

HILLTOP USA NEWSLETTER

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Happy June! Please check *HilltopUSA.org* for updated information.

Rise Up CBUS Block Party

Join the City of Columbus for a Rise Up CBUS Block Party on **Wednesday, June 18th from 5-7PM outside of Highland Elementary School and the Hilltop Early Learning Center!** Learn about resources from city and community partners. Enjoy free food, music and connect with your neighbors. Admission is free. Rise Up CBUS! supports Opportunity Rising – Mayor Andrew J. Ginther’s aspirations for every Columbus resident to equitably prosper and grow.

Little Bottoms Walk with a Doc

Join Little Bottoms Free Store for Walk with a Doc on the **third Saturday of the month from April to October at Westgate Park!** This is a special walk for pregnant and postpartum families monthly at the Westgate Park open air shelter by the pond. Light breakfast at 9:30AM, then begin walking at 10AM! **Upcoming dates: June 21st and July 19th.**

Sponsored by Little Bottoms, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and Celebrate One. RSVP here: <https://walkwithadoc.org/join-a-walk/locations/little-bottoms/>.



Westgate Farmers Market

Westgate Farmers Market is open on 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!

Upcoming dates:

- June 7th & 21st
- July 5th & 19th

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.

Highland West Civic Association

The Highland West Civic Association (HWCA) is open to the public and meets the **second Thursday of the month at 7PM, Hilltop Library** (511 S Hague Ave, 43204). HWCA is organized for charitable and educational purposes, including, but NOT limited to, improving the viability, livability, and overall quality of life for the residents of Highland West.

In addition to their monthly meeting, HWCA is hosting a trash clean-up on **Saturday, June 21st at 10AM, Highland West Gardens** (29 N. Wheatland Ave, 43204). All supplies are provided! The rain date is the following Saturday: June 28th.

Non-violent Misdemeanor Warrant Holding You Back?

Have an eligible outstanding misdemeanor warrant? **The Tap-In Center is here to assist you with the recall and rescheduling of your case.** Non-violent misdemeanors including but not limited to: theft, criminal trespass, complicity, drug offenses, soliciting for prostitution, driving without a license, and driving under suspension. The goal is providing an opportunity for re-engagement that does not involve arrest.

In partnership with the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, Columbus Metropolitan Library Hilltop Branch Library (511 S. Hague Ave.) is hosting the Tap-In Center on **Tuesday, June 10th from 3-7PM**. This co-sponsored library program is a new, collaborative initiative led by FCBC that's designed to assist residents with outstanding low-level, non-violent misdemeanor warrants. Customers who receive assistance with their warrant case in the program can then access other assistance services, including:

- BMV Suspensions/Reinstatements
- Child Support Questions
- Benefits Applications

Registration is required. Call 614-525-4488 or visit franklincountytapincenter.my.canva.site.



Upcoming Programs at the Hilltop Library

SPECIAL EVENT:

- **Creativebug on Tuesday, June 17th from 6-7PM:** Learn to crochet with Creativebug or bring your own project and enjoy the company. Hooks and yarn to loan for class.

MONTHLY EVENTS & SERVICES FOR ADULTS:

- **Trivia for Adults on the first Wednesday 6-7PM:** An evening of trivia, fun, and prizes. Bring a team or come solo and connect with other players. No registration required.
- **English Conversation Tables on Saturdays from 10:30-11:30AM:** Join library staff for an hour of English practice as we explore a variety of topics, vocabulary, and grammar through conversation.
- **Community Support Center on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 12-2PM:** Get individualized assistance from library staff with job help, technology, or social service needs. Can't make it in person? Email lifeskills@columbuslibrary.org to learn more.
- **Columbus Financial Empowerment Center on Tuesdays from 1-6PM:** Free 1-on-1 financial counseling as a public service for all Central Ohio residents. Trained and certified financial counselors can help you.
- **CARE for the Hilltop on second & fourth Thursdays from 3-5:30PM:** A licensed social worker who helps individuals, families and neighborhoods become healthy and strong again after something bad or traumatic happens.
- **SAFER Station on Tuesdays 2-4PM:** Walk-in recovery resources, substance use screening, and direct linkage to treatment with person-centric support and a non-judgmental environment that overlooks justice involvement.
- **Southeast Healthcare Navigators on first & third Thursdays 2-5PM:** Free, unbiased help with enrolling and renewing Medicaid and Marketplace health insurance from Southeast.
- **Legal Aid of Southeast & Central Ohio on Mondays from 4-6PM:** An attorney is available to answer your legal questions free of charge. *Not offered 6/30.*

SERVICES FOR YOUTH:

- **Summer Breakfast Monday-Saturday from 11:1-11:45AM & Summer Lunch Monday-Saturday 3:15-3:45PM:** Stop by for a free lunch provided by Children's Hunger Alliance for 0-18 years old. Available until July 31st.
- **Drop Everything & Read on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11:30AM-Noon:** Grab a good book and join us in the kid's area.

Financial LifeSkills Program

Get paid to learn money management! The 12-hour program 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, graduates receive an incentive of \$252 and a certificate. Please complete our online interest form: <https://franklintondevelopment.org/flsp>.




JUNE


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

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1 	2 Free Legal Office Hours @ 4-6PM, Hilltop Library	3 Columbus Financial Empowerment Center @ 1-6PM, Hilltop Library Greater Hilltop Area Commission @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	4	5 Columbus CARE Coalition @ 3-5:30PM, Hilltop Library Produce Giveaway @ 2-4PM, Holton Community Center	6	7 Westgate Farmers Market @ 9AM-12PM, West Gate Lodge Produce Giveaway @ 10-11:30AM, Highland Youth Garden

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8 5th Annual Westside Community Summer Bash @ 12-4PM, Westgate Park	9 Free Legal Office Hours @ 4-6PM, Hilltop Library	10 Tap-In Center @ 3- 7PM, Hilltop Library Produce Giveaway 2:30-5PM, Highland Youth Garden	11 Produce Giveaway 4:30-6:30, Oakley Full Gospel Baptist Church	12 Produce Giveaway 2:30-5PM, Highland Youth Garden Highland West Civic Association @ 7PM, Hilltop Library	13	14 Produce Giveaway @ 10-11:30AM, Highland Youth Garden

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15	16 Free Legal Office Hours @ 4-6PM, Hilltop Library	17 Columbus Financial Empowerment Center @ 1-6PM, Hilltop Library Produce Giveaway 2:30-5PM, Highland Youth Garden	18 Rise Up CBUS Block Party @ 5-7PM, Highland Elementary Schoolyard GHAC Human Services & Education Committee @ 6PM, Hilltop Library	19  Juneteenth	20	21 Little Bottoms Walk with a Doc @ 9:30AM, Westgate Park Produce Giveaway @ 10-11:30AM, Highland Youth Garden

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22	23	24 Columbus Financial Empowerment Center @ 1-6PM, Hilltop Library Produce Giveaway 2:30-5PM, Highland Youth Garden	25 Morrall Produce Market @ 1-5PM, St. Stephen's Church (4131 Clime Rd) GHAC Zoning Committee @ 6:30PM, Hilltop Library	26 Produce Giveaway 2:30-5PM, Highland Youth Garden	27 Free Collage Workshop @ 3- 5PM, We Amplify Voices	28 Produce Giveaway @ 10-11:30AM, Highland Youth Garden

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 or send us an email at info@franklinton.org.