



NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Next Meeting: Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009, at 10 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, SE

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

Finie Richardson, MPH, is
January's speaker



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Comments?

Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans at hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com

Family Health History, Genetics, and Health: Educating the African-American Family

Come learn strategies to collect your family's health history, and find out why knowing this information could save your life. Also discussed will be why are race and environment important factors that can affect your health.



Finie Richardson, MPH, program coordinator, Department of Community and Family Medicine, Howard University College of Medicine, will make the presentation.

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,:

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday and I would like to wish you all a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

In November, you elected a new Board of Directors (some of us are new, some of us were sentenced to two more years), elected Barack Obama to the highest office in the world, raked leaves, celebrated Thanksgiving with your family and friends and raked more leaves. In December, you attended the best holiday party the HCCA has thrown, raked leaves, decorated your home so you could participate in the **Hillcrest Holiday Decoration Contest**, shopped, wrapped gifts, partied, celebrated Hanukkah, Christmas and/or Kwanzaa, partied some more, and at the time of publication, you'll be getting ready to ring in the New Year.

Now it's January. Time to take down the decorations, put them back in their boxes, clean the pine needles from the floor, and then, maybe, an opportunity to rest and reflect...but not this year. The Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States looms large in the future for the nation as a whole, but especially for those of us who live here in the nation's capital. How many out of state relatives or friends are coming to stay at your house? They're coming to the Washington, D.C., but they expect good ole' southern hospitality...more shopping, cooking and cleaning. One bright note...no more raking leaves.

Well, neighbors, I hope you won't be too busy to join us at our Jan. 3 meeting to welcome your new Board of Directors and maybe since you'll have a little down time, volunteer to help plan HCCA's 20th Anniversary Celebration. That should keep you busy until leaf raking time starts again. Love you all.

Karen Lee Williams

President, HCCA

NEWS WORTH SHARING



REMINDER!! Get Your SmarTrip Card!

Beginning Jan. 4, 2009, Metro will not issue or accept paper transfers. To get the rail-to-bus discount or to transfer free from bus to bus*, you must use a SmarTrip card.

For more information, pick up a flyer on a bus or at a rail station, visit MetroOpensDoors.com or call (202) 637-7000 (TTY 202-638-3780).

***Except when transferring to a bus with a higher fee.**

HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

WE WILL JOIN PRESIDENT-ELECT BARACK OBAMA IN MAKING HISTORY IN 2009!

September 2009 marks the 20th Anniversary of Hillcrest Community Civic Association!!!!

Bring your ideas and points of view to the Jan. 3, 2009, HCCA Meeting

About how you would like to celebrate your Anniversary!

A Brief Historical Review of the 10th & 15th Anniversaries will be given and

A Brief Survey will be administered!

Also Sign Up to Help Plan and Execute With

Carrie L. Thornhill, 20th Anniversary Committee Chair at 583.5164 or carrie.thornhill@verizon.net.

Safety Tip for the Month: Where to put your keys at night

PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED AT NIGHT

If you hear a noise outside your home or if someone is trying to get into your home, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: it's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from almost everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the perpetrator won't stick around...after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that!

And remember to carry your keys in your hands while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your doctor's office, the checkout girl at the market, everyone you run across. Maybe it could save a life or prevent a sexual assault. Also, keep your keys with you in case you fall inside or outside. You could activate the alarm to get some help.

David Kirkpatrick

HCCA Chair of Public Safety and Emergency Committee



HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

- Jean G Saunders, 3337 Alabama Ave., SE
- Patrick & Karen Banks, 3407 Highview Terrace, SE
- Donna L Brown, 1933 S St., SE
- John and Sue (and Camille and Hans) Capozzi, 3612 Austin St., SE
- Joanne Harris, 2929 Fort Baker Dr., SE

Updates from the Recreation Center

Jan 10, Family Fun Day, 12 to 3 p.m.

Families are encourage to come to the recreation center to participate in games, family actives and get to know the center's staff, if they are not familiar already. Light refreshments.

Jan 17, Chili Day, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The recreation center staff would like to cook chili and serves to the kids and community. All are welcome.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

3	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
5	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
14	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
15	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE
21	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., 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 2009? Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2009, 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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