



THE HILLTONE

TWW Lead Line Replacement Program By Paulette Ayres

At the August 8th TCCA (Trenton Council of Civic Associations) meeting, attendees were given an update on the Lead Line Replacement program by Michael Walker, Management Specialist at TWW.

The program is designed to replace lines from the curb to your home. Commercial properties are not included in the replacement program. If the lines are copper or plastic, you do not have to participate in the program. If the lines are lead or galvanized steel pipes your home is eligible for replacement. The water meter will also be replaced.

The city anticipates replacing pipes to 2,600 homes in the initial phase. Currently the city has less than 2,600 homes signed up for the program. As some residents don't have access to the internet, the city has contracted with a non-profit organization to canvas neighborhoods in order to make residents aware of the program.

The cost of the lead line replacement is \$1,000.00. Homeowners can pay when the work is completed or it can be paid over five years as a special assessment through the tax collector. The estimated cost is approximately \$16.60 per month.

A non-profit organization, Clean Water Action, is offering free tests for lead in homeowners water line in conjunction with the N.J. Environmental Justice Association located at 315 West State Street, Trenton.

Lead line replacement registration forms previously sent out to households across the city can be completed and mailed in. However, you can log in to the internet site to complete the registration and/or check the status of your registration by entering your account number. The site is <https://www.twwleadprogram.com>.

Should you have any questions, you may contact the Lead Replacement hotline at 609-989-3600. You can also contact Michael Walker directly at 609-989-3033 or on his cell phone at 609-789-7272.

Recycling Reminders

(The bulk of this article is extracted from a recent article in *The Ewing Observer* by Michele Alperin, August 30, 2019). For the full article, go to: <https://communitynews.org/2019/08/30/as-costs-soar-towns-look-to-educate-residents-on-what-can-be-recycled/>

Since 1987, New Jersey state law has mandated recycling, but Mercer County residents can't seem to figure out what

is recyclable and what isn't. The result has been increasingly contaminated containers and huge increases in recycling costs.

Because the biggest contributors to contamination of the recycling stream are **plastic bags and pizza boxes**, Robbinsville and the Mercer County Improvement Authority are focusing on them in campaigns to reeducate consumers on the how-to's of recycling.

Plastic bags and any items inside them go directly into the trash at the processing plant. "It could be 100 percent clean recycling, but it is not opened at the facility," Dan Napoleon, director of environmental programs at the Mercer County Improvement Authority, says. **Plastic bags** that make their way to the sorting line can jam up the sorting machinery and must be removed by hand, which increases costs. **Pizza boxes** are rejected because any oil that has seeped into the cardboard will remain part of the paper fibers when they get to the pulping process.

The Mercer County Improvement Authority is planning a reeducation campaign that will also culminate in increased enforcement. It will include a one-page piece to residents and will use print and social media and radio.

The campaign will continue over several months so that residents have time to start changing their recycling behavior. "Our ultimate goal is to say, after maybe Jan. 1st **'Your bucket won't be collected if you have plastic bags and pizza boxes.'**"

So residents should take heed of important advice from recycling professionals: **"When in doubt, throw it out."**

RECYCLABLE GOODS ✓	DO NOT RECYCLE ✗
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ EMPTY CANS Aluminum • Tin • Steel ✓ EMPTY GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS ✓ PAPER PRODUCTS No Shredded Paper ✓ EMPTY BOTTLES & JUG (Marked #1 and #2) ✓ EMPTY PLASTIC BOTTLES Caps Removed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✗ Plastic Bags ✗ Prescription Bottles ✗ Lightbulbs ✗ Toys ✗ Coated Paper Cartons ✗ Styrofoam ✗ Garden Hoses ✗ Aluminum Foil & Containers ✗ Clothing & Textiles ✗ Electronics ✗ Pyrex ✗ Ceramics ✗ Glass Cookware ✗ Cups & Dishes ✗ Shredded Paper ✗ Plastic Bottle Caps ✗ Dirty Pizza Boxes ✗ Other Plastics (Marked #3-#7)

(Mercer County Improvement Authority Graphic by Stacey Micallef)



Co-Presidents' Message By Dennis Wendell & Terri O'Prey

Summer is coming to a close, and there's much to reflect upon since the June *Hilltone* reached you. The dog days of summer call to mind long, sunny stretches marked by a departure from the everyday grind. That certainly has held true in Hiltonia, where many residents have traveled, spent more time outdoors, and flocked to activities in the neighborhood and City. In addition to our beloved First Friday Flamingo Socials (hosted in June by Patrick Krey and Hendricks Davis and in August by Michael Fischler and Bea Scala-Fischler) we enjoyed many opportunities to spend time with neighbors.

June ushered in the opportunity to stroll Mill Hill gardens and seek refreshments from a broad list of restaurants participating in Taste Trenton (few will ever forget the Dubai Goblet!). We've hung onto our event program as a reminder to try new places when we're out and about. Shortly thereafter was the return of Art All Night, where we happily greeted fellow Hiltonians as we strolled the galleries, snacked, and listened to music. Also in June was the summer gathering of Hiltonia's book club (see page 5 for Terri's writeup).

We kicked off July with the first activity of the Cadwalader Park Projects Committee, led by Becky Taylor. In just two hours on a steamy Saturday morning, seven residents, along with Randy Baum from the Cadwalader Park Alliance, took serious steps toward restoring the Cadwalader Drive gateway to the park. This narrow pathway, we discovered, was once a broad stone-lined lane that flowed gracefully down to the ponds. Day two of the restoration is scheduled for Saturday morning, September 21, from 9:30 to 11:30. We hope to see you there! Our next event was the long-anticipated meeting with TPH (see page 3 for Dennis's report). Keeping with tradition, we scheduled the annual garden party for July. Despite the oppressive heat, the show went on—and we discovered that we can indeed fit fifty-something party-goers inside our house! This year we changed things up a bit by inviting leaders from other City civic associations in an effort to strengthen ties, and it was nice to have Ray and Kelly Ingram and Randy Baum mingling with the crowd. Two memorable party happenings were the make-your-own sundae bar (thanks to Jeannie Weakliem) and the presentation of ribbons to twenty-five-year Hiltonia residents (thanks to Ellen Wry for inspiring us to revive this tradition).

National Night Out was a highlight of August. It was our first time coordinating with the City on this major endeavor, and although at times details were scant everything came together just in time. Special thanks to Brennan and Kathleen Coughlin for volunteering to handle the logistics of holding our block party in its usual location and for providing many extras to help make the night a big success. We owe thanks, too, to Jeannie Weakliem for handling the voucher logistics. With food, location, and weather on our side the only other element required for success was



Hiltonians, who delivered in great numbers. It was wonderful to be out on a weeknight, watching kids play in the street, catching up with friends old and new, and greeting representatives from our police, fire, and sheriff's departments. Kudos to Dr. Donnie Johnson for setting up membership shop and adding new families to our roster!

With September comes the urge to return to routine, and we're looking forward to our fall Association meetings. We also have in close sight a revival of the Welcome Wagon—if you know of new Hiltonians who moved to the neighborhood within the past year or so, please let us know—to be led by June Guerrero, news on our proposal to participate in Morven's Festival of Trees, and buckling down to complete the volume of collected *Hilltones*. We hope everyone has had a great summer and will be interested in hearing about your adventures at our fall gatherings.

Recycle Your Car Seats—Hurry the Deadline is Near!

(The following article was found at TrentonDaily, an online source for local Trenton news. To sign up to receive email alerts, go to <https://www.trentondaily.com/emailalerts/>. Thanks to Mark Leckington for the heads up for this story!)

Trenton's TerraCycle and Walmart are joining forces to launch the nation's largest car seat recycling event in nearly 4,000 Walmart stores across the country.

The first-ever Walmart Car Seat Recycling Event will take place **Sept. 16th -30th**, in celebration of National Baby Safety Month. Customers can trade in used car seats at the Service desk in any participating Walmart store and receive a \$30 Walmart gift card that can be used in store or online to buy items for their baby. All car seats collected in this program will be recycled through TerraCycle, and each component will be diverted from the landfill.

To read the full story, go to <https://www.trentondaily.com/the-nations-largest-car-seat-recycling-event/>.



.....to Terri O'Prey & Dennis Wendell for keeping us dry in their home for the summer Garden Party!
.....to Kathleen & Brennan Coughlin and Jeannie Weakliem for another successful and fun National Night Out!
.....to Bea Scala-Fischler & Michael Fischler and Ali & Kimberly Wilson for hosting our "1st Friday Flamingo" parties.
.....to Jeannie & John Weakliem for hosting the September Association meeting.
.....to all the neighbors who provided content for this issue !!
.....and to our **EXTREMELY AWESOME** proofreaders, Terri O'Prey, Margaret Mason, and Lily Knezevich!!!



Trenton Psychiatric Hospital Meeting

By Dennis Wendell

As part of our continuing effort to strengthen ties with TPH, I made arrangements for a meeting on site with all interested Hiltonians. On the evening of July 15, a group of us made our way to TPH to voice concerns and gather information. We met with key staff in the boardroom and, as in the smaller meeting earlier this year, TPH actively listened to our concerns and addressed our questions.

First and foremost, we wanted to know why we hadn't been alerted to a recent patient escape. We learned that notification rules require that TPH alert Ewing and Trenton police departments. From there, information dissemination is in the hands of those departments, who have their own processes and rules around notifying residents.

Jeannie Weakliem and I brought the issue to the next CPAC meeting, and there has been some progress. The very next escape event resulted in a reverse 911 call from Trenton PD. It was somewhat late (most of us had already learned the news via Ewing contacts and our own Google group) and there was no follow-up call with the all-clear. We're continuing to raise the issue via CPAC and direct communication with our community officer.

Additional concerns included speeding by TPH employees along the Hiltonia stretch of Stuyvesant (they will remind staff of 25 MPH speed limit); noise from the Travers Complex, the cottages along Cornwall (call 24/7 with any complaints, use the main switchboard after hours); decreased/missing razor-wire (this is a feature only in the correctional facility/CRAF, and TPH fencing is well maintained).

Hiltonians also asked about publicizing the greenhouse, which TPH supports. Kathi plans to draft an article for the *Hilltone*, which must be run by TPH before publication. TPH encourages positive interactions, and opportunities exist for anyone willing and able to participate in auxiliary efforts (donations for patients about to be discharged, volunteers for special projects, etc.). Please contact Michelle Senni (609.633.1586 or michelle.senni@doh.nj.gov) for more information.

Economic Development Update

By Eric Maywar

The State offered money for businesses to fix up their buildings, creating a better consumer experience and, in some cases, creating new jobs. In the two years that the program ran (it ended June 2019), the Division of Economic Development worked to spend every bit of the NJEDA money allocated to Trenton, recruiting and vetting the following businesses who were eventually approved: the African American Chamber of Commerce, 302 East State Street, 28 South Warren, the downtown Dunkin Donuts, 1100 Dentist on Broad Street, Greater Trenton, Peter's Place, Capitol

Smiles Dentist, and Karl Weidel Insurance. Two more are finishing up approval.

The State also offered money to pay 15% of the rent for businesses locating in Trenton. The Division of Economic Development worked to leverage this for business attraction. Businesses who took advantage of this so far include the Mill Hill Pharmacy, Haleemah's Islamic Fashion, Arlee's Raw Blend, and New Jersey Utilities Association.



Trenton Corrugated Products transferred ownership and will be remaining open in Trenton. Fed Em Up Grill (312 East State Street) had its grand opening on July 20th. New businesses include Cooper's Riverview (the old Kat Man Du) and Halal Brothers (503 Hamilton Ave).

There is a lot of work being done on Warren Street. Renovations at 110 South Warren (the former dry cleaners), 113 South Warren (the former Bowl and the coming empanada place), and 17 East Front (the former Settimo Cielo) have begun. The sign for Copacetic (the former Café Ole) went up recently.

What Do You Think?

The responses to the question "*What do you like most about the Hiltonia neighborhood?*" are in, and the results are not at all surprising. Do you see the trend?

- ❖ The welcoming helpful neighbors. We were given cake, wine, and dinner the day we moved in.
- ❖ I love the sense of community here. I know more neighbors here than any other place I've ever lived!
- ❖ It is an active community. A great neighborhood, and a safe place to live.
- ❖ I like the homes with their different looks, and my neighbors and the way they help each other.
- ❖ If asked three years ago, I would have answered the amazing homes. Now that I'm a resident my answer is the people. Never have I lived in such a welcoming, lively, and engaged community.
- ❖ My neighborhood! I love knowing my neighbors. I've never lived in a community with so much camaraderie.
- ❖ While it looks like a pretty suburb, it is actually a neighborhood with a real urban sensibility. The neighborhood association is a real asset that many cities do not have.
- ❖ I love the diversity and friendliness of our community. A great place to live!
- ❖ The houses, the landscaping, trees, and the people.
- ❖ Our beautiful houses.
- ❖ If I didn't love Hiltonia, I wouldn't be here for 46 years! Friendly, caring, watchful, helpful neighbors.



2019 Worthy Projects Initiative By Jacques & Maureen Lebel, Co-Chairs

October 15, 2019, is the cutoff date for nominations of candidates (organizations or specific projects) for consideration in this year's Hiltonia Worthy Projects initiative.

As has been highlighted in previous editions of *The Hilltone*, each year several organizations or projects that contribute to the quality of life in the city of Trenton are selected by the Hiltonia Association for recognition and support (which includes a matching financial donation from Hiltonia Association funds). In 2018 the recipients were the Passage Theatre Company and The Trenton Children's Chorus.

Anyone wishing to suggest a possible 2019 Hiltonia Worthy Projects recipient organization (or project) is invited to send a nomination e-mail to drmlebel@aol.com. A brief statement of what the project does and why Hiltonia should offer a matching financial donation would also be appreciated. *NOTA BENE*: While not a required element, worthy projects where one or more Hiltonia residents are involved (as staff, volunteers, clients, or advocates) seem a nice fit.

Children's Halloween Party and Parade* By Kathleen Coughlin

Please join us Sunday, October 27th, from 3-4:30 PM in the front yard of 205 Kensington Ave. Your children,



grandchildren, and children's friends are welcome to join us in costume as the fire truck leads us through Hiltonia. Come on out for fun games, yummy Chick-fil-a, and tooth-rotting candy! Text or call Kathleen Coughlin for more information: 856-397-3799. Neighbors, if you hear the fire trucks, please wave to the children as they walk down Kensington Avenue!

***This event is weather-permitting.** We hope to see you there!!



Survey of Participation and Interest By Lori Emmerson

Hiltonia's sense of community is what makes our neighborhood so unique and special. The monthly and seasonal events draw a nice group of people but as the saying goes, "the more the merrier." To help us determine how we can engage even more families to participate in our social events, please take a few minutes to complete this online survey. It will help us better understand your preferences and enable us to plan events that are more convenient to your family's schedules, and plan the type of activities you're interested in.

Please follow the link below and complete the survey to indicate your preferences:

<https://forms.gle/DmjP2dsyFAGHtwME8>

Constitution Review Committee By Ali Wilson

We are still looking for volunteers to review and redraft our Constitution and By-Laws. We would like to have a diverse group of neighbors who are committed to putting in the time to accomplish this task. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Ali Wilson at 609-331-5122. Thanks!

Email Distribution & Opting-Out of the Printed Newsletter

We are trying to improve communication within the neighborhood, so we have created a new co-president's email list. If you are currently not receiving any neighborhood news via email, and you would like to, please send your email to hiltonia.association.president@gmail.com and we will add you to the list. Our co-presidents will keep you informed of neighborhood news and happenings.

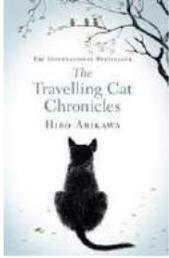
We would also like you to consider "opting-out" of the printed form of *The Hilltone*. Please send a note from your preferred email to kathi325@gmail.com with your name, address, and phone with your wishes (email only or print only). **We will continue to distribute it in printed format if you so choose**, but we will need your name and address to compile a list of print recipients. Thanks!



Hiltonia Book Club: The Travelling Cat Chronicles

By Terri O'Prey

Hiltonia readers gathered at Pat Flores's home on June 23rd to enjoy Japanese-themed delicacies and discuss Hiro Arikawa's *The Travelling Cat Chronicles*. What a treat it was to kick off the evening with a sake tasting. Everyone appreciated Pat's efforts to introduce us to the nuances of flavor associated with temperature.



The kitchen island was soon overtaken with terrific dishes, including sobo salad and noodles, potstickers with delectable dipping sauces, grilled teriyaki pork roast with Vern's tangy peanut sauce, vegetable tempura, edamame, assorted Japanese desserts (which Terri shamefully admitted to purchasing online), and perfectly presented Japanese tea.

Between the main course and dessert we discussed the book. Topics steered naturally toward pets (cat person? dog person? other?), the idea that animals can perceive things beyond human ability (like illness), and the wonderful way Arikawa captured animal personalities and voices. Discussion wouldn't be complete without a salute to the comedic aspects of the tale, which helped offset the heartbreaking plot. Rana and Gary Tewari brought a unique perspective to the table with insights on differences in attitudes toward pets in India and the U.S. And all enjoyed having Bill in attendance once more.

Next up was *The Storyteller's Secret* by Sejal Badani, at the Tewari residence. Be on the lookout in the next issue for a writeup of this excellent read, which was described by the *New York Journal of Books* as "a lavishly told tale of secrets, love, and loyalty. It is a celebration of the beauty of story and its ability to help us be heard and understood." Interested in joining the group? Contact Maris Williams (maris.w@comcast.net).

Did You Know.

- * that our City Council meetings are videotaped and shown on YouTube? For a clickable site to check out their archives for 2018 and 2019 go to: <http://www.collaborationtrenton.com/TrentonNJCouncil/>.
- * that we have an Association calendar of events on our website (www.hiltoniaassociation.org). You can also install a Google app for the calendar on your phone.
- * that June Guerrero has volunteered to be our "Welcome Wagon" greeter, and she is eager to get started. If you have a new neighbor who has bought or rented (within the last year), would you please share their contact information with us at hiltonia.association.president@gmail.com?
- * that you can be notified in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts? Sign up for the City's Emergency Broadcast System. Go to <http://www.trentonnj.org/> and fill out the form. It's that easy.
- * that you can have large items picked up for disposal? Call 609- 989-3175. For more information about the protocols and schedules of the Division of Solid Waste management, go to: <http://www.trentonnj.org/Cit-e-Access/webpage.cfm?TID=55&TPID=6640>.

Calendar of Events

September 12th & October 10th :
Trenton Council of Civic Associations (TCCA) meeting, 7 PM, Thomas Edison State College, 111 West State Street (2nd Thursday of every month)

September 14th : Cadwalader Heights House Tour, 12 PM to 5 PM

September 19th, October 3rd & 17th :
City Council Public Meeting; City Hall; 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM

September 21st : Gateway to Cadwalader Park Clean-up, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

September 26th, October 24th :
Citizens Police Advisory Council (CPAC), 4th Thursday of every month from 6-7 PM at the Hermitage Police Substation (Hermitage & Artisan Aves.)

September 28th : Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling, 8 AM to 2 PM; 350 Lawrence Station Road, Lawrence Twp.

September 28th : Trenton Pride Fest 2019, 11 AM to 5 PM, South Warren St. between East State & Lafayette Streets

October 4th : First Friday Flamingo Social, TBA

October 27th : Kids' Halloween Party, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, 205 Kensington

November 1st : First Friday Flamingo Social, TBA

November 12th : Tuesday, General Association Meeting, 7:00 PM, TBA

December 6th : First Friday Flamingo Social, TBA

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You can download this newsletter issue at:

<http://hiltoniaassociation.org/the-hilltones-1998-thru-2019/>



Association Elections Are Approaching

Linda Reid, Nominating Committee chairperson, is assembling a slate for the election of officers for 2020. (Officers are President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary.) If you are interested in serving as an officer or are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee, please contact Linda at 609-394-2314.

Nominations will be announced at the November meeting. You may also nominate someone from the floor (as long as you have previously verified their interest). Both the nominee and the person nominating must be a member in good standing. Elections will take place at the January 2020 meeting.

Membership Information

If you are not sure of your membership status for 2019, please contact our Membership Chairperson, Dr. Donnie Johnson, at DRJOHNSON821@GMAIL.COM (609-943-2895).

This is especially important if you plan to run for office or nominate someone (see the Association bylaws Articles III & IV, available at <https://hiltoniaassociation.org/constitution-by-laws/>).

Dues are payable by January 1st for the 2020 year. Membership forms for 2020 can be downloaded at <http://hiltoniaassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2019/09/2020.Membership.pdf>

Garden Center at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital

Did you know that there is a little gem of a place not too far from our neighborhood? You can reach the greenhouses from Sullivan Way just off of Hilvista Boulevard. Please stop at the guard house first.

The Newleaf Gardeners Program at Trenton Psychiatric Hospital is a vocational program that prepares patients for work in the community in greenhouses, nurseries, and retail store garden centers such as Home Depot or Lowes.

Patients develop skills for the the skills set recommended by ONET Online, a national database which details skills needed for all occupations. Upon successfully completing the program, patients receive a certificate of completion which can be utilized when seeking a job in the community.

The garden center sells floral arrangements for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and other holidays at very reasonable prices. All you have to do is call to place your order and indicate your price point. They will tell you when your arrangement will be ready for pick-up.

This is a great program. They also sell gorgeous houseplants at a fraction of the cost of commercial vendors. They'll be happy to give you a tour any time they are open, which is M-Sat late morning and mid-afternoon. To place your order or to get more information call the greenhouse at 609-633-1898.

2019 Hiltonia Association Officers

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