



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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# NEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting:** Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, at 10 a.m.

**At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets, SE**

*NOTE: Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of the month.*

### Dr. Jonathan Gueverra, CEO of the Community College of D.C. is This Month's Guest Speaker



**J**onathan Gueverra serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the new Community College of the District of Columbia, driving innovation and enlisting diverse talent to ensure higher education opportunity for all.



Dr. Gueverra held numerous leadership and faculty positions at both two-year and four-year higher education institutions nationwide—most recently as the provost for the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), one of America's largest community colleges.

Dr. Gueverra has taught undergraduate courses in accounting, management, and human resources, as well as graduate courses in leadership and strategic management and continues to work with doctoral students at Lesley University. He has published articles on planning, leadership and technology, including "Repositioning for a Virtual Culture," which won a Highly Commended Award at the Literati Network Awards for Excellence 2008. Dr. Gueverra also served on numerous boards, including those of the Massachusetts Business Educators Association, New England Educational Assessment Network, Lesley University, ITT Technical Institute, and the Marshfield Youth Soccer Association. For more than 15 years, he has implemented and coordinated Volunteer Income Tax Assistance programs to help low-income, elderly, and non-native English speakers.

In April 2007, Dr. Gueverra received an Exemplary Leadership Award from the Chair Academy, and he is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Beta Gamma, Who's Who Among Students, and Who's Who Among America's Teachers. He earned an MBA and Doctor of Education from the University of Massachusetts, Boston; a bachelor's degree from Providence College; and an associate's degree from Newbury College.

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## Message from the President

**Dear Neighbors,**

What happened to summer? Just yesterday, we had warm, even hot wonderful weather. The grass and flowers needed watering, I was out on the bay with my friends and neighbors, cooking out, etc. Then bang, it was fall! I am an autumn baby. This is my time of the year, not too hot, not too cold. I love to celebrate the change of weather. I always had a Halloween birthday party; and I like to decorate my yard with welcome to fall things, etc. This year I feel like we skipped the whole fall experience. The weather has been several degrees below normal and rainy! I haven't found my usual autumn soul. Maybe, we'll have an Indian summer and then we'll have some autumn days, where we can enjoy the turning of the trees and the cool crisp weather, and time to seed our yards and plant for next year, before we have to start raking leaves again. I certainly hope I can find that peaceful place that I usually find in the fall, before we enter the hectic holiday season, the bone chilling cold and shoveling snow. Is it just me or does the year seem to move faster than it used to? Is this the effect of global warming on the human body? We melt? We lose time? I think someone should authorize a million dollar commission to study this problem, and while they're at it, maybe they can figure out why I have this obsession with trees. Ever since I moved to Hillcrest, it seems my year rotates around the current tree phase. Is this normal?

Every month, I end my letter signing my name Karen Lee Williams, President, HCCA. If you don't know all that stuff by now, sorry. But from now on I'm signing out by simply saying...

Thanks for listening,

**Karen**

### An Open Letter from Anne Beers Elementary School

Dear Hillcrest Community Civic Association

The Anne Beers staff would like to thank you for ensuring our ability to be a part of your 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We appreciate not only the invitation we received, but also the table, and the attention showered upon us during the event. We ate heartily, networked, laughed, listened, and connected with some old and new friends. It was great to see so many of the Hillcrest community and supporters at the anniversary. The Beers' staff left inspired by the efforts and accomplishments of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association. You are to be commended for coordinating such a professional, informative, and fabulous event in celebration of your hard work and leadership in the community. We look forward to our continued partnership and attending your next anniversary celebration. Thank you once again for your continued thoughtfulness and acts of kindness toward the Anne Beers family. We are very proud to be a part of this community.

We would be remiss if we did not give a special note of appreciation to Carrie Thornhill for going the extra mile on our behalf to guarantee that members of the Anne

Beers family would be duly represented during this event. We enjoyed ourselves immensely. Again, congratulations to President Williams and the entire HCCA and community.

With gratitude,

*Gwendolyn Payton, Principal*

*Mesha Moody-Pratt, PTA President*

*Frances Cooper, Teacher*

*Stephanie Harris, Science Coordinator*

*Thomas Fullen, Technology Coordinator*

*Mr. & Mrs. Rhone Jones, Teacher*

*Valyncia Lindsey, Teacher*

*Constance Latney, Teacher*

*Barbara Pennington, Teacher*

*Joshua Thomas, After-School Coordinator*

# HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

**Condolences**—To the family of Curtis Christopher Robinson, Tuskegee Airman and Hillcrest resident, who died at the age of 90 on Oct. 12. Some of us met him in 2006 through his neighbor George Norfleet who was helping him promote his book, "A Pilot's Journey." Mr. Robinson agreed to put his yard on the garden tour that year, and several neighbors worked with him to get his gardens ready. Below is an obituary of Mr. Robinson's death, which may be found on the HCCA Web site. <http://www.hillcrestdc.com/docs/obituary-robinson.pdf>

**HCCA Membership Directory**—In last month's newsletter, we printed an article about a new HCCA membership directory. There has been neighborhood interest in having a list of all HCCA members, printed copy only. It was strongly felt that such a directory would be an important tool for Neighborhood Watch, as it's a good way for neighbors to stay connected with each other. As mentioned before, the plan is to have two sections, one in alphabetical order by last name, and one in alphabetical order by street name. The directory will contain name, address and phone number for each HCCA member, as listed in the membership records. If you want additional information listed, such as cell or work phones or e-mail addresses, let Kathy Chamberlain know.

If you **do not** wish to be listed, you may opt out. **To opt out, call or e-mail Kathy.** Remember, the directory will not be placed on the Web site or distributed in electronic format. Only printed copies will be distributed, and only to HCCA members. Members will be asked to use it only for neighborhood purposes. Hopefully, the directory will be available by the December HCCA meeting. There will be a nominal cost, probably in the range of \$5 to \$10. The directory will be re-published periodically, perhaps each year. If you have any thoughts or ideas about the HCCA directory, contact me at (202) 581-8272 or [kathychamberlain@HillcrestDC.com](mailto:kathychamberlain@HillcrestDC.com)

## Volunteers Help DC Public Library—

While the library's reduced budget has changed some of the ways it operates, one thing has remained constant. District residents continue to support the library as volunteers. The library has always valued volunteers as they make a real difference to staff and users in tough economic times. For e.g., volunteers helped prepare the new Parklands-Turner Library and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library's new teen space for opening. Projects range from helping librarians maintain book collections and ushering, to assisting library users with basic computer tasks and navigating online job resources. If you're interested in volunteering at the DC Public Library, learn more online at [www.dclibrary.org](http://www.dclibrary.org) or by contacting Carrie Wolfson at (202) 741-5803 or by e-mail at [libraryvolunteers@dc.gov](mailto:libraryvolunteers@dc.gov).

## What's On, Washington?

**Interested in finding out what's going on where you are? You're invited to click the Web site any day - through December 2010—to find tons of free and inexpensive things to do that day with special attention to accessibility.**

**Visit:** <http://www.whatsoncity.net>

**Mpd crime tips**—Do not leave your car running while you are warming it up in cold weather for any reason or length of time. The Metropolitan Police Department has seen an increase in stolen autos since September, reports Lt. Ronald Netter in a recent e-mail. If you see tow trucks in your area towing cars and you have a hunch something is wrong, just take down the tag of the truck and company name. Also, if you can get the tag of the vehicle being towed, that would be good. You can e-mail this information to Lt. Netter at [Ronald.netter@dc.gov](mailto:Ronald.netter@dc.gov), who will look into the matter to ensure tow trucks are not taking cars off the street illegally. Remember, whenever you leave your vehicle, put on the steering club or the alarm system. Be safe during the holiday season.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

2	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
7	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
11	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
18	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
19	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland 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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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*I'd like to serve on the following committee(s):* \_\_\_\_\_

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