



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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# HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

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November 2018

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Representatives from the District of Columbia Fire and EMS Department will serve as the guest speakers at the November HCCA membership meeting. They will discuss the variety of services they provide to our community.

Also, during the November 3, 2018 meeting, elections for the 2019-2020 HCCA Board of Directors will be held.

Please come out to vote and show your support for our new Board. Remember, you must be a current member to vote. If you have not paid your dues you can do so at the meeting.

An Absentee Ballot is included in this newsletter for mail-in submission.

## HCCA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

HCCA is once again hosting its annual members and friends Holiday Luncheon. It will be a catered meal with plenty of options to satisfy all. Reservations and payments will be accepted at the November Meeting.

Volunteers are asked to sign-up to serve on the Holiday Luncheon Committee after the HCCA meeting.

Your full participation is needed to make this event a success. We hope you come out to fellowship and get to know your neighbors and other members of our beloved community.

DATE: Saturday, December 1, 2018

TIME: 11:00 AM -- 2:00 PM

COST: Adults - \$20.00

Children (6 to 14 years old) - \$10.00

Children (5 years and under) - \$5.00

(Please make checks out to: HCCA)



## Special Points of Interest

### HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hillcrest Recreation Center  
32nd and Denver Streets, SE  
Saturday, November 3rd  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### PSA 606 POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

East Washington Heights  
Baptist Church  
2200 Branch Ave., SE  
Wednesday, November 21st  
6:00 PM

### ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING

Ryland Epworth Methodist Church  
3200 S St., SE  
Thursday, November 15th  
6:30 PM

## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING



Would you believe, it's time to plan our 2018 holiday tree lighting event. For it to be a fun and festive occasion, we need your help. We invite you to serve on the committee. The committee plans the event, schedules a date



to decorate the tree, decides on the events for the evening, and meets to undress the tree after the holidays. The event is a good time that is shared by kids and adults. Hope we can count on you! If interested, please contact Sheila Brown 202-297-3883 or [shb3@verizon.net](mailto:shb3@verizon.net).



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**HCCA**

**2018 Absentee Election Ballot**

**November 3, 2018**

To vote for your choice, place an "X" in the box next to the nominee's name or you can write in a candidate in the box titled "write in".

Position	Nominee	Vote	Write In	Vote
<b>OFFICERS</b>				
<b>President</b>	Karen Williams			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	Michelle Peete			
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	Boyle Stuckey			
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Yvonne Dupree			
<b>Treasurer</b>	Monica H. Evans			
<b>Chaplain</b>				

Position	Nominee	Vote	Write In	Vote
<b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS</b>				
Communication	Michelle Phipps-Evans			
Education	Kenneth Lesley			
Environmental & Beautification	Mary Ross			
Fundraising				
Membership	Jeanne Contardo			
Public Safety	Donna Robinson			
Recreation	Toya Carmichael			
Streets, Traffic, & Transportation	Matt Nugen			

# HILLCREST HALLOWEEN

Not everybody feels the same way about Halloween and that's okay. Some have strong religious objections to it. Respect their opinions. Some manifest just plain indifference. That's their prerogative. While others, and not just children, look forward to it. That's their privilege.

It appears that on Halloween, some blocks in Hillcrest have an especially favorable "treats" rating among families with children. One can observe automobiles pulling up to the curb and discharging their young passengers. It is true that not all of those cars have DC license plates. (On the other hand, some Hillcrest residents not only use our Hillcrest library, but also use libraries in Prince Georges' County.)

The solution is, if the above bothers you, do not display any Halloween decorations, or perhaps put a sign on your door saying: "Sorry no candy." But there is another option--simply relax and enjoy the parade! Interact with the children.

Some children will be very small and shy. They may not even know how to ask for the goodies. Encourage them to say something. Other children will display costumes that show a lot of creativity. Comment on what their parents have done to prepare or assist the youngsters for this festival. Speak to those accompanying the children. When a child says "Thank you" (perhaps at the prodding of a parent) don't forget to say, "You're welcome."

Another occasion for reflection is the visit of youth who are known by the owner of the house. They don't have on a costume, but they are wearing a smile and are coming by just to touch base and recall "the old days." (How times fly!) If an unknown older child comes by without a costume, there is nothing wrong with saying, "Where is your costume?"

There may be times when we, the householders, may have a solemn time of reflection as we remember the times when our children were smiling and laughing at Halloween.

One Hillcrest resident remembers a Halloween visit that did not leave him laughing. It was early on a Halloween afternoon when the sun had not set. He was sitting on his front porch waiting to see who his visitors might be. A car pulled up and a young girl about ten years old got out and approached the front door. She was offered some candy of her choice and then she politely said, "May I have some for my brother in the car?"

The Hillcrest resident was motivated by curiosity and went down to the street where the car was parked. His sister opened the back door. A child no more than eight years old and looking rather wan, was sitting in the back seat. The mother was at the steering wheel. She looked at the resident standing there and said, "This is my son. He's not feeling too well. This is the day he received his chemotherapy."

The Hillcrest resident quickly shared candy with the child and returned to his seat on his porch where he sat for a long time in silence.

## THE FALL HCCA COMMUNITY CLEANUP

The Environmental Committee of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association would like to personally thank the following for participating in our fall cleanup: Carolyn Ray, Ruth Lewis, Robin Marlin, Mary Hammond, Michelle Peete, Tom Dawes and Phillip Hammond.

We focused on cleaning the following locations:

- S/O - Alabama Ave., on Branch Ave., to Southern Ave.,
- N/O - Alabama Ave., on Branch Ave., to Pennsylvania Ave.
- Erie St from Branch Ave., to Southern Ave.,
- Southern Ave., from Branch Ave., to Erie St.

The Environmental Committee's goal is to encourage HCCA residents to pick up litter from the front and rear of their residences on a regular basis, as well as, to practice the correct and proper disposal of their household and recyclable debris for weekly collections. A special thanks is extended to Ms. Warnique West, supervisor with the Solid Waste Administration of the Department of Public Works, for providing the bags and Harold Davis, Inspector from the SWEEP Division of Public Works, for having a crew collect the debris.

For future cleanups, the committee welcomes your ideas, personal participation and

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## The Fall 2018 Community Cleanup continued....

recommendations on keeping our sidewalks, alleys and streets litter-free. To make your task of picking up litter easier, we have pick-up sticks for \$20. Thank you. Submitted by: Phillip Hammond, Clean-up Coordinator



EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**MEET THE CANDIDATES**  
**ANC 7B CANDIDATE FORUM**

ZB01 Patricia Howard-Chittams	ZB02 Tiffany L. Brown	ZB03 Benjamin Crane (Write-In)	
ZB04 Nicole Smith-McDermott Phillip J. Hammond	ZB05 Robin Hammond Marlin Villereal Johnson	ZB06 April Pradier Dorovan Anderson Kelvin Brown (Write-In)	ZB07 D.L. Humphrey Jewel Stroman

**NOVEMBER 3 2018**  
TWO O'CLOCK PM  
**DC DREAM CENTER**  
2826 Q STREET, SE

**HOST COMMITTEE**

 Shannon Thomas Penn Branch Citizens Civic Association	 Travis Swanson Randle Highlands Citizens Civic Association	 Shawntelle Nesmith Dupont Park Civic Association	 Karen Williams Hillcrest Community Civic Association
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## 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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