

# HILLTOP USA NEWSLETTER

*A product of Franklinton Development Association*



## Introduction

Happy February! **This is our first issue of the Hilltop USA Newsletter.** We launched *HilltopUSA.org* in August 2019 to connect the community to existing resources in the area through one platform. Our goal is to inform, involve, and connect community members to aid and resources on the Hilltop. Resources are divided into 12 categories: emergency services, health & social services, food, housing, education, business & workforce, refugee & immigrant, faith, youth & family, recreation & arts, government services, and events. This newsletter is another way to expand our reach in the community and highlight resources and events on the Westside.

Please check *HilltopUSA.org* for updated information on resources and events.

## Greater Hilltop Area Commission (GHAC)

The Greater Hilltop Area Commission (GHAC) serves as a liaison to connect neighborhood groups, property owners, residents, developers and city officials. Hilltop residents, businesses and any other type of stakeholder is encouraged to attend the monthly meetings. GHAC meets the **first Tuesday of the month at 6:30PM, Hilltop Library**. GHAC has several committees that all are encouraged to attend:

- Parks & Recreation
- Public Safety
- Planning & Economic Development
- Zoning
- Liquor Permits
- Community Relations
- Government & Legislation

To learn more about GHAC and see the calendar of events, please visit: [www.cbusareacommissions.org/greater-hilltop/](http://www.cbusareacommissions.org/greater-hilltop/).



## Financial LifeSkills Program

Get paid to learn money management! **Franklinton Development Association in collaboration with the Mount Carmel Healthy Living Center is offering the Financial LifeSkills Program beginning early March 2024.** Registration is REQUIRED & space is limited. Before enrolling, please make sure you are available for all 6 classes, and participants must live in Franklin County to be in the program due to funding. To register, please visit <https://mountcarmelhealth.com/hlc>.



The 12-hour program is broken up into 6 classes:

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. If you cannot attend the sessions at Mount Carmel Healthy Living Center or the class is full, please register online for our waitlist: <https://franklintondevelopment.org/flsp>.

## Westside Warming Centers

Anyone in need of shelter can call the **Homeless Hotline at 614-274-7000**. Westside warming centers until March 15, 2024:

- **Jordan's Crossing** (342 N. Hague Ave, 43204 | 614-507-3246): Monday-Tuesday from 9AM-4PM, Wednesday from 9AM-8PM, Thursday-Friday 9AM-4PM (Friday dinner at 7PM).
- **Franklinton Library** (1061 W. Town St, 43222 | 614-645-2275): Monday-Thursday from 9AM-8PM, Friday-Saturday from 9AM-6PM, Sunday from 1-5PM
- **Hilltop Library** (511 S. Hague Ave, 43204 | 614-645-2275): Monday-Thursday from 9AM-9PM, Friday-Saturday from 9AM-6PM, Sunday from 1-5PM
- **Dodge Rec Center** (667 Sullivant Ave, 43215 | 614-724-8151): Monday-Friday from 8AM-8PM, Saturday from 9AM-4PM
- **Glenwood Rec Center** (1888 Fairmont Ave, 43223 | 614-645-3282): Monday-Friday from 8AM-8PM, Saturday from 9AM-4PM
- **Holton Rec Center** (303 N. Eureka Ave, 43204 | 614-645-3208): Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 12-9PM; Wednesday from 3-9PM; Saturday from 9AM-6PM
- **Sullivant Gardens Rec Center** (755 Renick St, 43223 | 614-645-8171): Monday-Friday from 8AM-8PM, Saturday from 9AM-4PM

## CARE for Hilltop

Are you worried about community violence? Do you want to talk about it? The Columbus CARE Coalition is here to help. Join them on the **second and fourth Thursdays from 3-5:30PM at Hilltop Library** (511 S. Hague Ave, 43204).

The Columbus CARE Coalition helps individuals, families and neighborhoods become healthy and strong again after something bad happens. When we build up individuals and families in a crisis, we help build up entire neighborhoods.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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:

- February 2nd
- February 16th
- March 1st
- March 15th
- March 29th

Learn more: [www.weamplifyvoices.org/whatwedo](http://www.weamplifyvoices.org/whatwedo).

### Tax Appointments at Glenwood United Methodist Church

Do you need your taxes filed? Glenwood UMC offers tax appointments in the church Parlor **every Saturday through April 6th from 9AM-3PM**, and **every Monday through April 8th from Noon-6PM**.

Limitations:

- Income Requirement: Income threshold is household income of \$70,000 or less.
- Only do federal taxes and state of Ohio taxes.
- Do not do taxes regarding rental properties.
- Do not do taxes for businesses that have inventory and depreciation.
- Do not do city taxes.

### 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 dates and topics:

- **Tuesday, February 13th: Park National Bank**
  - Opportunities for small business owners, as well as opportunities for their Home Sweet Home project, loans, and grants.
- **Tuesday, March 12th: COTA and City of Columbus**
  - LinkUS updates and anticipated updates to zoning.

### Opportunity Rising Career Workshops

The City of Columbus employs over 10,000 people in approximately 650+ different job titles. City employees perform a variety of necessary jobs that help to maintain the quality of life for city residents, such as collecting the trash, repairing streets, providing clean water, keeping the traffic lights working, and providing police, fire, and EMS services. The work can be interesting, with good pay, great benefits, and opportunities for advancement. Learn more about the hiring and selection process, how to apply, and what to expect from the process! Staff will be available after the presentation to help participants create their online job profile.

Westside clinics at Glenwood Community Center:

- **Monday, February 12th @ 9-11AM**
- **Monday, March 4th @ 9-11AM**



# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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

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							1	2 Collage Workshop @ 3-5PM, We Amplify Voices <hr/> Groundhog Day	3	4	
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5	6 Greater Hilltop Area Commission @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	7	8 CARE for Hilltop @ 3-5:30PM, Hilltop Library	9	10	11					
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12 Opportunity Rising Workshop @ 9-11AM, Glenwood Rec Center	13 GHAC Zoning Committee @ 6PM, Hilltop Library <hr/> Empowering Business Series @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	14 Free Produce Distribution @ 4:30, Oakley Full Gospel Baptist Church <hr/> Valentine's Day	15 GHAC Planning & Economic Development Committee @ 6PM, Hilltop Library	16 Collage Workshop @ 3-5PM, We Amplify Voices	17	18					
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19 Presidents' Day	20	21 Free Produce Distribution @ 4PM, Hilltop YMCA <hr/> GHAC Human Services & Education Committee @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	22 CARE for Hilltop @ 3-5:30PM, Hilltop Library	23	24 GHAC Parks & Recreation Committee @ 10AM, Hilltop Library	25					
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26	27 GHAC Community Relations & Government/Legislation Committees @ 6PM, Design Refinery	28	29								

Questions? Comments? Call us at 614-636-3644, or send us an email at [info@franklinton.org](mailto:info@franklinton.org).

