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Exploring a Little Farther Afield

By Pat Rodeawald

For the last Hilltone, I wrote about the local gems that helped us get through the pandemic. Jim and I also traveled a little farther afield for fresh air and exercise during the pandemic winter and found some really lovely walks and hikes. They should be even more enjoyable now with the nicer weather.

To get started, we bought a pamphlet called "Walk the Trails in and Around Princeton" from the Princeton University Press. The trails in the book can be found at the Stony Brook Watershed site at <u>https://thewatershed.org/trails/</u> or at <u>www.njtrails.org</u>.

Among the easy walks we enjoyed was in Mercer Meadows, which takes you to the Pole Farm Historical Exhibit, an interesting look at how the area served as a major telecommunications center. From 1929 – 1975, the Pole Farm District and much of the Farm History District belonged to AT&T and was the site of a large shortwave radio station used for international communications. During this period, arrays of radio antennas were distributed throughout the Pole Farm, each configured to communicate with cities worldwide. Mercer County acquired the property from AT&T in 1998. A single antenna still stands at the Reed/Bryan Farm entrance. Several areas of historical interpretation exist throughout the district and make for an educational walk.

A little more challenging hike is Woosamonsa Ridge Preserve. No history here, just lots of natural beauty and a slight upgrade on one of the trails to help get the heart going.

Across the river, we enjoyed several walks in Tyler Park in Newtown, PA. With 25 miles of trails, most of them paved, this was a good resource for the icy and snowy days when we were thankful for cleared paths. It's very popular, so better to visit during the week if possible.

The Abbot Marshlands is another wonderful local resource. We didn't take enough advantage of these trails, but many of our neighbors did. Check out <u>https://abbottmarshlands.org/</u> for information on the many potential hikes which are full of flora and fauna. They also offer guided hikes and other events.

Even as we get vaccinated, go maskless, and start to travel more, I plan to continue to take advantage of these natural gems in the greater Trenton area.

Hiltonia Book Club: American Spy

By Terri O'Prey

Hiltonia readers met on Zoom in April to chat about Lauren Wilkinson's debut novel, *American Spy*. This choice was a new direction for us: a spy tale. The publisher's tagline was intriguing: *What if your sense of duty required you to betray the man you love?* Spy novels aren't my usual cup of tea, but I did find the historical aspects of the plot very interesting (inspired by true events surrounding U.S. government involvement in undermining Thomas Sankara, known as "Africa's Che Guevara"). The book unfolds over different eras and locations and, much like *Disappearing Earth*, afforded the opportunity to learn more about the world near and far. While it didn't seem as though anyone in the group would call this their favorite recent read, it was clear that we all took something from Wilkinson's book. Many readers were left wanting to know more. What really happened to Marie's sister, and will the mission Marie embarks on at the end of the book be successful?



After a year of Zoom meetings, we're looking forward to meeting in person in the fresh air of Kathi's porch in June. We'll be discussing our thoughts on Nina George's *The Little Paris Bookshop*. Interested in joining the fun? Contact Maris Williams (maris.w@comcast.net).



President's Message

By Jeannie Weakliem

Hi All,

Just a few announcements for this issue:

1. Candace Brearley and Jon Saul have

graciously offered their home for our returning annual garden party. We will gather outdoors at their home (128 Buckingham on the corner of Buckingham and Glenwood) on Saturday, July 10th at 6:00 PM. The Association will provide the alcoholic beverages etc. and the Executive Committee provides the desserts. All other guests are asked to being an entree or appetizer.

2. I will announce shortly the dates for our next Executive Committee meeting, and General Membership meeting. During the pandemic, and following it, many concerns have arisen within the neighborhood. Collectively we will discuss how to address them all.

Membership Information

Welcome to the neighborhood new residents! We are excited that you have decided to make Hiltonia your home. We are a very close community that is active civically and socially.

Please complete the application included in this newsletter (see page **7**) and submit it with your payment: \$15.00 per person and \$30.00 per family, per year, to join the Hiltonia Association for 2021!

Current residents please renew your Hiltonia Association membership and pay your dues! We need you!

PS. A membership form can be downloaded at <u>https://hiltoniaassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/</u>5/2021/01/2021.Membership.pdf



Doggie Directory By Kathi Eckert

If you are a member of our Google Board discussion group, then you are aware of the frequent occurrences of lost and roaming pets in our neighborhood. These have included mostly dogs and cats, but in all cases, they are much loved pets.



To assist in finding their owners, it was suggested by a neighbor who has actively assisted in rehoming these loose pets, to create a "Doggie Directory" to post on our Hiltonia website.

We would maintain a pictorial catalogue of the pets in the neighborhood as a reference for when one of the little critters gets loose. You can provide as much information as you like, but at minimum we request at least one photo, and your name and email information. If you then find a lost pooch or kitty in your yard, you can check out the website to see if the pet is listed, and contact the owner directly.

So, if you would like to participate in this endeavor, please provide the following information to "**thehilltone@gmail.com**". I will build the directory as photos and information are received.

Starred ** items are required.

- ** Pet's Name: _____
- ** Your Email _____
- ** Pet Description _____
- ** Pet Issues to be aware of _____
- Opt. Your Address _____

Opt. Your Phone #

****** Pet Photo. (You may send multiple photos. I will include as many as I have room for.)

All submissions should be emailed to me at <u>"thehilltone@gmail.com</u>".



The American Rescue Plan was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The \$1.9 trillion dollar plan offers assistance to millions of Americans and assistance to communities struggling to retain normalcy during the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of Trenton will receive \$73.8 million over the next two years.

Current regulations include support for public health expenditures, addressing negative economic impacts related to COVID-19, replacing lost public sector revenue, providing premium pay for essential workers, and investing in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

In order to help evaluate Administration, City Council, and community project ideas, the City organized the Trenton American Rescue Plan Advisory Committee.

Share your ideas on how this money can be spent recovering from COVID-19. It's easy: go to <u>www.talktrenton.org</u>, click on the "Join the Conversation" button, register to create your log-in account, and share your thoughts on how this money should be spent in Trenton. There are lots of ideas already submitted; you may agree with them, and add new ideas to the group. Use your voice!



Reclaiming Cadwalader Park

By Becky Taylor

Students from Trenton Central High School's Volunteer Club and their advisor, Michael Yaris, outnumbered Hiltonia residents and other park friends, 14 to nine, at last Saturday's clean-up at Cadwalader Park, and a good, and productive, time was had by all, as they say.

The two-hour clean-up session was the first such gathering since a Covid lull last fall. It was the seventh park restoration effort since the Hiltonia-led group began in 2019 restoring stone dust paths, picking up fallen tree limbs and other debris, and generally sprucing up the park.

Current Hiltonia Association President Jeannie Weakliem and past co-president Dennis Wendell were among the residents who lovingly helped restore the park along the double ponds off Cadwalader Drive. Randy Baum from the Cadwalader Park Alliance provided guidance on priority activities, and he was joined by park enthusiast Jordan Antebi from nearby Pennington.

Getting outside on a beautiful day, to do some community service, together with new and old friends, sparked ideas from some about what else "people power" might achieve for the park. More to come soon.

Please consider joining us next time!



Email Distribution & Opting-Out of the Printed Newsletter

We are always trying to improve communication within the neighborhood, so we have created an Association email distribution list. If you are currently not receiving any neighborhood news via email, and you would like to, please send your email to Jeannie at <u>hiltonia.association.president@gmail.com</u> and you will be added to the list. Our president 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* when we resume the printed format of our newsletter. Please send a note from your preferred email to <u>TheHilltone@gmail.com</u> with your name, address, and phone number 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!



From the Archives

By Terri O'Prey

For me, one of the biggest surprises about Hiltonia was the abundance of deer roaming the neighborhood in confident, all-business herds with a taste for gardens large and small. I'd seen deer up close before, of course, but never such calm and collected deer who barely batted an eye at me or my dog as they ambled along the sidewalk or nibbled at my newly filled containers. Sometimes I wonder if Hiltonia deer are so bold and possessive of the area because they are descendants of Cadwalader Park paddock deer. Reading long-time resident Melinda Chance's article from summer 2003 gave me new insights into the former purpose of the now-dilapidated park barns along Cadwalader. Enjoy!

En"deer"ing Menagerie Delights Park Visitors By Melinda Chance

The deer paddock is one of Cadwalader Park's most popular features. The 4.6-acre parcel of land is home to deer, chickens, roosters, rabbits, and domestic and Canadian geese.

The paddock was established in March of 1985 to accommodate deer that had been presented to the park commission. The paddock currently has forty-one European fallow deer. Their main diet consists of a feed mixture called scratch, a mixture of cracked corn, soybean oil, and other assorted grains. Does, pregnant for nine months from October to June, usually give birth to one fawn weighing between 10–12 pounds. As in the wild, the mother typically keeps a distance from her newborn to avoid drawing the attention of any nearby predators.

Bucks lose their antlers sometime between April and May. As new antlers grow, they develop "felt," a soft covering. Over time this becomes itchy, causing deer to rub their antlers on trees or wooden posts to remove the felt. Bucks spend much of the fall season "rutting"—another term for mating. When the population gets too large, the herd is thinned by removing a portion of the deer to a preserve in New York State.



The paddock is also home to approximately 35 domestic geese and frequent visiting neighbors from the north, Canadian geese. Each mother goose may lay between 18–20 eggs from the beginning of spring through summer. Chickens were introduced to the paddock after Trenton Animal Control found one illegal chicken living in the city. That one chicken has grown to quite a few!

Myron Korinok, senior park maintenance worker and animal caretaker, works for the Trenton City Department of Natural Resources. Myron has lovingly cared for the park animals over the past ten years. His favorite story occurred about four years ago when a 1½-month-old deer made friends with a rabbit. This strange pair played together and even rested side by side. Since Myron has been taking care of the animals, he has seen great blue herons (a regular summer visitor), white egrets, red-tailed hawks, large turtles, and snakes. The paddock area was even home at one time to a horse and a pot-bellied pig.

Hiltonia residents may recall the recent addition of four

turkeys. The turkeys quickly became a very popular attraction as they followed children outside the fence with their distinctive gobbling quartet. The turkeys also befriended Myron Korinok and could usually be found by his side. Unfortunately, one turkey became ill and died. The three remaining turkeys became ill-tempered and began pecking and jumping on Myron. They are reported to be doing fine on a farm in upstate Pennsylvania.



Veterinarian Dr. Markwary visits on Fridays to assess the health of the animals and to provide necessary medical care.

The two barns in the paddock area were built in 1913. Feed is stored in the large barn, and the smaller structure, equipped with straw for warmth and bedding, provides shelter. It also houses a boat for pond emergencies. A few weeks ago, the boat was used to rescue a neighborhood dog stranded on the island in the upper pond.

The paddock animals provide joy to children of all ages. The future of the deer paddock appears bright. When preparing the master plan for Cadwalader Park, consultants found public sentiment running very high for keeping the deer in Cadwalader Park. The March 2000 Master Plan for Cadwalader Park proposes that the animal barn be rehabilitated as an environmental education center. The proposal would allow visitors greater visibility to the paddock through a landscaped fence.

Many thanks to Myron Korinok, pictured above, for graciously providing information for this article. The March 2000 Master Plan also served as a resource.



This 'n That . . .

- We will be in need of speakers for our general meetings once we resume meeting in person. If you have any suggestions, if there is someone from whom you want to hear, please contact Jeannie to suggest someone.
- City Council meetings are now virtual. See the "Calendar of Events" section on page 6 for details.
- Linda Reid is our new "Welcome Wagon" greeter. If you have new neighbors who have bought or rented a home in Hiltonia (within the last year), would you please share their contact information with Linda so she can meet and greet them? Her email is: <u>grnlinda@gmail.com</u>.
- The Hiltonia Association's website is: <u>www.hiltoniaassociation.org</u>; we have an Association calendar of events on the website. You can also install a Google app for the calendar on your phone. Our newsletters are archived there.
- The City has a centralized system for residents to report serious issues: it's the GovAlert app, and it is a genuine 311 system. The app is available on the trentonnj.org website. It can be used to send your concerns to the City. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your concern and you should receive an email when your concern has been resolved. Whether you are seeing suspicious vehicles, drug deals, violations of zoning ordinances, disrepair to roads, potholes, or ATVs, we now have a single, central contact to get our issues funneled to the appropriate City department.
- Just a reminder to keep our neighborhood streets clear on Wednesdays to ensure that the street sweeper can do a thorough job of cleaning our streets.
- If you hire a lawn service, please make sure your service knows it's responsible for hauling away any leaves or debris collected outside of City pickup dates. Otherwise, you, as the resident, are responsible for bagging it all or transferring it to your trash cans. It CANNOT be left loose in the gutters before the defined collection dates.
- Thanks to the MANY households who have opted out of the printed version of The Hilltone!!!! Anyone else????



....to Pat Rodeawald, Pat Flores, Becky Taylor, and Terri O'Prey, who provided content for this issue! We were able to provide a larger issue since we were solely digital. We hope to go back to the printed format with the September issue.

....and to our **EXTREMELY AWESOME** proofreaders, Terri O'Prey and Margaret Mason.

To access the links in this newsletter go to our Association website.

You can download this newsletter at: <u>https://</u> <u>hiltoniaassociation.org/the-hilltones-1998-thru-present/</u>

2021 Hiltonia Association Officers

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

1st Vice President: Margaret Mason, 3 Cadwalader Drive (609-656-0203)

2nd Vice President: Paulette Ayres, 8 Renfrew Avenue (609-695-4656)

Treasurer: June Guerrero, 201 Buckingham Avenue, (732-673-0374)

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

Corresponding Secretary: Bea Scala-Fischler, 127 Cadwalader Drive (609-599-9520)

Immediate Past Co-Presidents: Dennis Wendell & Terri O'Prey, 7

Renfrew Avenue (732-996-6370; 732-996-6369)

2021 Chairpersons

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

Children's Social: VACANCY

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

Communications: Kathi Eckert, 40 Glenwood Ave. (609-731-1705)

Hospitality: Georgia Wallar, 2 Buckingham Ave. (609-695-8711)

Membership: Dr. Donnie R. Johnson, 1502 Stuyvesant Ave. (609-943-2895)

Park Projects: Becky Taylor, 123 Cadwalader Dr. (609-240-6886)

Porchfest: Jeannie Weakliem, 12 Hilvista Blvd. (609-577-7148)

Publicity Committee: Linda Reid, 212 Renfrew Ave. (609-394-2314)

Welcome Wagon: Linda Reid, 212 Renfrew Ave. (609-394-2314)

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



In keeping with the Flamingo sightings, Donna's Little Free Library carried out the theme to draw attention to our many books. As always, you are encouraged to stop by. Corner of Renfrew and Glenwood. See you there!....Pat Flores



First Friday Flamingo Photos

On June 4 the Hiltonia Association resumed our First Friday Flamingo Socials, and neighbors turned out exuberantly to greet and eat! There were smiles as big as the great outdoors all around. There was no shortage of beverages! Vino rojo, vino blanco, cerveza y mas! To those of you who missed out, be sure to engage on July 2 when First Friday rolls around again. We are all in gratitude to Lori and Mark for opening their doors. Thank you for a fabulous evening!















Text and photos are courtesy of Pat Flores!



Trenton Council of Civic Associations (TCCA) meeting, 7 PM, Thomas Edison State College, 111 West State Street (2nd Thursday of every month).

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

In response to COVID-19 and the need for social distancing, until further notice, the Trenton City Council will be conducting all previously scheduled meetings using an online platform in accordance with NJSA 10:4-6 et seq. and guidelines issued by the Division of Local Government Services.

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.

- 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 <u>MUTE</u> 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.

General Association Meeting, 7:00 PM. TBA







Whether you are new to Hiltonia, or have spent your entire life here,	2021	THE HILTONIA ASSOCIATION P.O. Box 7315		
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Membership Dues are \$15.00 Dues are used to fund neighborhood events such National Night Out, adult winter and garden parties throughout the year. The Association is also a pro Dues run from January through December. If ye form.	as the children's Easter s, and various social and ud supporter of various l	ousehold and Halloween parties, d community events ocal charities.		
2021 Hiltonia Association Membership Form				
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Phone 1	Phone 2			
Email 1	Email 2			
[] Please add me to the president's email distribution list (no 'reply all'—no discussions—just info.)				
 Please add me to the moderated email group for informational announcements (<u>hiltoniaassociation@googlegroups.com</u>) 				
[] Please add me to the open email group (dialogue- group@googlegroup		eral discussions among neighbors		
Interested in Volunteering?				
 Please check the box if you can assist the Ashelp out on one!! Most events only require a feasibility (help with snacks at meetings) Welcome wagon (greet new neighbors) Hosting a meeting or event (WE SET UP) Membership (help keep list current) 	ew hours of your time. Hiltoni Flyer t Becor Event	Thank you, in advance, for your help! a garden and beautification projects oot patrol (<i>Hilltone</i> distribution) ne an Officer/Executive Board member planning: Children (Easter, Halloween, etc.)		
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Please return this form, along with a check payable to the "Hiltonia Association" (\$15 per adult), to: Treasurer, June Guerrero , 201 Buckingham, or Membership Chair, Dr. Donnie Johnson , at 1502 Stuyvesant.				
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NEIGHBORHOOD ADS

Do you have something to sell, trade, or give away? A service to provide? Email Kathi at TheHilltone@gmail.com if you want to place an ad in the next issue of The Hilltone (free to residents of Hiltonia).

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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FYI. . . .

City Council meetings are videotaped. For a clickable site to check out their archives for 2018 through 2020 go to: http://www.collaborationtrenton.com/ TrentonNJCouncil/



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Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-572-7233 24 hours a day - 7 days a week

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COVID-19 Information 2-1-1 (General Questions) (7A-11P) 1-800-962-1253 (Medical Questions) (24/7)

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<u>City Directory</u>

(from the City's website)

Office of the Mayor 609-989-3030		
Office of the City Clerk	609-989-3187	
Administration	609-989-3807	
Finance	609-989-3034	
Fire & Emergency Service	s 609-989-4038	
Health & Human Services	609-989-3331	
Housing and Economic Development		
	609-989-3504	
Inspections	609-989-3550	
Law	609-989-3011	
Public Works	609-989-3151	
Police Department		
609-989-4055/4170/911		
Recreation, Natural Resources and Culture		
	609-989-3635	
 Robin Vaughn, West Ward Councilwoman, 609-989-3187; rvaughn@trentonnj.org 		

Detective Tamika Veal 609-215-2501

Quick List

Litter, trash, graffiti, and neglected buildings create an atmosphere of neglect and apathy. Every resident who keeps his or her property tidy makes an important contribution to community well-being. The City government is committed to keeping Trenton clean and welcoming.

- Unsecured abandoned buildings invite trouble. Call 609-989-3163 to have City-owned vacant buildings boarded and cleaned of illegally dumped trash.
- To report illegal dumps, unsecured privately owned vacant ٠ properties, or poorly maintained rental properties call 609-989-3563.
- For help getting streets and alleys cleaned call 609-989-3200.
- To learn when trash is picked up in your neighborhood or to ٠ arrange special pickups call 609-989-3175.
- Recycling truck missed your house? Call 609-278-8086 + (English) or 609-278-8083 (Spanish).
- Erase graffiti with a call to Graffiti Blasters at 609-989-3175.
- Have overgrown street trees trimmed by calling the Shade Tree ٠ Bureau at 609-989-3255.
- Report unsanitary conditions in restaurants and pests in public places with a call to 609-989-3280.