

HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

Hillcrest Community Civic Association Newsletter

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Government Relations Manager at Crown Castle

Carly Didden is the Washington D.C. government relations director for Crown Castle, a provider of communications infrastructure that connects cities and communities to essential data, technology and wireless service. Carla will discuss small cells and the Crown Castle.

What are small cells? Small cells enhance wireless speed and reliability, providing Washington, D.C. residents, workers and visitors with the best possible wireless coverage. Small cells will also enable 5G service in the District, which will allow data to move 10 times faster than current 4G systems.

Deploying small cells throughout the District will allow our wireless infrastructure to keep pace and enable us to receive emergency assistance as fast as possible.

Crown Castle is one of the private companies investing in neighborhoods like Hillcrest to build this infrastructure, and they are currently working with the D.C. government to determine the process for installation.

Special Points of Interest

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
 Hillcrest Recreation Center
 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
 Saturday, October 6, 2018
 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING
 East Washington Heights
 Baptist Church
 2200 Branch Ave., SE
 Wednesday, October 17
 6:00 PM

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING
 Ryland Epworth Methodist Church
 3200 S St., SE
 Thursday, October 18
 6:30 PM

Follow Up from Guest Speaker: Clean Energy DC Act (Olivia Hipkins, DC Climate Coalition)

At the September meeting, Olivia Hipkins from the DC Climate Coalition presented on the recently introduced Clean Energy DC Act, introduced by Councilmember Mary Cheh (Ward 3) and co-signed by Ward 7's Councilmember Vincent Gray. The Clean Energy DC Act would make the District a leader in the fight against climate change.

The Clean Energy DC Act tackles the District's climate impact from a holistic perspective, emphasizing sustainability while ensuring any measures taken do not have inverse effects for the city's most vulnerable. There are four key components of the bill: renewable power goals; sustainability initiatives; improved building standards; and transportation emissions.

First, the Act would transition the city to 100% renewable energy by 2032 by resetting DC's existing renewables target to be the nation's most aggressive timeframe. Second, there will be an increase in funding for local sustainability initiatives through the Green Bank, with 20% of raised funds earmarked for low-income individuals (for ratepayer assistance, weatherization, or other energy efficiencies). Third, the bill tackles the largest source of emissions in the District, buildings, by create groundbreaking new building standards - but only for buildings larger than 10,000 sq./ft., to

Hillcrest Harvest

If you joined us for the Hillcrest Day celebration at the Hillcrest Recreation Center in September, you may have observed a small fenced-in area at a corner of the grounds, near the Winston School property. If you ventured toward that spot, you would have seen numerous raised garden plots overflowing with vegetables and flowers. What you observed was Hillcrest's own community garden, one of over 30 community gardens in the District of Columbia sponsored by the DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

It is no accident that DPR sponsors these gardens, for they contribute to the health and well-being of those maintaining the garden plots. There may be at least three reasons that motivate the gardeners: (1) A desire to get out in the great outdoors and partner with nature to make things grow; (2) A desire to have fresh food; and (3) Knowing their food is organic. The August 2018 issue of the University of California - Berkeley Wellness Letter warned that "buying organic

Two of the operational rules in the community gardens are (1) No fertilizers and (2) No pesticides.

Ms. Dianne Scroggins is the coordinator of our Hillcrest site, where there are 14 garden beds. Some beds are rectangular, while others are triangular. The plots range in size from approximately 48 to 60 square feet. The advantage of a raised garden bed is that some moisture is retained in the soil, but excessive rainfall is drained by a series of "weep" holes in the bottom of the bed. Let it be noted that even with this drainage system, some tomatoes in the Hillcrest garden plots did split open because of excessive rainfall. The Washington Post noted earlier this summer that this phenomenon happened across the DC area this summer. (The Hillcrest community garden does provide a rain barrel but it did not get much of a work out this year.)



It is not surprising that there is a waiting list for these garden plots across the city. If you are interested in a Hillcrest site, go to: hillcrestgardencenter@gmail.com. If you are interested in a plot in another ward visit: jpshua.singer@dc.gov.



The HCCA Needs YOU!

I am Earl Williams, and I represent the Hillcrest Civic Association nominating committee. We are conducting a search for candidates for the various positions on the association's board. Hillcrest has long thrived on the commitment of residents who are dedicated to helping to maintain a high quality of life through community involvement. The Association assists in this endeavor by holding DC officials accountable to the duties they are sworn to uphold, as well as keeping community residents informed of, and involved in, the various events and concerns within Hillcrest.

The positions that are available in the upcoming election are:

President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and the following Committee chairs: Education, Environmental, Membership, Fundraising, Communications, Recreation, Public Safety, and Streets, Traffic and Transportation Chairperson.

Which of these positions are of interest to you? For a full description of the job duties, see www.hillcrestdc.com or you may contact me at wearlwilliams@verizon.net.



Follow Up from Guest Speaker Continued....

not negatively impact small business owners. Finally, the new standards would reduce transportation sector emissions by revising DC's vehicle excise tax to depend on fuel efficiency, incentivizing the purchase of more fuel-efficient cars.

It's time to transition DC to a clean, renewable energy economy for all – with your support, we can make the Clean Energy DC Act a reality! For more information, please contact the DC Climate Coalition at camila@chesapeakeclimate.org or Olivia directly at ohipkins@ifc.org.

**Join the Hillcrest Community Civic Association
on a trip to the**



**Delaware Valley's Premier Racing and Gaming
Venue**

The casino features slots, thrilling table games, a variety of dining options, and the excitement of live harness racing.

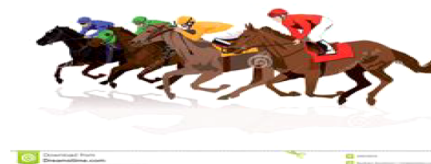
**The cost is \$45 (Deadline 10.6.18)
(with \$30 free play)**

For reservations contact: Sheila Brown @ (202) 297-3883

Nancy Harris @ (202) 575-2696

**Date:
Saturday
October 20,
2018**

Depart 32nd & Denver Sts
SE
Leave at 11 AM
Depart Casino at 5 PM



Vida/Thrive 5k - Saturday, October 13, 2018

Dust off those running shoes and join the Hillcrest DC team as we walk/run for the homeless. Hains Point is beautiful in the fall and even more fun with neighbors. (Children and pets allowed).

Entry fees are \$35-\$40 and include a t-shirt, pre-race warm up, snacks, and a lot of fun!

Visit: [Thrive DC](http://ThriveDC.com) | [VIDA Thrive 5K](http://VIDA Thrive 5K.com) to register.

Team name: Hillcrest DC PW: allthewayup

Contact Toya Carmichael at 202-677-5294 or Hillcrestday2017@yahoo.com with questions.



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