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# HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

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This month Matt Gallagher, manager of Community Based Restoration with the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), will be our guest speaker for the month.

As the Manager of Community-Based Restoration, Matt oversees the wetland and stream restoration, water quality, and green infrastructure programs at AWS. In addition, he runs the Watershed Stewards Academy-National Capital Region. Before joining AWS,

Matt worked as a stream biologist for the Anacostia Watershed Restoration Partnership and as an environmental educator for the District government. Matt grew up fishing and swimming in the rivers and lakes of Pennsylvania, and he would love to see those opportunities become available to residents of the Anacostia watershed.

Matt has a Master of Science degree in Ecology from Towson University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Dickinson College.

## Special Points of Interest

### HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center  
32nd and Denver Street, SE  
Saturday, April 7, 2018  
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

PSA 606 POLICE  
COMMUNITY MEETING  
East Washington Heights  
Baptist Church  
2200 Branch Ave., SE  
Wednesday, April 18, 6 PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING  
Ryland Methodist Church  
3200 S St., SE  
Thursday, April 19, 7 PM

## THE CHANGING ANACOSTIA RIVER

For years known as the murky polluted river that harbored cancerous fish and that other wildlife avoided, the Anacostia River is changing. This change is the result of private and public entities work to reverse the effects of a century of substantial industrial pollution, raw sewage dumping and littering into the river.

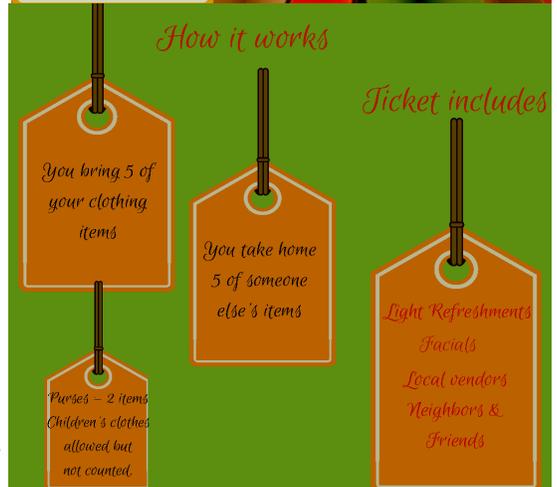
DC Water has undertaken the task of installing four tunnels that will control the flow of raw sewage and storm water into the river. The Anacostia River Tunnel is the second of these tunnels. Surface facilities along I-295, M Street, SE, and the Southeast Freeway divert combined sewer overflows into the tunnel thereby avoiding the Anacostia River. This second tunnel when joined with the Blue Plains Tunnel at Poplar Point will direct the polluted water to the Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment plant for cleansing prior to its discharge into the Potomac River. With the completion of the Anacostia River Tunnel in the spring of 2018, it is anticipated that combined sewer overflows will be reduced by 81%.

## THE CHANGING ANACOSTIA Continued...

The DC Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) manages the Anacostia River Clean Up and Protection Fund. This fund receives its revenue from the Bag Law in which a 5 cents per bag surcharge is collected for bags provided for purchases at DC retail stores. The stream restoration at Alger Park was partially funded through the Bag Law. Some of the things implemented with money from the Bag Law are as followed: seven trash traps installed in the river and its tributaries have removed 52,000 pounds of trash; restoration of Nash Run, a non-tidal tributary designed to assist with habitat improvement; and RiverSmart Homes, a program that offers technical and financial assistance to home owners who wish to control the amount of storm water pollution leaving their property.

The Anacostia Watershed Society recognizes that in landscapes, prior to human development, storm water was absorbed into the ground and used by trees and other plant life. In our urban environment, pervious surfaces have been replaced by roads and buildings creating storm water pollution that washes into the Anacostia River. In our urbanized environment, the Anacostia Watershed Society has assumed the task of advocating for a fishable and swimmable Anacostia. The Society plans to accomplish this task by advocating for tributary stream restorations that reduce pollution, litter reduction, and creating rainwater penetrable environments such as forests, meadows, and green roofs.

The Anacostia Watershed Society has announced a goal of a swimmable Anacostia River by 2025. With the Society's powerful alliance with DC Water and DOEE, *The Enlightened Environmentalist* thinks it will happen.



Spring is in the air and the HCCA wants to help you prepare by kicking off your spring cleaning. Start with your closet and bring your gently used clothing to the **Spring Sip & Swap event on April 14, 2018 from 3-6 PM at the Contardo residence.**

Tickets are \$35 and all proceeds will be allocated towards the costs for Hillcrest Day 2018. Bring 5 items of clothing (purses and coats count as 2 items) and leave with at least 5 items.

Mimosas, juice, and appetizers will be provided. Remember: One woman's trash is another woman's stunning outfit!

**Tickets may be purchased at the April HCCA meeting or online at: Hillcrest Spring Sip & Swap**

Contact: Toya Carmichael:  
[hillcrestday2017@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestday2017@yahoo.com) or  
202-677-5294 with questions.

## HCCA WINE RAFFLE!

The HCCA Fundraising Committee will team up with the Education Committee and the Hillcrest Day Committee for a **Wine Raffle**. This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved.

Beginning now, we are asking for donations of at least one bottle of wine that retails at a minimum of \$10.00. We are asking HCCA Board members to donate at least 2 bottles of wine.



\$20 raffle tickets will be sold in early April. The winning raffle tickets will be pulled, and the winners will be announced at Hillcrest Day on September 22, 2018. There will be as many chances to win as we have bottles of donated wine. Every winner will receive 50 bottles of wine.

Contact anyone on the Fundraising, Education or Hillcrest Day committees to make your donation or purchase your raffle ticket.

## ANC CHAIRPERSON

Welcome to D. Lionel Humphrey who became chairperson of ANC 7B effective January 2018. We look forward to working with him for the good of the Hillcrest Community.

We also want to thank Robin Hammond Marlin, the outgoing ANC 7B chairperson, for her dedicated leadership during her tenure. We look forward to her continued service as Commissioner of 7B05.

-Sheila Brown

## THE CULPRITS OF PUBLIC LITTER

It is the observation of this writer that the Culprits of Public Litter are in the "IN CROWD". Their contribution to public litter is either **INADVERTENT, INDIFFERENT, OR INTENTIONAL**. Darrell Perry, a member of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA), has commented that the lines may be blurred between these three categories. Let's define the "IN" family a little more closely.

**1. INADVERTENT.** Earlier this March, a severe windstorm blew through our city. In Hillcrest, roofs were damaged and trees were uprooted. The regular trash and recyclable collections were scheduled for a Friday when the winds were at their peak. Even though the pickups were postponed until Saturday, some residents had already placed their containers in the alley or street.

Some public service announcements suggested that perhaps the recyclable trash should be held back that day since often the contents of the blue containers are loose. Nevertheless, there were instances in which Hillcrest residents not only placed their containers out for pickup, but left boxes alongside the blue cans.

When the near hurricane force winds came, those boxes were strewn for the length of a football field. Some blue cans were blown over and the contents scattered and wound up in the woods and streams. That was not the plan of the home owners, but it happened. This was **INADVERTENT**.

**2. INDIFFERENT.** Some sixty years ago, this writer was riding with his aunt and uncle and their adult son through downtown Washington. I was giving them a guided tour of our nations capital. While cruising within sight of the Capitol Building, my aunt finished the soft drink she was enjoying. She loved to keep the interior of her car neat and spotless. So—what did she do with the paper cup? She rolled her window down and threw the empty cup out of the window.

Several hundred feet later, my uncle stopped at a red light. Their son (my cousin) who was in the back seat with me said, "Excuse me, I'll be right back." He ran down the street, retrieved the paper cup, brought it back to the car and said, "You dropped this!" I do not remember what was said next. (I don't think anything was said, but the silence was heavy.) This is an example of **INDIFFERENCE**.

**3. INTENTIONAL** A member of the HCCA has a camera mounted on the front of her house. Very recently during the night, the camera caught the image of a pick-up truck laden with

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heavy duty yard equipment and bagged trash. The culprit then proceeded to throw bags of yard debris onto the curb of Park Drive in Hillcrest. This was **INTENTIONAL** and was done to avoid paying money to take the debris to a legitimate dump site.

Phil Hammond, a member of the HCCA Environmental Committee has suggested that when we employ a yard contractor (or any other contractor) pin him down and ask to what dump sit he intends to carry the trash. He may not give an honest answer, but it is a good question and it will put him on notice. The contractor mentioned is a good example of **INTENTIONAL** littering.

**IN**advertent, **IN**different, **IN**tentional—they are all in the same family: **the "IN" group.** You don't want to hang around with this "in crowd."

--Kenneth Burke

### Got Ideas!

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