



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.

What a crazy spring it has been. Through all the chaos of our closings and quarantines, one thing has been very clear to me: how thankful I am for my neighbors! We live in one of the best areas of one of the best towns – and that's especially clear to me as we navigate all these current events.

Everyone involved with our Civic Association loves our corner of Havertown and works to plan events that reflect the community we serve. You'll learn more about them in this newsletter.

As you may 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 continue to dedicate a few of our meetings to "special topics" – like a workshop and update on our parks (see page 4). Do you 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



Amy and her family

Please Join Our Group – just \$10!

Now more than ever, we are realizing the importance of our neighborhood and our neighbors. Help your civic association keep up our good work – join using the form inside. It's only \$10!

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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facebook.com/groups/HilltopCivic/

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**A New Halloween Event for Hilltop's Kids! (& Parents, Too!)
Share Your Ideas with Us!**

Based on your feedback, we're changing things for our 2020 Halloween event!

We're going to make the event local (within our boundaries) and easy to attend with everything else you have going on in the fall. Costumes, to be sure... Maybe a fair, or a parade? Crafts? Games? We'll see!

We'd like to get feedback - or planning help - from other parents in our area.

If you'd like to help, please contact Amy Clevens via text (484-431-3580) or email clevens5@verizon.net.



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.



**Back-To-School Parents Social
Planned for Fall 2020**

Based on feedback from our members, we think this event will be a big hit!

Back-to-school time is stressful and we want to give parents a fun, easy night out as a break!

Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 17, we're all going to gather at Tip O'Leary's Pub and Restaurant on West Chester Pike.

We'll have some food and games - and lots of fun hanging out and catching up with our neighbors!



**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 Jennifer at 610-446-3082, extension 307, or send an email to her at homebound@haverfordlibrary.org. You can also download an application at haverfordlibrary.org.

**ARE YOU SIGNED UP
FOR EMAIL UPDATES FROM YOUR
TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONER?
IT'S EASY!**

Second Ward:

Email Mario Oliva
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!

Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Celebration Returned in 2019; planned for 2021!

The Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration have returned to Hilltop!

The 2019 event built on the success of previous events, and was again held at Bon Air Fire Company.

The April 7 event was open to all our Civic Association members and their families.

Thanks to Bon Air Fire Company for hosting again this year, and to its members for all their help!

Events included an egg hunt, lunch and snacks, a raffle, and a visit from the Easter Bunny and his fireman friends!

Want to get more involved? Our 2021 event needs a new leader, and we always need volunteers to help before, during and after the event. Please contact Debbie Cipolla at 610-662-6836 or Debbie.Cipolla@icloud.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.



“All will concede that in order to have good neighbors, we must also be good neighbors. That applies in every field of human endeavor.”

Harry S. Truman

Save Money at Swiss Farms and Give Back to Hilltop Civic Association!

Earn 5% back for yourself by paying with the app and they'll give 3% back to Hilltop Civic Association! Sign Up Today!

1. Download the free Swiss Farms app from the Apple Store or Google Play.
2. Put 1111 in the Organization field of the app.
3. Pay with the App to earn 5% reward credit for you and 3% for Hilltop.



2020 HERITAGE FESTIVAL SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

Haverford Township Historical Society is still planning to host the 14th Annual Heritage Festival on June 7, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. along Karakung Drive.

Come and find out about the Beechwood Amusement Park that was in Haverford Township in 1907!!

- Colonial beer brewing demonstration
- Weaving demonstrations in Nitre Hall
- Local music, local craft beers & food vendors
- Fire trucks
- Blacksmithing demos
- Local artists, crafts people and vendors
- Native American artifacts & craft making (including face painting for the kids!)
- Colonial era activities and demonstrations (churning butter, candle dipping, etc.)
- Historical & Civic groups
- Fun for the WHOLE family!



Update on our Parks: Partnership, Work Continues at Richland Park

At our January Civic Association meeting, we were able to get an update and discuss the progress on Richland Park.

Note: Richland Park is the park on West Chester Pike between Rita's and Tip O'Leary's. It's a big part of how people first encounter our area – and has been neglected for some time, which is why our group decided to make it a priority.



We were joined by Brian Barrett (our township's Director of Parks and Recreation) as well as members of his staff and the Recreation Advisory Committee.

The fence and sidewalks have been replaced, and the township is in the process of resurfacing the asphalt, which will be completed as the weather is consistently warmer.

Up next: we will be working with neighbors and the township to figure out what equipment to place in the park.

Do you have some ideas or input on the future of Richland Park? Please send an email to our Association President, Amy Clevens, at clevens5@verizon.net.

Honoring Our Best Gardens and Holiday Lights

Every year, we have a lot of fun with our contests... and 2019 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:

- Brian & Peggy Towell
- Lisa McVeigh

Holiday Lights:

- Paul & Diane Marconi
- Tom & Mary Beth Bishop
- The Cerniglia Family

Didn't win in 2019? Forgot to enter? Make sure you do for 2020! (It's on your membership form.)



2020 Membership Form



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

- ☐ Please add us to the yard sale address list
- ☐ Enter my home in the garden contest
- ☐ 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 |
| Parents Night Out | <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 |
| Holiday Lights Contest judging | <input type="checkbox"/> volunteer judge | |

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

2020 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, 2020. 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.

Hilltop Community Yard Sale Planned for Sept.

Our Civic Association will be coordinating a Hilltop Civic Association Community Yard Sale! If your family is a member of the Civic Association, then we will add your address and highlight your items in our promotions!

We will pick a Saturday in September, and on the day, the yard sale will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and will be promoted on area websites, Facebook, and other channels.

This is a great chance to clear out the clutter, make some extra cash, and partner with your neighbors for a great community event.

If you are interested, just make sure to check the box on your membership form when you send it in! You can always drop off the list later – we will be sending emails to everyone who signs up closer to the date, to confirm your participation.



Hilltop Photo Gallery



Independence Day Parade & Celebration

Once again, our annual Independence Day Parade and Celebration was a highlight of the summer.

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

Our 2020 Celebration Is Set!

Set aside some time on Saturday, July 4 to make sure you can join us for the parade and celebration! The party kicks off at 9:30 a.m. with a celebration and parade from Bon Air Fire Company to Hilltop/Steel Field.

Once there, we have our traditional Veterans recognition ceremony; then we hand out the awards for the best of the best (decorated bikes, wagons, scooters, etc.)

We also have plenty of activities, races, snacks for the kids (and adults!) and a letter station to write to our soldiers abroad.



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 2019 awards – and are proud of all of them.

Congrats to each of our winners, who each received \$100:

- Julia Clevens
- Angela Giangilio
- Victoria Hodgson

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: 2020 Events

all dates tentative; confirm on our website, Facebook, or the site listed

TBD – Spring Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hilltop Little League Field Cleanup Day

www.hilltopleague.com

Sunday, May 17 – 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Haverford Spring Festival – HaverfordSpringFest.com

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

Hilltop Civic Association Board Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

May/June

Hilltop Civic Association Garden Contest Judging

Sunday, June 7 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Haverford Township Historical Society Heritage Day

haverfordhistoricalsociety.org

Saturday, June 27

Haverford Irish Festival

havertownirishfestival.com

Thursday, July 4

Hilltop Civic Assoc. Independence Day Parade & Celebration

Bon Air Fire Co / Hilltop Park / Steel Field

Saturday, August 29

Sensory-Friendly Summer Fun Jam

KellyMusicForLife.org

Saturday, September 12

Haverford Music Festival – haverfordmusicfestival.org

September 17 (tentative)

Hilltop Civic Association Parent Back-to-School Social

Tip O'Leary's

Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Hilltop Civic Board Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

October 3

Haverford Township Day

October 10

HaverTalian Festival

KellyMusicForLife.org

October TBD

Hilltop Civic Association's Halloween Parade & Celebration

Location TBD

November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Hilltop Civic Board Meeting – Bon Air Fire Company

December

Hilltop Civic Association 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 7:00 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: Debbie Cipolla - 610-446-4765
Secretary: TBD
Treasurer: Sean Stickel 610-789-6557
Membership: TBD
Publicity: Kate Stickel - 610-789-6557

Thank You to Our Wonderful Program Leaders:

Education Grant: Amy Clevens - 610-789-2656
Easter Egg Hunt: Help Wanted!
Halloween Event: Amy Clevens - 610-789-2656
Trails in Hilltop: Tina Crognale - 610-446-9349
Garden Contest: Nancy Ryan - 610-853-4423
Independence Day Parade & Events: Tracy Nini - 610-212-5136
Back to School Parents Night Out: Kate Stickel 610-789-6557
Holiday Lights Contest: Debbie Cipolla - 610-446-4765



We're Committed to Keeping Hilltop a Wonderful Place to Live!
Please Support Your Civic Association with
Your \$10 Family Membership!