THE HILLCREST NEWSLETTER



HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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July 2013

CALENDER OF EVENTS

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Sts.,SE Saturday, July 6, 2013 10AM to Noon

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING

Francis Gregory Library 3660 Alabama Ave., SE Monday, July 1, 2013, 7PM to 9PM 33rd and Camden Sts, SE

Monte Carlo Night

Saturday, July 13, 2013, 8PM to 11PM

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

East Washington Heights Baptist Church 2200 Branch Ave., SE Wednesday, July 17, 2013 6PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

Ryland Methodist Church 3200 S ST., SE Thursday, July 18, 2013, 7PM to 9PM

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THIS MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKERS

Cathy L. Lanier

Chief of Police Metropolitan Police Department



Last month Chief Lanier was scheduled to be our guest speaker. Due to a family emergency she has rescheduled for July.

Cathy Lanier spent her entire law enforcement career with the Metropolitan Police Department, be-

ginning in 1990. She served as Commander of the Fourth District, Commanding Officer of the Department's Major Narcotics Branch and Vehicular Homicide Units. She was named Commander of the Special Operations Division (SOD), where, for four years, she managed the Emergency Response Team, Aviation and Harbor Units, Horse Mounted and Canine Units, Special Events/Dignitary Protection Branch, and Civil Disturbance Units. During her tenure as SOD Commander, she established the agency's first Homeland Security/Counter-Terrorism Branch and created an agency-wide chemical, biological, radiological response unit known as the Special Threat Action Team.

In 2006, the MPD's Office of Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism (OHSCT) was created, and Chief Lanier was tapped to be its first Commanding Officer. She took the lead role in developing and implementing coordinated counter-terrorism strategies for all units within the MPD and launched Operation TIPP.

Cathy L. Lanier was unanimously confirmed as the Chief of Police by the Council of the District of Columbia on April 3, 2007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS





HILLCREST COMMUNITY
CIVIC ASSOCIATION
and
MARSHALL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

Sponson

An Elegant Night of Gaming while Raising Funds for Ward 7 Projects

Saturday, July 13, 2013 - 8:00PM-11:00PM



Your \$50 ticket includes light fare, beer, wine, and "funny money". "Funny money" gets you started to winning at Blackjack, Roulette, and Craps! Play for fun and win great prizes. Make Saturday, July 13, 2013 a night of fun in the

North Hall of the historic Eastern Market 225 7th Street SE Washington, D.C. Dress to impress for a date with Lady Luck. See you there!

Tickets are available at the July HCCA meeting or contact:

Sheila Brown - (202)297.3883 or shb3@verizon.net
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30th Annual National Night Out

Hillcrest Community Civic Association and PSA 606 are sponsoring a National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6, 2013 6:30PM-8:30PM East Washington Heights Baptist Church 2220 Branch Ave SE (Corner of Alabama Ave. and Branch Ave SE)

The "30th Annual National Night Out" is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). Everyone should turn on



their outdoor and front porch lights as a symbol of unity in the fight against crime. We also should take time to try to meet all the neighbors on our block. Knowing our neighbors and looking out for each other is one of the greatest deterrents against crime in our neighborhoods. In addition to turning on lights and meeting your neighbors, all are welcome to come out and share public safety concerns with your neighbors and our 6D MPDC Police and DCFD.

Phone SCAM Alert from DC Metro Police Department, 6D

The DC Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) received information about calls being made to District residents that begin with "your loan has been approved." These calls are being made to seniors who have not applied for loan applications. There have been no recent complaints of any fraud taking place, however residents should be very careful. If a person suspects that they are a victim of fraud, call the MPD Financial Crimes and Fraud Unit at (202)727-4159 or you may send an email to mpd.fraud-unit@dc.gov. <mailto:mpd.fraud-unit@dc.gov.%20.

The Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking (DISB) advises residents not to respond to telemarketers who contact them with unsolicited loan approvals. Offers of preapproved loans may or may not be fraudulent. Consumers should do their own due diligence before accepting any loan offers. DISB is available to verify if lenders are licensed to do business in the District of Columbia. For more information, contact (202)727-8000.

The People of Hillcrest: A Call for Articles



The Hillcrest Newsletter will soon feature a special section showcasing the remarkable residents of our community. Former presidents and officers of HCCA are invited to share their views on Hill-

crest and about the important issues of the day. These opinion pieces may take the place of the President's letter for that month. We also want to hear from other long-time residents, newcomers, as well as the young people, who are our next generation of leaders.

Please email your article (fewer than 250 words) and a photo (optional), by the 15th of each month to:

hillcrestdc newsletter@yahoo.com.

The number of articles featured each month will depend on available space.

Celebrating the Hillcrest Tee-ball Team

The Hillcrest Tee-ball team had a fabulous season this year. It is a developmental league, so the coaches were not concern with wins or losses, as long as the kids competed hard. Please join us during our monthly meet-



ing Saturday, July 6th to celebrate their effort, and to present trophies to all of the kids who represented the Hillcrest community during the 2013 Tee-Ball season.

The Enlightened Environmentalist

Amelioration Funding Sought for Alger Park



The DC Department of the Environment (DDOE) has submitted grants to implement a planned restoration to Alger Park, the DC Parks and Recreation roadside area in Hillcrest,

bounded by V Place, 30th and 31st streets, and Hillcrest and Park drives. The grant reguests DDOE submitted to the National Wildlife Federation and the Environmental Protection Agency request \$1.4 million for stream restoration and another \$1.4 million for road work, e.g., public space rain gardens, pervious pavers, green alleys, etc. The Alger Park restoration is a uniquely inventive three pronged approach: Not only does it seek to do the traditional stream restoration through the currently popular step pools designed to convey storm water so that erosion is prevented, but viewed as equally important, the plans seeks to protect the tree canopy. Finally, on par with the first two goals is the involvement of individual homeowners throughout the community in lessening the amount of water that enters the stream.

The vehicle through which the volume of storm water runoff can be reduced in the stream valley is by home owners enrolling in one of the programs in the District-wide RiverSmart Homes project. The program, which requires co-payments, provides homeowners with landscaping enhancements. The opportunities offered are the planting of shade trees in your vard to reduce air pollution and utility bills, installing rain barrels to provide roof water for watering plants, rain gardening and bayscaping to infiltrate and treat storm water, and replacing impervious surfaces with pervious pavers to allow water to infiltrate naturally into the soil. Yours can become a RiverSmart Home by going to ddoe.dc.gov/riversmarthomes. It generally takes four to five months for your property to

be assessed. However because of the Alger Park project, homes in the general area will be grouped and thereby evaluated sooner. The Hillcrest Community Civic Association, with the support of ANC 7B and Councilmember Alexander's office, has been working with DDOE and other DC Government agencies for four years on the erosion problems in our community. Each of us can be a part of the solution by owning a RiverSmart Home.

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. You may pay for multiple years. 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

Please include your name, address, phone number, amount, and email address.

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Contact information is available on our website at www.hillcrestdc.com

Got Ideas!

Please email any ideas or articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month to hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com

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

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