



HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association
 "Working together for a Better Community"
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 P.O. Box 30895, Washington, DC 20030

Hillcrest Community Civic Association
 25th Anniversary Luncheon
 Saturday, September 27, 2014

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
 Hillcrest Recreation Center
 32ND and Denver St., SE
 Saturday, September 6, 2014
 10:30AM to 12:30 PM

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING
 Francis Gregory Library
 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
 Monday, Sept. 8, 7PM to 9PM

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING
 East Washington Heights Baptist Church
 2200 Branch Ave., SE
 Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6 PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING
 Ryland Methodist Church
 3200 S St., SE
 Thursday, Sept. 18, 7PM to 9PM

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This Month's Guest Speaker

Suraj K. Sazawal, Advocacy Associate at Casey Trees, will address the membership to discuss the impact of the DC Power Lines UnderGrounding (DC PLUG) project on street trees in your neighborhood and across the city.

The Public Service Commission is holding a community hearing to give residents an opportunity to comment on the Pepco/DDOT \$1 billion Power Line Undergrounding plan. This project will bury the primary power lines from 21 of the least reliable feeders in the city. But the current plan does not say if the power lines will be buried in the roadway or in the sidewalk. If the wires are buried within the sidewalk zone, up to 8,700 street trees could be affected during construction. If you want to speak at the hearing, call (202) 626-5150 no later than September 4.



Join HCCA as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary

luncheon Saturday, September 27th at the Kellogg Conference Center located, at 800

Florida Avenue, Northeast Washington. The double plated luncheon, serving chicken and beef or a vegetarian/vegan meal, is from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. The \$60 per-person tickets can be purchased from HCCA Board Members at the HCCA monthly meetings at the first Saturday of the month (Sept. 6, 2014 at 10:30 AM). Tickets can also be purchased online through Eventbrite DC Events, or log on to our website www.hillcrestdc.com and click on the ticket link, or you can call Mark Johnson at (202) 575-2304.

The Hon. Mayor Vincent C. Gray has proclaimed September 27, 2014, as "Hillcrest Community Civic Association Day". On the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton paid tribute to the HCCA. The floor speech is printed in the July 29, 2014 Congressional Record. On January 31, 2014, the District of Columbia City Council recognized the HCCA in a ceremonial resolution, introduced by the Hon. D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson and our Ward 7 Council Member, the Hon. Yvette Alexander. The HCCA appreciates this recognition for its work in our community.

Place an Ad in the HCCA 25th Anniversary Program

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association's Silver Anniversary Luncheon will be held on September 27, 2014 in the Kellogg Center on the campus of Gallaudet University. We expect over 200 attendees including many city, civic, and business leaders. If you would like to advertise your business or just congratulate the civic association on 25 years of leadership, activism and community service by placing an ad in the souvenir program booklet, please contact me at (202) 584-2703. Pricing information can be found below. Thank you.



Hillcrest Community Civic Association 25th Anniversary Program Booklet Ad Prices

Full Color Page	\$300.00
Half Color Page	\$150.00
Quarter Color Page	\$100.00
Business Card	\$50.00

Business Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Contact Person _____
 Telephone _____

Ad contributions are tax deductible through our partner, Washington East Foundation. Please make checks payable to Washington East Foundation.
 Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please complete this form and return it with your payment to Earl Williams
 2914 W Street SE, Washington, DC 20020. You can email camera ready
 art in jpeg format to earlwilliams@verizon.net by Friday, September 12,
 2014. We appreciate your support.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Long -Time Hillcrest Resident

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association and the HCCA Fundraising Committee wish to congratulate Ann Curtsinger, a long time Hillcrest, Naylor Gardens resident, on her recent retirement. Sometime this fall, Ann will be leaving the Hillcrest Community and relocating to Kentucky.

We would like to thank her for her dedicated service to HCCA and for her most recent commitment to the fundraising committee. The fundraising committee expressed their appreciation by saying "...with Ann's help...we accomplished much. She is a volunteer extraordinaire".

We will all truly miss Ann and wish her only the best!

Reopening of SE Freeway Connection From Barney Circle to Pennsylvania Avenue

The SE freeway connection from Barney Circle to Pennsylvania Ave is scheduled to re-open, giving us who live on this side of the Sousa Bridge access to the old way to connect between Pennsylvania Ave and the SE-SW freeway. This should give us some relief from all the congestion and pain in connection from the freeway to Penn Ave via 295. Some on Capitol Hill are opposing it, using the same arguments they used many years ago to oppose a freeway connection at Barney Circle (and they won). Below is an email sent by an ANC commissioner on Capitol Hill, encouraging residents of the area to oppose the re-opening. It would be nice if the HCCA would take a stand in favor of re-opening the connection.

Commissioner Brian Flahaven ANC 6B09 wrote a letter urging his constituents to lobby against the reopening the SE Freeway between Barney Circle and 11th Street which is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. He states once it reopens, it will draw more commuter traffic off I-295 into their neighborhood, particularly on the already high volume 17th and 19th street corridors. Commissioner Flahaven states, unfortunately, DDOT plans to move ahead with the reopening despite objections from the community. That leaves only one

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New Ward 7 Outreach & Services Specialist

Shanelle Simms is Ward 7's new Outreach & Services Specialist in the Office of Neighborhood Engagement with the Office of the Mayor. Ms. Simms is looking forward to working with the Ward 7 community in addressing community concerns. She will be working alongside Rufus Norris. The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Engagement serves as the Mayor's primary constituent services organization by providing rapid and complete responses to constituent requests, complaints, and questions. This office is a key resource for the community as it supplies a direct link between District residents, their Mayor, and the Government of the District of Columbia.

The Ward Liaisons work diligently with residents, organizations, and DC Government agencies to ensure that constituent requests are responded to promptly in an effort to meet the Mayor's vision that all communities are safe, clean, healthy and economically-vibrant. In addition, the Ward Liaisons attend as well as participate in community meetings to gain input on issues that impact the quality of life for all District constituents.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Simms for any community concerns at 202-701-3763 (Cell) or at Shanelle.simms@dc.gov

SAVE THE DATE

3rd Annual HILLCREST DAY: Past, Present Future

The community of Hillcrest warmly invites you to the 3rd Annual Hillcrest Day celebration. Join neighbors and friends for an exciting day of music and outdoor fun! There's something for everyone:

MOONBOUNCE
ARTS & CRAFTS
FACE PAINTING
FOOD/DRINKS
INFLATABLE FIRE
TRUCK SLIDE
PUMPKIN CARVE
CONTEST
BOOK DRIVE
DJ/MUSIC
AND MUCH MORE...

Saturday, October 18, 2014
11:00am-4:00pm
Anne Beers Elementary (Field)
3600 Alabama Avenue, SE



A special thank you to our partners!



A Thank You From Randle Highlands Principal Tracy Foster



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

RANDLE HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1650 30th Street, SE
Washington, DC 20020
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Ms. T. Foster
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Mr. J. White
Assistant Principal

June 25, 2014

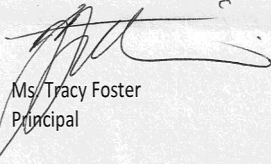
Mr. Deandre Anderson
Hillcrest Heights Civic Association
Box 30895
Washington, DC 20030-0895

Re: Thank You

On behalf of the students and staff at Randle Highlands Elementary School, I would like to thank you for continuous support of our educational program this school year. Your donation of proceeds from your community art auction of \$266.25 will greatly support initiatives that serve the scholars of our school. Your continued commitment to our school community helps us continue our mission of providing quality opportunities and experiences for our students.

The generous support of organizations like yours makes it possible for us to promote student achievement and provide a quality education for the children of the District of Columbia. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to partnering with you next school year.

Your Partner in Education,



Ms. Tracy Foster
Principal

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person –Mayor Gray—who can direct DDOT to stop this bad plan.

Those of us on this side of the Sousa Bridge should combat this attempt to halt the reopening of the Barney Circle connection by calling Mayor Gray's office at (202) 727-6300 or emailing him at eom@dc.gov. We should also email the city council members in support of DDOT's plans to complete the re-opening plans for the SE Freeway connection to Pennsylvania Avenue.

Thank you Kathy Chamberlain who has been our 11th Street Bridge Project liaison, for brining this information to our attention. So members please take the time to weigh in on this issue.

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