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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, April 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.
NOTE: Meetings are the first Saturday of the month

Guest Speakers for April 3, 2004 **Councilmember At Large David Catania**

As a member of the Council of the District of Columbia, David Catania is regarded as a hardworking and effective policymaker. First elected as an At-Large Councilmember in a special election in 1997, Catania was re-elected to a full term on the Council in 1998 and again in 2002. Councilmember Catania is the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Services and serves on the Committee on Human Services, the Committee on Finance and Revenue, and the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs. The Public Services Committee oversees the Department of Employment Services, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, federal grants management, and the Workforce Investment Council.

Mr. Catania has championed initiatives -- now law -- such as tax relief, increased neighborhood police deployment, overhaul of drug treatment services, Advisory Neighborhood Commission reform, and tax incentives to encourage an influx of businesses into the District. He continues to fight for the establishment of an elected District Attorney for the District of Columbia to ensure a better system of law enforcement and accountability. He spearheaded the HomeStart Initiative, creating an advisory committee to identify obstacles to affordable housing and homeownership for residents of the District, and then authored a law aimed at combating those obstacles.

Mr. Catania authored the New E-Conomy Transformation Act of 2000, which provides targeted incentives to qualified high technology companies. As a result of the law, the District is the most competitive urban jurisdiction in the nation for new economy companies. Councilmember Catania continues to push for job opportunities for District residents including the establishment of the reverse commute routes provided by the Metro system to transport District residents to jobs in the Dulles Corridor and Tysons Corner. Mr. Catania also authored legislation that creates the Office of Vocational Education and Skills Training and expands opportunities for District residents to gain enhanced vocational skills and training. Councilmember Catania also provides a strong voice on behalf of women's health issues and government accountability. He has been at the forefront of ensuring continued healthcare for the uninsured and low-income residents of the District.

A native Missourian, Catania earned a B.S. from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Message from the President

Dear Members of HCCA:

Let me start off by asking the following questions: Have you moved forward with recruiting at least one new member to join HCCA? Have you considered volunteering to join one of the HCCA standing committees? Have you paid your dues for 2004? Do you attend HCCA monthly meetings on a regular basis? I ask these questions due to the importance of having everyone's involvement in the operations of our civic association. With everyone's participation we can make a great place to live and an even greater place to live and raise a family.

Now let me provide specific examples of how you can get involved: With the advent of the Spring and Summer season, HCCA has lots of things planned which include the following: a fish fry and a bus trip being planned by the Fund Raising Committee, the annual garden walking tour of a Hillcrest neighborhood is being planned by the Garden Tour Committee, the publishing of a brochure on the Hillcrest Community being developed by the Public Relations Committee, the conducting of several community cleanup and beautification projects being planned by the Environmental Committee and beautification partners, and the celebration of the 15th anniversary of HCCA being planned by the HCCA Anniversary committee. All of these events and activities are in need of volunteers in order to make them successful. If you are interesting in serving on one of the foregoing committees or assisting in planning one of these events, please contact the respective Chairperson. Check the Hillcrest website at www.hillcrestdc.com for contact information.

Lastly, on May 22nd, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, you are invited to participate in a cleanup and beautification project being planned for Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, from the Sousa Bridge to Southern Avenue, SE. The cleanup beautification project will extend at least one block on each intersecting street along Pennsylvania Ave, SE. This project is being planned by Keep Washington, DC beautiful, Inc (KWB) in conjunction with the Great American Cleanup (GAC). The GAC is the largest organized litter prevention, beautification, and community improvement program in the USA. The Lysol Cooperation is assisting in sponsoring this event and have donated a large quantity of cleaning supplies and have recruited WMMJ-FM Magic 102.3 to do promotions and have a DJ/Jock attend the event. The beauty of our neighborhood is often times marred by mounds of litter, unsightly posters, and vacant lots turned into illegal dumps. You help on transferring these areas along Pennsylvania Ave, SE into the best-looking street in the nation's capital is invited. More information to follow.

Sincerely, Vincent Spaulding, President, HCCA

Highlights of March 6 HCCA Meeting

- Public hearings on Skyland Shopping Center redevelopment have begun, with first hearing on March 23 regarding the Section 108 loan application for \$28 million. Community participation and involvement is essential if this project is to succeed.
- Shadow Senator Paul Strauss stated that he is an advocate for DC statehood and is therefore opposed to a bill to be introduced by U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va) proposing that DC have one voting representative in Congress because it could compromise any future lobbying efforts for statehood.
- Shadow Representative Ray Browne said that statehood is not within our grasp any time in the near future, and therefore he will support the Davis Bill because it brings us a step closer to the goal of statehood, and it gives us a vote in Congress.
- DC Vote activist Kimberly Bassett urged Hillcrest residents to participate in DC VOTE activities. She stated that recently the Organization of American States (OAS) found the US Government to be in violation of citizens' democratic rights by depriving DC residents of a voice in Congress.

Complete minutes can be found at www.HillcrestDC.com

Hillcrest "One of the Great Places to Live in Washington, D.C."

Washingtonian magazine, April 2004

The following information appeared in the April issue of the Washingtonian:

"Hillcrest: Shh-hh...Don't Tell. This is D.C.'s best kept secret. South of Pennsylvania Avenue near the Maryland border, this neighborhood could pass for Chevy Chase – without the high prices. Manicured lawns surround Colonials, Tudors, Cape Cods, and bungalows on leafy streets. Neighbors-many have been here for decades – organize a garden show, flea market, and crab feast. There are public tennis courts, community flower gardens, and a nearby city park with amphitheater. Good sized houses fetch between \$300,000 and \$400,000; stately homes with views of the Capitol and the Washington Monument sell in the mid-\$500,000s."

**Mark your Calendar
11th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour
June 19th , 11am**

This year's tour will feature homes and gardens North of Alabama Avenue between Branch Ave, Park Drive and 31st Street. Some of our neighbors have already volunteered to open their homes and gardens to their East Washington neighbors and visitors from greater DC metro. Last year, visitors from as far away as Atlanta Ga. enjoyed the tour. Last year's tour received very favorable reviews from the Washington Post and City Paper. The Garden Tour Committee is working hard to make this year's tour a bigger success.

We are looking for additional host homes to participate. If you live in the focus area and wish to put your garden or home of the tour, please contact Sherry Ways, 320-5517, s_ways@hotmail.com; Kathy Chamberlain, 581-8272, kathychamberlain@starpower.net; or Marvin Bowser at 202-566-9629.

**Chicken & Fish Fry
Annual Fundraiser**

Come join the HCCA's Chicken and Fish Fry
Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter
3319 Alabama Avenue, SE

Date: June 5, 12 noon – 3 p.m.

Price: \$10.00

Fried Chicken, Fried Fish
Greens, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad
Dessert, Soda

**ANC 7B meeting April 15
Guest speaker: Winston Robinson,
ROC-East Commander**

You won't want to miss the next ANC 7B meeting. Meet Winston Robinson the new Assistant Chief of Police for the Regional Operations Command Center –East, which covers the 6th and 7th Districts. Chief Robinson is not new to Hillcrest residents who have lived here for 10 years or more. Until 1995, Hillcrest was in the 7th police district and Robinson was 7th District commander. Come to the ANC meeting and join the community in welcoming him back! Hear what his priorities are in his new position, and let him know about your own priorities. The meeting is Thursday, April 15, 7-9pm, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 S St, SE. Visit www.anc7b.org
Kathy Chamberlain, Chair, ANC 7B



**Charlestown Races & Slots
HCCA Annual Fundraiser**

Please join the HCCA for a Saturday filled with fun and excitement on a one-day bus trip to Charlestown, West Virginia

When: May 15, 2004

Time: 10 am – 6 pm

Tickets: \$20

Bus will depart from 33rd & Denver Streets SE

**meal not included*

Ticket Contacts:

Faith Lyles	583-1563	Nancy Harris	575-2696
Scarlett Durham	581-1121	Peggy Flemming	584-4536
Thelma Martin	583-0288	Kanika Brookins	327-5624
Fred Butler	583-0346	Diane Scroggins	583-8093

Alyce Foster 584-4261
Southern Comfort Bus Line



Get Neighborhood Alerts via Email

If you would like to be notified by email about neighborhood events, crime alerts, and meeting reminders, email kathychamberlain@starpower.net with the subject line "add me to the neighborhood e-list".

This is a good way to keep up with events in our community. Also, our police are increasingly relying on neighborhood email to alert residents about certain crimes, and residents are using it to alert neighbors about incidents, such as car thefts.

Don't worry, your email address will not be exposed or published, so it cannot be picked up by spammers.

Remember, an online calendar of community events can be found at www.HillcrestDC.com. Click "Calendar", the first item in the menu.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection
Penn-Branch Shopping Center
April 3, 9 am – 3 pm**

Bring household chemicals and other materials including old cleaning and gardening chemicals, small quantities of gasoline, pesticides and poisons, acids, varnish, oil-based paints, solvents, aerosols, wood preservatives, spent batteries of all kinds, roofing tar, chemistry sets, automotive fluids, even asbestos floor tiles to the collection site for environmentally safe disposal. This drop-off service is free and open to all District residents.
For more info, visit ww.dpw.dc.gov

Welcome New Members

A. Franklin Anderson - 3119 W Street, SE
Roy Brunson - 2533 34th Street, SE
Kenneth & Maxine Burnette - 3114 Westover Dr., SE
Carolyn Ray - 1735 33rd Place, SE
Alexis Simendinger - 3117 Westover Drive, SE

Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Melvin Thomas

Community Calendar for April

- 3 10:00 a.m. - Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting (Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter)
- 14 10:00 a.m. – Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting, Goodhope Marketplace Substation
- 14 6:00 p.m. – Police/Community Meeting, PSA 608, 6th District Substation, 2701 Pa Ave., SE
- 15 7:00 p.m. – ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 “S” St., SE
- 21 6:00 p.m. – Police/Community Meeting, PSA 610, 6th District Substation, 2701 Pa Ave., SE
- 21 6:30 p.m. – Penn Ave Taskforce Meeting, St Francis Xavier Church, 2800 Penn Ave SE
- 24 8:00 am - noon – Twining Park Work Session, Penn Ave and 27th Street, SE
- 24 10:00am – Friends of Francis A. Gregory Regional Library Mtg, 3660 Alabama Ave, SE
for more calendar events, check www.HillcrestDC.com

Membership Drive

We presently have 382 members on the Hillcrest roll. As of March 25th, only 165 neighbors have paid. Are you one of those who have not renewed? We have kept the dues at \$10.00 per year since 1990. The organization mails newsletters to all households on the roll. This expense alone is over \$200.00 per month. Dues are also used to defray operating expenses for our participation in many community projects. If you have not paid your dues for 2004, please fill out the form below. As you pay your dues, maybe you can recruit a neighbor. During this drive, our goal is to reach 500 households. Let's make Hillcrest Community Civic Association Number One in D.C.

Name(s) _____
Address _____ zip _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____
Renewal _____ **New Member** _____ **Recruited by** _____

Make check payable to Hillcrest Community Civic Association and mail to: Dennis N. Logan, Treasurer, 3624 Austin Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020, phone 582-4724

