



NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

3319 Alabama Avenue, Southeast

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Next Meeting: Saturday, September 3, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.
At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, S.E.

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

WILLIAM O. HOWLAND, JR., DIRECTOR, DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO SPEAK AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

William O. Howland, Jr, current director of the District's Department of Public Works (DPW), has more than 20 years of local government experience, primarily as a senior executive. He is approaching his first anniversary as the head of DPW. Before being confirmed as Director of DPW on November 9, 2004, Mr. Howland served as the Interim Director beginning in April 2004.

Some of his accomplishments include serving on the Downtown Congestion Task Force; reducing the District government's fleet size; developing proposals to solicit trash hauling services for the Department of Public Works; reducing the backlog of abandoned vehicles from over 1100 to less than a handful, and implementing a new residential recycling program.

STATUS OF SKYLAND SHOPPING CENTER REDEVELOPMENT

Work is still progressing towards the acquisition of land so that the redevelopment of Skyland Shopping Center can begin. The National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC) has agreed to prices on several parcels of land and is currently negotiating purchase and sale agreements. Negotiations with four remaining landowners is in process. The timeline still contemplates a November 2005 acquisition completion and a March 2006 groundbreaking.

WANT TO BE ON HGTV?

"If Walls Could Talk," a popular weekly series on HGTV (Home & Garden Television), is looking for Hillcrest homeowners who live in historic homes! This fall, the HGTV series will kick off the season with a new host, a fresh look, and engaging homeowners who make surprising historical discoveries about their homes as they research and restore them.

The producers are looking for Hillcrest residents who, through the process of restoration or renovation, have found artifacts in their homes that once belonged to previous owners. These discoveries can be anything from clothing, diaries, photos, toys, personal belongings, hidden murals...anything that helps tell the story of the original or previous owners!

If you live in a historic home or have a story to share please contact Howard and Sherry Ways at (202) 257-6165 or e-mail Sherry Ways at s_ways@hotmail.com by September 15th.

Message from the President

Our membership goal of 500 households is about to be reached. At last month's meeting, several members of HCCA volunteered to assist with recruiting new members. A total of 13 members agreed to recruit 3 to 5 new members for a total of 57 new members. In August, our total membership was 476 households. I am hoping, at our September meeting, that I will be able to announce that we have met and possibly exceeded our membership goal of 500 households. Sincere appreciation is expressed to Civic Association members who volunteered to make a special effort to assist with meeting our 2005 HCCA membership goal. With our average neighborhood household having at least 2 persons, this gives us a voting head count of at least 1000 votes. The size of the civic association membership carries great weight when addressing issues important to the Hillcrest community and Ward 7 at-large. The more folks who become engaged, the better the quality of life in Hillcrest- - and it can become an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely, Vincent M. Spaulding, President, HCCA

RECEPTION HELD FOR HILLCREST POET

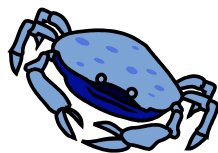
On August 18th, about 20 people were treated to a night of poetry and spoken word as our very own Hillcrest resident, Kayeen Thomas, performed selected readings from his book "Light". Kayeen, who is about to enter his senior year of college, also performed a new, thought provoking piece, entitled "Revolution" which will, hopefully, be a part of his second book. Thanks go out to Michelle Evans and the Thomas family for helping with the refreshments and to the Hillcrest Recreation Center for hosting the event.

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!!
THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE HAS TWO UPCOMING EVENTS AND WE
NEED YOUR PARTICIPATION:**



Charles Town Races and Slots

**Friday, September 9th, Charles Town, West Virginia
Bus Leaves DC at 4 PM and returns at 11 PM
Seats \$20**



Crab Feast

**Saturday, October 8th, Ft. Davis Rec Center
1 PM - 5 PM, Adults \$35 and Children 12 and under \$20
For tickets and info, contact Richard Evans 498-4988, Jarrin Davis 583-9766;
Faith Lyles 583-1563; Thelma Martin 583-0288; or Nancy Harris 575-2696**

FRIENDS OF THE HILLCREST RECREATION CENTER

In December 2004 Hillcrest and the surrounding community celebrated the opening of its new Hillcrest Recreation Center, a state of the art facility that has a regulation size basketball court, computer, game, multi-purpose and fitness rooms, as well as locker rooms and a kitchenette area. Outside, a walking track circles the perimeter of the facility as we pass a tot lot and playground areas, volleyball net, horseshoes, and a putting green. It has been enthusiastically used by seniors involved in the seniors program who walk along the track in the mornings. The Rec Center enthusiastically supports the NBA style basketball taking place in the gym, and the 167 children and teens enrolled in the 5 summer camps this past summer thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It is a great facility, serving a vital role in the community, and we want to keep it that way. The **Friends of the Hillcrest Recreation Center** have formed to support the Center. We began meeting in March and have met monthly since then. Our meetings are typically the 4th Wednesday of the month. We will fundraise to raise funds, and work with the Department of Recreation to support it and its programs, such as getting uniforms for the basketball teams. The boys basketball team has already won several championships, including one recently at the Kenilworth-Parkside Recreation Center.

We will also organize and work to enhance the facility by mobilizing to get a swimming pool and to enhance the tennis courts, located near the Wellness Center, that are a part of the facility. Our first event, the first annual Family Fun Day, held Saturday, August 20, 2005 was enjoyed by neighbors and community members, including Hillcrest's two Council members, Vincent Gray and Kwame Brown, young people who use the Center, and their parents. Safeway donated the food and Poor Man's Barbecue cooked it. Our next event will be a reception, co-sponsored with HCCA, to welcome DPR's new director, Kimberly Flowers. Interested in joining us? Then contact Lucy or Don Murray on 202 583-0738, Mary or Phil Hammond on 202 582-3059, or Donna Coley-Trice on 202 584-8555.

THE FALL SCHEDULE IS OUT FOR THE HILLCREST REC CENTER

The Hillcrest Recreation Center is currently enrolling individuals for all classes in their fall-winter schedule. There is a new evening Aerobics class on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.; a new evening Yoga class on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. Also on the fall schedule are classes in hand dancing, line dancing, story telling, interior decorating, arts and crafts, intro to computers, sewing, basketball, and many more.

The Center is currently recruiting for their flag football team, ages 6-14, and they are organizing a city-wide, all ages, table tennis tournament. Come down to the center to sign up for any of the classes or activities. Or, call the Rec Center at 202 645-9200 for additional information.

MAYOR INSTALLS A NEW BIKE LANE TO HIGHLIGHT DISTRICT BICYCLE IMPROVEMENTS

On August 19th, Mayor Williams installed a bicycle lane on "D" Street, NE to highlight bicycle-friendly improvements throughout the District. The event spotlighted DDOT's installation of 17 miles of new bicycle lanes since 2001, as part of street resurfacing projects and as stand-alone installations. DDOT has also recently published a new bicycle map, which includes all of the District's bicycle routes, lanes and trails, ratings of traffic conditions by speed and volume, details on how to navigate all the Potomac and Anacostic River bridges and instructions on loading a bicycle on a Metrobus.

HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-CYCLING ON OCTOBER 15TH

The District's DPW will hold its bi-annual household hazardous waste and electronics recycling drop-off event on Saturday, October 15th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Carter Barron Amphitheatre parking lot at 16th and Kennedy Streets, NW. These services are free and open to all District residents. Household hazards include old cleaning and gardening chemicals, pesticides and poisons, acids, varnish, oil based paints, solvents, aerosols, wood preservatives, spent batteries of all kinds, roofing tar, chemistry sets, automotive fluids, and even asbestos floor tiles.

DPW will also have an electronics recycling station to receive end-of-life televisions, office and audio equipment, computers, computer parts, and accessories. All computer monitors and t.v. screens must be intact, not cracked, punctured, or shattered.

HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Mr. Doney Gerardo Olivieri, 1313 28th Street, SE
Tiffany L. Andrews, 2918 Akron Place, SE
Marilyn Chenault, 3617-36th Place, SE
Prince Lee Fletcher, 3601-36th Place, SE
Ralph G. Cummings, 2011-37th Street, SE
Roberta J. Mims, 1120-34th Street, SE
Michael Mason, 210 46th St, NE

Dorothy Strong, 2917 Akron Place, SE
Mary & Paul Buckmon, 3619-36th Place, SE
Diane & Cornell Chappelle, 3611-36th Place, SE
Luther & Margaret Jones, 3604-36th Place, SE
Avis Buchanon, 3623-36th Place, SE
Sandra Gilbert, 2807-32nd Street, SE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

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| 3 | 10 a.m. | HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Rec Center 32 nd and Denver Streets, SE |
| 14 | 10 a.m. | Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave SE |
| 15 | 7 p.m. | ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St, SE |
| 21 | 6 p.m. | PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting 6 th District Substation, 2701 Pennsylvania Ave., SE |
| 24 | 7 a.m.- Noon | Twining Park Adopt A Park Work Session Twining Park, 2700 blk Pennsylvania Ave., SE |

Dues for 2005 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

Phone: 202 584-6617