



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, July 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

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

NO GUEST SPEAKER FOR JULY

MEETING WILL FOCUS ON WAYS IN WHICH TO STRENGTHEN THE HCCA CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INCREASE PARTICIPATION, AND DETERMINE HOW THE ASSOCIATION CAN BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY

HILLCREST GARDEN WALKING TOUR A GREAT SUCCESS!!

This year's guided walking tour of 11 homes spotlighted 6 blocks of the Hillcrest community, beginning at Park Drive and ending at 31st Place, S.E. Garden tour participants were first encouraged to participate in a 10 minute bus tour of the Greater Hillcrest area, and the walking tour of our neighbor's homes continued upon the bus tour conclusion. Free bottled water was provided at each home along the walking route and a delicious lunch was served at the last house on the tour. Kudos to the HCCA Strategic Communications Committee for their success in communicating information about the garden tour to the news media. Approximately 120 tour participants came from across the metro area, as far away as Reston and Silver Spring.

The Hillcrest Garden Tour Committee would like to thank the homeowners who showed their homes and gardens, and all who joined the highly successful Hillcrest Garden Tour on Saturday, June 19th. This year's homeowners are: Ms. Mary Ross, Ms. Jeanne Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Julius Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Woods, Mr. Michael Brown, Ms. Chris Burrows, Mr. And Mrs. Howard Ways, Mr. & Mrs. Ross, Ms. Dorpheny Williams, Ms. Margaret Roberts, and Mr. Greg Harris, Reception Host.

A special thanks to proprietor Kerry Newman of the TROPICANA Jamaican restaurant at 2863 Alabama Ave, SE, for underwriting the full cost of our new Hillcrest T-shirts.

Our other sponsors and supporters include:

ED'S PLANT WORLD, 1181 Branch Ave., Brandywine, MD www.edsplantworld.com
FRAGERS HARDWARE, 1115 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, www.truevalue.com/fragers
GINKGO GARDENS, 911 11th St., SE, Capitol Hill, www.ginkgogardens.com
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Dr. TERRY VICTOR, Dentist. Practice: Silver Spring, MD
LISA NEWMAN BENNETT Garden Design, Hanover, MD
WALTER E. CURRY, Graphic Designer, 'Corplast' signage
The DC DEPARTMENT Of RECREATION supplied two buses.
The DC METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT., PSA 606, Lt. Ronald Netter, and Officers Ray and Mason, who helped with traffic control and safety.
The NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, Lavell Merritt, the ranger who presented Information about Ft. Circle Park.

Marvin Bowser , Chair

Hillcrest Garden Tour Committee: James Byers, Kathy Chamberlain, Gregg Harris, Mary Hammond, Margaret Roberts, Paula Spaulding, Van Tierney, Howard Ways, Sherry Ways, Ed Wilhelm

Message from the President

Again this month, I am very proud to call attention to success stories in the life of HCCA. The Hillcrest Garden Tour was a great success with an attendance that exceeded previous years. The fish fry was very enjoyable and exceeded all expectations for level of participation. We now have available HCCA tee shirts for purchase and, in the not too distant future, the Strategic Communications Committee will be publishing a brochure promoting the Hillcrest Community. In the June 17th edition of the Washington Times newspaper, a spectacular [feature article on Hillcrest was published in the Washington Weekend section of the paper](#). In the interest of continuing to have HCCA recognized as one of the finest civic associations in the District of Columbia, the July membership meeting will not have a guest speaker. Instead, we will use the time normally devoted to a speaker to focus on ways in which to strengthen the HCCA , increase participation, and determine how HCCA can better serve the community. The information provided during the meeting will be further discussed at a board members retreat in July , where recommendations coming out of the July 3rd membership meeting will be further refined and developed. Regarding the filling of vacant positions, I am very pleased to report that Ms. Ann Curtsinger has agreed to serve as the Neighborhood Watch Program Manager for HCCA and ANC 7B. We are still in need of a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and a Chairperson for the Legislative Committee. Please contact me or one of the HCCA Board members if you are interesting in serving or being a committee member.

Sincerely, ***Vincent M. Spaulding***, President, HCCA

ANC 7B Tackles Quality of Life Issues

You should know about 2 resolutions that Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7B passed unanimously at the last meeting:

1. In support of a ban on the sale of single beers by convenience stores, liquor stores, & grocery stores in Ward 7.

The availability of single beer purchases exacerbates problems of littering, loitering, panhandling, public drinking and public urination. Safeway does not allow the sale of singles (thank you, Safeway), but convenience stores and liquor stores throughout the city sell singles, including "bumpers", the extra-large singles, EXCEPT IN WARD 4. Ward 4's Councilmember Adrian Fenty, well known for his activism in the quality of life arena, recently introduced a bill prohibiting the sale of singles up to 70 oz. in Ward 4. The full Council passed this bill in early May 2004. We will encourage Councilmember Chavous to introduce a similar bill covering Ward 7.

2. A zero tolerance policy with respect to signs and posters on lampposts and trees in our Commission area.

The resolution is applicable to political posters, public service announcements, and all forms of advertisement posters and signs for goods and services. Members of the DC government, private organizations, and persons seeking elected office are asked to be respectful of the community's struggle and desire to have a poster free environment.

With respect to political candidates, we are asking them to be respectful of our desire for a poster free environment by not placing their posters in public space in our part of the city this election year, or if they must place them in public space, to sharply reduce the number. DC law allows 3 posters per candidate per block, but we are asking candidates to place fewer than the law permits or to use alternative campaign advertisement techniques that do not violate the community's stand on this environmental issue. Political posters eventually become litter in our streets, and they also send a message to advertisers that it's okay to place advertisements in public space. We always notice an increase in illegal posting of signs during election time. We commend Kwame Brown for advertising his candidacy through yard signs only, and we commend Harold Brazil for honoring our request and not placing his posters in our part of the city. We hope other political candidates will do the same. A growing number of community members are turned off by political posters on utility poles, lamp posts, etc. especially, when you consider that there are other less intrusive alternatives.

Visit www.anc7b.org for proceedings of past meetings, a copy of the poster resolution, and other information about ANC 7B.

Kathy Chamberlain, Chair, ANC7B

Let's March With Palisades on July 4th

Let's march with our sister neighborhood, Palisades, on the 4th of July! A handful of Hillcrest residents have marched for the past 2 years. Last year the new Hillcrest banner made its debut. This year we have Hillcrest T-shirts. The parade route is a 1/2-mile tree-canopied stretch of MacArthur Blvd in the heart of the Palisades neighborhood, and participants cover the full range--marching groups, local celebrities, bagpipers, bands, dog walkers, citizen groups and more. The parade will begin at noon this year, with line-up at 11a.m. at the corner of Whitehaven Parkway and MacArthur Boulevard, N.W.. Hillcrest usually marches right behind the Palisades group. The parade lasts 1-2 hours, ending at the Palisades Recreation Center with a picnic of hot dogs, sodas, and watermelon. Check www.palisadesdc.org for details. If you're interested in car-pooling, call or e-mail Kathy Chamberlain, kathy_chamberlain@starpower.net, 581-8272.

TRASH COLLECTION WILL BEGIN EARLY ON HOT CODE RED/CODE ORANGE DAYS

Residents asked to set out trash early

As it does almost every summer, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) will issue several Code Red and Code Orange Alerts in the coming months. Air quality is considered very poor during these days, which are hazy, humid and hot. Concurrently, the National Weather Service is expected to issue several heat advisories for those days when heat and humidity combine to drive the heat index (HI) above 100oF. Under either of these circumstances, strenuous outdoor work can be unhealthy.

For the safety of its employees, the Department of Public Works will begin residential trash collection one hour early on Code Red and Code Orange days. The early start will ensure completion of all trash collection routes, while providing heat relief to workers. Residents are asked to have trash, as well as recyclables, set out by 6 am.

SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in education issues that affect Hillcrest and surrounding communities, please contact the new chair of the HCCA Education Committee, Linda Jackson, at 202-584-3612 or JACKSONLM@AOL.COM for more information.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Kevin & Tonya McClam, 2505 36th Street, S.E.
Gordon & Muriel Rice, 3184 Westover Drive, S.E.
Viola Collier-Jones, 2117 34th Street, S.E.
Genet Anglin, 3340 Denver Street, S.E.
Pamela Johnson, 3421 Carpenter Street, S.E.

Lloyd D. Smith, Community Leader, Dies

Lloyd Smith, President-Elect of the Penn Branch Community Civic Association, passed away last week. Lloyd was a person who gave generously of himself to this community and the city at-large. His inspiring life and special talents will truly be missed.

Community Calendar for July

- 3 10:00 a.m. - Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting (Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter)
- 14 10:00 a.m.-Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting, Good Hope Marketplace Substation, Alabama Ave., SE
- 14 7:00 p.m. –Police/Community Meeting, PSA 605B, 6th District Substation, 2701 Pa Ave, SE
- 15 7:00 p.m. –ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland-Epworth Church

- 21 6:00 p.m.-Police/Community Meeting, PSA 606, 6th District Substation, 2701 Pa Ave, SE
- 24 7:00 a.m.-12 noon – Twining Park Work Session, 2700 blk Pa. Ave, SE
- 24 10:00 a.m. – Friends of Francis Gregory Library, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE

for more calendar events, check www.HillcrestDC.com

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