



THE HILLTONE

Final Plans for the 2020 Worthy Projects Initiative By Jacques & Maureen Lebel, Co-Chairs

In light of the current pandemic and its concomitant health and financial difficulties in the Trenton community, the Worthy Projects Committee recommended offering matching gifts to two human service agencies for 2020. Jeannie Weakliem offered that a contribution to an arts organization is also warranted. It was moved and approved that matching donations of \$250.00 each be offered to: Mercer Street Friends, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, and the Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey.

Mercer Street Friends is a Quaker-affiliated, nonsectarian organization, founded in 1958 and dedicated to addressing poverty by removing educational barriers, providing emotional and social care, and providing food security. Programs include preschool, community schools, adult education, parent and family engagement, and the Food Bank of Mercer. (The Food Bank is the primary source for government and privately donated food targeted for hunger relief in Mercer County. Mercer Street Friends collects and distributes over five tons of donated food a year.)

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) was founded in 1982 to feed Trentonians in need. Due to the current pandemic, TASK has experienced a 90 percent increase in demand for meals served at its main location and 20 satellite sites. The agency also offers programs to encourage self-sufficiency and to increase the quality of life of its patrons. In 2019, for the second year in a row, Charity Navigator (the largest and most utilized evaluators of charities in the US) ranked TASK as one of the top ten New Jersey based charities.

The Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey is Trenton's professional orchestra. 2019-2020 was to mark the orchestra's seventh season, but unfortunately the pandemic forced the postponement and cancellation of the remainder of their season in mid-March. During this hiatus, members of the orchestra have recorded and posted mini-concert videos to the orchestra's Facebook page. Additionally, on a lovely autumn afternoon the wind sections performed a rousing and delightful concert in Cadwalader Park, attended by many Hiltonia neighbors.

The Association will match individual contributions from Hiltonians of up to \$250.00 for each organization. Residents of Hiltonia who would like to participate should make out separate check(s) payable to Mercer Street Friends, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, and/or Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey. The checks should be delivered to Co-Presidents Dennis Wendell and Terri O'Prey (7 Renfrew Avenue) as soon as possible, but no later than December 30, 2020.

Nominating Committee Report By Linda Reid

The nominating committee met and offered a slate of officers for the 2021 year. With no additional nominations from the floor, the slate presented at the November General Association Meeting was:

Jeannie Weakliem - President
 Margaret Mason - 1st VP
 Paulette Ayers - 2nd VP
 Melinda Chance - Recording Secretary
 Bea Scala-Fischler - Corresponding Secretary
 Treasurer - ???

Won't someone consider stepping up to join these folks as treasurer for the upcoming year?? Maybe a new neighbor, or perhaps someone who has not been involved before, or at least someone not involved since some time in the long ago past.

The Hiltonia Association has been active since 1978, and although sometimes we have struggled to get volunteers, we have never in 42 years been without a full slate of officers to lead us.



Co-Presidents' Message

By Dennis Wendell & Terri O'Prey



Time flies even when it seems to stand still, with days and weeks blending together in the ongoing pandemic environment. (A recent office quip aptly describes the current mood: It's like every day is Saturday but it's never the weekend.) Already it's December, with the holiday season in full force in Hiltonia. It was comforting over Thanksgiving weekend to see neighbors working on their outdoor holiday displays of cheer. And we enjoyed participating in the nineteenth annual Communities of Light, spearheaded by Kassia Bukosky and her Girl Scout troop. On December 7 these lights lit up Renfrew and Hilvista. They are a symbol of hope for men, women, and children affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

The holiday season is a time for giving, and we're pleased to announce that the Association has decided to match donations to three worthy projects this year:

1. Mercer Street Friends
2. Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK)
3. Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey

The Association will match resident donations up to \$250 in total for each of the three groups. We hope to make good use of unused 2020 social activity funds to max out our donations, so we encourage everyone to give to one or more of these worthy projects. Here's how to participate: Make out your check to the organization and send or drop it off to Dennis Wendell or Terri O'Prey at 7 Renfrew Avenue. We'll collect all donations and distribute them to the organizations with matching Association checks. Please get all checks to us by December 30. Big thanks to Jacques and Maureen Lebel for their research and careful consideration of recipients this year.

Another signal of time flying is the reality that our tenure as Association co-presidents is drawing to a close. We look forward to welcoming the new slate of officers in January and to remaining involved in Association activities. We hope to see you at that meeting to celebrate our 2021 slate of leaders. It is no small thing to agree to serve in a civic association, and we are grateful to everyone who stepped up to the plate. All signs point to good things, in Hiltonia and beyond, for 2021!

Donna's Little Free Library Ready for Christmas

By Pat Flores, your friendly steward

I anticipated having a special book showing for possible Christmas giving, to round out an extra gift for those with whom you exchange. We have a lot of books that appear brand new, possibly only read once by their owner.

However we had SNOW on Saturday, the day I planned to set up a card table and display the backlog of books. Now I'll be leaving for my son's home in Rhode Island. But when I return I still anticipate activating plan A, that of setting up a card table with many books on display.

Plan B is that I have just filled the LFL (Little Free Library) to its brim, so hope you will be sure to check out the back row as well as those in front. As you can well imagine, circulation has slowed over these winter days, but folks, this is the time when it's prudent to read . . . at the moment there are several books from the Hiltonia Book Club, which I think you will find interesting. So give it a go!

Thanks for your support and continued turn over of quality reading material.



Celebrating **100,000** Little Free Library
Book-Sharing Boxes Worldwide!





Hiltonia Book Club, a Double Hitter By Terri O’Prey

Although options for activities remained restricted this fall, Hiltonia readers continued turning pages and gathering on Zoom to talk about books. Read on to see what’s been happening.

Where’d You Go, Bernadette? Author, Maria Semple

The publisher’s description was appealing:



Bernadette Fox is notorious. To her Microsoft-guru husband, she's a fearlessly opinionated partner; to fellow private-school mothers in Seattle, she's a disgrace; to design mavens, she's a revolutionary architect; and to 15-year-old Bee, she is her best friend and, simply, Mom. Then Bernadette vanishes. It all began when Bee aced her report card and claimed her promised reward: a family trip to Antarctica. But Bernadette's intensifying allergy to Seattle—and people in general—has made her so agoraphobic that a virtual assistant in India now runs her most basic errands. A trip to the end of the earth is problematic. To find her mother, Bee compiles email messages, official documents, and secret correspondence—creating a compulsively readable and surprisingly touching novel about misplaced genius and a mother and daughter's role in an absurd world.

Maybe it was just bad timing for reading about a self-absorbed main character, because even the wacky plot and frequent humor couldn’t save this book from overall negative reactions. Many readers were put off by Bernadette’s cruel actions, and we speculated that she was mentally ill and wondered whether her family could have provided better support. Even the somewhat uplifting conclusion left us wondering what would become of Bernadette and her family. On the Zoom front, we made use of the captioning function to help keep the discussion clear for all, which helped make the gathering a success.

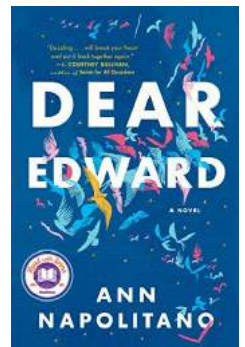
Interested in joining us? Contact Maris at maris.w@comcast.net.

Dear Edward, Author, Ann Napolitano

We chose this book after seeing it described as “dazzling” and a read that “will break your heart and put it back together again.”

From the publisher:

One summer morning, twelve-year-old Edward Adler, his beloved older brother, his parents, and 183 other passengers board a flight in Newark headed for Los Angeles. Among them are a Wall Street wunderkind, a young woman coming to terms with an unexpected pregnancy, an injured veteran returning from Afghanistan, a business tycoon, and a free-spirited woman running away from her controlling husband. Halfway across the country, the plane crashes. Edward is the sole survivor. Edward’s story captures the attention of the nation, but he struggles to find a place in a world without his family. He continues to feel that a part of himself has been left in the sky, forever tied to the plane and all of his fellow passengers. But then he makes an unexpected discovery—one that will lead him to the answers of some of life’s most profound questions: When you’ve lost everything, how do you find the strength to put one foot in front of the other? How do you learn to feel safe again? How do you find meaning in your life?



During our Zoom meeting we grappled with those questions and more. Topics ranged from grief, ethics, love, regret, and even nostalgia for travel. And while we spoke of the golden future when we’d gather again in person and talk books over a shared meal we eagerly set up our next virtual meeting: February 21, 3:00 PM, via Zoom. Interested in joining the fun? Please contact Maris Williams (maris.w@comcast.net).

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** (when we resume delivery of the newsletter), but we will need your name and address to compile a list of print recipients. Thanks!



Comings, Goings, and Staying Put

By Georgia Wallar

We all think Hiltonia is a great neighborhood. Some people think it's such a fantastic place to live that when their circumstances change, they move from one house to another that either meets their needs, or they just like better.

Glenn and Sue Palmer lived at 205 Renfrew but when the house next door became available, they moved to 207. Even though they no longer live here, we considered them alumni because they have attended Flamingo, Garden, and Holiday parties.

Jackie and Gene Kutch lived at 6 Kensington and decided they needed a larger house so they

moved to 123 Renfrew. Careers forced a move closer to work.

Bobbie and Chuck Shelingoski lived at 108 Buckingham, left the neighborhood for several years and returned to 107 Kensington Ave. But they left us again and moved south.

Maureen and Jacques Lebel lived at 205 Buckingham, moved away for several years, and we welcomed them back to Cornwall Ave.

Donald Brokate and Anthony Rabara moved into 7 Cornwall, but when they adopted children, they spread out in another house on Cornwall Ave.

Myrna Silverstein Kushner grew up at 103 Buckingham. After her marriage to Levi, they settled into another house on Buckingham, which Myrna still owns.

Another Hiltonia child was Pat Moss, who spent her childhood at 108 Buckingham. Many years later, when she married Karl Garfing, they moved to a house on Cornwall.

Tim Lucey lived at 1523 Stuyvesant Avenue as a child but left the neighborhood as an adult. He returned in the late 80s for a couple of years to live at 2A Buckingham.

And last, several years ago I talked to a gentleman who said his first house was 38 Hilvista Blvd. He was transferred elsewhere, but when he was called back, he bought the house at 17 Cadwalader Dr. He was preparing to move again when I met him but said "If I come back, I'll buy another house in Hiltonia." Could we ask for any higher recommendations?

It's (Almost) Girl Scout Cookie Time!

By Kassia Bukosky

Your favorite Hiltonia Girl Scouts, Samantha and Kat from Troop 70641, will be taking orders and providing contactless delivery with payment via cash, credit card or Venmo in mid-January 2021.

All of your favorites, plus a new addition, are back! This year's lineup includes Thin Mints, Shortbreads, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Lemonades, S'mores, Peanut Butter Patties, and our newest cookie, the Toast-Yay!, a sandwich cookie full of French toast flavor. Also back this year is the gluten-free Caramel Chocolate Chip.

Due to the pandemic, you probably won't be seeing any cookie booths outside of stores this year, so you don't want to miss out. Not only is the annual cookie sale the largest girl-lead business, it's also our primary money earning opportunity. Cookies support service projects, trips, and activities, and all girls in the troop share in our profits.

If you are starting 2021 with a resolution to lose the "Quarantine 15," or are one of the rare people who doesn't like cookies, or just want to support the troop, we will once again be accepting donations in any amount to ship to our military serving overseas. Troop 70641 has sent cookies all over the world including Turkey, Afghanistan, South Korea, and an aircraft carrier in the Indian Ocean.

Look for an email in January to enjoy these tasty treats from the comfort of your home and support your local Girl Scouts.





Reclaiming Cadwalader Park

By Becky Taylor

Before COVID's impact on Trenton and Mercer County hit its recent highpoint, dozens of Cadwalader Park enthusiasts twice joined with Randy Baum, the head of the Cadwalader Park Alliance, to continue park restoration efforts. They included Hiltonia residents, Trenton Central High School's Volunteer Club student members and their advisor, and other friends of the park.

The first effort, in early October, focused on the deer paddock area off Cadwalader Drive. Hearty young and not so young park enthusiasts dug a trench from the dilapidated paddock building to the brook that runs parallel to the road. As Randy advised all participants, the morning's assignment was to divert water from a natural spring that had kept the paddock wet and all but unwalkable for much of the year.

Joining the group was Alex Rivera, representative of the Mercer County Park Commission, who assisted Randy in guiding the restoration project.

Since that day's work, the trench seems to be working well. The paddock is still wet when it rains but it is certainly walkable as runoff flows down the trench to the brook.

The second, and as it turned out last cleanup of the year, took place in late October. More park friends, including Volunteer Club students, joined Hiltonia neighbors and Baum at the nearby double ponds also along Cadwalader Drive. They snipped, weed-whacked and mowed around the ponds as well as reclaimed some paths that were previously cleared. Hiltonia's Michael Fischler directed efforts to reclaim the "steppes," the stone walls that define the pond area.

Then some of the guys, including Hiltonia folks and Jordan Antebi, the young Cadwalader Park history buff who spoke to the Hiltonia Association in March, got really aggressive. Armed with chain saws, they peeled away nastily overgrown trees and bushes that hid more of the steppes. A lovely landscape emerged. Randy advised all not to drag the tree limbs and weeds to the street, an effort which would have added many more hours to the day's efforts. Instead, he pledged to ask for city help in carting it all away.

Soon thereafter, city workers did us one better. Without fanfare, they recovered much more of the beautiful park along Cadwalader Drive, leaving that section of the park in better shape than it has probably been in for years.

While the debris we left behind still hasn't been carted away, we understand there's a lot to do in the city and that pickup can happen anytime over the winter.

In the meantime, we're talking about a cleanup sometime next spring or summer when we hope the much-anticipated COVID vaccination efforts make it safe for us to emerge from our virtual lockdown.

Thanks to the following Hiltonia residents who turned out for one or both cleanups: Lily Knezevich, Dan Brenna, John Patterson, Adam Cruz, Jacques and Maureen Lebel, Lori Emmerson, and Matt Reilly. Michael Yaris, teacher and advisor for the Volunteer Club at TCHS, led a team of students whose efforts were hugely helpful. It's worth noting that Mr. Yaris has accompanied students to several cleanups. A neighbor from Cadwalader Heights also pitched in! Forgive me if I've overlooked neighbors who helped out.





Communities of Light

By Kassia Bukosky

At dusk on Monday, December 7, Senior Girl Scout Troop 70641 filled and lit nearly 100 luminaries along Hilvista Boulevard near the "Welcome to Hiltonia" sign. The luminaries supported Womanspace's 19th Annual Communities of Light to bring attention and shine a light on domestic violence and sexual assault. The night was clear and cold with perfect conditions to allow the lights to burn until nearly 11 PM.



Thanks to the generous donations of our neighbors, several families in Hiltonia lit their own luminaries in front of their homes and donated additional kits for the Girl Scouts to light.

Two members of the troop and their leader are longtime Hiltonia residents and have participated in other Hiltonia events, like Cadwalader Park cleanups. Due to the pandemic and meeting restrictions, the troop has been gathering outdoors when the weather allows and this event was a great opportunity for service as well as socializing (with masks, of course) since most of them are attending school online. The troop of 8 active girls, from Trenton, Ewing, and Hamilton, are in 9th and 10th

grades and several have been together in the troop since they were kindergarten Daisies.

The troop is currently making cards to brighten the holidays for local senior citizens. Past service projects include their annual cookie donations to the military, food drives to benefit Mercer Street Friends, Easter eggs for Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, assisting with Homefront's fall festival, local park and stream cleanups, and leading the Pledge of Allegiance for the League of Women Voters.



Womanspace, Inc., is a leading nonprofit agency in Mercer County, which provides a comprehensive array of services to individuals and families impacted by domestic and sexual violence and dedicated to improving the quality of life for adults and their families. Programs include crisis intervention, emergency shelter, counseling, court advocacy, and housing services.

Membership Information

Dues are payable for 2021. The annual rate is **\$15.00 per adult**. If you are not sure of your membership status, please contact our Membership Chairperson, Dr. Donnie Johnson, at DRJOHNSON821@GMAIL.COM (609-943-2895). A membership form can be downloaded at <http://hiltoniaassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2019/09/2020.Membership.pdf>. Mailing and drop off information is on the form.

Calendar of Events

Trenton Council of Civic Associations (TCCA) meeting, 7 PM, Thomas Edison State College, 111 West State Street (2nd Thursday of every month): **January 14th, February 11th, and March 11th.**

Citizens Police Advisory Council (CPAC), 4th Thursday of every month from 6-7 PM at the Hermitage Police Substation (Hermitage & Artisan Aves.): **January 28th, February 25th, and March 25th via Zoom.**

City Council Conference Sessions: **January 5th & January 19th, February 2nd & February 16th, March 2nd & 16th.**

City Council Public Meetings: City Hall; 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM; 5:30 PM. Held virtually until further notice: **January 5th & January 19th, February 4th & February 18th, March 4th & March 18th.**

- **The public will be able to participate by [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#) +1 609-453-2732, Conference ID: 241 304 181#**
- **Members of the public are asked to MUTE their phones or microphones so as to not disturb the proceedings. Members of the public will be able to comment at the specified time during the meeting.**

January 12th: Tuesday, General Association Meeting, 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

To access the links in this newsletter go to our Association website. You can download this newsletter at:

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



Dear Neighbors,

After six-and-a-half years, Brennan and I are moving from our lovely Hiltonia home so we can be closer to our new church building that was given to our congregation this summer.



I wanted to thank each of you for making Hiltonia what it is —a welcoming and tight-knit community. Before moving to Hiltonia, I barely knew a neighbor. Not so now! This place is certainly something special, and we are so grateful for the time God blessed us with at 205 Kensington Avenue. It's truly been a joy to get to know you and participate in community events. We've relished welcoming hundreds of trick-or-treaters and hosting National Night Out. Our children have enjoyed the wildlife and the creek in Cadwalader Park, and I personally have enjoyed the ability to walk safely in our community during the Covid shutdowns.

We are sad to leave and will recall fondly our time living in our home, a home owned by a Hilton himself! God bless and keep in touch.

Kathleen Coughlin

FYI. . . .

- City Council meetings are videotaped and shown on YouTube. For a clickable site to check out their archives for 2018 through 2020 go to: <http://www.collaborationtrenton.com/TrentonNJCouncil/>
- June Guerrero is our "Welcome Wagon" greeter. If you have a new neighbor who has bought or rented a home in Hiltonia (within the last year), would you please share their contact information with us so we can meet and greet them? hiltonia.association.president@gmail.com
- You can be notified in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts via the City's Emergency Broadcast System. Go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/6211EDDC238F> and fill out the form. It's that easy.



....to all the neighbors who provided content for this issue !!
....and to our **EXTREMELY AWESOME** proofreader, Terri O'Prey!

2020 Hiltonia Association Officers

Co-Presidents: Dennis Wendell & Terri O'Prey, 7 Renfrew Ave. (732-996-6370; 732-996-6369)

1st Vice President: Jeannie Weakliem, 12 Hilvista Blvd. (609-577-7148)

2nd Vice President: Ali Wilson, 111 Kensington Ave. (609-331-5122)

Treasurer: Barry Giordano, 123 Renfrew Ave. (609-575-8705)

Recording Secretary: Melinda Chance, 7 Cadwalader Dr. (609-393-2715)

Corresponding Secretary: Michael Nalbhone, 10 Buckingham Ave. (609-468-2436)

Immediate Past-President: Lily Knezevich, 207 Renfrew Ave. (215-534-7739)

2020 Chairpersons

Adult's Social: Lori Emmerson, 8 Kensington Ave. (908-256-4816)

Children's Social: Kathleen Coughlin, 205 Kensington Ave. (856-397-3799)

Civic Committee: Paulette Ayres, 8 Renfrew Ave. (609-695-4656), and Jeannie Weakliem, 12 Hilvista Blvd. (609-577-7148)

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Welcome Wagon: June Guerrero, 201 Buckingham Ave. (732-673-0374)

Worthy Projects: Maureen & Jacques Lebel, 25 Cornwall Ave. (609-218-5124)



Author Ann Napolitano included this recipe in her reader's guide for *Dear Edward*.

VEGAN CALIFORNIA NACHOS

From *Chloe Flavor* by Chloe Coscarelli

SERVES 6

Ingredients:

- 1 large bag tortilla chips
- 1 (15-ounce) can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 ounces ground seitan
- 1 tablespoon taco seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon chipotle powder
- Sea salt
- 1 avocado, diced
- 2 teaspoons lime juice



- Cashew Queso (see below)
- Optional Toppings
- 1/2 cup fresh tomato salsa
- Lime Sour Cream (as seen in the *Chloe Flavor* cookbook)
- Finely chopped red cabbage
- Thinly sliced jalapeño
- Chopped fresh cilantro
- Pickled Red Onion (as seen in the *Chloe Flavor* cookbook)

For the Cashew Queso (makes 2 1/2 cups)

- 1 cup water

- 1 cup raw cashews
- 2 tablespoons nutritional yeast flakes
- 4 ounces canned tomato sauce (about 1/3 cup)
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 teaspoons agave nectar

In a blender, combine all the ingredients and blend until smooth. Transfer to a small saucepan and stir over medium-low heat for about 5 minutes, until warmed through and thickened.

For the California Nachos

Preheat the oven to 425°F. Pile the chips into a 9 x 13-inch baking dish. Add the black beans. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes, until the beans are warmed through. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. When it shimmers, add the seitan, taco seasoning, smoked paprika, and chipotle powder and cook for about 5 minutes, until the seitan is heated through. Add water as needed if the skillet seems dry. Season with salt. Remove the skillet from the heat. In a small bowl, mash together the avocado and lime juice. Season with salt. Remove the baking dish from the oven and add the Cashew Queso. Scatter over the seitan. Top off the nachos with the mashed avocado and any additional toppings you desire.

Michael Nalbene shared this food delivery service with us. Several of our neighbors have utilized the service. It's definitely worth checking out!

North East Restaurant Direct delivers fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy, and other items directly to your house. They are a restaurant supply company, but since the pandemic they expanded to include deliveries to people's homes. It's a very easy process. You place your order on their website <https://nerestaurantdirect.com> and then it's delivered to your door two days later. The only requirement is that you need a \$25 minimum order and shipping is free.

Below are the categories of items that can be ordered.

Produce

- Asian Specialty Vegetable
- Tropical
- Celery/Carrot/Root Veg
- Fruit
- Herbs & Garlic
- Lettuce & Greens

- Mushrooms
- Onions & Potatoes
- Pepper
- Tomato
- Vegetable
- Baking Supplies
- Beverage
 - Coffee & Tea
 - Soda
 - Water Still & Sparkling
- Canned Goods
- Cheese
- Condiments
- Dairy / Eggs
- Fresh Meat
- International Breads
- Oil & Vinegar
- Paper Products & Cleaners
- Pasta
- Protein/Cured Meat
- Rice & Dried Beans
- Snack Foods



Shrimp and Cheese Grits (from Bon Appetit)

Michael Nalbhone contributed this yummy recipe that is a family favorite - the kids even love it! It's perfect for a cold night. Some of the ingredients you can get from Amazon to save yourself a trip to a specialty grocery store.

He also thought wouldn't be nice if people could share their recipes on a more regular basis. So if you are looking for new creative recipes to jazz things up, please feel free to submit them to us for inclusion in *The Hilltone*.



That's not our plate - It's from the bon appetit website, but it does look like that :-)

Ingredients:

Kosher Salt

1 Cup medium-grind grits- Here's the link for grits on Amazon- (https://www.amazon.com/Charleston-Favorites-Stone-Ground-Grits/dp/B007HROINE/ref=sr_1_22?dchild=1&keywords=grits&qid=1607273917&sr=8-22)

1 cup pimento cheese (shredded cheddar or colby jack works just fine too)

4 teaspoons sambal oelek (divided) Here's the link to Amazon for this ingredient (https://www.amazon.com/s?k=sambal+oelek&ref=nb_sb_noss_2)

1 tablespoon olive oil

4 ounces thick-cut bacon, cut crosswise into 1/4 inch strips.

1 pound large shrimp (about 20) peeled, deveined (frozen shrimp that comes already deveined works great for this).

1/3 cup parsley leaves

2 teaspoons fresh lime juice

Bring 2 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp pepper and 4 3/4 cup water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Whisk in grits. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and cook, whisking occasionally, until grits are thick, tender, and creamy, 10-12 minutes.

Increase heat to medium, stir in cheese and 2 tsp. sambal oelek, and cook, stirring, until cheese is melted and mixture is smooth, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper; cover and remove from heat.

Meanwhile heat oil in a medium skillet over high-heat. Cook bacon, stirring occasionally, until crispy and golden brown, about 5 minutes. Transfer to paper towels. Do not eat all the bacon :-)

Increase heat to high and cook half the shrimp in the same skillet until lightly browned and just cooked through, about 1 minute per side. Transfer to medium bowl; repeat with remaining shrimp. Cut shrimp into 1/2 pieces; discard tails. Return shrimp to the same bowl, add parsley, lime juice, bacon, and remaining 2 tsp of sambal oelek; toss to combine. season with salt and pepper.

Divide grits among bowls and top with shrimp mixture.

Feel free to be flexible with the recipe - if you need more servings you can increase the grits recipe or if you like cheese you could add more cheese and for more spice you could add more sambal oelek.

Neighbors' Ads

Rana Awarded Certificate of Notary Public

Rana R. Tewari, a realtor and neighbor at 108 Renfrew Avenue, has been duly commissioned as a Notary Public of the State of NJ. Accordingly, fellow Hiltonians are welcome to avail the Notary Service by making an appointment by calling 609-213-9197 any day of the week .


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