

THE HILLCREST NEWSLETTER



HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

"Working together for a Better Community!"

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March 2014

CALENDER OF EVENTS

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING/CANCELLED WARD 7 MAYORAL FORUM

H.D. Woodson HS
540 55th St., NE
Saturday, March 1, 2014 11AM to 1:00 PM

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING

Francis Gregory Library
3660 Alabama Ave., SE
Monday, March 3, 2014 7PM to 9PM

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

East Washington Heights Baptist Church
2200 Branch Ave., SE
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 7PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

Ryland Methodist Church
3200 S ST., SE
Thursday, March 20, 2014 7PM- 9PM

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March Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting Canceled

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association has joined with the Ward 7 Dems and several other Ward 7 Civic Associations and organizations to host the **Ward 7 Democrats Mayoral Forum**. The Forum will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. To encourage our members to participate in this Forum we have cancelled the March HCCA meeting.



Ward 7 DEMOCRATS

In partnership with:

Benning Ridge Civic Association ♦ Deanwood Citizens Association
Dupont Park Civic Association ♦ Fort Davis Civic Association
Hillcrest Community Civic Association ♦ Northeast Boundary Civic Association
Park Naylor Community Association ♦ Park Side Civic Association
Penn Branch Citizens Civic Association ♦ River Terrace Community Organization
Ward 7 Education Council ♦ H.D. Woodson Parent Teacher Student Association

Hosts...

MAYORAL DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FORUM



Muriel Bowser

Jack Evans

Vincent Gray

Reta Jo Lewis

Vincent Orange

Andy Shalal

Tommy Wells



Moderator:
Delia Goncalves – WUSA 9 Reporter

Saturday, March 1, 2014
11:00am – 1:00pm

H.D. Woodson High School
540 55th St., NE

#DemsDecision14
We Vote Ward 7

Ward 7 Democrats ♦ P.O. Box 62865 ♦ Washington, DC 20029 ♦ (202) 584-8477

Letter From The President

Dear Neighbors,

So far 2014 has been speeding by. I can't believe we are into March already. We have been planning some very interesting and exciting things for 2014. To equip our members and other Ward 7 residents with the information they will need to make an informed choice during the upcoming primaries in April we have joined with the Ward 7 Dems, and other civic associations and organizations in Ward 7 to host a Mayoral Forum on March 1, 2014. The membership voted to cancel our monthly meeting to support this ward-wide effort.

The fund raising committee is planning another fabulous Art Auction on May 17, 2014. While all this is going on the 25th Anniversary Committee is well into the planning process for our 25th Anniversary Luncheon to be held on September 27, 2014. We would also like to host our 21st Annual Garden Tour and our 3rd Annual Hillcrest Day, but we need volunteer chairs to step up and help put these events on our calendar.

Just so you don't think we are all about events and fund raisers we are still very active on the educational front with projects in our adoptive schools Anne Beers and Randle Highlands. Our Education committee is still pushing for an application middle school in Ward 7. We are still working closely with DPR to keep our Recreation Center well maintained and to provide programs for all segments of our population. HCCA is still actively involved in the Skyland Project and watching over our library.

We have reached out to our sister association, Palisades, to strengthen our partnership and to truly set an example of one-city. But most importantly we are still addressing quality of life issues in our community and working to keep Hillcrest one of the premier neighborhoods in the Nation's Capital. We could not accomplish any of this without the support of our membership, so I want to thank each and every one of you for all that you do. Hillcrest would not be Hillcrest without all of my wonderful neighbors. Please, keep up the good work!

Karen

Help Wanted! Volunteers Needed!



Hillcrest Community Civic Association is looking for a few good people. Specifically we are looking for a Garden Tour Committee Chair and a Chair for Hillcrest Day Committee.

Both of these committees are pretty well established and have templates and people in place to assist in the planning process. If you are interested please contact Karen Williams at klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com
Thank You for your assistance!



Save the Date!

to attend the
25th Anniversary Luncheon
of the

**Hillcrest Community
Civic Association**

Saturday, September 27, 2014
11:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Gallaudet Kellogg Conference Center
800 New Jersey Avenue, NE
Washington, DC

For more information contact Julie Rones at
Julie_rones@msn.com

HCCA Education and Recreation Committee Assists Adopted School Randle Highlands in Incentive Activity Program

The following email was forwarded to De'Andre Anderson from Tracey Foster, Principal Randle Highlands Elementary School

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I want to thank the Hillcrest Community Civic Association for agreeing to host the PIA #2 achievement incentive activity at the United States Capitol Building. This administration of the interim assessment yielded 101 2nd to 5th grade students who scored proficient or advanced or had an achievement increase of at least 10%. Your sponsorship of their tour of the U.S. Capitol was inspirational. The trip was absolutely wonderful. The students were very interested and had lots of questions. Most of them returned to school and researched more information about the Capitol. Thank you for helping us extend the classroom beyond the traditional school walls.

We look forward to continuing to partner with HCCA and thank you for your continued support of our students and our educational program.

Tracey Foster, Principal
Randle Highlands Elementary School
1650 30th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20020



The Enlightened Environmentalist Three Mistakes Yard "Professionals" Make

By now many homeowners have learned that just because a commercial entrepreneur advertises as a professional, that does not mean that the contractor does good work. The same holds true for so called "professional yard care" specialists. This article will focus on three common mistakes many yard care companies make.

#1. When the city sets out new trees in the "tree box", they attach labels warning: "Do not place mulch closer than four inches to the trunk of the tree." Here in Hillcrest, lawn care "professionals" will come along and pile the mulch right against the trunk. Why? Either they don't know or they don't care.

#2. One of the biggest lawn care fertilizer companies in the U.S. advises home owners not to remove the grass clippings from the lawn when mowing. Leave the clippings on the lawn (unless the grass is excessively tall) because the clippings help fertilize the grass. Yard care companies observed in Hillcrest bag the clippings. If you ask them why, they might say, "We've always done it that way."

#3. Most of the lawn care companies mow the grass too short. When lawn grass is cut short (especially in the hot summer months), the roots are exposed to the scorching sun and the grass turns brown. Cut the grass at a high level and the blades will help protect the roots and the taller blades will give a greener look to the lawn. If you tell your yard care people to cut the grass high, they will probably say that they have already set the mowers to cut high. (They will tell you what they think you want to hear!) If your neighbor were to ask the same contractor to cut the grass short, the contractor will likely say, "We've already set it to cut short!"

All yard care companies are commercial. Very few are professional!

**Effective March 15, 2014
HCCA dues will increase to
\$15.00 per year or \$24.00 for
2 years. So pay before the
15th to get your membership at the re-
duced rate.**

You can pay as many years as you wish at the \$12.00 rate

Celebrating Women's History

March is National Women's History Month. This year's theme is **Celebrating Women of Character, Courage, and Commitment..** The theme honors the extraordinary and often unrecognized determination and tenacity of women. Against social convention and often legal restraints, women have created a legacy that expands the frontiers of possibility for generations to come. They have demonstrated their character, courage and commitment as mothers, educators, institution builders, business, labor, political and community leaders, relief workers, women religious, and CEOs. Their lives and their work inspire girls and women to achieve their full potential and encourage boys and men to respect the diversity and depth of women's experience.

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 following important sites that are dedicated to preserving and honoring the contributions of women.

1. The Mary McLeod Bethune Council House National Site: This site served as headquarters for the National Council of Negro Women from 1943 to 1966. Mary McLeod Bethune grew up in poverty in South Carolina, yet rose to become an influential educator, presidential advisor, and political activist.

2. Clara Barton National Historic Site: Home of Clara Barton served as the headquarters for the American Red Cross from 1897 to 1904.
3. The National Museum of Women in the Arts is located in the heart of D.C. This is the only museum dedicated solely to celebrating the artistic achievements of women.
4. Sewell-Belmont House and Museum: Displays fine art and artifacts from the woman's suffrage and equal rights movements. The museum host regular children's programs including arts & storytelling.

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