



# NEWSLETTER

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**Next Meeting:** Saturday, March 7, 2009, at 10 a.m.

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

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

## NEWLY APPOINTED ACTING DIRECTOR FOR DDOT GABE KLEIN IS THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



**March 8**

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### Comments?

**Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans at [hillcrestdc\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com)**

**M**ayor Adrian Fenty announced the appointment of Gabe Klein as the permanent director for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) in December 2008. Klein is an entrepreneurial executive with more than 12 years experience leading marketing, business development, and operations efforts for both start-up and established retail, transportation and technology-oriented companies. Along with a passion for public service, Klein brings to the position a commitment to quality customer service, a talent for developing innovative transportation solutions, and an entrepreneurial flair born of his experience in the private sector. Klein has proven experience partnering with government and business sectors in the District of Columbia.



He is the co-founder, and most recently served as the Chief Executive Officer of On the Fly, an innovative, boutique food-service company with retail, wholesale, catering and events businesses all-in-one. In 2007, Klein and his On the Fly team designed and launched next-generation electric smartkarts, which deliver high quality natural foods to D.C. residents, workers and visitors in densely trafficked areas. He collaborated with DDOT and the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, as well as the Smithsonian Institution, local universities and private developers to place smartkarts in locations throughout the city.

From 2002 to 2006, Klein demonstrated his commitment to reducing America's carbon footprint as regional vice president of Zipcar, where he helped pioneered the concept of carsharing in the United States and built a thriving business model in the District. Within four years, membership grew by over 1000 percent and about 500 green vehicles were brought to the Washington metropolitan area. As a result, the region achieved profitable operating results. At the end of Klein's tenure at Zipcar, the city was the nation's largest carsharing city by membership and vehicles.

Klein earned a bachelor's of science in marketing management from Virginia Tech in 1994, and has been a resident of the District of Columbia for 14 years.

## Message from the President

***Dear Neighbors,***

**M**y husband has long called me a Polly Anna; usually he calls me a #\*% Polly Anna. For those of you who aren't familiar with the term, I wasn't. He means someone always looking for the good in everything, staying positive, and always smiling; well, at least most of the time, nobody's perfect. A lot of times I took his ribbing as an insult, *but I continue to smile!* But I have come to the conclusion, Polly Annaism (yes I made this word up), can actually be a good thing and I'm not the only one afflicted. Watching our newly elected President Barack Obama try to get bi-partisan support for his Economic Recovery Package, I've come to think he might be a Polly Anna also. He continues to be optimistic, he continues to smile, but more importantly, he continues to walk down his own path without getting side-tracked into playing those old partisan games. So to prevent myself and your board from being side-tracked by the politics of our association, we want to thank you for the positive response to my President's Letter in February. Not only did I receive several phone calls and e-mails in support, I witnessed a positive flow of energy at our last meeting. For this, I want to **thank you** all! Let's continue to work to make our association the best in the country. Let's gather the political savvy and clout we need to make our community and our city #1! You can help by volunteering to join one of our standing committees and helping them develop and implement their work plan, helping us to define the issues and policies we want to tackle in the next year. After all, this is your association. You elected us to carry the banner, but we can't march alone.

Again, I thank you for your support.

**Karen Lee Williams**  
President, HCCA

## NEWS WORTH SHARING

### **Tidbit from a Hillcrest Resident**

**I**take used clothing to thrift stores and receive a receipt for taxes. However, there are some items I would never think of recycling that way: too worn, too torn or ragged or underwear! Last time I was there, I learned a thing. Clothing that is unacceptable is baled together and sold for recycling purposes like insulation or broken down and remade into material (recycled cotton). So instead of throwing clothes (particularly cotton) into the trash—save it, label the bag, recycle and take in with your other items. Every little bit helps. My momma (who is 84) says she never had a recycling problem—they wore items until only good wishes held them together and “holey” clothing especially “drawers” was no indication of your religion.

— Christopher Burroughs

## HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

**Tutors Wanted**—The Parklands Community Center is in desperate need of tutors for youth living in Wards 7 and Ward 8. These youth are anxious to get their education but need additional support after school. If you know of any group or individual who can assist, please let us know. Contact executive director, Brenda H. Jones, 1901 Mississippi Ave., SE, (202) 678-6500. Visit the Web site, [www.parklandscommunitycenter.org](http://www.parklandscommunitycenter.org).

**Anacostia Waterfront Forum**—There is a large scale revitalization project called the *Anacostia Waterfront Initiative* currently underway. It is composed of transportation, land use, economic development, revitalization and conservation projects along both banks of the Anacostia and adjacent neighborhoods. The HCCA board will keep the community updated through the newsletter, our Web site and list serv, and through community meetings on this important multi-year initiative. The new DDOT director, Gabe Klein, will provide HCCA with a status of the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project, which is part of AWI, at our March meeting. The Anacostia Waterfront Forum's Web site contains a large amount of information on the projects associated with AWI. The size of this effort is surprising. Please spend some time on the site: <http://www.theanacostiawaterfront.com/index.jsp>

M. J. Bowser, First Vice President, HCCA

**16th Annual Garden Tour**—Save the date for Hillcrest's 16th Annual Garden Tour 2009, which will be held Saturday, June 6, 2009. Please mark your calendars for a guided walking tour and hear more about the neighborhood, the gardens, and the architecture. Listen to homeowners who will talk about their gardening challenges, successes and strategies. Water will be provided along the walk, and a reception will follow the tour. See ya June 6 in the garden!"

**Volunteers Needed for the Garden Tour**—We're looking for a few good people! Volunteer to help plan or work the 16th annual Garden Tour 2009. If you're interested in volunteering, we could use help with finding homes, with communications and publicity, with preparing and/or selling tickets, with getting the reception ready, with painting garden tour souvenir rocks, maybe even with guiding the tours. Please contact Carin Bigrigg at [cbigrigg@gmail.com](mailto:cbigrigg@gmail.com).

### Updates from the Recreation Center

**2009 Spring Break Camp:** March 23 to March 27, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. is the 2009 Spring Break Camp at the Hillcrest Recreation Center. *Theme: Spring Break...DPR Style.* For children 6 to 13 years old. Campers do creative writing assignments, they learn spring and Easter craft making, book bunnies, egg hunts and more. \$25 fee for residents. \$35 for non resident. For more information, contact DPR Camp Central at [DPRcamps@dc.gov](mailto:DPRcamps@dc.gov) or call (202) 671-0295.

### March Activities for Seniors

**March 13,** National Museum of American History, Tour the Addison Scurlock Photography Exhibit. We leave Hillcrest Recreation Center at 10 a.m.

**March 27,** Tour of the Frederick Douglass Home in Southeast DC, to be followed with lunch at IHOP on Alabama Ave. and Stanton Road. We leave Hillcrest at 10 a.m.

### Annual Chili Cook Off, Book and Bake Sale

Come to Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE, on Saturday, March 21, noon to 4 p.m., for the annual chili cook off, book and bake sale.

**HCCA WELCOMES  
THE FOLLOWING  
NEW MEMBER**



- Theodora R. Proctor, 3035 Alabama Ave., SE

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR MARCH

2	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
7	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, 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 Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
19	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE

Scout meeting every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.—Cub Scouts;  
11 a.m.—Boy Scouts at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Have you paid your dues for 2009? Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2009, please send your payment now!

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

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

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

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

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

**Annual dues are only \$10. Make check payable to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association  
and mail to:**

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