



"Working together for a better community"

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, January 10, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

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



Guest Speaker for January 10, 2004

Anthony A. Williams

Mayor of the District of Columbia

Anthony A. Williams began serving as the fourth Mayor of the District of Columbia on January 4, 1999, 25 years after the city was granted Home Rule in 1974. On January 2, 2003, Mayor Williams was inaugurated and began serving his second term in office. His second term extends through December 2006.

During his first term in office, Mayor Williams helped spark a renaissance in Washington, DC. He and his administration have consistently produced a balanced budget, while generating economic stability and affordable housing. One of the cornerstones of Mayor Williams' tenure has been creating a friendly government that listens to citizens through town hall meetings and citizen summits. In his January 2003 inauguration speech, Mayor Williams named three key priorities for the city: education, public safety, and expanding opportunity for all the District's citizens. These three priorities will serve as the core of Mayor Williams' vision and action as he and his administration work to serve the citizens of the District of Columbia.

In December 2002, Mayor Williams was elected second vice president of the Washington, DC-based National League of Cities (NLC). This election puts Mayor Williams in line to serve as NLC president in 2005. The National League of Cities is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. Its mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance that work in partnership with 49 state municipal leagues.

NOTE

***Meeting is January 10th
not January 3rd***

(changed to accommodate the Mayor's schedule)

Board meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Message from the President

Dear Members of HCCA

At the December 6, 2003 Board of Directors meeting Pastor Senger stepped down as the President of HCCA for health and other personal reasons. At the general membership meeting he announced that I will be assuming the responsibilities of president effective at the end of the December meeting. In recognition and sincere appreciation for the 8 plus years that Pastor Senger served as president, with distinction, and the 3 years that he served as Vice President during Paul Savage's term as president, the HCCA Board of Directors unanimously voted to bestow the title of "President Emeritus" upon Pastor Senger, a title that will allow him to continue to be recognized as a leader and representative of HCCA at the various meetings and activities he attends. As a result of great previous leadership, HCCA has become a flagship civic association recognized for its numerous accomplishments and citywide leadership. During my tenure as your president I plan to do everything I can to maintain and expand the very favorable status in the city that HCCA has attained. The following are the top ten items I intend to focus on during my tenure of duty as your president:

- Expand the size of HCCA to 500 family units. Our present membership at the end of 2003 is 365 family units.
- Make a special effort to cultivate new leaders for HCCA to backfill officer and committee chair positions that become vacant.
- Work closely with HCCA officers and committee chairs in the performance of their respective responsibilities.
- Encourage greater participation by HCCA members in the various program activities and special events sponsored by HCCA.
- Revise HCCA by-laws to bring up to date and keep current.
- Strengthen the operations of the HCCA Board of Directors.
- Working with the Legislative Committee review/comment on pending legislation being considered by the Mayor or City Council that may impact adversely upon the residents of the Hillcrest community.

- Monitor safety, quality of life, economic development, and education issues in the Hillcrest community and communicate to the appropriate Government officials the concerns of Hillcrest residents.
- Keep the pressure on the Mayor, NCRC and the Deputy Mayor for Economic Development to get the Skyland Shopping Center developed into an attractive and inviting place to visit and shop.
- Establish regular communications with the presidents of the Civic Associations within the ANC 7B Commission area.

Hillcrest is a great community filled with wonderful people. With everyone's participation we can reach even greater heights. While serving as your president you have my pledge that I will do everything in my power to make Hillcrest and even better place to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Vincent M. Spaulding, President HCCA

Zoning Variance Requested for *Westover Drive SE*

Come to the January ANC 7B meeting and hear about proposed construction of two new semi-detached single family dwelling units planned for 3139 and 3143 Westover Drive, SE, Lot(s) 70 and 71, in Square 5664, Zone R-1-B. The requested variance relief is from Section 401.1 for non-conforming lot area requirement for a single family dwelling in the R-1-B Zone. (Section 3103.2) BZA hearing date is Mar 4, 2004. ANC 7B meeting is Jan. 15 at 7pm, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 S ST SE. Visit www.anc7b.org

The HCCA Holiday Luncheon Committee wishes to thank you for your contributions. Your support enhanced our enjoyable fellowship. An appreciation is extended to Carrie Thornhill for 8 beautiful poinsettias, and also to the Safeway managers Steve Gray and Lida St. Rose for their generous contributions and continuous support throughout the year.

Dorothy Anthony,

Chairperson, Holiday Luncheon Committee



**News from the
Hillcrest Strategic Communications Committee**

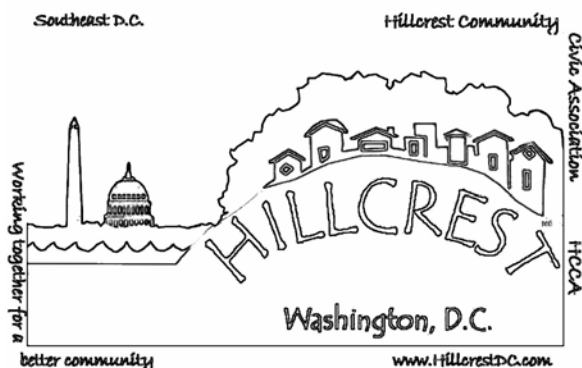
The Hillcrest Strategic Communications Committee was formed less than a year ago to inform the broader metropolitan Washington area about the positive aspects of our community and greater Southeast as a whole. The committee has achieved a number of successes over the past year and is moving forward with some new projects.

The Committee will be unveiling a new Hillcrest T-shirt featuring a new neighborhood logo (preview below). The t-shirt will be available for sale in early spring of 2004. In addition, the Committee is developing a Hillcrest neighborhood brochure, which features the positive assets of our community for those who may be interested in purchasing a home here or would like to know more about our neighborhood. The brochure will be distributed to real estate agents and others to promote Hillcrest as a neighborhood of choice.

Recently the committee submitted an article to the East of the River paper entitled "The New Faces of Hillcrest", which features interviews conducted with several new residents of our neighborhood.

On the media front, we are happy to inform you that the October 31, 2003 edition of the Washington Blade featured Hillcrest in their Home section. The article titled, "A Cozy Urban Haven" provided a holistic and complimentary view of our beautiful Southeast neighborhood. Quotes were taken from Hillcrest residents Eric Bjorkholm and Curt Hauer.

The Strategic Communications Committee welcomes new members. For more information, contact Sherry Ways at (202) 366-1587 or e-mail: s_ways@hotmail.com



**ANC 7B Honors Retiring
Dennis Logan,
Neighborhood Watch Chairman**

In recognition of 20 years of dedicated volunteer service to the ANC 7B Neighborhood Watch Program, the Commissioners presented Dennis with a plaque, December 18th, to say Thank You for organizing and expanding the program in Hillcrest, Naylor Gardens, Fairfax Village, Penn Branch, Ft. Davis, Randle Highlands, Dupont Park and Park Naylor.

Commendations came from Mayor Anthony Williams, Commander Willie Dandridge of the 6th District, Lt. Nathan Sims of PSA 610, the commissioners, police officers and other community leaders.

With 175 zone leaders and block captains in place, our neighborhood watch volunteers who work with the police create a much safer place to live.

Logan expressed his sincere appreciation to all who worked in the program with him.

ATM--ALERT!

Users of Automated Teller Machines (ATM) are aware of the fact that there are at least two types of machines available for use. One-the user inserts his card into the machine in order to establish identification. The other, called a 'swipe' machine permits a customer to merely swipe his card for user identification. Users of the ATM at the M&T BANK, located in the Goodhope Marketplace, are Cautioned that this is a 'swipe' unit. Upon completion of any transaction, the user receives an inquiry from the system-"Do You Have Another Transaction? Y or N"

ALERT-if you leave the premises without responding to the inquiry, another person may follow you, respond to the inquiry and withdraw funds from your account.

Customers, it is important that you close out your transaction prior to leaving the ATM.

Willard C. Poteat,

Information Chair, HCCA



Fundraising Committee Needs YOU!



The fund raising committee is extending a thank you to all who helped support the crab feast and the flea and craft market this past year. Unfortunately, the crab feast had to be cancelled.

As chairman, I am extending an invitation to HCCA members who are interested in becoming members of the fund raising committee. Some Members expressed an interest in having an art and craft event. Of course, past members, I look forward to working with you again next year. Thank you again.
Faith Lyles,
Chair, Fundraising Committee

Community Calendar for January

- 10 10:00 a.m. - Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting (Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter)
- 14 10:00 a.m. - Good Hope Marketplace Task Force (Good Hope Marketplace Substation)
- 15 7:00 p.m. – Naylor-Dupont ANC 7B Meeting (Ryland Epworth United Methodist Church)
- 21 6:00 p.m. – Police/Community Meeting, PSA 610, 6th District Substation, 2701 Pa. Ave., S.E.
- 24 10:00a.m. – Friends of Francis A. Gregory Regional Library Meeting, 3660 Alabama Ave, SE

for more calendar events, check www.HillcrestDC.com

It's time to pay Hillcrest Association Dues

Are you aware that the organization collects dues on the calendar year basis? That means you pay \$10.00 in January and that payment carries you for the full year until December 31, 2004. Get on track and send your payment NOW!!!! If you have an email address and would like to receive community news, updates and crime alerts, include that address on the form. We look forward to supplying you with a monthly newsletter and periodic updates as to what is happening in the Hillcrest community.

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Address _____ zip _____
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Make check payable to Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to: Dennis Logan, Treasurer, 3624 Austin Street SE, Washington DC 20020 phone: 582-4724