



NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Next Meeting: Saturday, June 7, 2008, at 10 a.m.

at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, SE

DR. NATWAR M. GANDHI, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Was scheduled to be our June guest speaker but he had to reschedule.

We will notify you of the new date.

Happy Father's Day



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Comments?

Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans at hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com

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BY-LAW CHANGES

These proposed by-law changes were read at the last membership meeting and will be voted on at the June meeting.

Mission and Purpose

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) works to enhance the quality of life and prosperity of residents, families, community organizations and institutions located within the designated geographic boundaries. HCCA fulfills its mission by engaging members in a variety of educational, social, beautification, public safety and economic activities, advancing their interest before the government and private sector and leveraging their collective influence to achieve community improvements.

Boundaries

The official boundaries of the Association are bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of 31st Street, SE and Pennsylvania Avenue, thence extending southeastward along Pennsylvania Avenue SE to the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue, SE and the District of Columbia boundary line (at Southern Avenue, SE); thence extending southwestward along that District Line to the intersection of that line with Naylor Road, SE; from thence extending northward along Naylor Road, SE to the intersection of Naylor Road, SE with 27th Street, SE; from thence in a straight line running eastward through the park to reach the upper point of 31st Street, SE and then following 31st Street, SE northward to the original intersection of 31st Street SE and Pennsylvania Avenue, SE said boundary to include both sides of 31st Street, SE including Randle Highlands Elementary School.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

On Saturday, May 17th the HCCA Environmental Committee hosted a Community Clean-up. I would like to take the time to thank the members of the committee for their efforts. A unique component of this clean-up was having those who could not participate on the 17th pledge to clean up their blocks.

Neighbors, why do we have to sign a pledge to clean in front of our homes? We all love our community and live here with pride. Part of showing that love and pride is maintaining our community. The former HCCA President, Vincent Spaulding frequently wrote and spoke about cleaning up the liter in our neighborhood. I agree that keeping our streets clean should be a primary community concern. While, this is my first appeal on the subject, nothing upsets me more than to walk or drive the streets of our community and see trash lying around. If we all make a pledge to clean up the areas in front of and adjacent to our homes, there would be no litter problems in Hillcrest and no need for your neighbors to have to make an extra effort to hold community clean-ups. We spend hours tending our gardens and making improvements to our houses, why not take the time to clean-up our streets.

Karen Lee Williams, President

Belva T. Simmons, Founder and First President of The Hillcrest Community Civic Association, passed away Friday, May 9, 2008 at Howard University Hospital.

On August 22, 1989 Belva Simmons wrote a letter to her neighbors expressing her feeling that the interest of the citizens of Hillcrest could be served by starting a neighborhood organization and that Hillcrest was the only geographically designated neighborhood in Ward 7 that did not have such an organization. Ms. Simmons held the first meeting of HCCA on Saturday, September 30, 1989 at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter.

Approximately 30 residents attended this meeting and formed the basis for the current HCCA. The name Hillcrest Community Civic Association was adopted at the January 6, 1990 meeting where the group decided to meet the 1st Saturday of every month. Later Belva Simmons was elected President.

Belva once worked in the Constituent Service Office of former Councilman H.R. Crawford and served as an ANC 7B05 Commissioner.

**HCCA wants to express our sincere sympathies to her family.
Her passing is a great loss to us all**

ZIPPY JOBS

Zippyjobs is a website that links local college students with individuals, households, and businesses for quick help. For example, if a household is looking for a babysitter, someone to walk their dog, someone to tutor their son or daughter, or any number of random tasks, the family could simply post the job on our site and get a quick response back from a local college student. The procedure is the same for a business looking to hire part-timers or interns. The website is completely free for individuals and households and postings for businesses come with a small fee. We are very interested in making the local community aware of our service. Go to www.zippyjobs.com for more information.

NEWS AND UPDATES

THANK YOU TO THE "FRIENDS OF HILLCREST"



The Environmental Committee members of HCCA sincerely thank the Hillcrest residents, MPD and DPW for their support with the Hillcrest community wide cleanup on Saturday, May 17, 2008. We were blessed with enthusiastic and good natured residents and great weather. Our very own Lt. Netter provided safety for us by assigning Officer Myles to chaperon our teams as they worked. The event was very successful, and I am very grateful for all of the support from the following participants: (HCCA residents) Mary Ross, Mary Hammond, Rita Lowry, Kathy Chamberlain, Wayne Young, Shelia Brown, Robin Marlin, Ruth Lewis, Kenneth Burke and Phillip Hammond; (MPD) Lt. Netter and Officer Myles; and, (DPW) Vernon Matthews and Earl Simpson.

Phil Hammond

HILLCREST FEATURED IN THE WASHINGTON POST

On Saturday, May 10, 2008 The Washington Post featured an article titled "A Southeast Spot Blossoming With Charm". We should thank the author Ann Siegal for taking the time to explore our neighborhood and viewing it through the eyes of the residents. She did an excellent public relations job for our community.

Ann visited the neighborhood and talked to several residents, she walked our streets, she breathed in our air and grew to love our Southeast Spot. She helped dispel some of those myths that all of southeast is a bad place to live. She helped other people see our community as we view it.

Thank you Ann for an article well written about a place we love.

Karen Williams

15TH ANNUAL HILLCREST GARDEN TOUR

You are invited to the 15th Annual Hillcrest Home and Garden Tour which will take place on June 14, 2008 at 11:00 am.

The Tour was created to showcase the beautiful homes and gardens of Hillcrest 15 years ago when east of the river was largely forgotten by the rest of the City. The Tour has been one of the many programs supported by the Hillcrest Civic Association that **keep Hillcrest on the map**. Today, Hillcrest remains a desirable place to live as residents, old and new, continue to maintain and improve their Homes and Gardens.

The focus area for the 15th Annual Hillcrest Home and Garden Tour is the area between Alabama, Gainesville, 32nd and 33rd Sts, SE. This area was chosen by the Committee because it is **Old Hillcrest**, the original Hillcrest subdivision. This year's reception will be held poolside. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the tour.

You may purchase tickets 4 ways:

- In person at the June 7th meeting of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association, 10am-noon, Hillcrest Rec. Center, 32nd and Camden Streets SE;
- Reserve your \$10 tickets by emailing gardentour@HillcrestDC.com, stating your name, phone #, and the number of tickets you want to reserve;
- Contact Mary Hammond at (202) 582-3059, or by email at mphammond@msn.com; or
- On the day of the tour at 2501 Camden Street, SE for \$15



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR JUNE

7	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
2	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., 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;
11:00 a.m. - Boy Scouts - St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP : _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

New Member: _____ Renewal: _____

I'd like to serve on the following committee(s): _____

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