



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working together for a better community"

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SEPTEMBER 2010

Next Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 4, 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.

DDOT Staff Will Speak this Month

Please welcome the District Department of Transportation's project engineer, Luan Tran, and logistical support, Alberta Paul, to this month's HCCA meeting.

They will be prepared to update residents on DDOT's street improvements in the immediate area, specifically, Pennsylvania Avenue – Phase I and 2, the islands on Branch Avenue and the 11th Street Bridges. The HCCA board invited these DDOT staff so they would offer the rationale for changes to plans on Pennsylvania Avenue, and the impact on phasing and completion schedules.

Many residents have expressed disappointment with the noise and dirt with the periodic movement of heavy vehicles through residential areas, as we were told this would not happen. The extent of immediate change on the public right away seems more extensive than expected on existing residences on Pennsylvania Avenue. Thus, many residents remain concerned about the impact that phase two will have on the Fairfax Village properties on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Even further, plans for traffic calming on lower Branch Avenue is a concern for residents; in addition to the concern about risks associated with the accelerated plan for Pennsylvania Avenue improvements and the installing of "Slurry Seal" on selected streets. The HCCA board invites you to attend this meeting with your many questions.

Community Calendar for September

- 4 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
8 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting
Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
13 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting,
Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
15 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting
Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
16 7 p.m. ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

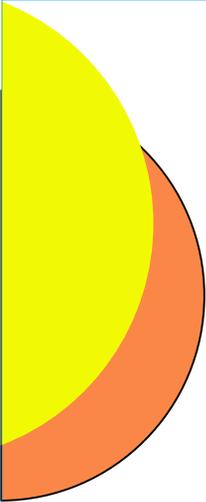
Scout meeting every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.—Cub Scouts;
11 a.m.—Boy Scouts at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Special Points of Interest:

- HCCA President Loves the Fall
Want to serve on the HCCA Nominating Committee? Find out how.
Block Party on W Street.

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## Message from the President

*Dear Neighbors,*

**W**ould someone please tell me why the seasons seem to pass so quickly the older I get? I was talking to my granddaughter. She said she was bored and would be glad when school opened. The summer break had been too long for her. I remember when summer meant long, lazy days, laying around, looking for a cool breeze. It also meant dipping your feet in the bay, sipping homemade iced tea or lemonade. Dozing off during the heat of the day, and swatting mosquitoes in the evening. What happened? Last month, it was Memorial Day; last week it was the 4th of July; now it's Labor Day and the end of summer.



That's ok, my electric bill was a shocker. Maybe we'll get a couple of months without high utility bills as we transition into the colder part of the year. But before we have to pull out our heavy overcoats and snow shovels, I hope we have a wonderful fall. I was born in the fall so this is a special time for me. My allergies kick my b—. The leaves come off the trees, and there is a lot of raking and bagging to be done. Football season starts. The Redskins have a winning season??? No matter what, I love the fall.

This fall is also very special in its election time for HCCA. In September, the nominating committee meets. In October, the slate is presented to the membership. In November we vote. In December, we have a party. In January, the new board is sworn in. The cycle of life repeats itself one more time.

**Karen**

### HCCA's Nominating Committee Seeks Members

**T**he election for the Hillcrest Community Civic Association's new board of directors to serve from January 2011 to December 2012 will be held at the November meeting.

The Nominating Committee will be compiling a slate of candidates interested in serving, and will present this slate at the October meeting.

Virgil McDonald has agreed to serve as chair of the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee; or running for a seat on the board; or if you plan to nominate someone, please contact Virgil at [mcdonaldofdc@comcast.net](mailto:mcdonaldofdc@comcast.net).

## HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

### Block Party on the 2900 Block of W Street

If you live in Zone 9 of Neighborhood Watch, please join us for a block party on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. We have at least four new neighbors, so come out and meet them. While we're at it, let's get everyone involved in Neighborhood Watch. We'll take care of the food and drink. The cost is only \$5 per person, with children 5 and under free. Bring a dish if you feel like it. Blocks include:



- 2900-3000 blocks W St.
- Ft. Baker Dr.
- Hillcrest Dr.
- Akron St.
- 2200 block 30th St.
- 2900-3000 blocks Park Dr.
- 3000 block V Pl.

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### Notice of 2nd Public Meeting

The District's Health Reform Implementation Committee will host a second public meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th St., NW, Old Council Chambers, First Floor. If you have ideas or questions on how the District will institute reform, please attend. Metro is suggested. For more information, visit [www.healthreform.dc.gov](http://www.healthreform.dc.gov).

### Hillcrest Joins Facebook

HCCA now has a FaceBook page. It will give residents yet another opportunity to connect with each other through photos, continued exchange of ideas and updates, and more.



Visit <http://www.facebook.com/pages/All-Over-Hillcrest/144317912261495> to "like" the page. You have to create a Facebook account first, and then connect with Hillcrest. Now, HCCA, as a very modern civic association, is on the web, uses a yahogroups list serv, and is now is on Facebook. Twitter anyone??

## SEPT. 14, 2010

It's Primary Day in the District of Columbia. Please remember to vote for your favorite candidate. For more information on your precinct, visit the Board of Elections & Ethics' website at <http://www.dcboee.org>.



### Night Out Against Crime!

Several Hillcrest residents celebrated the 27th Annual National Night Out on Aug. 3 at Naylor Gardens and Fairfax Village.



The evening began with an All over the Hillcrest gang bicycle patrol, where residents donned yellow Neighborhood Watch T-shirts, jumped on their bicycles and rode around the neighborhood. The festivities continued where residents interacted informally with their community police officers.



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