



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 10 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, SE

NOTE: Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of the month.

UMC Chair Calvin Smith Is This Month's Speaker



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Comments?

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

The board of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association is pleased to present the chair of the United Medical Center Foundation as this month's speaker. Calvin L. Smith Sr. will discuss the transformation of the old Southeast Community Hospital into a state-of-the-art medical facility here in southeast DC.

At the HCCA meeting in April, At Large Councilmember David Catania spoke about the UMC, which offers community-based services, including cardiology, radiology, emergency and critical care, as well as highly technological equipment that east of the river residents will come to expect from their hospital.



According to its Web site, the UMC has provided medical services to residents of the Washington metropolitan area since 1965. Under the leadership of Specialty Hospitals of America, LLC, the UMC is committed to its evolution into a full-service, state-of-the-art facility where physicians and staff provide expertise in medical and surgical specialties with the combined results of improved patient care and a sustainable business model.

Located 1310 Southern Avenue, SE, its Web site is www.united-medicalcenter.com and its phone is (202) 574-6000.



HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

- Justin Redpath-Dascola and George Gollery, 1904 Branch Ave., SE

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

We have suffered through the month of April, with its cold rain and radically changing weather and now we are anxiously waiting for the May flowers to bloom. I am looking forward to the sweet smell and feel of spring. April has been a month of transition on many levels.

In February, 2009, Gabe Klein, Director, DDOT addressed the HCCA membership. He explained the 11th Street Bridges Replacement Project and other DDOT projects scheduled in the Ward 7 area. At that time he suggested funding for the bridge project might be available through the Obama Stimulus Package, and if so the project would be moving forward in the near future. After learning more about the restrictions and limitations on the stimulus money, and determining the bridge project could not be funded through this process, Klein sought other methods of funding, determined to keep the project viable. On March 31, 2009, Councilmember Jim Graham, Chair of the Public Works and Transportation Committee, held a roundtable on Bill 18-148: the "Transportation Infrastructure Improvements Bond Financing Act of 2009." I represented Hillcrest. Also present from HCCA were Kathy Chamberlain, Vincent Spaulding and James Short. On April 7, 2009, the City Council approved Bill 18-148. The passage of this legislation will give Mayor Adrian Fenty the authority to issue bonds against future federal appropriations. A portion of the funding for the 11th Street Bridge Project will come from these bonds. This means the project should be moving forward.

At HCCA's April meeting the membership voted unanimously to support the Anacostia River Clean-Up and Protection Act of 2009. This legislation will levy a 5-cent charge per bag for the use of plastic bags in stores. Many of these bags find their way to the Anacostia and add to the pollution of the river. On Sunday, April 5, 2009, I emailed every member of the City Council expressing HCCA's support of the passage of this legislation. I have received a positive reply from all of them. Councilmember Tommy Wells, who introduced this bill, requested a quote of support for a press release his office is preparing. I have responded to his request.

I know this letter is not reflective of my usual light and fun monthly letters, but I have to report the results of your board's efforts sometime, please forgive me; I'll do better next month. Happy Spring and Welcome to DC, Bo!!!

Karen Lee Williams
President, HCCA

NEWS WORTH SHARING

FORT DUPONT ICE ARENA

We have a hidden jewel in our midst that needs our help. The hidden jewel is our own Fort Dupont Ice Arena. The indoor skating rink is located at 3779 Ely Place, SE, in Fort Dupont Park. Although the rink is owned by the National Park Service, it is run by the Friends of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena, a 501(c)(3) organization. The mission of that organization is to provide increased opportunity, education and inspiration to the young people of Washington, DC, and the surrounding area through ice skating and educational activities.

The Friends serves more than 10,000 kids per year through its partnerships with schools, camps, churches, community organizations and its public programs. It offers free figure skating, hockey and speed skating lessons to Washington area children, many of whom come from the surrounding neighborhoods. These programs are not self-supporting and rely heavily on donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and government grants. The programs are costly but well worth it.

I am the parent of two girls who have participated in the Kids On Ice Program at Fort Dupont for several years. It has been rewarding for me to watch my daughters blossom into accomplished figure skaters. It has also been rewarding for me to see the ice rink blossom from an under-utilized facility into a warm and welcoming neighborhood center. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful facility in our neighborhood. To this end, I ask that you consider donating time, money or equipment to the Friends of the Fort Dupont Ice Arena. I ask you to come out and skate sometime during our public skate sessions on Friday (12-1:50), Saturday (3-4:20) or Sunday (3-4:20). The web site has lots of information about our rink and upcoming programs. You can access it at www.fdia.org or call (202) 584-5007.

Joan McKenzie

HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

Hillcrest Community

Cleanup—Friends of Hillcrest, this is to notify you that the Environment Committee of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association is sponsoring its Annual Spring/Summer Hillcrest Community Cleanup on Saturday, May 16, 2009, from 8 a.m. to noon. Please join members of the committee on the parking lot of the East Washington Heights Baptist Church at Branch and Alabama Avenues, SE, at 8 a.m. Depending on citizen response, teams of two or three will be assigned to clean specific locations. If you have any locations of interest, please let me know in advance of May 16. Please bring your gloves, pickup stick and wear comfortable shoes. Bags and water will be provided. This year, the committee will past out notices to home owners that their abutting properties have been cleaned by HCCA volunteers. For information, call committee member, Phillip Hammond, at (202) 582-3059.

Updates from the Recreation Center

May Activities for Seniors

May 1, Trip to the National Arboretum at Bladensburg, NE. We leave Hillcrest Recreation Center at 10 a.m.

May 15, Trip to Kenilworth-Parkside Fashion Luncheon at the Kenilworth-Parkside Recreation Center, 4300 Anacostia Ave., NE. Pick up time is at 10 a.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center.

May 22, Trip to the Native American Museum and lunch. Pick up time is at the Hillcrest Recreation Center at 10 a.m.

For more information on any of these, contact Ben Butler at (202) 645-9200

Anne Beers Annual Fish Fry and Bazaar

Anne Beers Elementary School is hosting this annual event, sponsored by the PTA, on the front lawn of the school at 36th Place and Alabama Avenue, SE, on **Saturday, May 16.** The bazaar begins 8 a.m. and the fish fry at 10 a.m. Festivities end 3 p.m. The school is selling tables for those who would like to display and sell items. An

individual table costs \$40 and a business table is \$50. All tables must be purchased by April 27. Any questions, or to request a table, contact Mesha Moody Pratt at (202) 563-7144.

Retirement Seminar Series

How Can I Afford Retirement? is a series of free investor-education events that provide objective, non-commercial information; offer better ways to manage retirement savings; and help avoid misleading advice. Co-hosted by Investor Protection Trust, Financial Planning Assoc., DCPL and DISB, it starts May 14, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Howard U Law School, 2900 Van Ness St., NW. Visit www.disb.dc.gov for info. Continues until June 16. RSVP at (202) 290-2184.

The Annual Hillcrest Home and Garden Tour



The 16th Annual Hillcrest Home and Garden Tour will take place June 6, 2009 at 11 a.m. This is a guided walking tour. Tours depart from 2516 34th St., SE, at 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

This year's tour highlights one of the newer sections of Hillcrest, bounded by Southern Ave., 36th St., 36th Pl., Camden and some of adjacent 34th St. This year's reception will be held in the cooling shade of large oak trees. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and \$15 the day of the tour. Tickets will be available at the May 2 meeting of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association.

You may buy tickets four ways:

- In person at the May 2 HCCA meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Hillcrest Rec. Center, 32nd and Camden Streets, SE; or
- Reserve your \$10 tickets by emailing GardenTour@HillcrestDC.com, stating name, phone #, and the number of tickets you want;
- Contact Maurice Perry at (202) 581-4022, moeperry@aol.com or Marvin Bowser at (202) 583-1091, marvinbowser@comcast.net;
- On the day of the tour **for \$15** at 2516 34th St., SE, WDC 20020.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR MAY

2	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
4	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
13	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
20	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
21	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 a.m.—Boy Scouts at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Have you paid your dues for 2009? Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2009, please send your payment now!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ ZIP code: _____

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
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