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March 2020

COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE

**HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC
ASSOCIATION MEETING**
Hillcrest Recreation Center
32nd and Denver Streets, SE
Saturday, March 7th
11:00 AM

**PSA 606 POLICE
COMMUNITY MEETING**
East Washington Heights
Baptist Church
2200 Branch Avenue, SE
Wednesday, March 18th
6:00 PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING
Pennsylvania Ave. Baptist Church
3000 Penn. Avenue, SE
Thursday, March 19th
6:30 PM

**Friends of Francis A. Gregory
Library**
3660 Alabama Avenue, SE
Monday, March 2nd
7:00 PM

**Pay 2020 Dues
\$20.00
Per household**

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HCCA
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Guest Speaker Lynel S. McFadden



Lynel S. McFadden is a six-year breast cancer survivor and an advocate for early detection of all cancers. After enjoying a year of retired life, Lynel joined the MedStar Washington Hospital Center Washington Cancer Institute's Get2Breast Care and Colorectal Cancer Prevention in the Neighborhood programs as a Community Navigator.

While working with these programs, she developed relationships with community-based organizations, local government officials and the faith-based community. This afforded her the ability to share early detection and screening educational programs with residents in all quadrants of the District of Columbia, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

In 2015, the CDC data ranked Washington, DC #1 in the country for the highest rate of colon cancer deaths. MedStar Washington Hospital Center's Washington Cancer Institute (WCI) launched its "Colorectal Cancer Prevention in the Neighborhood" Program in July 2018. WCI Community Navigators use innovative approaches to work with faith-based institutions, community centers, community-based organizations, local and state government agencies to deliver colon cancer education, offer no cost Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) kits which can detect early signs of colon cancer or colonoscopies referrals. Participants opting to receive FOBT kits will complete required paperwork on-site and take kits home to collect their sample to prepare for mailing. All instructions, mailing envelopes and lab slips are provided. Result letters are mailed to the participant's home.

Circulator Transit Development Plan 2020 Update

The DC Circulator Development Plan is a study that guides the future improvements and growth of the DC Circulator system using ridership data and customer feedback. The current plan includes:

- ◆ Evaluation of system performance: Analyze the overall DC Circulator rider experience and evaluate the system's current performance;
- ◆ Operations planning: Evaluating the operations and safety of the circulator system;
- ◆ System Expansion: Identifying ways to effectively implement future expansion of the DC Circulator. Riders have the opportunity to share travel information on ways DC Circulator can help you get to your destination; and
- Determine amount of Ward 7 expansion.

Ways to provide Circulator your feedback:

By email: david.koch@dc.gov
tdp2020DC@gmail.com
ciara.boderick1@dc.gov

Use the Wikimap, an online mapping tool, to provide comments about your travel in Ward 7. You can illustrate a route or place a pin to show how you travel or the destinations that you frequently visit.

To participate visit:
<https://www.dccirculator.com/route-alternatives>

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) voted to hold a candidates forum for our Ward 7 Councilmember seat. We have reached out and invited the other Ward 7 civic associations to participate. We have gotten favorable feedback and input. We are having our first planning meeting on Thursday, March 5th. We will keep you informed as the process continues.

Read Africa at Francis A. Gregory Library Draws Standing Room Only Crowd

More than 75 adults and children filled the community room at the Francis A. Gregory Library for the second annual Read Africa program on February 1, twice as many as those who attended the first event last year. Read Africa, commented librarian Maria Escher, seeks to “foster diversity, global citizenry, and early literacy.”

This year’s featured storyteller, Anna Mwalagho, “edutained” the audience through song, acting, dance, comedy, and poetry. The near capacity audience sitting on the floor, standing, and sitting in chairs provided a great backdrop while the Voice of America gathered data and film for a report on the event.

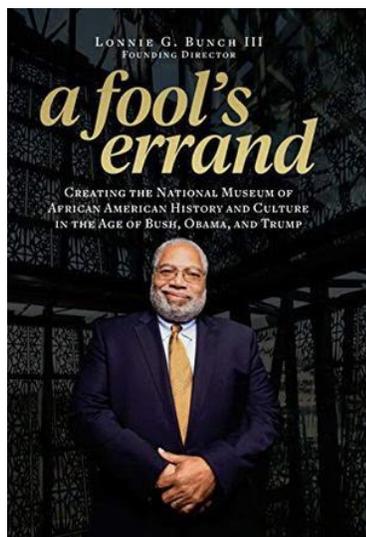
The festival also introduced West African finger food including chin chin, fish rolls, meat pies, and fried plantains to the audience. This year, the participants also received recipes and background information on the foods the festival served.

Before ending the two-hour event, adults and children colored Adinkra symbols and made passports and crafts from material remnants. They also chose an Africa Access vetted book to take home.

Africa Access vets books for their accuracy in their depictions of Africa and the festival encourages participants to read. Africa Access holds the annual Children’s Africana Book Awards and Book Festival at the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art on Saturday, March 28th.

Read Africa Week Festival at Francis A. Gregory Library is supported by the DC Public Library, Friends of the Francis A. Gregory Library, Africa Access, and the Port of Harlem Gambian Education Partnership (POHGEP).

An Evening with Lonnie G. Bunch III



Join Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution and founding director of the National Museum of African American History and Culture, at Francis A. Gregory Library on [Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 PM.](#)

In conversation with Dana Williams of Howard University, Secretary Bunch will discuss his book [A Fool's Errand](#) and the founding of the country’s first national museum dedicated to African American culture.

2020 HCCA Scholarships Applications Now Available

The HCCA is delighted to announce it will award two \$2,000 scholarships in 2020 for deserving high school seniors attending college in the fall. The Hillcrest Memorial Scholarship in honor of Yantee Neufville and the Hillcrest Community Civic Association scholarship.

The Yantee Neufville Memorial Scholarship was established in 2017 to honor Yantee Neufville, a member of the HCCA Board of Directors and a beloved young leader in our community who passed away suddenly. Mr. Neufville was dedicated to enhancing the lives of local residents by advocating for improvements in our neighborhood through his role as chair of the Streets, Traffic and Transportation Committee. Yantee also sought to cultivate economic development in Ward 7. He was also a talented painter, mentor for children throughout the city. He was committed to learning as much about Black History as he could. The HCCA will award one scholarship to a graduating senior or a recent graduate from Ward 7, who has demonstrated excellence in civic engagement, art or mentorship.

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association scholarship was established in 2015 to support a graduating high school senior from Hillcrest who has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and service to the community. Applicants for this scholarship MUST reside in a household that is a member of HCCA and a member of the Hillcrest community.

The application can be found at
<http://www.hillcrestdc.com/hcca/scholarship.html>
Applications must be submitted by April 24, 2020

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