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A Newsletter from your HAC Area Representatives

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Season's Greetings

Meet your Representatives

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves, your area representatives to the Hilltop Action Coalition (HAC), to you. My name is Larry Norman. I was born and raised right here on Hilltop. I have two children and work for the Seattle Fire Department. As a resident of this neighborhood, I would like to see the area become a place where children can play safely, the elderly can feel loved and cared for, and families can thrive. I realize all these things will take work and time. That is why I have chosen to become involved. I look forward to working with all of you to make this the best neighborhood that we can.

My name is Bill Charles. I was raised on the Hilltop in a house where the new St. Joseph Annex is at present. I am married with two young boys. I work for the Navy in Keyport at the Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Station (NUWES). The Hilltop is important to me as a citizen and parent who wants to have a good neighborhood in which to live. I would like the neighborhood to be a place where children can play without fear and neighbors feel comfortable and enjoy where they are living. With your help and community effort we can work together to meet these objectives.

Thank You!

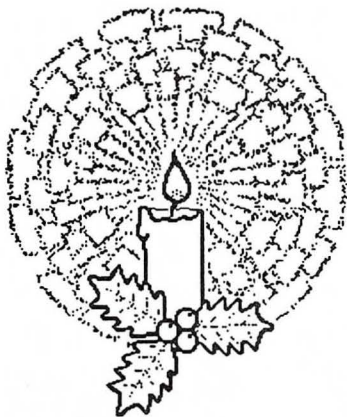
We, your area representatives, would like to thank all neighbors who attended our first neighborhood meeting on November 26 at Unity Church. There is much work to be done and your show of support tells us that we are not in this alone. Keep coming to the meetings and tell your neighbors. We want everyone's participation.

About your Newsletter

This is our first newsletter. We feel that instead of trying to get all our neighbors out in the evening to attend meetings that we can keep you all informed of our activities by having a monthly newsletter come to each of you. Some of the upcoming articles and items will be: editorials, updates from H.A.C. and other community organizations, neighborhood recipes, a job line, neighbor of the month, house of the month, block of the month, and area activities, just to name a few possibilities. We would like your input. If you have any suggestions please call Kathy Charles at 272-7503. This is going to be fun! If you can come up with a name for our newsletter and a name for our area, give her a call.

An Editorial

It seems fitting that we begin working together at this time of year. With Thanksgiving past and Christmas on the way, we are given an opportunity to take account of all that we truly have to be thankful for. It is easy to get wrapped up in the negative things that we are confronted with daily. But if we all would just stop and take a moment to take account how fortunate we all are. You know, there really is an awful lot of love and caring in our neighborhood. There are people and agencies just waiting to extend a helping hand, no matter what the problem. However, we need to realize that in order to get help, we have to want to get help; that is the first step. Someone once said, "I never met a person I didn't like." I truly feel the same way. However, some of the things we do to one another hurts me deeply. Once we begin to address the issues that cause people in our neighborhood to feel unwanted and hurt, we can begin the healing process. Remember, we all are important to God. If we would just see in each other what God sees in us, what a wonderful world this would be. P.S. If you are finding it hard to find something to be thankful for, how about, "Today I'm alive. I can make a difference in someone's life, even if that someone is me."



Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas

Holiday Safety Tips

With the holiday season upon us, we should not make it a season of sadness by ignoring some timely safety tips.

- * Remember to close your drapes in the evening when your Christmas gifts are displayed under the tree. Open drapes attract unwanted guests.
- * The leaves on your poinsettia plants are poisonous, keep them out of reach of small children and pets.
- * When doing your Christmas shopping remember to place gifts in your car trunk. They may tempt someone to break in if in sight.
- * Be on the look out for scams or people who pose as reputable persons to gain entry into your home to steal. Be aware!
- * Women, after dark please check your car prior to entering, especially look in the back seat for Anyone hiding there.
- * Avoid stress. Try to maintain patience and a good sense of humor!

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