

# NEWSLETTER

## HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 30895 Washington, D.C. 20030-0895 www.HillcrestDC.com

HillcrestDC@yahoogroups.com

Next Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007, 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.



#### Inside this

Message from the President	2
Special Feature	2
Hillcrest News	3
New HCCA Member	3
Community Calendar for September	4

#### Comments?

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

# 2nd annual blessing of the trees

he HCCA Environmental Committee's second annual **Blessing of the Trees Festival is slated** for Saturday, Sept. 1. This event is an HCCA effort to raise funds for its schools and youth. HCCA has committed to providing support for Anne Beers Elementary School, to assist in providing uniforms for teams at the recreation center, and to wage an antilittering campaign for students at the public schools in our community. Please support these efforts in any way you can.



#### Agenda

Mr. Willard Poteat, Master of Ceremony

**Opening Ceremony** 

**Greetings/Purpose** Rev. Kenneth Burke

10:45 a.m.

**Blessing of the Trees** Rev. Franklin Senger, the Lutheran Church of the Holy

Comforter: and Mr. Baxter Gee. Southeast White House

Presentation Casev Trees

**Dramatic Reading** Mr. John Hawkins

Remarks Mayor Adrian Fenty Musical Selection Mrs. Yvonne Burke

**Environment/Tree Workshops** Noon

> Tree Information/Tree Savers Casev Trees

Rev. Kenneth Burke Create a Woodpile

1:00 p.m. **Demonstrations and Activities** 

> Line Dancing Ms. Pamela McKinney

> Face Painting, Tree Arts and Crafts, Moon Bounce, Music by The

Kenyatta Project and DJ Kush

3:30 p.m. **Prizes and Giveaways** 

**Acknowledgements and Closing Remarks** 3:45 p.m.

Page 2 Hillcrest Newsletter

## Message from the President

### Dear Neighbors,

o you feel a "Sense of Community?" Do you know your neighbors? Do you speak to them? Do you look out for the elderly and infirmed on your block? Do you pick up the trash in front your house? Do you work in a community garden? What do you do to show you have a sense of responsibility for your community?

Do you "Feel a Part of the Community?" Do you know what issues are affecting the quality of life in your neighborhood? What do you do to keep informed? Do you just complain about problems affecting you or do you work to be part of the solution?

How do you contribute to your community? Are you active in the Civic Association? Neighborhood Watch? The ANC? The churches? Your child's PTA? What community organizations benefit from your efforts?

Some of us can afford to make large contributions of time and energy to help improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods, some of us can't. But no matter how busy we are, we can all help. Every week, pick up trash in front your home. Check on one of your elderly neighbors. Speak to someone you've never taken the time to speak to before. Attend a community, PTA or church meeting. Join a

committee working on a project that is near and dear to you. It doesn't have to take a lot of time and energy to be a concerned citizen and good neighbor.

So, consider developing a "Sense of Community." I've learned that when stepping outside my door, instead of rushing to get into my car to drive away from my neighborhood, to stop and smell the roses. I've learned to take the time to plant some more roses, to enjoy the place where I live. This appreciation for the place I call home, has given me a feeling of community that I never really experienced or appreciated before.

Karen Lee Williams, President Hillcrest Community Civic Association



# Ward 7 is the Face of the District

ard 7 resident Jasmine
Alexis represented the
District of Columbia at the Miss
Teen USA 2007 competition in
California on Aug. 24. Many of
you may know and see Jasmine
who attends St. Francis Xavier
Church and Duke Ellington
School for the Performing Arts.

## **Special Feature**



#### Recommend a Business to Your Neighbors

By Kathy Chamberlain

ver needed a taxi ride to the airport but was afraid the driver will get lost in Hillcrest? Need a plumber on short notice? How about a stone mason? Many of us know to check "Recommended Businesses" on Hillcrest's Web site, <a href="https://www.HillcrestDC.com">www.HillcrestDC.com</a>. These are businesses your

neighbors have used and liked. If you've used a business you would like to recommend to neighbors, send the information to <a href="mailto:kathychamberlain@HillcrestDC.com">kathychamberlain@HillcrestDC.com</a> and I'll add it to the list. This is a good way of thanking the business for its good work while doing your neighbors a favor. Make sure the business is OK with being recommended online.

Can you believe the Hillcrest Web site is almost eight years old? Some of the recommendations are old, as we may have businesses that no longer exist. If you have tried unsuccessfully to contact one of these businesses, please let me know so I can remove it. Remember, the list is only as good as we make it.

#### Here are some things to remember:

- All recommendations must be based on first-hand experience.
- Your name (the recommender), your neighborhood and the date will be listed with the recommendation, but no

(Continued on page 3)

September 2007 Page 3

# **Hillcrest News**

#### **Fort Dupont Ice Arena New Public Skating Hours**

Friday; 12 p.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday; 2:15 p.m.-4:05 p.m. Sunday; 2:45 p.m.-4:35 p.m.

Admission Fees: Children 12 years and under, \$3; Adults and children, 13 years and older, \$4; Seniors (65+), \$3; rental skates are \$2. Birthday party package available. Visit our Web site at <a href="https://www.fdia.org">www.fdia.org</a> or for more details call Program Manager Dolly Davis at (202) 584-5007 x11 or e-mail her at ddavis@fdia.org.

**Skyland Update**—To help you keep up with what's going on in the Skyland redevelopment project, the latest documents and plans from the developer are on the Hillcrest Web site. Also, see some photos from the last community meeting and past photos of Skyland. Visit <a href="https://www.HillcrestDC.com/Skyland.htm">www.HillcrestDC.com/Skyland.htm</a>.

# SAFETY TIPS FROM THE MPD Basic Street Sense

- Wherever you are—on the street, an office building, or shopping mall, driving, waiting for a bus or subway—stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
- Send the message you're calm, confident and know where you're going.
- Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
- Know the neighborhoods where you live and work.
   Know where the police and fire stations are located, public telephones, hospitals and restaurants or stores that are open late.
- Stick to well-lighted, well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, alleys or parking lots.



It was an unusually beautiful Sunday afternoon in August at RFK Stadium. Hillcrest was rooting for the Nats! They didn't win, but they were tied with the Mets for most of the game. Hillcrest had a block of 25 seats in the right field section. This HCCA fund-raising event will be repeated next summer in the new stadium. You'll have a chance to cheer for the Nats while supporting your civic association. The date will be announced early in the summer. Please plan on coming!

—Kathy Chamberlain

#### Condolences to the family of James Herbert Hannaham—We

regret to announce the passing of Hillcrest resident, scientist and community activist James Herbert Hannaham, 78, of 3727 Camden St., SE, on Aug. 13, 2007. Service and burial will be in Charleston, S.C. A memo-



rial service will be held in D.C. later. Born in Pittsburg, PA, Hannaham grew up in Brooklyn, NY. He received his bachelor's in geology from the City College of New York and a master's in public administration from the

(Continued on page 4)

#### **Special Feature** (Continued from page 2)

other information about you will be listed, unless you want it to be.

- No recommendation should be taken as a guarantee that the business will perform well for you.
- Recommendations by D.C. residents who live east of the Anacostia River are

preferred because these businesses have already shown their willingness to work in this part of the city.

If you had a bad experience with a business, and want to share that information with your neighbors, consider posting it on the HillcrestDC list serv (I hope you've joined). If it is on the list of recommended businesses, I'll add the note "Neighbor reports bad experience with his business." If more than one bad experience is reported, I'll remove the business from the list.

If you have any suggestions on how to improve the Recommended Businesses Web page, please let me know.

Kathy Chamberlain is the Web master of www.HillcrestDC.com



# HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBER

• Kimberly Jones, 2916 Fort Baker Dr., SE

#### Hill crest news (Continued from page 3)

University of Southern California. He worked for 30 years at the U.S. Department of the Navy. Later, he served as deputy director of D.C.'s Water Resources and Research Center at the University of the District of Columbia. An avid community activist, he was affiliated

with Southeast Neighbors; ANC-7B06 Commissioner; member of the Committee of 100 of the Federal City; trustee for the Alliance of the Chesapeake Bay; member of the Hillcrest Civic Association; and was appointed to D.C.'s Planning and Zoning Commission. Donations may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org or 1-800-227-2345).

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER**

1	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center
		32 <sup>nd</sup> and Denver Streets, SE
10	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting
		Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
12	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting
		Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
19	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting
	·	Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
20	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
P.O. Box 30895

Washington, D.C. 20030-0895

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 f	following committee(s):			

Annual dues are only \$10. Make check payable to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to:
P.O. Box 30895

Washington, D.C. 20030-0895