



## Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working together for a better community"

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MAY 2010

### Next Meeting: Saturday, May 1, 2010, at 10 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets, SE

NOTE: Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of the month.

Craig Muckle, Safeway Regional General Manager, is the invited speaker for the May 2010 meeting.

Bring your questions and concerns!

### Garden Tour June 19<sup>th</sup>— Don't Miss it!

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour will take place on Westover Drive with its commanding views of Washington, and unique architecture that includes stone, colonial and Tudor homes. It will be a guided walking tour, with refreshments served at the end and water available during the walk. This community event has become a tradition for Hillcrest, a time for folks to come out and meet new neighbors, view garden successes,



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#### Special points of interest:

- HCCA President  
*Muses About Trash.*
- HCCA Garden Tour
- Meet Your New  
*Neighbors*

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### Community Calendar for May

- 1 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
- 3 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
- 9 Mothers Day!!
- 12 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
- 20 7 p.m. ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE
- 19 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
- 22 8 a.m. Community Cleanup, meet at East Wash Hts Baptist Church parking lot, Branch and Alabama Ave SE
- 29 10 a.m. Nature Walk, Fort Circle Park. Meet at 28th St entrance, just below Hillcrest Dr. SE

Scout meeting every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.—Cub Scouts; 11 a.m.—Boy Scouts at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

## Message from the President

*Dear Neighbors,*

What wonderful weather we are having. It is a joy to be outside. This past week I've seen neighbors I haven't seen in months. My across-the-street neighbor and I, after a slight break of more than a year, are back to walking in the mornings. Even though it is hard to drag yourself out of bed at 6:30 a.m. to go out and walk so that your entire body aches for the rest of the day, after a couple weeks it's not so bad. I'm even beginning to look forward to the torture of the hills of Hillcrest.

The one thing walking your neighborhood gives you that you miss driving is the ability to really admire the lovely homes, appreciate the gardens and landscape and get totally ticked off about the trash and litter. There is no place on earth that is totally free of our trash but can't we as a community come together and pick up the litter in front of our homes or take down the signs posted by DPW when they complete the work we requested, like putting in speed humps? I don't get it, you spend hours taking care of your lawn, planting flowers, weeding, etc. and you can't bend down and pick up the trash some inconsiderate person probably threw out of his car window or discarded as he or she walked along our peaceful streets.

Vincent Spaulding would write about litter almost every month when he was president. Back then, personally I would think, Vince don't you have anything else to get upset about? Well, today I joined his trash hating fan club. I love my community; I love my neighbors; but I HATE TRASH.

**Karen**

## Francis Gregory Library News

The Francis Gregory Library is moving. The Library closed Thursday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. The interim library will open on Monday, May 10 at 2100 36th Pl. S.E. (near the Ann Beers school). The interim library will remain open during the construction of the NEW Francis Gregory Library. The new library will open in spring 2011.

During the transition to the interim location, library users can return or renew books checked out from the Francis A. Gregory Neighborhood Library at any other D.C. Public Library location or online. The libraries closest to the Francis A. Gregory Neighborhood Library are the Benning Neighborhood Library at 3935 Benning Rd. N.E., and the new Anacostia Neighborhood Library, opening April 26, at 1800 Good Hope Road, S.E.

**Happy**

**Mother's Day**



## HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

### Community Wide Clean Up Saturday, May 22, 2010

Help keep Hillcrest clean! Attend the cleanup, or commit to cleaning a block in the neighborhood.

**Environmental Committee  
Community – Wide Clean Up  
Saturday, May 22, 2010  
8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon  
Phil Hammond, Manager**

Convene at  
East Washington Heights Baptist  
Church Parking Lot,  
Branch and Alabama Avenues  
at 8:00 am  
on Saturday, May 22, 2010.

or

**Commit to cleaning  
a block in Hillcrest**  
Sign up at the next HCCA  
meeting for your block or contact  
Phil Hammond at  
mphammond@msn.com  
(202)582-3059

### Environmental Committee Nature Walk Fort Circle Park

**Explore Hillcrest  
Plant and Animal Life  
Saturday, May 29, 2010  
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**

Convene at 10:00 AM at the  
28<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance  
(just below Hillcrest Drive).  
Picnic lunch after the walk.

### *Garden Tour*

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and enjoy the splendid diversity of homes that is so characteristic of Hillcrest. It's also an opportunity to enjoy a great afternoon, remind ourselves what a wonderful neighborhood we have, and share ideas and gardening tips.

**17th Annual  
Hillcrest Garden Tour  
Saturday, June 19th, 2010  
11am-2pm  
Westover Drive, SE  
(Meeting location to be  
announced )**

Ticket prices:

- \$11, if purchased online via credit card, (deadline: June 17, 2010). See link at [www.HillcrestDC.com](http://www.HillcrestDC.com). Pick up tickets at will-call table the day of tour.
- \$12, if purchased in advance (deadline: June 17, 2010). Purchase at HCCA meeting 5/1/2010 or 6/5/2010 or from Garden Tour Committee member\*, or mail a check made out to "HCCA" to HCCA Garden Tour, PO Box 30895, Washington, DC 20030-0895
- \$12, if held via "will call" (deadline: June 17, 2010). Send email to [gardentour@HillcrestDC.com](mailto:gardentour@HillcrestDC.com), stating your name, phone number, and how many tickets to hold. Pay for tickets at will-call table the day of tour.
- \$15, if purchased the day of tour  
*Children under 12: Free*

**\*Tickets can be  
purchased from:**

Justin Rydstrom, 584-1520  
[justin.rydstrom@gmail.com](mailto:justin.rydstrom@gmail.com)

or

Carin Bigrigg, 584-3689  
[cbigrigg@gmail.com](mailto:cbigrigg@gmail.com)


See you there!!!

### HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

- Maria Green, 2211 31st St., SE
- Katie Ahlfeld & Tim Schwartz, 2117 32nd St., SE
- Shawn & Brittany Buckner, 2605 Branch Ave., SE
- Thomas Beach, 2521 34th St., SE
- Patrick and Tara Hayward, 2533 36th St., SE
- Ava Wright 3242 T St., SE



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