

# HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

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## REMEMBERING HCCA CHAPLAIN FRANK ANDERSON



The members of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) began arriving at the Hillcrest Recreation Facility shortly after 10:30 AM on Saturday, November 5. They were anticipating voting on the officers of HCCA for the coming two years.

Frank Anderson's name was printed on the ballot as a candidate for the office of Chaplain. He had already served four years in that office. As the meeting began the members were greeted by the sad news that Mr. Anderson had passed away three days prior to the meeting.

The former chaplain of the HCCA was the son of a preacher. He was born in Missouri on November 27, 1926. After serving in the army from 1945 to 1946, he studied law and became an attorney practicing in District and Federal Courts. Much of his law career was devoted to the field of civil rights.

Frank Anderson was welcomed into the Hillcrest Community Civic Association in early 2004. He quickly found his niche and offered his service to the organization.

In 2008, Mr. Anderson was elected as Chair of the Membership Committee. That responsibility also placed him on the Board of Directors. He served in that position for two years.

In 2012 he was elected as Chaplain of the Association which continued his service on the Board of Directors. He continued in the role of chaplain up until the time of his death.

In the November election meeting of HCCA, a motion was made to postpone the election of a new chaplain. The motion carried unanimously.

Chaplain Anderson was knowledgeable in a chaplain's role in a community civic



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- Special points of interest:**
- **Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting**  
 East Washington Heights Baptist Church  
 Alabama and Branch Aves, SE  
 Saturday, December 3rd  
 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
  
  - **PSA 606 Police Community Meeting**  
 East Washington Heights Baptist Church  
 2200 Branch Ave., SE  
 Wednesday, December 21st  
 6:00 PM to 7:00PM
  
  - **ANC 7B Monthly Meeting**  
 Ryland Methodist Church  
 3200 S St., SE  
 Thursday, December 22nd  
 7:00 PM to 9:00P

This month the Hillcrest Community Civic Association December 3 monthly meeting, will be held at East Washington Heights Baptist Church at 2220 Branch Avenue, SE, due to renovation of the recreation center. This will be a meeting where Hillcrest will be able to discuss our priorities for 2017. These priorities can be given to the incoming Councilmember Vince Gray who will be hosting a Ward 7 Action Summit on December 3 from 10 am to 3:30 pm, at KIPP DC Smilow Campus Public Charter School Gymnasium, 5300 Blaine Street, NE. We encourage you to attend following our meeting.

This year's holiday party has been cancelled due to low support.

## HILLCREST COMMUNITY'S 3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

You are invited to the Hillcrest Community's 3rd Annual Holiday Tree lighting on Saturday, December 10 at 4:30 p.m. This year will be very different because of a very generous donation from Mr. H.R. Crawford, a longtime resident of Hillcrest and a former Ward 7 Councilmember, who donated the money to purchase a ball and burlap Baby Blue Spruce tree that has been planted near the small flower garden area on the northbound side of Branch Avenue at Erie Street, SE. This project had several contributing parts - required pick-up with a truck hitch by Mr. Phil Hammond, coordination and use of specialized equipment to dig the hole by Casey Trees, perfect planting by Mr. Hammond and the Mudd brothers. The tree lighting committee members are being asked to take care of the initial watering to ensure that this tree gets off to a good start. What a community effort!

YOU just have to show up and show out. We still need you to donate your favorite baked goods. Bring a neighbor, flashlight and your best singing voice. Remember the gifts you bring will be placed under the tree to support the efforts of the Pathways to Housing DC, an organization that gets the homeless off the street and into their own living spaces. Their model is simple: provide housing first, and then combine that permanent housing with supportive treatment services in the areas of mental and physical health, substance abuse, education, and employment.

Below is their "wish list".

### **Bathroom**

Towels: washcloths, hand towels and bath towels  
 Toiletries: shampoo/conditioner, toothbrush/toothpaste, soap, lotion, deodorant, razors, feminine hygiene products etc.  
 Toilet paper  
 Shower curtains  
 Pillboxes  
 Waste bin

### **Kitchen**

Dishes (plates and bowls)  
 Silverware  
 Cookware: pots and pans, baking sheets, spatulas, can openers, etc.  
 Paper towels  
 Cleaning supplies: dish soap, sponges, all purpose cleaner, dish detergent  
 Microwaves and toasters  
 Trash can/ trash bags  
 Spices: salt, pepper, Mrs. Dash, garlic powder, etc.

### **Bedroom**

Bedding: linens, pillows, bed covers and blankets  
 Alarm clocks/clock-radios  
 Rugs

### **Clothing**

Unisex shirts and pants of all sizes (seasonal)  
 Hats, scarves, and gloves  
 Ponchos

**Gift Cards** (for clients without an income who are awaiting approval of their social security disability benefits)

Safeway/Giant gift cards  
 General gift cards (Visa, MasterCard, Walmart, or Target)  
 Metro cards (\$1.00 or more)

### **General**

Laundry detergent  
 AC Units  
 Reusable grocery bags  
 TVs and/or TV converter boxes  
 Keychains/lanyards  
 Handwarmers

**Let's show that the Hillcrest Community is committed to help bring an end to homelessness.**

**FRANK ANDERSON** Continued...

organization. He was careful to speak and lead in an uplifting but non-sectarian manner. In these last few months he expressed his concern about the manner in which American politics was deteriorating in tone and decency.

Many in our civic association will remember Frank for his stylish "English driving cap" which he had a fondness for wearing.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cynthia Anderson, one sister, several children and grandsons. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, November 15, with interment at the Marine Corps Base, Quantico.

**AN ENLIGHTENED ENVIRONMENTALIST SENDS A THANK YOU TO THE CHILDREN**

Speaking environmentally, this has been an extremely productive and rewarding year in Hillcrest. It was productive because the Environmental Committee accomplished each designated work plan task. The year was especially rewarding because children of Hillcrest joined in to help realize the tasks.



During the Unity Walk, as members of HCCA's Membership and Environmental committees and their dad watched, **Adonias, Delia, Miko**, and **Demi Stuckey** tirelessly knocked on doors of Hillcrest residents, presented them with Dogwood and Red Maple seedlings, and told them about our civic association.

In late spring, as a steady rain fell, with their dads in tow, **Audrey Contardo** and **Richard Hamilton Evans** helped pull hundreds of pounds of trash and debris thoughtlessly thrown into Alger Park. Present, also, and working just as hard to remove blight from the park, were members of **Boys Scout Troop 1650** who were accompanied by their scoutmaster and counselor.



In August, **Zion Caudle** and **Audrey Contardo** submitted winning posters on native species plants and how they help the environment. They attended the HCCA September membership meeting to discuss their posters.



During the community wide clean up in September, Hillcrest's budding environmentalist, **Audrey Contardo**, brought her mom with her as she participated in the neighborhood cleanup.

The children mentioned in this article have yet to reach their teens. Yet they understand and practice that residents working together is what makes a community strong. We acknowledge their work, and are comforted with knowing that through them, Hillcrest will always be strong and beautiful.

**THE DEATH WITH DIGNITY**

The Council of the District of Columbia voted to pass Bill 21-38, the Death with Dignity Act of 2016 on November 1, 2016. A second review and vote on the bill is scheduled for early December. The bill is expected to become law according to Mayor Muriel Bowser, according to published reports. Ward 3 Councilmember Mary Cheh, who introduced the legislation in 2015, says "this bill will allow someone who is on death's doorstep the option to choose a peaceful death."

In the full Committee Report, found here, <http://lims.dccouncil.us/Download/33261/B21-0038-HearingRecord1.pdf>, there were persons and organizations expressing concerns and support for the legislation. The Council has until mid-December to complete its review. More information can be found here, [B21-0038 - Death with Dignity Act of 2015](#).

# WINTER IS AROUND THE CORNER

As the season of Fall ends, we prepare for the winter weather that is expected. The local news stations inform us of what temperatures to expect within the upcoming days of winter. As we turn on the furnace to achieve just the right warmth, we should pause and remember the homeless in our city. On December 21<sup>st</sup> the first day of Winter, National Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day is observed.

Since 1990, the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council have sponsored National Homeless Persons' Remembrance Day. The day was established to bring attention to the plight of the nation's homeless population and to encourage the public to act on their behalf.

If you want to get involved to work to eradicate homelessness, contact the National Coalition for the Homeless right here in the city at 2201 P Street, NW, 202-462-4822, [www.nationalhomeless.org](http://www.nationalhomeless.org).

Information Resource: [www.nationaldaycalendar.com](http://www.nationaldaycalendar.com)

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Your paid through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If the date is earlier than 2016, 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](http://www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm)

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