



# NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

3319 Alabama Avenue, Southeast

Washington, D.C. 20020

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**Next Meeting:** Saturday, August 5, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

**At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets, S.E.**

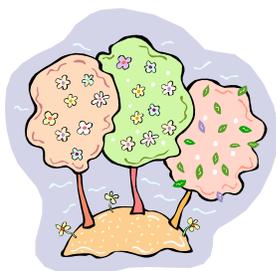
*NOTE: Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of the month.*

## **D.C. GREENWORKS WILL SPEAK AT THE AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING. COME OUT AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.**

D.C. Greenworks is a non-profit social enterprise that serves the Washington, D.C. community by providing training, tools, and technologies that utilize, advance, and protect the environment. Entrepreneurial in approach, they work hand-in-hand with community leaders, inner-city residents, neighborhood organizations, and small businesses to leverage grassroots participation and bring about creative solutions that redress the effects of pollution and create a higher quality of life for residents. As an advocate for the environment, they believe in strengthening communities through knowledge and hands-on discovery and participation. Their hope is to make D.C.'s ecology and environment accessible and relevant, bridging diverse peoples and communities.

Joseph Chase Permitti will serve as the speaker for the meeting. Joseph is Director of Development for D.C. Greenworks.

## **ADVERTISE IN THE BLESSING OF THE TREES SOUVENIR BOOKLET**



The ***Blessing of the Trees Festival, slated for September 9***, is fast approaching. This event is HCCA's first such effort to raise designated funds for its schools and youth in the community. If you have not yet done so, we urge you to weigh in by making a financial commitment and placing an ad or by becoming a patron in the souvenir booklet. Appearing elsewhere in this newsletter is the *Ad and Patron Levels Form*. Please bring it and your check to the HCCA meeting on August 5 or mail to the Lutheran Church of

the Holy Comforter. Thank you for acknowledging, by your support, that a strong community buttresses its schools and youth.

Submitted by Mary Ross, Chairperson of the Environmental Committee

### **Message from the President**

*Dear Neighbor,*

*In my message for the April 2006 newsletter, I expressed concern about littering in the City being an ongoing problem in need of stronger action to abate. On June 28, 2006, Kathy Chamberlain and I testified before the DC City Council in support of Bill 16-666, "Litter Control Administration Amendment Act (LCAAA) of 2006". This bill introduced by Councilmember Kwame Brown amends the "Litter Control Administration Amendment Act (LCAAA) of 1985" to provide that the Metropolitan Police Department, in addition to the Department of Public Works, shall have the authority to issue tickets to persons who violate the District's litter control laws. Even though it was made a part of the record during the hearing that the police already had the authority under LCAAA to write tickets for littering, it was revealed that the police have not written littering tickets in the past 19 years. The foregoing is due primarily to littering in the District of Columbia having been de-criminalized with the establishment of the "Litter Control Amendment Act of 1985. Councilmember Carol Schwartz, Chair of the DC Public Works Committee, and Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chair of the Judicial Committee, are just beginning to recognize that the current legislation on the books is inadequate for enforcement purposes. Councilmember Brown determined that the current law, as written, is too complicated and should be streamlined to simply state the police shall write tickets for littering and will keep a record by police district of how many tickets are issued. Currently, the Department of Public Works has the primary responsibility for the enforcement of anti-littering laws but don't have sufficient enforcement resources to serve as an adequate deterrent to littering. The over 3500 DC police officers who patrol our streets should be required and responsible for writing littering tickets, same as the police officers in Virginia and Maryland. I encourage members of our civic association to contact members of the City Council to support Bill 16-666, which is intended to make for a cleaner city.. Sincerely, Vincent M. Spaulding, President, HCCA*

### **SELL YOUR SPECIALTY AT THE BLESSING OF THE TREES FESTIVAL**

Do you grill the best hamburger in town? Do you have a knack for making crafts? Are there things in the garage or attic that you are finally ready to part with? Would you like an opportunity to sell these items? Why not rent table space at the **Blessing of the Trees Festival**? You may rent one or more spaces which are 6'x3'. Spaces for nonfood items rent for \$25.00 each; spaces for food items rent for \$50.00. You will be able to rent spaces at the August 5 meeting. Contact Mary Ross for additional information at 202 583-5166.

### **HELP STOP AUTO THEFT BY PARTICIPATING IN THE "WATCH YOUR CAR" PROGRAM, SPONSORED BY DC METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT**

"Watch Your Car" is a national vehicle theft prevention program designed to deter auto theft and assist in the apprehension of auto thieves through a voluntary vehicle registration program. Participating vehicle owners sign an agreement stating that their car is not normally used between 1 am and 5 am. If a police officer observes the vehicle being driven anywhere in the U.S. during those hours, the vehicle can be stopped to verify it is being operated by the owner or a person designated by the owner. Sign up now by registering on-line at [www.mpdcc.gov](http://www.mpdcc.gov) or by calling 1 877 DC2-STOP.

## **23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATION ON AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>. DON'T MISS IT!**

Mark Tuesday, August 1, 2006, on your calendar and plan to attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual



National Night Out celebration, a community anti-crime initiative. The event will be held at Naylor Gardens, 30<sup>th</sup> Street and Naylor Road, SE, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers, a clown and activities for the kids, a dee jay, and a parade. Come out and meet your neighbors, renew old friendships, and strengthen your neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

### **JUST A REMINDER! PLEASE ATTEND NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS**

PSA 606 / Neighborhood Watch meetings are held monthly, along with the PSA meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at The Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter.

The next meeting will be on **August 16, 2006 6-7 pm**. The strength of an organization like Neighborhood Watch comes from involvement by concerned citizens. Please get involved by attending the August meeting.

### **NEIGHBORS THROUGH ART HONORS SOME OF HILLCREST'S OWN**

As a part of D.C. Capital Fringe Festival, Neighbors Through ART presented "Diagonal Voices/Echoes on Saturday, July 22, 2006 at the Recital Hall of the Levine School of Music's Southeast campus, located at THEARC on Mississippi Avenue, S.E. Honored at the event were: Bill Bradford, Isaac Fulwood (H), Harold Gray, Nora Gregory (H), Marion Mack, Curtis Christopher "CC" Robinson (H), Pastor Franklin Senger III (H), and Jo Waters. All of the honorees were recognized for their outstanding contributions to their communities. Congratulations to all of the honorees!! We are particularly proud of our Hillcrest neighbors.

### **SKYLAND SHOPPING CENTER UPDATE**

#### **Current Status**

*Acquisitions:* National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC) has completed the acquisition of the Skyland property and continues negotiations with condemned property owners to settle cases.

*Financing/TIF:* NCRC has finalized an agreement with Morgan Stanley to provide equity for the project. NCRC will re-introduce TIF legislation in September to maximize public financing to the project. NCRC continues to negotiate with several commercial banks to provide debt for the project; closing to follow sometime prior to groundbreaking.

*Relocation/Management:* NCRC will be doing paving and lighting work at the site shortly. The company has initiated clean-up operations at the site; and NCRC, Diversified Property Services, and Operation Hope have collaborated to provide services to existing tenants.



**HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:**

- Michael & Susan Dodson, 2814 Ft. Baker Drive, SE
- Brimmy Olaghere & Margaret Forde, 3307 Gainesville St., SE
- Elmer & Kathleen Addison, 2418 Branch Ave., SE
- Clory Morrison, 2201 Branch Ave., SE
- Curtis C. Robinson, 2001 36<sup>th</sup> St., SE
- Constance O'Bryant, 2129 32<sup>nd</sup> St., SE
- Lenzell & Loretta Ruffin, 3640 Bangor St., SE
- Ed Shea & Jill Posek, 2210 30<sup>th</sup> St., SE

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR AUGUST**

5	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Rec Center 32 <sup>nd</sup> and Denver Streets, SE
7	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
9	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave SE
16	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
17	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St, SE
26	7 a.m.	Twining Park Work Session, 2700 blk Pa Ave. SE

***Dues for 2006 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

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