

HILLTOP USA NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

Happy March! Read on for several resources and events coming soon to the Hilltop this spring.

Do you live in the Hilltop? Please complete the **Greater Hilltop Area Commission's Capital Improvements Survey** to help make important recommendations for the city's capital budgeting process and assess where our infrastructure needs currently are. The survey is available on the GHAC's website: <https://cbusareacommissions.org/greater-hilltop/>.

Please check [HilltopUSA.org](https://hilltopusa.org) for updated information on resources and events. Future issues can be found online at: <https://franklintondevelopment.org/hilltop-usa-newsletter>.

Illegal Dumping & Litter Cleanup Campaign Launch

Join Hilltop RISE, Keep Columbus Beautiful, and the community as we kick off our litter and illegal dumping campaign in The Hilltop on **Saturday, April 6th from 10AM-Noon, 2354 West Broad St.** We will be canvassing four blocks to provide resources to residents and clean up existing litter.

We are kicking off our Litter and Illegal Dumping Campaign this April with the help of Keep Columbus Beautiful, Department of Refuse, and community collaborators. The Department of Neighborhoods is empowering Hilltop Rise to work on a campaign to address the issue of litter and illegal dumping in the Hilltop. We're working to create a beautiful and comprehensive campaign that will launch in April. The Department of Refuse will be **conducting a block-by-block study in the areas between Wheatland and Wayne, North and South of Broad, 1 block deep.** In addition to this study, we'll have a digital media campaign, printed bilingual door hangs to canvas residential and commercial areas, and bilingual direct mailers to all residents in 43204. Through community collaboration and education, we hope to make an impact.



Spring Break Activities for Youth

During Spring Break week (April 2nd-5th), come hang out at the **Lower Lights Community Learning Center from Noon-2PM each day** for free snacks/food and fun activities. For ages 12-17. Activities planned include: lego building, sports, movies, games, and more.

Join the Columbus Office of Violence Prevention, Columbus Public Health, and Columbus Rec & Parks on **Friday, April 5th from 4-8PM at Glenwood Rec Center** for their Spring Break fun! There will be food, a DJ, game truck, bounce house, face painting, balloon twisting, artistic stations, basketball, space dedicated to violence prevention dialogue, and more for all to enjoy! Teens are welcome to bring younger siblings and family members.

Green Teens at Highland Youth Garden

Green Teens is a **9-week long, paid summer program** for Hilltop teens ages 14-19. Youth who join the Green Teen crew are in for a life-changing summer: they work hard in the garden, gain essential job & life skills, learn all about growing and cooking food, engage in food justice issues, and help run the Garden Market. Youth who live or go to school in Hilltop are encouraged to **apply by the April 26th deadline!** Green Teens work a total of 20 hours a week.

Apply and learn more: www.highlandyouthgarden.org/green-teens-info.

Westside Produce Giveaways at Rec Centers

The below rec centers have produce giveaways throughout the month. Please bring your ID.

- **Sullivant Gardens Rec Center** (755 Renick St) @ 3-5PM free produce (first Thursday)
- **Glenwood Rec Center** (1888 Fairmont Ave) @ 3-5PM free produce (first Thursday)
- **Dodge Rec Center** (667 Sullivant Ave) @ 3-5PM free produce (second Thursday)

Financial LifeSkills Program

Get paid to learn money management! Our next cohorts are scheduled for this summer. Franklinton Development Association offers a 12-hour program that is broken up into 6 classes:



Financial LifeSkills PROGRAM

1. Your Relationship with Money
2. Budgeting
3. Banks & Credit
4. Loan & Debt management
5. Job-training & Entrepreneurship
6. Taxes & Risk Management

Upon completion, you will receive a financial incentive of \$252 and a graduation certificate. While in the program, we will connect you with other organizations and resources through guest speakers and materials. Please register online for our interest list: <https://franklintondevelopment.org/flsp>.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Hilltop RISE Empowering Business Series

Join Hilltop RISE for an education series aimed at empowering those living, working, and investing in The Hilltop. These events are held every month on the **second Tuesday from 6:30-7:30PM, Hilltop Library**, Meeting Room 2 (511 S. Hague Ave, 43204). Upcoming session:

- **April Session:** Cohosted by the Franklinton Board of Trade and Hilltop RISE Economic CDC to bring together the business communities of Franklinton and Hilltop on **Tuesday, April 9th**. In collaboration with expert presenters from ECDI and Legal Aid, they will delve into the critical topic of the Beneficial Ownership Reporting Requirement under the Corporate Transparency Act.
- **May Session:** Hilltop RISE will have a speaker from Huntington Bank to discuss their Lift Local program and how they support small businesses on **Tuesday, May 14th**.

For more details and registration for either session, please visit: www.hilltopusa.org/?event-item=empowering-business-series-by-hilltop-rise.

Community Creatures: Free Collage Workshop

Join We Amplify Voices (WAV) for their Community Creatures: Free Collage Workshop! Craft your unique collage creature, connect with your community, and share love around the westside. Join them **every other Friday from 3-5PM at 1327 Sullivant Ave, 43223**. Upcoming sessions: **April 12th & April 26th**. Learn more: www.weamplifyvoices.org/whatwedo.

The History of Westgate

In partnership with the Local History & Genealogy department of Columbus Metropolitan Library, Hilltop Historian Jennie Keplar will be presenting The History of Westgate on **Thursday, April 18th at 6PM**. This is an in-person event, and live-streaming of the presentation has yet to be confirmed. Attendees can expect to hear about the early years of the Hilltop and Franklinton leading into the need to develop property west of Hague Ave., the influential people who made Westgate their home, the political influence of Westgaters, how some Westgate streets received their names, and much more.

This event is free and open to everyone. Please join us!

South Central Hilltop Spring Clean-up & Pizza Party

Join us next us in May on **Saturday, May 4th from 11AM-1PM in Burroughs Park** (551 South Richardson Ave, 43204) for our 22nd annual Spring cleanup of an area in Central/South Central Hilltop. We are partnering as we have done all these years with Keep Columbus Beautiful who will sponsor tools but feel free to bring your favorite work gloves and litter grabber. We'll end the event with a pizza party sponsored by our amazing community partners at Donatos.

We are looking for contributions of donuts and coffee as well as prizes for the Free Drawing. Beverages, water and ice are also needed. Contact Lisa Boggs at 614-264-0195 for any questions!




APRIL CALENDAR


To see more details on the events listed visit:
<https://hilltopusa.org/resources/events/>.

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1 	2 Greater Hilltop Area Commission @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	3	4 Free Produce @ 3-5PM, Glenwood Rec Center <hr/> Free Produce @ 3-5PM, Sullivant Gardens Rec Center	5	6 Illegal Dumping & Litter Cleanup Campaign Launch @ 10AM, 2354 W. Broad St <hr/> SRD's Financial Empowerment Series @ 2-3PM, Hilltop Library	7 

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8 	9 Empowering Business Series @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	10 Free Produce Distribution @ 4:30, Oakley Full Gospel Baptist Church	11 Free Produce @ 3-5PM, Dodge Rec Center <hr/> CARE for Hilltop @ 3-5:30PM, Hilltop Library	12 Collage Workshop @ 3-5PM, We Amplify Voices	13 Hilltop Hop @ 10AM-1PM, Broad/Westmoor <hr/> SRD's Financial Empowerment Series @ 2-3PM, Hilltop Library	14

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15	16 GHAC Zoning Committee @ 6PM, Hilltop Library	17 Free Produce Distribution @ 4PM, Hilltop YMCA <hr/> GHAC Human Services & Education Committee @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	18 The History of Westgate @ 6PM, Hilltop Library <hr/> GHAC Planning & Economic Development Committee @ 6PM, Hilltop Library	19	20 GHAC Parks & Rec Committee Trash Clean-up @ 9AM, Wilson Rd Park <hr/> Free Health Screening & Supplies @ 1-3PM Hilltop Community Worship Center	21 

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22 Earth Day <hr/> Passover Begins at Sundown	23 GHAC Community Relations & Gov't/ Legislation Committees @ 6:30PM, Best Side Studio	24 	25 CARE for Hilltop @ 3-5:30PM, Hilltop Library	26 Collage Workshop @ 3-5PM, We Amplify Voices	27 GHAC Public Safety Committee @ 10AM, Hilltop Library <hr/> Free Health Screening & Supplies @ 1-3PM Hilltop Community Worship Center	28

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Questions? Comments? Call us at 614-636-3644,
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