



NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

3319 Alabama Avenue, Southeast

Washington, D.C. 20020

www.HillcrestDC.com

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, S.E.

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

ANTHONY GITTENS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE D.C. COMMISSION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES, WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER FOR MARCH MEETING

Anthony Gittens is the Executive Director of the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities, the official cultural agency of the District of Columbia. The Commission's programs support and promote stability, vitality and diversity of artistic expression in the Nation's Capital. He represents the city's cultural interests at numerous gatherings and cultural settings. In recognition of his contributions, Anthony Gittens was presented with the Mayor's Award for Excellence in Service to the Arts, and was selected as Professor Emeritus by the University of the District of Columbia and Public Humanist of the Year by the Humanities Council of Washington, DC.

FACES OF HILLCREST

Have any new neighbors moved in next to you? Do you or someone you know in Hillcrest have an interesting job or life story that you want told? The HCCA is looking to share your story with others. Please contact Howard Ways, 202 582-2929, to share your story idea.

“PAUL ROBESON” A SUCCESS!

The Serenity Players, an East of the River community based theatrical group, recently produced the play entitled “Paul Robeson”, starring Hugh Staples. Three performances were held at the Bailey Room, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, to an enthusiastic audience who were entertained with excellent acting and also informed about the life of the legendary Paul Robeson. Stay tuned for their upcoming spring production. For more information about the Serenity Players, visit their website at www.serenityplayers.org.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors,

For my message this month I am going to quote an Attention to Neighbors announcement published by the Penn Branch Citizens-Civic Association for their members. It states:

"In order to continue to have a strong and vibrant community, with some political say so in this changing town, we must remain active, get involved (in any way possible) and speak with one voice to power.

In addition to your association membership, we welcome your ideas and suggestions, and your support on the various association committees.

Your Civic Association Needs You More Than Ever!

Talk to your neighbors, encourage them to join and become an active participant.

The community you serve and save might be your own!"

The foregoing announcement prepared for the members of the Penn Branch Citizens-Civic is applicable to HCCA and all other civic associations within our community and I appreciate their permission to publish it in our newsletter.

I will close by taking this opportunity to congratulate HCCA Member, Wayne A. Young, Publisher of the Port of Harlem Magazine for releasing his first full-color issue February 2005.

Congratulations again on this significant publication milestone in the life of your magazine. We are very proud to have the publisher of this educational magazine, www.portofharlem.net, as a member of our community and civic association.

Sincerely, Vincent M. Spaulding

MARCH IS THE TIME FOR RENEWAL

Now that we have entered the year 2005, it is time that we ensure that our annual membership dues are current. This is just a friendly reminder for those of us with so many demands facing us on a daily basis. So, if you have not yet renewed your membership, it is very easy to do (just see the back of the Newsletter) and we will gladly receive your payment. If you have already renewed your dues, maybe you have a neighbor who needs to be reminded. In our effort to reach 500 households every renewal counts. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Submitted by Evelyn Primas, Membership Chair

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE NEEDS MEMBERS

The Strategic Communications Committee is looking for members to help market the Hillcrest community to the surrounding area. For more information, contact Howard Ways at 202 582-2929.

DECORATING COURSE AT HILLCREST REC CENTER

The Hillcrest Recreation Center will sponsor a 7 week course entitled "Introducing the Decorator in You". This course will be structured for those with little decorating experience who want to start or complete an existing decorating project. A trip to the Washington Design Center is planned as well. The course will meet Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. beginning Monday, March 14th and ending on April 25th. The cost for D.C. residents is \$35 and \$45 for non-D.C. residents. For more information, contact the Hillcrest Rec Center at 202 645-9200. The instructor will be Sherry Ways, Certified Interior Decorator and resident of Hillcrest.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

The HCCA Garden Tour Committee will host the 12th Annual Garden Tour on Saturday, June 18th. For the first time, the garden tour will be self-guided. Participants will be provided tour maps and can tour the homes and gardens at their leisure between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The tour area starts at Branch and Denver and continues to Highwood to 34th and Camden Streets. We are looking for home owners in that area who want to show their gardens and/or homes.

The reception will be held between 12:00 and 3:00 p.m. We will begin selling tickets at the April HCCA meeting. Ticket prices are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 the day of the tour. We are expanding the garden tour brochure format this year. Businesses and residents can purchase advertisement space. If interested, please contact Howard Ways at 582-2929. To show your home or for more information please contact Marvin Bowser, 583-3719, Ed Wilhelm, 582-1269, Kathy Chamrberlain, 581-8272 or Mary Hammond, 582-3059. Submitted by Marvin Bowser, Chair, HCCA Garden Tour

HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:



Harold & Theresa Banks, 2058 34th Street, SE
Charles & Sybil Hayes, 3400 Southern Avenue, SE
Robert Pierce, 2548 34th Street, SE
Sonja Mitchell, 3012 Gainesville Street, SE
Thomas Short, III, 3304 Alabama Avenue, SE

HILLCREST REC CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Hillcrest Rec Center needs volunteers to help tutor school children one or more days per week from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. It is hoped that people can commit to the same day/time every week to provide consistency for the children. Retired educators can be especially helpful. Please contact Sam Williams, Director, Hillcrest Rec Center, 202 645-9200 for more information or Linda Jackson, Chair, HCCA Education Committee at 202 584-3612.

UNREGISTERED GASOLINE POWERED VEHICLES MENACE

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Beautifully engineered, multi-horsepowered, capable of speeds up to 30 MPH, manipulated by carefree operators and driven , recklessly, along the streets, alleys and sidewalks of our city-- these gasoline powered and unregistered vehicles are becoming a menace to society. This menace is a potential hazard to pedestrains and legal operators of registered vehicles.

As we visualize this hazard we muse with our neighbors and peers--Do Nothing, Wait until someone is killed or injured or Request our City Councilmembers to generate legislation to empower our Police Department in order that they may take appropriate action(s) to remove the threat.

WHERE DO YOU STAND???????????

Submitted by Willard Poteat

_____ ***Dues for 2005 are now due. Please pay promptly.***

It's only \$10 per year. Get on track and send your payment NOW!!!!

Names(s)_____

Address _____ zip code _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

I'd like to serve on the following committee(s): _____

Make check payable to Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to: Evelyn Primas, Membership Chairperson, 3341 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20020-1462 Phone: 202 584-6617