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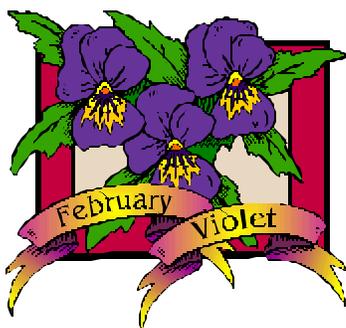
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Next Meeting: Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008, at 10 a.m.

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

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

Emeka c. moneme is the February speaker



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Emeka C. Moneme was appointed by Mayor Adrian M. Fenty as director of the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) in January 2007.

Moneme is a public management and finance professional with experience developing and implementing corporate strategy for public and private sector organizations. The majority of his experience has been in transportation, primarily the highway and transit industries.



He most recently served as chief of staff for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), where he served as chief management advisor to the general manager and worked with senior executives to coordinate overall business strategies, and identify and implement new initiatives. In February 2007, he was sworn in as the District's newest voting representative to WMATA's board.

Moneme began his career with the D.C. government in 2000, with what was the Department of Public Works. He worked with the transportation director to develop the management case and legislative proposal for the creation of a stand-alone DDOT, and then helped facilitate its implementation. Other accomplishments include facilitating the creation of DDOT's first business plan and directing reforms to the capital programming process. He served as the senior advisor on financial and federal legislative issues. He worked on a range of projects, from providing management efficiency consulting for state and local government agencies to performing due diligence services for major transportation financing transactions.

Moneme holds a bachelor's degree in aeronautics from Miami University and a master's in urban planning from the University of Cincinnati. He and his wife, Celeste, have four children and live in Ward 4.

Comments?

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



Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

At some time, we all face the reality of losing one or both of our parents; it is my time. I choose not to look at this as a loss but as a truly positive experience. The support of my mother's community has been a blessing beyond measure. She lives in Deale, Maryland, a small community on the Chesapeake Bay. Community is the optimal word. The people of Deale treat everyone like family; they always speak and inquire about your well-being. They know when someone around them is in trouble and they come together to help. They took excellent care of my mother, and supported her in ways too numerous to mention. I always felt secure knowing there was someone looking out for her when I couldn't be there.

Everyday we read about someone in need not getting the assistance that could change their lives. We as a society have gotten complacent. Recently, I read about those four little girls whose bodies were found in their home. How could that happen in America? What we should all strive to become is people who care.

During these busy times, it is easy for us to get caught up in our daily routines. I am appealing to you, my Hillcrest community, to continue to open your hearts to those around you. Remember there is always someone who could benefit from a kind deed or word. The little things you do can make a world of difference for someone, like my mother, like yours.

Karen Lee Williams
President, HCCA

Special Feature

First annual hillcrest home holiday decorating contest was a success

By **Marvin Bowser**

Happy 2008, Hillcrest! HCCA had the pleasure of recognizing the 10 winning households that had the most outstanding Holiday Decorations this season at our January meeting.

The HCCA Home Decorating Contest Committee—Marvin Bowser, Kathy Chamberlain and Carrie Thornhill—enjoyed touring the neighborhood and interacting with our neighbors.



Name	Address	Awards	Winners of the first HCCA Holiday Decorating Contest are presented before the membership Jan. 5. Committee members are to the right. Each winner received a <i>Continued on page 4)</i>
Eugene Johnson	2900 Park Drive SE	Best Animation	
Elvera Patrick	3304 Brothers Pl. S.E.	Judge's Choice	
Paul and Barbara Savage	2616 32nd St SE	Most Elegant	
Michael McFadyen & Jay Keegan	2625 33rd St	Best Lighting	
Rose Marinari	2433 33rd St SE	Most Spectacular	
Henry and Janet Gasaway	2806 32nd St SE	Best Traditional Display	
Berna Williams	2544 34th Street	Best Childhood Fantasy	
Aaron and Mary Smith	2501 36th St SE	Best Portrayal of the Spirit of the Holiday	
Hillcrest Resident	2325 34th St SE	Funniest	
David and Benetta James	3125 Alabama Ave SE	Best Lighting	

A Decade of Togetherness

Hillcrest-Palisades Partnership to Document First 10 Years; Plans Underway to Encourage Other Partnerships

By Alice Stewart

While still celebrating its tenth anniversary, Neighbors Through ART is also looking to the future. We have been asked to present the idea of neighborhood partnerships to the Federation of Citizens Associations and the D.C. Federation of Civic Associations to encourage other neighborhoods to connect as we did and develop in their own way.

Residents from both of our neighborhoods have benefited from our partnership and have urged us to become a model for other parts of the city. We have also gotten recognition and support from Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and Council Chair Vince Gray who wanted to have our experience replicated.

Our final big project for this anniversary year is to document our 10 years together in a format that will enable us to share our “decade of togetherness” with other neighborhood associations. **To do so, we need photographs, recordings or other memorabilia from past Neighbors Through ART and partnership events.** Please let us know if you have any we could borrow. Help us make a record of this history!

In the meantime, we will offer opportunities for Palisades and Hillcrest residents to meet up at several cultural happenings and community service events in the months ahead. We plan to publicize these in our respective newsletters and on our Web sites.

Please contact us if you are involved in an organization that will be sponsoring an event or needs volunteers for community service projects in D.C. on weekends, and we will try to help by making your needs known. *Email Alice Stewart at Madali1960@aol.com or Miles Steele at MS306@comcast.net.*

At the January Meeting



DISB Commissioner Thomas E. Hampton addresses the membership at the last meeting, discussing his insight into subprime loans, payday lending and other financial issues.

Our Sympathies

THE HCCA BOARD WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO OUR PRESIDENT, KAREN WILLIAMS, ON THE LOSS OF HER MOTHER, MS. CARLYN PITTS.

Financial Roundtable in Hillcrest

Before we begin to delve into the specifics of the financial concepts that will be discussed in this series, we should first discuss the need for a solid financial foundation. That most critical component is a two-pronged goal: (1) the elimination of debt, specifically credit card debt, and (2) the creation of an emergency savings plan (meaning a lump sum worth the same as three to six months of expenses set aside in the bank or another safe saving vehicle).



If you have any questions or suggestions, Derek can be reached at 202-581-2199, or email derekandrews@finsvcs.com.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Have you considered picking up a book to read about some of our African-American heroes? Many in the past have paved the way for those of the present and our future. Let's keep striving forward.



HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBER

- Mitzie Barryman, 2137 36th Pl., SE



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Special feature (Continued from page 2)
beautiful handmade stocking.

Given the excitement generated by the contest, the committee recommends we turn this into an annual event. I would like to thank all the awardees for sharing their holiday cheer with Hill-

crest and the greater Washington, D.C., community. See photos of the decorated houses on our Web site at www.hillcrestdc.com.

Marvin Bowser,
Strategic Communications Chair



COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

2	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
4	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
13	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
20	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
21	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

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Have you paid your dues for 2008? Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2008, 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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