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HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

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Guest Speaker: Robert C. White

Robert C. White, Jr. is an At-Large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia who was sworn in on September 16, 2016. A native Washingtonian, Robert was born to Robert White, Sr. and Tamara White (deceased). Robert graduated from Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, DC and from St. Mary's College of Maryland, earning degrees in Philosophy and Political Science. Robert earned his law degree from the American University Washington College of Law.

Robert began his career clerking in the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. However, he continued to be

confronted with the inequities that were leaving DC's most vulnerable residents farther behind. He became determined to give back to his beloved home city through public service.

In 2008, Robert went to the United States Congress to serve as Legislative Counsel to Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton. He served as a lead staffer on congressional oversight hearings and legislative affairs related to DC. In 2013, Robert resigned his position to run for DC's At-Large Council seat. He was unsuccessful but undeterred. In 2014, Robert began working for Attorney General Karl A. Racine as the first Director of Community Outreach for the DC Office of the Attorney General. There, Robert worked on improving services for the city's residents. In 2016, he ran for At-Large DC Council against a long-time incumbent and won.

Robert and his wife, Christy, an attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, reside in the Ward 4 neighborhood of Brightwood Park with their baby girl, Madison, and rescue pit bull, Roscoe.



Robert C. White
At-Large Councilmember

Special Points of Interest

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center
32nd and Denver Street, SE
Saturday, March 4, 2017
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

PSA 606 POLICE
COMMUNITY MEETING
East Washington Heights
Baptist Church
2200 Branch Ave., SE
Wednesday, March 15, 6 PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING
Ryland Methodist Church
3200 S St., SE
Thursday, March 16, 7 PM

WINTER GARDEN PREPARATIONS

The groundhog may have seen his shadow, but here in the Washington DC, the signs of our normal winters have been scarce. What better time to start planning for those spring gardens. Below is a list of a few things you can do to prepare your yard for spring planting.

1. Clear away and compost the dead shrubbery that may have provided cover to birds and other wildlife over the winter but may harbor unwanted diseases and bugs.
2. Prune shrubs and small trees to maintain good form and vigor.
3. Rake lawns to remove winter debris. This also helps aerate the soil.
4. Create or turn over your compost pile. The material at the bottom of the pile can make great mulch for your spring garden.
5. Wash bird feeders to avoid the buildup of harmful moles and bacteria.
6. Plan and dig out new flower beds or revitalize existing ones to get ready for planting in a few weeks' time.

Learn about what plants are native to our area and how you can restore a couple of species to your garden.

Here are a few flowers native to our area:

Wild Geranium, Common Yarrow, Butterfly Weed, Golden Tickseed, Virginia Bluebells, Spotted Beebalm and the Cardinal Flower.

For more information on other native plant species and other ideas on spring gardens, see the websites listed below. Preparing for those spring and summer gardens do not have to be complicated or costly. Have fun and enjoy adding a little color and life to your garden.

<https://doee.dc.gov/service/vegetation-trees-flowers-plants>

<http://www.wildflower.org/>



Virginia Bluebells



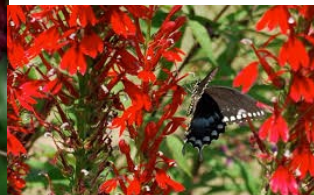
Wild Geranium



Common Yarrow



Spotted Beebalm



Cardinal Wildflower



Golden Tickweed



Butterfly Weed

FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY SHINES

The Hillcrest community is proud to note that David Adjaye, the architect for the African American Museum of History and Culture also designed the Francis A. Gregory Library and the Bellevue/Lockridge Library in southwest, D.C.

The Gregory Library has been featured in many articles, most recently in the January 10, 2016 Washington Post Magazine for its "must see" stunning design and appearance that engulfs the surrounding National Parks' trees as part of its pavilion. During the construction of the new Gregory Library, several "Cherry Trees" were destroyed.....now the National Cherry Blossom Festival has offered two cherry trees to be planted at the library as part of the "Annual Cherry Blossom Festivities" in the months of March and April.

MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

The February 2017 Membership renewals continues to be excellent. I am hopeful that my goal of increasing our HCCA membership to 400 active members in 2017 is achievable. Thank you for your unwavering support.

Louis Sawyer, Jr. - 2017
 Dane Edley - 2018
 Maurice K. Foushee -2017
 Rolfe & Nancy Harris - 2017
 Gari Puckrein & Joanne Harris - 2017
 Yvonne Dupree - 2017
 Mary F. Ross - 2019
 Kenneth & Ellen Davis - 2020
 Charles & Sybil Hayes - 2017
 Robin Marlin - 2018
 Marjorie Ashby - 2017
 Yvonne Bing - 2017
 Valerie Blake - 2018
 Anthony & Malinda Bolling - 2018
 Viola M. Bowen - 2017
 William Bowman - 2018
 Marvin Bowser - 2018
 Kanika Brookins - 2017
 Marcia Hooper - 2017
 Mildred J.N. Brown - 2017
 Robert Brown, Sr. - 2018
 Tiffany L. Brown - 2018
 Clifton Burroughs - 2017
 Shirley Bush - 2018
 Cynthia Simmons & Sean Compagnucci - 2017
 Bob Bush & Kathy Chamberlain - 2018
 Michelle Davis - 2018
 H.R. Crawford - 2017
 Linda Jenkins - 2018
 Samuel & Elsie Jones - 2017
 Michelle & Terence Peete - 2018
 Starling Rosha Peavy - 2017
 Miles Steele, III - 2017
 Patricia Stephenson - 2019

Thank you,
 Phillip Hammond

HCCA EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Charters are looking to come to Hillcrest.

Earlier this month, Mayor Bowser announced that an RFO (Request for Offers) would be opened to charter operators to apply for the Winston Education Campus. Since then, a number of charters have expressed interest in this space. The HCCA Education Committee is committed to ensuring community interests are well represented throughout this process. Specifically, all charter operators interested in Winston may ask the Education Committee to help facilitate a community conversation with them. In February, these conversations included KIPP DC and Lydia Whitham of the Washington School of Arts and Academics.

The Ed Committee has also developed an online survey for community members to share their feedback. Please complete this short (10 question) survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9SLN635>.

Finally, KIPP DC has applied for an increase of its enrollment cap, which would allow it to open two schools in Hillcrest—one middle school at Winston and a high school on land it has purchased south of Gainesville. There will be a public hearing regarding this request on March 20th, at PCSB, 3333 14th St. NW, Suite 210, from 6:30-8:30pm. Please mark the date and let the Education Committee members

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2017-2018
 HILLCREST NEIGHBORHOOD
SCHOLARSHIP

To be eligible you must

- Be a Hillcrest resident
- Be a High School Senior
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher

Application Checklist:

- Completed Application Form
- High School Transcript
- Three Letters of Recommendation

Get recognized for your **LEADERSHIP**

Win awards up to **\$2,000** for college fees

Email or Mail your application today

Mail: Hillcrest Community Civic Association
 Attn.: Dr. Jeanne Contardo, Chair
 Education Committee
 3209 Alabama Ave SE
 Washington, DC 20020

Applications due **May 1, 2017**

Download your application here www.hillcrestdc.com

Email your completed application here
jeanne.contardo@gmail.com

Tuition Fees • Textbooks • Housing Costs • Dorm Equipment

Hillcrest Community Civic Association Hillcrest Education Committee

HCCA EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE Continued...

know of your feedback regarding KIPP's request.

HCCA will award \$2000 scholarship to high school senior
For the third year in a row, the HCCA will once again award a scholarship to a deserving high school senior going to college in the Fall. Please find the application at: <http://www.hillcrestdc.com/scholarship.htm>. The application must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2017.

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 16

The newly formed HCCA Recreation Committee will meet Thursday, March 16 at 7 pm to 8:30 pm at the Hillcrest Recreation Center at 32nd and Camden Street SE. The Committee will discuss the work plan and discuss the year's goals and activities. Any residents interested in joining the committee should contact chair Michelle Phipps-Evans at mbpevans@yahoo.com or 202-607-8771.

Got Ideas!

Email ideas or articles for newsletter by the 15th of the month to:
hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com

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