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APRIL 1, 1981	VOLUME 2 NO. 6
APRIL 1	HILTONIA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER APRIL FOOLS DAY
APRIL 11	EASTER EGG HUNT
APRIL 12	PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 18	RAIN DATE - EASTER EGG HUNT
APRIL 19	HAPPY EASTER
APRIL 23	HILTONIA EXECUTIVE BOARD 8:00pm - 24 Hilvista
APRIL 23	FRIENDS OF CADWALADER PARK 8:00pm - Ellarslie
APRIL 24	MUMMERS STRING BAND 8:00pm - War Memorial - Donation \$6.00 Call Joan at 393-3416 for tickets Proceeds for Heritage Days
APRIL 29	ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ROAST BEEF DINNER 503 W. State St Donation \$6.00/adult Call 695-6511 for tickets or information
MAY 10	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 12	HILTONIA ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
MAY 16	BLESSED SACRAMENT PTA Spring Dinner Dance Casey Auditorium - Donation \$15.00/person
MAY 30	MEMORIAL DAY

HILTONIA IN THE NEWS

A short time ago an editorial written by Case J. George appeared in the Trenton Times. The essence of Mr. George's editorial was that people were fleeing Hiltonia because crime plagued the area. The following is the response of the Hiltonia Association as it appeared in the Trenton Times, March 1, 1981.

With all due respect to Case J. George and his opinions about the exodus of professionals and businessmen from Hiltonia, if George were a resident of our area, or better still, if he had really checked his facts, he would know that:

1. The only homes for sale in Hiltonia are homes that were for sale before the tragic incident involving the Waldrons;

2. The residents of Hiltonia are not only 'professionals and upper middle-class businessmen' but, more importantly, are hard-working families representing many of the disciplines of life;

EASTER EGG HUNT

Hiltonia's third annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 11 at the homes of DAVID and ANNETTE SCHROTH and MARY ELLEN and STEVE SCHRAGGER of Hilvista Boulevard. Rain date for this event will be April 18th.

The Hunt Committee is busy making preparations for this year's activity. Committee members include MARY ELLEN SCHRAGGER, BARBARA WELLE, DORIS SMITH, RENEE WILLIAMS. IMMERMAN, BOBBI DONNA SHELINGOSKI, and ELAINE MARTINEZ. Easter candy contributions are needed from fellow Hiltonians to insure that this year's hunt will be a memorable event for our young neighbors. Anyone who would be willing to donate candy please contact Elaine Martinez, Chairperson, at 396-0918. Thank you.

Elaine Martinez Chairperson

- 3. Crime does not 'plague' Hiltonia. Our streets and homes are safer than most in the greater Trenton area;
- 4. Our area will not be 'another one that bites the dust' because we are a group of people who care about each other and demonstrate our concern through an active civic association and involvement in the affairs of our city.

What happened to the Waldron family can happen anywhere in our country. The causes cannot be cured through hysteria or by making false statements, but only by recognizing the reasons for the ills of our society and treating the causes, not the symptoms.

Joan Anderson President

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

On Thursday evening, February 12, a group of Hiltonia mothers met at the home of LARRY and BARBARA WELLE on Buckingham. The pupose of this meeting was to plan some children's activities and to get a chairperson for the events.

The first event will be the Easter Egg Hunt on April 11. ELAINE MARTINEZ is the chairperson and she has been assisted by R E N E E WILLIAMS, MARY ELLEN SCHRAGGER, a n d BARBARA WELLE. If you would like to help, call Elaine at 396-0918. It's not too late!

The Children's Activities for the Fourth of July Brunch will be chaired by BARBARA WELLE and TERRY CASTRO. They would love to have some help. Call Barbara at 396-0520 or Terry at 396-3916

For the first time we are planning a Halloween Party for young adults on Friday, October 30. DORIS SMITH (396-4732) and MARY ELLEN SCHRAGGER (392-4990) are the chairpersons.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We had a good turnout for our meeting on February 24th with Bill Lucas from the Crime Prevention Unit. Almost all who attended signed up for the call network system. Glenn Palmer will go into more detail about this in another article in this issue.

As usual, the Covered Dish Dinner and General Meeting on March 10th was a success.

There have been two major changes in the Calender of Events for this year. The first is the Easter Egg Hunt. Originally scheduled for April 18th, it has been moved back to April 11th with the rain date April 18th. Also in the last issue, I reported that we would be having a neighborhood gathering (such as a Block Party) on September 12th. That has changed considerably. In its place we are in the process of planning a big Fourth of July celebration. Although it is very early in the planning stages, we plan for it to include an early morning super duper parade featuring Hiltonians, a time for Bloody Marys and Screwdrivers, brunch and games.

Therefore our upcoming events as set now are:

April 11th

Easter Egg Hunt

April 18th

Rain Date

May 12th

General Meeting

July 4th

Fourth Celebration

September 22nd

General Meeting

November 10th

General Meeting

December 18th

Holiday Party

Besides the above, a group of mothers is working on some summer events for the children. Also a few other ideas have reached my ears which we might try. What do you think about a dinner dance, hayride, a bus trip to a New York show or a bus trip to a Phillies game? I can't do it all, so if you like any of these ideas or have others you would like to take on, let me know. Please. (393-9705)

Denise Mortimer Program Chairman



PLUSES AND MINUSES

As of March 10,1981 we have a balance of \$1, 764.44 This included receipts of \$170 in dues and expenditures of \$265.17. Included in the expenditures were the payment of dues to both the Trenton Council of Civic Associations (TCCA) and the Friends of Cadwalader Park.

Steve Schragger Treasurer

THE PROCESS OF RE-EVALUATION

At the February 11 meeting of the Trenton Council of Civic Associations, Mr. James Vroonland, City Finance Director, discussed the upcoming re-evaluation. You can expect the following sequence of events to occur:

- 1.The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be out shortly.
- 2. A Bidder's Conference to answer questions will be held.
- 3. A selection of the firm to do the re-evaluation will be made.
- 4. Contract specifications will be written. Included in this contract will be a target date for early summer to begin the re-evaluation and the need for physical examination of 21,000 residential units.
- 5. Data will be collected and a value will be placed on your property. There are three methods to determine the value. One is the Market Approach or how much you can get for your house. Another is the Cost Approach which works on the depreciated value and is mandated by the State. The third is the Income Approach which can be used for income bearing property.
- Every home owner will be sent a copy of the data collected on their property. Included in this report will be the value placed on the property and the addresses of two other properties that are comparable to yours.
- 7. If you feel that there are inaccuracies in your report, you will be able to present them at an informal hearing.
- 8. The first year the new tax rate is used you may appeal your assessment at the County Tax Board on or before August 15.

Some other facts to know include:

- 1. The qualifications of the person collecting data is that he/she be 21 years old, indoctrinated in the procedures, and be supervised by someone who has 2* years experience.
- You do not need to let the surveyor in. He will, however, make three attempts to gain entry. If you are not home, he will leave a card so that you can make an appointment or have him return at your convenience.
 - 3. If you refuse entry, the tax assessor will be informed.
- 4. The tax assessor will then have to establish a value on your home. This will take away from your argument if you should decide to use the appeal process. Also, your house will assume maximum value if no entry is obtained.

What are they looking for? The same things you look for when you buy a house.

Gloriann Kyte

... excerpt from the March 1981 New Jersey Monthly-A Snob's Guide to New Jersey

"...New Jersey offers endless, fabulous opportunities, and one of the foremeost is the opportunity to be a snob." Here's how!

HEAD FOR THE HILLS

(It's easier to look down your nose if you live on higher ground.)

East Hill, Englewood
Highland Hills, Atlantic Highlands
HILTONIA, Trenton
Constitution Hill, Princeton
Oak Hill, Middletown
Ridgewood Heights, Ridgewood
Smoke Rise, Lake Kinnelon

Also:

FREE ASSOCIATIONS

(The urge to join cannot be denied. The very suggestion of the word club carries social weight. These associations are self-selectively exclusive:)

Advertising Club of N.J.,E. Orange Black Women Lawyers Association of N.J.-Upper Montclair Canal Society of New Jersey-Morristown The Florence Crittenden League of Newark

FRIENDS OF CADWALADER
PARK-Trenton

Garden Club of N.J.-New Brunswick Geneological Club of N.J.-New Brunswick Gourmet Society of N.J.-Maplewood Harvard Club of N.J.-Newark Holland Society of N.J.-Essex Morris Branch

Huguenot Society of New Jersy-Stanton Nassua Gun Club-Princeton Pingry Alumni Association-Elizabeth Any chapter of the Junior League

Editors Note: The Hiltonia Association should be included since you need to be a resident or homeowner in Hiltonia to be a member. Can you claim this distinction?

BLOCK REPS

CLAIR MILNER of 13 Renfrew Ave hat volunteered to assume the responsibilities of the Block Representative for the 15 block of Renfrew. If you have an information for Clair, she can be reached at 396-4227.

BARBARA SHIRK of 1525 Stuyvesant is taking over as block representative of Stuyvesant. Barbara can be reached a 393-2393.

Many thanks to JUDY PRIEST who have been a Block Rep for 3 years. Judy just have a baby.

Thank you also to GLENN PALMEF LEE LYBARGER, TOMMY VOGLER, an CURT TOPPER who so graciously sut stituted as Block Reps during the past 2 months

Sunshine Activities

Our corresponding secretary, Peggy Connelly, will assume the responsibilities of the Sunshine Committee. If you have any information, please call Peggy at 393-3134.



Editor's Note:

In the last issue of the Hilltone the center fold contained the 1981 Membership Roster not the 1980 as indicated. I hope this has not posed a problem for anyone. If you paid your dues after August 1, 1980 your name should appear on the that roster. If it doesn't, please call Linda Reid at 394-9292 or 394-2314. You, too, can be a member of this organization.

SAFETY COMMITTEE CRIME WATCH PROGRAM

On February 24th the Hiltonia Association held a special interest meeting at the home of Jock and Linda Reid. Patrolman Bill Lucas of the Trenton Crime Prevention Unit was the major speaker.

Glenn Palmer presented data describing the break-ins and entries (B&E) in Hiltonia. The data included:

16 B&E during 1980 and 8 B&E so far in 1981 (including attempts)

It is distinctly possible that almost all the B&E's occurred during the daylight hours. In some cases the time is not known.

Patrolman Lucas gave a talk in which he made 4 suggestions for trying to eliminate B&E's.

First, use of a free inspection that will assess the difficulty presented to a burgler in gaining access to your home is available by calling 989-3373 for an appointment.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Civic Ray Castro-(396-3916)
Heritage Days Bob Topper-(393-0432)
Hospitality Bobbi Shelingoski-(394-2610)
Ruth Emmons
Membership Linda Reid-(394-2314)
Program Denise Mortimer-(393-9705)
Publicity Gloriann Kyte-(392-6036)
Real Estate Sue Palmer-(393-0103)

Glenn Palmer-(393-0103)

Stu Anderson-(393-3416)

CHARLES CONTROLLS

Safety

TCCA

Second, the use of adequate locks and the securing of windows so that they are not easily opened from the outside. Most burglers want quick entrance and exit.

Thirdly, we should all watch for suspicious activity in our neighborhood and notify the police by calling the radio room at 989-4170. Please use this number only if speed and urgency are important.

Fourth, the Hiltonia Association initiate a crime watch program.

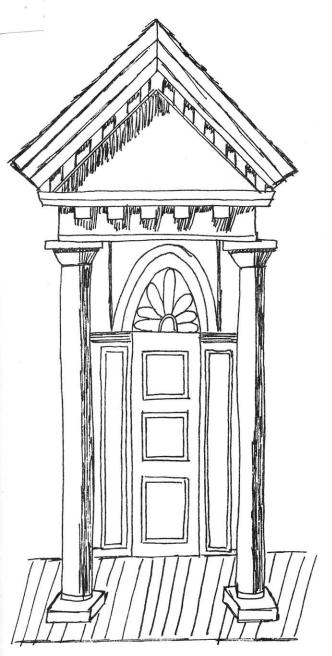
This suggestion was accepted by the group. Those who signed up were put into a call network. Important information about criminal activity in our area will be distributed through this network. If you choose to become part of the network, you will be given a decal to display. Please call Glenn Palmer at 393-0103 if you want to join your neighbors. Let's look together!

Glenn Palmer

Sonnet for Glad Gardeners

Too little time for garden tending
From baby's breath 'til life's full bloom,
Work to do and worry spending,
Numbered hours, dawn through noon,
And in the chore, this awesome task,
Brown-Eyed-Susans, Johnny-Jump-Ups,
If blessed with voice, would surely ask:
'While you nurture, can you love us?,
Take the pleasure, yours is 'ours',
It gives the word a clockless nameBe the gladdest gardeners-smell the flowers,
In cutting time its not the same,
As joy in growth, a special feeling,
Like thanks to Him in gardens kneeling.'

B.J.W. 10/81



REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

Sue Palmer graciously organized and hosted a meeting attended by members of the executive board and local realtors. The purpose of this gathering was to establish a liaison between the Civic Association and Realtors who have been of service to our community Representatives from the Doolan Agency, Elliott Realty Company, English Agency, Grad Real Estate Agency, John T. Henderson Realtors, S.J. Krol, Realtor, Mann Realty and Land Sales, Rader Realty, and Tighue Realtors attended. It was soon evident that the enthusiams of Hiltonians for our neighborhood was shared by these agencies

An open discussion stressed the advantage of Hiltonia-homes of exceptional quality and value and beautifully landscaped lots. But importantly Hiltonians enjoy a friendly atmosphere created by concerned residents interested in maintaining the character of the area.

It was agreed that the liaison established this evening would be maintained. Further consideration will be given to recommendations that may help to promote our area. Items such as printing a Hiltonia brochure and generating news releases that describe our Civic Association's activities were recommended. It was felt that the strong civic association that Hiltonia has has been a benefit to our area

Meetings such as this will continueat least on an annual basis. It was an informative and enjoyable evening.

HILTONIA ASSOCIATION

A letter from the President

Many things have been going on at the Executive Board meetings these days. Responding to the Waldron incident we wrote a letter to the County prosecutor to express our hope that the perpetrators of that crime are diligently prosecuted. We also wrote and expressed our appreciation to Chief Prihoda and the Trenton Police Department for their quick response in solving the case.

We are again this year looking at participating in Heritage Days. Last year we served soda, this year there is a possibility that they will have us 'man' the beer concession. Also as a fund raiser to help defray costs, the festival committee is having a String Band Revue at the War Memorial on Friday, April 24th. It sounds like a fun night. Tickets are \$6.00, call me for some.

As you can see from the many committee reports in this newsletter, the executive board is working very hard to keep your association moving. Please offer your help. It is your Association and it will only be as vital as you are willing to make it.

Joan Anderson President Hiltonia Association

P.S. Have you noticed that the crocus and daffodils are pushing their heads up? Ahh Spring!

Membership Reminders To Be Mailed

The first week in April will bring reminder notices to those who have not yet paid their 1981 Dues. Dues are still \$5.00 per adult member.

In the past few weeks I've had many inquiries as to whether or not dues have been renewed, and when the Association begins and ends its year. It seems that the way the Constitution defines the year for dues and officers and then sets the meeting schedule causes the confusion. I hope an explanation of these dates will answer the questions:

The membership year and the officer's terms run on a calendar year from January to January. The meeting schedule runs from September thru June. The summer months seem to be a time in limbo. The collection of dues begins in August with the Open House. The dues collected from

August 1 thru December are for the next calendar year. The reason these dues are collected so early is so that the officers elected in January will have a good idea of the dues income in order to plan their events. The Constitution also states that dues must be paid by December 31 to vote in the January election.

Dues being renewed now are for 1981 as are any dues that have been paid since August 1, 1980. If your dues check was issued after August 1,1980 then you have renewed. If you have not paid your dues between August 1, 1980 and today then it is time for you to renew your membership.

One closing comment that I hope will eliminate future confusion. The executive board has decided that for 1982, bills will be sent on September 1 to all members to inform them that 1982 dues should be paid by December 31, 1981.

Linda Reid

DEAR ABBY: This is in reference to NO GUTS, who struck and killed a dog with tags, disposed of the dog, but didn't have the guts to notify the owner:

People who really love their pets do not let them run loose! A friend of mine will never walk again because the driver of the car in which she was riding swerved to avoid hittng a dog, but struck a telephone pole instead.

Dead dogs and cats alongside the road are mute testimony to pets who have had their 'freedom.' People who really love their pets do not let them run loose either to get hurt or killed by motorists or to become a nuisance or menace to others.-LOVES ANIMALS--AND PEOPLE.

DEAR LOVES: It is said that man's best friend is his dog. How sad that sometimes a dog's worst enemy is his master.



Neighbors in the News

GLENN PALMER has been appointed by the mayor to the Police Advisory Board. Glenn will be the chairperson of this board.

JOCK REID has been appointed to the CETA Board while STU ANDERSON has been appointed to the Welfare Board.

Popping Buttons

Buckingham Ave. has reason to celebrate since four of its residents have been accepted to Lawrenceville Prep. They are DAVID SCHROTH, CURT TOPPER, CHRIS DONNELLY, and PAUL WEGNER. Hiltonia is proud of you!

Congratulations to:

Joe and Judy Priest of Stuyvesant on the birth of their son Jordan Christopher on February 21. He joins brother Damon who is 3 and sister, Nicki who is 5-1/2. Joe is the association recording secretary.

Clair and Dave Milner of Renfrew Ave. This is a little late since their son Derrick is 6 months old. Derrick joined his 3 year old sister, Jessica.

Art and Madelaine Elson on their 40th Wedding Anniversary on March 20.

Katherine L. Degler of Fort Wayne, Indiana, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs Car Hastedt of Stuyvesant on her recent engagement.

Happy Birthday to:

Susan Shelingoski (4), Joey Shields (8), Anne Marie Cirillo (7), Sara Smith (3), Damon Priest (3), Curt Topper (14), Robby Topper (2), Peggy Donnelly (8).

Good Luck to:

Michael Anderson, son of Joan and Stu Anderson of Kensington who joined the U.S. Navy on February 17. He is stationed in the Great Lakes.

FOUND GOLDEN RETRIEVERI CALL JEAN MITCHELL 989-8324 after 5

Welcome home to:

.... Dave and Clair Milner of Renfrew who vacationed in Disney World in March Bob, Mary Sue, Curt, Kim & Renee Topper of Buckingham Ave. who spent a week skiing in Vermont in February while Robby vacationed with his Grandma. Denise Mortimer of Stuyvesant who spent St. Patrick's Day in Ireland.

To Our Dog Owners:

The following article appeared in the Trenton Times on March 7, 1981. Since it affects all Hiltonians, we are reprinting it for your benefit. Also, remember, the law prohibits dogs from running loose—they must have on a leash if they are not on their own property.

LAW HAS BITE

City Council to unleash fines if dog owners don't scoop the poop

Grab your 'pooper scoopers,' dog lovers.

Starting March 25, canine owners and handlers will be subject to fines and possible jail terms if they fail to clean up after their pets.

City Council last night gave final approval to an ordinance that will require owners and handlers to do more than curb their dogs to keep Trenton clean and healthy.

Failure to pick up and properly dispose of what the ordinance delicately refers to as 'canine waste' could result in fines up to \$500 and possible six month jail terms, according to the ordinance approved with a 5-1 vote after no discussion by Council last night. Council President Eugene Kalnowski, who owns a dog, was the lone dissenter.

When the ordinance was first proposed by Gerard S. Naples, last month, Kalinowski complained that the ordinance might prompt fights between neighbors. Neil Kjelle of Cass Street was the only person to speak to Council last night about the new law. Kjelle said he favors the ordinance and complained about 'inconsiderate people' who fail to clean up after their pets, thereby 'making it a filth hole around town.'

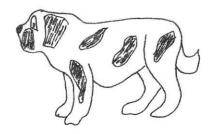
An ordinance that has been on the City's books for years forbids animals to 'commit a nuisance' in certain public places, but it doesn't demand that owners and handlers clean up their pets' mess.

Owners caught breaking the ordinance will receive tickets from police and health officers, and be fined up to \$20, according to City Attorney George Dougherty. The dog owners and handlers would then be required to go to municipal court, where their fines could be increased or they could be sentenced to jail.

Naples, who proposed the law, said last month that he wasn't looking for people to be locked up. Naples said he was counting on people to voluntarily abide by the law.

And Dougherty said he believed that 'a \$10 ticket would deter someone from doing it again.'

Let's remember, it is neighborly not to burden our neighbors with our pets. One man's pet is another man's pest. Also appearing in the Trenton Times on March 7 was the following Dear Abby column.



WATER WATER EVERYWHERE but did you know

At long last the water meters in Hiltonia were read on February 26. In order to calculate your water bill you will need to find your base rate. That is on the face of the bill and is indicated by a letter. Turn the card over and locate your base rate. For code D-1' disc after August 15, 1980, your rate was \$18.27.

First 7,000 cu. ft.	\$3.16 per 1,000 cu. ft.
Over 7,000 cu. ft.	\$2.87 per 1,000 cu. ft.
1. Take your usage, 32 and multiply by 100 to get1000 cu. ft. 2. Divide 3200/100 to get the number of 1000 cu. ft. 3. Since 3200 is less than 7000 your rate is \$3.16 per 1000 cu. ft.; multiply this by 3.2 4. Add the base rate \$18.27	3200 3.2 \$10.11 \$18.27
5. If you have 3/4' disc or Code	\$28.38
C your base rate is \$11.72 with the same usage your charge would be	\$21.83
	Ψ <u></u> 1.00

That is a savings of \$6.55. If you have a 1" disc you may consider changing it. Look at the base rate schedule and ask some questions.

How much water did you use? There are 7.5 gals of water per cu. ft. so if you used 3200 cu. ft., you used 24,000 gals in the quarter. Assuming the quarter had 90 days that would be (24,000/90) 267 gal per day.

Did you know that a dishwasher uses about 15 gal., a washing machine 30 gal. and a flush in the toilet 5 gals.? Under the Conservation Law, you are allowed 50 gallons of water per day per person

One of the biggest problems confronting the Water Department is the reading of meters. Mr. Vroonland, the City Director of Finance, hopes to solve this problem and have the Water Department computerized by the end of 1981.

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EDITORIAL-WATER

In November 1980 we all received our quarterly water bills. The only problem was that they were not for a quarter but for a 5 month period. The usage on the bill was estimated which created one problem because of the hot dry summer. Another problem was caused by a rate increase which went into effect Aug. 15, 1980. Because of this estimation, usage was, in most cases, lower than it actually was. And most of the usage occurred before the rate increase

The reason the bill was for a five month period was to try to collect more revenues before the end of 1980. However the revenues for the 2 extra months now collected in 1980 would have been revenues for 1981. Won't there now be a shortage of revenues for 1981? Should we not question this method? At the Feb. 11 TCCA meeting Mr. Vroonland's response to this question was 'No Comment.' It looks as if the city robbed Peter to pay P a u I.

Another factor to consider is what will happen to your next bi-annual sewer bill, if your November 1980 water bill was underestimated and is adjusted in your February bill? The sewer rates are \$24.00 for the first 5300 cu. ft. and .65 for each 100 cu. ft. over. Where do you stand?

FRIENDS OF CADWALADER PARK

At their March meeting, Friends of Cadwalader Park voted \$1000 'seed money' to begin tree renewal in the Park. In presenting the board recommendation, VP Peter Yull noted that while it was a modest sum, given the number of trees needing replacement, it could well be the start of an annual event and of a wider movement to reverse the loss trend of recent years. Some 30 members attending the meeting concurred on the proposal.

They also heard a reminder that the City would start relandscaping the pond area this spring, with a \$10,000 grant allocated for that purpose last year. Jim Greenberg of the City Housing and Development Department showed and explained a rendering of the project. Later that week, Jim sent us the 1975 inventory of Park trees--all 1400 of them by species, with their size and general condition. Taking inventory had been Dr. Diller's first recommendation to us last fall and here it is, but almost forgotten!

Dr. Kemble Widmer, recently retired State Geologist, put Cadwalader Park in a neat and unusual historical context with a talk, Canals, Waterpower and Parks. The membership also adopted by-laws, including purpose and organizational aspects, and agreed to meet again Thursday, April 23 (8 pm at Ellarslie) to elect officers and confirm Heritage Days participation and a Spring 'Project Half-Day'--all comers welcome, for a half hour, an hour or four hours.

Alan Olsen President Friends of Cadwalader Park

