

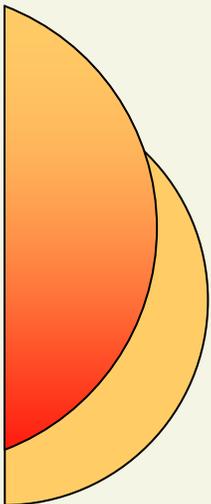


Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working together for a better community"

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JULY 2011

Next Meeting: Saturday, July 2, 2011, 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.

DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Will Address the HCCA



On Saturday, July 2, the HCCA Public Safety & Emergency Planning Committee will host a representative from the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) for this month's meeting. We all need to be prepared, as individuals, and as a community, for whatever emergencies may occur. Therefore, HSEMA is sponsoring a series of community-based tabletop exercises to help you, your family, and your neighbors take appropriate steps to prepare for an emergency, and understand recovery measures during, and after an emergency.



HSEMA has organized **Neighborhood Planning Groups (NPGs)** to help draft, develop, and implement the new Community Emergency Management Plans or CEMPs. These plans assist communities with preparing for emergencies, and help neighbors when disaster strikes. HSEMA is working with each ward to develop individual CEMPs, specific to the needs and the unique characteristics of their community. Each NPG will determine how its community will organize and operate should there be an emergency, and HSEMA will assist NPGs with preparing and distributing the plans. HSEMA will be at the meeting to discuss this. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Upcoming for the August Meeting

Empower DC will facilitate a *Community Organizing and Advocacy 101* training for the HCCA meeting in August. During the session, it will focus on strategies for working with, and holding accountable, the business owners, elected officials and other "targets" making decisions that impact your community. A basic principle of community organizing is exercising your power by joining together around common concerns, forming action plans, and carrying them out. The goal of this work is for residents to not only have a seat at the table, but to actually influence the policies and decisions directly making an impact on their lives. Empower DC is a city-wide community organizing project involving low- and moderate-income District residents in action campaigns aimed to address issues including affordable housing, child care, and quality public education. For information, visit its website at www.empowerdc.org or contact executive director, Parisa Norouzi, at (202) 234-9119.

Any ideas or articles, e-mail the editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans, at hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com by the 15th.

A Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

Hope the summer is going well for you. I hope you are all busy enjoying the warm (hot) weather, and attending many picnics, barbecues and pool parties. Earl and I have been on the graduation circuit. Two of our grands and one of our nephews graduated from middle school, and one grand graduated from high school. Well, that's over for a couple more years, until the next group moves up.

I just want to note that more people than I thought actually read this letter. I mentioned some of my neighbors in my last letter, not by name but by description when I was talking about the rebirth of Hillcrest. The other day, one of those neighbors I mentioned saw me, and ran up to me saying, "I made the news, I made the news." "Really," I replied, "Congratulations, what did you do and what paper is reporting it?" "I was in your letter in the Hillcrest newsletter," she said, jumping up and down. I looked at her, rather startled. Being a nameless person, mentioned in a neighborhood newspaper was exciting for

her. I had made her day. "It was me you were referring to, when you talked about your neighbor who was pregnant," she said. "Next time you mention me, please use my name. So loyal readers, my pregnant neighbor, Aimee, says hello, and wants you all to know she loves living in Hillcrest. Aimee and her husband are Capitol Hill transplants, who crossed the bridge to find green space, trees, a great house, and wonderful neighbors. It is this generation who will keep the legacy of Hillcrest alive as the over-50 crowd start to scale down and move on, one way or another. I hope this letter makes my neighbor, Aimee, really happy; after all isn't it my job to keep my neighbors happy? As I speak of my neighbors, I want to mention the passing of Eloise King who lost her battle with cancer a couple of weeks ago. May she rest in peace.

Friends and neighbors my wish for you all is health, happiness and peace. Please continue to be civically active and support the HCCA community. Thank you.

Karen

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The HCCA Fundraising Committee Hosts Trip

The HCCA is sponsoring a fundraising trip to the casino at Harrington, DE, and Queenstown Shopping Outlet on **Friday, July 8, 2011**. The bus departs 32nd & Denver Sts., SE, at 8:30 a.m., and leaves the casino 4 p.m. The price is \$35, which includes a lunch buffet, and \$15 cash. You can purchase tickets at the July meeting or call Nancy Harris at (202) 575-2696 or Mary Hammond at (202) 582-3059. Thanks for the support.

Public Hearing on Saint Elizabeths

The public meeting for the redevelopment of St. Elizabeth's East is set for July 14, 2011. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton will hold a public hearing on St. Es on June 30 and residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend at the Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2167, on Capitol Hill at 6:30 p.m. Follow Congresswoman Norton's website as information becomes available at www.norton.house.gov. The St.

Elizabeths East Public Meeting will be Thursday, July 14, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Imagine SE Public Charter School (Old Congress Heights School), 3100 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., SE.

One City Summer Fun

Mayor Vincent C. Gray recently launched the One City Summer Fun communities initiative. Its goal is to carry out the Mayor's vision of giving District residents opportunities to read, play, learn, work, volunteer, be healthy, be creative, have

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Happy Fourth of July

The Enlightened Environmentalist

Who Let the Cats Out?

Who is killing our backyard songbirds? Many of us would say that all those feral cats roaming around our communities are responsible. But an article in *The Washington Post* earlier this spring, and a subsequent article in *The New York Times* (as quoted in *The Week* magazine) has pointed the finger elsewhere. These articles concur in suggesting that it is not the feral cats that are killing so many of America's songbirds, but tamed domestic cats that are allowed to roam outdoors.

Make no mistake, cats are very adroit at catching birds. This writer has been able to verify two incidents in which house cats sitting inside a house have snagged birds. In the first instance, a cat was sitting in the second floor window of an early 20th century house. Both the window and the screen were open. The cat leaned out the window, leaped to an outside window shutter, climbed up the shutter slats, slithered up onto the roof, snagged a pigeon, and tossed the pigeon to the ground. When the cat got outside, he ate the hapless bird.

In the second incident, a cat sitting in a Hillcrest house, focused on the fireplace hearth and then climbed up the interior of the chimney. Over the course of several weeks, the feline snagged and killed three birds. (A chimney cap was then installed.) Now, if a cat inside a house can wreak such havoc, imagine what a cat left on its own can do in the great big outdoors. But lest the plea to S.O.B. (save our birds) falls on deaf ears, this article is making an appeal to S.O.C. (save our cats)! Cat owners, keep your cat inside for the protection of your cat! Most veterinarians will agree with this suggestion.

Here are three good reasons to always keep domestic felines inside the house: (1) There is less risk of contracting contagious disease from other cats; (2) The risk of a cat being killed by a car is eliminated; (3) The risk of attack by stray dogs and foxes (yes, we have foxes in Hillcrest) is eliminated.

Even if your beloved cat is used to going out-

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fun, and be safe this summer. The initiative highlights a full array of exciting activities in the city. For info on the programs and activities, visit <http://onecitysummer.dc.gov>.

National Night Out

The 28th Annual National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event, is scheduled Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011. NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. Contact HCCA Public Safety Chair David Kirkpatrick for more info at (202) 583-0384 or (202) 271-4962.

Health Insurance Exchange Planning Meetings

If interested in assisting the D.C. government in shaping the Health Insurance Exchanges in 2014, consider joining the Mayor's Health Reform Implementation Committee at a stakeholder meeting. Visit www.healthreform.dc.gov for more.

side, patience and vigilance can reverse this course. (After all, your cat does not have a key to the door!) Most cats will quickly catch on to the idea of a litter box. Rather than rely on expensive cat litter, try shredded newspaper which may be dumped every day. Your changed routine will be rewarded with the warm greeting from a "wanna-be-tiger" whenever you enter the house. It is not impossible for a house cat to live 20 years.

Courtesy the Environmental and Beautification Committee

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Community Calendar for July

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| <p>2 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE</p> <p>4 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting
Interim Francis Gregory Library, 2100 36th Place, SE</p> <p>13 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting (Safeway Discussions)
Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE</p> <p>20 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting
East Washington Heights Baptist Church, 2220 Branch Ave., SE</p> <p>21 7 p.m. ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scout meeting every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.—Cub Scouts;
11 a.m.—Boy Scouts at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church</p> |
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I'd like to serve on the following committee(s): _____

(Visit the website for a list of committees)

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 Or pay using a credit card online at www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm