Mill Hill Neighborhood Tip Sheet (updated 9/17/24)

Landmarks district. Mill Hill is a designated Historic District, which means any work you want to do to the exterior of your house that is visible from the street requires City of Trenton <u>Landmarks Commission approval</u>. This can include painting your house, changing windows or doors, or putting on a new front stoop or side porch. The goal is to preserve and enhance the historic character of the neighborhood. In order to get approval, you must fill out an application at City Hall and submit it to the Landmarks Commission.

Neighborhood meetings. The neighborhood civic organization is called the <u>Old Mill Hill Society</u> (OMHS). It meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm at a local meeting spot. All are welcome to attend. Membership for the calendar year costs \$10 and allows you to vote. The organization has committees and coordinates several <u>events</u> throughout the year and is always looking for volunteers.

Neighborhood listserv. The neighborhood utilizes a listserv for keeping neighbors informed and for discussing timely issues. The listserve is not run by the OMHS. To be added to the listserve, email jbickal@gmail.com

Neighborhood kiosk. The kiosk is located by the Tot Lot at the corner of Livingston and Mercer Streets. It has current events happening in the neighborhood and Trenton.

Garbage pick-up. <u>Municipal pick-up</u> is every Tuesday and Friday morning. If a City/State holiday falls on one of these days, there will be no pick-up. You can <u>put garbage out</u> between 10:00 p.m.the night before (practically speaking after dark) and 7:00 a.m. the morning of pick-up, preferably in a trash can to avoid animals tearing open bags. No bag or trash can shall exceed 50 pounds. Do not place residential trash bags in public trash cans.

Recycling pick-up. <u>County pick-up</u> is every other Wednesday. You can also download an app such as "RecycleCoach" to keep track of pick-up days. It is <u>single-stream recycling</u>, so cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard all go in the same bucket. Do not put recycling in plastic bags. Buckets can also be put out the night before. There is no distinction between green or yellow buckets. Do not put trash in recycling buckets.

Bulk item pick-up. Bulk items include furniture and household appliances. For more information or to schedule an appointment for a pick-up, call (609) 989-3175, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm.

Organic waste. *Bagged and loose leaves*: collected between October and January, bag leaves and place curbside or rake into street gutter away from storm drains. *Shrubs/Branches*: securely tie in a bundle, no longer than 4' and not to exceed 35 pounds, before placing at the curb for regular trash pick-up. *Christmas trees*: collected in January and must be free of all ornaments and lights. Consider home <u>composting</u> for daily disposal of compostable food waste.

Litter. This may be obvious, but littering is illegal. Place rubbish in trash cans - your own or public trash cans, which are plentiful, and please discourage others from littering. Consider picking up litter in front of your home and in public places to keep the neighborhood clean,

which discourages future littering. The City of Trenton <u>littering ordinance</u> has more specific information

Thrift stores. There are <u>many thrift stores</u> in the area that accept a wide range of donations and are a good option for purchasing used goods.

Permit parking. Mill Hill has <u>resident parking permits</u>. You can obtain one for your car and two visitor permits. Permits allow overnight parking. To get a permit, residents within a Permit Parking District must bring their current New Jersey driver's license and a valid New Jersey registration for each vehicle to the Bureau of Traffic and Transportation in order to receive a permit decal. Their office is in City Hall, Room 100, 319 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608. An additional proof of residency such as a utility bill or lease agreement must be presented in order to receive visitor passes. Only two visitor passes will be issued per household. It is important to note that all documentation must confirm residency within the district.

Alternate side of the street parking. The street sweeper cleans one side of the street on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday every week, alternating between sides on Clay, Jackson, and Mercer Streets. No parking is allowed between 8:00 am – 10:00 am on street sweeper days on the side that will be swept. For example, on Jackson Street, you cannot park on the odd side on Mondays and Thursdays between 8:00 am – and 10:00 am; and cannot park on the even side on Tuesdays and Fridays between 8:00 am – and 10:00 am.

Public transportation. Mill Hill is well served by public transportation, including the <u>Trenton</u> <u>Transit Center</u>, local <u>NJ Transit buses</u>, and <u>GoTrenton</u>, a local nonprofit ride service utilizing electric vehicles.

Dog owners. A <u>license</u> is required for all dogs six months or older kept within the city of Trenton. Dogs are <u>required</u> to be on a leash at all times when in public. A dog owner or handler must <u>pick up poop</u> left by their dog in any public, quasi-public, or private area. Please carry your own bags when walking your dog. There are also pet waste stations in a couple of locations in the neighborhood. There are <u>dog parks</u> outside of Trenton for off-leash recreation.

Noise. We live close together and sound travels quickly and easily through the neighborhood. Please be respectful of your neighbors and avoid loud and disruptive noise, especially between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Excessive noise or noise at inappropriate times is both discouraged and prohibited. For example, if being picked up, ask the vehicle driver to call/text you or come to the door, and not honk their horn. The City of Trenton <u>noise ordinance</u> has more specific information.

City of Trenton reverse 911. Sign up for pre-recorded messages from the City about services and important notifications, including from the municipal water utility: www.trentonnj.org/reverse911

City government. <u>City government</u> includes the Executive branch led by the mayor, and the Legislative branch consisting of the City Council. Mill Hill is located in the North Ward, which is represented by the <u>North Ward councilperson</u>.

Police non-emergency number. It is important to let the police know when laws are being broken, even if it is not an emergency. You can report any crime to the non-emergency number 609-989-4170. If there is an emergency, call 911.

Special Improvement District. Downtown Trenton, which is adjacent to Mill Hill, includes a special improvement district. The <u>Trenton Downtown Association</u> manages the district, supports and promotes downtown businesses and events, and is a good source of information.

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