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# HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

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**GUEST SPEAKER: KENNETH BREWER, EXE. DIR. OF HSCDC**



As a departure from the usual government speakers, for this month, the HCCA is offering a special treat with another Hillcrest-based speaker.

Kenneth Jesse Brewer, Sr. is a native Washingtonian, who has been the executive director and president of the H Street Community Development Corporation (HSCDC) since 2010. The HSCDC is a market-minded non-profit that focuses on the community and economic development and sustainability of Washington, DC. The group also opens up young people’s minds through the Global Scholars Foundation.

Mr. Brewer, a Hillcrest resident and a product of DC Public Schools, holds a degree in business and public administration from Howard University. Before working for HSCDC, Mr. Brewer served as a member of the board of directors of the Southwest Community Neighborhood House and on the staff of the Southwest Federal Credit Union. He was the 1984 campaign manager for Councilmember John A. Wilson, and joined DC government as a budget analyst for the Deputy Mayor for Finance/Office of the Budget where he managed financial resource allocations for various agencies. Mr. Brewer is married and has three children, all of whom attend DCPS.

- Special points of interest:**
- **Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting**  
Hillcrest Recreation Center  
32nd and Denver St., SE  
Saturday, October 3, 2015  
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
  - **ANC 7B Monthly Meeting**  
Ryland Methodist Church  
3200 S St., SE  
Thursday, October 15, 7 PM
  - **PSA 606 Police Community Meeting**  
East Washington Heights Baptist Church  
2200 Branch Ave., SE  
Wednesday, October 21, 6 PM

Mr. Brewer joined the staff of the HSCDC and the H Street Investment Corporation concurrently to serve as business loan specialist and senior asset manager to oversee approximately \$11 million in assets. Mr. Brewer has completed nearly 30 years of service with HSCDC and H Street Investment Corporation after holding the position of development project director where he managed all phases of commercial and residential real estate development from site selection, construction management to project financing. He also served as the assistant to the director, prior to the Board of Directors of the HSCDC offering him the executive director position.

“Many people are good at talking about what they are doing, but in fact do little. Others do a lot but don't talk about it; they are the ones who make a community live.”

— Jean Vanier,  
Community And Growth

## SEJAL MOBLEY FIRST RECIPIENT OF HCCA SCHOLARSHIP



The Education Committee is pleased to announce that Hillcrest resident Ms. Sejal Mobley has been unanimously selected as the first recipient of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association Scholarship.

Ms. Mobley graduated this past June from the Perry Street Prep Public Charter School, is the published author of the children's book "One Lonely Camel," and volunteered at Children's Hospital prior to leaving the community to attend Temple University this fall. Long term, Ms. Mobley plans to finish medical school to become a pediatrician. She will join us at one

of the Civic Association meetings soon (as her class schedule allows) so we can congratulate her in person.

The HCCA scholarship committee was chaired by education committee member Dr. Yvonne Coates. Other committee members were Dr. LeGrande Baldwin, Dr. Jeanne Contardo, and Ms. Monica Evans. The scholarship is a one-time award of \$1500 and will be offered on an annual basis to graduating high school students who live within the Hillcrest boundaries. Many thanks to all the students who applied, and the seriousness with which the committee undertook this challenging task.

## POLICE CRACK DOWN ON SCOFFLAWS AT ALABAMA & BRANCH AVES.

"My time is more important than yours. That is why I am going to break the law and cut over in front of you. Never mind that I am delaying all of the drivers behind me who want to make a left turn!" Is this the mind set of the numerous southbound drivers on Branch Ave. as they approach the intersection of Branch with Alabama Ave. especially during an evening rush hour?

During the "National Night Out" community event held on the front lawn of the East Washington Heights Baptist Church on Tuesday, August 4, a marked police car sat on the church lawn near the above intersection with emergency lights flashing. The police car was in plain view of the motorists in the **left turn only lane**. Apparently the presence of the police made no difference to the scofflaws as they continued to cut in illegally in order to keep going straight toward Maryland.

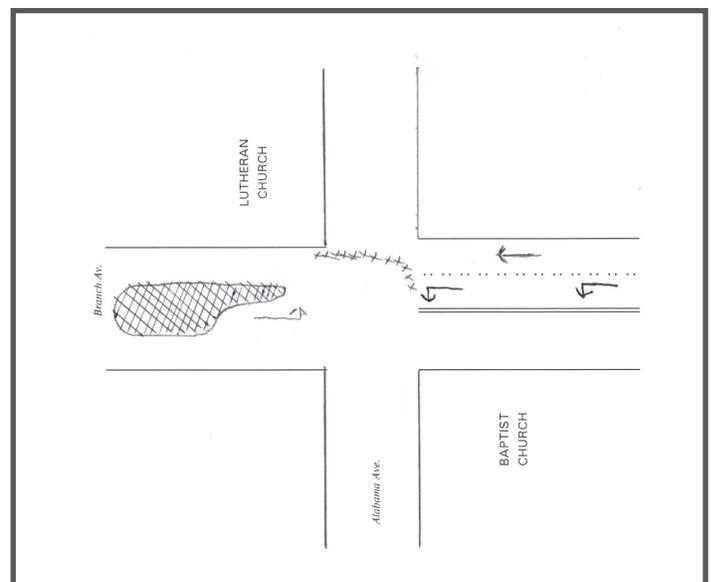
But Wednesday, Sept. 2, was a day of reckoning for some of these scofflaws. One lady, a member of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association, was in the left lane planning to turn left. She watched as a DC Police team stood past the intersection and flagged the "cheaters" who had actually completed their illegal lane change.

Some drivers were given a warning, but others were ticketed. The ticketed drivers will not only face a monetary fine, but possible points on their driving records. Some years ago a similar enforcement effort

by the DC police netted some drivers with outstanding warrants.

The Dept. of Transportation has posted ample warnings informing the driving public of the "left turn only" regulation. Two warning signs are mounted on poles prior to the intersection. **Five (5)** distinct "left turn only" arrows are painted on the pavement well before the traffic lights. But even commuter buses heading to southern Maryland have been observed flouting the law.

The accompanying diagram illustrates the problem intersection. The path of the illegal maneuver is shown by the "xxxxxx" marks.



# 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HILLCREST DAY

Saturday, October 17, 11:00am-4:00pm

Hillcrest Rec Center

3100 Denver St. SE, Washington, DC 20020



**Moonbounces**  
**Smalley the Clown**  
**Food & Drinks**  
**Fire Truck Slide**  
**Line Dancing**  
**Basketball Tournament**  
**Raffle & Prizes**  
**Pumpkin Decorating**  
**Children's Book Drive**  
**Community Safety Workshop**  
**And Much More...**

**Soul, Jazz & Dance Music**  
By

*Tamara Wellons*  
SINGER | SONGWRITER | PERFORMER



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## HILLCREST DAY 2015 - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 17, 11A-4P (Hillcrest Rec Center)

Hillcrest Day is October 17<sup>th</sup>! Join us for a full afternoon of music, food, and activities! Please make sure you come and celebrate and see what this beautiful community has to offer! Below are the events you don't want to miss! Start times are as follows:

### ALL DAY

Food, Music (feat. DJ Pumpin' Archie), Pumpkin Decorating, Moon Bounces, Fire Truck Slide, Book Drive and more!

### 11:30A

Children's Story Time, Yoga, Community Safety Workshop

### 1230P

Line Dancing, Estate Planning Workshop

### 1:00P

Spoken-Word Poetry Performance, Bingo

### 2:00P

Tamara Wellons – LIVE Performance

### 3:10P

Youth Basketball Tournament

### 3:30P

Raffle & Prizes



## HCCA PARTICIPATES IN “ANNE BEERS BEAUTIFICATION DAY”

As you may have heard, this year DCPS decided to cancel its tradition of hosting DCPS Beautification Day the Saturday before school opens. Not to be deterred, on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, the HCCA joined forces with the Anne Beers PTA and assisted nearly a dozen teachers in readying their classrooms for the year and supporting the school administrators as they prepared the school bulletin boards and hallways. Special thanks to Linda Jackson, Michelle Peete, Vivica Miller, and Toya Carmichael for their tireless service in readying one of our

community schools for the year. You all represent some of the very best Hillcrest has to offer!



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