



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working together for a better community"

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AUGUST 2011

Next Meeting: Saturday, August 6, 2011, 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.

Community Organizing and Advocacy 101 Hosted By Empower DC

Empower DC is pleased to support the Hillcrest Community Civic Association by facilitating a *Community Organizing and Advocacy 101* training for this month's meeting. During the session, Empower DC will focus on strategies for working with, and holding accountable, the business owners, elected officials and other "targets" making decisions that make an impact on your community. A basic principle of community organizing is exercising your power by joining together around common concerns, forming action plans, and carrying them out. Consistent, organized effort will lead to results. The goal of this work is for residents to not only have a seat at the table, but to actually influence the policies and decisions that directly make an impact on their lives.

Empower DC is a city-wide community organizing project involving low- and moderate-income District residents in action campaigns aimed at addressing issues such as affordable housing, child care, and quality public education. Widely regarded as experts in the field of community organizing, Empower DC employs leadership development, community education and grassroots action to achieve its goals of developing the empowered, confident self-advocacy of District residents, and assisting residents in the building of collective political power.

Parisa Norouzi is the executive director of Empower DC. She is well known and respected in the D.C. community both because of her commitment to social justice and her knowledge of issues affecting the District's low and moderate income residents. After graduating with honors from Marlboro College in Vermont with a degree in environmental policy and interest group politics, she quickly decided to enter the field of organizing for social change. After spending her early career in organizing around environmental justice issues, she joined the staff of WISH where she worked for one year, organizing around affordable housing, child care and other "safety net" preservation efforts. She co-founded Empower DC with Linda Leaks in December 2003. She has served as the lead organizer of the Ivy City Coalition, the People's Property Campaign and the Child Care for All Campaign. She holds a master's degree in community economic development from Southern New Hampshire University.

For more information, visit Empower DC's website at www.empowerdc.org or contact Parisa Norouzi, at (202) 234-9119.



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Any ideas or articles, e-mail the editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans, at hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com by the 15th.

Or follow on Twitter @HillcrestWard7

A Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

The “Dog Days of August” are upon us, but be assured your civic association will be hard at work through them all. This month, we will host Empower DC, to help us formulate strategies for community organizing and advocacy. The residents of Hillcrest have long been known for their advocacy; and with the help of Empower DC we will be able to step up our game.

The board will start looking at priorities for 2012. We need your input about the types of events and the issues you want us to address as an organization. HCCA is an advocate for all the members of our community; not to push the agenda of a few. But if you do not participate in the process, you can't complain. So, we are asking for your input. Please email suggestions and issues to me at klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com and we will put all your concerns on the table and develop a work plan and budget for 2012.

If the board can't get a summer break, neither can you. Please take the time to let us know your thoughts, to help us formulate a plan of where we go from here. I hope all of you will have an opportunity to enjoy the rest of the summer. I finally finished a big long-term project at work, so Earl and I are finally going to be able to hit the beach. Hope to see you there.

Karen

Sympathies to the Family of Nora Drew Gregory

The HCCA Board offers its deepest sympathies to the family of Nora Drew Gregory, who recently passed away. She was a teacher, on the District of Columbia Board of Library Trustees and a civic leader. She was a member of a prominent Washington family. Letters to the family may be sent to the following: 506 Tulip Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403.

Drop It While It's Hot

During the summer, you might use four times the amount of water you use during other months. Your water bill likely reflects the demand for the extra water you need for your lawn and garden.

There's an inexpensive way to capture the free rainwater for when you need it most—during periods of drought—to water your lawn and garden. You can cut your water bill by installing a rain barrel in your yard. It's a consistent supply of clean and free water for outdoor use. Rain barrels can be purchased at your local hardware or garden supply store. Better yet, many local government programs offer them at reduced prices. For more information, visit <http://www.anacostia.net>.



Rain barrel at the home of a District resident.

HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

HCCA Fundraising Committee Thanks You!

The HCCA Fundraising Committee wishes to thank all who donated to, or attended, the bus trip to Queenstown Premier Outlet and the Harrington Casino on July 8. From the HCCA's perspective, it was a financial and social success. Thanks for your continued support of the HCCA.

AJA Community Market To Serve EOR

Aja Community Market would launch July 30 at the Pennsyl-

vania Avenue Baptist Church, 3000 Penn Ave., SE, with fresh produce, baked goods, live music, capoeira demonstrations, health and wellness services and more. It will be every 3rd Saturday of the month, starting July 30, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. After July, the next markets are August 20, September 17, October 15 and November 19. Go to www.dreaminngoutloud.org.

The Hillcrest-Palisades Partnership

On Monday July 4, Hillcrest and Palisades residents once again

came together to celebrate another birthday of our nation. Several residents from Hillcrest walked in the annual Palisades 4th of July parade, while carrying our Hillcrest banner. The partnership banner, “Neighbors through Art” (NTA) was carried as a tradition by one Hillcrest resident and by one Palisades resident. NTA cofounder, Miles Steele, adorned his car with the banner for the Francis Gregory Library. Our participation was rounded-off with the adorable Little Miss Evans, (one of the daughters of the HCCA editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans), riding alongside the banner on her scooter as we walked to the

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SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 30

The HCCA proudly announces an evening of wine tasting and an art auction presented by Marlin Art of NY. Pieces will be presented, explained and auctioned in a professional manner appreciated by both gallery collectors and art novices.

Preview and Wine Tasting: 6 p.m.

Auction: 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Place: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church
3601 Alabama Ave., SE,

Cost: \$15 for single; \$25 per couple

Contact: HCCA Fundraising Chair Sheila Brown, (202) 297-3883.

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end of the parade route, the Palisades Recreation Center. Everyone joined in a holiday cook-out of fun and good food. I want to personally thank all of you for taking time from your holiday to help make our participation in this year's parade a stand-out success. I look forward to working with you all again next 4th of July.

Robin Hammond Marlin
Hillcrest Coordinator for the Partnership

Beautification Day

D CPS needs volunteers to assist with sprucing up more than 100 schools on Sat. Aug. 20, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register online at www.dcps.dc.gov.

The Enlightened Environmentalist

What Does It Mean to Go Green?

Why all this development in our city? Is there such a thing as over-urbanization? I say yes. Don't get me wrong, I like city life and especially Washington, D.C., but, we have to realize development does have its time and place. Everything new in technology isn't always good. We are experiencing that as we focus on "Going Green." How did we get to this state? Was it profits and greed or just wanting a faster way to do things? Was it competition in the world of who could get to the moon first; or the need to find the fountain of youth? Even with all our technology, fast food restaurants, cars, cell phones and of course the Internet, texting and Twitter, we still crave and want the natural things. That's because we are a part of this universe, just as the birds and the bees. We, as humans, play a part in making the world go round naturally. So what can I do, you ask. Recycle waste, plant native plants local to the area, install a rain barrel to reduce storm water runoff, plant a tree and take a walk just to look at nature. As our city and community move forward with development and new technology, let us as neighbors remind each other of the importance of keeping the earth foremost in our development plans. It will be good for us, our children's future, and the plants and animals around us. We, as humans, are not alone on this earth. We share it with nature and nature has its place in the New World. As the saying goes, "Let's Go Green."

Courtesy the Environmental and Beautification Committee

August 2nd, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Everyone's Welcome to NNO!!

**At The East Washington Heights Baptist Church
2220 Branch Ave., SE**

The "28th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). It will be Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011. On that day, everyone should turn on their outdoor and front porch lights as a symbol of unity in the fight against crime. We also should take the time to meet all the neighbors on our block. Knowing our neighbors and looking out for each other is one of the greatest deterrents against crime in our neighborhoods. So bike or hike to East Washington Heights. Contact HCCA Public Safety Chair David Kirkpatrick for more at (202) 583-0384 or (202) 271-4962.

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Community Calendar for August

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| 6 | 10 a.m. | HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE |
| 8 | 7 p.m. | Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting
Interim Francis Gregory Library, 2100 36th Place, SE |
| 10 | 10 a.m. | Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting (Safeway Discussions)
Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE |
| 17 | 6 p.m. | PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting
East Washington Heights Baptist Church, 2220 Branch Ave., SE |
| 18 | 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 | | |

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Amount: _____

E-Mail: _____ Cash or Check

New Member Renewal Name & Address in Hillcrest Directory Y or N

Receive the newsletter in the mail Or, read the newsletter on the web (www.HillcrestDC.com)

I'd like to serve on the following committee(s): _____

(Visit the website for a list of committees)

Annual membership fee: \$12 per household per calendar year. Make check payable to HCCA, and mail to: Hillcrest Community Civic Association, P.O. Box 30895, Washington, D.C. 20030-0895
 Or pay using a credit card online at www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm