

THE HILLCREST NEWSLETTER



HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

"Working together for a Better Community!"

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June 2013

CALENDER OF EVENTS

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center
32nd and Denver Sts., SE
Saturday, June 1, 2013 10AM to Noon

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING

Francis Gregory Library
3660 Alabama Ave., SE
Monday, June 3, 2013, 7PM to 9PM

HILLCREST GARDEN TOUR

33rd and Camden Sts, SE
Saturday, June 15, 2013, 11AM to 2PM

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

East Washington Heights Baptist Church
2200 Branch Ave., SE
Wednesday, June 19, 2013 6PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

Ryland Methodist Church
3200 S ST., SE
Thursday, June 20, 2013, 7PM to 9PM

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THIS MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKERS



Cathy L. Lanier

Chief of Police
Metropolitan Police Department

Cathy Lanier spent her entire law enforcement career with the Metropolitan Police Department, beginning in 1990. She served as Commander of the Fourth District, Commanding Officer of the Department's Major Narcotics Branch and Vehicular Homicide Units. She was named Commander of the Special Operations Division (SOD), where, for four years, she managed the Emergency Response Team, Aviation and Harbor Units, Horse Mounted and Canine Units, Special Events/Dignitary Protection Branch, and Civil Disturbance Units. During her tenure as SOD Commander, she established the agency's first Homeland Security/Counter-Terrorism Branch and created an agency-wide chemical, biological, radiological response unit known as the Special Threat Action Team.

In 2006, the MPD's Office of Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism (OHSCT) was created, and Chief Lanier was tapped to be its first Commanding Officer. She took the lead role in developing and implementing coordinated counter-terrorism strategies for all units within the MPD and launched Operation TIPP.

Cathy L. Lanier was unanimously confirmed as the Chief of Police by the Council of the District of Columbia on April 3, 2007.



David A. Berns, MSW

Director
Department of Human Services

David Berns was appointed by Mayor Vincent Gray in April 2011 as the Director of the Washington DC Department of Human Services. From 2006 to 2011, he served as the Executive Vice President of Casey Family Programs, the nation's largest foundation dealing exclusively with issues of Child Welfare. He provided strategic direction to the foundation's nine field offices in Arizona, California, Idaho, Texas and Washington, and its Indian Child Welfare office in Colorado.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

20th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour

Saturday, June 15th, 2013
11:00 am-2:00 pm featuring the "Original
Hillcrest"
meet at
33rd and Camden St SE

Tickets: \$12 if purchased in advance
\$15 if purchased day of the tour
Children under 12: Free

Buy your tickets by credit card at
www.hillcrestdc.com
or at the June HCCA Meeting

Monte Carlo Night

Hosted by Hillcrest Community Civic Association and
Marshall Heights Community Development Corporation

Saturday, July 13, 2013
8:00 - 11:30 p.m.

Enjoy a classy, fun-filled, evening playing craps,
roulette and black jack for wonderful prizes
(ATTIRE - AFTER FIVE)

at
Eastern Market
North Hall
225 7th Street, SE.

Advance Tickets Only: \$40 includes "funny
money," hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer
(No tickets sold at the door)
You may purchase more
funny money
throughout the evening.

Tickets available at the June HCCA Monthly Meeting
or contact

Earl Williams
wearwilliams@verizon.net or (202) 584-2703
Sheila Brown
shb3@verizon.net or (202) 297-3883
Terence or Michelle Peete
worfs_wife@yahoo.com or (202) 291-1974
Ann Curtsinger
anncurt459@aol.com or (202) 415-4526

JOIN MAYOR VINCENT C. GRAY FOR AN HISTORIC WARD 7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT



SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2013
9:00am Doors Open

H.D. Woodson High School
540 55th Street, N.E.

Let your voices be heard in an interactive work session to
create economic development priorities for Ward 7. To
register and for other information, contact Elvia Sanders,
at 202-727-6365, or email: elvia.sanders@dc.gov or
Stephen Rice at 202-442-7600 or email: stephen.rice@dc.gov

Thank you from the Scouts of Pack and Troop 1650



A heartfelt thank you from the Scouts of Pack
and Troop 1650, for those of our Hillcrest
Community family who supported us for our
first dinner/bake sale. It was a great success!
Your support will help our Cub and Boy Scouts
attend summer camp. Summer camp is ex-
pensive and many our families cannot afford
the cost without some help. Thank you again one
and all the best.

Pack and Troop 1650, St Timothy's Episcopal Church.

HILLCREST'S OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR

Anne Beers' Teacher, Valyncia Hawkins,
Receives the DC Public Schools' 2012
Excellence in Teaching Award



(Excerpts from article by Standing Ovation for DC Teachers)

Valyncia Hawkins attended Anne Beers Elementary School as a DCPS student herself, and began teaching at Beers eighteen years ago through Teach for America. Ms. Hawkins is extremely grateful for the education she received as a DCPS student and feels as though the success she found throughout her life began with the strong foundation provided by Beers Elementary, Sousa Junior High School, and Ballou Senior High School.

Ms. Hawkins describes her classroom as student-centered, and a place where students are expected to take initiative and responsibility for their learning. Ms. Hawkins shares, "My biggest joy is when students begin

to recognize the intrinsic rewards of academic and social achievement. Knowing that I contributed to this progress is my joy!" Outside of the classroom, Ms. Hawkins represents her school community in a variety of leadership roles including serving as a school representative for the Washington Teachers' Union and facilitating at a NASA Educators Workshop.

"I would like to publicly thank my family, the staff, and the community of Beers for helping me become the teacher I am today."

INTRODUCING --- TIME BANKS

Time Banking is a flexible and effective asset-based tool for drawing on unused resources in communities to meet unmet needs. TimeBanks builds mutual support networks, develops trust and community. They reduce social isolation. They are also a great way to establish a partnering relationship between human services organizations and the communities they serve.

Why TimeBanks? There is a vast capacity of skills and talents in our communities, but no way of tapping them; no way of even knowing what is there, no way of rewarding them and no way of enabling residents who do not have money to get the attention, respect and support they need. TimeBanking provides a way to enable a community to address its needs by valuing what used to be called volunteering. It enables us to know who can do what, when they can do it, and it enables us to call on each other for help—individual help (e.g. collect my mail if I have to be out of town or go to the store) and community building help (e.g. after school tutoring or getting people to meetings).

How Does TimeBanking Work? It builds a parallel economy based on values that money cannot buy like compassion, trust, caring, consideration, understanding, sharing. In the cash economy, we get special training to sell our time and skills at the highest rate possible. However, in Time Banking, our time and skill are valued very simply: one for one. One hour of time = One Time Dollar. Every hour is equal because the most precious thing we each have is time, a piece of our lifespan. Every hour is unique; every hour is irreplaceable. Everyone's time has equal value.

Background—For twenty years, local TimeBanks have been places for giving and receiving such things as rides, sewing, companionship, home care, car repair, housekeeping, gardening, respite, carpentry, and many more. In fact, to date there are over 300 Time Banks worldwide, boasting a membership of about 60,000 people. In the United States, there are over 75 Time Banks in 28 states, representing approximately 20,000 members.

In April of this year, Dr. Edgar Cahn, Time Banks Founder and Professor Emeritus of The University of The District of Columbia School of Law, was invited to address The Hillcrest Community Civic Association's monthly meeting. He described the TimeBanks model

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The Enlightened Environmentalist

THE LAST BATTLE AT THE OLD FORT



A small army of "liberators" began to assemble in Hillcrest on 28th St., SE near Park Drive on a chilly Thursday morning, April 25. A briefing team was already in place to inform the arrivals of the "enemy"

they were about to face. An instructor already present from the National Park Service began to lay out the history of the civil war forts, some of which are contained in our Hillcrest neighborhood.

A key briefing came from Jorge B. Montero, a "resource specialist" from the Anacostia Watershed Society. He wasted no time in identifying some of the "enemies" the volunteer "liberators" were going to attack. These enemies have slipped into our park systems and have established deep roots (literally). The trees in our parks have no natural defenses against one of the major intruders--namely the common "English ivy."

The mission: seek out and destroy these invaders. They are labeled "invasive" species because they were not a part of the ancient North American landscape.

The first part of this liberating army was from the Environmental Committee of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association, but more troops were needed. Soon a big yellow school bus rolled up with young and excited warriors from the Thurgood Marshall Public Charter High School. They were eager to battle these invasive species.

A uniformed park ranger began to pass out equipment and weapons to the assembled troops. Everyone was given gloves. The adult members of the Environmental Committee were furnished long handled pruning shears.



Small groups of adults and students concentrated on one tree at a time. Moving carefully around the base of the tree, the "liberators" carefully cut every tentacle of the ivy climbing up the defenseless tree. Some of the students pulled on the severed vine to help with the visual inspection. When every vine had been clipped, that tree was free from the English ivy. Yes, there were still ivy leaves and vines beyond reach. But those remaining vines were destined to wither and eventually drop off.

One "tree whisperer" heard a liberated oak quietly say, "Thank you."

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and how it has operated to engage and connect communities, with a offer that it could help further strengthen and empower Hillcrest residents. Many people expressed interest in further exploring such a possibility. From this meeting came small group of community leaders. At the May meeting, the individuals present made a significant decision in tailoring TimeBanks to the Hillcrest Community. They noted that TimeBanks as a term can initially be misleading, the group thought that Skills Exchange was more appropriate and descriptive. Therefore, the effort to implement TimeBanks in The Hillcrest community will be called **The Hillcrest Skills Exchange**; the group that will plan and coordinate the effort will be known as **The Hillcrest Skills Exchange Development Group**.

The Hillcrest Skills Exchange Development Group is inviting others to join in the efforts to plan the implementation of TimeBanks. Some of the roles needed to get this endeavor off the ground include: *Ambassador*—Talking to other organizations about the benefits of partnering with Hillcrest; *Events Planner*—Logistics for group meetings and social activities for members; *Time Banks Coordinators*—Gather skills inventories and Time Bank exchanges; *Team Leader*—Keep the Team on task; *Membership*—Interest people in joining.

If you are interested in exploring an exciting opportunity to develop community, share your skills and assets, and expand your social network, please join the Hillcrest Skills Exchange Development Group at its next meeting on Monday, June 8, 7 p.m. at the Frances Gregory Public Library, 3660 Alabama Avenue, SW. Let's Get Together and Learn and Grow! For more information, please feel free to contact Ms. Janet Keith, (202)-584-4685) or Email her at JanetKeith@yahoo.com. You may also contact Ms. Debra Frazier, a D.C. TimeBanks Representative at (202)-306-0302 or Email her at mutem7@yahoo.com.

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Emergency Preparedness
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From 2003-2006, Berns served under Governor Janet Napolitano as the Director of the Arizona Department of Economic Security. He managed a staff of 10,000 employees and a budget of \$2.7 billion, leading Arizona's welfare programs, development disabilities services, employment services, child welfare, child support, aging and community services. From 1997 to 2003, he was Director of the El Paso County Department of Human Services in Colorado. Earlier in his career, David was an eligibility worker, a case worker, an employment counselor, an Adult Foster Care Consultant and a Volunteer Services Coordinator.

David received a Master's in Social Work degree and a Bachelor's in Psychology degree from Michigan State University. He also has a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from Northern Michigan University.



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