



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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Next Meeting: Saturday, September 3, 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.

Department of Transportation To Present on Livability Study

The September guest speaker will be Program Manager, City-Wide Transportation Services, Aaron Rhones from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) who will discuss the findings and recommendations from the "Far Southeast II Livability Study" completed earlier this year. The recommendations will include presenting solutions at 32nd Street/Alabama Ave., SE and 36th Street/Alabama Ave., SE, intersections; traffic calming on Naylor Road, SE, and safety improvements to Branch Ave., SE.



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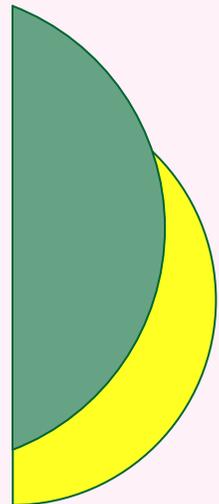
The Hillcrest Community Civic Association has been an advocate for a livable, walkable community through traffic calming and reducing traffic on neighborhood roads. Last year, DDOT embarked on the study to examine a holistic approach to improving transportation.

The goals of the study were to:

- Devise a neighborhood-wide and comprehensive approach to implementing traffic calming and other safety measures;
- Identify specific issues, such as reducing vehicle speeds, and locations that impact the safety of pedestrians, motorists, bicyclists, and transit riders
- Design cost-effective and system-wide improvements, with measurable benchmarks for success;
- Study truck travel within the target area and recommend ways to mitigate its impact on neighborhoods;
- Emphasize safety measures and improve access near public facilities including: schools, churches, parks, recreational centers and others key community service providers.

Should you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please contact Veronica O. Davis, the HCCA Street, Traffic and Transportation Chair, via e-mail at vod2@cornell.edu or by phone at (301) 233-0011.

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,

Once again I find myself sitting down to write my monthly letter. You have no idea how difficult it is to find something interesting and witty to write every month, so I have to share a recent conversation with you. I was talking to the HCCA Board Fundraising Chair the other day, when I mentioned I had to cut the conversation short because I had to submit my monthly letter before I got in trouble with our newsletter editor.

She remarked, "You actually write those letters every month." "Yes, I replied, "How else could I do them?" She said, "I don't know, I thought there was a file of old president's letters somewhere up there, in the sky maybe, that you pulled from, filled in the blanks, and submitted!" Earl and I both started to laugh. "If only," I said, "that would make my life so much easier." Earl added, "Every month, she picks my brain for something to write about. I think I'm almost tapped out of ideas myself." So, if any of you know where the hidden president's letter file is located, please let me know. I would love to use it and Earl wouldn't have to help me out so much.

The reason I was meeting with the HCCA Fundraising Chair is because Earl is the Art Auction subcommittee Chair. He really feels we are going to have a great event. It will be an evening where members of the community and those living in other areas of the city get together and have a great time. We can taste a little wine (if wine isn't your thing, there will be other beverages available), have some great food and see some great art. If you purchase a ticket you can even let the auction house know what your preference in art is and they will bring it to auction. For the sports fans in the audience, they even have sports memorabilia. So check out hillcrestdc.com for more information. If you don't want to purchase your tickets online, give Earl or any member of the board a call. (Part of the job is, we all have to sell tickets.... see what you get for volunteering).

So, hope to see you at the September HCCA meeting (tickets will be on sale there too) on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011. (By the way, see me, I still have tickets to sell...shhh, don't tell the other board members).

Karen

HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

HCCA's Fundraising Wine Tasting And Art Auction



The HCCA is excited to be hosting a fundraising wine tasting and art auction on **Friday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 3601 Alabama Ave., SE.** The art auction will be 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. The preview and wine tasting starts 6 p.m. Auction is from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Purchase tickets from any board member, or on www.hillcrestdc.com or visit <http://hillcrestwineandart.eventbrite.com>. The cost is \$15 per single; \$25 per couple. Questions, call Earl Williams at (202) 584-2703.

Biking In Hillcrest

Ever wondered what were those red bikes around Hillcrest? Our community is fortunate to have three Capital Bikeshare stations. Many residents are curious about how to use the bikes, but don't know who to ask. The HCCA Street, Traffic & Transportation Committee will be at the bikeshare locations on the following dates:

- Skyland/Good Hope Marketplace (Good Hope Rd. and Alabama Ave., SE) on Saturday, Sept. 10, 11a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Fairfax Village (38th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., SE) on Saturday, Sept. 10, 11a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Penn-Branch (Shopping Center) on Sunday, Sept. 18, 1 to 3 p.m.

Please come to learn about the benefits of the program and ask questions. We will be giving away **FREE** 24-hour coupons so residents can "test-

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drive” the program.

Also, please join us at the District Department of Transportation’s One-Year Anniversary Celebration of the Capital Bikeshare program on Sept. 22, 6-9 p.m. at Yards Park (behind the US DOT building in the Navy Yard). For more information, contact HCCA’s STTC Chair Veronica O. Davis via email at vod2@cornell.edu or call (301) 233-0011.

The National Night Out in Photos

Several Ward 7 residents attended the National Night Out (NNO) on Aug. 2 at the East Washington Heights Baptist Church in a show of support against crime and drugs. NNO gives residents the opportunity to show support for the efforts of the Metropolitan Police Department.



Beautification Day at Anne Beers

STEM Catalyst Coordinator Stephanie Harris writes to HCCA Chair for Education and Recreation Shawn Buckner, “We can not express how much we appreciated the incredible hard work from your special team on Beautification Day” on Aug. 20. “As everyone pitched in so seriously to ready our outdoor Garden of Discovery, I

relished how fortunate we are to have your support in our Ward 7 community.”



The Enlightened Environmentalist

Brown Armored Shaped Stink Bugs



New Insect Invading Our Homes

The brown armored stink bug is an insect not previously seen on our continent. It was apparently accidentally introduced into eastern Pennsylvania. It was first collected in September 1998 in Allentown, but probably arrived several years earlier. As of September 2010, stink bugs have been recorded from the following 37 counties, although it is probable they are in all counties: Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Berks, Blair, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Indiana, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Mercer, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Snyder, Washington, Westmoreland and York.

Adults are about 17 mm long and are shades of brown on both the upper and lower body surfaces. They are the typical “shield” shape. The name “stink bug” refers to the scent glands located on the dorsal surface of the abdomen and the underside of the thorax. When threatened, they give off a “stinky” smell to some noise glands.

If numerous stink bugs are entering the living areas of the home, attempt to locate the openings where they gain access. Typically, stink bugs will emerge from cracks under or behind baseboards, around a window and door trim, around exhaust fans or lights in ceilings. Seal these openings with caulk or other suitable materials to prevent the insects from crawling out. Both live and dead stink bugs can be removed from interior areas with the aid of a vacuum cleaner. However, the vacuum may acquire the smell of stink bugs for a period of time.

It is not advisable to use an insecticide inside the home after the insects have gained access to the home. Although insecticidal dust treatments to these voids may kill hundreds of bugs, there is the possibility that carpet beetles will feed on the dead stink bugs and subsequently attack woollens, stored dry goods or other natural products in the home. Although aerosol-type foggers will kill stink bugs that have amassed on ceilings and walls in living areas, it will not prevent more of the insects from emerging shortly after the “treated” room is aerated. For this reason use of these materials is not considered a good solution to long-term management of the stink bug. Spray insecticides, directed into cracks and crevices, will not prevent the bugs from emerging and is not a viable or recommended treatment. Additional information can be found on the web.

Courtesy the Environmental and Beautification Committee

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Community Calendar for September

- 3 10 a.m. HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
 - 12 7 p.m. Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting
Interim Francis Gregory Library, 2100 36th Place, SE
 - 14 10 a.m. Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting (Safeway Discussions)
Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
 - 21 6 p.m. PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting
East Washington Heights Baptist Church, 2220 Branch Ave., SE
 - 22 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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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
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