



HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working together for a Better Community"

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HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
 Hillcrest Recreation Center
 32ND and Denver St., SE
 Saturday, December 6, 2014
 10:30AM to 12:30 PM
Holiday Luncheon 11:30 AM

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS A. GREGORY LIBRARY MEETING
 Francis Gregory Library
 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
 Monday, December 8, 7PM to 9PM

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

ANC 7B MONTHLY MEETING
 Ryland Methodist Church
 3200 S St., SE
 Thursday, December 18, 7PM

HCCA Mourns the Passing of the Honorable Marion S. Barry, our Former Hillcrest Neighbor and Friend

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association joined our neighbor and current Mayor, Vince C. Gray, the residents of Washington, DC and the Nation in expressing our deep sadness over the loss of Mayor Barry. We recall him as a neighbor who lived at 3607 Suitland Road, along with his wife, Effi and son, Christopher. Upon moving to Hillcrest, he began the process of installing street lights on Suitland Road for safety and championed other changes to improve our community. Mayor Barry lived in this home for 14 years when he served his first three terms as Mayor.

A topnotch political strategist, Mayor Barry served 16 years as Mayor of Washington, DC, 15 years on the City Council and president of the city's former Board of Education. He was considered the most influential and savvy local politician of his generation. Mayor Barry easily worked and mingled with those at the highest levels of political and economic power, yet never lost the common touch. He created opportunities to uplift citizens of the District, creating summer jobs programs for youth, senior citizen initiatives, and home-buying assistance programs. Many residents of Hillcrest and across the metro-area owe their middle to upper class status to the management positions created during the Barry administration.

Referring to his legacy, Mayor Barry recalled his accomplishments with the construction of 23 million square feet of office and retail space in downtown DC, new housing across the city, and the former MCI Center. He oversaw the development of several government office buildings in the city.

HCCA deeply mourns his loss and extends our heartfelt condolences to his family, colleagues on the D.C. City Council, constituents, and friends.

Hillcrest Community Civic Association to Receive Outstanding Citizens Group Award

On Monday, December 8, 2014 the Hillcrest Community Civic Association will be awarded the DC Federation of
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Citizens Association's "Outstanding Citizens Group" award at their Annual Awards Luncheon.

The luncheon will take place at the DACOR Bacon House, 1801 F Street, NW. If you are interested in attending this event please contact Juliet Six at (202) 686-3232. Tickets are \$45 each and the Federation asks that all guests bring a new unwrapped gift for DC Foster and homeless children ranging in age from infants to teenagers.

COME OUT TO THE HCCA 1ST COMMUNITY HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

**Erie St. at Branch Avenue, SE
Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.**



This promises to be a "Celebration for the community in the community."

Enjoy hot drinks and baked goods. (Donations will be accepted for the HCCA Scholarship Fund)

The Ward 7 Carolers will be on hand to lead our caroling efforts.

In support of the D.C. Federation of Citizens Association, everyone is asked to donate an unwrapped toy, book, or

an article of clothing for DC Children in Foster Care and the city's Emergency Family Shelter.

Please bring any ornaments you would like to donate for the tree to the HCCA meeting on Saturday, December 6, 2014. You will also be able to sign up to donate baked goods. If you need to have your ornament donation picked up call Sheila Brown at (202) 297-3883.

President's Letter (Final Edition)

Dear Neighbors:

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how honored I am to have been able to lead HCCA for the past 8 years. While the burden of leadership is heavy sometimes, all in all being President has been a wonderful experience that in the end had given me more than I ever expected. To be given the opportunity to be an integral part of my community, the friendships I have acquired, the skills I have gained and the relationships I have developed with my city and city officials has made the sacrifices worth all the effort. I will always have a special place in my heart for *Hillcrest*, my neighbors, and my community.

It has been a long and sometimes difficult road I have had to trod but I would not have been able to

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A Very Special Thank You To Outgoing HCCA President, Karen Lee Williams

A big THANK YOU to Karen Williams for all her contributions to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association and the Hillcrest neighborhood! Karen has served on the HCCA board for 11 years -as recording secretary 2004-2006, and as president 2007-2014.

In Karen's first "Message from the President" in the January 2007 newsletter she expressed a desire to "work together to improve our community, expand our civic association, and to create an environment of trust and support in our corner of south-east." During her eight years as president, Karen accomplished these goals and more. Rarely missing a meeting of the HCCA, and for the last two years, designed the layout for the monthly newsletter, she took the leadership role in urging city leaders to recognize Hillcrest's needs and requirements; in supporting our local schools, library, parks, and environment; and in fostering neighborhood pride. She never tired of promoting Hillcrest as the best neighborhood in Washington, D.C.

Recently, Karen's dynamic leadership was recognized with the recognition of two distinguished awards. On Saturday, October 25, Karen received an award for Outstanding President of a Member Association at the 84th awards luncheon of the DC Federation of Civic Association "Honoring the Legacy of Nelson Mandela. The event was held at the Navy Yard Conference Center. Several members of the Hillcrest community as well as other neighboring communities were there to celebrate the occasion. In the second award, to be presented by the Federation of Citizens Association on December 8, Karen will accept the Outstanding Citizens Group for 2014 award on behalf of the Board of Directors, the Committee Chairs and the membership of HCCA. The award will be presented at their Annual Awards Luncheon.

Thanks again, Karen, for your years of service as HCCA President and recording secretary. You were phenomenally hardworking and incredibly talented. We look forward to your continued involvement with the Hillcrest Community.

Written on behalf of the Board and Members of HCCA by Kathy Chamberlain, Mattie Cheek and Sheila Brown

Washington Post Prints Letter of Hillcrest Resident, Kathy Chamberlain:

None of the District's mayoral candidates seemed interested in important transportation issues facing the city, particularly those neighborhoods underserved by public transportation and involving pedestrian safety.

In my neighborhood of Hillcrest, where the bus is the most common form of public transportation, why must we walk in the street to the bus stops? Hillcrest, which includes about one square mile, has 22 blocks with no sidewalks and at least 10 dead-end or incomplete sidewalks. (My neighbor and I surveyed.) Yet the candidates seemed unable or unwilling to make the connection between pedestrian safety and the need for sidewalks, including in residential neighborhoods, so that residents of all ages can walk safely to schools, bus stops, shops, etc.

Perhaps it is because sidewalk installation is not popular with some residents who see their neighborhood as close-in suburbia and want to preserve their lawns. It's too late now, but it would have been refreshing to see the candidates take a stand on the need to facilitate the most basic form of transportation — walking — even at the risk of losing a few votes. Citation: Chamberlain, Kathy. "[Transportation Takes a Back Seat in Race.](#)" *The Washington Post*. 6 November 2014.

Library of Congress Shows Hillcrest in Digitized Historic 1919 Washington DC Realty Ownership Maps

Thanks to Katherine Tobin, a Hillcrest resident, for sharing the following link to 1919 real property maps of various sections of Washington DC. Ms. Tobin posted the link provided by the Library of Congress on the Hillcrest List serve. It is a fascinating piece of history to see who may have owned the land in 1919 where your property now sits. The Hillcrest maps also show the Non Such Plantation and the land owned by the United States Realty Company which was owned by Andrew T. Randle who developed the "Little" White House on Pennsylvania Avenue SE, the Fire Station next to it and maybe the elementary school named after him. Randle was also responsible for placing racial covenants in property deeds. The link is <http://www.loc.gov/resource/g3851bm.gct00135d/#seq-22>

Congratulations to the New HCCA Board

The following individuals were elected to a two-year term on the HCCA Board beginning January 2015. They were elected at the November 4, 2014 HCCA monthly meeting.

Officers

President - De'Andre Anderson
1st Vice President - Michelle Phipps □ Evans
2nd Vice President - Boyle Stuckey
Secretary - Deborah Johnson
Treasurer - Monica H. Evans
Parliamentarian - Kenneth Burke
Chaplain - A. Frank Anderson

Committee Chairs

Communications - Ruth Lewis
Education & Recreation - Jeanne Contardo
Environmental & Beautification - Mary Ross
Fundraising - Michelle Peete
Membership - Phillip Hammond
Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness - James Perkins Jr
Streets, Traffic & Transportation - Linwood Robinson

November 4th Election Voter Turnout was relatively low in Precinct 110 at Thirty-Eight Percent

According to the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics: 149,811 voters out of 461,325 cast votes in the November 4th election. Ward 7 voted at 26% with 15,348 voters. Precinct 110 at St. Timothy's had 1,642 voters out of 4,343 voters, which reflects 37.81% of voters registered for Precinct 110. Of the votes from Precinct 110, Bowser captured 67.66% for Mayor, while Catania garnered 16.50%. For Council Chairman, Phil Mendelson captured 1,419 votes or 86% from Precinct 110. The other breakdowns from the City voters overall are: Ward 1: 58,470; Ward 2: 14,199; Ward 3: 22,922; Ward 4: 23,381; Ward 5: 19,532; Ward 6: 24,367; Ward 7: 15,348; and Ward 8: 11,035.



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make the journey without the support of my Board of Directors. They were hardworking and always had my back. There is no way I could have successfully fulfilled my obligations to HCCA without their support. I would especially like to acknowledge the following: Sheila Brown for heading the Fund Raising Committee, her committee has put almost \$2,000.00 in our scholarship fund. Mattie Cheek, Communications Committee, for soliciting and writing stories for the newsletter while dealing with her mother's illness, Monica Holman-Evans, Treasurer, for assisting me by keeping the association financially viable. I would also say thank you to former President, Vincent Spaulding, who had enough faith in me to convince me to take on the responsibility of the Presidency and was always there for me when I needed a mentor. There are many people too numerous to mention who have been there for me when I

needed guidance and advice, and I thank you all. There is one person I must mention my life partner Earl. Without his support and understanding I would not have been able to spend nearly as much time working for fee. Thank you Earl.

There is one thing about this transition I am extremely grateful for, I don't have to stay up late every month trying to get this *#@ newsletter out on time. I wish Ruth Lewis luck as she takes over this task.

But have no fear, being a Past President affords me a lifetime voting seat on the Board of Directors and I plan to exercise this right. So this is so-long for now but not good-bye.

See you in January!

Karen

Have you paid your dues for 2014? Your paid through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If the date is earlier than 2014, please send your payment now. The cost is \$15.00/year, \$24.00 for 2 years. Make check payable to HCCA and send to P.O. Box 30895, Washington, DC 20030 or you can pay by credit card at

www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Amount _____

HCCA Board

Karen Williams, President
Michelle Phipps-Evans, First Vice President
Boyle Stuckey, Second Vice President
Deborah Johnson, Secretary
Monica H. Evans, Treasurer
Kenneth Burke, Parliamentarian
A. Frank Anderson, Chaplain
Mattie Cheek, Chair, Communications
De 'Andre Anderson, Chair, Education and Recreation
Mary Ross, Chair, Environmental and Beautification
Sheila Brown, Chair, Fundraising
Philip Hammond, Chair, Membership
David Kirkpatrick, Chair, Public Safety/
Emergency Preparedness
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