



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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The Hillcrest Newsletter

March 2012

DDOT DIRECTOR TERRY BELLAMY TO ADDRESS HCCA



Terry Bellamy was nominated by District of Columbia Mayor Vincent C. Gray as the permanent director for the District Department of Transportation on May 18, 2011. In this position, he is responsible for overseeing the daily operations of a department with an annual operating and capital budget of \$1 billion and 950 employees. Bellamy joined DDOT as Deputy Director of Operations in March 2008. He has over 27 years of

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A Skyland Town Center Update

Brett Rhett to address HCCA Briefly

The District continues to prepare the Skyland site for re-development. Recently, two DC CHEW farmers' markets were held at the site in December. The good news is that more markets are expected to return in the Spring of 2012 and will act as an interim-use on the site. Meanwhile, select demolition will begin as progress is made on both the litigation and occupant relocation front. For more details, go to www.hillcrestdc.com.

Project manager Brett Rhett in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED), will offer a brief update and respond to questions.

The HCCA Board encourages you to attend this month's meeting to get these two important updates from DDOT and DMPED.

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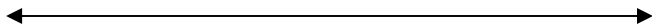
General membership meeting is Saturday, March 3, 2012, 10 a.m. the Hillcrest Recreation Center the corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, SE.

Note: Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month.

experience in the transportation field and brings a wealth of knowledge to the position he serves.

Before joining DDOT, Bellamy served as the Bureau Chief of Transportation, Engineering and Operations with the Arlington County Transportation Department. Prior to his tenure in Arlington, Bellamy held leadership positions in Fayetteville and Greensboro, North Carolina.

Bellamy holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from North Carolina A&T State University, a Master of Urban Studies and Community and Regional Planning Design from Iowa State University, and an Executive Certificate from Penn State's Executive Management Program for Transportation and Highway Engineers. He also completed the Certified Public Managers Program through George Washington University and the Washington Council of Governments. ☺



Hillcrest Announcements

The 2012 Poster Contest Announced

This contest is designed for students between 5 and 17 years old who reside within the boundaries of the Hillcrest neighborhood as designated in the Hillcrest Community Civic Association's bylaws. All posters will be judged on originality and observance of the Topic: Supporting Our Environment.

Some suggestions to illustrate the topic may be themes on fertilization, chemicals, trash, and storm drainage. One \$75 prize will be given to each winner in the following age categories:

- 5 – 7 years old
- 8 – 10 years old
- 11 – 13 years old
- 14 – 17 years old

A complete set of rules for the poster contest may be obtained from the web site at www.hillcrestdc.com

HCCA Issues Response to Speed Camera Protest

HCCA was disappointed by the Feb. 8 protest of the speed camera on the 1900 blk of Branch Ave., SE. More: <http://www.hccatransport.blogspot.com/2012/02/response-to-protest-of-speed-camera-on.html>

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The President's Message

Dear Neighbors:

I hope all is well as we all brave the winter months in D.C. with our unpredictable weather. It's been a busy time for me as it has been for most of you but I think the old saying is true, "The more you do, the more you can do."

So once again I am asking for people to step up and become involved in their community and be more active in our HCCA. We plan to close out 2012 with a bang but we need volunteers. That's what all of us who serve you are, volunteers. We all have talents—some hidden and some obvious—but no matter how unsure you are, there is something you can do to help improve our quality of life. HCCA needs a Garden Tour Chair and volunteers to help plan and develop the Garden Tour, scheduled for June 16, and volunteers to help with the proposed Hillcrest Day, which is scheduled June 23. Hillcrest Day will be a celebration of Hillcrest with activities for adults and children, food and entertainment. So if you are interested in helping out with any of these projects or in other ways, please contact me at klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com or at (202) 584-2703.

Like I stated earlier in this letter, these past few months have been very busy and the board and I have been working to keep HCCA alive, viable and responsive to all of the members of our community. Please help us accomplish our mission.



Volunteers Are Needed For:

- The 2012 Garden Tour
- The First Annual Hillcrest Day

Please contact HCCA president, Karen Williams, at klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com or (202) 584-2703

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

PLACE: HILLCREST RECREATION CENTER, 32ND & DENVER ST. SE
TIME: SATURDAY, MARCH 3, FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON

FRIENDS OF FRANCES A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING

PLACE: INTERIM LIBRARY, 2100 36TH PLACE, SE
TIME: MONDAY, MARCH 5, 7 P.M.

GOOD HOPE MARKET PLACE TASKFORCE MEETING

PLACE: GOOD HOPE MARKET PLACE POLICE SUBSTATION, 2800 BLOCK ALABAMA AVE., SE
TIME: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 10-11 A.M.

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE: RYLAND METHODIST CHURCH, 3200 S ST., SE
TIME: THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 7 P.M.-9 P.M.

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

PLACE: EAST WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, 2220 BRANCH AVE., SE
TIME: THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 6 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

CLEAN UP OF HIKING TRAIL IN HILLCREST SECTION OF FORT CIRCLE PARK

PLACE: 28TH STREET ENTRANCE TO FT. CIRCLE PARK. WILL WALK THROUGH THE PARK AND END AT PENNSYLVANIA AVE., SE, ENTRANCE
TIME: SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 8 a.m.

UPCOMING: CRIME PREVENTION SUMMIT ON APRIL 28. DETAILS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Got Ideas????

Please email any ideas or articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month to the editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans, at hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com.

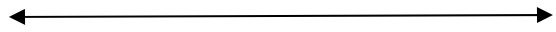
Or follow on Twitter @HillcrestWard7 or write it on the Facebook wall.

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--HCCA President Karen Williams

HCCA OFFERS ITS SYMPATHIES TO MARIA ROSA BEHRENS

María Rosa Behrens died peacefully on January 29, 2012, at home in Silver Spring, Md., after a long and brave struggle with lymphoma. Maria and her late husband John were 30-year residents of Hillcrest, and active members of the HCCA. Maria was a potter and enjoyed many creative pursuits including quilting and writing. She participated in several Hillcrest-Palisades “Neighbors through Art” events, displaying her pottery and other beautiful art. Maria moved from Hillcrest in 2004, but her Hillcrest home is still a Behrens household. John Behrens Jr., his wife Betty and their daughter Julie continue the Behrens presence, making Hillcrest their home.



THE ENLIGHTENED ENVIRONMENTALIST

THE “GREEN” LAW

Replacement of the Incandescent Light Bulb

How much energy does an incandescent light bulb waste by creating heat instead of light? **A whopping 90 percent.** Is this a waste of energy? Well, Big Brother thinks it is, because starting next year, the Energy Independence Act of 2007 will require 30 percent more energy efficiency in light bulbs. This legislation will phase out 100-watt incandescent bulbs from sale starting in January 2013 and ends with 40-watt bulbs phased out by January 2014. Similar legislation is in place in parts of Europe.

Some Republicans, including recent presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann (Minn.) tried to overturn the legislation, without success. You are probably asking, how does this legislation affect you? The National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has said that by 2020 the new law will reduce energy costs by \$100 to \$200 per household each year. That could eliminate about 30 large power plants, according to the

NRDC. The U.S. Department of Energy predicts that the new law could save households in the United States nearly \$6 billion dollars in energy costs by 2015.

The world's largest home furnishings retailer, IKEA, stopped selling incandescent light bulbs in January. The state of California mandated that retailers stop selling 100-watt incandescent bulbs Dec. 31, 2011, a year earlier than federal legislation requires. An Ikea lighting survey conducted by Harris Interactive showed that 61 percent of Americans are not even aware of the legislation that phases out incandescent bulbs.

There are alternatives to the incandescent light bulb: The LED, which claims to last for 25 years and 80 percent more efficient costs about \$25; the CFL, which claims to last for 11 years and 78 percent more efficient cost about \$3; and the halogen-incandescent claims to last 2 years and 28 percent more efficient costs about \$1.50. Many consumers, such as my wife are sentimental about incandescent bulbs and skeptical about the claims of manufacturers about how long the LED bulbs will last. When it comes to the budget, most times, sentimentality and wives win! I think the next time we shop for lights bulbs, my alternate choice will be the halogen-**incandescent**, much cheaper and wife acceptable (maybe).☺



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2012? *Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this news-letter. If it is earlier than 2012, please send your payment now.*

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Amount: _____
E-Mail: _____ Cash Check

The HCCA Newsletter

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*The Hillcrest Community Civic
Association promotes the welfare of
our neighborhood. Our purpose is
simple--to voice our concerns to
government officials, businesses, and
residents to ensure the best possible
living environment in the Ward 7
neighborhood of Hillcrest.*

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