



The Hilltone

Building a Stronger Community

As a nation we have been divided by politics, economics, religion, and the media. As a city, we have been affected by reduced state funding and the lack of economic development. As a neighborhood, we have been burdened with rising taxes and reduced services. Individually, some have been burglarized and all have been put on edge by crime.

However, during the recent months we saw how neighbors helped each other, watched out for each other, communicated effectively through the e-groups and called the police enough that at least one of the people responsible for the break-ins has been caught. It is that sense of community that makes Hiltonia a great place to live and not just a neighborhood of houses.

Unfortunately, I have had multiple residents tell me that they feel distant and disconnected from their neighbors or that a past slight has kept them from participating in the association. Folks, this is a new association with new goals and new drive. The current slate of officers at the bottom of the page represent a new association, focused on creating a community of all Hiltonians, not just a neighborhood of houses. Right now is the time to reconnect to your community by getting to know your neighbors. Come to any of the events listed along the side of this page and help build up our community. There are so many forces trying to tear us down as individuals, but as a **community** we can support each other.

Proposed Updates to Association Constitution and By-Laws

The Hiltonia Association Constitution and By-Laws are a bit out dated and are in need of improvement. A proposed updated document has been posted under "News" at <http://HiltoniaAssociation.org> and is available as a PDF for everyone's review.

The changes are listed on the website, but in general they are membership, dues, committees and their roles, and the addition of proxy voting. There are many people who cannot be at meetings due to school, health, civic responsibilities, or work and proxy voting will let their vote be counted too.

A vote to accept the new documents will be held at the September meeting. Discussion is welcome via the e-group: dialogue-group@googlegroups.com and is highly encouraged.

A Message from Detective Hargis

If you see or hear anything suspicious, please call ASAP and, if you can, please provide the dispatcher on call a detailed description of all suspicious parties and vehicles. If you have any concerns, email chargis@trentonpolice.net, call or text me, or visit at 660 Artisan Street (West Ward Precinct).

Police contact numbers

For emergency: 911
Non emergency: (609) 989-4170
Detective Hargis: (609) 815-2507
(609) 594-7411

Calendar of Events

Tue., June 25th, 7:00 pm

Special Meeting
Re: Security and Safety
128 Buckingham Ave
See inset on this page

Fri., July 5th, 5:30-8 pm

First Friday Flamingo Party
BYOB Happy Hour
Flamingos will be out all week!!

Sat., July 13th, 5 - 9 pm

Garden Party
128 Buckingham Ave.
See invitation on back

Fri., July 26th, 6 - 8 PM

Family Bowling Night
Colonial Lanes. Lawrenceville
\$10 / bowler incl. pizza & soda

Fri., Aug. 2nd, 5:30-8 pm

First Friday Flamingo Party
BYOB Happy Hour
Flamingos will be out all week!!

Tue., August 6th, 6 - 9 PM

National Night Out
100 Block of Kensington Ave
See invitation on back

Wed., Sept. 11th, 7:30 PM

General Meeting
Location TBD

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Events still being planned:

Wine Tasting Trip
Neighborhood Dinner

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Can you be an event host?
Contact Margaret Mason!

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

The Hiltonia Association will hold a special meeting on Tuesday June 25th at 7:00 pm at 128 Buckingham Avenue, the home of Candice Brearley and John Saul. Everyone in the neighborhood is strongly encouraged to attend!! This meeting is to discuss issues relating to Public Safety and Security based on the recent criminal activity in the neighborhood.

In addition, we will discuss a Neighborhood Watch program, crime prevention measures, and other issues important to neighborhood walkability, way finding, and traffic control (all important aspects of neighborhood safety).

Please note the earlier start time. We will be getting a short presentation from Preservation New Jersey to discuss Historic Landmark designations from 7:00-7:30 and begin the association's business after the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

Bobbie & Chuck Shelingoski welcome their second grandson, Quinn Thomas Westberry, born 6/6/13. He joins his brother Xander who is now 2. Parents Susan and Seth live in Wilmington, NC.

Have News to Share?

Send an email to one of the officers and we'll get it in the next edition of the Hilltone!

Elected Officers

President: Brian Viehland
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Committee Chairs

Children's Committee: Michael Nalbone
Civic Committee Chair: Don Wallar

Publicity & Welcome Wagon: Linda Reid
Worthy Projects: Harriette Tomlin
Membership Committee: OPEN POSITION
Please volunteer!
Social Committee: OPEN POSITION
Please volunteer!
Hospitality Committee: OPEN POSITION
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Communications/Media: OPEN POSITION
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