



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 8, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, S.E.

NOTE: Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of the month. Because of the holiday, this month's meeting will be held on the second Saturday

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

VINCENT GRAY,
NEWLY ELECTED WARD 7 COUNCILMEMBER,
WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER FOR JANUARY MEETING

Vincent Gray, newly elected Councilmember for Ward 7, will serve as the guest speaker for the January HCCA meeting. He will share with the group his vision and his goals for ward 7. Following Mr. Gray's remarks, there will be a question and answer session, led by Virgil McDonald who serves as the Hillcrest Legislative Committee chairperson. At that time, Councilmember Gray will be able to respond to your questions and concerns.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to get to know your new City Councilmember, learn about his views, and share your concerns.

DDOT AND DPW: YOUR SNOW PARTNERS

Snow is a normal part of winter in the District. The D.C. Dept of Transportation (DDOT) works with the Dept of Public Works (DPW) to respond to winter weather. There are many ways you can help your snow partners during inclement weather:

- Clear ice and snow from sidewalks and steps next to your property. This is required by D.C. law within the first 8 hours of daylight after the snow, freezing rain or sleet stops. Spread sand if ice can't be cleared.
- Clear snow from fire hydrants and catch basins.
- Put all cleared snow, such as from parked cars and sidewalks, in the "tree box", front yard, or between the curb and sidewalk - **not in the street.**

GET INVOLVED WITH NEIGHBORS THROUGH ART

The next Neighbors Through Art (NTA) meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9th at 1:00 p.m., at 4935 Eskridge Terrace, N.W. Neighbors Through Art is a collaborative program which brings people together from the Hillcrest and Palisades neighborhoods through activities related to the arts. If you are interested in getting involved with this group in 2005, please plan to attend this meeting. We will review lessons learned from this past October's big event and talk about what we'd like to do in 2005. If you need more information, please contact Jim Whittaker at 202 250-5922 or Linda Jackson at 202 584-3612.

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year. Our civic association accomplished lots of good things during 2004 and I look forward to us having a very productive year during 2005. Last year, to a degree, was a year of transition: we celebrated 15 years of civic pride and developed a strategic plan of action for the next 15 years. Our 2005-2006 election of officers and committee chairs resulted in several new persons stepping up to the plate and assuming leadership roles in the management and operation of HCCA. We departed, with a degree of sadness, from our long time meeting location at Pastor Senger's church and adopted the new Hillcrest Recreation Center as our new meeting location. We saw our civic association increase in size from 375 to 422 households, etc.

You can demonstrate your care for HCCA and the general welfare of your community and neighbors by making a commitment to get more involved with HCCA during 2005. For example, you can pay your dues on time, which are now due for 2005 and assist with recruiting new members so that we can reach our membership goal of 500 households during 2005. You can attend the monthly meetings of the association to stay abreast of current issues and government services. You can sign up to participate on one of the following HCCA committees when you fill out your membership dues form for this year: Fund Raising, Information, Membership, Education, Public Safety, Recreation, Environmental, Legislation, Annual Garden Tour, Strategic Communications, and Hospitality Committee. You can make a difference if you give something of yourself. I call on all who can to give some of your time in service to your community and neighbors as a volunteer to the association.

Congratulations, again, to those who were recognized at our Christmas celebration for their outstanding service to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association.

*Sincerely, **Vincent Spaulding**, President, HCCA*

Friends and Neighbors,

The committee members for the Christmas Potluck Luncheon wish to extend heartfelt gratitude and thanks for your overwhelming support, contributions, and participation. Our annual luncheon, attended by approximately 100 persons, was a great success and demonstrated how the Hillcrest community comes together as one.

Happy holidays to one and all, with peace, joy, and love.

Dorothy Anthony, Chairperson

D.C. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (DCEMA) TO CONDUCT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISES FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In January, February and March, 2005, D.C. Emergency Management Agency will be conducting a series of Emergency preparedness exercises for people who live or work in the District of Columbia. Individuals and neighborhoods who have organized prior to a disaster – natural or manmade – are empowered to handle the emergency. They will know what to do, what to expect, and how to come together.

DCEMA appreciates that people want to become more aware of what is and is not available to them during times of emergency. Participation in the three (3) hour sessions will allow individuals to view a disaster (video), practice emergency plans, troubleshoot the situation, and walk away better prepared for an emergency event.

A sampling of various dates and locations offered follows:

- January 8th – 1:30-4:30 p.m., All Souls Unitarian Church, Pierce Hall, 1500 Harvard St, NW
- January 29th – 9:30-12:30 p.m. or 1:30-4:30 p.m., Kennedy Community Center, 1401 7th St, NW
- February 5th – 9:30-12:30 p.m. or 1:30-4:30 p.m., St. Anthony's Church, 3400 12th St, NE

To register or to find out about additional locations and dates, please call 202 673-2101, ext. 2200. Leave a message and the registrar will return the call.

HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:



Antoinette Ford, 2909 Park Dr. SE
Wiley & Maxine Charles, 2512 36th Pl. SE
Brender Gregory, 2314 Branch Ave. SE
Alberta Paul, 3721 Carpenter Street, SE

HCCA MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR 2005

Dues for the year 2005 are now due. Your prompt payment is encouraged. Dues are used to cover operating costs of the organization. Please complete the membership enrollment/renewal form on the back of this newsletter and mail your \$10 to Monica Evans, Treasurer.

D.C. FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS RECOGNIZES HILLCREST

At the 83rd Anniversary Awards Luncheon of DCFCA on Saturday, November 6th, HCCA received the Member Association Award for Outstanding Member Civic Association. Also, at this event HCCA member Dennis Logan became a 2004 Grass Roots awardee for having been a founding member of HCCA, our treasurer from the inception of the organization, and chair of Neighborhood Watch for over 20 years. Joseph A. Glover, a member of our community, serves as President of DCFCA and Robin Marlin is serving as the current Hillcrest representative.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

- 08 9:00 a.m., HCCA Board Meeting (Hillcrest Recreation Center, 32nd and Denver Streets, S.E.)
- 08 10:00 a.m. - Hillcrest Community Civic Association (Hillcrest Recreation Center, 32nd and Denver Streets, S.E.)
- 12 6:00 p.m. – PSA 607 Community/Police Meeting, 6th District Substation, 2701 Pennsylvania Ave S.E.
- 19 6:00 p.m. –PSA 606 Community/Police Meeting, 6th District Substation, 2701 Pennsylvania Ave S.E.
- 20 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. –ANC 7B Regular Monthly Meeting, Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 “S” Street, S.E.

For more calendar events, check www.hillcrestdc.com

Dues for 2005 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, S.E. Washington DC 20020 phone: 202 584-0577