

# THE HILLCREST NEWSLETTER



## HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

"WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY"

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MAY 2013

### CALENDER OF EVENTS

#### HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center  
32nd and Denver Sts., SE  
Saturday, May 4, 2013 10AM to Noon

#### FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING

Francis Gregory Library  
3660 Alabama Ave., SE  
Monday, May 6, 2013, 7PM to 9PM

#### PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

East Washington Heights Baptist Church  
2200 Branch Ave., SE  
Wednesday, May 15, 2013 6PM

#### ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

Ryland Methodist Church  
3200 S ST., SE  
Thursday, May 16, 2013, 7PM- 9PM

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### In Memory of Norman Neal



Our dear friend, neighbor, and longtime Hillcrest resident Norman Neal passed away on April 7. He beautified an area on the wooded side of his street, planting flowers, shrubs, and plants that would survive into the future. Dr. Neal's garden, which still flourishes, was featured in the 2001 Hillcrest Garden Tour. He was an active Neighborhood Watch block captain and, along with his wife Wydell, member of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association for more than 20 years. He will be deeply missed by all of us.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, July 13, 2013**

#### HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

in partnership with

#### MARSHALL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Sponsor

### MONTE CARLO NIGHT

*Enjoy a fun-filled evening playing blackjack, roulette, and craps for fabulous prizes!*

Eastern Market  
North Hall  
225 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SE.  
More information to follow!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the Following Winners  
of the  
Hillcrest Community Civic Association's  
Environmental Committee  
2013 Poster Contest

Theme  
Our Future Depends on How We  
Protect Our Environment Today

Winner's Name	Age Group
Sekai Warr	14 - 17
Ilianna Gonzales-Evans	11 - 13
Alejandro Gonzales-Evans	8 - 10

- Each Winner will be awarded \$75 cash..

**BRING YOUR APPETITE!  
JOIN PACK AND TROOP 1650 FOR THEIR  
1<sup>ST</sup> DINNER/BAKE SALE**

**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> (rain date May 11<sup>th</sup>)**

**Time: 11am – 4pm**

**Where: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church  
3601 Alabama Ave, SE**

Dinners (2 sides, dinner rolls & drink)-Fried Chicken (Baked pre-order only) Pre-order \$8.00; Day of order - \$9.00

Fish (Fried only) Pre-order - \$9.00; Day of order - \$10.00

Sides: mac & cheese, potato salad, string beans, mixed greens

A la Cart: Chicken- \$4.00; Fish - \$5.00; Sides - \$1.50; desserts- pies, cakes and cookies - \$2.00; drinks - 75¢



For More Information: call  
Jeanna Williams (202)505-3262

### **Memorial Day: Monday, May 27, 2013**

#### **REMEMBERING THOSE DAY WHO DIED SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

Some activities in Washington, DC to honor our veterans and famous Americans:

[National Memorial Day Concert](#), Sunday, May 26, 2013, 8 p.m. Gates open at 5 p.m.

PBS sponsors a FREE concert on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

[National Memorial Day Parade](#), Monday, May 27, 2013, beginning at 2 p.m.

The parade begins at the corner of Constitution Avenue and 7th Streets, NW and proceeds along Constitution Avenue, past the White House, ending at 17th Street.

For other Memorial Day activities in and around Washington, DC go to

<http://dc.about.com/od/hoildaysseasonalevents/a/MemorialDay.htm>



## **20th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour**

*You won't want to miss this one!*

**Saturday, June 15th, 2013  
11am-2pm**

**featuring "the original Hillcrest"  
Meet at: 33rd and Camden St SE**

**Tickets: \$12 if purchased in advance,  
\$15 if purchased day of the tour  
Children under 12: Free**

**Buy your tickets by credit card at  
[www.hillcrestdc.com](http://www.hillcrestdc.com)**

**Or at the May or June HCCA Meeting  
More information to follow.**

## **Mother's Day Tribute**



When you're a child  
she walks before you.  
To set an example.

When you're a  
teenager she walks  
behind you. To be  
there should you need  
her.

When you're an adult she walks beside  
you. So that as two friends you can enjoy  
life together.

...Author Unknown

To all the Mother's here and everywhere the  
Hillcrest Community Civic Association wish-  
es you a very Happy Mother's Day!

## Eleanor Holmes Norton

This Month's Guest Speaker



Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, now in her twelfth term as the Congresswoman for the District of Columbia, is the ranking member of the House Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. She serves on two

committees: the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Before her congressional service, President Jimmy Carter appointed her to serve as the first woman to chair the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She came to Congress as a national figure who had been a civil rights and feminist leader, tenured professor of law, and board member at three Fortune 500 companies. Congresswoman Norton has been named one of the 100 most important American women in one survey and one of the most powerful women in Washington in another. The Congresswoman's work for full congressional voting representation and for full democracy for the people of the District of Columbia continues her lifelong struggle for universal human and civil rights.

Congresswoman Norton's accomplishments in breaking barriers for her disempowered district are matched by her success in bringing home unique economic benefits to her constituents. Among them are senatorial courtesy to recommend federal judges, the U.S. Attorney, and other significant federal law enforcement positions for the District; up to \$10,000 per year for all D.C. high school graduates to attend any public U.S. college or university and up to \$2,500 per year to many private colleges and universities; a unique \$5,000 D.C. homebuyer tax credit, which has sharply increased home ownership in the District and has been a major factor in stabilizing the city's population; and D.C. business tax incentives, including a significant wage credit for employing D.C. residents, which has maintained businesses and residents in the District.

## The Enlightened Environmentalist

### Invasive Species

Invasive species are plants, from other continent or ecosystems that were introduced into an area by humans. Unlike many plants brought to an area, these plants are considered invasive because they **impact negatively the ecosystems into which they are brought.**

Invasive species are aggressive growers which push out native plants, sometimes to extinction. Native plants are those which occur in a given area without human support. Plant species native to the United States were present on the continent pre - Columbus.

Some invasive species common to our area are:

- Common Daylily: This orange, yellow streaked flower gains a toe-hold in fields, meadows and moist woods; forms dense patches and displaces native species.
- Norway Maple: In forests, this tree creates a canopy of dense shade that prevents native species' seedlings from regenerating.
- Tree of Heaven: Common in urban areas, this fast grower, damages sewers, prolifically spreads its seeds, and bears a chemical that has herbicidal effects on other plants.
- English Ivy: This aggressively growing vine is a threat to all plants. On the ground, it crowds out native species plants. It climbs up tree trunks eventually reaching the leaves of trees where it prevents photosynthesis and causes the death of the invaded tree.
- Kudzu: Is a vine that is reported to grow a foot a day. It kills native plants, including trees by smothering and girdling.
- Bamboo: This woody grass forms dense thickets that push out native species and prevent native species seedlings from germinating.

You can help to prevent the spread of invasive plants species by becoming familiar with the plants and not using them.

The above information was gathered from "Plant Invaders of the Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas" by Jill Swearingen, National Park Service. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition.

## Updating the HCCA Membership Directory

Three years ago, the HCCA membership voted to make the its membership information available in a small booklet to members of our community. The Membership Booklet sold out quickly and members have expressed an interest in an updated booklet.

It was strongly felt that the HCCA directory is an important tool for our Neighborhood Watch Program. As in the previous book, the plan is to have two sections, one in alphabetical order by last name, and one in alphabetical order by street name. That way, if a neighbor doesn't know your name, he or she can look you up by your address. The directory will contain name, address, email address, and phone number for each HCCA member, as listed in the HCCA membership records. If you want additional information listed, such as cell phone, work phone, let me know.

Remember, the directory will not be placed on the website or distributed in electronic format. Only printed copies will be distributed to HCCA members who'll be asked to use it only for neighborhood purposes. This information has proved invaluable in times or emergency. There will be a nominal charge for the printing of the booklet, probably in the range of \$5 to \$10.

If you do not wish to be listed in the directory, you may opt out. To opt out or to let your thoughts or suggestions be noted call Michelle Phipps-Evans at (202) 582-1207 or email her at mbpevans@yahoo.com.

### Got Ideas!

Please email any ideas or articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month to [hillcrestdc\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com)

Or follow on Twitter@HillcrestWard7 or write it on the Facebook wall, All Over Hillcrest

Visit our website at [www.hillcrestdc.com](http://www.hillcrestdc.com) or join the conversation on our list serve at [Hillcrestdc@yahoo.com](mailto:Hillcrestdc@yahoo.com)



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Contact information is available on our website at [www.hillcrestdc.com](http://www.hillcrestdc.com)

**Have you paid your dues for 2013? Your paid through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If the date is earlier than 2013, please send your payment now. The cost is \$12.00/year. Make check payable to HCCA and send to P.O. Box 30895, Washington, DC 20030 or you can pay by credit card at [www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm](http://www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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