



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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The Hillcrest Newsletter

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CONSUMER OUTREACH SPECIALIST PAMELA NELSON OF THE OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S COUNSEL TO SPEAK

Please welcome Pamela Nelson, a consumer education and outreach specialist at the Office of the People's Counsel (OPC), who will speak on energy efficiency and sustainability at the HCCA meeting in May. She has more than 11 years of planning, organizing and executing OPC's annual Energy Efficiency Expos. The expos provide "show-and-tell" energy efficiency demonstrations and information that educate District residents about the ABCs of alternative energy options, such as energy efficiency and renewable energy measures, and how to apply these measures to their homes for energy savings. Nelson is a green-certified realtor; an advisory member at Ground Works Anacostia River DC; an active volunteer in the Hope and A Home Program, which helps homeless families find transitional housing; and a Court Appointed Special Advocate working on behalf of abused and neglected children in the foster care system.

She earned her master's in human resource development at Bowie State University in Maryland, a bachelor's in marketing and finance at Southeastern University and an associate's in marketing at Algonquin College in Canada.

Two other speakers will follow: Alex Romero, National Capital Parks, East Superintendent, will speak on the National Park Service. He was HCCA's scheduled speaker for April but was unable to attend. Laura Washington, Green Roof Coordinator from the Anacostia Watershed Society, will share information on the Green Roof Rebate.

HCCA Committees Clean Up Trail on Ft. Circle Park

On Saturday, March 24, 2012, on a cloudy overcast day, several members of the Environmental Committee and the Streets, Traffic and Transportation Committee were joined by members of the community and about 15 student volunteers from the Winston Education Campus, one of Hillcrest's neighborhood schools.

The students were from a program coordinated by Michael Washabaugh and Sara Lucianck, mentors from a City Year Corps program being conducted at Winston's middle school. Our group became instantly infused with youth energy and enthusiasm. Little did we know how this cleanup would become a real life environmental lesson for young people on the impact of litter and illegal dumping in their environment.

After brief introductions, the group put on HCCA vests and gloves and began cleaning the 28th Street boundary to the entrance of Fort Circle Park Trail. We slowly transversed the trail from 28th Street to Branch Avenue and Park Drive. What began as the collection of light litter from the trail resulted in teams of students competing with each other to see which team collected the

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General membership meeting is Saturday, May 5, 2012, 10 a.m. at the Hillcrest Recreation Center the corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, SE.

Note: Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month.

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Hillcrest Announcements

Casino Trip

Join the Hillcrest Community Civic Association on a trip to Midway Casino in Harrington, DE, on Thursday, May 17. The departure time is 9:30 a.m. at 36th and Denver Streets, SE. Return time is about 6 p.m. Cost is \$35, which includes a buffet and \$15 free play. Reserve your seat today by contacting one of the fundraising committee members or any of the HCCA board members.

Farmers Market at Skyland

The DC CHEW Farmers Market will be open every Saturday, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., beginning May 5 at the Skyland Shopping Center, intersection of Goodhope Rd., and Naylor Rd., SE. For more info, visit www.dcc Chew.com

Annual Spring Community-Wide Cleanup

Join the HCCA Environmental Committee at its annual spring community-wide cleanup on Saturday, May 19, at 8 a.m. at the East Washington Heights Baptist Church, 2220 Branch Ave., SE. More info, contact Mary Ross at (202) 583-5166.

HILLCREST DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Neighbors,

The planning for Hillcrest Day, to be held June 23, 2012, is moving right along. Among the planned activities are sack races, face painting, relay races, bingo, card games, and putting contests.

Now, we are looking for volunteers to help make the day run smoothly. Are you available to help us for two hours on the day of the event? Do you have a child in need of community service credits? Can you or do you have a family member that can do face painting or have some other talent that would fit in with the event? Please contact Earl Williams at (202) 584-2703 or Mary Ross at (202) 583-5166 to volunteer.

Thank you for your support!

The President's Message

Dear Neighbors:

Hope you have been enjoying the wonderful weather we have been experiencing. Earl has been encouraging me to plant my annuals, but I knew the weather was going to do some more unpredictable things before we settled into spring. So maybe the first week in May, I'll be out in the yard again. This is the time of year I really love, especially in Hillcrest. The azaleas bloom and color begins to come to our lawns and gardens. These changes signal the beginning of summer for me and your HCCA Committee Chairs have been putting together lots of events for the membership.

The month of May will begin a busy summer for HCCA. On Thursday, May 17, the Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a casino trip, and on Saturday, May 19, the Environmental Committee will be hosting its Annual Spring Clean-up. The Hillcrest Family Day Committee will be wrapping up plans for the June 23 Family Day at the Hillcrest Recreation Center. We also hope to have a modified Garden Tour as part of the festivities. The Environmental Committee will be sponsoring a bus trip to Aquatic Gardens, on June 30. If you've never been there, this is a great opportunity for a fun day. Our next project is active participation in the July 4 parade, sponsored by our sister organization Palisades Civic Association. The last event we are planning for the summer is National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 7. Check the www.hillcrestdc.com website for any events I may have missed. There is something for everyone in this summer schedule. We hope that many of you will turn out not only for the HCCA meetings which will take place in June, July and August, but for some or all of the events your Committee Chairs are planning.

See you next month but plan on having a great summer.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

PLACE: HILLCREST RECREATION CENTER, 32ND & DENVER ST. SE

TIME: SATURDAY, MAY 5, FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING

PLACE: INTERIM LIBRARY, 2100 36TH PLACE, SE

TIME: MONDAY, MAY 7, 7 P.M.

GOOD HOPE MARKET PLACE TASKFORCE MEETING

PLACE: GOOD HOPE MARKET PLACE POLICE SUBSTATION, 2800 BLOCK ALABAMA AVE., SE

TIME: WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 10-11 A.M.

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

PLACE: EAST WASHINGTON HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, 2220 BRANCH AVE., SE

TIME: WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 6 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

PLACE: RYLAND METHODIST CHURCH, 3200 S ST., SE

TIME: THURSDAY, MAY 17, 7 P.M.-9 P.M.

WHEN WILL THE NEW LIBRARY OPEN?

According to the DC Public Library's website, the new Francis A. Gregory Library will open Spring 2012. The library will have space for 80,000 books, CDs and other materials, children's room, conference room, outdoor seating, 32 computers with Wi-Fi. Visit here for more. <http://www.dclibrary.org/node/595>

Got Ideas????

Please email any ideas or articles for the newsletter by the 15th of the month to the editor Michelle Phipps-Evans at hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com.

Or follow on Twitter @HillcrestWard7 or write it on the Facebook wall.

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most trash. They decided which team's bag was the heaviest, by their ability to lift them. What I thought would be boring (picking up litter) to the students became a game, fun and competition to them. The method of competition and cleaning between teams continued until we concluded the cleanup at the park entrance/exit on Pennsylvania Avenue and 38th Street. After a serious inspection of the weight of the trash bags by the students, D'Angelo Middleton was declared the winner of collecting the heaviest bags of trash. By the way, D'Angelo also discovered that his most ardent competitor has some rocks in his bag (smile). The addition of the Winston students made this cleanup truly rewarding, fun and a great success.

A special thank you is in order for the following. HCCA Environmental Committee members: Mary Ross, Kenneth Burke, Mary Hammond, Ruth Lewis and Phillip Hammond; Transportation member Veronica Davis; HCCA board member Kathy Chamberlain; community residents Liz Hammond and Irvin Pinckney; former resident Alex McCants; Winston School mentors Michael Washabaugh and Sara Lucianck; National Park Service Superintendent Alex Romero, Christopher Watts and Julie Kutruuff; Anita Chavis, Department of Public Work's SWEEP Office and Earl Simpson in DPW's Solid Waste Unit and last but not least, the students from Winston Education Campus.

Phil Hammond
Manager of Environmental
Committee Community Clean Ups

THE ENLIGHTENED ENVIRONMENTALIST

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Recently a friend, who resides in the Capitol Hill area of Northeast Washington, DC, reported that his carbon monoxide detector alarm "went off." He checked the alarm and found that he registered high levels of carbon monoxide (CO) fumes. The fire department was immediately called. After the investigation they discovered that the fumes originated from a faulty water heater in the attached townhome next door. The fumes from the water heater had seeped into the friends' basement and set off his alarm. This incident prompts the following necessary information regarding carbon monoxide from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Carbon Monoxide Can Be Deadly

You can't see or smell carbon monoxide, but at high levels it can kill a person in minutes. Hundreds of people die accidentally every year from CO poisoning caused by malfunctioning or improperly used fuel-burning appliances.

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CO Poisoning Symptoms

Know the symptoms of CO poisoning. Since many symptoms are similar to those of the flu, food poisoning, or other illnesses, you may not think that CO poisoning could be the cause.

Prevention is the Key to Avoiding Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

DO have your fuel-burning appliances—including oil and gas furnaces, gas water heaters, gas ranges and ovens and gas dryers—inspected by a trained professional. Make certain that the flues and chimneys are connected, in good condition, and not blocked.

DO read and follow all the instructions that accompany any fuel-burning device. **DON'T** idle the car in a garage—even if the garage door to the outside is open. Fumes can build up very quickly in the garage and living area of your home.

For more information call EPA's IAQ INFO Clearinghouse (1-800-438-4318) or the [Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) (1-800-638-2772) for more information on how to reduce your risks from CO and other combustion gases and particles.

*This complete handout can be found
http://www.epa.gov/iaq/pdfs/co_factsheet_en.pdf*



HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2012? Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this news-letter. If it is earlier than 2012, please send your payment now.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ **Amount:** _____
E-Mail: _____ Cash Check

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The Hillcrest Community Civic Association promotes the welfare of our neighborhood. Our purpose is simple--to voice our concerns to government officials, businesses, and residents to ensure the best possible living environment in the Ward 7 neighborhood of Hillcrest.

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