



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working together for a better community"

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The Hillcrest Newsletter

June 2012

Community Concerns Meeting

Join the board and members of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association for a community concerns meeting during the month of June. If you have any concerns or comments about your quality of life, safety, economic development or any other topic you feel passionate about, feel free to attend the HCCA meeting on June 2 at 10 a.m. We want to hear from you.

General membership meeting is Saturday, June 2, 2012, 10 a.m., at the Hillcrest Recreation Center on the corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, SE.

Note: Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month.

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HILLCREST DAY

The month of June promises to be very exciting in the Hillcrest community. You are invited to the HCCA's first **Hillcrest Day** on Saturday, June 23, 2012, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the recreation center, 32nd and Denver Streets, SE. There are several planned activities, including sack races, face painting, relay races, bingo, card games, and putting contests, in addition to food and other vendors. Contact Earl Williams for more information at (202) 584-2703.

HCCA GARDEN TOUR

The 19th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour will be held June 23, the same day as Hillcrest Day, from 10 a.m. to noon. The Hillcrest Garden Tour Committee (HGTC) is creating a different experience for you this year. The committee decided to give back to the community by making over the front gardens of two senior members of the Hillcrest family, rather than conducting the full blown 10-12 home garden tour.

Both seniors were delighted by the prospects of having their gardens reinvigorated. HGTC developed designs for the projects, and then set to work digging up tree stumps, trimming hedges, removing weeds and poison ivy, preparing garden beds, and planting flowers. Funding for materials is being provided by the Hillcrest Community Civic Association. We will tour the homes at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m., departing from the corner of 33rd and Denver Streets SE. No tickets are required.

For next year, we return to the traditional format for the 20th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour in June 2013. Would you like your garden to be featured? Would you like to volunteer to help organize next year's tour? Please think about it!

**Marvin Bowser, Chair
Hillcrest Garden Tour Committee**

Hillcrest Announcements

A Successful Crime Prevention Summit

The Crime Prevention Summit on April 28 was a success. The HCCA would like to give thanks to Samantha Nolan and Cecilia Jones for their informative presentations. Both speakers tailored their remarks to PSA 606, and our neighbors remained attentive throughout. Samantha even presented a PSA 606 map with defined street hundred blocks. Thanks to Joan Marshman for providing the lunch; her mother, Willa Carter, was a neighbor in Hillcrest on Denver St., SE and was buried May 8 at the East Washington Heights Baptist Church. Accept our condolences.

Thanks to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association for sponsoring the summit and East Washington for providing the location. There were more than 80 attendees including Council Chairman Kwame Brown and Ward 7 Councilmember Yvette Alexander, as well as 26 Zone Leaders/Block Captains. A Hillcrest Community Criminal Justice Accountability Initiative committee, made up of Zack Gamble, Raymond Keith, Virgil Mc Donald and James Perkins, was established to track repeat offenders and recommend timely impact statements. We hope to build on the momentum created by the summit. Join us the third Wednesday of the month at East Washington Heights Baptist Church as we strategize toward this end. The June meeting will be in Manny Chapel instead of Fountain Hall. ☺

Proposed Changes to the HCCA Bylaws

ARTICLE 3, DIRECTORS; SECTION 3, QUALIFICATIONS now reads (section to be changed is in bold type)

Directors shall be of age of majority in the District of Columbia. Other qualifications for directors of this association shall be as follows:

~ **Live within the service area of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association, or be deemed by the board to have a significant interest in community;**

~Pay annual membership dues for the current year, and;

~ Be eighteen years of age or older

Change the sentence beginning with "Live within...." to read as follows:

~ **Live within the boundaries of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association as defined in these Bylaws. An exception may be made by the Board of Directors if the candidate is deemed to have a significant interest in the Hillcrest Community Civic Association.**

ARTICLE 11 (MEMBERS); SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS now reads (section to be changed is in bold type)

The qualification for membership in this association are as follows:

The President's Message

Dear Neighbors:

I can't believe it is June already. As I was growing up the elders always said, the older you get the faster time seems to fly. Wait, does that mean somewhere along the way I became one of those elder people? No! Not me! I'm not claiming that yet, even though Earl teases me because I'm 4 months older than he is. Time seems to be flying because my schedule is so full that I haven't had the opportunity to stop and smell the roses as my father would repeatedly tell me. "Karen, remember life is too short not to take the time to stop and smell God's roses. He put them there for us to enjoy."

So taking my dad's advice on Saturday, June 23, 2012, at 10 a.m., I'm going to stop and smell some roses, I promise. I hope you'll join me at this year's Garden Tour. Marvin Bowser, Kathy Chamberlain and the rest of the Garden Tour Committee have put together a new format for the tour this year. You can get more information in this newsletter. Then, after the tour, I'm going to run, not walk to the recreation center for Hillcrest Day. The Hillcrest Day Committee is hard at work planning a wonderful family day for you our neighbors. It starts at the recreation center at 11 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m.

There are other important events in June. We're getting our house painted; whoever painted these bricks really didn't do Earl and I any favors. I have two graduations to attend; my high school classmates are planning a picnic, etc. Get my drift? We're all busy but please take the time to join us on June 23 at the recreation center. See you there!



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~Pay annual membership dues for the current calendar year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

PLACE: HILLCREST RECREATION CENTER, 32ND & DENVER ST. SE

TIME: SATURDAY, JUNE 2, FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING

PLACE: INTERIM LIBRARY, 2100 36TH PLACE, SE

TIME: MONDAY, JUNE 4, 7 P.M.

GOOD HOPE MARKET PLACE TASKFORCE MEETING

PLACE: GOOD HOPE MARKET PLACE POLICE SUBSTATION, 2800 BLOCK ALABAMA AVE., SE

TIME: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 10-11 A.M.

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

PLACE: EAST WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, 2220 BRANCH AVE., SE

TIME: THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 6 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE: RYLAND METHODIST CHURCH, 3200 S ST., SE

TIME: THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 7 P.M.-9 P.M.

UPCOMING IN JUNE:

The new Francis Gregory Library at 3660 Alabama Ave., SE, will open on June 19 with official fanfare and a ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Vincent C. Gray at 11 a.m. The public grand opening will be on June 30 from 10 a.m. with fun events for all ages. For more info, call (202) 698-6373 after June 19.

Got Ideas????

Please email any ideas or articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month to the editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans, at hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com.

Or follow on Twitter @HillcrestWard7 or write it on the Facebook wall.

THE ENLIGHTENED ENVIRONMENTALIST

HILLCREST YOUTH EXPAND THE VISION FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT



(L-R) Winners of the contest: Ilianna Gonzales-Evans, Adonias Stuckey and Alejandro Gonzales-Evans. Missing is Dajon Warr.

The Hillcrest children and youth who entered the 2012 Environment Poster Contest demonstrated an expanded vision of what is needed to ensure a better environment. There were posters that spoke to the issue of litter. One poster coined the phrase, "Litter Makes the Earth Bitter!" But all the posters showed that the young people of Hillcrest are thinking an even broader spectrum.

The Environmental Committee of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association sponsors the annual environment poster contest, which is open to children who reside within the boundaries of the Hillcrest association. There are four age groups from which the committee judges. The first place winner in each age group receives a prize of \$75.

The first place winner in the age range of five to seven years was Adonias Stuckey. Taleyah Evans received honorable mention. Her poster depicted the sad results of wanton tree destruction and its impact on animal habitat.

In the eight to ten year old competition, Alejandro Gonzales-Evans received the first prize. Jada James won honorable mention.

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Ilianna Gonzales-Evans won in the eleven to thirteen year old contest. Dajon Warr was the only repeat winner from last as she took first place in the fourteen to seventeen year old contest.

The variety of subject matter in the poster topics were such as the pollution of our streams, rivers, and oceans and the importance of recycling. All the posters were displayed at the HCCA May meeting. These same posters will be exhibited at a future time at the Kenilworth Gardens Aquatic Center.

Three of the four winners were present to receive their certificates and cash awards at the May association meeting. The fourth winner will be awarded her prize at a future Hillcrest meeting. ☺



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2012? *Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this news-letter. If it is earlier than 2012, please send your payment now.*

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Amount: _____
E-Mail: _____ Cash Check

The HCCA Newsletter

A publication by the Hillcrest Community Civic Association

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association promotes the welfare of our neighborhood. Our purpose is simple--to voice our concerns to government officials, businesses, and residents to ensure the best possible living environment in the Ward 7 neighborhood of Hillcrest.

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