

Friends of the Hilltop

Celebrating Ten Years of Service to the Hilltop Community

“BYOG” EVENT: OCTOBER 15

The Friends of the Hilltop first ever “BYOG” event is scheduled for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, October 15 (rain date: October 22) at the Hilltop Neighborhood Park at the corner of West Broad Street and Whitethorne Avenue.

What is “BYOG”? It’s “Bring Your Own Gloves”!

Who’s Invited? You are! We have two coordinated glove-wearing events planned for the day.

Event #1: Operation Hilltop Cleanup’s Fall Cleanup. Operation Hilltop Cleanup (OHC) is a joint project of Friends of the Hilltop and Keep Columbus Beautiful. With OHC, you are asked to adopt your street or alley and to clean up the area at least three times per year. OHC schedules three “official” cleanup days, where you can join us and have access to supplies (garbage bags,

tools, and gloves, etc.) supplied by Keep Columbus Beautiful. Jeremy Search is the coordinator of OHC and can be reached at 374-0481.

Event #2: Beautification Committee’s Annual Winterization. The Beautification Committee – and all willing volunteers! – will be winterizing the Hilltop Neighborhood Park, West Broad Street planters, and the chicane on Lechner Avenue. Plants finished for the season must be removed, weeds pulled, and trash picked up. Beautification Committee Chair John Lowry can be reached at 614-527-6831.

How Do I Sign Up? No pre-registration is needed. Join us at the Hilltop Neighborhood Park between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. With or without gloves, all are welcome!

Special BYOG event is new to the 2005 Friends of the Hilltop calendar!

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BOARD ELECTIONS: NOV. 10

The 2006 Board of Trustees will be elected at the November 10 General Membership Meeting to be held at 7 p.m. at the Hilltop Library (511 South Hague Avenue). If you are

interested in serving, please contact Danielle Weber at 645-0238.

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting and elect the 2006 Board.



NINTH ANNUAL BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS HONOR 79 HILLTOP PROPERTIES' LANDSCAPING

The Ninth Annual Residential and Commercial Beautification Awards were presented on August 7. The awards recognize individuals and businesses that are making a difference in the Hilltop through their special efforts to beautify our community with attractive and well-maintained landscaping.

The ceremony was held at the Hilltop Senior Village. John Lowry was the 2005 Beautification Committee Chair.

Schoedinger Hilltop Chapel generously donated the door prizes of four gift certificates for Hilltop Marketplace.

The Commercial winners were Benderson Development/Consumer Square West Shopping Center (3630 Soldano Boulevard), Donnalyn Moeller, Podiatrist

(2233 W. Broad Street), Heartland Bank (130 N. Wilson Road), Hilltop Library (511 S. Hague Avenue), Marathon Station (2807 W. Broad Street), Ophthalmology West (2680 W. Broad Street), Parkview United Methodist (344 Algonquin Avenue), St. Mary Magdalene Church (473 S. Roys Avenue), Schoedinger Hilltop Chapel (3030 W. Broad Street), Spears Funeral Services (2693 W. Broad Street), and Tod Siefert Family Dentistry (2880 W. Broad Street).

The Residential winners were Paul & Thelma Altman, Cathy Benedetto, Brandy Benson, Tina Best & Gwedolyn Rencsok, Frank Blazewicz & Julie Nishimura, Brenda Bloom, Janet Brunson, JoAnn Burks-Allen, Wheeler & Betty Burley, Larry & Kathryn Busby, Preston Butcher, Ken & Paula Caldwell, Imppearl Carreker, The Carter Family, Bernie Castell, Linda Castle, Paul & Shirlee Clark, Robert Colgan, John & Patty Conant, Barbara Croy, Willie & Barbara Dillan, Timothy

Dinsmore, Luke Edmunds & Chris Hayhurst, Daniel & Carol Gatwood, Joseph Gerardi, James Gerst, Elita Gross, Charles & Bertie Hall, Larry Hall & Mike Credeur, Ronald Harper, William & Elizabeth Heinig, Lowell & Barbara Hoffman, Carl & Blanche Hunnell, Donna Ison, Laurenceen Jennings, Nell Johnson, Harold & Edith Johnston, Cherie Jorgensen, Connie Kassuba, Ron Koziol & Tom Prince, Jody Krutko, Paul Lichtinger, Harold Mount & Betty Binns, Cory Nordhof, Bradley & Arilla Norris, David & Beverly Oddi, Garfield Payne, Brandon & Gwedolyn Perdue, William & Jean Ream, Richard & Ruth Riley, David Rivers, Marjorie Rizalvo, Beth Robbins, Jenny Robson & Greg Loper, Brenda Scurlock, Kevin Shafer, Michael Spangler, Winfield & Patricia Staley, Scott Turner, Fred & Marianne Weaver, Charles & Ramona Wilson, Roger & Rita Wolford, Samuel & Helen Wyatt, Chris Yates & Mabi Ponce de Leon, and Betty Zeigler.

Important Dates

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| Oct. 13 | Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library) |
| Oct. 15 | BYOG (11-1 p.m., Hilltop Neighborhood Park) |
| Nov. 10 | General Membership Meeting and Election of 2006 Board and Officers (7 p.m., Library) |
| Dec. 8 | NO Board Meeting |
| Jan. 12 | NO Board Meeting |
| Feb. 9 | Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library) |

(3131 W. Broad Street), Dr. Ryan, D.D.S.

YOU ARE INVITED!

The next meeting of Friends of the Hilltop is October 13 at 7 p.m. at the Hilltop Library (511 South Hague Avenue).

Friends meetings are open board meetings, meaning YOU are invited and welcome to attend.

All current members can make

motions, discuss motions, and vote on motions at the meeting, so you can fully participate if you choose.

Friends meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Hilltop Library. We do not meet in January, July and December.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends of the Hilltop is celebrating a decade of service to the Hilltop community. To commemorate this milestone, the Board has developed a series of "ten" themed projects.

Read more about the Beautification Committees "ten" projects below. Special thanks to Beautification Chair John Lowry for leading these efforts.

The past decade has seen hundreds of flowers and trees planted, more than a ton of refuse collected, hundreds of Beautification Awards, and the creation of the Hilltop Neighborhood Park.

Additional projects have included the placement of ten

decorative planters along West Broad Street, maintenance of the traffic calming elements on Lechner Avenue, and coordinating the adoption of more than 30 streets and alleys through Operation Hilltop Cleanup.

We are also undertaking a membership drive and, as you might have guessed, are hoping to recruit at least ten new members. Our projects are only possible because of our members.

Thank you for helping to bring about the Hilltop Renaissance, and remember: The West Side is the best side!

Gary L. Baker, II
President

Our Mission:

"The purpose of Friends of the Hilltop is to foster a sense of community, thereby encouraging reinvestment in the community, and ultimately in the re-emergence of the Hilltop as a respected, powerful part of the great city of Columbus, Ohio."

CHALLENGE OF THE TENS

JOHN LOWRY, VICE PRESIDENT & COMMITTEE CHAIR, REPORTING

As Friends of the Hilltop celebrates our tenth year, the Beautification Committee has taken up the "Challenge of the Tens" by doing several things in tens: plant 10 trees, increase the number of West Broad Street planters to 10, and pick up 10 x 10 pounds of garbage at cleanups.

One of our activities is taking care of the chicanes, the traffic calming element, on Lechner Avenue. They need attention with regular weeding and picking up trash.

This year we placed an additional five planters on West Broad Street, bringing our total to 10 planters. Throughout the planting season, the planters must be kept watered (especially this year!) and trash

removed.

The Hilltop Neighborhood Park is at the corner of West Broad Street and Whitethorne Avenue. This is Friends' biggest project, and it also requires much attention. To keep it a great place to sit, relax and enjoy the flowers, we mow the grass, plant flowers, pick up trash, and weed.

In late October, Friends will partner with the City of Columbus and the Hilltop Senior Village to plant ten trees on Wilson Road in front of the Village.

If you would like to help with any of these projects, please call John Lowry at 614-527-6831. There's always something for a willing volunteer to do!

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Committee works

toward reaching goals

for year.



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With your membership, you gain voting privileges at all Friends meetings, so you can have a say in Friends projects.

ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

Please check the mailing label above to see if it is time for you to renew your membership. To pay your dues, please complete the following and return to Friends of the Hilltop:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Annual Membership (check one):

Individual, \$10

Family, \$15

Organization, \$15

Company, \$25

Please make your check payable to Friends of the Hilltop and mail to Friends of the Hilltop, Attn: Membership Chair, Post Office Box 44435, Columbus, Ohio 43204. Thank you!