



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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Guest Speaker: **Shahara Anderson-Davis**

Shahara Anderson-Davis is the Communications and Community Engagement Manager at the 11th Street Bridge Park of Ward 8. Shahara strategically coordinates the 11th Street Bridge Park's external relations with nearby residents, donors and national press through various mediums including but not limited to: community outreach, marketing, press relations, website and social media management, and advertisements.

The 11th Street Bridge Park, a project of Ward 8 based nonprofit Building Bridges Across the River at THEARC will be Washington, D.C.'s first elevated public park located on the piers of the old 11th

Street Bridge spanning the Anacostia River: a new venue for healthy recreation; environmental education and the arts. The park is expected to open by 2019.

Anderson-Davis is a fourth generation Washington and current resident of Woodridge Northeast. Prior to here arrival at the 11th Street Bridge Park, Shahara served as the Events and Marketing Specialist at the DC Chamber of Commerce. Her previous experience also includes a four year internship at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of International Transport and Trade. She specializes in Brand Development and Management through events, social media networking, marketing campaigns, community outreach, media relations and establishing strategic partnerships. Shahara holds a Bachelor's of Business Administration in International Business Administration from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



*Shahara Anderson-Davis,
11th Street Bridge Park*

Special Points of Interest

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

East Washington Heights Baptist Church

**Alabama and Branch Aves., SE
Saturday, February 4, 2017**

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

East Washington Heights Baptist Church

**2200 Branch Ave., SE
Wednesday, February 15, 6 PM**

**ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING
Ryland Methodist Church**

**3200 S St., SE
Thursday, February 16, 7 PM**



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HILLCREST TOP TEN STORIES FOR 2016

The following stories were chosen as the ten major news stories for our Hillcrest community in 2016. Each story either appeared in *The Hillcrest Newsletter* or was an action taken by the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA). **The stories are listed in approximate chronological, not in order of appearance.**

1. Walmart canceled plans to build a store in the proposed Skyland Shopping Center. This was first reported in *The Washington Business Journal* on January 15, 2016.
2. Ms. Ivey Tonett-Smith was killed by stray bullets while waiting at a bus stop on Naylor Road (in Hillcrest) on a sunny afternoon on Sunday, March 6. A "Stop the Violence Rally" was held at the same location a week later on Sunday, March 13.
3. The HCCA established a Legislative Committee as a "special committee" to keep the HCCA informed of new legislation being considered by the City Council. Robin Marlin was named as chair of this committee.
4. A major renovation project for the Hillcrest portion of Branch Ave. was announced. The proposal involved not only removing the old pavement and putting down new black top, but replacement of the old concrete curbing with new granite curbs, complete renovation of most catch basins (storm drains), and some bus stop improvements. However, the major overhaul of the troublesome storm drain at Alabama and Branch Aves. did not take place.
5. The Education Committee, Jeanne Contardo, Chair, announced that Kyle Newman-Smith was the recipient of the 2016 Hillcrest Scholarship award. He was a graduate of Gonzaga College High School and plans to attend Tufts University.
6. The Annual Hillcrest Day celebration was held on Sat., Oct. 15. Delia G. Perry was Chair of the Planning Committee. A record attendance of 394 was reported.
7. The Hillcrest Recreation Center underwent significant reconstruction beginning in November. One part of the work was an effort to remedy water seepage problems. Another aspect was a remodeling to bring the facilities up to the standards of the "Americans with Disabilities Act" (ADA). The project is due to be completed in late February or early March.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The January 2017 Membership renewals have been Robust! Members thank you for your renewed interest and financial support of Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA). Your enthusiasm has created an environment that is attracting new residents to join HCCA. Therefore, the following members are being recognized.

Dorothy Anthony - 2018
Raymond & Lois Bowman - 2018
Francine Bland - 2018
Kenneth & Yvonne Burke - 2017
James M. Cook, Jr. - 2018
Monica Holman Evans - 2019
Victoria Grant - 2017
John R. Hawkins - 2017
Aubrey & Constance Jasper - 2018
Charlotte Johnson - 2018
Janet & Raymond Keith - 2018
Joyce Leland - 2019
Virgil & Kelly McDonald - 2017
Herman & Norweater Mitchell - 2018
Annie H. Mitchell - 2017
Barbara C. Moore - 2017
Constance O'Bryant - 2018
Alvin & Julia Owens - 2017
Peggy Payne - 2017
Willard Poteat - 2018
Walter & Yvonne Ross - 2018
Diane Scroggins - 2018
James Short - 2017
Knox & Brenda Tull - 2018
Gail Tyree - 2018

Thank you,
Phillip Hammond

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING REVISITED



In the last month's article about the HCCA tree lighting, the names of the committee members were omitted.

The Ad Hoc Tree Lighting Committee members were:

Chair, Sheila Brown	Lisa Shaw
Robin Marlin	Maurice Foushee
Yvonne Dupree	Mary Hammond
Karen Williams	Miles Steele III
Philip Hammond	Michael Harroe
Gloria Logan	Michelle Phips-Evans

This was indeed a fun effort for all who contributed in their own way. Some attended the planning meetings, others helped plant the tree, decorated the tree, worked on the program, shopped, set up/cleaned up, undressed the tree.

The tree decorating and undressing was done in frigid and yes, even snowy conditions. So, special thanks goes out to Yvonne Dupree, Robin Marlin, Phil Hammond, Karen Williams and Sheila Brown. They endured the inclement weather to make a gateway to the Hillcrest Community festive for the 2016 holidays.

Of course, the evening would have not been complete without the appearance of Santa, (David Kirkpatrick). Thanks for David's continued support of this event.



Snow

It's fun to walk in sparkling snow,
And hear my boots go **crunch**,
I work so hard.

Soon I'm WET and tired
And ready for **hot** soup with lunch.

Poetry Circle
Pinterest



HCCA BOARD 2017-2018 VACANCY

The HCCA Board is seeking to fill the position of Chaplain.

The position of Chaplain shall open all meetings of the association with an observance deemed appropriate by the membership.

To express your interest in the position contact Karen Williams, president at:

kwilliams@hillcrestdc.com.

Hillcrest Top Ten Stories Continued...

- 8. Chaplain Frank Anderson died just days before the HCCA elections. The Nominating Committee was submitting his name for re-election.
- 9. HCCA held its biennial election of officers on Sat., Nov. 5. Former president Karen Williams was elected president and former secretary Yvonne Dupree was elected to fill that post. Three new persons were elected to the Board in committee positions: James Short, Yantee Neufville, and Sheila Brown. Other board members shifted positions. (For a complete listing of the new board see page 4).
- 10. The HCCA Holiday Tree Lighting was held in December near the intersection of Erie and Branch Aves. This year rather than decorating a cut tree, HCCA planted and decorated a **living** tree.

Got Ideas!

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HCCA Board

- Karen Williams, President
- Michelle Peete, First Vice President
- Boyle Stuckey, Second Vice President
- Yvonne Dupree, Secretary
- Monica H. Evans, Treasurer
- Kenneth Burke, Parliamentarian
- Ruth V. Lewis, Chair, Communications
- Jeanne Contardo, Chair, Education and Recreation
- Mary Ross, Chair, Environmental and Beautification
- Sheila Brown, Chair, Fundraising
- Philip Hammond, Chair, Membership
- James Short, Chair, Public Safety/Emergency Preparedness
- Michelle Evans, Chair, Recreation
- Yantee Neufville, Chair, Streets, Traffic and Transportation



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