

HILLTOP USA NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

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

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

South Central Hilltop Spring Clean-up & Pizza Party

Join the South Central Hilltop Block Watch on **Saturday, May 4th from 11AM-1PM in Burroughs Park** (551 South Richardson Ave, 43204) for their 22nd Annual Spring Clean-up & Pizza Party. Keep Columbus Beautiful is sponsoring the tools, but feel free to bring your own work gloves and litter grabber. Attendees will break into groups and pick up trash in assigned areas of the South Central Hilltop. The event will conclude with a pizza party sponsored by Donatos.

A clean community shows that people care about their surroundings and the environment. This is always a fantastic opportunity to make a difference and bring awareness to litter issues. It's also a chance to network and meet others who share our goal of building community and strengthening relationships!

Contact Lisa Boggs at 614-264-0195 for any questions!



Free Collage Workshop & Open Mic Night

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**. Upcoming sessions: May 10th and 24th, June 7th. WAV is also hosting an **Open Mic Night on Friday, May 10th from 6-7:30PM!** Come share your voice through poetry, song, music, comedy, or drama, or just listen to others.

Learn more: www.weamplifyvoices.org.

Hilltop Spring Jamboree

Music Columbus, We Amplify Voices, and Hilltop Arts Collective are hosting the Hilltop Spring Jamboree on **Saturday, May 11th from 1-7PM at Hilltonia Park** (880 S. Wayne Ave, 43204). This is a free and family-friendly event featuring live music all day, an instrument petting zoo, and other artmaking activities. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to enjoy this celebration of spring and music!

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). 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.

Westgate Farmers Market

Westgate Farmers Market has their first market of the year on **Saturday, May 18th**. Starting in June, the market is the **first and third Saturdays until October from 9AM-Noon at West Gate Lodge lawn** (2925 W. Broad St, 43204). Stop by and check out local food and produce at the only farmers market on the Hilltop! There is a special Thanksgiving Market on November 18th.

EBT (Ohio Direction Card) is accepted, but please see the Market Information Tent to swipe your card in exchange for tokens, which can be spent at vendor tents. Produce Perks program are available, which provides SNAP participants with a dollar-for-dollar cash match (up to \$25) to be spent on fruits and vegetables.

Columbus City Schools Ready for Summer Rally

The Ready for Summer Rally is back this year and will take place on **Saturday, May 18th, from 11AM-2PM at Westgate Elementary School** (3080 Wicklow Rd, 43204). The purpose is to help west side families be prepared and safe for the summer by providing the community with life-saving training and resources on, first aid, home safety, severe weather preparedness, outdoor, water, bike, and cooking safety, as well as health screenings including vaccinations, physicals, and more. This will be a fun and informative free event for families!



Events at Highland Youth Garden

Join Highland Youth Garden for FREE free produce during their Garden Market **beginning May 1st until October 30th on Wednesdays from 3-5PM and Saturdays from 11AM-1PM!** The market is located at 106 S. Wheatland Ave. They are also hosting a **FREE Spring Festival on Wednesday May 15th from 3:30-6:30PM.** Join them for games, garden market, activities, and food.

For more info visit: www.highlandyouthgarden.org.

GHAC Neighborhood Summit 2024

The Greater Hilltop Area Commission invites you to our neighborhood summit on **Saturday, June 8th from 10AM-1PM at Briggs Road Baptist Church** (3231 Briggs Rd, 43204). Join us for a panel about the future of the neighborhood and information tables with issues important to residents. Snacks & giveaways provided.

More details on GHAC's Facebook: www.facebook.com/GreaterHilltopAreaCommission.

Public Comment Request: Zoning Code Changes

The City of Columbus has introduced a proposal to modernize the zoning on Columbus corridors. Through this code, the City aims to modernize zoning regulations to reflect our diverse community's evolving needs, support sustainable growth by improving transit options, expand housing opportunities and foster the development of job centers that will benefit all residents. The public comment period on these proposed changes is open until June 10th.

They've created the **Zone In Gallery** – an interactive space where you can learn all about the process at 141 N. Front St. – that will be open 6 days a week during the proposal's public comment period. Tours and appointments are available through June 7th.

Send your questions via phone by at 614-645-5343, or by email: ZoningUpdate@Columbus.gov. For more details, visit: www.columbus.gov/zoningupdate.

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 this July. Complete our interest form here:

<https://franklintondevelopment.org/flsp-summer-hilltop-library>.



Financial LifeSkills PROGRAM

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







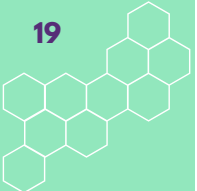








Upon completion, you will receive a financial incentive of \$252 and a graduation certificate. While in the program, we will connect you with other organizations and resources through guest speakers and materials. Please register online for our interest list:

<https://franklintondevelopment.org/flsp>.



MAY CALENDAR

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

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1		2 CARE for Hilltop @ 3-5:30PM, Hilltop Library Free Produce @ 3-5PM, Glenwood & Sullivant Gardens Rec Centers		3 		4 22nd Annual Spring Cleanup & Pizza Party @ 11AM-1PM		5		
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6 	7 Greater Hilltop Area Commission @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	8 Free Produce Distribution @ 4:30, Oakley Full Gospel Baptist Church	9 	10 Collage Workshop @ 3-5PM / Open Mic @ 6-7:30PM, We Amplify Voices	11 Hilltop Hop @ 10AM-1PM, Broad/Westmoor Hilltop Spring Jamboree @ 1-7PM, Hiltonia Park	12 	Mother's Day			
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13 	14 Empowering Business Series @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	15 Free Produce Distribution @ 4PM, Hilltop YMCA GHAC Human Services & Education Committee @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	16 CARE for Hilltop @ 3-5:30PM, Hilltop Library GHAC Planning & Economic Development Committee @ 6PM, Hilltop Library	17 	18 GHAC Parks & Rec Committee Trash Clean-up @ 10AM, Glenwood Rec Center Ready for Summer Rally @ 11AM-2PM, Westgate Elementary	19 				
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20 	21 GHAC Zoning Committee @ 6PM, Hilltop Library	22 Blood Drive @ 11AM- 5PM, Glenwood UMC Garden Market @ 3-5PM, Highland Youth Garden	23 	24 Collage Workshop @ 3-5PM, We Amplify Voices	25 Garden Market @ 11AM-1PM, Highland Youth Garden GHAC Public Safety Committee @ 10AM, Hilltop Library	26  				
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27 Memorial Day	28 GHAC Community Relations & Gov't/ Legislation Committees @ 6:30PM, Best Side Studio	29 Garden Market @ 3-5PM, Highland Youth Garden	30  	31  						

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

