



**Hillcrest Community Civic Association**

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# HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

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January 2019

## JANUARY COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE

### HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center  
32nd and Denver Street, SE  
Saturday, January 5, 2019  
11:00 AM

PSA 606 POLICE  
COMMUNITY MEETING  
East Washington Heights  
Baptist Church  
2200 Branch Ave., SE  
Wednesday, January 16, 2019  
6:00 PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING  
Ryland Methodist Church  
3200 S St., SE  
Thursday, January 17, 2019  
6:30 PM

Friends of Francis Gregory  
Library  
3660 Alabama Ave., SE  
Monday, January 7, 2019  
7:00 PM

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## Welcome to 2019!!!

2019 is a landmark year for Hillcrest Community Civic Association. We will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary in September 2019.

On January 5, 2019, your new Board of Directors will be sworn in by Ward 7 Council Member Vincent Gray. Your Board of Directors for 2019 –2020 are:

President	<b>Karen Williams</b>
1st Vice President	<b>Michelle Peete</b>
2nd Vice President	<b>Boyle Stuckey</b>
Recording Secretary	<b>Yvonne Dupree</b>
Treasurer	<b>Monica Evans</b>
Chaplain	<b>Terence Peete</b>
Communications	<b>Villareal Johnson</b>
Education	<b>Kenneth Leslie</b>
Environmental	<b>Kathy Alsop</b>
Membership	<b>Jeanne Contardo</b>
Public Safety	<b>Donna Robinson</b>
Recreation	<b>Toya Carmichael</b>
Streets, Traffic and Transportation	<b>Matt Nugent</b>

After the introduction and swearing in of the new Board Members, there will be time for the membership to assist the Board with our strategic planning for the year. Are there specific issues or projects that you would like to see us undertake. Please be prepared to not only to briefly voice the issue, but to suggest possible solutions. Taking this approach will help the board to set association priorities at our board retreat in January,



# Happy New Year! 2019

# Acknowledgement of Departing Board of Directors

Article by Karen Williams

**I would like to thank the departing members of the Board of Directors for their service to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association and our community.**

## **Kenneth Burke--Parliamentarian**

Pastor Burke has been with HCCA since 2001. He stepped up to the job of Parliamentarian a few years later and has been acting in that role ever since. His booming voice, and precise language has brought clarity to many discussions.

## **Ruth V. Lewis—Communications**

Ruth has served as Chair of the Communications Committee for the past 4 years. She was responsible for the publishing of the monthly newsletter. It is a challenging undertaking to find relevant articles and information to produce a meaningful newsletter. Thank you Ruth for your dedication to the position.

## **Mary Ross—Environmental and Beautification**

Mary has served on the HCCA Board as the Environmental and Beautification committee Chair for the past 16 years. Her committee, scheduled regular neighborhood clean-ups, the Annual Blessing of the Trees Day, and numerous other events, related to maintaining the environment and beauty of Hillcrest, were planned and implemented by the committee. Thank you Mary and the Environmental Committee for being instrumental in keeping our community clean, livable, green, and beautiful.

## **Phillip Hammond-Membership Committee**

Phil, as we all call him, has been an active member of HCCA since the beginning. He has served as chair of the Membership Committee for years while simultaneously serving on the Environmental committee. He has led many of the neighborhood clean ups. Always providing trash bags, gloves, and pick ups sticks to assist the participants. What more can I say about Mr. Hammond's years of leadership and dedication? Thank you, Phil!

## **James Short—Public Safety**

Known by all as Chief Short, he has also been a Hillcrest resident and activist from HCCA's beginning. His tenure in the DC Fire Department prepared him for leadership not only in his professional life but also in building a community. I am grateful for the support you have given our the community.

## **Michelle Phipps-Evans-Recreation**

Michelle has been on the HCCA board for 14 years and has served as the 1st Vice President, and Recreation and Communication chairs. Most notable is her development and production of the monthly newsletter, the Facebook and Twitter accounts, and the HCCA listserve through Yahoo. Thank you Michelle for your service to HCCA..



Submitted by Sheila Brown

## 2018 HCCA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

I think we can declare that the 2018 HCCA Holiday Tree Lighting was a wonderful success.

We began the evening as Toya Carmichael led a solemn moment of silence and a tribute in memory of Lisa Shaw, a pioneer for the community caroling and tree lighting. An angel, donated by Jeanne Contardo, was given a special place on the tree.

Two of the youngsters in the crowd, Dorian Perry (age 4) and Audrey Contardo (age 9) switched the lights on with the countdown led by Council Member Vincent C. Gray who also recalled wonderful memories of Lisa Shaw.

A visitor from the North Pole appeared and was overwhelmed with little ones who wanted to share their wish list. We are certainly thankful for having David Kirkpatrick in our community.

Stuffed stockings, compliments of Yvonne Dupree, were given to the neighborhood children..

The music was fantastic and festive, thanks to Michael Harrod and Tom Beach who always come through for this event.

Pictures were taken by Jordan Haverly as the crowd mingled and devoured the hot apple cider, hot chocolate with marshmallows and baked goods.

In the background doing all kinds of other things were Tiffany Haverly, Karen and Earl Williams, Robin Marlin, Gloria Logan, Nancy Harris, Iris Avery, Kanika Brookins, Patricia Stephenson, Villareal Johnson.

It was really a good time had by all. Thank you for supporting this very special Hillcrest community event.

## Final Approval of Revised HCCA Bylaws

Please review the updates to the bylaws below. At the January membership meeting, the membership will vote on the changes.

### SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

Officers may be elected by the Membership, at any time, and each officer shall hold office until he or she resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified, whichever occurs first. Regular elections shall be held in November every two years. Terms begin in January. No later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the term of office (September), notice to the membership shall be given and a nominating committee shall be formed. Thirty (30) days hence (October), the nominating committee shall report to the membership a slate of candidates; sixty (60) days hence (November), election of officers and directors will be held for all vacant positions.

**Suggested Changes:** No later than **August**, notice to the membership shall be given and a nominating committee shall be formed. **Sixty (60)** days hence (**September**), the nominating committee shall report to the membership a slate of candidates. In November, election of officers and directors will be held for all vacant positions.

### SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES

There will be seven (7) Standing Committees: Education and Recreation; Environmental and Beautification; Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness; Membership; Communications; Streets, Traffic and Transportation; and Fundraising.

2A. Education and Recreation – The Committee shall act as liaison with and keep the community abreast of education and recreation activities that directly and indirectly impact the Hillcrest community. The Committee shall develop plans, activities and recommendations for information and action including advocacy on legislation. The Committee will prepare an annual budget and report to the board of directors on all expenditures.

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SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS : Special meetings of the members shall be called by the board of Directors, or the President of the Association, or, if different, by the persons specifically authorized under the laws of this state to call special meetings of the members.

Suggested Changes:

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