



# NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Next Meeting: Saturday, Aug. 4, 2007, at 10 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets, SE

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



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Hillcresters pick up crime safety information at the July meeting.

### Comments?

Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans at hillcrestdc\_newsletter@yahoo.com.

## 24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Be part of America's Night Out Against Crime. Join the Hillcrest community in showing your support and strengthen neighborhood and police-community partnership.

**Lutheran Church, corner of Branch and Alabama Avenues  
Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2007  
6 p.m. to 9 pm.**

Refreshments Served. Meet and greet the MPD officers of PSA 606.

Show the traditional support of National Night Out by turning on your porch light from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

### What is National Night Out?

The "24<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), has been scheduled for **Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2007**. Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from more than 10,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. In all, more than **34 million** people participated in NNO 2006.

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** 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 letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

# August speaker to be announced

## Message from the President

### Dear Neighbors,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many residents of Hillcrest who have worked long and hard to make our civic association (HCCA) one of the strongest and most active in the city. But those who have carried this organization for many years have had to let go of the reins. So now HCCA is in need of an infusion of new blood. Even though we have reached that magic number of 500 households, thanks to our former president, Vincent Spaulding, HCCA needs to continue to increase our membership base and more important, our level of involvement.

At the board retreat in January 2006, members discussed their vision for the future of HCCA. Below is a recap of some of the issues that came from that discussion.

1. Developing a more cost-effective way of publishing and distributing our monthly newsletter.
2. Creating more definition for the existing committee structure and establishing guidelines for committee interfacing.
3. Strengthening the function of standing committees.
4. How does the association address the issues created by the technology age?
5. How to market HCCA.
6. How to retain HCCA membership.

7. Improving the collection of membership dues and the maintenance of membership lists.
8. Clarifying the role of HCCA.
9. Developing polices for succession of HCCA officers.
10. Develop policy on how to address economic development issues.
11. Disaster preparation for our community.
12. Developing a yearly calendar of events.

You can see there is much work to do. How can you help? One of the most pressing issues is the need of a recording secretary. This is a demanding but important position. We were fortunate to have Donna Lewis Johnson for a couple of months but she is not able to continue in this capacity. Can we entice anyone of you reading this article to take on this role? If you have any creative ideas on ways to fill this position or if you can assist us for even a short time please let me know. We also request your help with the reorganization and computerization of HCCA. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the standing committees or in helping with a specific project, again, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at [klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com](mailto:klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com). The longest journey begins with just a single step. Take one today. Thank you.

**Karen Lee Williams, President  
Hillcrest Community Civic Association**

## Hillcrest News

**Hillcrest Board of Directors passed Resolution in Support of Skyland Project**—At the July 7 board meeting, the HCCA board of directors passed a resolution in support of the Skyland Redevelopment. To summarize briefly, the resolution is a conceptual endorsement of the Skyland Town Center approach. The board felt it was important to pass a resolution at this time, to ensure that we, as an organization, continue to be on record as providing leadership on a project that is critical to the present and future vibrancy of our community. We intend to take the opportunity to weigh in on the development

strategy and public processes for the final plans for the project as they unfold. To read the full text of the Skyland Resolution visit our Web site at [www.hillcrestdc.com](http://www.hillcrestdc.com) and click on Skyland Resolution.



(L-R) Councilmembers Marion Barry, Yvette Alexander and Kwame Brown co-host a hearing in Deanwood.

**Councilmember Roundtable**—Our three City Councilmembers, Council Chair Vincent Gray; the

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Chair of the Committee on Economic Development Kwame Brown; and Ward 7 Councilmember Yvette Alexander have committed to meet with the citizens of Hillcrest and Ward 7, the first Saturday of every month at noon following the Hillcrest Community Civic Association meeting at the Hillcrest Recreation Center at 32<sup>nd</sup> and Denver Streets, SE. This roundtable is the brain child of Council Chair Vincent Gray who has pledged to open the door of the Council chambers and bring the process to the community. Our roundtable is an excellent opportunity to talk one on one with our Council members, hear their opinions first hand and to monitor their positions on issues important to you. If our Councilmembers can take time from their busy schedules to meet with us monthly, I hope we will take advantage of this rare opportunity and provide them with an interested and enthusiastic audience.

Monthly Pass Information

**Watch a Nats Game**—Come cheer for the home team! Join your neighbors and watch a Nats versus Mets baseball game at RFK Stadium on a Sunday afternoon, Aug. 19, starting at 1:35 p.m. Bring the family! The Hillcrest Community Civic Association has purchased 25 tickets for the game. The cost is only \$15 per ticket. Contact Richard Evans at (202) 584-0577 or [revans@ncosdc.com](mailto:revans@ncosdc.com) to purchase your tickets. Tickets will also be available at the Aug. 4 HCCA meeting.

**Repeat from July: Advertise in the Blessing of the Trees Souvenir Booklet**—The second annual *Blessing of the Trees Festival* is slated Saturday, Sept. 1. This event is an HCCA effort to raise funds for its schools and youth. HCCA has committed to provide support for Anne Beers Elementary School, to assist in providing uniforms for teams at the recreation center, and to wage an anti-littering campaign for students at the public schools in our community. By placing an ad or becoming a patron in the souvenir booklet, you support these efforts. In the last newsletter was the Ad and Patron

## SCRABBLE FUN



Hillcrest neighbors have fun at the scrabble club meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:30.

Levels form. Please bring it and your check to the membership meeting. Remember to make this tax deductible gift out to The Washington East Foundation. Thank you for your support of our schools and youth.

**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 each; spaces for food items rent for \$50. Individuals who rented table spaces last year may rent spaces at the discounted price of \$20 for nonfood items and \$40 for food items. You will be able to rent spaces at the membership meeting.

### Interstages Girls Inspire a Crowd—

Interstages participants Alexis, Ayssia, Bri, Brianna, Erica, Ericka, Lataya, Make'la, Sarah and Shauntice welcomed an audience of more than 50 to

“enter the Interstages experience” at Ward 7’s Riverside Center on June 12. The girls’ performances included music, drama and spoken word. The event also

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**HCCA WELCOMES  
THE FOLLOWING  
NEW MEMBER**

- Tracy L. Boswell,  
2006 38th Street, SE, #302

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served as a kick-off for Interstages' new Giving Clubs program. **Please contact** Noel Tieszen by e-mail at [Noel.Tieszen@interstages.org](mailto:Noel.Tieszen@interstages.org) or

by phone at (202) 824-0740 for more information on student registration, employment opportunities, volunteering, giving clubs, and more! Thanks to the entire Hillcrest community for your ongoing support.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR AUGUST

4	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32 <sup>nd</sup> and Denver Streets, SE
6	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
8	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
15	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
16	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

**PLEASE NOTE: The new mailing address for the Hillcrest Community Civic Association is:**  
**HCCA**

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**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2007?** Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2007, please send your payment now!

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

*I'd like to serve on the following committee(s):* \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual dues are only \$10 . Make check payable to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to:**

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