

THE HILLCREST NEWSLETTER



HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

"Working together for a Better Community!"

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August 2013

CALENDER OF EVENTS

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center
32nd and Denver Sts., SE
Saturday, August 3, 2013 10AM to Noon

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 30TH ANNIVERSARY

East Washington Heights Baptist Church
2220 Branch Avenue, SE
Tuesday, August 6, 2013, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING

Francis Gregory Library
3660 Alabama Ave., SE
No Meeting in August

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

East Washington Heights Baptist Church
2200 Branch Ave., SE
Wednesday, August 14, 2013 6PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

Ryland Methodist Church
3200 S ST., SE
Thursday, August 15, 2013, 7PM to 9PM

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THIS MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER

The Membership

This month we will have an Open Forum. This meeting format will allow time for the membership to express their concerns, interests, recommend guest speakers, and have input into the direction of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association. This is a time for a constructive dialogue about our organization and its place in our community. See you then.

Monte Carlo Night



The HCCA Fund Raising Committee and the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, Inc. jointly sponsored a memorable evening of food, music, beverages, gaming and prizes. Even though some say July is not a good month for such events, the Monte Carlo Night was well attended. Guests were festively dressed for the occasion and really seemed to enjoy the moment. This was a catered event with stationed and waited foods. Some volunteers received training to work the various gaming tables from Vegas Time, Associates, Inc., a professional gaming company that was contracted for the night. The evening provided a wonderful opportunity to learn the basics of black jack, roulette, poker and craps. Volunteers also worked at several stations throughout the evening as bar tenders, receptionists, cashiers and tickets takers.

Mayor Vincent C. Gray, Councilmember Yvette Alexander – Ward 7, and Councilmember Tommy Wells – Ward 6, graced us with their presence for most of the evening. The Councilmembers helped to award the prizes at the end of the night.

The top 3 prizes which included a weekend stay in Williamsburg, VA; a 32 inch flat screen TV; and an IPOD, were awarded based on the top 3 highest "funny money" winners throughout the night. Other prizes, a digital screen scale, tablet, wine basket, shredder, cutlery set, gift certificates for jewelry, garden shop, set, gift certificates for jewelry, garden shop, restaurant, etc. were awarded using a raffle-type process.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, August 6, 2013

6:30PM-8:30PM

**East Washington Heights Baptist Church
2220 Branch Ave SE**

(Corner of Alabama Ave. and Branch Ave SE)

The "30th Annual National Night Out" is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). Everyone should turn on their outdoor and front porch lights as a symbol of unity in the fight against crime. We also should take time to try 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. In addition to turning on lights and meeting your neighbors, all are welcome to come out and share public safety concerns with your neighbors and our 6D MPDC Police and DCFD.

Join DC Public Schools for the 2013 Beautification Day



When? Saturday, August 24th, 9AM*-1PM (*note new start time)

What? Join the school community to volunteer on various 'spruce up' projects such as planting flowers, painting, general cleaning and/or creating welcome back signs for students!

Where? When you sign up as a volunteer, you'll be able to select your school choice. It is recommended that you register as 'flexible' whenever possible to ensure all schools receive quality care.

Questions? Contact dcps.BeautificationDay@dc.gov or call (202) 719-6601. Also, consider volunteering as a site manager for a school.

Register online now! Link: <http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/beautificationday>

Sponsor: The Community Partnerships team, Office of Family and Public Engagement, District of Columbia Public Schools.

THEARC and The Humanities Council of DC Announce

Open Call for Talent East of the Anacostia River for Upcoming Arts & Humanities Festival

When: August 17, 18, and 24th
Time: 11AM-4PM Each Day
What: THEARC, is looking for artists and per-

formers for The Arts and Humanities Festival at St. Elizabeth's! The Arts and Humanities Festival at St. Elizabeth's is gearing up to be a celebration of the culture, creativity and community of the Ward 8 neighborhoods and the expansion of the East Campus of St. Elizabeth's.

How to sign-up: Interested artists and prospective talent should apply online by going to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oFxfhOIN0Ps_BTypjQ8YEtvHp...

For More Information: Contact Soyini George, Festival Director at festivaldirector@wdchumanities.org.

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PSA 606

www.Puzzle-Maker.com

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SPOTLIGHT ON HILLCREST

Curry Cheek

Curry Cheek was born and raised in Hillcrest and graduated at the top of her class from Jefferson Junior High. She graduated Valedictorian from Banneker High School and was accepted by some of the top universities in the country including Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Spelman, Howard and Georgia Tech. She was named "One of 100 People to Watch in the New Millennium" by the Washingtonian Magazine.



Curry chose Harvard and graduated with a degree in Economics. After graduation, she worked on Wall Street as an Investment Banker covering healthcare and governmental clients for UBS Investment Bank and Rice Financial Products Company. Before joining UBS, Curry served as a management consultant intern with New Sector Alliance.

She provides microfinance consulting through Project Enterprise, and is founder of Mymuni, an organization that works to improve local health and wealth through healthy living strategies and business development. Curry studied abroad at East Normal China University in Shanghai and speaks Mandarin. This month, she will move to the City of Medicine, Durham, NC, to start medical school at Duke University School of Medicine. Curry is the daughter of Hillcrest residents, Roger and Mattie Cheek.

Kelsea Johnson

Kelsea Johnson, our Hillcrest neighbor, is a recent graduate of School Without Walls High School. She's been up to great things as she prepares to begin her freshman year at Elon University in the fall.



August will conclude Kelsea's 10-month tenure on the District of Columbia's State Board of Education.

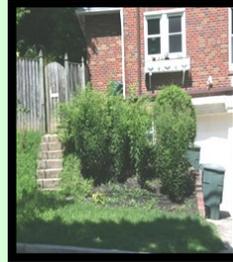
While she was in high school, Kelsea served as secretary of her class and played an active role in the Student Government Association, The National Honor Society, dance team, and other clubs and activities.

Kelsea hopes to pursue political science during college with a focus on international relations. She will also be active in Elon's dance and theatre departments. Kelsea has loved growing up in Hillcrest and looks forward to returning over breaks and keeping the community posted on her future endeavors

Congratulations Ladies we look forward to hearing from you in the future!

The Enlightened Environmentalist

Enlightened Environmentalist: Why BayScap?



BayScaping is a term that we hope will become so familiar in our community that it will become as common as the "well-manicured lawns" now prevalent in Hillcrest. What is bay-scaping? It is landscaping with a purpose. In BayScaping, landscaping is done not merely to beautify but also to benefit

people, wildlife and our water shed. BayScaping is an asset to the environment. Native species plants are relied on to eliminate or greatly reduce the use of chemicals, need for watering and the amount of water that runs off our yards during rain storms. Further, native species support wildlife by providing food water and shelter for local and migratory birds, beneficial insects and other forms of wildlife.

BayScaping also provides a value to gardeners and homeowners. Dedicating a portion of one's lawn to the planting of native species – perennials, trees and shrubs- create a pleasant contrast to a yard as opposed to a yard that only has a lawn. This portion of your once-lawn frees you from the expense and consumption of time, mowing, watering, fertilizing and other requirements of maintaining a lawn. Additionally, problematic areas of your yard such as erosion, poor soil, poor drainage and steep slopes cease with bayscaping.

Michelle Phipps-Evans, first vice president of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association who lives at 3031 W St., SE used BayScaping in 2010 to address an area (pictured in this article) on the Thirty-first Street side of their lovely home. She reports that it took the contractor from RiverSmart Homes about a day to complete the bayscaping. She remains pleased with this beneficial landscaping.

For more information about BayScaping and RiverSmart Homes go to dddoe.dc.gov/riversmarthomes or call 202-535-2240

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Several companies helped to sponsor the event at various levels including Rappaport Development and the Skyland Team, Walmart, Thrive Health, Blue Skye Construction, Industrial Bank of Washington, and City First Bank. Donations and in-kind support was received from other individuals, businesses and proprietes. Many thanks to everyone who supported and helped make this a successful event.



The Hillcrest-Palisades Community Partnership was represented in the 2013 4th of July Palisades Parade by the partnership liaisons. Robin Hammond Marlin, the Hillcrest Community Liaison, and Penny Pagano, the Palisades Community Liaison, both marched in the parade carrying the banner highlighting the ongoing partnership between these two communities.

Hillcrest - Palisades Partnership

Members of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association marched in the Annual Palisades 4th of July Parade. Lead by President, Karen Williams, the following members marched behind the Hillcrest Banner: Howard and Sherry Ways, their brother and sister-in-law, and David Kirkpatrick. Miles Steele, and Carolyn Lynch represented the Friends of the Francis Gregory Library. We all had a wonderful time as we talked with the crowds, renewed old acquaintances and made new ones, and tossed tons of candy to the kids on the parade route.

After the parade Mayor Vincent C. Gray cut the ribbon opening the redesigned Palisades Park. What an impressive facility. Can't wait to see the final results of our own Hillcrest makeover.

HCCA Board

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Contact information is available on our website at www.hillcrestdc.com

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