

# Friends of the



# Hilltop

## Autumn 2007 Newsletter

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### 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 reemergence of the Hilltop as a respected, powerful part of the great city of Columbus, Ohio.

## 2008 Board of Trustees Elected

On November 8, members of the Friends of the Hilltop gathered for our annual General Membership Meeting at Minelli's Restaurant.

At the meeting, the 2008 Board of Trustees and officers were elected. The following people will start their terms in January: Gary L. Baker, II (President), John D. Lowry (Vice President), Judy Manley (Secretary), Marilyn E. Zimmerman (Treasurer),

Lisa Grazier, Sue Laughlin, Barbara L. Lowry, State Senator Steve Stivers, Andrea Stockel-Wills, Danielle X. Weber, and Diane Wendel Baker.

Recognition was given to Ron Riggs, a founding member of Friends, in appreciation for his years of service to our organization.

Special thanks to Nominating Committee Chair Danielle Weber for her efforts.

## Operation Hilltop Cleanup Holds Two Cleanups

Friends of the Hilltop's Operation Hilltop Cleanup (OHC) held two cleanups this autumn.

The first one was September 22, and the second was October 27. On both days, two groups of people collected trash along West Broad Street from the railroad overpass (just east of Wilson Road) to the Hilltop Neighborhood Park at Whitethorne Avenue.

Before both cleanups, Operation Hilltop Cleanup Chair Sue Laughlin

spoke with the business owners in the area, and we were very pleased with the number of businesses that participated by cleaning around their properties during the cleanups.

During both cleanups, trash bags, gloves and other supplies from Keep Columbus Beautiful were available to those who were adopting streets or alleys through the Operation Hilltop Cleanup program.

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## Volunteers Welcome!

Do you have ideas on how to make the Hilltop an even better place to live? Or maybe creative ideas for the planters or the park? Please volunteer to help with one of our committees.

For more information, call John Lowry at 614-832-8481 or Sue Laughlin at 614-278-9350 or email the Board at [info@friendsofthehilltop.com](mailto:info@friendsofthehilltop.com).

## Friends of the Hilltop Mini-Calendar

December	NO Board Meeting
January	NO Board Meeting
Feb. 14	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Hilltop Library)
Mar. 13	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Hilltop Library)

## Friends Volunteer Honored

At the 2007 General Membership Meeting, the Board of Trustees of Friends honored Ron Riggs. Ron is a founding member of Friends and a long-time advocate of the Hilltop. Ron is retiring from the Board of Friends at the end of this year. Friends thanks Ron for his years of service with a life-time membership and Director Emeritus status.

## Eleventh Annual Awards Ceremony

### Businesses, Residents Honored

During a celebration held at the Hilltop Senior Village, Friends of the Hilltop honored 10 commercial and 71 residential winners of the 2007 Beautification Awards.

The commercial honorees were St. Mary Magdalene Church, Parkview United Methodist Church, Schoedinger Hilltop Chapel, Dr. Ryan, D.D.S., Hilltop Animal Clinic, Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, Bible-Way Church, Dr. Gillogly, Kingro's, and West Broad/Hague Marathon Station.

The residential honorees were Susan Ashbrook, Andre Atchison & Ronnie Morris, Norman & Margaret Board, The Boggs Family, Jessica Brown, Robert Brumfield, JoAnn Burks-Allen, David Carmichael, Rita Catlett, Tom & Alice Carrier, Melvin Deere, Jim & Jenny Esselburn, Harold & Bobby Gardner, Larry Hall & Michael Credeur, Gregory Harman & John Steiner, James Hartwell, Donald & Lori Heston, Donald & Helen Higgins, Carl & Maxine Hunnell, June Jackson, Joann James, Eugene & Mary

Jaquay, Annette Jefferson, Robert Kennedy, David Knight, Ron Koziol & Tom Prince, The Lacy Family, Ollie Lane, Peggy Larue & Bruce Dunkle, Herman & Flora Leidinger, Paul Lichtinger, Fabrice Ligny, Rufus & Jo Linville, Jim & Jackie McCool, Steven & Lisa McGann, Jerald McClasky, Long & Lay Meng, Barbara Miller, Virgie Minor, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mogan, Sisi Murnane-Hughes, Michael Oakley & Ann Crawford, David & Jody Paxton, Steven Paxton & Mitchell Colopy, Jeffrey Phillips, Therese Phillips, Tom & Vicky Pickens, William & Jean Ream, Jacqueline Richardson, Thad Ricker, Herman Ringer, Peggy Roberts, Lynn Scott-Rotonda & Joseph A. Rotonda, Regenia Skaggs, Kevin & Barbara Sohner, Brian Speicher, Rosa Tavella, Grace Vance, Marcia Walters, Chuck & Nancy Warner, Fred & Marianne Weaver, Louis & Sandra Whitehead, Sally Willits, Daryl & Yolande Wilson, and Katherine Wire.

The Beautification Chair was John Lowry.

## You Are Invited!

The next meeting of Friends of the Hilltop is February 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 can

make motions, discuss motions, and vote on motions at the meetings, 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.

## Beautification Committee Hosts Events

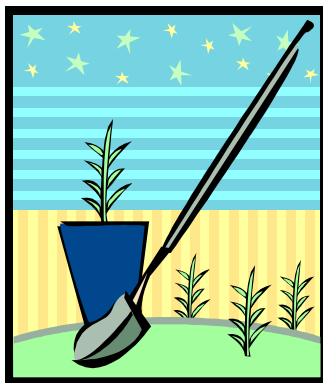
The Beautification Committee was very busy this summer and autumn.

The committee planted and maintained the large, decorative planters along West Broad Street. Our volunteers watered and weeded the planters, as well as picking up trash around the planters and pulling weeds in the sidewalk. The volunteers also talked with neighboring businesses about adopting the planters.

The committee also weeded the traffic calmers (“chicanes”) on Lechner Avenue, just south of West Broad Street, and cleaned the street gutters on that block.

The third area where the committee kept busy was in the Hilltop

Neighborhood Park (2105 West Broad Street). Our volunteers were able to add top soil and place landscaping fabric in half of the raised bed. The



entire raised bed was mulched. The whole bed was weeded several times, and perennial and annual flowers added. The grass was mowed and trash picked up on a regular basis.

The final event of 2007 for the Beautification Committee is a tree planting at Rhodes Park.

In partnership with the City of Columbus Forestry Division, twenty trees will be planted this month at Rhodes Park.

John Lowry is the chair of this committee. Call him at 614-832-8481 with any questions.

## 2007 Board of Trustees

Gary L. Baker, II – President  
 John D. Lowry – Vice President  
 Barbara L. Lowry – Secretary  
 Marilyn E. Zimmerman – Treasurer  
 Sue Laughlin  
 Judy L. Manley  
 Ronald P. Riggs  
 State Senator Steve Stivers  
 Andrea Stockel-Wills  
 Danielle X. Weber  
 Diane Wendel Baker

### Committee Chairs:

Beautification: John Lowry  
 Operation Hilltop Cleanup: Sue Laughlin  
 Nominating: Danielle Weber

## Park Sponsorship Form

Yes! I want to be a sponsor of the Friends of the Hilltop park project!

I am enclosing my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include this form with your check made payable to Friends of the Hilltop and mail to Friends of the Hilltop, Attention: Beautification Chair, Post Office Box 44435, Columbus, Ohio 43204, Hilltop, USA.

*Thank you!*

*Friends of the Hilltop is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Consult your tax advisor.*

## Park Receives Special Treatment!

Friends of the Hilltop thanks Hennessy Landscaping for its support of the Hilltop Neighborhood Park. This month, Hennessy Landscaping will be repairing the retaining wall in the park at no charge to Friends. The wall was damaged during routine park maintenance. Thank you, Hennessy Landscaping!

## New Friends at Westgate Park

Lisa Grazier, FOWP President, reporting

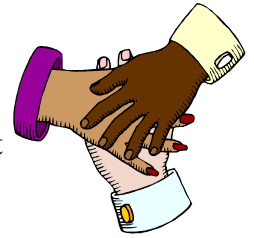
Friends of Westgate Park (FOWP) is a nonprofit group of volunteers formed by Westgate residents this past year.

We are under the umbrella of Recreation and Parks and work with them to create a better park by plantings, cleanups and constant vigilance for maintenance issues.

Friends of the Hilltop is the fiscal agent for Friends of Westgate Park, and we welcome their partnership.

Together we will be better able to serve the Hilltop by joining forces with a group that already values beautification.

For more information about or to join Friends of Westgate Park, please contact Lisa Grazier at [lmgrazier@yahoo.com](mailto:lmgrazier@yahoo.com) or Sue Laughlin at [suelaughlin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:suelaughlin@sbcglobal.net).



### The Greater Hilltop Area

The Greater Hilltop Area is bounded by I-70 on the north, I-270 on the west and south, and the railroad tracks west of Harrisburg Pike on the east.

## Membership Privileges

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 on the envelope to see if it is time for you to renew your membership. To pay your dues, please complete the following form and return to Friends of the Hilltop:

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

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

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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, Attention: Memberships, Post Office Box 44435, Columbus, Ohio 43204, Hilltop, USA. *Thank you!*