



# NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Next Meeting: Saturday, July 7, 2007, 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.



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## Comments?

Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans at hillcrestdc\_newsletter@yahoo.com.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CRIME PREVENTION SAFETY SEMINAR

The Sixth District Substation Police Service Area 606 hosts the second annual Neighborhood Watch Crime Prevention Safety Seminar at the HCCA monthly meeting.

Join your fellow neighbors, elected leaders and local police officials for the swearing-in ceremony for zone leaders and block captains, who work in partnership with the community and the police to make Hillcrest a safer place.

### AGENDA:

*Date:*

**Saturday, July 7, 2007**

*Time:*

**10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

- 1) Identity Theft—Presentation / 15 Minutes
- 2) Check and Fraud—Presentation/ 15 Minutes
- 3) Crime Prevention—Robberies, Burglaries, Theft from Auto etc.

Break Out Room 1, 2 and 3 for Discussions and Situational Role Playing

*For more information, contact Lt. Ronald Netter,  
202.698.2113 or 202.698.2088*

## Special Thanks to our Neighbors

As coordinator of the HCCA Environmental Committee, I would like to acknowledge and thank the following Hillcrest residents who volunteered June 9 for the Hillcrest neighborhood clean-up. Their efforts made the clean-up very successful: Rita Lowry, Ruth Lewis, Mary Hammond, Kenneth Burke, Mary Ross, Caroline Ray, Robin Marlin, Vince Spaulding and Phillip Hammond.

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## Message from the President

*Dear Neighbors,*

Do you realize how difficult it is to find something interesting to write about every month? You try it. Well, this month I was just about stumped when I had the pleasure of being a part of this year's annual garden tour. This is the first time I have ever attended a garden tour. Honestly, until I moved to Hillcrest I never had much of a yard to take care of. I owned a little patch of grass about 6 feet by 4 feet that I mowed with a little push mower. I planted some miniature rose bushes along the fence and put out a couple of flower pots with some easy to grow annuals and I thought my little patch of earth looked just great.

Then I got married and we moved to the green capital of southeast. People had nice looking lawns with flowers that bloomed all season. They talked flowers, bushes and trees, a language we knew little about. My new neighbors talked about the lack of real grass in our front yard and asked what kind of weeds were those we had planted? So one of the very first things we had to do was to have our lawn seeded. But I still didn't have the vaguest idea how to go about getting rid of all the weeds much less what to do about the bare spots. The next spring we put down more fertilizer and more grass seed. Still our lawn looked very unhealthy. It took hours of research both on the Internet and with everyone we met in Home Depot, and years of effort before we finally got our lawn to look like a rug. But it was worth both the time

and effort.

Flowers and gardens are another thing. I spent hundreds of dollars on seed and bulbs but none ever bloomed. What was I doing wrong? Finally, two of my friendly W Street neighbors who actually had flowers growing in their yards and voluntarily planted another beautiful garden at the end of our block, had pity on me and started giving me advice. They showed me how to actually get flowers to grow in the red clay of Hillcrest. They introduced me to this wonderful product...top soil...what a difference it made. They gave me cuttings from their yards and the garden. They will never know how grateful I am to them for their help. Every time I drive up to our house, I stop to appreciate the beauty of our well landscaped yard.

This is the theme I saw over and over again on Saturday at the Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour. We as a community care for our environment. We take the time and effort to put on a flower show every spring. There is no more beautiful place than Hillcrest in the spring. Our gardens are just one of the things I really appreciate about our neighborhood. Maybe one month we'll talk about some of the other positive things that make Hillcrest such a great place to live!!! Until then, enjoy!

**Karen Lee Williams, President  
Hillcrest Community Civic Association**



Karen at the garden tour.

### Special Feature

#### Hillcrest hosts Another Successful Garden Tour

By Kathy Chamberlain

The 14th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour on June 16 was a great success, with about 100 people attending and enjoying an eclectic mix of gardens in Hillcrest.

On behalf of the garden tour committee, thank you all who attended and made it one of the best tours ever.

Thank you, homeowners, who put your beautiful gardens on the tour, the Dept. of Parks and Recreation whose bus and vans we used, Lt Netter and Officer Myles who helped with logistics, neighbors who helped on the day of the tour, and all the businesses who placed ads in the booklet. A list of these businesses is on Hillcrest's Web site, and will stay there for a year, along with



links to their companies. Please consider supporting businesses

that support our neighborhood. More tour photos are on the Hillcrest Web site at [www.hillcrestdc.com](http://www.hillcrestdc.com).



#### Special thanks

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**The following locations were cleaned:**  
N/S Southern Ave., SE, bet. Erie St. to Branch Ave.  
E/S Branch Ave., SE, bet. Southern Ave. to Erie St.  
E/S 30th St., SE, bet. Alabama Ave. to Erie St.  
B/S Alabama Ave., SE,

bet. 30th St. to Pennsylv. Ave.  
B/S Branch Ave., SE, bet. Park Dr. to Pennsylv. Ave.  
S/S Pennsylv. Ave., SE, bet. Branch Ave. to 33rd St.  
N/S "U" St., SE, bet. Branch Ave. to 36th St.

*Phillip Hammond  
HCCA Environmental  
Committee*

## Hillcrest News

**Palisades-Hillcrest Partnership Plans Summer and Fall Events**—The Palisades-Hillcrest Partnership is working on several get-togethers during 2007-2008 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the partnership. Residents of both neighborhoods are invited to attend performances of the D.C. Fringe Festival together on Saturday, July 21 and Sunday, July 22, and to volunteer at the festival which will be from July 19-29, 2007.

Neighbors Through ART performed "Diagonal Voices/Echoes" at the festival last year to a standing-room only crowd. If you are around this summer and would like to attend some performances (Dutch treat) and/or volunteer at the festival, please contact Alice Stewart at (202) 364-1505. Also, join us at our October 27 Culinary Arts Feast.

KUDOS to Ginny Levy whose portrait of Nora Gregory was unveiled at the Francis P. Gregory Library in Hillcrest on Thursday, May 10. Ginny (known professionally as Virginia Clark Levy) painted the portrait of Mrs. Gregory who was one of the honorees at the July 2006 Neighbors Through ART event held at THEARC.

**Thanks DPW**—The following employees with the Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Administration, Street and Alley Cleaning Division-Landscaping Unit performed landscaping services at the Pennsylvania and Branch Avenue location: Ronnie Whitehurst, Bryant McClain, Evelyn Hancock, George Marshall, Terry Anderson, Samuel Marshall, Calvin Jeter, Antonio Speaks and Thomas Peterson. Employees were supervised by James Barksdale, Vandorean Bostic and Bernard Gaines.

**The Scrabble Club**—The Hillcrest Recreation Center Scrabble Club continues to meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the recreation center, starting 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please join us or call/e-mail Linda Jackson at (202) 584-3612 or JACKSONLM@AOL.COM for more information.

### Activities at Hillcrest Rec. Center

- Summer camp, second session starts July 9.
- Summer camp, third session starts July 23.
- No more registrations as all camp sessions are full.
- Scrabble club on July 11 and 24.
- A certified fitness instructor will be giving fitness instructions.
- Swearing in ceremony for Neighborhood Watch Zone leaders and block captains are July 7 at 10 a.m.

Call Orvin Wright for info. The center is closed July 4.

**D.C. Government Anti-Fraud Town hall Meeting**—The D.C. Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking, the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs Consumer Protection Unit and the DC Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board will host an Anti-Fraud Town hall meeting called "Protecting Our Seniors" at the Washington Senior Wellness Center, 3001 Alabama Ave., SE, on July 26, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn about identity theft, health insurance fraud, Ponzi schemes, lottery fraud and a whole lot more. For more information, call Michelle Phipps-Evans at (202) 442-7822 or email michelle.phipps-evans@dc.gov.

**Advertise in the Blessing of the Trees Souvenir Booklet**—The second annual *Blessing of the Trees Festival is slated Saturday, Sept. 1*. This event is an HCCA effort to raise funds for its schools and youth. HCCA has committed to providing support for Anne Beers Elementary School, to assist in providing uniforms for teams at the recreation center, and to wage an anti-littering campaign for students at the public schools in our community. By placing an ad or becoming a patron in the souvenir booklet, you support these efforts. Appearing elsewhere in this newsletter is the Ad and Patron Levels form. Please bring it and your check to the membership meeting. Remember to make this tax deductible gift out to The Washington East Foundation. Thank you for your support of our schools and youth.

**Sell Your Specialty at the Blessing of the Trees Festival**—Do you grill the best hamburger in town? Do you have a knack for making crafts? Are there things in the garage or attic that you are finally ready to part with? Would you like an opportunity to sell these items? Why not rent table space at the *Blessing of the Trees Festival*? You may rent one or more spaces which are 6'x3'. Spaces for nonfood items rent for \$25 each; spaces for food items rent for \$50. Individuals who rented table spaces last year may rent spaces at the discounted price of \$20 for nonfood items and \$40 for food items. You will be able to rent spaces at the membership meeting.

**MPD Banquet Rescheduled**—The MPD 7D CAC awards ceremony and banquet originally scheduled June 8 has been postponed until Oct. 5. This is to facilitate the increased



### HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

- Talitha & Karen Stewart, 3300 Gainesville St., SE
- Catherine & Joseph Jackson, 2329 34th St., SE

work needed to plan and execute a safe summer initiative for our youth. More details will be coming.

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**Interstages Plans for Fall Expansion**—The Interstages afterschool youth development program will expand operations to serve up to 24 girls at Hillcrest Recreation Center this fall. Pre-registration is open for girls

entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Interstages is seeking committed individuals for full-time and part-time staff positions. **Please contact** [Noel.Tieszen@interstages.org](mailto:Noel.Tieszen@interstages.org) or (202) 824-0740 for information student registration, employment opportunities, volunteering, giving clubs, and more. Thanks, Hillcrest for your ongoing support.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR JULY

7	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32 <sup>nd</sup> and Denver Streets, SE
9	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
11	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
18	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
19	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

**PLEASE NOTE:** The new mailing address for the Hillcrest Community Civic Association is:  
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**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2007?** Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2007, please send your payment now!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

*I'd like to serve on the following committee(s):* \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual dues are only \$10 . Make check payable to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to:**

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## Blessing of the Trees Fall Festival

Hillcrest Recreation Center: 32<sup>nd</sup> Street @ Denver Street, SE

Saturday, September 1, 2007; 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Set-Up Time – 9:00 AM

## Request for Vending Space

Each vending space will be approximately 6' X 3'. There are two categories of vending spaces, food and non-food. The price per space is as follows:

**\*\*\*Non-Food Vending Space: \$25.00**

**\*\*\*Food Vending Space: \$50.00**

Please indicate your vending preference by completing the form below and giving it and the cost of your requested space to any member of the Environmental Committee. The form may also be mailed to P.O. Box 30895, Washington, DC 20030-0895, Attention: Blessing of the Trees Festival or faxed to 202/583-5162. If you have questions, please call Mary Hammond at 202/582-3050 or Mary Ross at 202/583-5166.

**Note: DC regulations require a 20% per vendor collection fee from the amount of sales.**

				Telephone # or

Thank you for your support of Hillcrest schools and youth.