



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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Guest Speaker: Mayor Muriel Bowser

Muriel Bowser serves as Washington, DC's seventh elected Mayor. Sworn in on January 2, 2015, she pledged to bring a fresh start to the District of Columbia, create pathways to the middle class for residents, and foster a culture of inclusion, transparency and action.

Mayor Bowser expanded opportunity across all 8 Wards of DC by strengthening job training programs, and by attracting and retaining jobs in the District. As of the first quarter of 2016, there are burgeoning projects across the city that will eventually deliver 32,000 new jobs. Washington, DC is the economic engine of the metropolitan region, and has one of the strongest local economies in the country.

Mayor Bowser is committed to producing, protecting and preserving affordable housing. In her first budget, she devoted an historic \$100 million to the Housing Production Trust Fund, putting an unprecedented number of affordable housing units into the pipeline. She also made historic investments in education to accelerate the pace of education reform. DC has the fastest improving urban school district in the nation.

The Mayor is committed to making sure every Washingtonian gets a fair shot, including its most vulnerable residents. When she came into office, she pledged to end homelessness. She has taken bold moves to deliver on that commitment, including releasing a plan to replace the city's largest family shelter with small, dignified family housing.

In everything she does, the Mayor puts District residents first, and ensures that the city's priorities match the peoples' priorities. She holds community engagement forums to solicit public input prior to finalizing her fiscal year budget. She is creating a more transparent and open government through a cutting edge open data policy. She championed the successful launch of one of the largest, most transparent body worn camera programs in the nation, to enhance trust between the community and DC's metropolitan police department. And she launched an inclusive technology program to support startups and entrepreneurs offering products and services to underserved communities.

Prior to her time as Mayor, Bowser served as the Ward 4 councilmember of the DC Council – first elected in a special election in 2007, and re-elected in 2008 and 2012.



Muriel Bowser, Mayor of the District of Columbia

Special Points of Interest

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center
32nd and Denver Street, SE
June 3, 2017
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

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

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

Thank You

The Environmental and Membership committees wish to thank the following HCCA members who participated in the Fourth Annual Unity Walk, which was held on April 29, 2017:

- **Sheila Brown**
- **Phil Hammond**
- **Ruth Lewis**
- **Rita Lowry**
- **Robin Marlin**
- **James Perkins**
- **Mary Ross**

They handed out HCCA brochures and native species flower seeds to neighbors as an introduction/re-introduction to the civic association.

POLLUTANTS THAT THREATEN THE ENVIRONMENT

The theme of this year's poster contest is "Pollutants That Threaten the Environment." This article is meant to provide some consideration of the topic.

Environmental pollutions have existed for centuries. Those caused by people began when humans gave up the nomadic life of hunters/gatherers and created settlements, which grew into towns and cities. At its worse, environmental pollution results in a substantial loss of natural resources including sunlight, air, land, minerals, plants, insects and animals.

While there are some natural causes of environmental pollution such as tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, and lightning caused wildfires, most environmental pollution can be laid at the feet of people. Some of the most common of which people in our area are guilty of follow below.

Use of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides give us control in creating lawns and gardens that are pleasing to us. However the cost is pollution of our waterways in a manner that makes them dirty and devoid of aquatic life.

The dumping of lawn and garden clippings into parks introduces invasive species into these areas that threaten the native trees. Bamboo and English Ivy plague Alger Park, a park side area in our community. Bamboo is fast growing and crowds out the native species trees. English Ivy climbs up the trunk of the tree. When it reaches the tree's limbs, it crowds out the leaves. The tree is unable to sustain itself and dies.

Finally, we are aware that litter pollutes. The next time you are tempted to drop on the street an orange peel, cigarette butt, plastic bag, fast food container, etc., remember these things cause fires, smother plants, cause accidents and attract rats.

Barry Commoner, one of the founders of the ecology movement left us these words to live by:

"Environmental pollution is an incurable disease. It can only be prevented."

Editor's Note:

The poster contest is for Hillcrest resident's ages 4 – 17 years old, who may work on their own or come to the Poster Party :

June 17, 12:30 – 2:30 PM at 2901 Park Dr., SE.

All entries must be received by 5:00 PM June 17, 2017.

The full rules appear elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter.

Have you seen this bug recently?

It's a cicadas! Yes, they are back four years early according to news reports. It is expected they will be small in numbers compared to previous years.

They won't be around long due to the feasting birds.

Oh, by the way they are expected back in 2021 in greater numbers.



MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Members re-connect with old friends and meet new members, while you bring new ideas and recommendations, to help solve neighborhood issues/problems.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PAST AND CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Johnnie & Pat Smith - 2017
Gloria Logan - 2020
James Perkins, Jr. - 2018
Ardie S. Myers - 2018
David Kirkpatrick - 2017
Ambrose & Nura Lane - 2017
Zack Gamble - 2017
Howard & Janet Gasaway - 2017
Mamie & Richard Goodwin - 2017
Greg & Gladys Gordon - 2019
Maxine Gordon - 2017
Willie & Rhodie Grant - 2017
Mary Greene - 2018
Florence & Arianne - 2017
Joseph & Dominique Griffin - 2017
Gloria Gross - 2017
Jessica Hamilton - 2017
Barney Hamlin - 2017
Mary & Phillip Hammond - 2018
Erich Hintze - 2019
Alan K. Holt - 2017
Christopher Hubbard - 2017
Catherine & Joseph Jackson - 2018
Dorothy J. Jackson - 2017
Elease Hall & Allan Jackson - 2018
Linda Jackson - 2017
Kenneth & Kathy Jasper - 2018
Erma K. Simon & Lisa S. Jenkins - 2017
Alexander & Deborah Johnson - 2017
Marie Johnson - 2017
Villareal Johnson - 2017
William & Thelma Johnson - 2017
Leon & Betty Joiner - 2017
Mathew & Shirley Jones - 2017
Michael McFadyen & Jay Keegan - 2018
Frank J. & Lummie E. King - 2018
Sally Lagoc - 2017
Phyllis Lee - 2017

Thank you,
Phillip Hammond

Members **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH** needs your help, if you're interested in becoming a **BLOCK CAPTAIN**, please leave your name in the HCCA suggestion box at the June 3rd community meeting.

RULES FOR THE HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION 2017 POSTER CONTEST

ALL POSTERS WILL BE JUDGED ON ORIGINALITY AND OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES

1. Participants must be Hillcrest residents between the ages of 4 and 17 years old.
2. The judges will determine the four age groups in awarding the four \$75 prizes.
3. Each poster must be on the topic, ***Pollutants That Threaten the Environment.***
4. Use 14" x 22" heavy paper such as poster board or tag board.
5. Use horizontal format.
6. Use any medium except glitter or charcoal.
7. Use of computer graphics must be original – no clip art.
8. Letters must be clearly legible.
9. Do not use pre-printed, manufactured, computer generated, stick-on or press-on letters.
10. Entries must be original works of the students.
11. The title of the poster and a two to four sentence statement about the illustration is to appear in the lower right-hand corner of the poster.
12. No group entries will be accepted.
13. Entries may be received by Phil Hammond, Ruth Lewis, Rita Lowry, Mary Ross
14. Participants may work independently or come to the poster party activity on June 17, 2017 from 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at 2901 Park Drive, S.E.
15. All entries must be received by 5:00 PM, June 17, 2017
16. Judging will occur on June 19, 2017
17. Winners will be notified by phone by June 24, 2017
18. Winners will be presented their prizes at the July 1, 2017 HCCAA membership meeting. (Winners must attend a Membership meeting to receive their prizes)

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2017 Poster Contest continued...

19. Each entry must have the following information on the back of the poster:

Student's Name
Age/Grade
Address
Contact Phone #

Happy
Father's
Day!

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Got Ideas!

Email ideas or articles for newsletter by the 15th of the month to:
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