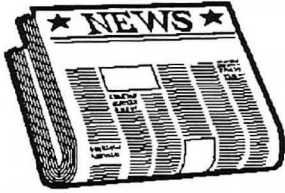


Happenings On Hilltop

A Newsletter from the Hilltop Action Coalition

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Welcome

By Lawrence Norman

On behalf of the Hilltop Action Coalition, I would

like to welcome all of our new readers. *Tidbits from Ten* (now called *Happenings on Hilltop*) has been in existence for six months now and we have been asked by a number of people to expand it's circulation. This is a great opportunity to spread the word about all of the great and wonderful things that are going on in our community.

Hilltop Action Coalition (HAC) is individuals, families, and organizations in the Hilltop community working together to create a positive environment where illegal drug and gang activity will not flourish. Hilltop is divided into ten areas with representatives from each area serving on a Board. These representatives are the liaisons to the public letting your needs be known and working toward solutions to problems by using the resources available to us. HAC works in close cooperation with the Safe Streets campaign. Their common goal is to educate community members, develop Block by Block organizing programs to identify problem areas, work with law enforcement to inform neighbors about crime prevention techniques, and to work to beautify the Hilltop by removing graffiti and cleaning up our neighborhoods. HAC employs two full time staff members in a office in the Associated Ministries building.

We will be asking for your input on a number of levels, from assisting those in need to becoming more active in the political process. We need to all begin to realize how important each of us is to solving our community concerns.

If you are not already aware of it, there are a number of agencies working here in the Hilltop area. Our newsletter will be providing information about these different agencies to assist you in

getting the help you need. We will also keep you informed of upcoming events and activities. So please, take advantage of our newsletter. If you would like to assist in writing articles, or distribution, please call Larry Norman, 272-8133. We can always use the help. The purpose of this newsletter is to bring about a better awareness of what can be accomplished by working together. I am looking forward to serving (and working) with you. Let's make this place shine!!!!

Hoe Down/Bar-B-Que a Success

by Lawrence Norman

On May 18th, Area 10 of the Hilltop Action Coalition, with support of Safe Streets, 7-11, Metropolitan Parks and the community, put on an event at Irving Park. Some sixty residents, friends and city officials came out to share in the celebration. Awards were presented to Bill and Kathy Charles for their service to the Hilltop community. The theme of the day was "Working Together."

Everyone assisted to make this event a reality. 7-11 provided an assortment of necessary items. Priscilla Lisch from Safe Streets, along with HAC support personnel, made presentations to Bill and Kathy. A letter of appreciation from the Mayor was also presented. The Parks Department provided a well manicured park with picnic tables. Darlena and Yvonne from HAC provided words of encouragement as well as a beautiful cake.

The message is simple: "Let's use the resources available to us, so we can create a better community." People are starting to see the reality of working together to get things done.

On behalf of Area 10, Bill and Kathy Charles, and myself, I wish to thank HAC, Safe Streets, 7-11, the Parks Department and a number of people who helped create a positive reality on Hilltop. Let this event be one small step in bringing us closer together as people and as a community.

Editorial

by Lawrence Norman

In previous issues of our newsletter, there has always been an editorial. We strive to inspire our fellow neighbors by our actions and words. To that extent, we have been successful. I would like to take this opportunity to offer up a few notable sayings that may also encourage you, as they have encouraged countless others throughout history, a saying a day keeps the doctor away and keeps one healthy, wealthy, and wise.

Peace

To build may have to be the slow and laborious task of years. To destroy can be the thoughtless act of a single day. *Winston Churchill*

You don't get to choose how you're going to die, or when. You can only decide how you're going to live. Now. *Joan Baez*

I am only an average man, but I work harder than the average man. *Teddy Roosevelt*

The object of teaching is to enable those taught to get along without a teacher.

Truth, like any surgery, may hurt, but it cures. *Han Suyin*



No Where to Go?

by Lawrence Norman

With summer fast approaching, the question on most parents mind is: What can I do with my children? Living here on hilltop, it is clear that we don't need more of our children left with nothing to occupy their time. Fortunately, there are a number of activities that are inexpensive (or free) and offered to the public through the Parks Department and other agencies.

A good idea may be to ask your children what they like to do, Then form a list of options that you feel are constructive activities. From your child's list, choose activities which closely match those on your list. Then, allow your children to choose from the contained list. Above all, make sure your schedule can accommodate whatever activities that are agreed upon.

If you are finding it hard to come up with ideas, why not call the Parks Department at 591-3690 or visit the Tacoma Public Library. They have plenty of free information and assistance.

To date, our community has made great strides in creating a wonderful and safe neighborhood for all of us. As parents, let's do our part by working with our children to provide them with activities that will strengthen their minds and bodies, while keeping them (and others) safe.

Keep These Phone Numbers Handy for Easy Access



Phone Numbers

- Emergency (Police, Fire).....911
- Sector 1 Police Sergeants591-7832
- Crack Hotline475-CRAK
- Hilltop Action Coalition597-4808
- Safe Streets.....272-6824
- Crime Prevention591-5883
- Abandoned Autos.....591-5926
- Refuse Department.....591-5544
- Recycling Hotline565-5955
- Street Light Outage591-5287

Hilltop Action Coalition

- Darlana Gray, Coordinator
- Yvonne Jordan, Administrative Secretary
- Maurice Wright, President
- Lawrence Norman, Treasurer
- HAC Office: 597-4808

Call the HAC office to find out who the representative for your area is.