



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, February 4, 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.

PRESIDENT AND CEO OF MARSHALL HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (MHCDO), CARRIE THORNHILL, WILL SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THE MCHDO MISSION, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ROLES IN THE COMMUNITY

Carrie Thornhill, longtime Hillcrest resident and President and CEO of the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, will serve as the speaker at the February 4, 2006 HCCA meeting. Ms. Thornhill will enlighten residents about the mission, roles, and responsibilities of the Marshall Heights organization. MHCDO is a non-profit community-based corporation that has undertaken community development activities in the Ward 7 area of the District of Columbia since 1979. Created by the residents of the Marshall Heights neighborhood, the organization is working to meet the various economic, housing, and human development needs of the Ward 7 community in particular and the city in general. MHCDO has successfully developed on its own or in partnership with others 220,000 square feet of retail/office space, 20,000 square feet of warehouse/industrial space, 550 affordable rental housing units and 170 other homes sold to low and moderate income buyers.

Carrie Thornhill is a longstanding and well-known civic leader, who has been actively engaged in community development, research for action, social action, public education reform and community building for over 40 years. In 2003, she was appointed by Mayor Williams to an at-large seat on the D.C. Board of Education and was subsequently confirmed by the D.C. Council. In 2004, she was appointed and confirmed as a member of the Housing Production Trust Fund. In addition, Ms. Thornhill has been building the Washington, D.C. Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Partnership to create pathways for the next generation of STEM scholars in East Washington. She has also served the city as chair of the Board of Zoning Adjustment for 10 years and as an officer of the Board of Trustees for the University of the District of Columbia.

CONGRATULATIONS, EAGLE SCOUTS!

Congratulations to Boy Scouts Beyan Johnson and Evan Wright, residents of Hillcrest, who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. The Court of Honor will be held February 11, 2006 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church at 4:00 PM. All are invited to come and witness this momentous occasion where young members of our community are being awarded the highest rank in scouting, a milestone that only four percent of scouting's national membership reach.

Message from the President

Dear Neighbor,

I am very pleased to report that members of the HCCA Board of Directors participated in a very successful leadership retreat on Saturday, January 21, 2006. The meeting was designed to focus on the future of HCCA with a view towards continuing the momentum generated from our last retreat held during 2004. During the meeting, with the help of our facilitator, we reviewed the work of HCCA since the last retreat, established priorities, and developed a 90-day plan for addressing new priorities identified during the retreat. We were also concerned about taking the work of the organization to the next level of impact. Consequently, we analyzed and identified the issues of concern of the community, the organization, and its leadership and developed the next steps to begin work on the priority issues that emerged from the analysis of the current state of the organization. HCCA was founded during 1989 to promote the welfare of our neighborhood and to improve and maintain the quality life in the Hillcrest community. Once we draft a 90-Day Plan and Next Steps we will be presenting information on the outcome of the retreat at a general membership meeting. During this meeting you will have an opportunity to react to the issues and recommendations generated during the retreat. Sincerely, Vincent M. Spaulding, President, HCCA

HELP KEEP HILLCREST CLEAN!



Please help keep Hillcrest a clean and pleasant to live and visit by assisting with the removal of litter, trash, and advertisement posters from trees and lamp posts. We are proud of our Hillcrest neighborhood and we appreciate your help in keeping it looking nice. Be a good citizen. Even if you didn't drop the trash on the ground, pick it up anyway.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH



ATTENTION ALL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK CAPTAINS, ZONE LEADERS, AND CONCERNED NEIGHBORS: A Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 4th, at 12 noon immediately following the HCCA meeting at the Hillcrest Recreation Center.

SERENITY PLAYERS PRESENTS "HARRIET", IN OBSERVANCE OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The Serenity Players, Inc. is proud to present the play, "Harriet", written by Kisha Kenyatta, based on the life of Harriet Tubman, in observance of Black History month. The play is directed by Cody Jones and stars Marlene Stevens. Other featured actors include Chemeeka (Joi) Bradley, Donna Mann, Hugh Staples, and Doris A.M. Thomas. The Serenity Players is a community-based theater company located and operating in the Hillcrest and Ward 7 community.

In this award winning, big-hearted one act play with monologue delivered by a former slave, Harriet recounts her childhood, her path to freedom via the underground railroad and her return to lead her family and other slaves to freedom. Her tale is laced with songs, dance, and hymns.

Performances will be conducted on Friday, February 17th at 11 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, February 18th at 1:00 p.m.; and Sunday, February 19th at 4:00 p.m. All performances will be held at the ARC Theater, 1901 Mississippi Avenue, S.E. Tickets are \$15 for general admission; \$10 for senior citizens (60+) and students under 18 years old. Persons with permanent disabilities and their companion will be offered half-price tickets. For tickets, contact Doris Thomas at 202 575-4248 and for further information, access the website at www.serenityplayers.org

LETTER RECEIVED FROM SAFEWAY SR VICE-PRESIDENT ABOUT STEVE GRAY

In a letter written to HCCA from Hank Cominiello, Senior Vice-President of Safeway, in response to our letter of commendation about the former Good Hope Marketplace Safeway store manager Steve Gray, Mr. Cominiello says (in part) "Thank you for your letter of appreciation for Steve Gray. I concur with your assessment, and I will be sure to pass along your kind letter to him. He will be sorely missed here in the Eastern division, but we also wish him the best as he progresses in his Safeway career in our Portland division. A new store manager has not yet been assigned to your Alabama Avenue store. It's true that the new manager will have some big shoes to fill, but I'm certain you will find that the friendly relationship you have experienced with Safeway until now will continue. Thank you for taking the time to let us know some good things about Steve. Seems he had some especially good people in the community to work with as well."

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 on the back page of the newsletter 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.

HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Ella Mae Brewer
Garrett S. Brunswick

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

4	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Rec Center 32 nd and Denver Streets, SE
6	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
8	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave SE
15	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting 6 th District Substation, 2701 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
16	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St, SE

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,
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