



NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

3319 Alabama Avenue, Southeast

Washington, D.C. 20020

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Next Meeting: Saturday, January 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, S.E.

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

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF SKYLAND SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPMENT TO BE PROVIDED BY NCRC AT THE JANUARY 7, 2006 MEETING

Three executives from the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC), Anthony Freeman, Joy Arnold, and Ted Risher, will present a status report on the proposed re-development of the Skyland Shopping Center. **Anthony Freeman** is President and CEO of NCRC and he is responsible for planning and implementing large-scale economic development initiatives. Mr. Freeman received his MBA in Finance from American University and a BS degree in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia. A native Washingtonian, Mr. Freeman and his family live in Washington, DC. **Joy Arnold** is Vice-President of Strategy and Administration. She serves as the key government relations executive for the Corporation, where she creates and fosters strategic business partnerships, and supervises the management of all external relationships. Ms. Arnold holds a BS in Public Administration and Political Science from James Madison University and a JD degree from the University of Maryland School of Law. Ms. Arnold is, also, a native Washingtonian and she resides in Ward 1. **Ted Risher** has worked for NCRC for a year and a half, during which time he has been responsible for the redevelopment of the Skyland Shopping Center. Prior to that, he worked for Bolan Smart Associates and Mid-City Urban, LLC as an office leasing broker and a financial analyst, respectively. Ted began his career in real estate as a project manager for the District of Columbia Housing Authority.

CHANGES IN STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

From January 9 to March 17, 2006, the District's Department of Public Works (DPW) will suspend daytime residential street cleaning. The "no parking" restrictions will be lifted along daytime street-sweeping routes, and residents and visitors will not be required to move their cars on street-sweeping days. Residential street cleaning will resume on March 20th.

Overnight street sweeping on the District's major traffic arteries, including Pennsylvania, Georgia, Constitution, and Independence avenues, will continue. Vehicles parked on those streets overnight may be ticketed. During snow emergencies, vehicles can be ticketed and towed that are parked on streets designated with red and white snow emergency route signs.

Message from the President

Dear Neighbor,

I would like to start off by wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year. As we start the New Year, may we begin with a spirit afresh, for the betterment of our community, our city, and the nation. May we begin the New Year with a renewed spirit of unity and commitment to working to achieve the goals and vision we have for our community. I encourage that we, as a civic association, continue to live up to the expectations of the founding members of HCCA who led us to this point.

On a personal note, I will become 65 this month. When I was in my 30's I thought being in your 60's was really old. Now I feel being in your early 90's is really old and being in your 60's is not so bad. The point I am making is the realization of the importance of being efficient, astute, and not wasting each other's time as we work to fulfill the mission and objectives of our civic association. On January 21, 2006 the HCCA Board of Directors will be participating in a retreat to spend some concentrated time addressing how we as a civic association can operate more effectively.

There is a lot of work involved in maintaining and preserving a community and there is even more work involved when you hope to improve upon what you are doing as a civic association. You can demonstrate your care for HCCA and the general welfare of your community and neighbors by making a commitment to get more involved with HCCA during 2006. You can make a difference if you give some of yourself. The astuteness of our current HCCA Officers and Board of Directors who have stepped up to the plate and lent their talents and expertise have contributed greatly to advancing and maintaining the status of our civic association within the city. I call on all, who can, to give some of your time in service to your community and neighbors as a volunteer to the association. Sincerely, Vincent Spaulding, President, HCCA

FEELING FLABBY? TRY EXERCISING!

Did you overindulge during the holidays? Are you getting less exercise during these cold January days? Feeling tired all the time? Well, don't let the winter get the best of you. Did you know that regular aerobic exercise greatly reduces the risk of getting lifestyle diseases such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancer, obesity, and high blood pressure? The Hillcrest Recreation Center offers aerobic exercise classes in both the morning and evening, for a fee of only \$65. Classes are on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10-11am or 7-8pm, from Jan. 3 through March 23. Yoga classes are being offered as well—two evenings per week. You can be fit by Spring! The Ft. Davis Recreation Center also has exercise and sports programs for all ages. For more information, visit the Department of Parks and Recreation website at www.dpr.dc.gov and click "DPR Offers Activity Guide for Winter Fun" or call the Hillcrest Recreation Center at 645-9200, or the Ft. Davis Recreation Center at 645-3975.

HCCA SALUTES SAFEWAY'S STEVE GRAY

Mr. Steve Gray served, until recently, as manager of the Safeway store at 2845 Alabama Avenue, SE. During his tenure, Mr. Gray raised the standards of quality and service, improved community relations, and was very responsive to customer's requests to make new and upscale products available. Mr. Gray was a wonderful partner with HCCA. He often provided refreshments for the HCCA monthly meetings, donated goods in support of local activities, and was very pleasant and professional in all of his interactions within our community.

The HCCA was pleased to learn that Mr. Gray was promoted to a District manager position in Oregon. His leadership will be missed, but we wish him all the best in his new job. Thank you, Steve, for a job well done and best wishes for a bright future.

Our continued thanks to Safeway for providing our refreshments for the HCCA monthly meetings and to Donna Coley-Trice and her committee for picking them up and preparing them to serve.

BE AWARE..THE ANC 7B NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM IS FUNCTIONING

For your safety and security, any persons, subjects, and vehicles loitering, canvassing, parked or standing respectively in any residential area (especially on public space) and the persons or occupants of the vehicle(s) are not visiting, working, or conducting official business with a household or resident, or carrying out a civic duty, the subject or subjects will be reported through the Neighborhood Watch Program, and subsequently to the DC Metropolitan Police Department or the appropriate authority. The same above stated conditions apply also to vehicles deemed to be abandoned in the neighborhood.

Any crime or criminal act detected in progress will be reported immediately. Thank you for your concern and cooperation.

ANC 7B Neighborhood Watch Program Network

Look for the Extraordinary in the Ordinary

The question is, can you see the extraordinary synchronicity that exists in our world; the perfection of the universe in action; the extraordinary beauty of nature; the incredible miracle of human life? There is so much to be grateful for, so much to be in awe about. Life is precious and extraordinary. Put your attention on this fact and little, ordinary things will take on a whole new meaning.

Excerpted from "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff...and its all small stuff" by Richard Carlson, PhD.

HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Deborah Dillard, 2524 Naylor Road, #302, SE
Joseph & Dominique Griffith, 2435 33rd Street, SE
Sherry L. Eichorn (new principal at Anne Beers E.S.) 3600 Alabama Ave,SE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY

7	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Rec Center 32 nd and Denver Streets, SE
9	10 a.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., 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 6 th District Substation, 2701 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
19	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St, SE

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW DUE!

Membership dues for 2006 are now due. Please support the civic association by paying your dues promptly. Dues are only \$10.00 per year per household. Your financial support is needed to cover expenses associated with publishing and mailing the newsletter and to defray operating expenses for HCCA's participation in community projects. To pay, complete and detach the form below and submit with your payment at the regular monthly meeting or mail it with payment to the membership chairperson, Evelyn Primas, whose address is indicated on the membership form.

Dues for 2006 are now due. Please pay promptly.

It's only \$10 per year. Get on track and send your payment NOW!!!!

Names(s) _____

Address _____ zip code _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

New Member _____ Renewal _____

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

Make check payable to Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to: Evelyn Primas,
Membership Chairperson, 3341 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20020-1462 Phone: 202
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