



# NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at 10 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets, SE

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

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

# Holiday Decorating Contest

Happy Holidays



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### Comments?

Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans at [hillcrestdc\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com)

**G**reetings all, and Happy Holidays. The Hillcrest Home Holiday Decorations Contest is back by popular demand!

We are living in interesting times. The country is dealing with a financial crisis as it prepares to inaugurate a new president. Please consider displaying your enthusiasm for the holidays and the hope for the New Year by decorating your home! Lift the spirits of people traveling through Hillcrest who are struggling and need some holiday cheer.

To enter the contest: Just decorate your house. The HCCA Holiday Decoration Committee will tour Hillcrest on Dec. 19, 20 and 21 to select the winners and present the awards. Winners will also be acknowledged at the January HCCA meeting and in the February newsletter. Residents who would like to nominate themselves or a neighbor's home to ensure we don't miss it can email [marvinbowser@comcast.net](mailto:marvinbowser@comcast.net). The award categories are shown below. Happy Holidays!



### Award

#### Categories:

1. Most Energy Efficient
2. Judge's Choice
3. Most Elegant
4. Most Spectacular
5. Best Animation
6. Best Traditional Display
7. Best Childhood Fantasy
8. Best Portrayal of the Spirit of the Holiday
9. Funniest
10. Best Lighting

Marvin Bowser

HCCA Strategic Communications Chair

## Message from the President

*Dear Neighbors,*

**A**s we enter this holiday season 2008, there is much to be excited about:



- Our association has selected a Board of Directors to usher us into the new decade;
- Our country has elected a new president whose promise is to usher the country and world into a new era of security, economic stability and peace;
- Wonderful holiday parties with family and friends, beginning with the HCCA Holiday Party on Saturday, December 6, 2008 @ 11 a.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, come early for the meeting and renew your HCCA membership for 2009;
- An opportunity to participate in the HCCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Decorating Contest; and
- The universal feeling of Good Will during this season for family, home, and community.

This is my favorite time of year.

I wish each and every one of you PEACE, HEALTH, HAPPINESS and a

**HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!!**

**Karen Lee Williams  
President, HCCA**

## HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES



### Fortune 500 Company Replaces Check-N-Go in Hillcrest

Former Louisiana prosecutor and Army lawyer Wil Christian has opened a new State Farm Insurance office at 3225 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Suite B, where the Check-N-Go once was located. "Hillcrest deserves an active community-based agency that offers its residence convenient and excellent home and car insurance at a very reasonable price, so I planted my roots here," says the new Fort Dupont homeowner.

Christian moved to DC from Louisiana. He recounts preparing to try a murder case when Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. The Army charged the reserve lawyer to put the case on hold, and to immediately report to New Orleans to help evacuate the people of New Orleans. He, along with the 40,000 other soldiers

he arranged to be present, evacuated the entire Superdome.

After Katrina, the Louisiana governor appointed him to assist with hurricane planning and emergency preparedness at the federal level—Christian was ordered to move to Washington. His service in the District led State Farm to offer him the opportunity to own his own agency.

"I welcome another professional office to our community," says Hillcrest resident Ivan Brown of Ivan Brown Realty. "His operation will complement our business strip, which is across the street from the Penn-Branch Shopping Center, and make Hillcrest a more convenient place to live and help increase the home values in our entire community."

## HCCA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



It's time to plan our annual holiday celebration, which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center. A planning committee has been formed and volunteers are being requested. There is a need for persons to help decorate, clean-up, and help in the kitchen.

Please contact Yvonne. Burke at (202) 584-3018 to either volunteer your help or to say what dish you will provide for the dinner. Members may choose to provide the foods listed below based on the first letter of their last names, or choose to bring their specialty dish:

### Beverages – A B C

Sodas, water, eggnog, sparkling cider, juice, apple cider, coffee

### Paper goods—D E F

Paper cups, napkins, paper plates, cutlery, flatware

### Dessert—G H I

Cakes, pies, puddings, cookies, strudel, fruit tray

### Condiments—J K L

Cranberry sauce, salad dressing, condiments, sugar/cream, salt/pepper

### Bread—M N O

Rolls, wheat bread, cornbread, muffins, croissants

### Vegetables—P Q R S

Collard greens, kale, cabbage, mixed vegetables, string beans, sweet potatoes, white potatoes, corn pudding, corn

### Salad—T U V

Garden salad, potato salad, carrot salad, spaghetti salad, Waldorf salad etc.

### Appetizers—W X Y Z

Veggie tray, deviled eggs, cheese tray, quiche, mixed nuts, hors d'oeuvres etc.

***Note: Your favorite dish will be accepted. Call Yvonne Burke at 584-3018 for information.***



**HAVE A HAPPY AND WONDERFUL  
HOLIDAY FROM THE HILLCREST  
COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

### **Are you Ready for DTV?**

After Feb. 17, 2009, all full-power television stations will broadcast only in digital. If you use "rabbit ears" on a rooftop antenna with an analog television, you must take some action to continue receiving television broadcasts. Full-power television stations nationwide must switch from the analog method of transmitting TV signals to only broadcasting a digital signal. You must one of the following actions before Feb. 17:

- Buy a converter box that will plug into your analog TV.
- Buy a TV with a digital tuner.
- Connect your analog TV to cable, satellite or other pay service.

If all your TV sets are connected to cable, satellite or other pay service, check with your provider to see how they will support your analog set after Feb. 17. Also, it's good to note that even if you have cable, there may be times that the service may be cut off and you need the converter box to see your TV. You may get a

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coupon for a converter box for \$40 to help defray the cost.

Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2009, by applying at the following:

Phone: 888-DTV-2009

Online Form: [www.DTV2009.gov](http://www.DTV2009.gov)

Mail: PO Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208

Fax: 877-DTV-4ME2

The coupons are free but supply is limited.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

6	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
8	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., 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 Epworth 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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**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2008?** Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2008, please send your payment now!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

*I'd like to serve on the following committee(s):* \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual dues are only \$10. Make check payable to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to:**

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