



NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter
3319 Alabama Avenue, Southeast
Washington, D.C. 20020
www.HillcrestDC.com

Next Meeting: Saturday, December 2, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

At the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, Corner of Alabama & Branch Avenues, S.E.

NOTE: Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of the month.



MERRY CHRISTMAS, HILLCREST!



DECEMBER HILLCREST MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMFORTER (THIS MONTH ONLY)

In keeping with long established tradition, the December meeting of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, located at the corner of Alabama and Branch Avenues, SE. There will be a short business meeting without a scheduled speaker, followed by HCCA's holiday party. The potluck lunch requires your participation in order to be successful.

Please bring an item that corresponds with the first letter of your last name:

Appetizers – A B C

Cream cheese balls; smoked salmon; shrimp cocktail; hot bacon bean dip; chips and dip; black or green olives; veggie platter; cheese and crackers

Salads - D E F

Cole slaw; potato salad; spinach salad; seafood pasta; deviled eggs; macaroni salad; fruit salad; lettuce & tomato salad

Main Dishes – G H I

Salmon; meat balls; ribs; baked beans; macaroni & cheese; mashed potatoes; candied sweet potatoes; brown rice; scalloped potatoes

Vegetables – J K L

Green beans; lima beans; cabbage; peas; carrots; stewed tomatoes; broccoli; eggplant

Desserts – M N O

German chocolate cake; lemon cake; coconut cake; fruit cake; pumpkin pie; sweet potato pie; lemon meringue pie

Bread – P Q R

Rolls; biscuits; croissants; raisin bread; white or wheat bread

Beverages – S T U

Tea; coffee; wine; sodas; bottled water; hot cider

Miscellaneous – V W X

Sugar/cream; cranberry sauce; salt/pepper; plates; napkins; cups; forks/knives/spoons; table cloths

Decorations - Y Z Christmas and/or holiday decorations

Note: Your favorite dish will be accepted. Call Thelma Martin at 583-0288 for information.

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

*Christmas is the perfect time to express gratitude for past blessings (and achievements) and to wish friends and family best wishes for a prosperous new year. Reflecting over my tenure as your president for the past 3 plus years and taking a look at the top ten priorities I identified in the Feb 2003 newsletter, I see successes and some disappointments. As I step aside, I am particularly proud of leading a campaign to expand the size of HCCA from roughly 368 households to my goal of 500 households. We actually reached 526 households. I am pleased that we got our by-laws updated and posted on the website and were able to cultivate new leaders to backfill vacant positions and strengthen the operations of the Board of Directors. We devoted a lot of time to safety and quality of life initiatives, economic development, and education issues which have had a positive impacted upon our community. I am very pleased that we were able to keep pressure on Mayor Williams, NCRC, and the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, to get the Skyland Shopping Center developed and we have been successful in getting the land assembled to allow the project to move forward. I won't attempt to identify any particular HCCA program or event during my tenure, for fear of undervaluing some other significant event, but I must say that there were lots of things that happened which represent good news stories and achievements for the residents of our community. I am disappointed that I was not able to establish regular communications with the presidents of the other civic associations within our community, due primarily to a lack of time. However, I encourage the new president of HCCA to include this matter on her to do list. In order to continue to have a strong and vibrant community, we must remain proactive. We must be tolerant of different points of view on matters that affect our community, and when we disagree we must be able to do so without becoming disagreeable. All points of view should be allowed to be heard, and fully understood. In closing, I sincerely appreciate having the honor to serve as the president of one of the greatest community organizations in the District of Columbia. Having an opportunity to get to know and work with all of the wonderful people who live in our community has touched the bottom of my heart. When my heart is touched, the valve that controls the water to my eyes automatically opens and the water flows, I have no control—it's in my genes, passed on by my father from his father. So at our next meeting, if you see a 65 year old man standing before a large crowd of people crying like a baby, you will know why! God bless you all, and thank you for all of your support and confidence. **Sincerely, Vincent Spaulding, President, HCCA***

2007 HCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS – NEW!

President - Karen Williams
2nd Vice-President – Kathy Chamberlain
Treasurer – Monica Evans
Parliamentarian – Rev. Kenneth Burke
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1st Vice-President – Carrie Thornhill
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Hospitality – Yvonne Burke



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

- ◆ *The DC Office of Planning is hosting a community charrette for the Pennsylvania Avenue SE Corridor Land Development Plan at the Randall Highlands Elementary School, located at 1650 30th Street SE on 7 Dec 6pm - 9pm Kick-off; 8 Dec 9am - 4pm Work Session; 9 Dec 9am - 1pm Work Session; 11 Dec 6pm - 9pm Presentation. Come to multiple sessions. Your input is important.*
 - ◆ *Workshop on Home Healthcare with Lecturer Vicki Stewart Callaghan, RN, on Wednesday, November 29th from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Avenue, SE. Call 645-4297 for more information.*
 - ◆ **Activities at Hillcrest Rec Center:**
*Flag Football Tournament -Week of December 4th
Boys 12-14 years from Hillcrest Recreation Center.*
- Basketball Co-ed practice Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30pm-7:15pm and Saturdays 12:30pm-2:00pm
Age groups 6 through 15 years.*
- New Aerobics classes start January 8th. Mondays and Wednesdays 7pm-8pm.*
- Christmas Party December 21st. Time - TBD*
- ◆ *Starlite Café at East Washington Heights Baptist Church for free entertainment by local poets and musicians, held every 4th Friday evening of the month from 7 to 9 p.m., with the exception of December. An assortment of homemade refreshments are available for purchase. For more information please phone the church at 582-4811.*

FALL CLEANUP CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS!

Many thanks go out to our friends and neighbors who participated in the HCCA fall clean-up on Saturday, November 18, 2006 from 8:00 am until 12 noon. The team removed campaign posters and bagged loose litter from light poles and treebox spaces from the following locations: **#1** B/S Penna. Ave., from Sousa Bridge to Alabama Avenue; **#2** B/S Branch Ave., from Penna. Ave., to Southern Avenue; **#3** B/S Alabama Ave., from 30th Street to Penna. Avenue; **#4** E/S 30th Street from Alabama Ave., to Erie Street; **#5** Erie Street from 30th Street to the front of Winston Middle School; **#6** N/S Southern Ave., from Branch Ave., to Erie Street; and, **#7** the 2300 and 2400 blocks of 34th Streets, S.E Submitted by Phillip Hammond, Member, Environmental Committee

INTERSTAGES MOVES FORWARD AFTER SCHOOL AT HILLCREST REC

Based on the resounding success of Interstages' spring pilot at Hillcrest Recreation Center, we expanded to engage 12 middle school girls in youth development activities 5 days per week!

Fall highlights:

- * We're filled to capacity with a waitlist and our first full-time paid staff member!
- * Current curriculum unit: Songs of Protest, focusing on civil rights, labor, and hip-hop
- * Named "one of Greater Washington's best!" www.catalogueforphilanthropy.org
- * Pledge a penny per Redskins offensive yard at www.yardsforyouth.org/interstages

To learn more, volunteer, donate, or request our newsletter, visit www.interstages.org, call 824-0740, or email Noel.Tieszen@interstages.org or Rosemary.Ndubuizu@interstages.org.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

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| 2 | 10 a.m. | HCCA Meeting, Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter Corner of Branch & Alabama Avenues, SE |
| 4 | 7 p.m. | Friends of Francis Gregory Library, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE |
| 13 | 10 a.m. | Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave SE |
| 20 | 6 p.m. | PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE |
| 21 | 7 p.m. | ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St, SE |

Dues for 2006 are now due. Please pay promptly.

It's only \$10 per year. Get on track and send your payment NOW!!!!

Names(s) _____

Address _____ zip code _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

I'd like to serve on the following

committee(s): _____

Make check payable to Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to: Monica Evans,
Treasurer, 3650 Camden Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20020