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HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

GUEST SPEAKER: DEPUTY MAYOR COURTNEY SNOWDEN



Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity Courtney R. Snowden is a sixth-generation Washingtonian. Born at Howard University Hospital and raised in the Shepherd

Park neighborhood of Ward 4, Deputy Mayor Snowden now lives east of the river in Ward 7 with her young son, Malik.

A graduate of D.C. Public Schools and Beloit College in Wisconsin, Deputy Mayor Snowden began her career on

legislative staff of Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) on Capitol Hill. She has been an active leader in the city's LGBT and African-American communities and a staunch public education advocate. Deputy Mayor Snowden has devoted her life to making Washington, D.C. a better place for all its residents, corner to corner. She recently left her role as a principal with the Raben Group, a premiere progressive government relations firm, to take on the role of Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic Opportunity

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A GLITCH FOR SKYLAND

The issue first came to the attention of the public in an article written by Mr. Michael Neibauer, Staff Reporter with the *Washington Business Journal*, on May 22, 2015. That article stated that "a legal hurdle threatens to delay [the] funding and the construction of a Wal-Mart as the anchor tenant of [the] \$220 million Skyland Tower Center." His article was then quoted by at least one local TV station.

Mr. Karl A. Racine, DC Attorney General, addressed the issue when he spoke to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) at its regular meeting June 6, 2015. Mr. Racine explained that Safeway stores had owned a parcel of

land on the site of the proposed Skyland Shopping Center. That parcel did contain a covenant that prohibited the operation of a supermarket or pharmacy within a specified distance of the property line. This property was eventually sold to the city for use in the Skyland Center, but the covenant remained in place.

Several solutions have been suggested to solve the dilemma. Mr. Racine has taken a direct approach. Two days before he spoke to the HCCA meeting (June 4) his office filed a court suit seeking to claim the property by right of "eminent domain." While there may be some costs for this action, there is

Special points of interest:

- Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting**
 Hillcrest Recreation Center
 32nd and Denver St., SE
 Saturday, July 11, 2015
 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- PSA 606 Police Community Meeting**
 East Washington Heights Baptist Church
 2200 Branch Ave., SE
 Wednesday, July 15, 6 PM
- ANC 7B Monthly Meeting**
 Ryland Methodist Church
 3200 S St., SE
 Thursday, July 16, 7 PM

A GLITCH FOR SKYLAND continued.....

precedent that it will "untangle the knot". This approach has already succeeded in the Palisades section of the District.

Everyone in a position to know expressed confidence that this problem will eventually be resolved. As Mr. Neibauer wrote in his article, The project [Skyland Shopping Center] has faced one obstacle after another, from eminent domain related court disputes to some neighborhood opposition as well as a painfully long wait for Wal-Mart to sign the lease. But all of these issues were dealt with over time.

Mr. Amin Muslim, Director of Constituent Services for Councilmember Yvette M. Alexander, emphatically stated at the HCCA meeting: "Skyland will be built."

It should be noted for the record that the Safeway store in the Good Hope Marketplace has been a long time provider of the light refreshments made available at each HCCA meeting.

The proposed Skyland Shopping Center lies entirely within the boundaries of the HCCA.



Skyland Rendering

The Rappaport Companies

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CLEAN UP ON MAY 30TH

The Environment Committee of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association would like to personally thank everyone who participated in their own way to make the Annual Spring Clean Up successful on May 30, 2015. Several residents and two friends from the Penn Branch community met at 8:00am at the East Washington Heights Baptist Church. Wendell Felder, the Ward 7 coordinator from Mayor Muriel Bowser's office greeted our team on the Mayor's behalf.

The weather was hot and humid, but adorned with our Hillcrest volunteer vest and pickup sticks in hand, we successfully picked up litter in front of other residences homes and pulled down posters that trashed our neighborhood. With the help of Lt. Johnathan Munk from the 6th district's MPD sub-station, officer Picciano from the motorcycle division, joined us and kept our team safe from impolite and speeding drivers.

The Environment Committee's goal is to have the residents of our community personally commit to picking up litter from around their homes and taking down posters on a regular basis, as well as, the proper disposal of their household trash for weekly collections.

The following participants were: James Perkins, Ruth Lewis, Mary Hammond, Mary Ross, Rita Lowry, Robin Marlin, Officer Picciano, Tom Dawes, Carolyn Ray and Wendell Felder.

A special thanks is extended to Earl Simpson, Supervisor with the Solid Waste Administration of Public Works and his staff for mechanically sweeping the streets and a truck crew for collecting the debris from the clean up.

Submitted by Phillip Hammond

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION POSTER CONTEST 2015

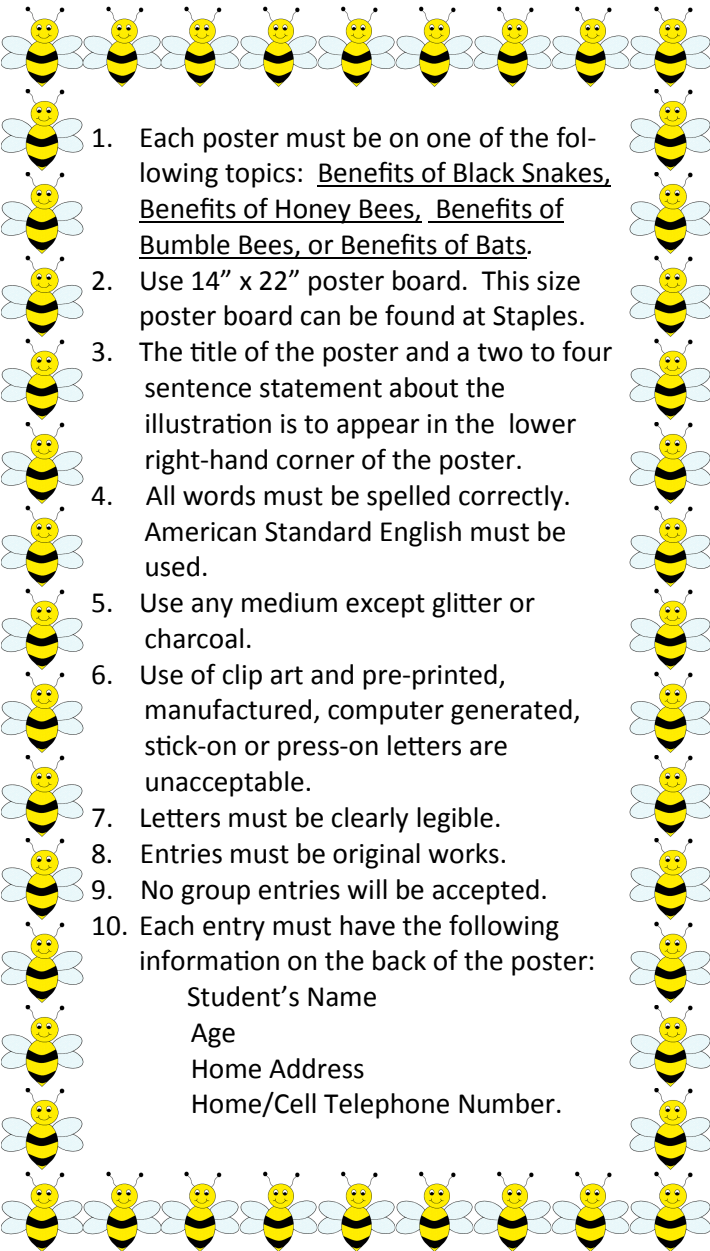


This contest is designed for all students between 5 and 17 years old who reside within the boundaries of the Hillcrest Neighborhood as designated in the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA)

Bylaws, Article I, Section 2: Boundaries, which may be found at the HCCA website, www.hillcrestdc.com.

Questions may be addressed to Mary Ross at: maryross20020@yahoo.com.

All posters will be judged on originality and observance of the following guidelines.



1. Each poster must be on one of the following topics: Benefits of Black Snakes, Benefits of Honey Bees, Benefits of Bumble Bees, or Benefits of Bats.
2. Use 14" x 22" poster board. This size poster board can be found at Staples.
3. 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.
4. All words must be spelled correctly. American Standard English must be used.
5. Use any medium except glitter or charcoal.
6. Use of clip art and pre-printed, manufactured, computer generated, stick-on or press-on letters are unacceptable.
7. Letters must be clearly legible.
8. Entries must be original works.
9. No group entries will be accepted.
10. Each entry must have the following information on the back of the poster:
 Student's Name
 Age
 Home Address
 Home/Cell Telephone Number.

Deadline for Entry Submission

All entries must be delivered by 5:00pm, Friday, August 14th to any HCCA Environmental Committee Member:

Kenneth Burke, Phillip Hammond, John Hawkins, Ruth Lewis, Rita Lowry, Mary Ross

Or

Attend the Poster Party, Saturday August 15th, at 12:30pm at 2901 Park Drive, SE. Learn all about the targeted creatures. Choose one for your topic. Complete and leave your poster at the end of the party. All materials to do a poster will be provided at no charge.

Categories of Winners

There will be one prize allotted in four age categories. Four possible categories are:

AGE	PRIZE
5 – 7 Years Old	\$75.00
8 – 10 Years Old	\$75.00
11 – 13 Years Old	\$75.00
14 – 17 Years Old	\$75.00

Announcement of Winners

The winners will be informed by Friday, August 21, 2015. Prizes will be awarded at the Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting Saturday, September 5, 2015 at 10:30am at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, 3100 Denver Street, SE. Winners must be present at a HCCA Membership Meeting to receive awards.



HCCA'S MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT WALK

On Saturday, June 13, 2015, several members of the Board of Directors met at 10:00am at East Washington Height's Baptist Church. We put on our HCCA volunteer vest (backwards) with the name on the front and delivered **81** membership brochures to neighborhood homes. I would like to thank the following for their participation: Kenneth Burke, Mary Ross, James Perkins and Ruth Lewis. Additionally, I would like to encourage all HCCA members to reach out to the neighbors on their block and ask them to join either HCCA and/or the HCCA Neighbor Watch program.

Submitted by Phillip Hammond

HCCA Board

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