



# NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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**Next Meeting:** Saturday, January 6, 2007, at 10 a.m.

**At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets, S.E.**

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



## THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

**Director William O. Howland of the D.C. Department of Public Works**

**W**illiam O. Howland Jr. was recently confirmed by Mayor-elect Adrian Fenty to continue as the director of the D.C. Department of Public Works. He will speak before the Hillcrest membership at the January meeting. Howland has more than 20 years of local government experience, primarily as a senior executive in the areas of finance, human resources, information technology and procurement. He has served as the director of Public Works since 2004, where he has led a staff of 1,400.

Under his leadership, the District has increased its residential recycling rate by 50 percent with the introduction of the single stream recycling program (blue carts); began the e-cycling program for recycling electronic equipment; eliminated the backlog of abandoned vehicles from public space; consolidated the city's impound lots saving more than \$1 million per year in leasing costs; continued to increase the use of alternative fuel vehicles in the city's fleet; and in conjunction with the D.C. Department of Transportation, he initiated the Intersection

Control Officers program.

From 2002 to 2004, Howland served as Chief of Staff to the Deputy Mayor for



Operations. He responded to issues involving agencies in this cluster, particularly the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Office of Contracting and Procurement and the Office of Property Management. Howland joined the District in 2001 as the Deputy Director for the Department of Human Services, where he directed the administrative management for the agency. He also managed the capital budget, oversaw construction and renovation of agency buildings and led a team of eight departments to create an emergency management plan to shelter displaced residents and reunify families.

Howland also served the Fairfax County government for 17 years, as a Personnel Analyst, an Assistant to the County Executive, and finally as Director of the Department of Administration for Human Services.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

The first order of business from this new administration is to wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year!!! 2007 promises to be a year of changes and growth, especially for me. I want to thank each of you who expressed confidence in my abilities by electing me president. It is a great honor to serve you and my community. I realize I am stepping into some very large shoes; I hope my feet will grow to a comfortable fit. I would like to express my gratitude to those who preceded me. They have done an excellent job in making HCCA the best civic association in Washington, D.C.

I hope during my tenure we will work together to improve our community, expand our civic association, and to create an environment of trust and support in our corner of southeast. Before I formulate a list of priorities for 2007, I invite all of you to give me list of your concerns and issues. I will incorporate as many as possible into our agenda. My personal concerns are: 1) seeing the Skyland and the Pennsylvania Avenue Great Streets Projects become realities, with your assistance I will work to see these projects completed; 2) as a former educator, I am interested in working to see our neighborhood public schools becoming the best not only in D.C., but in the nation; 3) I would like this organization to serve our youth and create opportunities for them to become our future leaders; 4) I am concerned about the safety of our streets and homes and vow to continue our relationship with MPD and Neighborhood Watch; and 5) I vow to work diligently to keep the Hillcrest Civic Association the strongest and most active association in the city.

While I carry the title of president, it is only a title; I will attempt to reach out to each and every one of you to do your part to help lead HCCA to achieve the objectives we, as a team, decide we want to implement. Please feel free to contact me at [klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com](mailto:klwilliams@hillcrestdc.com). Through this address I am available 24/7 for comments and suggestions. What information would you like to see presented at our meetings? What format changes if any would you like? What can we do to make this association truly a voice of Hillcrest?

We may not always agree on purpose and means, but to disagree is human, respecting the views and opinions of others will be the foundation on which I will build my presidency. As we enter this New Year and this new regime, I pray that we as members of this unique organization can become a team. A team working together to make Hillcrest and the District of Columbia the best place to live and work in the nation.

Sincerely, Karen Lee Williams, President

### Hillcrest welcomes Police Chief-elect to Christmas Party

Members of the Hillcrest community welcomed Police Chief-elect Kathy Lanier at its December monthly meeting, which also marked the annual holiday celebration. She discussed briefly the changes she would like to implement in the police department under her watch. There will be more officers on the street, and more of an emphasis on community policing, according to Lanier. She commended the undying commitment of Inspector Alton Bigelow and his dedicated team. "I just want people be part of the problem-solving and the solutions," Lanier said at the Dec. 2 meeting. "My job's not to tell chiefs how to run their offices and PSAs." She added that one of the biggest complaints from citizens is they don't see the police when they need one. "We're doing what we need to do to release the culture of fear," she said.

Also at the meeting, Inspector Bigelow handed out awards to recognize Hillcrest residents for their crime prevention efforts. Officer Wendell Cunningham was given an award for exemplary community policing. Residents Gloria and Dennis Logan, Robin Marlin, Vincent Spaulding and Paul Savage were recognized for their commitment to improving the neighborhood.

### **What is the Neighborhood Watch**

#### **History**

The Neighborhood Watch program is national in scope, organized and successfully implemented in thousands of communities throughout the country. Until the early 1970s, traditional law enforcement was primarily reactive with officers responding to crime after it occurred. This did little

to reduce the ever-increasing crime rate. In the 1970s, proactive programs such as Neighborhood Watch were organized throughout the country. Other programs modeled after Neighborhood Watch, such as D.A.R.E., Business Watch, Block Homes, etc., have become models for "Crime Prevention Programs."

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**The Neighborhood Watch Program represents**

• Organized and coordinated effort by concerned citizens who are committed to reducing crime in their neighborhoods.

- Cooperation with the local police department.
- Practice and promotion of various crime prevention and home security measures.

*This is the first in a series of articles from the 6<sup>th</sup> District police.*



**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD**

- ◆ **January 13, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.**—Reading of the speeches of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the poetry of his time at the Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE. Call (202) 645-4297 for more information.
- ◆ **January 20, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**—Workshop on Financial Education, led by the Capital Area Asset Building Corp., with a presentation by the D.C. Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking at the Francis Gregory Library.
- ◆ **January 27, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**—Workshop on Home Healthcare with Vicki Stewart Callaghan, RN, at the Francis Gregory Library. These programs are part of the Francis A. Gregory Literacy Program, which is supported by Holden Bequest.

**ACTIVITIES AT THE HILLCREST RECREATION CENTER:**

**Basketball Extravaganza**

**Hillcrest Huskies Exhibition Game**

January 6, 12:15 p.m. -1:15 p.m., after the Hillcrest meeting.

**9-10 year olds (All games are 6 p.m.)**

January 16 - Hillcrest vs. Fort Davis @ Fort Davis

January 30 - Hillcrest vs. Benning Stoddert(B) @ Hillcrest (\*\*Season home opener!\*\*)

**11-12 year olds (All games are 6 p.m.)**

January 18 - Hillcrest vs. Fort Davis @ Fort Davis

**AARP Driver Safety Program**

Tune up your driving skills. Sign up for the AARP Driver Safety Program, the nation's first refresher course for drivers, age 50 and older, that has helped millions remain safe on today's roads. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate good for three years. Some insurance companies offer a 10-20 percent discount on automobile insurance. Check with your individual agent.

**When:** Saturday, January 20, 2007

**Location:** Hillcrest Recreation Center

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Instructor:** Leonard Washington

Please bring your lunch. To register, contact Ann Curtsinger at (202) 582-2775, or by email [anncurt459@aol.com](mailto:anncurt459@aol.com)

**Note:** The AARP Driver Safety Course is also offered online at [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org).

**HCCA Welcomes the Following New Members**

- Victor Vandell, 420 57<sup>th</sup> St., NE
- Yvonne Dupree, 2513 Branch Ave., SE
- Clarence Jones, 1400 Branch Ave., SE
- Yvonne Bing, 2906 Fort Baker Drive, SE
- Julie Rones, 3201 O St., SE



**INTERSTAGES UPDATE**

Thanks to the Hillcrest community for your support of Interstages in 2006! To learn more, donate, volunteer or request our newsletter, visit [www.interstages.org](http://www.interstages.org), call (202) 824-0740, or e-mail [Noel.Tieszen@interstages.org](mailto:Noel.Tieszen@interstages.org) or [Rosemary.Ndubuizu@interstages.org](mailto:Rosemary.Ndubuizu@interstages.org).

**Highlights:**

- \* New partner Thompson Hine LLP featured Interstages in 12/4/06 *Legal Times* ad.
- \* Collaboration with Goodhope Marketplace, MPD, parents and Friends of Hillcrest Recreation Center made it possible to provide transportation for our girls in the evening hours.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2007**

6	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32 <sup>nd</sup> and Denver Streets, SE
10	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
17	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
18	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

**PLEASE NOTE: The new mailing address for the Hillcrest Community Civic Association is:**  
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**DUES FOR 2007 ARE NOW DUE. PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY.**

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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