



# **NEWSLETTER**

*HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION*  
**Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter**  
**3319 Alabama Avenue, Southeast**  
**Washington, D.C. 20020**  
*www.HillcrestDC.com*

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, June 5, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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**Guest Speaker for June 5, 2004**  
**Natwar M. Gandhi**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Natwar M. Gandhi, PhD, is Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for the District of Columbia, and is responsible for the city's finances, including its \$5.7 billion operating budget and its bond obligations. Gandhi was nominated to this position by Mayor Anthony A. Williams and appointed on June 7, 2000. On November 6, 2001, the Council of the District of Columbia unanimously approved the Mayor's nomination of Gandhi to a new five-year term as CFO. Gandhi's first major achievement was reached on January 29, 2001, when he announced that, for the fourth year in a row, the District of Columbia received an unqualified or "clean opinion" from the city's independent auditors on its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This CAFR was a milestone because the city had now met the major requirement for ending the congressionally mandated control period: four years of balanced budgets. On October 1, 2001, the DC Financial Authority was dissolved and the city's elected leaders again became solely responsible for the administration of the District.

## ***11<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour***

*Come see why the Washingtonian Magazine selected Hillcrest as one of the Great Places to Live and is... "DC's best kept secret." – April 2004*



**Saturday, June 19, 2004**  
**11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Tour begins in the 2900 block of Park Drive, SE**

***TICKETS: \$10 in advance, \$15 day of event***

For tickets contact Kathy Chamberlain (202) 581-8272; Sherry Ways (202) 320-5517; Paula Spaulding (202) 575-6101;  
Mary Hammond (202) 582-3059

## Pennsylvania Avenue Beautification Day a Success!

On Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, over 200 volunteers showed up to participate in a cleanup and beautification project for Pennsylvania Avenue East, from the east side of the Sousa Bridge to the District line at Southern Avenue, SE. The primary focus of the project was to clean bus shelters, paint fire hydrants and boarded up buildings, remove graffiti from street trash receptacles and storefronts along Pennsylvania Avenue, remove light litter, trash, and refuse from illegal dumping. In addition, flower gardens at Twining Park, Fire Station # 19, Penn Branch Community, and Ft. Davis received a lot of attention, including weeding and mulching and planting flowers. DeeJay Mike Chase from Magic 102.3 FM radio station conducted on-site, on-air hosting of the event. And, Mayor Williams stopped by to show his support. The Lysol Corporation and the Keep Washington, D.C. Beautiful, Inc. organization were co-sponsors for this well attended event, in conjunction with the Great American Cleanup and the Pennsylvania Ave. East Revitalization Task Force. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who worked hard to make this project a success! Sincere appreciation is expressed to the following organizations/persons for their donations of supplies/refreshments for this event: Lysol Corporation, Giant Food Store, WASA, SWEEP, National Park Service, VMS, Clean City, Inc, Gary Rappaport, Velma Brown, Little White House, Georgia Pacific (for the makers of Sparkle paper towels), and others.



## Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

The May 22<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Ave., SE cleanup and beautification project was a real success and I would like to take this opportunity to express appreciation to all who participated or donated food or supplies in support of this community improvement project. The May 15<sup>th</sup> bus ride to Charlestown, West Virginia, sponsored by the fund raising committee, was also a real success and I understand that everyone had a great time. This month, we are sponsoring our annual garden walking tour, which will be featuring homes and gardens on Park Drive, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, and 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets. This event is also a lot of fun and you will get to see what some of your neighbors are doing to add to the beauty and quality of life within our community.

Don't forget to recruit at least one new member for HCCA, if you have not already done so. Our goal is to bring HCCA membership up to 500 family units. With everyone doing their part, we can easily meet this goal.

We are still looking for a person to serve as the Neighborhood Watch Program; Corresponding Secretary for the board; and Chairperson for the Legislative Committee. Please contact me, or one of the HCCA board members, if you are interested in one of the aforementioned positions.

*Vincent Spaulding*, President HCCA

**News From the Strategic Communications Committee  
Hillcrest Neighborhood T-Shirts!**

We are happy to announce that, at the June Hillcrest Community Civic Association meeting, Hillcrest Neighborhood T-Shirts will be available for sale! Sizes are XL and XXL. Prices are as follows: \$10.00 for XL T-Shirts and \$12.00 for XXL T-Shirts. Get yours before they are sold out! The Strategic Communications Committee, on behalf of the HCCA, wants to send out an extra special thanks to **Mr. Kerry Newman**, at the **Tropicana Restaurant**, Good Hope Marketplace, for his generous donation to our T-Shirt initiative! Hillcrest neighbors, please stop by and personally thank Kerry and his staff for making our T-Shirts possible! This is how our local businesses and the community can support each other. Contact Howard Ways at (202) 320-9765 or [Howardways@hotmail.com](mailto:Howardways@hotmail.com) for more information about the Hillcrest T-Shirt sale.

***Donations Needed for Neighborhood Brochure***

The Strategic Communications Committee is soliciting donations in the amount of \$125.00 for the development of a new Hillcrest neighborhood-marketing brochure. Any business or person that contributes \$125 for the Hillcrest marketing brochure will have their name placed as a sponsor on the brochure.

***Who Are Your Neighbors?***

The Committee would like to interview new residents to the neighborhood for an upcoming feature called "New Faces of Hillcrest" in a future edition of the East of The River News. If you are a new resident to the neighborhood in the last three years or know of a new resident please contact us. Our Committee is also interested in interviewing notable residents in our neighborhood for future newsletter publications and East of the River News. If you know of someone in our neighborhood who has started a business, written a novel, presented artwork at a gallery, just been promoted to a prestigious leadership position, or has completed a major accomplishment- we want to know! Please contact us so we can make their story known to our neighbors and the rest of the city.

The Committee is also gearing up for future publicity events. Our members need you! For more information contact, Sherry Ways at (202) 320-5517 or [s\\_ways@hotmail.com](mailto:s_ways@hotmail.com)

**Charlestown, West Virginia Bus Trip A Great Success!!**

Neighbors, the bus trip to Charlestown, West Virginia was fabulous! We had a goooooood time together on the bus, playing games and winning gifts. (Very nice gifts, I might add.) The bus was filled to its 55 seat capacity. For future planning, the fundraising committee conducted a survey among the neighbors on board and the results follow:

Would you like to go on another trip to Charlestown, West Virginia? 30 Yes, 7 No

Would you prefer Dover Downs or Midway? Ten said yes to Dover Downs and 2 said yes to Midway

What month would you like to travel? 13 for May. 7 for June, 8 for July, 9 for August, 8 for September, 2 for November

Other suggestions for the Committee to consider as a fundraiser: Dinner Theater; Play on Broadway; Three Baker Dinner Theater, Charlestown, West Virginia next May 2005; Horse Racing, Charlestown, West Virginia; St. Michael's Island Tour, Wheeling Island, West Virginia

*Faith Lyles*, Chair, Fundraising Committee

**We Welcome The Following New Members To The Hillcrest Community Civic Association:**

Aaron Larsen 2623 32nd Street SE  
Margaret Stevens 3609 36th Pl., SE  
Thomas Digiovanni 2711 33rd. St., SE  
Clarence Mc Sween 2629 30th St., SE  
Eric Rosen 3175 Westover Dr., SE

## ***Community Calendar for June***

- 5 10:00 a.m. - Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting (Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter)
- 9 6:00 p.m. –Police/Community Meeting, PSA 608, 6<sup>th</sup> District Substation, 2701 Pa Ave, SE
- 9 10:00 a.m. - Good Hope Marketplace Task Force (Good Hope Marketplace Substation)
- 16 6:00 p./m. – Police/Community Meeting, PSA 610, 6<sup>th</sup> District Substation, 2701 Pa. Ave
- 17 7:00 p.m. – Naylor-Dupont ANC 7B Meeting  
Ryland Epworth United Methodist Church
- 26 7:00 a.m.-12 noon – Twining Park Work Session; 2700 blk Pa. Ave, SE

*for more calendar events, check [www.HillcrestDC.com](http://www.HillcrestDC.com)*

### ***Have you paid your dues yet?***

It's only \$10 per year. Get on track and send your payment NOW!!!!

Names(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to: Dennis Logan, Treasurer, 3624 Austin Street SE, Washington DC 20020 phone: 582-4724