



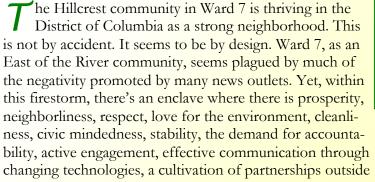
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NOVEMBER 2010

Next Meeting: Saturday, Nov. 6, 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.

THE CORE ELEMENTS OF A STRONG D.C. NEIGHBORHOOD The HCCA's Oral History Project





An opportunity to socialize is a core element of a strong D.C. neighborhood.

its boundaries, opportunities to socialize and meet on a regular basis, to have fun, and finding ways to include the diverse mix of the community, to encourage diversity of thought, age, educational background and life experiences to remain relevant. These are the core elements that make for a strong neighborhood.

Recently, the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) was awarded a DC Community Heritage Project grant from the Humanities Council of Washington, DC, through the Washington East Foundation, as an extension of its 20th anniversary celebration in 2009, to carry out interviews of longtime Hillcrest neighbors, and distill the essence of what makes a strong neighborhood. The 20th anniversary celebration was chaired by Carrie Thornhill who is the project director of the oral history project. Funds for the DC Community Heritage Project are provided by a partnership of the Humanities Council of Washington, DC, and the DC Historic Preservation Office, which supports people who want to tell stories of their neighborhoods by providing information, training and financial resources.

Hillcrest neighbor, Michelle Phipps-Evans, spent months interviewing 20 mostly long-time residents.

"What was great about this project was re-living the stories with the residents as they described them. There was a lot of passion," said Phipps-Evans, who moved to Hillcrest in 2004. "I loved that after the video was turned off, then the real conversations began. There wasn't a single person who didn't invite me to visit with them after, offering me wine, a cheese and cracker spread, soda or homemade iced tea. They truly are



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Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

ovember 2010 is a very exciting month for the residents of the District of Columbia; change is in the air! One of the great things about living in an area that has four seasons is the transitions we experience. One of my favorite changes is the one that takes us from summer to fall.

The leaves on the trees are turning from green to red, orange and then gold. Finally, dropping to form a blanket on our grass and streets. A blanket maybe, but one that we cannot let quietly rest until the spring, but a blanket that we will have to rake, bag and disposed of. Our gardens are changing too, from the vibrant colors of the spring and summer flowers we planted, to the orange, gold, and burgundy of fall mums. As I looked down our block, it looks like someone came in overnight, and painted all the flowers to match the team jerseys of the Washington Redskins. We change our conversations from how great it is that the Nats are 3 and 0 in their series, to how about those Redskins. We turned off the air conditioner last month, and now I'm begging Earl to turn on the heat (that seems to never change).

Although this is a month of change, some things are the same—the strong voice of HCCA, traffic on Branch Avenue, and elections are held in November. This November, we are voting for the leaders of our local government, for Mayor and certain city council members on Nov. 2. On Nov. 6, at 10 a.m., there will be an election for the 2011-2013 Board of Directors for your civic association, HCCA. Both elections are important; and in case you didn't know it, every vote counts!!! It is important that you help shape the landscape of our future. See you at the polls!

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engaging and friendly here." The project is expected to be available on the website, <u>www.hillcrestdc.com</u>, by the end of November. It is expected that the project will have many dimensions to it, and each upcoming newsletter could feature another lesson. Each resident videotaped will be conferred Neighborhood Griot status in the Nov. 6, HCCA meeting.

It should be noted that the Hillcrest community has fathered many political leaders. All but one ward councilmember, Willie Hardy, hails from Hillcrest. There are two mayors—Vincent C. Gray and Marion Barry, who lived in Hillcrest at one point; two chairs of the Council of the District of Columbia—Gray from 2007 to 2010, and Kwame Brown in 2011. Additionally, Hillcrest used its extensive influence to successfully draft Anthony Williams for mayor. All of this was revealed and explained in the project by the interviewees.

At the center of this community is the HCCA, which many interviewees believed gives the larger voice, and has galvanized the community. Some said Hillcrest and HCCA enjoy a symbiotic relationship, while others feel the community will be able to stand on its own. It's inarguable, however, that through the HCCA's size of 400 families, and its power, that the community has been able to get things done. The HCCA has served as an example for other civic associations in terms of its ability to effect change.

Some residents interviewed expressed dissatisfaction with not being able to mobilize the HCCA's success story to benefit the other parts of Ward 7. As a whole, Hillcrest tends to be insulated from the rest of the ward. There have been some who feel the HCCA and the neighbors should do a better job at reaching out beyond its borders. For example, the Hillcrest-Palisades Partnership could be expanded to reach out to other great Ward 7 communities. The HCCA will use this oral history project to teach some key lessons about civic engagement and activity. This is the first in a series of articles, viewings, and materials that will be available to residents.

(The December issue will develop the core elements further.)

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HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

THE HCCA ELECTIONS

New HCCA Officers To Be Elected at November Meeting

The election of HCCA officers and directors will be held at the regular HCCA meeting on Nov. 6, 2010. Candidates who are elected will serve two-year terms starting Jan. 1, 2011. In order to vote in the election, you must be a member of HCCA, current on your dues and present at the meeting. To qualify for election, candidates must live within the service area of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association, or 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. The names of persons nominated by Oct. 20, 2010, appear on the ballot; see below. Nominations can be made from the floor on the day of the election and write-in candidates will be accepted. Many thanks to the nominating committee.

SAMPLE BALLOT

Officers	Directors
President (Vote for one) Bowser, Marvin Williams, Karen Write-in_	Chair, Education and Recreation Committee (Vote for one) □ Buckner, Shawn □ Write-in
1st Vice President (Vote for one) Chamberlain, Kathy Marlin, Robin Write-in	Chair, Environmental and Beautification Committee (Vote for one) □ Ross, Mary □ Write-in
2 nd Vice President (Vote for one) □ Stuckey, Boyle □ Write-in	Chair, Public Safety and Emergency Committee (Vote for one) Kirkpatrick, David Write-in
Recording Secretary (Vote for one) □ Dupree, Yvonne □ Lowry, Rita □ Write-in	Chair, Membership Committee (Vote for one) Akers, Scott Write-in
Treasurer (Vote for one) □ Evans, Monica □ Write-in	Chair, Communications Committee (Vote for one) □ Phipps-Evans, Michelle □ Write-in
Chaplain (Vote for one) ☐ Hawkins, John ☐ Write-in	Chair, Street, Traffic and Transportation Committee (Vote for one) □ Davis, Veronica O. □ Write-in
Parliamentarian (Vote for one) □ Burke, Kenneth □ Write-in	Chair, Fundraising Committee (Vote for one) □ Brown, Sheila □ Write-in

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FACEBOOK PAGE

HCCA ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCH

The annual luncheon will be at the Hillcrest Recreation Center on **Saturday**, **Dec. 4, 2010**, immediately following a shortened community meeting, which starts at 10 a.m.



Nominating Committee: Monica Holman Evans MonicaHCCA@aol.com

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Community Calendar for November

- 6 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
- 8 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting,

Interim Francis Gregory Library, 2100 36th Place, SE

10 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting

Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE

17 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE

18 7 p.m. ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., 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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