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NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Next Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, 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.

HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY, HCCA

Join the Hillcrest Community Civic Association in celebrating its 20th anniversary during the month of September. HCCA will highlight its contributions and celebrate its legacy of inspired civic leadership with several events including a luncheon program featuring former D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams on **Sept. 12** at the Hillcrest Community Center from noon to 3 p.m.

Other Events during September include:

SEPT. 5, A PANEL OF PRESIDENTS—Former HCCA presidents and the current president will discuss the past, present and future of the organization at the regular monthly meeting.

SEPT. 12, CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF INSPIRED LEADERSHIP ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON—Program features historical slide show, guest speakers and award presentations at the recreation center. The program:

- Lunch: noon—1 p.m.
- Program: 1 p.m.—2:15 p.m.
- Networking and Dancing: 2:15 p.m.—3 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 for adults; \$20 for youth, 6-12; free for kids, 5 and under

SEPT. 19, BLESSING OF THE TREES FESTIVAL—A yearly fall festival that helps raise funds for schools and the youth. HCCA has committed to providing support for Anne Beers Elementary School. The festival will be on the grounds of the Washington Seniors Wellness Center, 3001 Alabama Ave., SE, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September is All About Hillcrest!

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Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION!

Well, neighbors, time is short. We're ready to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our Civic Association. The first meeting was held in September, 1989, at the Church of the Holy Comforter, called by our first President Belva Simmons. HCCA was led by Simmons from 1989 to 1992; Paul Savage from 1993 to 1995; Pastor Franklin Senger III, from 1996 to 2001; Vincent Spaulding from 2002 to 2006; and finally yours truly since 2007. HCCA has become the preeminent civic association organization in the District of Columbia and that's what we're celebrating.

The Council of the District of Columbia passed a Resolution on July 31, 2009, stating: "The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors the Hillcrest Community Civic Association for its invaluable contribution to the residents of the Hillcrest community, and declares September 2009 as Hillcrest Community Civic Association month in the District of Columbia." So, neighbors, be prepared to participate in the month-long celebration.

We start the month at our HCCA meeting with a "Panel of Presidents," where you will have an opportunity to hear all the living presidents give their perspectives on where we started, where we are, and where we envision the HCCA's future lies. Then, we will have a celebration luncheon, "HCCA 20th Anniversary: "A Legacy of Inspired Civic Leadership," and then we end the month with "The Blessing of the Trees Festival."

I'm looking forward to all the activities this month and hope to see you at one or more of these events!

Karen Lee Williams
President



The History of the HCCA

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association, established late 1989, is for all Hillcrest residents to promote the welfare of the neighborhood. Its purpose is to voice its concerns to government officials, businesses, and residents to ensure the best possible living environment in Hillcrest. HCCA addresses D.C. services of police and fire protection; leaf and refuse collection, snow removal; and safety and traffic lights, as well as promote issues of education, health, housing, and beautification.

The HCCA started after a letter was circulated in 1989 by former commissioner of ANC 7B05, Belva T. Simmons, asking residents to join her in forming "an organization to speak with a concerted voice about our problems and needs." She said that neighborhood organizations have proven to be of great value to the city; and that Hillcrest was the only geographically designated community in Ward 7 without a viable one.

Residents heeded her call, and on Aug. 2, 1989, about 60 residents met on the front lawn of Dennis and Gloria Logan for the Neighborhood Watch Night Out, where they discussed reviving the neighborhood organization. The idea was greeted with enthusiasm, and as such, HCCA held its first meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, 1989, at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Branch and Alabama avenues, SE.

About 30 people attended the first meeting, where they discussed issues such as ensuring the D.C. government provided services to the area based on need. They wanted to provide a positive image of Hillcrest. They sought to

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HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES



THE BLESSING OF THE TREES FALL FESTIVAL

This yearly festival is offering vendor spaces for rent. It will be at the Washington Seniors Wellness Center on Alabama Avenue at 30th Street, SE, on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain date: Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.) Vendor set up time: 9:30 a.m.

Request for Vending Space

Each vending space will be about 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**

NO VENDOR CANCELLATION REFUNDS

20% discount for those who rented space last year.

Name	Vending Type	Number of Spaces	Amount	Telephone # or Email

Please indicate your preference by completing the form and giving it, and the cost of your requested space to any member of the Environmental Committee. The form may also be mailed to 3319 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20020 Attention: Blessing of the Trees Festival or faxed to (202) 583-5162. If you have any questions, please call Mary Hammond at (202) 582-3050 or Mary Ross at (202) 583-5166. Thank you for your support of Hillcrest schools and youth.

FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY COMMUNITY MEETING—

The DC Public Library invites you to learn more about the re-building of the Francis A. Gregory Library from the design team of Adjaye & Assoc., and Wiencek & Assoc. at the library, 3660 Alabama Avenue, SE, on Sept. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Contact Archie Williams at (202) 727-1437, or archie.williams@dc.gov, if you have any questions.

W STREET BLOCK PARTY—2900 blk of W St., SE, on Sat., Oct. 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. More info in October's newsletter.

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help neighbors keep up the standards projected by the image of the community, as well as to create a congenial neighborhood atmosphere, which could be a crime prevention measure for neighbors to look out for each other. And, they supported the educational and social development of Hillcrest children and youth, among other concerns.

Later, Simmons, the author of the original letter to Hillcrest's neighbors, was elected first president of the association and served 1989 to 1992. Paul Savage was voted the second president and served 1993 to 1995, Pastor Franklin Senger III was voted the third president and served from 1996 to 2001, then Vincent M. Spaulding was elected the fourth president and served from 2002 to 2006. Karen Lee Williams was elected the fifth president in 2007 and serves to the present. To read the entire history, visit www.hillcrestdc.com.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

5	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
9	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
12	12 p.m.	HCCA 20th Anniversary Celebration, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd and Denver Street, SE
14	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
16	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
17	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE
19	11 a.m.	Blessing of the Trees Festival, Grounds of the Washington Seniors Wellness Center, 3001 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

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