



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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Next Meeting: Saturday, June 4, 2011, 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.

DC Fire Chief Kenneth Ellerbe to address HCCA

Mayor Vincent C. Gray appointed Chief Kenneth B. Ellerbe to lead the 2,200-member D.C. Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department (D.C.F&EMS) as the District's 26th fire chief. Chief Ellerbe, a 27-year veteran of the D.C.F&EMS, briefly served as the city's interim fire chief in 2000. He last served as its Director of Community Outreach Services prior to leaving in August 2009 to lead the fire/EMS department in Sarasota County, Fla. His service as fire chief in the District began Jan. 1, 2011.

While serving in Washington, D.C., Chief Ellerbe managed an emergency operations division, coordinated labor relations for the agency, managed the Fire Prevention Bureau, oversaw research and development and facilities management, as well as directed the training. As chief in Sarasota, he managed service for a community of more than 350,000 constituents through 28 stations that provided fire, medical and all-hazards protection.



D.C.F&EMS provides all-hazards protection to District residents and visitors from 33 fire stations that deploy 39 EMS transport units, 33 engine companies, 16 ladder trucks, three heavy-rescue squads, one hazardous materials unit and one fire boat company. Fourteen of these transport units and 20 of these engine companies are staffed by paramedics providing advanced life support care. Matching the agency's emergency response is its aggressive prevention strategy to reduce the likelihood of emergencies. Programs include residential smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector installation, fire safety and juvenile fire offender education and intervention, public access and high school CPR training, automatic external defibrillator registration programs and neighborhood health and disease prevention screenings. Also, fire code enforcement, permitting and regulation activities are administered through the agency.

D.C.F&EMS offers protection for nation's capital events, such as demonstrations, State of the Union addresses and the presidential inauguration; and D.C.F&EMS routinely provides fire and medical protection for presidential motorcades and helicopter landings. Combining these services into a customer-centered-mission-driven organization is the responsibility of the Fire & EMS chief.

Chief Ellerbe, who lives in southeast, has bachelor's and master's degrees in public administration from the University of the District of Columbia; and is a graduate of the George Washington University Center for Excellence in Municipal Management where he earned a certification in public management. He pursued a PhD in political science at Howard University; and he was studying toward a doctorate in education in organizational development and leadership while in Florida. He has a reputation for being active in the local community's events and programs to promote overall wellness and development of young people.



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A Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

June is "Garden Tour" month in Hillcrest. I'm sure many of you plan to attend the tour on Saturday, June 18, 2011; but even if you don't, Hillcrest is beautiful this time of year. The rain we've had this year has made our lawns especially lush and green. The trees and bushes are full and flowering. No matter how many times I witness the re-birth of our community, I am amazed at the sheer beauty not only in the landscape but in the people who define the neighborhood of Hillcrest.

The other thing that I love about the warming of our days is the reemergence of the neighbors, out mowing grass, planting, etc. It's like everyone is waking up and venturing outdoors for the first time in months. Conversations among neighbors reaffirm the cycle. The little one down the street is now walking or should I say running around; and another couple on the block shared the news they are expecting. As far as I know, this will be the first baby born on this block in over 15 years. HCCA board member, Shaun Buckner, and his wife, Brittany, recently gave birth to our youngest member, Zora. The cycle of life plays out not only in our gardens but in our homes as Hillcrest is being reborn all around us. My prayer for all of us is that as our population continues to age, we will continue to attract young viable neighbors, leaders of the fu-

ture, to our community to have and raise families here—to plant gardens, to improve the homes, and the schools. To help us to fulfill the long-time dream of getting our shopping center with sit down restaurants, and local shopping. To keep Hillcrest the neighborhood we all love.

Of all the decisions we have made as a couple, Earl agrees moving to Hillcrest was one of the best.

Karen



Hillcrest Named as One City Location For the Month for May

The D.C. Office of Motion Picture and Television Development recently honored our Hillcrest community as the One City Location of the Month for May. In March, the film office launched its One City Location to bring attention to the wide range of cinematically compelling locations in the city for film and television productions. Hillcrest is the first neighborhood to be honored. Former locations included Ben's Chili Bowl in northwest and Arena Stage in southwest. To learn more and to see photos of the neighborhood, www.film.dc.gov.

HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

Proposed Standing Rules

The HCCA board recently proposed standing rules to clarify "Procedures for Inviting Persons to Address the Assembly."

1. These procedures shall not change the policy of recognizing representatives from community groups such as (but not limited to) the library, MPD, city agencies, the rec. center, the wellness center, etc., whose reps shall be invited to the microphone.

2. Announcements from places in the audience. The chair shall have the prerogative of recognizing members who have announcements of general interest to the assembly. These announcements shall be made from the mem-

bers' places in the assembly.

3. Program Agenda. Persons or groups desiring a place on the program agenda shall make that request known to the president prior to the requested HCCA meeting. Preference shall be given to nonprofit, non-sectarian, non-political groups, and to members of the HCCA. Where practical, notification shall be given to the appropriate committee of the HCCA sponsoring a program for the requested month.

Note that standing rules of an organization do not have the same weight as District law, corporate charters, by-laws or Robert's Rules of Order. It can be adopted by majority vote at any meeting without previous notice. It remains in effect until rescinded, and does not bind future sessions if a majority suspends it.

The HCCA Garden Tour

Join the HCCA in its highly anticipated 18th annual garden tour on Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. The tour starts at 31 Street and W Place, SE. Refreshments served at the end, and bottled water will be served throughout the route. Pay \$12 in advance at the June 4 HCCA meeting; or \$15 on tour day. You can also order tickets online at www.hillcrestdc.com. For more info, contact Maurice Perry at mlperry45@gmail.com or (202) 581-4022.

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Happy Father's Day

The Fundraising Committee Hosts Trip

On Friday, July 8, 2011, the HCCA is sponsoring a fundraising trip to the casino at Harrington, Delaware. The bus will leave from 32nd and Camden Streets, SE, at 9:30 a.m. and will return at 6 p.m. The price of the trip is \$35, which includes a lunch buffet, and \$15 cash. You can purchase tickets at the next HCCA meeting or call Nancy Harris at (202) 575-2696 or Mary Hammond at (202) 582-3059. Please support our fundraiser.

Hillcrest Neighborhood Watch Patrol

As the weather breaks, we need to break out our bicycles, as PSA 606/Neighborhood Watch and the Guardian Angels have teamed up to patrol the Hillcrest area. If you are interested in being part of these patrols, contact HCCA Public Safety Chair David Kirkpatrick by e-mail at davidellery@starpower.net or call (202) 583-0384 or (202) 271-4962. The uniform for the day will be the Neighborhood Watch T-shirts. You may participate for the whole tour of duty, about three hours, or any part of that time; and you may participate as often as requested. The T-shirts will be available at the HCCA meetings and the PSA606/Neighborhood Watch meetings. Remember there is strength in numbers. It also serves as a deterrent to criminal activity.



Citizen Advisory Council Training

If you're a member of a Neighborhood Watch (NW) group or a block captain you might be interested in a NW training during the Sixth District Police Station's Citizen Advisory Council meeting in the Community Room at 100 42nd St., NE, on June 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Contact is (202) 698-1315.

District of Columbia Redistricting Update

According to the D.C. Council's website, D.C. Official Code requires the council to divide the city into eight compact and contiguous election wards, approximately equal in population size. The committee's redistricting documents, including draft maps for the wards, is found at <http://www.scribd.com/dmeadows9139>. Or www.dccouncil.us/redistricting2011info.

The Enlightened Environmentalist

Why We Need to Take Care of Our Little Piece of This Planet

At one point in time, humans were directly connected with nature. We literally depended on it to survive. Our innate sense of place, the herbs used for medicine, what plants were edible and which were not, being able to predict the patterns of weather, knowing where game could be found, and similar skills and knowledge were essential. Today, we go to a pharmacy or the supermarket, listen to the weather on the nightly news and perhaps grab a bite at McDonald's or the like. As we have become "civilized," we have increasingly found ourselves disconnected from the environment that our lives were entwined with for hundred of thousands of years. That disconnection has taken its toll. Not only would we be unable to live off the land if a catastrophe struck, but that disconnection might also be linked to physical and mental illness, and even many of the social ills of our modern society.

We can remedy some of those ills by finding healing and sustenance in the natural world found right in our local community. We are blessed by living in the District that has an abundance of green spaces. We can step out of our front doors and see an array of trees along our streets and in the forests of the National Parks that surround us. We can touch the earth, tend a garden, plant new saplings, listen to the songs of birds, feel the breeze brush our cheeks, watch the clouds in the sky, or even take a walk in the rain. It's important for our personal and community wellbeing that we literally "stop and smell the roses." Don't let another moment go by without taking the time to notice these and other things that surround us. We all need to be "environmentalists," taking care of the natural world; our very lives depend upon this little speck of dust we call Earth.

Courtesy the Environmental and Beautification Committee

Announcement

The Hillcrest Community Day, slated for July 2, has been postponed. The group, which was planning it, will use the time to regroup and create more resources to host the type of large-scale event that will encompass the entire community. For information, contact Teri Davis at (240) 765-8867.


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Community Calendar for June

- 4 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
 - 6 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting
Interim Francis Gregory Library, 2100 36th Place, SE
 - 8 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting (Discussions about Safeway)
Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
 - 15 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting
East Washington Heights Baptist Church, 2220 Branch Ave., SE
 - 16 7 p.m. ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland 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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