



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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JULY 2010

Next Meeting: Saturday, July 3, 2010, 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.

Cecilia Jones is this Month's Speaker

Join the HCCA board in welcoming Cecilia Jones to lead a discussion on public safety at the next HCCA meeting. Jones is the president of the Northwest Columbia Heights Community Association and the Volunteer Coordinator for the Community Criminal Justice Accountability Initiative (CCJAI).

CCJAI is a partnership between criminal justice agencies and community members. Since 2009, the CCJAI pilot program in North Columbia Heights has tracked 400 criminal cases and has submitted nearly 50 community impact statements to the courts. Jones has intervened successfully on behalf of her neighbors in situations where decisions made by the courts and city officials have not served the cause of public safety.

Community impact statements are closing the "revolving door," the chronic problem of the criminal justice system returning repeat offenders to our streets to claim their next vic-

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Special points of interest:

- *HCCA President Muses About Hillcrest During the Summer*
- *Read About HCCA's New Oral History Project*
- *HCCA Welcomes New Members*

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Community Calendar for July

- 3 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
- 5 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
- 14 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting, Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
- 15 7 p.m. ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE
- 21 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting, Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE

Scout meeting every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.—Cub Scouts; 11 a.m.—Boy Scouts at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

Just returned from this year's garden tour and it was wonderful. The garden tour was only one of many events scheduled for that Saturday, June 19, so I planned to drop by several. But I enjoyed the surroundings, the company, the weather, and the day, so much that I stayed to the end. We have moved into summer and Hillcrest is dressed in its finest wardrobe. The trees are in full bloom, blocking views but providing a canopy of shade. The grass is as rich and green as a fine carpet. Gardens are busting out in colorful blooms and my allergies are kicking my a__.



But who cares that I can hardly breathe, that I am coughing all day, that I feel like someone ran over me with a big truck, it's summer and I'm going to enjoy it. Earl is having a hard time too. He started reacting to the allergens' weeks before I did. I fussed at him to go see a doctor, he sounded terrible. Now, it's my turn. Do I take my own advice and make a doctor's appointment when I know the cause of my discomfort, or do I just wait it out like Earl did? We'll see what I ultimately decide.

Well, one thing for sure, we live in Washington, D.C. If you don't like the weather just wait five minutes and it'll change. That's one of the many great things about this city. The ever changing but mostly moderate weather, great places to eat, and Hillcrest are on my top ten list. Have a great summer! We plan to.

Karen

Hillcrest Garden Tour—a Great Success



The day was perfect—maybe a little hot but with a cooling breeze, and Westover Drive was at its most beautiful. The 17th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour on June 19 was one of the best ever, attended by almost 100 people. Eight gardens were featured, and several of the homeowners also allowed tours of their beautiful homes. The reception took place in a shaded grassy lot at the end of the tour, which went smoothly, thanks to the many people and organizations that contributed to

its success. And let's not forget, of course, the weather.

We thank the host home owners who put their homes and gardens on the tour. Beverly and Kevin Sapp, who allowed the use of their lot for the reception, the police officers who helped with traffic control, Freddie's Childcare Center who loaned us their truck, and many volunteers who gave their time. Please patronize the businesses who support the garden tour by donating door prizes: Ginkgo's Gardens, Harris Teeter,

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HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

The Hillcrest Oral History Project: A Strong DC Neighborhood

The HCCA will be involved in an oral history project that builds on the successful 20th anniversary celebration in 2009, which produced three celebratory events, several products, and was shown on Channel 16 for several months. Each captured the many elements of the HCCA's long history of accomplishments.

HCCA, which was awarded a DC Community Heritage Project grant through the Washington East Foundation, will conduct video interviews of key Hillcrest residents over the next couple of months to capture the community's strong civic engagement and its staunch pride. From these videos, key lessons will be learned.

Funds for the DC Community Heritage Project are provided by a partnership of the Humanities Council of Washington, DC, and the DC Historic Preservation Office, which supports people who want to tell stories of their neighborhoods and communities by providing information, training and financial resources. This DC Community Heritage Project has also been funded in part by the US Department of the Interior, the National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund grant funds, administered by the DC Historic Preservation Office and by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities.



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tim. While she works to maintain valued relationships with the Metropolitan Police Department, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Office of the Attorney General, the Police Service Areas, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, the D.C. Superior Courts, and other stakeholders, Jones recognizes that strong networks of active neighbors are our greatest defense against crime.

Garden Tour *(Continued from page 2)*

Frager's Hardware, Surroundings, and The Arena Stage & Maurice Hines Jr. A special thanks to Tabmeh Entertainment for designing and printing the garden tour booklet.

Stay tuned for more photos of the garden tour, which will appear soon on www.HillcrestDC.com.

Consider volunteering for the next Hillcrest Garden Tour which will take place in June 2011. Call Carin Bigrigg with your ideas at (202) 584-3689, or e-mail her at cbigrigg@gmail.com.

The 17th Annual Garden Tour Committee: Chair Carin Bigrigg, Tom Beach, Charlotte Brookins-Hudson, Marvin Bowser, Kathy Chamberlain, Maurice Perry, Michelle Phipps-Evans and Justin Rydstrom.


Happy Independence Day



HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

- Tammara Mitchell, 2116 34th St., SE
- Carrie & Joseph Nelson, 2618 32nd St., SE
- Regena Williams, 3187 Westover Dr., SE
- Dr Koura Gibson, 3112 Westover Dr., SE
- George and Laurie Brown, 1725 31st St., SE
- Lakeisha Renee Moore, 2107 Suitland Terrace

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