

Friends of the Hilltop

Celebrating Ten Years of Service to the Hilltop Community

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FRIENDS!

*Friends enters its
tenth year of service
to the Hilltop
community.*

Please join us for our **April 14** open board meeting. Held at the Hilltop Library (511 South Hague Avenue) at 7 p.m., the meeting will be a celebration of Friends ninth anniversary and the beginning of Friends tenth year of service to the Hilltop community.

To celebrate our ten years, Friends is planning to plant 10 trees.

We are also hoping to expand the West Broad Street

planters to ten. For a donation of \$250, you can sponsor a new planter along West Broad Street. A plaque attached to the planter will acknowledge your sponsorship. Contact Beautification Chair John Lowry (276-1894) for more information.

In the meantime, please join us for cake on April 14 at the library.

Happy Birthday to us!

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2005 BOARD, OFFICERS ELECTED

JUDY MANLEY, SECRETARY, REPORTING

At the Friends of the Hilltop Annual General Membership Meeting on November 11, 2004, the following were elected to the Board and to officer positions: Gary L. Baker, II, President; John Lowry, Vice President; Judy Manley, Secretary; Marilyn Zimmerman,

Treasurer.

Other Board members elected were Diane Wendel Baker, Barbara Lowry, Bea Murphy, Ron Riggs, State Representative Dan Stewart, State Senator Steve Stivers, and Danielle Weber.



FRIENDS JOINS WITH HOMES ON THE HILL

JOHN LOWRY, VICE PRESIDENT, REPORTING

*Friends augments
Beautification
Program with
Joint Project with
Homes on the
Hill.*

Friends of the Hilltop is planning a joint venture with the Homes on the Hill Community Development Corporation (HOTH).

Friends is constantly looking for ways to beautify the Hilltop, and HOTH is doing their part by rehabilitating homes. HOTH purchases the homes, fixes them up, and helps people buy the homes.

Friends will landscape the completed HOTH rehabs to provide a loving finishing touch, as well as aid in the sale of the homes.

On a house-by-house basis, Friends will create a landscape design. HOTH will pay for the necessary materials and plants, and Friends will implement the design by placing the plants and shrubs.

A small yard sign will be posted at each home acknowledging the joint program.

For more information about this new and exciting program or to volunteer, please contact Beautification Chair John Lowry (276-1894).

YOU ARE INVITED!

The next meeting of Friends of the Hilltop is April 14 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 also have

the right to 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.

Important Dates

April 14	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library)
May 12	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library)
June 9	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library)
June 25	Bean Dinner (10-4, Westgate Park)
July 4	Beautification Award Nominations Due
July 14	NO Board Meeting
Aug. 7	Beautification Awards Ceremony
Aug. 11	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library)
Nov. 10	Election of 2005 Board and Officers

ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

Please check your mailing label to see when your membership dues are due. If your membership has expired, please renew.

Membership levels are as follows: Individual (\$10), Family (\$15), Organization (\$15), and Company (\$25).

With your membership, you gain voting privileges at all Friends

meetings, so you can have a say in Friends' projects.

Membership dues can be brought to a monthly open board meeting or mailed to Friends of the Hilltop, Attn: Membership Chair, Post Office Box 44435, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

Thank you for being a member of Friends of the Hilltop!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends of the Hilltop is celebrating its ninth anniversary this year.

It is hard to believe that it has been almost a decade since a small group of people met to talk about serving the Hilltop through beautification. It has been a successful and enjoyable nine years.

Hundreds of flowers and trees have been planted. More than a ton of trash has been picked up.

Hundreds of Hilltoppers have received awards for beautifying their parts of the community.

Friends created the Hilltop Neighborhood Park. We have placed and maintained decorative planters along West Broad Street.

The group has received numerous awards and recognition for its good works.

All of these activities have been

carried out by volunteers with the support of important partners.

Friends activities are coordinated by a dedicated Board of Trustees.

The Board is looking forward to another active year of serving the Hilltop. A spring clean up is planned. A planting day has been scheduled for May that will see the Hilltop Neighborhood Park planted with new annuals and tidied up.

We will plant more trees and will coordinate additional cleanups.

The ninth Annual Beautification Awards will be presented in August.

Thank you for your continued support of Friends of the Hilltop. Together we can achieve great things in our community.

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."

NOMINATIONS DUE JULY 4 FOR BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS

Nominations for the 2005 Friends of the Hilltop Beautification Awards are due July 4.

The annual beautification awards honor residents and businesses that are making the Hilltop a better place to live by beautifully maintaining their landscaping.

Properties in the Greater Hilltop Area can be nominated at the Friends

table at the Bean Dinner held at Westgate Park on June 25.

Nominations also can be mailed to Friends of the Hilltop, Attn: Beautification Chair, Post Office Box 44435, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

Nominees and award recipients will be honored at a ceremony to be held on August 7. They will also be recognized in the **Westside Messenger**.

Awards honor businesses and residents in the Greater Hilltop Area.



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CLEAN-UP, PLANTING SCHEDULED

JOHN LOWRY, VICE PRESIDENT, REPORTING

*Volunteers are
needed for clean-up
and planting.*

Earth Day Clean-Up: Our first clean-up of 2005 is scheduled for Saturday, **April 23**. Please join us for this Earth Day clean-up at 11 a.m. at the Lechner Avenue Traffic Calming Elements (just south of West Broad Street). We will work there for about an hour before moving on to the Friends Park (corner of West Broad Street and Whitethorne Avenue).

Spring Planting: Planting day is scheduled for **May 14** at 11 a.m. We will meet at the Friends Park (corner of West Broad Street and Whitethorne Avenue) to spruce up the park and start planting annuals. Please bring rakes, shovels, trowels, gloves and a lot of

energy to get the job done.

West Broad Street Planters:

Friends of the Hilltop was able to set 5 new planters on West Broad Street last year, thanks to a grant from Schoedinger Hilltop Chapel. We hope to continue this partnership this year and to expand the number of planters once again.

For a \$250 donation, you can sponsor a new planter along West Broad Street. A plaque attached to the planter will acknowledge your sponsorship. Contact Beautification Chair John Lowry (276-1894) for more information.

