



NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

3319 Alabama Avenue, Southeast

Washington, D.C. 20020

www.HillcrestDC.com

Next Meeting: Saturday, March 4, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Guest Speaker for March 4, 2006

Wayne Young, Publisher, Port of Harlem Magazine

Wayne Young, publisher of the print and online (www.portofharlem.net) editions of Port of Harlem magazine, started the publication in 1995 as a collectible item that he gave to his Black memorabilia customers at a Black memorabilia and collectible show. The first publication featured a collection of articles that he had written for other publications ranging from the Washington Afro-American and Gary Post-Tribune newspapers to American Legacy and UpScale magazines.

He named the magazine after the world's most famous Pan-African community to reflect the magazine's inclusive, diverse, and Pan-African perspective depicted in its general interest articles. After publishing annually in black and white for the first four years and biannually for the following four, Port of Harlem is now a full-color, quarterly publication.

Port of Harlem is available at no cost at more than 175 locations in Metro Washington and Harlem. It is also available in selected cities around the country and internationally, including Gary, IN; and Jacksonville, FL USA, and Banjul, The Gambia.

Young was born and raised in Gary, Indiana and graduated from Iowa State and Roosevelt Universities. His undergraduate degree is in Construction and Small Business Management. He also holds a Masters degree in Marketing Communications.

Message from the President

We are still accepting membership dues for 2005 and your membership dues for 2006 are now due. We are an active civic association and it takes money to get things done. Dues are only \$10.00 per year per household and are due at the beginning of the calendar year. Please remind your friends and neighbors to support their community organization by submitting their dues. Also, please help our civic association reach its new membership goal of 600 households. Last year we reached and exceeded our membership goal of 500 households. There is strength in numbers as we push for needs and services for our community. See the membership application form provided with this newsletter for making dues payment or for use in recruiting new members.

Sincerely,

Vincent M. Spaulding, President, HCCA



Neighborhood Watch Meeting, March 4th

Attention All Neighborhood Watch Block Captains, Zone Leaders, and Concerned Neighbors: A Neighborhood Watch meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th, at 12:15pm, immediately following the HCCA meeting at the Hillcrest Recreation Center.

Help Improve Pennsylvania Ave SE – become a Friend of Twining Park

As we head into our 7th year of adopting Twining Park at Pennsylvania Ave and 27th St SE, our volunteer numbers are dwindling. If you enjoy the summertime beauty of Twining as you travel toward the Sousa bridge, then please become a volunteer for the 2006 season. First work session will be Saturday, March 25, and the last Saturday of every month through October. Come any time between 9am and noon. Your help is needed even if you can only spare one hour. Additional work sessions will be scheduled during weekday evenings in warmer weather. If you want to receive reminders about work sessions and cancellations of work sessions, let me know.

Kathy Chamberlain, kathychamberlain@rcn.com, phone 581-8272



Hello from Hillcrest Recreation Center!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Interim Site Manager of Hillcrest Recreation Center. Recently, Mr. Sam Williams departed as Site Manager for the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. While Sam will be missed, along with his experience and fine work ethic, I assure you that his vision for us to be the benchmark of DC recreation centers will persist with myself at the helm.



I intend on applying to undertake this exciting position permanently- time will tell but hopefully I will be able to continue to serve first and foremost, along with my staff, the residents of Hillcrest and Ward 7 to the best of our ability. We welcome each and every one of you to please visit the center- check out our programs, allow us to give you a tour of your flagship community facility, and spend some time chatting with us. It is with your input that we can reach our vision.

Yours in recreation,
Dwayne Marshall

It's Time for Summer Camp Registration



The Department of Parks and Recreation opened its online summer camp registration. Residents will be able to enroll their children in activities through the website at www.dpr.dc.gov, or drop by the Hillcrest Recreation Center for help with enrolling. DC Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) offers many day camp activities and a residential co-ed camp in Scotland, Maryland. "We are committed to ensuring that all youth have the opportunity to enjoy a safe and fun camp experience," said Kimberley Flowers, Director of DPR. Summer Camps will begin June 26 through August 18, 2006. All camps are offered Monday through Friday. For locations and fees of DPR camping opportunities, please visit www.dpr.dc.gov or contact the Camp Central Office at 202-282-0730.

Library News

C.R. Gibbs, noted historian on Black History, will give two lectures at the Francis Gregory Library. Dates, time and topics are as follows: March 11 2PM-4PM "Africa's Gift to America" and March 18 2PM-4PM "History of Black Georgetown." By the way, do you know the hours of the Francis Gregory Library? Mondays and Wednesdays: 9:30am - 9pm. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays: 9:30am - 5:30pm. For more information about happenings at the Francis Gregory Library, visit www.dclibrary.org/branches/fgl or call 645-4297.



Free Classes on Tree Care



Casey Trees free Citizen Forester class on the Planting and Care of Trees will be offered three times in March. Participants learn to select and prepare a tree-planting site, choose an appropriate tree species for the site, and properly plant the tree to ensure survival. The class also covers the techniques critical to maintaining urban tree health, including mulching, watering, and pruning. Classes include five hours of classroom instruction and four hours of field training. An additional 20 hours of community tree planting with Casey Trees is required for Citizen Forester certification, but not required to attend the training. The three sets of multi-day classes begin March 14, 21, and 24. For more information and to register online visit www.caseytrees.org. Or phone 202.833.4010.

To learn more about the Citizen Forester program, visit www.caseytrees.org/programs/cfprogram.html

Have new neighbors? Welcome them to Hillcrest!

A "Welcome to Hillcrest" booklet for new residents is now available. If you have new neighbors, drop by and greet them with important information about the neighborhood, including how to join the Hillcrest Community Civic Association. Contact Karen Williams (584-2703, karenleewilliams@comcast.net) or Kathy Chamberlain (581-8272, kathy_chamberlain@rcn.com) for copies. Alternatively, you can print the booklet from the Hillcrest website, www.HillcrestDC.com. Click "Welcome".



HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

George C. Papageorge, 2333 Branch Ave, SE
Ella Miller, 2544 36th Street, SE
Donald & Alicia Brew 3396 Highview Terrace, SE

Community Calendar for March

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
25	9 a.m.-noon	Twining Park work session, 2700 blk Pennsylvania Ave 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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