



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working together for a better community"

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JUNE 2010

Next Meeting: Saturday, June 5, 2010, at 10 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, SE

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

June speaker to be announced

HCCA Hosts 17th Garden Tour

The 17th Annual Hillcrest Community Civic Association Garden Tour will start at 31st Street and Westover Drive, SE, with its commanding and picturesque views of Washington, D.C. On this guided walking tour, visitors will find unique architecture that includes stone, colonial and Tudor homes. It will be June 19, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



This community event has become a tradition for the Hillcrest community. It is a time for residents to meet new neighbors, view garden successes, and enjoy the splendid diversity of homes that are so characteristic of Hillcrest. It's also an opportunity to enjoy a great afternoon, remember how wonderful this neighborhood is, and share ideas and gardening tips. Refreshments will be served at the end, and water will be available during the walk.

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Special points of interest:

- *HCCA President Gives Words of Encouragement*
- *Read How Crime Meets Technology.*
- *Learn About the Recreation Makeover*

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Community Calendar for June

- 5 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
- 7 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
- 9 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting, Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
- 16 7 p.m. ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE
- 17 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting, Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., 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,

Well, at last the weather is giving us a break and we can finally get outside and mess around in our yards and gardens. We're finally putting the blizzard of 2010 behind us. Speaking of the blizzard, I just completed a survey for the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, in cooperation with the Mayor's Office on Community Relations & Services, on the District's performance during the 2009-2010 snow season. We'll not go there again but I found it interesting that they were soliciting feedback. That is always a good thing. Now if this information helps, the District performs better in the future we'll all be better off.



There I go again off on a tangent, as I seem to do more and more often lately. Why I wonder do I seem to be more busy and accomplishing less? Is this a symptom of old age or lack of sleep? Or is it because I'm trying to juggle too many balls and sometimes I drop one or two? Somebody told me it was allergies...am I allergic to work? Whatever the reason, I hope it goes away soon. But right now I'm trying to get my yard back to its pre-blizzard state, still picking up branches and replanting dead plants. My pond was frozen solid this year for the first time, and the severe winter weather dropped more debris than normal to create a giant mess that caused all my fish to die, and killed the pump and the filter. Earl has been having a terrible time, cleaning the back and getting our no maintenance pond clean, running and filled with plants and fish. Well, neighbors, as I walk the neighborhood I see a lot of you are in the same mode, but every week I see the beauty of Hillcrest creeping back.

That's what I love about Hillcrest. We will always have our problems, just like other areas of the city; but no matter what happens, we all just keep working at it and, little by little, things get better. So let's pat ourselves on the back and keep on truckin' baby!

Karen

Thank You, Residents and Friends of Hillcrest

Once again, the residents and friends of the Hillcrest Community met at 8 a.m. on the parking lot of the East Washington Heights Baptist Church to support the Hillcrest Community Civic Association's neighborhood cleanup. This annual event is sponsored by the HCCA's Environment Committee, whose ultimate goal is to have residents commit to picking up litter in the front and the rear of their homes; and to taking down illegal posters from trees and telephone poles on a daily basis.

However, as we strive to accomplish this goal, the committee found it necessary to commit its efforts to cleaning the tree spaces and curb lanes of sites in Hillcrest that do not front residential properties. Therefore, the committee would like to personally thank the following participants for their efforts in making the cleanup successful: Pastor Franklin Senger, Ed Wilhelm, David Kirkpatrick, Kenneth Burke, Norma Toussaint, Ruth V. Lewis, Mary Hammond, Rita Lowry, John Hawkins, Mary Ross, Robin Marlin, Raymond Keith and Carolyn Ray. Specifically, these additional Hillcrest residents who could not join us, agreed to clean their streets: Gloria and Dennis Logan, Monica Evans, Kathy Chamberlain, Boyle Stuckey, Justin Rydstrom and Frank Anderson.

A special thanks should be given to Pastor Senger for his inspiring prayer that blessed the event; Ed Wilhelm for his donation of fruits and water; PSA 606 Officer Andre Persaud for providing safety for the operation; and DPW Supervisor Earl Simpson for his continued support in providing resources and staff to collect the bagged debris from the cleanup.

Clean up Coordinator Philip Hammond

HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

Crime & Technology

You see a suspicious subject in your block. What do you do? You would like to warn your neighbors. What do you do?

What if you could make one message and phone call to 25 neighbors at one time? Well, you can and it is free with **DialMyCalls.com**. Neighborhood Watch Zone Leaders can contact their block captains, who can contact their neighbors. To maximize your call if you don't have 25 neighbors in your block, include the block on either side of you, and don't forget to add your zone leader on your list.

For those of you whose blocks are not organized as Neighborhood Watch blocks, maybe now is the time to consider organizing. Your HCCA Membership Directory is an excellent resource. Encourage your neighbors to consider using Dial My Calls. Keep each other informed on what is going on in our community. You can add groups from your church and other organizations. The website has an excellent tutorial to help you get started. Let's work smarter, not harder.

To start a Neighborhood Watch in your block contact HCCA Public Safety Chair David Kirkpatrick at (202) 583-0384, davidellery2@hotmail.com or Officer Andre Persaud MPDC 6D,

HCCA Garden Tour *(Continued from page 1)*

Tickets are \$11, if purchased online by credit card, (deadline: June 17, 2010). See link at www.HillcrestDC.com. You may pick up tickets at the will-call table on the day of the tour. Tickets are \$12, if purchased in advance (deadline: June 17, 2010). Feel free to purchase at the next HCCA meeting on June 5 at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 32nd and Denver Streets, SE, or from a garden tour committee member.

Or mail a check made out to HCCA Garden Tour, PO Box 30895, Washington, DC 20030-0895. Tickets are also \$12, if held via will call (deadline: June 17, 2010). Send email to gardentour@HillcrestDC.com, stating your name, phone number, and how many tickets to hold. On the day of the tour, pay for tickets at will-call table for \$15. Children under 12: Free. Tickets may be purchased from Justin Rydstrom, (202) 584-1520, justin.rydstrom@gmail.com or Carin Bigrigg, (202) 584-3689, cbigrigg@gmail.com

Recreation Center Make Over

On May 12, the staff of the Hillcrest Recreation Center arranged for a company to donate time, materials, and more than 50 people to give our beloved recreation center a face lift. They painted, cleaned, spread new mulch and planted beautiful flowers surrounding the entire recreation center. If you have a chance, pass by the recreation center and marvel at the clean, freshly painted, flower friendly center. While you are there, say hello to the new interim director, Everette "Chuck" Scott.

Education and Recreation Chair Boyle Stuckey

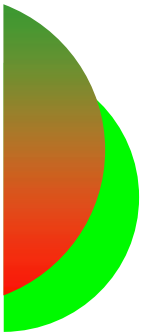
Happy Father's Day

(202) 698-2088, andre.persaud@dc.gov or Lt. Mark Hodge, MPDC 6D, PSA 606, (202) 489-8338, mark.hodge@dc.gov.

Public Safety Chair David Kirkpatrick

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