

# HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

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## GUEST SPEAKER: CITY ADMINISTRATOR RASHAD YOUNG

Mr. Rashad M. Young was appointed the City Administrator of the District of Columbia on January 2, 2015. In this role, Mr. Young is charged with ensuring efficient, accountable and well-managed service delivery to all residents, business owners and visitors on behalf of the Mayor.

Mr. Young previously served as City Manager of Alexandria, VA where he is credited with forming the Office of Performance and Accountability (OPA) to develop a culture and practice of performance management and data-driven decision making. He also formed the Department of Project Implementation (DPI) to more effectively manage the growing and expansive list of City infrastructure capital projects. In addition, Mr. Young enhanced civic engagement in Alexandria by developing and deploying technology such as Call.Click.Connect that allows citizens and stakeholders to communicate directly with staff at all levels of the organization.

Mr. Young's tenure in Dayton included accomplishments such as maintaining fiscal discipline and achieving the up-grading of the City's bond rating. His use of performance management systems to deliver top-notch city services has helped city government be more transparent, outcome-based and customer-focused.

Mr. Young has spent his entire career building expertise in public management, including 12 years as Assistant City Manager or City Manager in urban centers, namely Alexandria, VA, Greensboro, NC, Cincinnati and Dayton, OH. Throughout his career, Mr. Young has managed workforces totaling several thousand employees, led labor union contract negotiations, and overseen airport, convention center, water utility, human service, transit, public works, and public safety agency operations. This experience has made Mr. Young a nationally known and respected public manager.



Mr. Young is a National Board Member of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA), a Board Member of the Urban Libraries Council (ULC), a credentialed manager and member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA), and an Affiliated Professor of Practice with Virginia Tech's School of Public and International Affairs.

**Read about two more guest speakers on page 2.**

- Special points of interest:**
- **Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting**  
 Hillcrest Recreation Center  
 32nd and Denver St., SE  
 Saturday, April 4, 2015  
 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
  - **PSA 606 Police Community Meeting**  
 East Washington Heights  
 Baptist Church  
 2200 Branch Ave., SE  
 Wednesday, April 15, 6 PM
  - **ANC 7B Monthly Meeting**  
 Ryland Methodist Church  
 3200 S St., SE  
 Thursday, April 16, 7 PM

## Additional Guest Speakers

Josh Burch leads stream restoration efforts for the District Department of the Environment (DDOE) in Wards 7 & 8. He manages projects from the scoping phase all the way through to construction and post-restoration monitoring. Prior to joining DDOE in 2009 he worked for several local non-profits in the District, training at-risk young people life and job skills focused on improving themselves and their communities. Josh is a graduate of Virginia Tech and served in the Peace Corps in Ghana for two years. Josh is a native to the District and is a proud husband and father of two wonderful children.

Erin Fenton works on the RiverSmart Homes program throughout DC. In this position she works directly with homeowners to better manage storm water on their property. Prior to joining DDOE in 2014, Erin worked at various non-profits and spent two years volunteering with the Peace Corps in Senegal. She is happy to mix her backgrounds in agriculture, urban sustainability, and community outreach in her role at DDOE. Erin is a graduate of Macalester College in St Paul, MN. When she isn't working, Erin enjoys cycling, rock climbing, kayaking, and other outdoor pursuits.



Alger Park

## EDUCATION AND RECREATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Did you know fewer than 30 percent of school age children in ward 7 attend their in-boundary public school? In fact, ward 7's students have the greatest school travel time of any ward in the District, with students traveling an average 2.1 miles to get to school every day, many of them heading west across the river.

The HCCA Education and Recreation Committee is embarking upon a joint effort with the Penn Branch Civic Association's Education Committee to strengthen the education pipeline within our community. This process began on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, when the HCCA joined Penn Branch's education forum with the principals of Sousa Middle School and Anacostia High School. At this event, the principals articulated their desire to work with our communities, and announced as a first step that they would host open houses for members of the community. Those dates are being scheduled now and we will announce them as soon as possible.

Also, the Hillcrest Community Civic Association is pleased to announce that it will award one \$1500 scholarship to a deserving senior in high school who lives in the Hillcrest Community. The application is available at <http://www.hillcrestdc.com/scholarship.htm> and must be postmarked on or before May 11, 2015. Three finalists will be called for a personal interview at the Francis A. Gregory library the week of May 25, 2015. The winner will be announced on June 6, 2015.

Finally, Anne Beers Elementary School PTA will be participating in the Penn Branch Yard Sale on Saturday,

April 25<sup>th</sup>, and hosting their own at Beers on Saturday, May 2. All proceeds will benefit school enrichment activities.

Questions, comments, or requests to be added to the Hillcrest Education and Recreation Committee distribution list should be sent to the chair, Jeanne Contardo, at [Jeanne.contardo@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanne.contardo@gmail.com).

## TRIP TO CASINO HARRINGTON DELAWARE

Join the Hillcrest Community Civic Association's trip to



*Harrington Delaware*

**Date:** April 16, 2015

Leave at 10:00am from 32<sup>nd</sup> & Denver

4 ½ hours of Las Vegas style action with live blackjack, craps, roulette, and more!

The cost is \$35 with \$10 free slot machine play.

For tickets contact: Sheila Brown @ 202-297-3883  
Nancy Harris @ 202-575-2696



## HCCA PRESIDENT RESIGNS

De'Andre Anderson has resigned from the position of President of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA). In leaving the position, De'Andre cited personal reasons and asked for privacy. The Board of Directors has determined that the First and Second Vice Presidents of HCCA will jointly carry out the duties of president until it determines further action in this matter.

The Board of Directors of the Hillcrest Civic Association is carrying on the business of the HCCA in a manner consistent with the provisions of our bylaws. The following is what Article 4, Section 7 has to say about the "*Duties of the Vice Presidents.*"

**"In the absence of the President, or in the event of his or her inability to act, the Vice President next in rank shall perform all the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions on the President. The First and Second Vice Presidents shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the President."**

## ELECTION VOTE OUTRAGE

Neighbors, did you see the article in the Washington Post on 3/9 about voter turnout in the last election. I was outraged at how they treated us differently from the rest of the city in their discussion, so I wrote a letter to the editor. Of course they're not going to publish it. You can see the statistics on voting on the Board of Elections website [www.dcboee.org](http://www.dcboee.org), by ward and precinct. The precincts in Hillcrest and Penn-Branch has a good turnout, considering we did not have a councilperson in the race. The Post journalists and some other media are more interested in reinforcing stereotypes than seeing us as the neighborhoods that we are. I think we should bombard them with letters when they treat us this way.

Here's what I wrote to the Post:

Regarding "A Wave of Mostly White Voters is Reshaping the Politics of D.C." (March 9) I was impressed with the in-depth analysis of the demographic changes in DC neighborhoods, and their impact on the city. But I was disappointed that Ward 7 was singled out ("The sharpest

Also worth noting is Article 3, Section 15 (VACANCIES)

**"Unless otherwise prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws or provisions of law, vacancies on the board may be filled by approval of the board of directors. If the number of directors then in office is less than a quorum, a vacancy on the board may be filled by approval of a majority of the directors then in office or by a sole remaining director. A person elected to fill a vacancy on the board shall hold office until the next election of the Board of Directors or until his or his [sic] death, resignation or removal from office."**

It will be noted that the above Section fixes no time deadline or schedule for the Board to fill any vacancy.

Section 5 of Article 4 has further information on vacancies in office but not in as great detail. The complete copy of our bylaws is available on the HCCA website.

Kenneth Burke

Parliamentarian, Hillcrest Community Civic Association

declines in voter turnout occurred in African American neighborhoods in Ward 7, east of the Anacostia River, which formed a crucial bedrock of support for Barry and Gray.") The last time Barry was on a ward 7 ballot was 1994. Is it necessary to go back 21 years to reinforce the "east of the river" stereotype? Gray was a ward 7 resident, so it should be no surprise that he would have ward 7 support when he ran for mayor. But why must the subject shift from neighborhood names to ward number when the Anacostia River is crossed? The voter turnout in my neighborhood of Hillcrest and the adjacent neighborhood of Penn-Branch was well over the citywide turnout rate, and this was without a ward councilmember up for election. Like residents of NoMa and Adams Morgan, we are members of neighborhoods and our neighborhoods have names. It is time for the Post to start representing our part of the city the same way they do the rest of the city.

Kathy Chamberlain

## 2015 EARTH DAY CLEANUP AND CELEBRATION

The Anacostia Watershed Society will celebrate Earth Day by hosting the 2015 Earth Day Cleanup & Celebration on Saturday, April 25th. The cleanups will take place at approximately 20 sites around the Anacostia Watershed in Washington, DC, and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland. The celebration will take place after at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park. If you would like to participate go the Anacostia Watershed Society site <http://www.anacostiaws.org/earthday2015/> to register. Only neighbors working

together can turn things around.



### HCCA Board

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Your paid through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If the date is earlier than 2015, please send your payment now. The cost is \$15.00/year, \$24.00 for 2 years. Make check payable to HCCA and send to P.O. Box 30895, Washington, DC 20030 or you can pay by credit card at:

[www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm](http://www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm)

### Got Ideas!

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

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