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April 2019

APRIL COMMUNITY MEETING SCHEDULE

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
Hillcrest Recreation Center
32nd and Denver Street, SE
Saturday, April 6, 2019
11:00 AM

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING
East Washington Heights
Baptist Church
2200 Branch Ave., SE
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
6:00 PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING
Ryland Methodist Church
3200 S St., SE
Thursday, April 18, 2019
6:30 PM

Friends of Francis Gregory Library
3660 Alabama Ave., SE
Monday, April 8, 2019
7:00 PM

Pay 2019 Dues
\$20.00 per household
Make checks payable to
HCCA
Send to: P.O. Box 30895
Washington, DC 20030
or
[www.hillcrestdc.com/hcca/
paydues.html](http://www.hillcrestdc.com/hcca/paydues.html)

April Guest Speaker



Lara Levison is a volunteer with the DC Chapter of the Sierra Club, serving as chair of the group's Clean Energy Committee and as a board member. The Sierra Club is the nation's oldest and largest environmental advocacy organization. Lara will discuss how a broad coalition of DC groups concerned about climate change and its impacts on our city pushed for legislation that became the Clean Energy DC Omnibus Amendment Act ([B22-0904](#)), which passed the DC Council in December. She'll also describe the provisions of the bill and how they will benefit our city.

So Long Matt Nugent

Matt Nugent - Chair of the Streets, Traffic and Transportation Committee was transferred to his company's Chicago office. We want to wish Matt and Tai safe passage. We will miss them both.

Happy Easter!

Submitted By Toya Carmichael



As with many other Christian holidays, Easter has become a celebration that extends beyond the church. Regardless of your religious beliefs (or non beliefs) Easter signifies a season of rebirth and the resurrection of warmer and brighter days. For children, it is popularly celebrated with colorful eggs, candies, and giant bunnies! If you're looking for a great Easter Celebration, look no further than the Hillcrest Recreation Center for the Annual Easter Jamboree on Thursday, April 18, 2019. Contact Tameka Borgess @ 202-645-9200 / tameka.borges@dc.gov for more information.

Application Available for 2019 HCCA Scholarships

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) is delighted to announce it will award two \$2,000 scholarships in 2019 for deserving high school seniors attending college in the Fall. The Hillcrest Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Yantee Neufville and the Hillcrest Community Civic Association scholarship.

The Yantee Neufville Memorial Scholarship was established in 2017 to honor Yantee Neufville, a member of the HCCA Board of Directors. He was a beloved up and coming young leader in our community, Yantee passed away suddenly. He was dedicated to enhancing the lives of local residents. He advocated for enhancements to our transportation system, implemented traffic calming measures, and maintained our streets. He also regularly participated in keeping our neighborhood free of litter.

He was a talented painter, mentor to children throughout the district and was committed to life-long learning. His favorite subject for research was black history. The HCCA will award one scholarship to a graduating senior or recent graduate from Ward 7 who has demonstrated excellence in civic engagement, art, or mentorship.

The HCCA scholarship was established in 2015 to support a graduating high school senior from Hillcrest, who has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership and service to the community. Applicants for this scholarship **MUST** reside in a household that is a member of HCCA.

The application can be found at:

<http://www.hillcrestdc.com/hcca/scholarship.html>

**Applications must be submitted by April 26, 2019.
Please Spread the Word!**



Chairman for Streets, Traffic and Transportation (STT) - We are seeking a committee chair for the STT Committee. The Committee shall monitor, advise on and keep the membership abreast of plans and proposals for street, traffic and transportation changes or improvements. The Committee shall serve as liaison to public and private agencies.

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Emancipation Day



The District of Columbia, which became the nation's capital in 1791, was by 1862 a city of contrasts: a thriving center for slavery and the slave trade and a hub of anti-slavery activity among abolitionists of all colors. Members of Congress represented states in which slavery was the backbone of the economy, and those in which slavery was illegal. One result of the intense struggle over slavery was the DC Compensated Emancipation Act of 1862, passed by the Congress and signed by President Abraham Lincoln. The act ended slavery in Washington, DC, freed 3,100 individuals, reimbursed those who had legally owned them and offered the newly freed women and men money to emigrate. It is this legislation, and the courage and struggle of those who fought to make it a reality, that we commemorate every April 16, DC Emancipation Day. -

Celebrate DC Emancipation Day @ Francis A. Gregory Library on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 11:00 am. Festivities include a presentation/performance by Griot Baba-C. For other Emancipation Day Events visit: <https://emancipation.dc.gov/>

It's Never Too Late to Get In Shape

Submitted by Toya Carmichael

At our March meeting we heard from Judith Copeland Wheeler, RN/Medical Director of Circles of Hope Psychotherapy & Addition Services on ways to minimize our risks for heart disease and high blood pressure. Two main tips: Regulate the sugar and salt in your diet and engage in more exercise. Spring has sprung and that zipper in your pants may be next. While a new pair of pants may be easy to secure, chronic illnesses and prescription drugs can be extremely expensive. To avoid the high costs of an unhealthy lifestyle get up, out, and moving this month. You don't have to travel far or spend a dime, our neighborhood library and recreation center offer free health related activities all year long.

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Francis Gregory Events -
<https://dclibrary.org/francis#eventsTab>

Yoga - Mondays 6:30 to 7:00 pm
Wiggle Time (Youth ages 1- 6) Thursdays 10:30 –11:30 am

Hillcrest Recreation Center Events
<https://web1.vermontsystems.com/wbwsdc/washingtonwt.wsc/search.htm>

Line Dancing - Monday 6:00 - 7:30 pm & Tuesday 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Tennis - Monday Tots 3-5/4:00 to 5:00; Juniors 5-7/5:00 - 6:00; Adults 6:00 - 7:00
Cardio Kick - Monday 6:00 - 7:00 pm/ Cardio Dance – Tuesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Piloxing - Thursday 7:00 pm/ Weight Training - Wednesday & Friday 6:00 pm
Nutrition & Wellness - Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 - 7:30 pm
New Life Wheelchair Basketball - Saturday 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Help Wanted Continued

Recording Secretary - We are seeking a community member to record and post the minutes of our Board and Membership meetings.

If you are interested in serving in either capacity please contact Karen Williams at-
karen.williams4@verizon.net

THE SKYLAND CIRCULATOR

Submitted by Kathy Chamberlain

The Skyland Circulator, discontinued last summer, went about one block into Hillcrest, so never really served the neighborhood. It was discontinued due to "low ridership", but I question the means of collecting data because I rode it often and it was always half full, same as other circulators. That aside, the Skyland route was not well thought out. It was implemented before the 11th St Bridge was completed, so it never utilized it. We now have no bus service along Alabama Ave in Hillcrest connecting us to Capitol Hill and Metro blue/orange/silver lines. It seems a no-brainer to have a bus, at minimum, a rush hour bus, from Fairfax Village, along Alabama Ave. to Good hope Rd, over the local 11th St. Bridge, to Eastern Market Metro. We had something similar with the V5 Metrobus, but the route was discontinued, with the justification that we have a Skyland Circulator. But when the Circulator bus was discontinued too! (WMATA and Circulator don't talk to each other.) This was about the same time the FREE shuttle to the Wharf was instituted. Where is the justice? You say a Circulator bus is coming to Ward 7. Please do not put it in an area that already has a Metro rail stop and Metro buses, as was done with the Congress Heights Circulator (Ward 8). Circulator routes should not compete with Metro bus routes, and should be based on need, not politics!

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