



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, April 1, 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.

TRINITY UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM AT THEARC

The guest speakers for the April HCCA meeting will be Dr. Kathleen Burke and Candice Washington, representatives of Trinity University, who oversee the Associate Degree Program currently offered at THEARC (Town Hall Education, Arts, and Recreation Center). THEARC is a state-of-the-art cultural, recreation, and education center located at 1901 Mississippi Avenue, SE. Trinity's Associate Degree Program was started in January 2006 and has 22 students in its first semester. Trinity is the only higher education institutional partner at THEARC. Other partners include Building Bridges Across the River, Inc., a development non-profit organization, Covenant House, the Corcoran Gallery, Levine School of Music, Boys and Girls Club of Washington, Washington Girls Middle School, Washington Ballet, Parklands Community Center, and the Children's Health Project of DC.

Dr. Kathleen Burke is Dean of the School of Professional Studies, the academic school that administers programs at THEARC. A long-time D.C. resident, Dr. Burke specializes in running programs that provide access to higher education for adult, minority and first-generation college students.

Candice Washington is the Director of Community Learning Programs for Trinity University. She supervises the recruitment, operational, and academic portions of the Trinity Associate Degree Program at THEARC. Along with her work at Trinity, Candice teaches Philosophy at Prince George's Community College.

PROPOSED SITE RELOCATION FOR PRECINCT #109



The D.C. Board of Elections is proposing to relocate the voting area for precinct #109 from Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, located at 3200 "S" Street, SE to Randle Highlands Elementary School Gymnasium, located at 1650 30th Street, SE. The move is needed in order to accommodate the accessibility needs of disabled voters. Note that the relocation will be effective beginning with the upcoming September 12, 2006 primary election.

Although the Randle Highlands site is slightly outside of the precinct, but only around the corner of the current site, there was no other available space that could accommodate the Federal mandates associated with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) accessibility requirements.



Message from the President

Dear Neighbor,

The visual image of our community is being adversely impacted because of littering, with a recent rash of illegal posting of advertisement signs on trees and lamp posts; and with trucks hauling trash without protective coverings, continued illegal dumping, more abandoned vehicles, etc. More comprehensive programs, legislation, and initiatives oriented to encouraging community support and creating a sense of hope that things will be getting better, are needed. The foregoing type of activities impacting upon the cleanliness and appearance of the community, if not abated, send a message to persons interested in doing other illegal activities that it is okay to do so. The best defense to discourage littering and illegal posting of signs in the community is to remove the litter and posters as quickly as possible. There is a cost to the sponsors of illegal sign postings, and quick removal results in the sponsor not benefiting from the cost of the sign; and they normally go away. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to assist in any way you can to maintain the quality of life we enjoy within our community. Sincerely, Vincent M. Spaulding, President HCCA

HCCA BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT APRIL 1 HCCA MEETING

As you may know, members of the HCCA Board of Directors participated in a leadership retreat on Saturday, January 21, 2006. The work of HCCA, since the last retreat, was reviewed and issues of concern to the community, the organization, and its leadership were identified. Next steps were developed to begin work on the priority issues that emerged from the analysis of the current state of the organization.

At the April 1 HCCA meeting, the topics of major focus at the retreat will be presented and next steps, as proposed by the Board, will be outlined. Handouts will be provided for your information. The HCCA membership will be asked to digest this information and provide feedback prior to and/or during a subsequent HCCA meeting (May or June) where time will be allotted for discussion. Please attend the April 1st meeting as a first step toward taking the Hillcrest Community Civic Association to the next level.

SPRING IS HERE AND SO IS A NEIGHBORHOOD MULTI-HOUSEHOLD GARAGE SALE

Remember that someone else's stuff can be your next treasure.....



Saturday, April 22nd, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
2900-3000 block of "W" Street, SE

THIRD ANNUAL LORRAINE WHITLOCK AWARDS DINNER

In preparation for the third annual Lorraine Whitlock Memorial Scholarship Banquet and Ward 7 Democrat of the Year Awards, the Ward 7 Democrats are soliciting participation from the Hillcrest community to support this important event. The dinner will be held on **Friday, April 7, 2006 at St. Luke's Catholic Church Center, 4923 East Capitol Street, SE, from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.** The Hillcrest Civic Association is



purchasing a table and individual tickets cost **\$25 per person**. The guest speaker will be Dr. Ron Walters, Political Scientist and Professor, University of Maryland. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lucy Murray for a ticket. Her telephone number is 583-0738. Or, you can send Lucy an e-mail message at lucybmur@msn.com. Tell her you want to be a part of the Hillcrest table.

THE DEPT OF PARKS & RECREATION NEEDS YOUR INPUT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will hold a town hall meeting on **Thursday, March 30th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Ft. Davis Recreation Center, located at 1400 41st Street, SE.** DPR will discuss their five (5) year Agency Master Plan. They will also discuss the Agency's internal operations, recommend capital investments, and review the findings of their benchmark studies. The DPR is soliciting the community to provide final recommendations for their Master Plan. In addition, those who are interested in becoming a DPR volunteer will be given an opportunity to register and to receive information about the DPR's various programs and activities. For additional information, contact Robert King at 673-7645.

NEW CAPITAL AREA "GOOD FOOD GROUP" BEING DEVELOPED

The Capital Area Food Bank is currently in the process of founding an independent food security coalition to be named the *Capital Area Good Food Group*. The purpose of this coalition is to bring together community members, local leaders, and community organizations to collectively increase access to healthy foods for residents in underserved areas of Metropolitan Washington. Hopeful outcomes of the *Good Food Group* will be the recruitment of sit-down restaurants and more grocery outlets offering fresh produce, as well as the encouragement of local small farmers to supply farm-fresh products and the development of community gardens so that a true local food system and safety net is established.

The first area of focus for the *Good Food Group* will be Anacostia and other neighborhoods in Ward 8 – where a community of over 200,000 currently has only one major grocery outlet. A planning session will be held on **Tuesday, April 4th at 10:30 a.m. at the Ralph Waldo "Petey" Greene Community Service Center at 2907 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, SE.** Don Edwards of Justice and Sustainability Associates, LLC will facilitate the discussion. If you are interested in partnering in this effort and plan to attend the initial meeting, please RSVP to Nadja Strucker, Harvest for Health Outreach Associate, at 202 526-5344, ext 298 by March 30th.



KEEP SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH FREE ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE HILLCREST GARDEN TOUR –STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ...



HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:
 Curtis & Gail Hardison, 3100 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR APRIL

1	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Rec Center 32 nd and Denver Streets, SE
3	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
12	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave SE
19	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting 6 th District Substation, 2701 Pennsylvania Ave., SE
20	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St, SE
29	7 a.m.	Twining Park Work Session, 2700 blk Pa 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,
 Membership Chairperson, 3341 Alabama Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20020-1462
 Phone: 202 584-6617