

Friends of the



Hilltop

Spring 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.

Earth Day Cleanup: April 21

The 2007 Earth Day Cleanup at Hilltop Neighborhood Park is April 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please meet at the Hilltop Neighborhood Park at the corner of West Broad Street and Whitethorne Avenue. Free parking is available at the AutoZone.

We will be picking up garbage in the park and surrounding area and pulling dead annuals and other plants

from the raised bed.

If we have enough time, we will also be cleaning the traffic calming chicanes on Lechner Avenue.

Rain or Shine!

Please feel free to bring gloves and garden tools. We will provide bags,

gloves and tools.

Please contact Beautification Chair John Lowry at 614-527-6831 with any questions.

2007 Plantings Scheduled

Please join John Lowry, the Beautification Committee and Friends at our flower plantings on May 12 and June 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Hilltop Neighborhood Park (2105 West Broad Street).

As always, donations of top soil, mulch, annuals and perennials are greatly appreciated.

We will be planting drought-tolerant flowers in the West Broad

Street planters and hardy annuals and perennials at the Hilltop Neighborhood Park. Groundcover perennials are

Plants, top soil & mulch needed!

especially needed for the park and the traffic-calming chicanes on Lechner.

If you have donations but are unable to attend either event, please call John Lowry at 614-527-6831 or Diane Wendel Baker at 614-871-8963 for a convenient pickup.

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Friends of the Hilltop Mini-Calendar

Apr. 21	Earth Day Cleanup at Hilltop Neighborhood Park Cleanup (11a-2p)
May 10	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library)
May 12	Flower Planting at Hilltop Neighborhood Park (11a-2p)
May 26	Flower Planting at Hilltop Neighborhood Park (11a-2p)
June 2	Flower Planting at Hilltop Neighborhood Park (11a-2p)
June 14	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library)
July	NO Board Meeting
July 4	Nominations for the 2007 Beautification Awards Due
Aug. 9	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library)
Aug. 12	2007 Beautification Awards Ceremony
Sept. 13	Open Board Meeting (7 p.m., Library)
October	Planting Trees at Rhodes Park
Nov. 8	General Membership Meeting

Please contact Diane Wendel Baker at dwendelbaker@hotmail.com if you would like to receive a copy of the complete 2007 Friends of the Hilltop Calendar.

Operation Hilltop Cleanup

New Leader, New Opportunities!

At the April Board Meeting, Sue Laughlin was appointed the new chair of Operation Hilltop Cleanup (OHC).

Along with helping residents with street and alley adoptions, OHC is also planning group cleanups around the Hilltop.

Sue can be contacted at 614-278-9350 and suelaughlin@sbcglobal.net.

Stay tuned! The 2007 cleanup dates will be announced soon!

We thank Jeremy Search for all his hard work in creating OHC and wish him and his family the best of luck in North Carolina.

Upcoming Events

Lots to Do on the Hilltop!

- **Westgate Park Cleanups:** 10-11 a.m. on April 28, July 7, August 4 and October 6. Meet at the Rec Center's side door. Sponsored by Keep Columbus Beautiful and Camp Chase Blockwatch. Contact Sue Laughlin at 614-278-9350 for more information.
- **Renaissance Garden Spring Garage Sale:** May 19 at St. Agnes' multipurpose room. **Needed: donated items to be sold and buyers!** The Renaissance Garden will have a children's garden, tended by children in the Headstart program and a community vegetable garden. **Needed: Large container pots.** Contact Gary L. Baker, II at 614-871-8963 for more information.
- **Greater Hilltop Area League for the Arts (GHALA) Spring Exhibit:** Month of May at High Road Gallery. The *United Front* exhibit also features works by Grove City Arts Council members.
- **Camp Chase Cemetery Memorial Service:** June 3 at 3 p.m., sponsored by the Hilltop Historical Society.
- **Historic Hilltop Bean Dinner:** June 23 at Westgate Park, including a GHALA art exhibit. Sponsored by the Hilltop Business Association.

You Are Invited!

The next meeting of Friends of the Hilltop is May 10 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.

Nominations Due July 4 for 2007 Beautification Awards

Nominate a Neighbor Today!

Nominations for the 2007 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.

Nominations can be emailed to info@friendsofthehilltop.com or mailed to Friends of the Hilltop, Attn: Beautification Chair, Post Office Box 44435, Columbus, Ohio 43204.

Please include the property's address, the owner's name (if known) and the owner's phone number (if known), as well as your name, address and phone number. Anonymous nominations are accepted.

Nominees and award recipients will be honored at a ceremony to be held on August 12. They will also be recognized in the Westside Messenger.

John Lowry is the chair of this event. Call him at 614-527-6831 with any questions.

2007 Board of Trustees

Gary L. Baker, II – President
 John D. Lowry – Vice President
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 Marilyn E. Zimmerman – Treasurer
 Sue Laughlin
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 Danielle X. Weber
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Committee Chairs:

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

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 614-527-6831 or Sue Laughlin at 614-278-9350 or email the Board at info@friendsofthehilltop.com.

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 west of Harrisburg Pike on the east.

Beautification Sponsorship Form

Yes! I want to be a sponsor of the Friends of the Hilltop beautification projects!

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. *Thank you!*

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 Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Come Grow With Us!



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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 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: _____

Email: _____

Annual Membership (check one):

Individual, \$10

Family, \$15

Organization, \$15

Company, \$25

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