



# Hilltop Highlights

Spring 2022

## Sharing the news from your neighborhood civic association

### Hilltop Civic Association Comes Out of Our COVID-19 Quarantine

by Amy Clevens, Civic Association President

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; and we're back from quarantine because of YOU.

Everyone involved with our Civic Association loves our corner of the world and works to plan events that reflect the community we serve. You'll learn more about them in this newsletter. During the last two years, we have had the opportunity to refresh a number of our programs to make them better than ever.

As you may know, it all 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.

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do – why not get more involved and see how much fun we have!

- Amy



### Please Join and Support Your Civic Association – just \$15!

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 \$15!

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!



[info@hilltopcivic.org](mailto:info@hilltopcivic.org)



[hilltopcivic.org](http://hilltopcivic.org)



[facebook.com/groups/HilltopCivic/](https://facebook.com/groups/HilltopCivic/)

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## Our (Very Tentative!) 2022 Calendar of Events

May 26	Hilltop Civic Association Meeting – 7 p.m. Bon Air Fire Company (enter at rear)
May & June	Garden Contest Judging
June 5	Haverford Heritage Festival
June 10	Philly Hots coming for Food Truck Friday Hilltop / Stewart Field (Steel Rd)
July 4	Independence Day Celebration
July 22	Twisted Elegance - Food Truck Friday – Hilltop/Stewart Field (Steel Road)
September 15	Back-To-School Parents Social
September 17	Neighborhood Yard Sale
September 22	Hilltop Civic Association Meeting – 7 p.m. Bon Air Fire Company (enter at rear)
October 1-28	Halloween Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt
October TBD	Halloween Event/Parade
November 17	Hilltop Civic Association Meeting – 7 p.m. Bon Air Fire Company (enter at rear)
December	Holiday Lights Judging
December TBD	Holiday event with Bon Air Fire Company
December 1-23	Holiday Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

## 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 2021 awards – and are proud of all of them.

Congrats to our winners, who each received \$100: Daniel Billebault, Marissa Gillespie, Emily Konczewski, and Andrew Vizzard.

Applications can be returned with your membership application before June 30.

Know a Hilltop student who could be our next winner? Make sure they know about the grant!

## Honoring Some of Our Best Holiday Light Displays

After a break due to COVID-19, the Hilltop Holiday Lights Contest was back in 2021! We are also restarting the tradition of our Garden Contest (see next page)!

All our amazing entrants were worthy, but we were able to pick winners for each category.



Make sure to congratulate your neighbors if they won!

Jack & Terry Glacken  
248 N. Belfield Ave

The Fallons  
501 N. Manoa Road



Didn't win in 2021? Forgot to enter? Make sure you do for 2022! (It's on your membership form.)

## HILLTOP YARD SALE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 17

Our Civic Association will once-again coordinate a Hilltop 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!

Circle Saturday, September 17 on your calendar; 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.

There is no additional charge beyond your regular Civic Association membership!



**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 2022 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](mailto:clevens5@verizon.net).



**Honoring Hilltop's  
Best Garden Designs**

We are bringing back the Hilltop Garden Contest! We had to take a break for two years due to COVID-19, but we're excited to bring it back.

We love this contest as a way to showcase all our neighbors with green thumbs!

Interested in entering? Make sure you do for 2022! (It's on your membership form.)



**Get Your Babysitter Scheduled!  
Back-To-School Parents Social  
Planned for Fall 2022**

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!



Currently scheduled for Thursday, September 22, we're all going to gather at The Yard 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 in large print, audio books, DVDs, and CDs.



For more information, call Jennifer at 610-446-3082, extension 307, or send an email to [homebound@haverfordlibrary.org](mailto:homebound@haverfordlibrary.org). You can also download an application at [haverfordlibrary.org](http://haverfordlibrary.org).

## Independence Day Parade & Celebration

Once again in 2021, our annual Independence Day Parade and Celebration was a highlight of the summer.

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

### Our 2022 Celebration Is Set!

Set aside the morning of Monday, July 4 to ensure you 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, National Anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance.

Then it's on to more activities: races, snacks for the kids (and adults!) and a letter station to write to our soldiers abroad.



## 2022 HERITAGE FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Haverford Township Historical Society is planning to host the 14th Annual Heritage Festival on June 5, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. along Karakung Drive.

- Local music all day long
- Local craft beer from Conshohocken Brewery
- Antique Cars
- Food from local vendors
- Robert Mouland marionettes
- Fire trucks from Haverford Township fire companies
- Local artists, crafts people and vendors
- Native American artifacts & craft making
- Colonial era activities and demonstrations (churning butter, candle dipping, etc.)
- Scale toy brick models of Main Line train stations
- Live Falconry demonstrations
- Historical & Civic groups
- Fun for the WHOLE family



HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

14TH ANNUAL

## HERITAGE FESTIVAL



SUNDAY, JUNE 5 | 11am - 4pm

# Volunteer Leads Needed For Hilltop Egg Hunt & Spring Celebration

Our Annual Egg Hunt and Spring Celebration has been a tradition for many years – but we had to skip it in 2022. Why? It wasn't because of COVID-19. It was because we didn't have anyone to organize and run the event.

This would be a great way to give back to the community – especially for one (or a few) parents with older kids. You'd be planning the egg hunt, photos with the bunny, and any other spring-related activities you'd like!

And we have the notes – and guidance – from past leads to help you out.

If you are interested in helping to lead this event – or want more information – please reach out to Debbie Cipolla at 610-662-6836 or [debbiecipolla@icloud.com](mailto:debbiecipolla@icloud.com).



“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

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

To date, we have worked with the Township to replace the fence and sidewalks, resurface the asphalt, and updated the play equipment throughout the park.

Thank you to the township for their wonderful partnership on this important project!

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](mailto:clevens5@verizon.net).

*Note: Richland Park is the park on West Chester Pike between Rita's and the Yard (formerly 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.*

## Halloween Scavenger Hunt Returning in 2022

The Halloween Scavenger Hunt was introduced in 2019 – a result of COVID-19, and limited Trick-Or-Treating for the kids. We didn't bring the Scavenger Hunt in 2021. Then you told us you missed it – so it's coming back!

Be sure to check out our Facebook page or our website ([www.hilltopcivic.org](http://www.hilltopcivic.org)) for the latest on this contest around October 1.

We are excited to see what you find in the spooky streets of Hilltop!





# FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS AT HILLTOP

We have a great treat coming for the neighborhood! Actually, TWO!

Our Food Truck Fridays program is back, starting with the **Philly Hots! Truck** on Friday, June 10. Starting around 4:30 p.m., Food Network Star “Big Chef” Tom Pizzica will have his fresh-made sandwiches at Steel Field’s Parking Lot. Everything is made fresh and from scratch and locally sourced when possible. They were a part of the Finland Exchange at the Skatium in April and quickly sold out of everything – an attendee favorite!

Check out their menu online at [phillyhots.com](http://phillyhots.com).

Then, on July 22, we were lucky enough to get the **Twisted Elegance Truck** to visit Hilltop! They have been at the Y of Haverford’s block parties and have been hugely popular. Find them – and their menu – on Facebook!

They are famous for their short ribs, mac-and-cheese bites, fries, tacos... we could go on. They are committed to scratch cooking utilizing local and sustainable foods.

Get ready to enjoy some amazing food!

We plan on taking August off for Food Truck Fridays – but will be back in September. Know a truck we should feature or want to help out? Email [katestickel@yahoo.com](mailto:katestickel@yahoo.com) or text her at .610-235-9932.



(ABOVE) PHILLY HOTS! COMING FRIDAY, JUNE 10  
TWISTED ELEGANCE COMING JULY 22 (BELOW)



## Hilltop Civic & Bon Air Fire Partner for Neighborhood Christmas Party

Last December, our Civic Association and the Bon Air Fire Company partnered for a first time event – one that is sure to be repeated!

We took more than 100 photos with Santa – and played games in the party room. We also got tours of the fire house and learned about all the equipment.

We also enjoyed a lot of special food and drink treats, from our two organizations and their members.

Outside, we sang carols and lit the Christmas Tree for the remainder of the holiday season.

Thank you to all the volunteers, firefighters, and Girl Scouts who made this event a possibility.

We are planning on repeating this event in 2022; please let us know if you want to be a part of it as a volunteer on your membership form.



## 2022 Membership Form – Dues Are Only \$15!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Add us to the September 17 yard sale address list  
(I know we can cancel later)

☐ Enter our home in the garden contest

☐ Enter our home in the holiday decorating contest

Volunteer – I MAY be able to help out with the following:

Food Truck Fridays ☐ planning ☐ day of the event

Parents Night Out - Sept ☐ planning ☐ day of the event

Garden Contest judging ☐ volunteer judge

Fall/Halloween event ☐ planning ☐ day of the event

Holiday Party at Firehouse ☐ volunteer

My idea for a program or event:

**Annual dues are \$15 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 online 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](http://www.hilltopcivic.org) and click on "About HCA"

## 2022 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 June 30, 2022. The amount and number of grants will be determined based on funds available after our membership drive. Grants will be presented at the September HCA meeting.

Hilltop Civic Association  
P.O. Box 814  
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

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MEMBERS-ONLY EMAIL UPDATES WITH LOTS OF  
GREAT LOCAL INFORMATION!

## About The Hilltop Civic Association

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  
Vice President: Debbie Cipolla  
Secretary: Jennifer Pierce  
Treasurer: Sean Stickel  
Membership: OPEN – please volunteer!  
Communications: Kate Stickel



We're Committed to Keeping Hilltop a Wonderful  
Place to Live!

Please Support Your Civic Association with  
Your \$15 Family Membership!