

HILLTOP USA NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

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

The Greater Hilltop Area Commission, in partnership with the League of Women Voters' of Metropolitan Columbus, is hosting a **Hilltop Candidate Forum on Monday, March 4th at 6:30PM, Hilltop Library** (511 S. Hague Ave, 43204). Candidates for Ohio State Representative District 6 & 10 will be present. The **Primary Election is on Tuesday, March 19th.**

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

Affordable Housing Resource Fair

Come join us at Hilltonia Middle School for the Affordable Housing Resource Fair on **Saturday, March 9th from 10AM-2PM!** This in-person event is your one-stop-shop for all things related to affordable housing. Whether you're a first-time homebuyer, a renter looking for assistance, or simply interested in learning more about affordable housing options, this fair is for you!

The fair will feature resources on affordable, accessible, and high-quality housing and services from more than 40 local housing organizations, government agencies and social service organizations. Admission is free. There is no ticket required.

During the resource fair, the **Franklin County Board of Revision (BOR) will offer a clinic for the Homeowner Assistant Program.** This clinic is available to low-to-moderate income homeowners to file a complaint against the valuation of their owner-occupied home with the County Board of Revision (BOR). The program provides complaint-filing clinic and referrals for possible further presentation for homeowners in Franklin County.



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**. Please call 614-274-8469 to make an appointment.

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.

Community Learning Center for Teens

Join Lower Lights Ministries on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-6PM at 2300 Sullivant Ave** for their Community Learning Center! Free food, snacks, video games, music room, quiet space, sports, homework help, art, career planning, and more! For teens (grades 6-12) in the neighborhood.

Join the Community Learning Center for **Nerf 'n Nuggets**: a fun and free evening of nerf challenges and chicken nuggets on **Tuesday, March 5th from 5-7PM!** All of the nerf equipment will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. No overpowered or modded blasters please.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to hwiney@lowerlights.org. Learn more: www.lowerlights.org/community-learning-center.

Financial LifeSkills Program

Get paid to learn money management! Franklinton Development Association in collaboration with the Hilltop Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library are offering the Financial LifeSkills Program beginning mid-April. **Complete our interest form here:** <https://franklintondevelopment.org/flsp-spring-hilltop-library>.



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 session above, please register online for our interest list: <https://franklintondevelopment.org/flsp>.



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:

- March 1st
- March 15th
- March 29th

Learn more: www.weamplifyvoices.org/whatwedo.

City of Columbus Career Workshop: Opportunity Rising

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.

Join them for a westside clinic on **Monday, March 4th from 9-11AM at Glenwood Community Center** (1888 Fairmont Ave, 43223).

Board of Revision In-Person Filing at Hilltop Library

The Franklin County Board of Revision (BOR) hears complaints on the market value of your property and can adjust the value based on presented evidence. The BOR is now accepting tax year 2023 complaints through April 1st. Join them for an in-person clinic on **Thursday, March 7th from 4-7PM at the Hilltop Library** (511 S. Hague Ave, 43204).

To learn more about the Board of Revision process, please visit: www.franklincountyauditor.com/real-estate/board-of-revision.

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 sessions:

- **March Session:** Hilltop RISE will have a speaker from COTA and City Planning Department on **Tuesday, March 12th**. We will be discussing anticipated updates to zoning and LinkUS.
- **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.



MARCH CALENDAR

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

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				1 Collage Workshop @ 3-5PM, We Amplify Voices	2 SRD's Financial Empowerment Series @ 2-3PM, Hilltop Library	3 
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4 Opportunity Rising Workshop @ 9-11AM, Glenwood Rec Center Hilltop Candidate Forum @ 6:30-8PM, Hilltop Library	5 Greater Hilltop Area Commission @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	6 	7 Board of Revision In-Person Filing @ 4-7PM, Hilltop Library	8 	9 Affordable Housing Resource Fair @ 10AM-2PM, Hilltonia MS	10 Day Light Savings Time (Spring Forward) Ramadan Begins
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11 	12 Empowering Business Series @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	13 Free Produce Distribution @ 4:30, Oakley Full Gospel Baptist Church	14 CARE for Hilltop @ 3-5:30PM, Hilltop Library	15 Collage Workshop @ 3-5PM, We Amplify Voices March Madness Resource Fair & Game @ 4-7PM, Glenwood Rec Center	16 GHAC Parks & Recreation Committee @ 10AM, Hilltop Library	17  St. Patrick's Day
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18 	19 GHAC Zoning Committee @ 6PM, Hilltop Library First Day of Spring	20 Free Produce Distribution @ 4PM, Hilltop YMCA GHAC Human Services & Education Committee @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	21 GHAC Planning & Economic Development Committee @ 6PM, Hilltop Library	22 	23 SRD's Financial Empowerment Series @ 2-3PM, Hilltop Library	24 
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25 	26 GHAC Community Relations & Government/Legislation Committees @ 6:30PM, Best Side Studio	27 Blood Drive @ 11AM-5PM, Glenwood UMC	28 CARE for Hilltop @ 3-5:30PM, Hilltop Library	29 Collage Workshop @ 3-5PM, We Amplify Voices Good Friday	30 GHAC Public Safety Committee @ 10AM, Hilltop Library South Hilltop Spring Cleanup @ 11AM, 1517 Walsh Ave	31  Easter Sunday

Questions? Comments? Call us at 614-636-3644,
 or send us an email at info@franklinton.org.

