



# NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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**Next Meeting:** Saturday, June 6, 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.*

## The 16th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour



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### Comments?

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The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hillcrest Home and Garden Tour will take place June 6, 2009, at 11 a.m., after a shortened HCCA monthly meeting.

This year, participants will have a guided walking tour. Tours depart from 2516 34<sup>th</sup> St., SE, at 11 and 11:30 a.m.

The tour highlights one of the newer sections of Hillcrest, bounded by Southern Ave., 36<sup>th</sup> St., 36<sup>th</sup> Pl., Camden and some of adjacent 34<sup>th</sup> St. This year's reception will be held in the cooling shade of large oak trees. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and \$15 the day of the tour.

### You may reserve tickets the following ways:

- Reserve your \$10 tickets by emailing [GardenTour@HillcrestDC.com](mailto:GardenTour@HillcrestDC.com), stating your name, phone #, and the number of tickets you want to reserve;
- Contact Maurice Perry at (202) 581-4022, [moeperry@aol.com](mailto:moeperry@aol.com) or Marvin Bowser at (202) 583-1091, [marvinbowser@comcast.net](mailto:marvinbowser@comcast.net);
- On the day of the tour **for \$15** at 2516 34<sup>th</sup> St., SE, WDC 20020.

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour  
June 6, 2009

Guided Tour starts at 11:00  
Departing from 2516 34<sup>th</sup> St SE  
(34<sup>th</sup> and Camden Sts SE)

Tickets:  
Before June 6<sup>th</sup>: \$10.00  
Day of Event: \$15.00

To Reserve Tickets and for information contact:  
Maurice Perry: 202.581.4022  
Marvin Bowser: 202.583.1091  
Email: [GardenTour@HillcrestDC.com](mailto:GardenTour@HillcrestDC.com)

## Change in July Meeting

Since July 4 will be the first Saturday, the meeting has been changed to July 11.

## Message from the President

*Dear Neighbors,*

Let me begin my letter this month with a little housekeeping. First, our Saturday, June 6 meeting will be an abbreviated one, because the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour will begin at 11 a.m. So I guess we shall consider the Garden Tour to be our guest speaker this month, so please join us.

Second, the first Saturday of July is Independence Day, July 4. We have therefore rescheduled the July meeting for Saturday, July 11, 2009, same time, same place. At our July meeting, we will have an update by a representative from D.C. Department of Transportation on the final design for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Reconstruction Project; and we will have a mini health fair sponsored by the United Medical Center.

Now that we have gotten ample rain and my allergies have given me a fit, it is time for us to move forward into summer. The good thing about getting so much rain this spring is we know we won't have drought conditions this year so we can water our lawns with abandon...(really...have you seen your water bill lately?) I pray the weather turns warm but not instantly hot and the humidity holds off until August. I would like to sit outside on my deck and enjoy the warm summer evenings, talk to my neighbors and throw a burger on the grill. Thank God for small blessings...my home in Hillcrest (with a view) and great neighbors (oh yeah, a burger or two and Earl to cook them).

I wish you all a wonderful summer!!!

*Karen Lee Williams*  
President

## NEWS WORTH SHARING

### Thank You Residents and Friends of Hillcrest

Threatened by the inclement weather, the Hillcrest Community Wide Cleanup was still very successful. The Environmental Committee of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association would like to personally thank everyone who participated in their own way to make the annual cleanup successful. Specifically, 17 committed souls ignored the cloudy, rainy and humid weather and met on the parking lot of the East Washington Heights Baptist Church at 8 am. They enthusiastically walked the streets of Hillcrest with their pickup sticks and hands bagging trash and pulling down illegal posters that littered our streets. Additionally, several block leaders took charge of their individual streets and cleaned them thoroughly. The Environmental Committee's goal is to have the residents of our community commit to picking up litter and taking down illegal posters in the front and the rear of their residences on a daily basis, as well as their proper disposal of their household trash for weekly collections. Again, thanks from the Environmental Committee of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association.

**The following participants made the cleanup a success:**

John R. Hawkins	Kathy Chamberlain	Ed Wilhelm	Cornelius Prue	Phillip Hammond
Alvin Owens	Mary Hammond	John Capozzi	Martha Lawson	
Sheila Brown	Rita Lowry	Kehinde Hall	Marvin Bowser	
Ruth V. Lewis	Eddie Witten	Kama Hall	Gloria & Dennis Logan	
Mary Ross	Carolyn Ray	Anthony Boone	Hudie Fleming	

A special thank you is extended to Earl Simpson, Supervisor with the Solid Waste Administration of Public Works and his staff for collecting the debris from the cleanup.

# HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

## Backyard Wildlife Habitat Workshop

The District Department of the Environment and the Department of Parks and Recreation announce the first of a series of workshops designed to teach residents about backyard wildlife habitat and landscaping with native plants. The workshops will consist of a morning session of seminars and a site assessment, and an afternoon hands-on session where participants will help plant a demonstration garden with native beneficial plants. Participants will also receive a "habitat kit" to take home and get them started creating a wildlife habitat garden.



The workshop is scheduled for June 6, 2009, from 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Congress Heights Recreation Center (100 Randle Place, SE). There will be a short lunch break between the morning and afternoon sessions, and participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch. For information on registering for this workshop, send an e-mail to [BackyardHabitat@dc.gov](mailto:BackyardHabitat@dc.gov) or call the District Department of the Environment at (202) 535-2269.

## Consider a River Smart

**Home**—The District Department of the Environment recently launched a new program for DC residents called RiverSmart Homes. It offers incentives to homeowners interested in reducing stormwater runoff from their properties. Stormwater is rainwater, that rather than remaining on the land it falls on, flows off the land. Homeowners receive up to \$1,200 to adopt one or more of the following landscape enhancements: Shade Trees; Rain Barrels; Pervious Pavers; Rain Gardens and Bayscaping.

RiverSmart Homes will help reduce stormwater runoff, which will help the District's streams and rivers. Among the benefits of having such a home include cost savings on water, electricity, reduced heating and cooling bills; more stabilized soils, which help to prevent erosion; reducing air pollution and urban heat island effect.

HCCA Communications chair Michelle Phipps-Evans recently had an audit done by DDOE and is awaiting analysis to determine what other changes could be done to reduce stormwater runoff at the Evans' home. So far, the family had a rain barrel installed on the property. For more info on RiverSmart Homes, visit [ddoe.dc.gov/riversmarthomes](http://ddoe.dc.gov/riversmarthomes) or call (202) 535-2240.

## Updates from the Recreation Center

### Senior Luncheon Cruises

This year's Senior Luncheon Cruises will be on the following dates: **June 19 and July 10**

Tickets are \$35 and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Checks should be made payable to "DC Treasurer." You can bring your check to Hillcrest Recreation Center, 3100 Denver St., SE, to reserve your ticket.

### Health Fair

There will be a health fair at Kenilworth-Parkside Recreation Center on Friday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be several health vendors and screenings available. Transportation will be provided from Hillcrest Rec. Ctr. Bus will leave Hillcrest at 9:15 a.m. Contact Ben Butler or Orvin Wright if you intend to attend either events or for more information at (202) 645-9200.

### Jazz Comes to Hillcrest

Come out to Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE, on Saturday, June 20, for an evening of jazz, starting 6 p.m.

## Programs at Francis Gregory Children

Janice, the Griot, June 2, 10:30 a.m.  
 Summer Reading Kickoff, June 6, 10 a.m.—3 p.m.  
 Oh Susannah! June 8, 1:30 p.m.  
 Pre-School Story time, Tues/Thur., 10:30 a.m.  
 Be Creative Saturday, June 27, 1 p.m.

### Teens

Lyn Dancin' Club, June 3, 6:30 p.m.  
 Anime Club, every Thursday, 3 p.m.  
 Keepin' it Real, every Monday, 5 p.m.  
 Expressin Out, June 20, 2:30 p.m.

### Adults

Computer class, Tues/Thurs, 11 a.m.  
 Spanish class, Thurs, 10 a.m.  
 Hand dancing, Mondays at 6:30 p.m.  
 For more information, call (202) 645-4427.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR JUNE

1	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
6	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
10	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
17	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
18	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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