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# THE HILLCREST NEWSLETTER



## OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR: Anne Beers Teacher, Jacqueline Simms, receives Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award



At a recent Beers school assembly, the Milken Family Foundation surprised Jacqueline Simms, a third grade teacher at Beers, with an award of \$25,000. She was recognized for her outstanding contribution to the school and community.

Ms. Simms improved student achievement through innovation in curriculum development, instructional methods and classroom management. As an Academic Intervention Coach, she implemented the school-wide application model. As a result of her guidance and counseling, special education students are integrated into general education classes. Many of these students are now achieving at proficient and advanced levels on statewide assessments.

Furthermore, Simms established an all-volunteer Saturday School by recruiting staff and community members. She started a mentor program with a law firm and a leadership skills building program with the F.B.I. She also partnered with a local theater to introduce students to playwriting skills. To build relationships with families, she conducts home visits over the summer.

Ms. Simms is a graduate of Trinity College and Cardozo Senior High School. Congratulations to Ms. Jacqueline Simms. We are so proud of you!

LeGrande Baldwin, Member  
HCCA Education and Recreation Committee

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## CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is National Women's History Month. This year's theme is ***Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination***. The theme recognizes the outstanding contributions of American women to the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). National Women's History Month focuses attention on the important contributions of American women.

This March thousands of programs and events will highlight the many organizations and programs working to promote female interest and participation in STEM.

Women's History Month was introduced by the National Women's History Project with the goal of ensuring that information about the myriad ways women have changed America would be part of our children's education. Washington, DC is the home to the many important sites that are dedicated to preserving and honoring the contributions of women.

## MARCH EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, DC

St. Patrick's Day 8K: Feeling a little luck o' the Irish? Wear your green, lace up your running shoes and participate in the biggest St Patrick's Day race in town



**Registration is Now Open!**

**Race Date:** March 10, 2013

**Race Distance:** 8K and Lil Leprechaun Leap (for the wee ones, around half a mile or less)

**Start Time:** 9:00AM- 8K, 8:30AM Lil Leprechaun Leap

**Race Location:** Freedom Plaza, Washington, DC (on Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, between 12th and 13th Streets).

For more information: <http://pacersevents.com/race/st-patricks-day-8k/>

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Place: Hillcrest Recreation Center  
32<sup>ND</sup> and Denver St. SE  
TIME: Saturday, March 2, 10AM to Noon

### FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING

Place: Francis Gregory Library  
3660 Alabama Ave., SE  
TIME: Monday, March 4, 7PM to 9PM

### PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

Place: East Washington Heights Baptist Church  
2200 Branch Ave, SE  
TIME: Wednesday, March 20, 7PM – 9PM

### ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

Place: Ryland Methodist Church  
3200 S ST., SE  
TIME: Thursday, March 21, 7PM– 9PM

### PARK NAYLOR CIVIC ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Place: Park Naylor Apartments  
2574 Naylor Rd. SE  
TIME: Thursday, March 28, 7PM– 9PM

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbors:

This is just a friendly reminder, the Hillcrest Community Civic Association is your Association and we need your input to stay relevant, keep our members informed, and to tackle problems that are germane to you. For the past 6 years I have been asking whom do you want us to bring to the meetings as guest speakers? I have gotten little or no response. Then through the grapevine I hear grumblings about whom we schedule. Well, if you don't participate in the process, how can you legitimately complain? So I'm asking again, whom would you like for us to invite to be our guest speakers and what topics would you like them to discuss? Please contact me at [klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com](mailto:klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com) to let me know.

Now that I've gotten that off my chest, I hope all of you are doing well. It's been a really cold winter and I know the cold and darkness has sapped some of my energy. I am soooo looking forward to spring.

The Board held our Annual retreat on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> and I think we have some very good work plans for 2013. As soon as we get a chance we will post them on our website and publish them in our newsletter. We need volunteers to help us carry off these ambitious plans, so remember to volunteer for at least one committee. The beauty of Committee projects is after the event is done you are free to go back to your old lives ☺. No long-term commitment.

Well, enough for now. I'll be back next month. Your input and participation would be greatly appreciated.

## Buy Groceries: Support A School

The Hillcrest Education and Recreation committee would like for you to join us in supporting our adopted schools: Randle Highlands, Anne Beers, and Winston elementary. If you have a Giant, Safeway, or Harris Teeter card, you can link your card to help fund the educational programs at these schools.

**For Giant:** Register your Giant Food card for the A+ program. Call 1-877-275-2758 or go to [https://www.giantfood.com/our\\_stores/bonus\\_bucks/designate\\_school.htm?execution=le2s1](https://www.giantfood.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/designate_school.htm?execution=le2s1)

**For Safeway:** Call 1 (877) 723-3929 or go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). The education program donates a percentage of your Safeway purchases (up to 3) schools of your choice in the 20020 area code when you link your Safeway card to the school.

**For Harris Teeter:** The "Together in Education" program will donate a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand purchases to Beers when you link your VIC card to the school. The code for Beers is 7335. Call 1-800-432-6111 Option 2, or go to [http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together\\_in\\_education/link\\_to\\_your\\_school.aspx](http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx); or ask a Harris Teeter cashier. to link

## HILLCREST EDUCATION

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Excerpts of letter to Chancellor Henderson regarding closure of Winston School



February 8, 2013  
DC Public Schools  
Attn: Ms. Kaya Henderson, Chancellor  
1200 First Street, NE  
Washington DC 20002

Dear Chancellor Henderson:

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association recognizes the difficult choice you made regarding the closure of the Winston Education Campus and would like to engage in a dialogue with you about the property's future.

One option is to consider using this space to create a magnet/specialty campus. We believe a STEM middle school program with an intensive math and science curriculum would serve as an excellent feeder for Anne Beers and Randle Highlands Elementary Schools.

Alternately, the retrofitted campus could be used as a school for the arts with a robust academic program. DCPS might consider partnering with Levine School of Music and Washington School of Ballet to fashion a comprehensive music, theatre, and visual arts program. Another option is an early college high school with strong links to both postsecondary education and the trades.

The HCCA is willing to work with DCPS in thinking creatively about how the Winston campus can be transformed.

Sincerely,

De'Andre Anderson, Chair  
Education and Recreation Committee  
Hillcrest Community Civic Association

## MARCH EVENTS (Continued from page 1)

### Anacostia Yogi- Soulful Flow Yoga™ Series Spring 2013 Find tickets

**Mar 11** 7:00 pm (Mar 11 - Apr 15)

Ryland Methodist Church

For more info, contact Sariane Leigh at [anacostiayogi@gmail.com](mailto:anacostiayogi@gmail.com) or contact 202-581-0879.

## MARCH EVENTS (Continued)

**Harlem Globe Trotters --** Call Ticket Masters at 800-745-3000

Sat. Mar 2, 2013 1:00 PM

Verizon Center, Washington DC

March 3, 2013 at 2:00PM

Patriot Center

4400 University Drive

Fairfax, VA 22030

### **First Time Homebuyer Education Workshop**

Mar 5, 18 and April 2

5:00 pm

Lydia's House

3939 South Capitol Street SW

Washington, District of Columbia

Please call (202) 373-1050 to register. Seating is limited

### **60-Minute Cherry Blossom Cruises**

March 20—recurring daily

1300 Maine Ave, SW, Washington, DC

Contact: Capital Yacht Charters/Fort Washington

Phone: (202) 554-0677

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## The Enlightened Environmentalist

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### **Announcing: Hillcrest Community Civic Association 2013 Poster Contest**

**Theme: Our Future Depends on How We Protect  
Our Environment Today.**

**Qualifying Entrants: Hillcrest Residents ages 5 – 17**

**Deadline: 12:00 Noon, April 12, 2013**

**Awards: Four \$75 cash prizes**

For full rules see Environmental Committee members:

Kenneth Burke, Phil Hammond, John Hawkins, Ruth Lewis,

Rita Lowery, Mary Ross or go to [www.hillcrestdc.com](http://www.hillcrestdc.com)

## Protecting Your Flower Garden from Bambi

Last summer, a friend called to let me know that he chased deer from my new flower bed. The deer returned and my neighbor and passers-by snapped pictures of them grazing on my bountiful impatiens and large buds of blooming Asiatic lilies... After years of deer aggression, I went on a mission to find an effective deer repellent. Jerry Baker's Backyard Problem Solver offered two deterrents that I found highly effective.

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### Deer Buster Egnog

Using a hand grater, allow slivers of soap to fall on and around your plants. Don't be sparing of the soap.

In a blender liquefy:

2 raw eggs,  
2 cloves of garlic  
2 tablespoon hot sauce  
2 tablespoon cayenne pepper  
2 cups of water

Cover and allow to sit unrefrigerated for two days. Drizzle concoction on and around the plants you wish to protect. The deer were so annoyed by the eggnog that they stopped coming into my yard and stayed 70 or 80 feet away to avoid the smell.

Rain and watering will diminish the effect of both these remedies. So replenish after rain or watering. I've found putting an ounce or two of the eggnog in plastic containers in strategic places around plants desirable to deer increases the time between applications.

Got ideas?????

Please email any ideas or articles for the newsletter by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to [hillcrestdc\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com).

Or follow on Twitter@HillcrestWard7 or write it on the Facebook wall, All Over Hillcrest.

Visit the website at [www.hillcrestdc.com](http://www.hillcrestdc.com)  
Join the conversation on the listserv at [HillcrestDC@yahoogroups.com](mailto:HillcrestDC@yahoogroups.com)

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