



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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Next Meeting: Saturday, October 2, 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.

Guest Speaker

Jesus Aguirre, Director Department of Parks & Recreation

Jesús Aguirre began his professional career as a middle school science teacher in Los Angeles. He has managed various programs for a national non-profit as well as for a small book publisher. Prior to joining DCPS, Mr. Aguirre co-founded and operated one of the first charter schools in Arizona that serves under-privileged students in Phoenix.

Mr. Aguirre holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin and a Masters in Business Administration from the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. He now resides in Washington DC.

Prior to joining the DC Department of Parks and Recreation, Jesús Aguirre served as the Director of School Operations for the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS). In that capacity, Jesús was responsible for:

- Providing operational support for over 120 school principals & instructional superintendents and ensuring that the central office operations were responsive to the needs of the schools. This included day-to-day support on issues such as staffing, facilities, finances, logistics, etc., as well as rapid response during emergent incidents. In addition, his team provides extensive support for summer school, the annual opening of schools, and the school budgeting process.
- Managing the DCPS school security office and acting as a liaison with the MPD on all issues related to school security contracts. This ensured proper security staffing and incident responsiveness at schools.
- Overseeing the provision of technology support for the District through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DCPS and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO). This MOU is aimed at providing the District with the technical infrastructure and support to ensure the success of all its programs.
- Correcting the District's ERATE program, a process through which the District will receive reimbursements for telecommunications expenditures on an ongoing basis.
- Overseeing the District's emergency response plan, including pandemic flu and inclement weather planning.
- Managing the District's overall enrollment process, including residency verification and the annual enrollment audit. The enrollment process was streamlined to make it easier for parents to enroll and to support the schools' ability to meet enrollment targets.



Special points of interest:

- *HCCA President*
Muses Where was Earl
- *Flower Power HCCA*
Fundraiser

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Community Calendar for May

- 2 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
- 4 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
- 12 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting, Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
- 21 7 p.m. ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE
- 20 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to take a minute to thank each and every one of you who took the time to vote in the Democratic Primary on September 14, 2010. There is no greater sign of involved citizenship than exercising your right to vote. It doesn't matter who you voted for but that you voted. In November we will again be given the opportunity for change or to keep the status quo. The leadership of HCCA will be running to keep their positions as members of the Board of Directors. This is an opportunity for those of you who would like to begin to serve your community this is also an opportunity for you to get on the ballot. IF you are interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors contact Virgil McDonald at mcdonaldofdc@comcast.net. I hope we will have a large turnout at the membership meeting in November. We will have our election and we will present our 2011 Plan of Action.

As the weather turns from summer heat to fall breezes, I hope you get out and appreciate the beauty. Last Saturday the 2900 blk of W Street had it's Annual Block Party. It was a picture perfect day weather wise. I have to tell you it's a lot of work putting together an event like this. The committee has the set up and break down perfected to a science. But this precision work depends on the ladies telling the men where everything goes and them putting it there. Well my better half Earl ducked out on me this year. His friend from Chicago was in town and they wanted to do some serious male bonding, after all these best friends hadn't seen each other in over a year. So when it came to setting up for the block party or hanging out with Jim, guess what Earl decided to do. He did show me how to put his ipod into the speaker system and turn on the music, but where was he when we had to drag all those tables and chairs out of the garage and set up? But more importantly, where was he during the cleanup. Now I know Earl you all cheer for Earl and I'm not really complaining, but I was in total shock. In all the years we've been together he has never abandoned me when I needed his stronger back. I 'm still in shock. I love Jim too, and I was glad they had the opportunity to get together, but still. So all I have to say is sorry to Earl and all our neighbors who missed a wonderful day and be sure to show up next year.

Karen

HILLCREST COMMUNITY TREE WALK

How often have you asked the question, "what kind of tree is that"? At our request and the support of the HCCA Environment Committee, Carol Herwig, Casey Tree Arborist conducted the HCCA community tree walk on September 18, 2010. The group met at Holy Comforter, signed in got refreshments and began the pre-determined tour on Alabama Avenue to the National Park Service (NPS) Fort Davis Park Fort, which is located north of Pennsylvania Avenue on Alabama Avenue. Ms. Herwig explained thoroughly the characteristics and diversity of trees along the route. The group concluded the tour by walking the trail through the NPS Fort Circle Park from Pennsylvania Avenue to Branch Avenue. The mature trees in Fort Circle Park were truly beautiful and identical to the feel of being in a natural forest.



In conclusion, we would like to thank Franklin Senger, Ms. Carol Herwig from Casey Trees, members of the HCCA Environment Committee, friends and visitors to Hillcrest for making the HCCA tree tour very successful. If you have questions about the tree in front of your home please contact Mary or Phillip Hammond, members of the HCCA Environment Committee at 202-582-3059.

HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

Community Clean Up

On Saturday, October 16, 2010 the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) Environmental Committee will hold it's Fall Community Wide Clean-up from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. The event will kick-off at the East Washington Heights Baptist Church parking lot, Branch Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue at 8:00 am.

Two participation plans are available. You can participate in the walk by meeting at East Washington Heights or you can sign up to clean the block where you live. If you wish to participate, stop by the membership meeting on Saturday, October 2, 2010 to sign up or email Phil Hammond at mphammond@msn.com.

Annual 2900 blk of W Street Block Party

On Saturday, September 18, 2010 the 2900 blk of W street held its Annual Block Party. It was attended by over 70 people who dined on hot dogs, fried chicken, pork bar-b-cue, fried fish, potato salad, greens, salad,



seafood salad, etc. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food but most of all everyone enjoyed the beautiful day and the chance to sit and talk to neighbors old and new. What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

HCCA Fundraiser Flower Power

The HCCA is having a fundraiser, FLOWER POWER. Flower Power allows us to buy high quality flower bulbs, plants and garden items and have 50% of all product sales go directly to HCCA. We will have 2 cam-

paigns. The fall campaign will run from September 21 to October 29, 2010. You may place your orders online or by ordering from the catalog. Your order will be delivered to your door in time for fall planting and produce beautiful flowers in the spring. You will receive a 100% guarantee on all products, you will have your choice to exchange, or getting a refund for any item that does not meet your expectations.

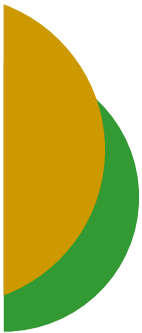
If you are interested in purchasing flower bulbs or plants for your garden this fall try FLOWER POWER. Help your civic association and beautify your garden at the same time. Richard Evans will be at the next HCCA meeting with catalogues and order forms. Or go to www.HillcrestDC.com and follow the link.

HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

- Delia & Darrell Perry
2921 W Street
- Elizabeth Felton
3191 Westover Drive
- Shawn Leonard
3727 Camden Street



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