

# The Village Voice

December 2009

## VILLAGE EVENTS



NOVEMBER 30th

- \* Hilton Kiwanis Meeting (6-7)
  - \* HHV Inc. Board Meeting (7-8)
- Hilton Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 2nd, (7pm)

Evening Garden Group  
Always a Fun Time at Andrea's  
Home (757) 595-2292

DECEMBER 5th (10 - 5)

Village Shops Holiday Open House

DECEMBER 9th, (11am)

Horticulture Group  
Christmas Party

DECEMBER 21st Judging for  
the Best Decorated Hilton  
Village Front Doors

Fresh greenery, fruits, historic creativity



## Message from HHV Inc. President, Bill Black

Dear Hilton Village Neighbors, We are nearing the end of a year of mixed experiences. The economy has been very difficult, is still in a recession, and our commercial businesses have suffered. Create Bistro had a fire & has not reopened yet. But, the Village just received an award from the American Planning Association for being one of the ten best communities in the country. We owe thanks to members of council, DR. PATRICIA WOODBURY AND BERT BATEMAN, MIKE POPLOWSKY & his PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. We also thank the DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING headed by AL RIUTORT & his staff. JOHNNY DAVIS AND MICHAEL KING deserve a tremendous amount of gratitude for preparing the application submitted to the APA. Thanks to the Merchants Association for letting us celebrate this recognition at StreetFest.

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH and NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS EMAIL LIST

Don't forget to add your email address to a growing list of 300+ names. Families are excited to receive good neighborhood news, announcements, and events that encourage participation, as well as pride and spirit throughout Hilton neighborhoods. Email communication of crime updates are already making a positive difference in Greater HV  
Email: [hvnews@RyanJfrantz.com](mailto:hvnews@RyanJfrantz.com)

Thanks to Gary Sealey & his wife Susie. As a last minute request, they kindly accomplished the task of completing the Village Voice in three days (1 week ahead of schedule) so that each and every Hilton Village neighbor could take part in the recognition ceremony for such an esteem honor. A special thanks to those in the HHV Inc festival booth who include Becky Heath, Barbara Lash, Barbara Insley and Jan Black. There are many more to give thanks to who have unselfishly given of themselves to bring HHV such an honor. This is just one of the successful functions that Historic Hilton Village has participated in this past year. The committees are very active and planning more activities throughout the end of this year. As we approach Thanksgiving, I am thankful to everyone who has worked so hard and made the past year a success & I look forward to another outstanding year in 2010.



Award Recognition Ceremony  
HHV Chosen one of the Top 10  
Great American Neighborhoods

## HILTON VILLAGE NEIGHBOR HELEN ABICHT HAS GONE "HOLLYWOOD"

96-year-old Hilton Village neighbor, Helen Abicht, has gone Hollywood. Helen's first video hit the world-wide-web (Youtube) two months ago (you can VIEW her video by visiting



[www.ShopHiltonVillage.com](http://www.ShopHiltonVillage.com) Click on Video Gallery) Helen's grandson filmed her sharing with the world advise on "How to keep from being bored in life." Some of her wisdom includes "It's a weak mind that gets bored. Life is too full of adventure" Helen's video has received close to 1,000 views in just a few short months. For those neighbors new to the village, Helen has lived on Main Street most of her life and has led the 4th of July parade proudly carrying the HHV banner with Barbara Insley for 40+ years. On a more serious note, we want to send our thoughts and prayers to Helen who took a terrible fall while walking to the HHV

Great American Neighborhood celebration. A very serious injury that has required around the clock assistance as she recuperates. Helen, PLEASE GET WELL SOON !! Hilton Village would also like to wish you a Happy Birthday. In just a couple of weeks, a very "young thinking" Helen Abicht will turn 96-years-old.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY HELEN ABICHT & GET WELL WISHES !**

