

Hilton Neighborhood Association



NEWS



ISSUE NUMBER ONE

SEND ALL EDITORIAL INQUIRIES AND SUBMISSIONS TO ANDRE' CANTELMO
64-B NEWARK WAY, MAPLEWOOD

SEPTEMBER 1995

HILTON NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZES

The Hilton section of Maplewood, (the area south of Springfield Avenue) has begun to organize its residents, businesses, and neighborhood organizations. A new civic association, named the Hilton Neighborhood Association began the first stage in building an organization that will address the needs of the neighborhood. On June 3, 1995 the group met for the first time and received enthusiastic support from those who attended. The focus of the group is centered around quality of life issues. The Hilton Neighborhood Association (HNA), will hold its monthly meetings on the **third Thursday of every month, at the De Hart Community Center.** Meeting time is 7:30pm. All interested parties should make it a point to attend the monthly meeting and become a member. Membership cost are \$12.00 a year per voting membership. Which will cover the cost of the monthly newsletter. For information please contact Mike Gera at 761-6790.

OCTOBERFEST CELEBRATION TO BE HELD

On October 14, 1995 Seth Boyden School will hold its annual Octoberfest. It is a day of fun for all ages. There will be rides, games, prizes and food. Come join the fun between the hours of 11:00am and 4:00pm. The raindate is October 21, 1995. Everyone is urged to support this event. Schools are an important link to our community. All questions, to Linda Gwozdik, Co-President or Debbie Toia, Fundraising.

Hilton Neighborhood Association
Tee Shirts
ON SALE NOW!!!
\$10.00 in assorted sizes

Maplewood Municipal Building
Phone: 762-8120

SPRINGFIELD AVENUE PARTNERSHIP FORMS TO PROTECT COMMON INTERESTS

A partnership of the College Hill Neighborhood Association, the Hilton Neighborhood Association and the Merchants of Springfield Avenue have joined in a cooperative effort to protect their common interests. Its focus will be to insure an attractive, safe and economically sound Maplewood Community. They are now in the process of working with the Township Committee on the well documented concerns regarding the future of the Avenue and its prosperity. Springfield Avenue is used by thousands of automobiles as a main artery for east / west travel. The Partnership wants to explore ways to entice these commuters as well as local residents to view the Avenue a great place to shop, bank, eat, and conduct their business. This project will have a long term focus.

The Hilton Neighborhood Association is looking for volunteers to help in its focus on the Avenue. All interested parties should make their presence known to one of the people listed at the end of this article. There is a need for all sorts of expertise.

THE SPRINGFIELD AVENUE PARTNERSHIP CONTACTS

MERCHANTS.....SCOTT BUCH,
MAPLECREST HARDWARE...761-6633

HILTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MAUREEN LeSTRANGE-POLSKY
763-4681

COLLEGE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
N. J. WOLFE 378-8941

International Food Festival
De Hart Park Oct. 21, 1995
11:00am - 3:00pm

OLYMPIC PARK REMEMBERED

Do you remember Olympic Park? The amusement park was located on the Irvington / Maplewood border. There will be a presentation by Alen Siegel, author of the book "Smile" at the Durand Hedden House, on October 15, 1995 at 1:00pm. Many pleasant memories were made at the park. Make a date to remember or discover this past treasure.

HNA SURVEY REVEALS NEIGHBORHOOD VIEWS

In an effort to best serve the membership of the Hilton Neighborhood Association, a survey was conducted as one of the first points of business. Here is what the survey revealed...

1. How can the HNA best serve families, businesses, and organizations in our area? 26% voted for an improved sense of community, 15% for safety issues, 15% deal with Graffiti, 13% community information, 12% property values, 5% curbs and street issues, 3% traffic issues.

2. Who should be included? An overwhelming 79% felt neighborhood residents, businesses, and neighborhood organizations, should be members.

3. Frequency of meetings? 79% felt monthly meetings were most desirable, followed by 13% for Quarterly, and 8% Bimonthly.

4. The Best night? Monday...23%, Tues...28%, Wed...33%, Thurs...51%, Fri...15%.

5. As for most desired location? DeHart 31%, St. Joe 5%, Seth Boyden 13%, Other 3%. It is clear that the one issue that is most on peoples minds is a desire for a stronger neighborhood and community spirit. That issue as well as many others will be addressed in the coming months.

BECOME A VOTING MEMBER... \$12.00

