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HCCA
GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP
MEETING:
**Saturday,
FEBRUARY 4
10 a.m.**

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

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

D.C. Office on Aging Executive Director John M. Thompson, Ph.D. Will Address The HCCA

The HCCA welcomes Dr. John M. Thompson, the Executive Director of the District of Columbia Office on Aging (DCOA). Dr. Thompson was appointed to the position by Mayor Vincent C. Gray on March 22, 2011. Dr. Thompson is no stranger to the DC Office on Aging as he previously served as Supervisory Public Health Analyst for the agency's Aging and Disability Resource Center from 2008 to 2010.

Dr. Thompson has also served as director of the National Aging Information & Referral Support Center and Senior Policy Advisor of the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities. Dr. Thompson formerly worked at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Baltimore, Md., as a Health Insurance Specialist. Prior to his government work, he served in various leadership capacities for Carolinas HealthCare System in Charlotte, NC and Providence Health System in Medford, Oregon.

Dr. Thompson holds a Ph.D. in health services from Walden University in Minneapolis, Minnesota; a Masters of Business Administration and a Masters of Arts in health services management from Webster University in Columbia, SC; and a Bachelor of Science in biology with a minor in psychology from the University of South Carolina at Columbia. His education is complemented with formal training from several private and governmental agencies.



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A Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

We're into our last year as a board. Hope all of you are thinking about stepping up and serving in 2013. We hope to make this year an interesting and productive one. Again, if there are any issues you would like us to look into; or if there is anyone you would like for us to invite to be a guest speaker, please let us know. You can contact me anytime at klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com.

Completely changing the subject, I would like to thank those members and non-members who have supported me over the past five years. Holding the position of president of the HCCA is very demanding, but equally rewarding. I have grown as tremendously as an individual and have gotten to know people and work with a wonderful group of people I probably would not have ever met otherwise. It has been a total blast. In case you are wondering, why so early in the year I am writing about these things, it is because at this point I don't plan to run for another term. That doesn't mean I am just going to walk away. With the right support and direction, things can always change. My mama used to say, the only three things in life that are certain are change, taxes and death. She also used to say, never cross a bridge before you get to it. So I'm not crossing yet, just looking ahead.

So consider this a call to arms! We need everyone's help to keep the HCCA alive and viable. Step up and volunteer for one of our committees! Come out to the meetings! Recruit your neighbors to join! Let's all work to continue to keep HCCA one of the strongest civic organizations in the city!

February is Black History Month

Karen

Any ideas or articles for the newsletter, by the 15th of the month, please e-mail the editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans, at hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com. Or follow on Twitter @HillcrestWard7 or write it on the Facebook wall.

888-919-CRIME or text information anonymously to 50411.

Second Annual Ward 7 Transportation Summit

The Ad-Hoc Ward 7 transportation advocates would like to extend an invitation to its second annual transportation summit on Saturday, Feb. 25, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Dorothy Irene Height/Benning Library, Large Room at 3935 Benning Rd., NE. At the first summit in March 2011, the community met with representatives from WMATA, DDOT, and the Council of the District of Columbia's committee that deals with transportation to discuss transportation concerns, and develop priorities for FY 2012. Resulting from the summit was a report, which was valuable in communicating Ward 7's needs during budget hearings and subsequent meetings related to transportation.

At the second meeting, the committee

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- **Learning** about current efforts to regrow the economy, improve the schools, create more jobs, and other initiatives underway to move our city forward
- **Participating** in small group discussions with people from all over the city
- **Identifying** ways you can be more involved in future efforts to create a more unified city that works for everyone.

Register, www.onecitysummit.dc.gov.

Or call (202) 709-5132.

MPD Offers Tips About Impersonators

In light of the January incident involving suspects impersonating police officers, the Metropolitan Police

Department shared these tips with the community:

A police officer in plainclothes is required to carry his/her official Metropolitan Police Department ID, which is issued by the chief of police. The ID will have a picture of the officer on the lower left side. Officers are required to carry this identification in addition to the issued badge.

If a citizen is stopped by officers operating an unmarked police car, the citizen can request to have a uniformed officer respond to the scene.

If a citizen suspects he or she is being stopped by a police impersonator, please call 911 immediately and provide your location and direction of travel to the dispatcher.

Anyone with information about police impersonators can phone in tips to 1-

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will review its accomplishment, receive a follow up from agencies on items discussed last year, and develop priorities for FY 2013. The tentative agenda is below:

Tentative Agenda

Open House/Mix & Mingle
Welcome
Accomplishments
Follow-up Q&A

Community Advocacy - How to be involved with transportation issues
Open Community Discussion
Next Steps
Wrap-up

For regular updates, check the HCCA Transportation Committee Blog at <http://hccatransport.blogspot.com/>

**THE HCCA NEEDS YOU****WILL YOU VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATION?**

The HCCA needs a Garden Tour Committee Chair and members to direct this year's garden tour.

The HCCA needs a Membership Chair who's an HCCA member and lives within the boundaries of Hillcrest.

For more info, contact Karen L. Williams at klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com or 202-584-2703

**The Enlightened Environmentalist*****Eco-Friendly Ways to Rid Walks and Driveways of Snow and Ice***

Even though winter is upon us, we have been blessed to have a warmer than usual period that has averted any measurable snow or ice. Let's hope that our luck continues. If it doesn't, what follows are some suggestions on how we can keep walkways, sidewalks and driveways safe for people and pets while protecting the environment.

The only truly green way to remove snow and ice involves elbow grease. For snow removal, use of an ergonomic shovel will safe guard against back injury; further, an electric powered snow shovel or blower will greatly lighten the load. In using these devices, go out at intervals while the snow is falling to clear the snow away. With regard to ice removal, the green way to handle that task is an ice breaker and muscle.

Most of us require additional or different methods to remove snow and ice than those above. With the majority in mind, we offer the following less strenuous and somewhat problematic alternatives:

- To obtain traction, sand, clumping kitty litter and wood ashes have been used. Use them carefully and sparingly as they each have disadvantages: Sand can clog drains, harm vegetation, disrupt water life, and damage the hardwood floors in your home when it is tracked into the house. Kitty litter and wood ashes can be messy and necessitate clean up when the weather clears.
- Chemical Deicers: Iowa State University offered

these five commonly used snow and ice melters.

1. Calcium Chloride dissolves faster than other salts to begin the melting process. It poses risks to vegetation and the water supply, is corrosive to metal and concrete and will stain carpet when tracked into the house.

2. Sodium Chloride or rock salt is not effective in temperatures below 25 degrees Fahrenheit. It is corrosive to concrete and metal, presents health risks through contaminating drinking water, kills vegetation and burns and irritates the paws of pets. It is recommended that you carefully dry your pet's paws when it comes in from a walk in the snow.

3. Potassium Chloride, the table salt substitute also used as a fertilizer, has a tendency to burn foliage and inhibit rooting.

4. Urea is also used as a fertilizer. It reportedly has a lower burn potential than potassium chloride, but over application can cause plant injury.

5. Calcium Magnesium Acetate is salt free melting agent. It is reported to cause little damage to concrete or plants, but its effectiveness decreases when temperature is below 20 degrees F.

Given the benefits that these products render in alleviating the dangerous conditions caused by ice and snow, their use in moderation out weighs the disadvantages. Read the labels. Don't over apply.

Courtesy the Environmental and Beautification Committee

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- 4 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
6 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting
Interim Francis Gregory Library, 2100 36th Place, SE
8 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting (Safeway Discussions)
Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
15 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting
East Washington Heights Baptist Church, 2220 Branch Ave., SE
16 7 p.m. ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., 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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I'd like to serve on the following committee(s): _____

(Visit the website for a list of committees)

Annual membership fee: \$12 per household per calendar year. Make check payable to HCCA, and mail to: Hillcrest Community Civic Association, P.O. Box 30895, Washington, D.C. 20030-0895

Or pay using a credit card online at www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm