



# NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Saturday, March 3, 2007, at 10 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets, SE

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

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## Interim Fire/EMS Chief Brian Lee to speak in March



Chief Brian K. Lee is Mayor Adrian M. Fenty's newly appointed Interim Fire/EMS Chief for the District of Columbia Fire and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Department. Previously, he was the Battalion Fire Chief of Special Operations and has served as Acting Deputy Chief. He represented the agency at various local and regional committees, facilitated policy and protocol for Rescue and EMS for local and regional adoption. Chief Lee developed training curricula for Fire and EMS and command modules for complex emergencies affecting individuals and public safety. He is an expert in the subject of hazardous material mitigation, confined space rescue, structural collapse,

urban firefighting and trench rescue. He also developed and implemented policies regarding auto extrication, auto fires and CPR instructions. Chief Lee holds a current EMT certification (Emergency Medical Technician).

Raised in the District of Columbia, Chief Lee continues to be involved in the community and is currently pursuing his master's degree in executive management from John's Hopkins University. Chief Lee is a board member of the D.C. Retirement Board, the Mayors Advisory Committee on EMS, and the D.C. Council's Judiciary Committee's EMS Commission. He also served as chair of the board for the Firefighters Association. Chief Lee holds several awards and certificates, most notably, the Medal of Valor from the D.C. Fire and EMS Department in 1991 and 1992. He is currently a member of Leadership Greater Washington.

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NOTES FROM  
THE 6TH  
DISTRICT MPD

Neighborhood Watch not only allows for residents to be informed of events as they occur, but also provides a means for action and preparedness. Two programs are now available for those who want to be more involved in the Hillcrest community:

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## Message from the President

**I**t's hard for me to believe that it's March already. Those shoes that I stepped into in January seem to be wearing me. They are starting to walk me in directions I never dreamed I'd want to go. Where this journey will lead me, only time will tell, but I know it will be an interesting road. At least these shoes are starting to feel a little more comfortable.

Have you noticed the tremendous increase in the number of people attending our monthly meetings? What's all the fuss about? Is it this new female president, everyone wants to see? No, wait, it's not me they want to see; it's you, the membership of HCCA, they're courting. It seems the candidates for the Ward 7 Council seat feel Hillcrest is the place to be seen, garner support, and campaign. But what are their platforms and agendas? How many of these candidates will continue to be active in HCCA after the election is over? How many of them really know or care about the issues that are important to the residents of Hillcrest or the residents of Ward 7? There are so many people running for the council

seat, how are we supposed to sift through their credentials, understand their priorities, establish their leadership capabilities, and examine their motivations, to determine who will best represent us? After the meeting, many of us stand around and talk about the candidates. The one theme I have heard echoed many times is, we all feel **Overwhelmed!!!**

Whatever the force motivating so many candidates to run for a single political office, we can't let their numbers send us packing. We cannot let the confusion surrounding this election, paralyze us. We have to take the time to dive into the muck, swim around, and surface with that diamond who will be our new council representative. We must rise above our short term discomfort, disappointment, and numbness, to find a way to elect the best possible Ward 7 council representative.

On Feb. 10, I attended the Skyland Planning Session. When it was over, I felt somewhat let down. I have attended other sessions, where much more time and effort were put

into the presentation. This session seemed unusually rushed. There was little time for community feedback.

We were told the Feb. 10 meeting would be the last community planning session. This is not acceptable. The Skyland Project has come a long way, and many aspects of the proposed plan are excellent. However, there are still some resolved issues, and we should have input in the final phases. The road to the completion of the Skyland Project has been a long, uphill, curve. We are so close to our destination, that now more than ever, we should take the time to make sure our t's are crossed and i's dotted. No matter what the completed project contains, not everyone will be pleased but Skyland should be a town center that is designed and built for the entire community. In the end, Skyland should be a project completed with "real community input and love" and a source of pride for us all.

**Karen Lee Williams, President  
Hillcrest Community  
Civic Association**

### NOTES FROM THE 6TH DISTRICT MPD

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**Senior Citizen Police Academy:** In partnership with the D.C. Office on Aging, the Metropolitan Police Department has created the Senior Citizen Police Academy, free to District residents 50 and older. These courses are designed to build the capacity of residents to make an impact on crime and disorder problems and support the leadership that is crucial to produce systematic change. The program runs 12 weeks on Tuesday mornings for three hours. For more information and to register, contact *Marsha Hott at (202) 727-8751, Officer Chante Brodie, (202) 727-6740, or the Office on Aging's Information and Assistance Unit, (202) 724-5626.*

### Community Emergency Response Team

**(CERT):** The CERT program educates residents on disaster preparedness for hazards that may make an impact in their communities, and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. In 2003, President George Bush asked all Americans to volunteer in the service of their country. The Citizen Corps pro-

### HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS



- Ralph Barnett, 1115 Branch Ave., SE
- Dexter Neal, 2009 32<sup>nd</sup> St., SE
- Chief B. Three Feather Kazemi, 2065A 38<sup>th</sup> St., SE
- Harold & Monica Thomas, 2224 36<sup>th</sup> St., SE
- Shaun & Shelly Parker, 305 Alabama Ave., SE
- Gwendolyn Payton, 1924 Laurence St., NE
- Lawrence Jones, 3370 Erie St., SE
- Herman Oglesby, 2423 32<sup>nd</sup> St., SE
- Emily Harshaw, 2345 34<sup>th</sup> St., SE
- Lewis Douglas, 3149 Westover Dr., SE

gram was created to spearhead this effort and CERT was selected as one of the primary programs offered to meet this challenge. Regardless of age or physical ability, CERT is available to anyone wishing to help others in their neighborhood following an event when professional responders are not immediately available. Zone leaders and block captains are especially encouraged to take the training, which will help strengthen the PSA 606 Neighborhood Watch program. To register, call (202) 727-8965 or email [servedc1@dc.gov](mailto:servedc1@dc.gov). Leave your name, number and e-mail and state you are registering for the "Hillcrest Series." *The dates and times are posted on the Community Bulletin Board on page 3.*

## Community Bulletin Board

### Community Disaster Preparedness and Disaster Management Training (CERT)

Francis Gregory Library  
3660 Alabama Avenue, SE

#### CERT's HILLCREST SERIES:

Saturday, March 10, 2007	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Unit 1: Disaster Preparedness Unit 2: Fire Safety Unit 3: Disaster Medical Operations I
Saturday, March 24, 2007	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Unit 4: Disaster Medical Operations II Unit 5: Light Search, Rescue Operations
Saturday, March 31, 2007	9:30 a.m.-12:30pm 1 p.m.-4 p.m.	Unit 6: CERT Organization Unit 7: Disaster Psychology
Saturday, April 14, 2007	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. 11 a.m.	Unit 8: Terrorism and CERT Graduation

To register, call (202) 727-8965 or email [servede1@dc.gov](mailto:servede1@dc.gov). Leave name, email address, phone # and state you are registering for the Hillcrest series.

### Special Feature

#### HCCA chairs meet with Beers principal

By Linda Jackson

In keeping with the Hillcrest Community Civic Association's decision to adopt Anne Beers Elementary School, education committee chair, Linda Jackson, and recreation chair, Boyle Stuckey, met with Beers principal, Gwendolyn Payton, a faculty member and a representative of the Local School Restructuring Team.

After a productive meeting, they visited the Family Science Night activities, which were supported by HCCA and attracted a number of children and parents. HCCA vice president and school board member Carrie Thornhill was a speaker for the evening.

In follow-up to our meeting, Payton informed us that, as instructional leader of the school, she has assessed their needs and found that the instructional program at Beers has highly qualified teachers who provide high

quality work. She also said that next year, the sixth grade will move out the school, resulting in a reduction of students. If next year's experience parallels this year's loss of students, the school will see a significant decrease in budgetary funds.

Payton attended HCCA's February meeting to thank the community for its hard work. Among the things the school still needs include chalkboards. Beers has six nonfunctional blackboards and would benefit from having them covered (or replaced) with whiteboard. They have one display board that needs cork board or some other backing on it, so that material can be stapled to it for displays. These requests have been submitted to DCPS, and HCCA/community support could be instrumental in seeing that DCPS moves quickly on these.

Beers does not have an art teacher, and it would greatly enhance the school's program if someone could provide structured arts and craft activities for students, perhaps an artist in resi-

- ♦ The recreation center has a new director named Orvin Wright. He will be at the March meeting.

#### Basketball

##### Ages 6-8

March 3 @ 12 p.m., Hillcrest v Kenilworth  
March 10 @ 12 p.m., Kenilworth v Hillcrest

##### Ages 9-10

March 2 @ 5:30 p.m., Fort Davis v Hillcrest  
March 9 @ 5:30 p.m., Kenilworth v Hillcrest

##### Ages 11-12

March 1 @ 5:30 p.m., Fort Davis v Hillcrest  
March 8 @ 5:30 p.m., Hillcrest v Kenilworth

Contact the center for playoff schedule.

#### Fenty in Hillcrest



**Mayor Adrian Fenty is addressed by an HCCA member on Feb. 3. During his presentation, he admitted his first year's agenda is aggressive; and that there will be more hands-on responsiveness in his administration.**

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The cheerleaders also need uniforms. Students use cheerleading as an organized form of play. They work with the Geography and Math Count teams, and participate in events where they show off school pride and camaraderie.

Milbourne said Beers could market the school more, and use its resources to attract students from other educational settings, especially from closing DCPS schools. It seems that Beers could use the assistance of a marketing person as well as someone with access to opportunities for producing promotional materials.

If you can be of any assistance to the school in the areas, please contact Linda Jackson at (202) 584-3612. Stay tuned for more updates.....

**INTERSTAGES UPDATE**

- Aaronha, Ayssia, Brianna, Make'la, Sarah, Shakiera and Shauntice presented "Songs of Protest and Empowerment" at THEARC on Feb. 3, with several HCCA members attending.

- Thanks to the generous funding from the Humanities Council of D.C.
- Writer Pat Corbett is facilitating three "Growing Up Girl" workshops for Interstages students in February & March.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR MARCH

3	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32 <sup>nd</sup> and Denver Streets, SE
5	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
14	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
21	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
22	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

**PLEASE NOTE: The new mailing address for the Hillcrest Community Civic Association is:**  
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**DUES FOR 2007 ARE NOW DUE. PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY.**

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

Name(s):\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code:\_\_\_\_\_

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New Member:\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal:\_\_\_\_\_

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

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