



NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, 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.

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty is the October speaker



This is Mayor Adrian Fenty's second visit to Hillcrest since he assumed the office as mayor on Jan. 2, 2007. Fenty is the fifth elected mayor of the District of Columbia. He was born Dec. 6, 1970, in the District and grew up in Mount Pleasant. His parents, owners of the popular Fleet Feet athletic-apparel store, still live in his boyhood home. Working at the store during breaks and on weekends, Fenty attended Oberlin College before earning a Juris Doctorate from Howard University Law School.



In his first year in office, Fenty began the overdue transformation of the District of Columbia Public Schools by placing them under the authority of the Mayor. DCPS began a new era of high-quality education with a new management team, new personnel rules and an ambitious facilities modernization program. The administration added police officers and expanded community policing initiatives, expanded health care coverage for the uninsured, and constructed thousands of units of affordable housing while revamping delivery of services to the homeless.

Mayor Fenty has ordered aggressive reform in the areas of child welfare, emergency medical services and routine service delivery. He reorganized the Department of Health and created a Department of Disability Services as a cabinet-level agency. He finalized the sale of Greater Southeast Community Hospital (now United Medical Center) in a public-private partnership that kept the facility open for patients east of the Anacostia River. Mayor Fenty lives with his wife, Michelle, their twin sons Matthew and Andrew and a baby girl on the way, in Crestwood.

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Comments

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

Call for Nominations to HCCA Board

HCCA Needs You! At the November meeting, we will be voting for board members to hold office for the next two years. Anyone who is a member of HCCA and lives within the geographical boundaries may run for a board position. Vincent Spaulding, past president, is heading the Nomination Committee. He is tasked with presenting a slate at the October meeting and a ballot at the November meeting. Candidates may be nominated from the floor at both meetings. We are requesting nominations for persons to serve as officers and members. Send nominations to Vincent Spaulding, chair of the Nomination Committee by e-mail at vspauld@comcast.net.

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors:

Fall comes to Hillcrest once again and it is time to look forward to the New Year and a new term. Board elections will be held at the November meeting.

Former president Vincent Spaulding has agreed to serve as Nominating Committee Chair. At the October meeting he will be accepting nominations for positions that are currently not filled or where a current member chooses not to run for another term. According to the by-laws a person can be nominated or nominate himself for any position, vacant or not.

If you are interested in a complete list of board positions and a definition of the committee structure and their functions, you can find this information in last month's newsletter. If you don't have your copy, you can find the newsletter and a copy of the by-laws on our Web site, www.hillcrestdc.com. Take time to consider your options and feel free to contact Vincent at vspauld@comcast.net for more information.

I am officially declaring my intention to run for a second term as president. This board has spent many hours examining the by-laws and trying to complete our mission statement. We have begun the process of putting together a committee and organizational structure and procedures designed to move our organization into the 21st century. However, we have not completed our task. I envision that the Hillcrest Community Civic Association will be structurally and financially sound, with a membership that includes and represents all the households in our geographical boundaries.

We also envision an organization that encourages more participation by individuals both old and young, creating a legacy for the next generation of Hillcrest residents.

Finally, September 2009 is the 20th anniversary of HCCA and I'd like for us to throw a big party, where we can celebrate the accomplishments of all the members past and present, who have worked so tirelessly to make the HCCA the most viable civic organization in the city.

Thank you for your support over the past two years. Your encouragement and love have meant a great deal to me. The friendships we have forged have helped me grow as an individual and seen me through some very tough times. I value our time together and I look forward to continuing to work with you for another term.

Karen Lee Williams
President, HCCA

Special Feature



Let's Keep Trick-or-Treating Alive in Hillcrest

Do you remember as a child how you looked forward to Halloween night? What fun it was to go trick-or-treating in the dark, wondering if you could fool the other neighborhood kids with your costume, enjoying the other kids' costumes, and the occasional adult answering the door in a costume. And of course there was the hard-earned loot—candy, cookies, apples and other goodies. For those of us old enough to remember the days when there was no concern about safety, we went trick-or-treating with our friends, not parents, and ate some of our goodies before coming home. Then, there was the myth of the razor blade in the apple, which was followed by even more outlandish tales.

Let's not let trick-or-treating die. In Hillcrest, at least in my block, we're seeing fewer fewer kids trick-or-treating. Yet, in parts of Capitol Hill, trick-or-treating is getting increasingly popular. Why should they have all the fun? Hillcrest kids are even going to Capitol Hill for trick-or-treating. Let's encourage trick-or-treating in Hillcrest. If you plan to turn on your porch light, enjoy the kids in their costumes, and reward them with goodies, let me know your address.

Please encourage your neighbors to join in. Then I'd like to post on the Hillcrest Web site a list of blocks that welcome Halloweeners, starting with my own, the 2900 block of W St. We've been at it for many years. Don't worry, I won't post individual addresses. Hillcrest parents, let's hope you no longer have to take your little ones to Capitol Hill for treats.

Kathy Chamberlain

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HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

What's happening at the Hillcrest Recreation Center?

1. Oct 11 at 10:00 a.m., the Hillcrest 30 and over basketball team will host a game with Turkey Thicket Recreation Center.
2. Oct 27, 28 and 29, Hillcrest will sponsor a three-day basketball tournament to help with fundraising for future events. Ages are 17 to 22 (The team registration is free but we are asking if the "friends of" can help with vending those three days for fundraising.) If interested, contact William Tillman at the recreation center for the times.
3. Thursday, Oct 30, "Family Pumpkin Carving Night." Bring your family and your carving tools to the recreation center, pick a pumpkin and start carving. Light competition for the funniest, scariest or silliest pumpkin. 1st 2nd and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to the winners. Call Orvin Wright for the time.
4. Friday Oct. 31, Hillcrest Halloween Hunted House, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Funding needed again this year).

2008 STEM SUMMIT

Exciting workshops on what exemplary STEM teaching and learning look like, examples of the latest technology, interactive games, cutting edge exhibits and tools for teaching and learning await you and your neighbors at the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Summit being held on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Anne Beers Elementary School, 3600 Alabama Ave., SE. Summit Chair Dr. Kendrick Curry and WDC STEM Partnership Chair Carrie Thornhill invite you to provide real examples of education and science champions at the summit.

Join with schools, students, educators, parents, professionals from across the city in a day of dynamic demonstrations of best and promising practices in STEM fields at the elementary, middle and high school levels. With support from the Office of the State Superintendent for Education (OSSE), the summit is sponsored by the Washington East Foundation. For more information or to sign up to participate, call LeGrande Baldwin at (202) 329-8715 or fax a response to (202) 583-4279.

Blessing of the Trees Festival



A nice-sized crowd gathered at the Washington Seniors Wellness Center on Alabama Ave-



...nue for HCCA's third annual Blessing of the Trees Festival on Sept. 20. Kids enjoyed the clown and moonbounce and parents had a range of craft items to purchase.

FINAL CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS

ORDINARY HEROES BY LT. RONALD NETTER

The extraordinary contributions of our police and ordinary citizens often go unnoticed in a community. Finding and honoring these ordinary heroes will be my honor. On Oct. 15, 2008, we will recognize those who have stepped up to the front of the line to make our communities safer. So I challenge you to nominate someone who has worked in the community, who you know should be recognized and write a paragraph as to why he or she is an ordinary "Heroes." These nominations can be for your full stride police officers walking the beat. ALL E-MAIL NOMINATIONS ARE DUE OCT. 1, 2008. **Send to Lt. Ronald Netter at ronald.netter@dc.gov.** Unfortunately, today's society primarily promotes only famous people as heroes, overlooking—or paying lip service to—the many ordinary citizens who make extraordinary contributions in their community. We should never forget how community service people and how their generous and unselfish acts enrich the quality of life of others. Come

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join us in recognizing them on Oct. 15. Provide the following information:

NOMINEE NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

PARAGRAPH ON WHY YOU SELECTED THIS PERSON, 500 WORDS OR LESS _____

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

4	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
6	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
8	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk 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 Epworth 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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Have you paid your dues for 2008? Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2008, please send your payment now!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ ZIP code: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

New Member: _____ Renewal: _____

I'd like to serve on the following committee(s): _____

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

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