



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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# HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

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## HCCA Meets at 11:00AM

Beginning Saturday, September 2, 2017 the Hillcrest Community Civic Association will meet at 11:00am at the Hillcrest Recreation Center.

Hillcrest Board of Directors Meeting will be held from 10:00am to 11:00am.

The changes to meeting times are due to the changes in the Department of Parks and Recreation's hours of operation citywide.

## GUEST SPEAKER: JONATHAN ROGERS DC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Jonathan has worked with the DDOT for five years as a Transportation Planner. He will introduce DDOT's Southeast Boulevard Environmental Assessment (EA). The EA is exploring the transformation of Southeast Boulevard and Barney Circle, which connects 11th Street SE with Pennsylvania Avenue SE west of the John Philip Sousa Bridge. This project offers a chance to redesign the boulevard and circle while advancing the District's larger Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI) Program. The goals of AWI are to improve transportation options for everyone and strengthen communities along the river. Jonathan will provide an overview of the project and seek public input on ideas and resources that should be considered in the study. Jonathan will also announce the first public meeting for the project, which will take place on Saturday, September 16th from 10am-12pm at Chamberlain Elementary School (1345 Potomac Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003).

## Special Points of Interest

### HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center  
32nd and Denver Street, SE  
September 2, 2017  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING East Washington Heights Baptist Church

2200 Branch Ave., SE  
Wednesday, September 20th  
6 PM

### ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

Ryland Methodist Church  
3200 S St., SE  
Thursday, September 21,  
7 PM



## PSA 606 MONTHLY SAFETY AWARENESS TIP

If you have valuables in your home, or if you live in an isolated area or a neighborhood vulnerable to break-ins, consider an alarm system. Before you invest in alarms, check with several companies and decide what level of security fits your needs. Look for an established company and check its references before using them. Learn how to use your system properly to avoid false alarm calls to 911.

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## HILLCREST DAY 2017 A HAPPY, HEALTHY HILLCREST

Saturday, September 30, 2017 11:00am - 3:00pm

Hillcrest Day 2017 will continue the annual tradition of welcoming the entire Hillcrest community to come together and celebrate the beauty, talent, and well-being of our neighborhood. With attendance in the hundreds, Hillcrest Day is the largest event hosted by the civic association and presents the best opportunity for neighbors to see and celebrate with one another. This year's celebration will include the entertainment, arts and crafts, and youth activities as previous years but will also include exercise demonstrations, a book swap, therapy dogs, and activities that foster a healthier and happier mind, body, and spirit.

**So Lace Up Those Sneakers, Clear Off That Bookshelf, and Round Up Your Neighbors!**

If you would like to volunteer and or provide goods/services during Hillcrest Day, please contact Toya Carmichael, Chair at [HillcrestDay2017@yahoo.com](mailto:HillcrestDay2017@yahoo.com) or 202-677-5294.

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday.



Department of Labor  
[www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov)

## HILLCREST DAY 2017 "A Happy Healthy Hillcrest"

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 11:00am-3:00pm

Hillcrest Rec Center

3100 Denver St. SE, Washington, DC 20020

- ❖ Moonbounces
- ❖ Live Musical Performances
- ❖ Health Screenings
- ❖ Food & Drinks
- ❖ Fire Truck Slide
- ❖ Group Exercise Demos
- ❖ Book Swap
- ❖ Therapy Dogs
- ❖ And Much More...

*This Event Is Presented BY:*



## MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

To our HCCA multi-generational family members. **THANK YOU** for your continued sustainability to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association.

Robert Taylor - 2019  
Cynthia Brock-Smith - 2018  
Carrie L. Thornhill - 2021  
Barbara J. Craig - 2017  
Cynthia L. Ingram - 2017  
Alfreda Wright Brown - 2020  
Kathy Pearson-Green - 2017  
Donna Robinson - 2017  
Ken & Yvonne Corbetts - 2018  
Liz Garcia & Caroline Corvington - 2017  
Rosemary Gary - 2019  
Vincent & Paula Spaulding - 2018  
Gwendolyn Payton - 2017  
Delia & Darrell Perry - 2018  
Carolyn Richardson - 2017  
Bernadette C. Redmond - 2018  
Jessica & Justin Rydstrom - 2020  
Jennifer Rous - 2018  
Lenzell & Loretta Ruffin - 2018  
Joan Gregory Saenz - 2017  
Allison Saunders - 2018  
Jean G. Saunders - 2017  
Elmore & Alva Seraile - 2017  
Jerry & Shirley Sharpe - 2018  
Sherri D. Sims - 2018  
Elwyn E. Smith - 2017  
Duane Smith - 2020  
Nelson Smith - 2021  
Val Suarez - 2018  
Boyle & Afomia Stuckey - 2017

Thank you,  
Phillip Hammond

## HCCA DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE RESOLUTION FOR THE DC STREET LIGHT TASK FORCE

HCCA needs to continue its discussion about the DC Street Light Task Force's request that our organization write a resolution.

The DC Street Light Task Force wants DDOT to replace existing 4000 Kelvin and 5000 Kelvin LED street lights that have already been installed with 2700 Kelvin LED lights. The DC Street Light Task Force presented that:

- Converting conventional street light to energy efficient LED lighting leads to cost and energy savings, and a lower reliance on fossil-based fuels.
- Physicians at the Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association (AMA) adopted guidance for communities on selecting among LED lighting options to minimize potential harmful human and environmental effects.
- High-intensity LED lighting designs emit a large amount of blue light that appears white to the naked eye and create worse nighttime glare than conventional lighting. Discomfort and disability from intense, blue-rich LED lighting can decrease visual acuity and safety, resulting in concerns and creating a road hazard.
- Blue-rich LED streetlights operate at a wavelength that most adversely suppresses melatonin during night. It is estimated that white LED lamps have five times greater impact on circadian sleep rhythms than conventional street lamps. Recent large surveys found that brighter residential nighttime lighting is associated with reduced sleep times, dissatisfaction with sleep quality, excessive sleepiness, impaired daytime functioning and obesity.
- Congress Heights and Michigan Park have written resolutions in support of the change.

Recently, the Phoenix City Council voted unanimously to move forward with a citywide effort to replace all of the city's street lights with energy-efficient LEDs. The Council also revised the city's standard color temperature (kelvin level) for street lights from the current 4,000 kelvin to 2,700 kelvin, which is considered a "warmer" color

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## HCCA DISCUSSION Continued...

temperature for LED lights. Read more about the City of Phoenix conversion in the article [Phoenix's LED Street Light Conversion Moves Forward](#).

The American Medical Association issued a press release on June 14th of last year providing guidance to reduce harm from high intensity street lights. Read the press release [AMA Adopts Guidance to Reduce Harm from High Intensity Street Lights](#) for more information.

"It can be difficult to speak truth to power. Circumstances, however, have made doing so increasingly necessary."

— Aberjhani, *Splendid Literarium: A Treasury of Stories, Aphorisms, Poems, and Essays*

### Got Ideas!

Email ideas or articles for newsletter by the 15th of the month to: [hillcrestdc\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com)

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