



# NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Saturday, April 5, 2008, at 10 a.m.

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

## CHIEF LIBRARIAN, GINNIE COOPER, DCPL APRIL GUEST SPEAKER



In July of 2006, Ginnie Cooper joined the District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) as Chief Librarian. The Library Board hired her to transform DCPL, and she is doing so with the help of good staff and community supporters. Ms. Cooper has worked in libraries in five states, most recently as Executive Director of the Brooklyn Public Library. A librarian since 1970, Ms. Cooper is a past president of the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association. Ms. Cooper was named 2001 Layperson of the Year by the Portland, Oregon, Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and is a recipient of the Charlie Robinson Award made by the Public Library Association to recognize a public library director who has been a risk-taker, an innovator and an agent for change. She believes in the power of public libraries to make a difference in the lives of individuals and in communities.

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### STUDENTS AT ANNE BEERS - HCCA'S ADOPTED SCHOOL TO TAKE HISTORY FIELD TRIP-SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED

Last year, the 4th grade teachers at Anne Beers ES decided to plan annual trips to historic sites for their classes. This June their destination is Charlottesville, Virginia, specifically the homes of two former presidents, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.

The PTA is underwriting part of the cost of the total trip to make it possible for all 4th grade students to participate. After the PTA's contribution the cost per child is \$34.00.

Even with the PTA's assistance some students' families are not able to pay for

their children to participate. The PTA is requesting HCCA's assistance.

If you are willing to make a contribution, you can make donations to the Anne Beers ES PTA, please note on the check that it is for Charlottesville Sponsorship." HCCA will also be collecting contributions at the April meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact HCCA Education Committee Chair, Linda Jackson at (202) 584-3612 or at jacksonlm@aol.com.

Thank you in advance for your help.

- Linda Jackson

### Comments

Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans at hillcrestdc\_newsletter@yahoo.com

At its March meeting the HCCA Board of Directors voted to weigh in on the proposed 11th Street Bridge Project and send a resolution to the City Council in support of the proposed project. Below please find a draft of this Resolution to be voted on by the general membership at the April meeting. To see more information on this project please go to the following website: [http:// www.11thstreetbridgeseis.com](http://www.11thstreetbridgeseis.com).

## **A Proposed Position of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association. on the New 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project**

April 5, 2008

**Whereas**, the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) desires to see improvements to the thoroughfares and roads in the District of Columbia and in particular, the bridge and street systems along the Anacostia River;

**Whereas**, the traffic congestion on Sousa Bridge and Pennsylvania Avenue has long been a burden borne mostly by DC residents on the east side of the river and desires to see a lessening of the traffic load on Sousa Bridge and Pennsylvania Avenue;

**Whereas**, HCCA is concerned about the connection of neighborhoods east and west of the Anacostia and believes that the local bridge system should be pedestrian and bicycle friendly and should accommodate streetcars in the future;

**Whereas**, an improved interchange at the 11<sup>th</sup> Street bridge is essential to the economic well being and growth of East Washington;

**Whereas**, the connection between neighborhoods east of the Anacostia River and the SE-SW freeway is important for easy access to downtown and Virginia;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** does hereby go on record supporting the new 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project Preferred Alternative, **but retaining the ramp/connection from east Washington neighborhoods to the freeway bridge**, primarily because it is estimated to make it easier for those living on the east side of the river to cross the Anacostia river. The project has three major parts which are designed to:

- Provide new ramps east of the Anacostia River to re-route traffic from the SE freeway across the 11<sup>th</sup> Street bridge to connect Anacostia in both directions;
- Separate freeway traffic from other traffic including separating pedestrian, bicycle traffic onto a separate bridge, along with a possible future trolley line and local lanes so that local traffic to and from Anacostia, including Anacostia Park, don't have to get on the freeway in order to get across the river; and
- Create a new interchange at 11<sup>th</sup> & M Street that will facilitate traffic to move to and from Virginia and reduce traffic congestion on East Capital Street and Benning Road bridges and increase cars crossing the Anacostia.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** does hereby recommend approval of this resolution by the Membership at its April 5, 2008 Meeting.

# NEWS AND UPDATES

## STEM LITERACY PROGRAM FOR PARENTS

As part of its effort to promote quality improvements in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, the Washington East Foundation (WEF) through its WDC STEM Partnership sponsored a program of Math and Science Nights for parents. Sessions were held at Anne Beers ES, Burrville ES and Kelly Miller MS in December and January.

The programs were designed and executed by each school's principal, teachers, and the PTA and featured a highly interactive night of science and math literacy exercises and games for parents, using computer and working in teams with their children.

These literacy sessions for parents were funded by a grant from the Adult Education Agency formerly at the University of the District of Columbia.

In recognition of this inaugural effort, Carrie Thornhill, chair of the WEF Board of Directors and WDC STEM Partnership, presented incentive awards of \$500 to representatives of the three schools on February 20, 2008. WEF plans to seek funding to continue, expand and track the effectiveness of this parent development initiative.

-By Rev Kendrick Curry and Deborah Jones

## AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S ROAD TO RECOVERY PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Your local American Cancer Society needs volunteers to drive cancer patients to chemotherapy or radiation treatments in the DC area. Demand for the **Cancer Society's Road to Recovery Program** has grown and the American Cancer Society is looking for more volunteers to help in the fight against cancer. Training takes less than an hour and volunteers work a flexible schedule. It may seem like only a small contribution, but by ensuring cancer patients get the life-saving treatments they need, you will contribute to improving their chances of survival!



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Ness at the Capital Region American Cancer Society by phone: (202) 483-2600 ext. 125 or email: [sarah.ness@cancer.org](mailto:sarah.ness@cancer.org).

## HILLCREST-PALISADES CHILI COOK-OFFICE TO BENEFIT FRANCIS GREGORY LIBRARY

The Friends of Francis Gregory Library's Annual Chili Cook-Off took a new twist this year, members of the Palisades Civic Association competed against members of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association. Representatives from the German Embassy and Palisades took a tour of the Hillcrest Community and then were driven to the Francis Gregory Library to participate in the cook-off.

This year's winners were our own Raymond Keith, 1st Place; Spence Spencer, President, Palisades Civic Association, 2nd Place; and Don Murray and Henrietta Wright from HCCA tied for 3rd Place.



The Cook-Off was a fun event and a great fund-raiser for the library.

## NEW WORK OUT CLASSES AT THE HILLCREST RECREATION CENTER

The Hillcrest Recreation Center will be offering the following new workout classes beginning April 8, 2008. Classes are free. Registration on first night of class.

### Introduction to Pilates

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Weight loss workout; tone and sculpt your body; burn calories; increase core strength; strengthen and lengthen muscles; improve posture, and develop a better mid-section.

### Cardio & Sculpt Workout

Tuesdays & Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Increase cardio respiratory strength and endurance; firm and tone muscles from head to toe, with specialized abdominal work out in every class

## NEW TREES FOR THE HILLCREST RECREATION CENTER

On Saturday, April 12, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. members of the "Friends of Hillcrest Recreation Center" will plant 12 new trees donated by Casey Trees' of Washington at the Hillcrest Recreation Center. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Phillip or Mary Hammond at (202) 582-3059 or email at [mphammond@msn.com](mailto:mphammond@msn.com).

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**HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS**

- Debra Williams -- 2819 32nd Street, SE
- Sheron Colston -- 161 Westway



**COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR MARCH**

5	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
7	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
9	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
16	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
17	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

Scout meeting every Saturday morning 9:30 a.m. - Cub Scouts;  
11:00 a.m. - Boy Scouts - St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2008?** Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2008, please send your payment now!

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Annual dues are only \$10 . Make check payable to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association  
and mail to:**

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