



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Next Meeting: Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, 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.

Third Annual HCCA Holiday Home Decorating Contest



Greetings, all and Happy Holidays. The Hillcrest Holiday Home Decorations Contest is back by popular demand!

Please consider displaying your enthusiasm for the holidays and the hope for the New Year by decorating your home! Lift the spirits of people traveling through Hillcrest.



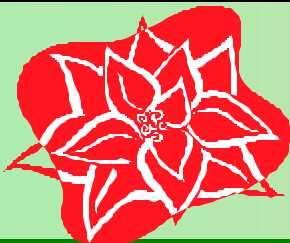
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To enter the contest: Just decorate your home for the holidays. The HCCA Holiday Home Decoration Committee will tour Hillcrest between Dec. 18 to Dec. 21, select the winners, and present the awards. Winners will also be acknowledged at the January HCCA meeting and in the February newsletter. Residents who would like to nominate themselves or a neighbor's home to ensure we don't miss it, can email First Vice President Marvin Bowser at marvinbowser@comcast.net. The award categories are shown below. Happy Holidays!

Award Categories:

1. Most Energy Efficient
2. Judge's Choice
3. Most Elegant
4. Most Spectacular
5. Best Animation
6. Best Traditional Display
7. Best Childhood Fantasy
8. Best Portrayal of the Spirit of the Holiday
9. Funniest
10. Best Lighting



Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

I can't believe 2009 is ending already. Well, since it is the end of another year, there are a few things I would like to say. (Yes, Earl, I'm going to be a little sappy again.) I want to again thank each and every one of you who have supported HCCA and this board over the past three years. You may not always agree with what's going on but we have been able to blend our differences into a new song that is pleasing to us all. Our organization could not function and thrive without your support. I hope we can continue to work together to improve the life of our community and grow our organization to the largest in the Washington metro area.

HCCA has suffered from a drop in membership numbers. Our strength lies in the number of households we represent. Our continued strength will rely on our current members, paying their dues and staying on the rolls and in attracting new members to our fold.

This is the time to renew your membership for 2010 and pay for 2009 if you have not done so. If you still owe for 2009 you should have received a phone call reminding you to pay. As of Jan. 1, 2010, the HCCA dues will rise from \$10 a year per household to \$12 a year per household. Until, Jan. 1, 2010, you can pay any back dues and as many years of future dues you wish at the \$10 rate. You can pay by check mailed to Hillcrest Community Civic Association, P.O. Box 30895, Washington, DC 20030-0895; in person at the Dec. 5 meeting; or online at www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm or www.hillcrestdc.com and follow the link.

Let's make 2010 our banner year for recruitment and enrollment, but let's end 2009 with a bang! Let us all participate in the Holiday Home Decorating Contest; get out this month and check on our neighbors and while you're checking on them, remind them to join the HCCA or pay their dues; come to the Holiday Party on Dec. 5, 2009, at the Recreation Center at 11 a.m. And, finally, Earl and I want to wish all of you...

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Karen

HCCA ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

The annual HCCA Holiday Celebration Luncheon will be held at the Hillcrest Recreation Center on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009, immediately following a shortened community meeting, which starts at 10 a.m.

Each year, we try to improve upon our holiday lunch. This year, we are working with a standardized menu to ensure we have ample amounts of your favorite holiday foods, such as:

- Trays of Cheese, Vegetables and Fruit
- Turkey, Ham and Vegetarian Lasagna
- Tossed Salad, Greens, String Beans
- Sweet Potatoes, Potato Salad and Deviled Eggs
- Dinner Rolls, Sodas and Water
- Cakes, Pies, Cookies, etc.

We are asking members to provide food items from those listed after the first letter of their last name.



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HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

HCCA Membership Dues Increase in 2010

—At HCCA's November meeting, the membership voted to increase the annual dues to \$12 starting Jan. 1, 2010. At just \$1 per month, it's still a bargain. Sorry, but it is necessary to raise dues to cover our increased expenses, including the newsletter. With that announcement comes a gentle reminder to pay your 2010 dues. Some have not yet paid 2009 dues, which were due Jan. 1, 2009. To members whose 2009 dues are not paid by Dec. 15, 2009, we will have to move you to the inactive list and hope you come back soon.

For the bargain-conscious (and who isn't?): If you pay dues before Jan. 1, 2010, the cost is still \$10. You may pay as many years ahead as you like at the \$10 rate as long as your dues are received by Jan. 1. For your convenience, you now can pay via the Internet using a credit card. Of course you can still mail a check or pay at an HCCA meeting with cash or check. Don't remember if you've paid 2009 or 2010 dues? Check the label on your Hillcrest newsletter. You are paid through the date that is printed under your name. Or ask Kathy Chamberlain to look it up. Contact her at (202) 581-8272 or kathychamberlain@HillcrestDC.com

kids on ice presents "motown memories holiday ice show" at ft. dupont ice arena

—You are invited to the sixth annual holiday skating exhibition, "Motown Memories Holiday Ice Show." Featuring performances by top Washington-area figure skaters, including regional and national competitors; the DC EDGE Synchronized Skating Teams; and Kids On Ice Learn To Skate students. Skaters are available after for photos and autographs. Public skate follows the show, so plan to stay for the afternoon! It will be on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1 – 3 p.m at the Fort Dupont Ice Arena, 3779 Ely Place, SE. Suggested donation of \$5 per person. All proceeds benefit the Kids On Ice program. This show is presented in partnership with Grassroots to Champions, headed by Olympic and World figure skating coach Audrey Weisiger. For more information, call (202) 584-5007 ext 24 or e-mail cminter@fdia.org.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

**THE HCCA BOARD
WISHES YOU AND
YOURS HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON *(Continued from page 2)*

If your last name starts with these, then bring the following:

- ⇒ **ABCD**—String beans, greens, sweet potatoes
- EFGH**—Tossed salad with dressing, potato salad, vegetarian lasagna
- IJKLM**—Deviled eggs, trays with cheese, vegetables (with dip) and fruit
- NOPQ**—Desserts: Cakes, pies, other
- RST**—Rolls, cranberry sauce, dressings
- UVWXYZ**—Assorted sodas

Food items should be ready to serve (steam table racks will be available to keep foods warm) in disposable serving containers (to avoid lost items and facilitate cleanup) and include serving utensils.

Please provide the name of your dish, information on ingredients for those with allergies or food restrictions and your name. We will have cards available for your use.

Please label any serving items you wish returned with your name. We invited attendees to also bring a poem, joke or song to share over our Karaoke Open Mike. Please contact Yvonne Burke at (202) 584-3018 with any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you there!!!!

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Final Note	Pay HCCA Dues Using Credit Card —You can now pay your HCCA dues via the Internet using a credit card. Pay several years. Visit www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm or www.HillcrestDC.com , choose “Join or Pay Dues” and follow the links. HCCA is using a service called	PayPal. You don’t have to join PayPal to pay with credit card, and no one on the HCCA board sees your credit card number. We expect to offer this method of payment for future events, such as tickets for the annual Hillcrest Garden Tour. Call Kathy Chamberlain with any questions, (202) 581-8272.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

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| 5 | 10 a.m. | HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE |
| 7 | 7 p.m. | Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting
Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE |
| 9 | 10 a.m. | Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting
Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE |
| 16 | 7 p.m. | ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 “S” St., SE |
| 17 | 6 p.m. | PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting
Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., 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 2010? Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2010, please send your payment before Jan. 1, 2010.

Name(s): _____
Address: _____ ZIP code: _____
Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____
New Member: _____ Renewal: _____

I prefer to: ____ read the newsletter on the web (www.HillcrestDC.com) or ____ receive the newsletter in the mail. (Please help us save postage by reading the newsletter online.)

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

Annual dues are \$10/year but will increase to \$12/year in 2010. Make check payable to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to:

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