



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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# HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

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## Guest Speaker: Carla Harris

This month's guest speaker is Carla Harris, ward 7 resident and CEO of ImageWorks and author of *FaithWorks: An Innovative Approach to Workforce Development*. Ms. Harris started ImageWorks in 1997 and offers valuable insight around the link between education and training, workforce development, and lifelong learning. She has worked with both government and corporate clients including DC Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, DC Department of Employment Services, National Center for Children and Families, Progressive Life Center, University of Miami,

Holland & Knight, Paxen Group, and College Success Foundation in the areas of professional development, staff and workforce development, executive coaching, and image consulting.

In 1999, Ms. Harris created the very successful Building a Successful Image for Change – a career readiness and development training program. Since that time, ImageWorks has worked with over 6,500 marginalized job seekers who want a chance at self-sufficiency and a long-term career. In 2018, Ms. Harris started The People Institute which is the training academy of ImageWorks. The People Institute works with public and private sector companies to change the culture of their organization by increasing employee engagement, developing leaders and streamlining processes to humanize business practices. Ms. Harris served as the Chairman of the Board for the Council for Workforce Development (CFWD) in Washington, DC serving residents and providers east of the Anacostia River in Wards 7 and 8.



Carla Harris, CEO of ImageWorks

## Special Points of Interest

### HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center  
32nd and Denver Street, SE  
Saturday, July 7, 2017  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

PSA 606 POLICE  
COMMUNITY MEETING  
East Washington Heights  
Baptist Church  
2200 Branch Ave., SE  
Wednesday, July 18, 6 PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING  
Ryland Methodist Church  
3200 S St., SE  
Thursday, July 19, 6:30 PM

## Scholarships

Please join us as we award the first annual Hillcrest Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Yantee Neufville at the July HCCA meeting! As many of you know, our neighbor Yantee passed away suddenly a little less than a year ago, and his wife Malika has worked tirelessly to establish a scholarship with the HCCA to award in Yantee's name. Please join us to celebrate his legacy! We will also award the annual HCCA scholarship. You don't want to miss this!

# HCCA BYLAWS UPDATE

The Board of Directors has taken on the task to update the by-laws of the Association. We will dedicate August's membership meeting to discuss the proposed changes and vote on any changes to the by-laws. In the months of June and July, members may obtain copies of the proposed changes at the monthly meeting or review it on the HCCA website. Below are additional examples of proposed changes.

## Section 15 Vacancies

### Original Wording

Directors may be removed from office, with or without cause, as permitted by and in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia.

Unless otherwise prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws or provisions of law, vacancies on the board may be filled by approval of the board of directors. If the number of directors then in office is less than a quorum, a vacancy on the board may be filled by approval of a majority of the directors then in office or by a sole remaining director. A person elected to fill a vacancy on the board shall hold office until the next election of the Board of Directors or until his death or, resignation or removal from office

### New Wording

Directors may be removed from office, with or without cause, **by the Board of Directors** and in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia

Unless otherwise prohibited by the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws or provisions of law, vacancies on the board may be filled by approval of the board of directors. If the number of directors then in office is less than a quorum, a vacancy on the board may be filled by approval of a majority of the directors then in office or by a sole remaining director. A person elected to fill a vacancy on the board shall hold office until the next election of the Board of Directors or until his or **her** death, resignation or removal from office.

## SECTION 3. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

### Original Wording

Officers may be elected by the Membership, at any time, and each officer shall hold office until he or she resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified, whichever occurs first. Regular elections shall be held in November every two years. Terms begin in January. No later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the term of office (September), notice to the membership shall be given and a nominating committee shall be formed. Thirty (30) days hence (October), the nominating committee shall report to the membership a slate of candidates; sixty (60) days hence (November), election of officers and directors will be held for all vacant positions.

### New Wording

Officers may be elected by the Membership, at any time, and each officer shall hold office until he or she resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified, whichever occurs first. Regular elections shall be held in November every two years. Terms begin in January. No later than one **hundred fifty (150)** days prior to the term of office (**August**), notice to the membership shall be given and a nominating committee shall be formed. **Sixty (60)** days hence (October), the nominating committee shall report to the membership a slate of candidates; **ninety (90)** days hence (November), election of officers and directors will be held for all vacant positions

## SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

### Original Wording

The qualifications for membership in this association are as follows:

Live within the boundaries of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association, or be deemed by the board to have a significant interest in the community; and,

### New Wording

A single individual who lives within the boundaries of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association, or be deemed by the board to have a significant interest in the community.

## OXON RUN CREEK RESTORATION

Nearly a dozen Hillcrest residents attended a presentation on the stream restoration project of Oxon Run Creek on Monday May 15 at the Francis Gregory Library. Josh Burch, an Environmental Specialist with the DC Department of Energy and Environment, was the presenter.

This plan comes on the heels of a similar project in Alger Park that was completed last year under the direction of the same DC Department. A similar endeavor in Hillcrest, at the northern foot of 32nd St., SE had been done previously through the Federal Government and the National Park Service.

This latest proposal concentrates on the portion of Oxon Run Creek bounded by Branch Ave., Erie St., and Southern Ave. lying entirely in Hillcrest. Oxon Run Creek is not in the Anacostia River watershed and eventually feeds into the Potomac River.

Members of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association will remember that this plot of land is the site of the Hillcrest Christmas Tree which is decorated by our organization every year. The tree lies on the one corner of the designated area which is approachable by pedestrians. The rest of the targeted area is so thick with overgrowth and undergrowth that most motorists passing by never give it a second glance.

Ms. Stephanie Early Abney, who lives on Erie St. adjacent to the proposed project, has described a deep ravine hidden from view which is easily twenty feet deep. She stated that several deer frequent the spot. They sometimes make their way up to the front yards of the houses on Erie St. and feed on flowers and other vegetation.

Among the goals for the creek restoration work are: decreasing the volume and velocity of storm water being discharged into the park, reducing erosion, and creating a walking trail for the park.

Hillcrest neighbors at the May 15 meeting expressed numerous concerns including the inevitable loss of some trees, the presence of heavy construction equipment, and the temporary disruption of traffic.

The anticipated timeline for this work includes a closing date for bids on design and construction by April 30, 2018, of which the date has already passed and the awarding of the construction contract around August or September of 2018. Sometime this fall or winter, there will be more community meetings, site surveys and design, and the securing of the many permits which the law requires. The permits can be time consuming, but the hope is that actual construction can take place between next spring and fall (2019).

## ABRA RELEASES SAFEWAY LIQUOR LICENSE CHALLENGE REPORT

The D.C. Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) released its report on the March 7, 2018 "protest" hearing on the challenge made by 15 Hillcrest "protestors" to Safeway-Alabama Avenue's liquor license. In the report, ABRA said that Safeway's renewal is contingent on compliance with two additional terms.

In the report and hearing, the ABRA also specifically stated Safeway must continue to comply with the 2003 agreement (with the Hillcrest Community Civic Association and ANC7B) and that Safeway remains in violation with the agreement each time they sell an alcoholic beverage and NOT place the beverage in a translucent bag and place only alcoholic beverages in the bag.

The ABRA recently fined Economy Market \$600 for not "maintain(ing) clear plastic bags to use for alcoholic beverage purchases," as stated in Economy Market agreement.

For Safeway to rid the agreement of the baggage provision, it must renegotiate with the original parties, the Hillcrest Community Civic Association and ANC7B.

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## HCCA WINE RAFFLE!



Purchase your \$20 raffle tickets today!. There will be as many chances to win as there are bottles of donated wine. Every winner will receive 50 bottles of wine.

Winners will be announced at Hillcrest Day on September 22, 2018. Contact anyone on the Fundraising, Education or Hillcrest Day committees to purchase tickets.

The Wine Raffle is the perfect incentive to invite neighbors to join the HCCA! Every member who brings two new paid members to the HCCA will receive one free entry into the wine raffle.

Every new paid member to the HCCA who donates a bottle of wine will receive entry into the wine raffle as well.

## ABRA RELEASES SAFEWAY continued...

The community must decide whether to take the possible opportunity of exchanging the rescinding of the bag provision for something meaningful to the community, and help Safeway to be a good neighbor consistently.

The "protestors" will continue to post information on Nextdoor.com, the HillcrestDC yahoo group and at presentations at the ANC7B and HCCA meetings.



### Got Ideas!

Email ideas or articles for newsletter by the 15th of the month to:  
[hillcrestdc\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com)

### Pay 2018 Dues

Make checks payable to HCCA  
Send to: P.O. Box 30895  
Washington, DC 20030

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