winner of this grant.

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

High School: _____ Class of: _____

College/Secondary School: _____ Class of: _____

Course of Study: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Applications must be postmarked by April 30, 2017. The amount and number of grants will be determined based on funds available after our membership drive. Grants will be presented at the May HCA meeting.

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Second Ward Commissioner
mario@2ndwardnews.com

Ninth Ward:

Email Bill Wechsler
Ninth Ward Commissioner
bwechsler@havtwp.org

When you email Mario and Bill, they will add you to their lists!

2016 HILLTOP PHOTO GALLERY



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 leadership and dedication to this fantastic event for so many years.

Thank you to Tracy Nini and volunteers for their leadership and dedication to this fantastic event. This great tradition continues because of her.



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 other eligible dependent of an HCA member.

Recipients cannot be a previous winner of a grant. We had fantastic applicants for the 2016 awards - and are proud of all of them.

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

- Tom Porth - Class of 2017
- Julianne Sexton - Class of 2017
- Christie Lodge - Class of 2018

Applications 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: 2017 Events

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

Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Hilltop Civic Assoc Board Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

Saturday, March 18 – 10:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Hilltop Little League Field Cleanup Day & HCA Mulch Drop

www.hilltopeague.com

Saturday, April 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Hilltop Civic Assoc Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Celebration

Members only at Bon Air Fire Company

Sunday, May 7 – 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Haverford Spring Festival – HaverfordSpringFest.com

Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Hilltop Civic Assoc Board Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

May/June

Hilltop Civic Assoc Garden Contest Judging

Sunday, June 4 – 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, August 26

Outdoor Movie Night – Steel/Hilltop Field

Saturday, September 9

Haverford Music Festival – haverfordmusicfestival.org

Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Hilltop Civic Board Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

October 7 (tentative)

Haverford Township Day

October (TBD)

Hilltop Civic Assoc / Bon Air Fire Co

Trunk or Treat & Chili Cookoff

November 16 at 7:00 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

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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 of Manoa Elementary School.

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend our meetings. They are held on the fourth Thursday of January, March, May, June, 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: Jeanne Montgomery - 610-789-1319
Treasurer: Katie Cooper 610-449-3159
Membership: Sally Marcelli 610-324-3257
Publicity: Kate Stickel - 610-789-6557

Thank You to Our Wonderful Program Leaders:

Education Grant: Amy Clevens - 610-789-2656
Easter Egg Hunt: Tracy Nini - 610-212-5136
Outdoor Movie Night: Katie Cooper 610-449-3159
Trails in Hilltop: Tina Crognale - 610-446-9349
Garden Contest: Nancy Ryan - 610-853-4423
Independence Day Parade & Events: Tracy Nini - 610-212-5136
Trunk or Treat / Chili: 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
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