



# **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, May 7, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

## **KEVIN LEE, NEIGHBORHOOD CORPS MANAGER, WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER FOR MAY MEETING**

Kevin Lee, manager of Neighborhood Corps, will be our guest speaker at the May meeting. Neighborhood Corps, a program of DC Citizen Corps, provides a structure for trained volunteers to mobilize and respond to emergencies at the neighborhood level. Through the Neighborhood Corps program, the District's emergency volunteers work together to form individual Neighborhood Corps in their communities. Neighborhood Corps have two main responsibilities: 1) to educate families and neighbors about emergency preparedness and 2) to be prepared to respond to emergencies in their community if professional first responders cannot reach the scene.

DC Citizen Corps provides training and technical assistance for all of the District's Neighborhood Corps. The DC Citizen Corps volunteers recruit Neighborhood Corps members, determine the size of the Corps, and manage the Neighborhood Corps. For more information about DC Citizen Corps and emergency volunteer training opportunities, please call 202-727-7925 or visit their website at [www.serve.dc.gov](http://www.serve.dc.gov).

## **WATCH ANC TV**

During the month of May, a new program called "Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, A.N.C. and You" will premier on cable television. This program will feature the on-going projects of ANCs across the city. It will showcase the high quality changes that are being accomplished to enhance the city's viability and livability as major economic development occurs in our midst.

The program format is a half hour show recorded once a month. The first segment will feature an ANC commission and the second will showcase a Government official who interfaces directly with the ANCs. The premier program will air in May, 2005. Contact Robyn [Holden@ANC-TV.com](mailto:Holden@ANC-TV.com) for more information.

## ***President's Message***

*Dear Neighbors,*

*Spring is here and it is a time of year when we normally start acting on a desire for a cleaner and more beautiful environment to live, work, and play. Our Environmental Committee is planning community cleanup projects and is working with our community schools to encourage the students to be more respectful of the environment. Volunteers are beginning to work in Twining Park and other community gardens. Residents of the community and local businesses are encouraged to come out and help with cleanup and beautification projects. Also, you are encouraged to adopt-a-block, street, park, or spot and assume responsibility for keeping it clean and respectable. Your participation is a great way to get together with your neighbors to help add some sparkle to our community. The beauty of our neighborhood is often times marred by litter on the streets, unsightly posters, and vacant lots and parks turned into illegal dumps. Everyone's help is needed to help make Hillcrest the best-looking community in the nation's capital. So roll up your sleeves and pitch in! There is no better way to get to know your neighbors and make new friends than by doing volunteer community work.*

*We lost a member of HCCA this month who really loved this community and East Washington, DC (Wards 7 and 8). W. Ritta Gilliam, who died April 11, 2005 after being struck by a car as she crossed Suitland Road off Southern Avenue, SE, was a very gifted person and a pillar of the community. Her title – President and Chief Executive of the East of the River Community Development Corporation – does not capture the impact or range of Ms. Gilliam's work in the community. She will be truly missed.*

*Sincerely, Vincent M. Spaulding, President, HCCA*

## **PLAN TO ATTEND THE SERENITY PLAYERS PRODUCTION OF "HOME"**

"Home", a drama by Samm-Art Williams, was produced with great acclaim by the Negro Ensemble Company, and then transferred to Broadway. This brilliantly inventive, lyrically expressive play deals joyfully with the coming of age of a young black man from rural South Carolina. According to the N.Y. Daily News, "Home" is warm, funny, and fully alive, and undisputedly where the heart is." "Home" is the courageous story of a young man, who despite some serious obstacles, manages to push on through, never losing his spirit.

Come and join the Serenity Players for their production of "Home" on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.; or Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. All performances will be held at St. Francis Xavier Church in the Bailey Room, 2815 "O" Street, SE. General admission is \$12.00 per person or \$8.00 for senior citizens and students under 18 years old. Tickets can be purchased on line at [www.TicketLeap.com](http://www.TicketLeap.com) or purchased at the door the day of the performance. Or, for tickets or further information, call Doris Thomas at 202 575-4248.

## **GET YOUR HILLCREST GARDEN TOUR TICKETS...WHILE THEY LAST**

Tickets for the 12th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour are now available. Get them while they last! The price is \$10, if purchased in advance of the tour and \$15, if purchased the day of the tour. It would really help the garden tour committee if tour goers would purchase in advance, so the committee can get a good idea of the number of people planning to attend.

Purchase from any of the following ticket-sellers:

Kathy Chamberlain at (202) 581-8272, [kathychamberlain@starpower.net](mailto:kathychamberlain@starpower.net)

Mary Hammond at (202) 582-3059, [mphammond@msn.com](mailto:mphammond@msn.com)

Dorothy Anthony at (202) 583-0913, [dmanthony@webtv.net](mailto:dmanthony@webtv.net)

If this is not convenient, send an email to [hgt@prodigy.net](mailto:hgt@prodigy.net) to reserve your advance ticket(s).

Tickets will also be on sale at the May 7th HCCA meeting.

The tour will be held on Saturday, June 18th. This year it will be a self-guided tour; so participants can begin any time between 11am-2pm. A reception will follow the tour. See details at [www.HillcrestDC.com](http://www.HillcrestDC.com)

### **A RED LETTER DAY FOR HILLCREST-PENNBRANCH-FORT DAVIS PARK WALKING TOUR**

About 25 people participated in the April 16<sup>th</sup> Walking Tour. Hillcrest was one of several East Washington communities that participated in a weekend of walking tours. The weekend events were sponsored by CulturalTourism DC and were designed to get more people out into neighborhoods to experience a slice of community life in Washington.

Vince Spaulding gave official greetings from the Hillcrest Community Civic Association at the starting point, the Hillcrest Recreation Center. Jim Byers and Howard Ways served as the tour guides.

Crossing Branch Avenue, the group ventured up Highview Terrace where mature trees and panoramic vistas abound. Pastor Franklin Senger graciously opened up his house to the tour goers needing a quick bathroom break. Throughout the day, tour participants were treated to interesting tidbits of East Washington history and folklore. Pausing in front of her house, Gloria Logan gave a brief synopsis on the origin of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association. Fairfax Village, Nonesuch House, Ann Beers and other amenities were all featured as the group headed toward Pennsylvania Avenue and Fort Dupont Park. People were amazed that a park like Fort Dupont Park actually exists within the city.

After walking briskly for two hours up and down the hills of East Washington, the tour bus (provided by BK Transport) was a welcomed sight for weary feet. The bus returned the group back to the starting point where we tailgated and ate sandwiches provided by the Subway at the Penn Branch Center (thanks John Harrington and family for allowing the tour goers to tailgate in front of your house!)

Hillcrest Strategic Communications Committee member Anthony Bolling was responsible for soliciting the tour sponsor, Ivan Brown Realty, Inc. (3211 Pennsylvania Avenue SE) which provided lunch, the tour bus and gift bags for participants. Special thanks to Bob Bush, Kathy Chamberlain, and Vince Spaulding for helping to clean up the tour route and for securing police services.

This was the first time Hillcrest has participated in the Walking Tour and it provided an excellent vehicle by which to educate people not from East Washington about the jewels that exist in our communities. Future walking tours with DC Cultural Tourism are currently being explored.

**HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:**

Olukayode Adetayo, 2018 31<sup>st</sup> St, SE  
Michael & Lisa Brown, 2107 31st St, SE  
Donna K. Coley-Trice, 2001 32<sup>nd</sup> St, SE  
Ken & Yvonne Corbett, 3121 Westover Dr.  
Greg & Gladys Gordon, 2120 31st St, SE  
Lelia Hurd, 3151 Westover Drive, SE  
Rick & Dorothy Jackson, 2136 31st St, SE  
Kenneth B. Mosley, 2104 31st St, SE  
James & Camille Perkins, 3358 Denver St, SE  
Madeline & Byron Williams, 2237 30<sup>th</sup> St, SE

Theodore A. Boone, Sr., 2218 31st St, SE  
Michael & Aimee Carney, 2911 W St, SE  
Deethenia L. Cooper, 2125 – 34<sup>th</sup> St, SE  
Freddie & Maureen Gaston, 2124 31st St, SE  
Dorothy A. Handon, 2200 31st St, SE  
Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Jackson, 2215 31st St, SE  
Donna Johnson, 2920 W St, SE

**NOTE: WE ARE NOW AT 460 HOUSEHOLDS AND  
JUST 40 SHORT OF OUR 500 HOUSEHOLDS GOAL!!**

***Dues for 2005 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