



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 2, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.
at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, S.E.

July Meeting: Emergency Preparedness

A speaker from the DC Emergency Management Agency will discuss topics including District evacuation and shelter in place procedures, emergency notification, creating an emergency go kit, and creating a family plan. DCEMA has drafted plans to help DC communities prepare for and respond to all types of emergencies. You can read the emergency plan for Hillcrest, Fairfax Village, and Naylor Gardens at www.dcema.dc.gov.

Message from the President

At this month's HCCA meeting we will again be addressing the subject of Disaster Preparedness and Prevention. In the case of an emergency or disaster it is important that we be prepared to reduce the impact of hazards and personal injury. We cannot always prevent emergencies or disasters. However, there are steps we can take to be better prepared. The DC Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has primary responsibility for ensuring that the city is safe from hazards of all types. EMA promotes community-based emergency management through preparedness, prevention, and partnership with the District families, communities, and businesses. We all need to be aware of plans for emergencies and personally prepare for emergencies. There has been an emergency plan prepared for our community that is a living document undergoing continuous improvements. You can assist by taking advantage of opportunities to help our community better plan for emergencies by attending meetings oriented to public safety and by encouraging your friends and neighbors to prepare! You are encouraged to attend this month's HCCA meeting to learn about how you can assist in reducing hazards, home injuries, and help you to personally prepare for emergencies.

Sincerely, Vincent M. Spaulding, President, HCCA

Hillcrest Community Trail Hike through Fort Circle Park



Join your neighbors for bird and critter watching and experience the sounds of nature. The Environmental Committee of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association has scheduled a guided Trail Hike through Fort Circle Park on Saturday, July 30, 2005. A Park Ranger of the National Park Service (NPS) will meet participants at 8:00 am at 28th and Texas Avenue to begin the approximately 2 hour hike. For more information, please contact Mary Hammond at (202) 582-3059 or e-mail: mphammond@msn.com.

Better Communication through the Hillcrest List Serve

Hillcrest resident Michelle Phipps-Evans has set up a list serve for Hillcrest. You can join by sending an email to HillcrestDC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive a message asking for confirmation that you want to join. (This is to prevent someone else from signing you up.) Follow the directions in this message and you're in! From then on, you can post messages by sending them to HillcrestDC@yahoogroups.com. This is a great way to share neighborhood information!
Kathy Chamberlain, webmaster, www.HillcrestDC.com



GO FISHING on July 9th

Join your neighbors for a Fish Fry on Saturday July, 9th starting at noon at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave, SE. The tickets will be \$12 dollars, and can be purchased at the July 2 HCCA meeting or by calling Richard Evans at 202-498-4988, or emailing revans@ncosdc.com. The menu will be fish, chicken, string beans, potato salad, and desert.



12th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour a Success!

The Garden Tour Committee would like to thank the 110 attendees and 20 volunteers who made the 12th Annual Garden Tour a success. I would especially like to thank the Host Home Owners who opened their beautiful homes to our visitors. Evelyn and Deli Ruiz, Ed Wilhelm and Frank Senger, Judy and Bob Curtis, Donald Brew, Karen and Patrick Banks, Berna Williams, Roy Brunson, Donovan Anderson, Vassar and LaGrande Baldwin, and a special thanks to Monica and Richard Evans for hosting the reception. It was again my honor to serve with an outstanding committee. Visit www.HillcrestDC.com to see photos of the garden tour.

Marvin Bowser, Chair, Hillcrest Garden Tour



Critters of Hillcrest

You know about some of the wild animals of Hillcrest, like squirrels, rabbits, and raccoons. But did you know we also have foxes and deer and even snakes? Visit www.HillcrestDC.com and click "Hillcrest Critters" to see some of them. If you spot any wild critters in the neighborhood, have your camera handy and lets add them to the critter web page. Email your photos to kathychamberlain@rcn.com.

Update on the Hillcrest Security Patrol

If you've been watching or listening to the news lately, you may have seen how neighborhoods recognize the importance of working together to keep their communities safe. Recent news reported that the Bowie, New Carrollton and College Park are all looking at creating their own police departments to address the recent increase in crimes. On June 1, 2005, a group of Hillcrest neighbors met to discuss the possibility of employing a courtesy security patrol that would provide security presence in the community by patrolling and addressing security and safety concerns in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) as well as our Neighborhood Watch program. Some of the duties that may be performed by the security patrol include: Collaborating with MPD in monitoring suspicious activity and reporting crimes; Responding to alarm activations and resident security-related calls; Acting as a point of contact for your alarm monitoring service; Interviewing residents, suspects or witnesses related to a crime against a resident; Providing residents special attention when on vacation; and others.

Of course, employing a security patrol involves community support and money. Other safety measures that residents discussed at the June 1st meeting included installing empty video recording cases or video cameras in the neighborhood; providing the neighborhood with more education on and promoting involvement in walk patrols (Neighborhood Watch) in which neighbors would walk in groups with the MPD noting any suspicious activity and any property that requires special attention; and creating a citizens on patrol group of volunteers who drive their personal vehicles for at least one hour a month, patrolling the neighborhood for suspicious activity.

A survey will be delivered to Hillcrest residents soon by our Neighborhood Watch volunteers. This survey will ask some key questions about your opinions concerning employing a security patrol or utilizing any of the safety alternatives mentioned above. Please take a few minutes to complete and return this very important survey. It can also be found on www.HillcrestDC.com/security.htm. For more information, contact Kim Neal at kdneal1@msn.com or 202.329.8963. Remember, " It takes an entire village to keep our neighborhood safe."

Thank You, DCWASA

On Tuesday, June 7, 30 college students in a DC Water and Sewer Authority's internship program planted flowers at Twining Square, our adopted part on Pennsylvania Ave SE, between 27th and 28th St. Thank you DCWASA, for making this project the community outreach projects of this year's interns. Thank you, DCWASA interns, for your work in making the park more beautiful. Thank you, National Park Service, for providing the flowers and loaning the garden tools. Finally, a special thanks to regular long-time park volunteers Ed Wilhelm, Vince Spaulding, Mary Hammond, and Ben Brown for overseeing the work of the interns. See photos at www.HillcrestDC.com To all neighbors: please consider volunteering in the park the 4th Saturday of every month, 8am-noon. July work session is July 23rd.

Kathy Chamberlain, Friends of Twining Square



Why should the kids have all the fun? And, what better place to be on a hot summer day than in an ice arena! This summer, learn to skate or improve your skating skills - then join your family and friends for fun and physical activity for a lifetime! Summer adult skating lessons are offered in 2 sessions: June 18-July 9, and July 16- August 6. For both sessions, classes are Saturdays, 10:30-11:20 AM. Visit www.fdia.org for more information and to obtain a registration form (click on Summer Activities).

Current and Proposed New Provisions to Bylaws of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association

The following revisions to the HCCA bylaws were approved the by Board of Directors on June 4, 2005, and read aloud to those who attended the June 4 membership meeting. Members who attend the July meeting will vote whether to approve them. Once approved by the membership, these provisions go into effect.

CURRENT PROVISION	PROPOSED NEW PROVISION
<p>Article 3: Directors, Section 1 Number The association shall have (15) directors, collectively, they shall be known as the Board of Directors. These directors shall consist of the seven (7) elected officers.....and eight (8) at-large directors who will chair one of the eight (8) standing committees.....</p>	<p>Article 3: Directors, Section I Number The association shall have a minimum of seventeen (17) directors and a maximum of twenty-one (21), collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. These directors shall consist of the seven (7) elected officers....and eleven (11) at-large directors who will chair one of the eleven (11) standing committees(.....Strategic Communications, Garden Tour, and Hospitality)</p>
<p>Article 3: Directors, Section 8 Regular Meetings Notice of regular or special meetings may be given in writing, by mail, at the address of each individual member of the board of directors.</p>	<p>Article 3: Directors, Section 8 Regular Meetings Notice of regular or special meetings may be given in writing, by mail, by fax, or e-mail at the electronic address of each individual member of the board of directors.</p>
<p>Article 3: Directors, Section 12 Majority Action as Board Action No such provision</p>	<p>Article 3: Directors, Section 12 Majority Action as Board Action New provision: Unless otherwise restricted by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the board of directors may be taken without meeting using electronic communication equipment if all members are notified in writing at his or her electronic address.</p>
<p>Article 3: Directors, Section 13 Conduct of Meetings No such provision</p>	<p>Article 3: Directors, Section 13 Conduct of Meetings New provision: Meetings of the board of directors may be conducted through electronic communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting, unless otherwise restricted by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.</p>

HCCA Welcomes the Following New Members:

- Cleveland & Paula Bennett – 2024 36th Street, SE
- Viola M. Bowen – 2709 30th Street, SE
- Elise Braithwaite & Terry Victor – 2936 Fort Baker Dr SE
- Kelvin Elmore – 2004 32nd Place, SE
- Jeri Green – 2205 31st Place, SE
- Andrew and Carmela Interdonato – 2225 Branch Ave, SE
- Kenneth Long – 2942 W Street, SE
- Sheila McKinney – 2020 32nd Place, SE
- Bernadette Redmond – 2016 32nd Street, SE

Community Calendar for July

- 2** 10am – HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Rec. Center
- 9** Noon – Hillcrest Fish Fry, Holy Comforter Church, 3319 Alabama Ave SE
- 13** 10am - Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce, police substation at Goodhope Marketplace
- 20** 6pm – PSA 606 Meeting, police station at 2701 Penn Ave SE
- 21** 7pm - ANC 7B meeting, 3200 S St SE
- 23** 8am – Twining Park work session, Penn Ave & 27th St SE
- 30** 8am – Trail Hike through Ft. Circle Park, starts at 28th and Texas Ave SE

For more calendar events visit www.HillcrestDC.com and click "Calendar"

Dues for 2005 are now due. Please pay promptly.

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 _____

I'd like to serve on the following committee(s): _____

Make check payable to Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to: Evelyn Primas, Membership Chairperson, 3341 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20020-1462 Phone: 202 584-6617