



HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association
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HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
 Hillcrest Recreation Center
 32ND and Denver St., SE
 Saturday, May 3, 10AM to Noon

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING
 Francis Gregory Library
 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
 Monday, May 5, 7PM to 9PM

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING
 East Washington Heights Baptist Church
 2200 Branch Ave., SE
 Wednesday, May 21, 6 PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING
 Ryland Methodist Church
 3200 S St., SE
 Thursday, May 22, 7PM to 9PM

This Month's Guest Speakers DC Zoning Commissioners

Anthony J. Hood is Chairman of the DC Zoning Commission. He has served on the Zoning Commission since 1998 and served as Chairman since 2007. He is Chief of the Printing and Mail Management Section, Facilities Operations Branch, of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, DC. Mr. Hood is Past President of the Woodridge Civic Association and served on the Board of Directors for Woodridge Civic Fund. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Bryant Park Homeowners Association and is a Member of the 5th District's Citizens Advisory Council and the Bryant/Channing Streets Orange Hat Patrol. Mr. Hood is both a life-long member and Deacon of the Greater First Baptist Church of Washington, DC and resident of Ward 5. He has a Bachelor of Science in Printing Management from the University of the District of Columbia and was educated in the District's Public Education System.

Sara Bardin is the Director of the DC Office of Zoning. She joined the Office of Zoning in 2000 and has served in various capacities. During that time, Ms. Bardin accepted and successfully executed the challenging roles of managing the agency's finances through 10 budget cycles, reforming the agency's customer service culture where the agency consistently ranked among the top five District agencies for customer service, working with a city-wide taskforce to reform the District's Building Code, and working tirelessly to ensure that Title 11 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR) (Zoning Regulations) are updated and available to the public. In 2012 Ms. Bardin was promoted to Director of the Office of Zoning. Ms. Bardin holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio.

Zelalem Hill (Zee) is Special Assistant is the DC Office of Zoning. She was welcomed into the Office of Zoning in November 2009 as a Staff Assistant. Currently, she serves as Special Assistant to the Director where her primary function is to assist with purchasing, contracting, invoicing, payroll and various special projects. Zee also serves as the agency Human Resources Advisor, advising the Director and Managers in all agency personnel matters. Zee joined the District Government in March, 2000 and has worked for many agencies including, the Department of Human Services, Office of the City Administrator, the Executive Office of the Mayor, and the Office of Human Rights. She served as a key team player during the Mayoral transition in 2008. In her spare time Zee loves to

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spend time with her family and friends.

Jennifer Steingasser, AICP is Deputy Director of the DC Office of Planning. She has been with the Office of Planning since 2000. Prior to coming to DC, she worked as a municipal planner in Texas and Virginia. She holds a bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Texas at Austin and a master's degree in planning from the University of Virginia. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Education and Recreation Committee Members Testified Before the DC Council

The education and recreation committee members testified before the DC Council education committee April 17, 2014 regarding the disparities in Ward 7 schools, and funding an application middle school on the east end of DC. Oral testimony was given by De'Andre Anderson, Jessica Rydstrom, Mattie Cheek, Donna Johnson, Jeanne Contardo, LeGrande Baldwin, Byron Schwind, Karen Grimes-Johnson, Matt Wright, Yvonne Coates, Kanika Brookins and Deborah Johnson.

Many thanks to De'Andre for enlisting presenters and coordinating the hearing activities. Use the following link to watch a video of this hearing at http://dc.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=30&clip_id=2170

Hillcrest's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Article Reaching Back and Leaning Forward

Reaching back, HCCA members may recall in September of 1999, the Association celebrated its 10th Anniversary and was paid a tribute in the Washington Post by legendary Columnist Colbert I. King who wrote an article entitled, "Happy Anniversary Hillcrest", on September 18, 1999 in the A section of the paper. In the article, King touted HCCA for its beginning on the lawn of Denis and Gloria Logan, and for its achievements, location, and for fostering community cohesiveness and effectiveness in making Hillcrest such a desirable place to live in Washington, DC. He also commended Hillcrest for being untouched by the soaring crime and murder rate existing at the time because of the proactive organizing and strength of the HCCA.

Leaning forward: This past City primary elections cycle for various elected positions resulted in the loss for candidate and long-time HCCA Member, the Hon. Vincent C. Gray, who was running for re-election as Mayor. Mr. Gray lost the Democratic primary to the Hon. Muriel E. Bowser, Council Member of Ward 4. Several HCCA Members won seats: Mr. Phillip J. Hammond won the At large Member State Committeeman seat. Ms. Veronica Davis won the At Large Member State Committee woman seat for the District of Columbia. Ms. Denise Reed also won for State Committee Woman Ward Seven seat. HCCA commends those HCCA members who won their respective elections in this race and commends the Hon. Vincent C. Gray for his past public service as mayor, chairman of the council, and as a high-level government official heading a District Government agency.

Art Auction and Wine Tasting Fund Raiser



The Hillcrest Community Civic Association is sponsoring an *Art Auction and Wine Tasting Fund Raiser* to be held at the North Hall at Eastern Market, 225 7th Street, SE, on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 6:30 PM, tickets are \$25.00. The event begins at 6:30 PM and the auction begins at 8:00 PM. There will be art from local artists and from students from Anne Beers and Randle Highlands ES. Please come and bring your friends and relatives. Come mingle, taste, bid and support our children and our civic association. Please get your tickets early so you'll have an opportunity to select the type of art work you will want to bid on.

For tickets or information contact:

www.eventbrite.com/e/gala-art-auction-and-wine-tasting-tickets-11147046115

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Michelle Peete (202) 291-1974
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Thai Orchid Mural Completed

The Thai Orchid mural can be seen as soon as one enters the east stretch of the Sousa Bridge. It is a warm, bright, beautiful welcome to Ward 7. The painting, entitled "Deeply Rooted," is the work of artist Maxx Moses.

The campaign to fund this endeavor was begun by Maceo Thomas last fall. Maceo envisioned Ward 7 neighbors coming together to raise the ten thousand dollars required to fund the project. When Mazi Mustafa of Words Beats and Life, Inc., inspired One Mic of the Kennedy Center to donate \$5000 to the funding, the final two thousand dollars from Ward 7 was quickly accomplished.

Dedication of the mural is scheduled for Sunday, May 11 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the restaurant site located at 2314 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE. All are cordially invited. In connection with the mural, a 10% discount, until May 15, is offered at the restaurant to those who say they have come to view the mural. This combination of delighting the eyes and the palate simultaneously is a winner!



***Effective March 15,
2014 HCCA dues are
increased to \$15.00
per year or \$24.00
for 2 years.***

Mother's Love

Her love is like
an island in life's ocean,
vast and wide
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the wind, the rain, the tide.
'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
By Patience on the West,
By tender Counsel on the South
And on the East by Rest.
Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;
And thro' the changing scenes of life
I find a haven there.

Author Unknown

Happy Mother's Day



What to do with CFLs?

Spring has sprung and many of us will do some spring cleaning. As you clean out those closets, cupboards, drawers and garages, consider how you can help the environment through recycling. Think recycle with everything you wish to discard. One item that requires special recycling consideration is compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). Yes, if you are not aware CFLs have mercury in them and mercury is a toxin that is dangerous if ingested. According to US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), on average a CFL has about 5 milligrams of mercury. This amount is 500 times the limit recommended by the EPA for dangerous ingestion levels. But here's the thing, by using a CFL, you're not ingesting any mercury at all. The only time you have a chance of inhaling

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the mercury vapor is if it breaks, and even then, your risk is very limited if you clean it up thoroughly and quickly. To do this the EPA suggest first ventilate the room by opening the windows. To pick up large pieces of the bulb use gloves; switch to sticky tape (not a vacuum, since vacuums can expel it into the air) to pick up small fragments and shards of glass. Wipe the area with a damp paper towel and place it in a plastic bag along with the broken bulb, and dispose of it at an approved site. Now that poses the question of where are these approved sites. The Department of Public Works for the District of Columbia says you should do the following with your CFLs when their useful life is at an end.

- Do not put used CFL bulbs into your regular or bulk trash collection.
- Take bulbs to the Ft. Totten Transfer Station on the Thursday/Saturday schedule on the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) page.
- Save bulbs for HHW special drop-off events.
- Look for retailers of CFL bulbs who accept small quantities of bulbs at certain locations (Home Depot, Lowe's and Ace Hardware may have a location near you).

Have you paid your dues for 2014? Your paid through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If the date is earlier than 2014, please send your payment now. The cost is \$15.00/year, \$24.00/2 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

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Amount _____

This may seem like a lot of work and time for the use of these bulbs but the benefits outweigh the risk. The environment comes out ahead not to mention the savings you receive through lower electric bills. A good deal of electricity coming from coal fired power plants get directed to the lamps and light fixtures inside your house. If you're saving energy by using CFLs, then you're pulling less electricity from the power grid. This reduces the amount of coal that must be burned, which reduces emissions of greenhouse gases. In a single year, the use of CFLs over incandescent bulbs removes as much greenhouse gas pollution as taking 2 million cars off the street, according to howstuffworks.com. Recycling the bulbs help to prevent mercury from being released into the environment and many parts of the bulb can be re-used. So think recycle whenever you discard any item, even light bulbs. It works!

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