



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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AUGUST 2010

Next Meeting: Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, 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.

Craig Muckle is this Month's Speaker

Join the HCCA board in welcoming Craig Muckle, the manager of public affairs and government relations at Safeway Corporation. Muckle who has been at Safeway since August 1997, will discuss various areas of interest to Hillcrest residents.



Muckle graduated from the University of Dayton in 1981. He has been a manager of public relations at Rite Aid, a director of public relations at BET, and a staff publicist at ESPN, according to his profile on the social networking site, Linked in. He sits on several boards including the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce where he's the immediate past chair, the Greater Washington Urban League and the March of Dimes National Capital Region, among others. He was also the Safeway Community Hero Award Winner in 2008. Muckle is married with children.

Special Points of Interest:

- *HCCA President*
Muses About Engaging
New Members
- *The Palisades Fourth of*
July Parade
- *It's National Night Out*
on Aug. 3, 2010

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Community Calendar for August

- 7 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
- 9 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
- 11 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting, Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
- 18 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting, Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
- 19 7 p.m. ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

Scout meeting every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.—Cub Scouts; 11 a.m.—Boy Scouts at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

I can't believe it's August already, and time for another HCCA meeting. It might be a coincidence but while attempting to write this letter, I've gotten two calls from organizations updating their calendars wanting to know if we meet every first Saturday of the month even August. When I tell them we never take a break, they all laugh. After all, even the Congress of the United States gets August off. Well, that's a battle I'll stay out of. I inherited these rules and I'll live with them. I even had to fight to schedule our family vacation for the middle of the month instead of the first like everyone wanted. "Come on Nana, you can miss one meeting," my oldest granddaughter pleaded. "I could," I replied, "but once you start planning to miss meetings, it becomes easier to duck out of your commitment." So Earl, three of our four children, their spouses, and seven grandchildren are taking a cruise on the 16th. This is not the first cruise Earl and I have taken but it's the first family venture. Wish us luck, this should be interesting.



Since I have committed to be at the HCCA meeting this month, I'm counting on the membership to turn out as usual to support their community. Speaking of supporting our community, I want to take a minute to thank Veronica Davis of Fairfax Village for finding HCCA. She made a commitment to canvas and get her neighbors in the village to come out and participate in HCCA. So far she has done a wonderful job of spreading the word. Thank you, Veronica. To keep HCCA a strong and viable civic association we have to recruit and engage new members. Reach out to the people on your block and invite them to a meeting, hopefully we'll do the rest. Talk to you again soon.

Karen

Palisades 4th of July Parade

Whew, it's a scorcher out here, but I'm having fun with my sister neighborhood.



(L-R) Resident Jim Byers, HCCA First Vice President Marvin Bowser and Membership Chair Scott Akers.

The group of Hillcrest residents attending Palisades' annual Fourth of July parade was a small but proud contingent. HCCA president, Karen Williams, Friends of the Francis Gregory Library board member, Miles Steel and resident, Jim Byers, were in Jim's beautiful 67 Imperial Convertible.



HCCA President Karen Williams is flanked by her grand children.

Karen, playing Miss Daisy, was in the back of the car sporting a stylish straw hat that matched Jim's car. Her granddaughters held the long Hillcrest banner out in front of the car.

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HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

Community Event

Randle Highlands Elementary School will host a week-long community event, which starts Aug. 16., from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., on the school's field (weather permitting). It is an opportunity for the community to visit the school at 1650 30th St., SE, and learn about what it has to offer. On the last day, Aug. 20, there will be several exciting activities, food, fun and prizes such as Washington National and Washington Redskin tickets, among others. For further information, contact the principal, Sheron Colston, at (202) 729-3250.

Notice of Public Meeting

The District's Health Care Reform Implementation Committee will host a public meeting on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Benning Neighborhood Library, 3935 Benning Rd., NE. If you have ideas or questions on how the District will institute reform, please attend. RSVP Required at (202) 442-7775.

Palisades Fourth of July Parade

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HCCA membership chair, Scott Akers and first vice president, Marvin Bowser carried the large Hillcrest 20th Anniversary banner behind the car. It was a beautiful hot day in the District. The crowd was large, loud, and in great spirits. Most of the politicians were in the parade; but well in front of the group, which had the opportunity to enjoy the neighborhood nature of the Palisades 4th of July parade.

Carolyn Lynch, the treasurer of the Friends of Francis Gregory Library, drove a 1997 Lincoln town car, displaying that banner. Everyone seemed to have had a great time.

It's America's Night Out Against Crime!

The 27th Annual National Night Out (NNO) is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, and it will be celebrated at two locations in Hillcrest.

- HCCA will be celebrating with Naylor Gardens from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., and
- Fairfax Village will celebrate from 6:30- 9 p.m.

HCCA will start off the evening with an “All over the Hillcrest gang” bicycle patrol. All interested parties meet @ East Washington Heights Baptist Church’s parking lot

at 6:45 p.m. We will bike to Fairfax Village and patrol the neighborhood ending at Naylor Gardens. All neighbors are encouraged to put on their porch lights; and those not participating in the bike patrol should walk their blocks. This would be an excellent time to exchange phone numbers and email addresses to create your own Dial my call neighborhood list.



Image on the Hillcrest Neighborhood Watch t-shirt that will be available for sale for \$10 on the evening of National Night Out on Aug. 3.

Summer Camp 2010 Continues

Summer CAMP 2010 is a comprehensive eight-week program that nurtures creativity and learning through fun, exploration, and adventure. Operated by the Early Stages Learning Centers, the camp is housed at Randle Highlands Elementary School, 1650 30th St., SE. It will run until Aug. 20, Mondays to Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is suited for ages 3 to 13 years. Before and after care are available. Programs include academic enrichment, arts and crafts, reading readiness and sports and recreation. For more information, call (202) 321-7473.

Deepest Sympathies

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association offers its deepest sympathies to the family of the late Floyd Lewis of the 2500 blk of 36th Pl., SE. He has been a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain since 1990.

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