



# NEWSLETTER

## HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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**Next Meeting:** Saturday, July 11, 2009, at 10 a.m.  
**At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, SE**  
*NOTE: Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of the month.*

### DDOT Speaker to Give Update on 11th Street Bridges



**T**he HCCA will welcomes speaker from the D.C. Department of Transportation at the next meeting July 11. The person will update the membership on the 11th Street bridges replacement project. HCCA is on record as a supporter of the updates to the bridges. And the Council of the District of Columbia in April had approved the bond authority financing for the project. Mayor Adrian Fenty recently announced the selection of a contractor to design and build the bridges.

### NEWS WORTH SHARING

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### Celebrate A Legacy of Inspired Civic Leadership

**T**he month of September 2009 is "all about Hillcrest." The Hillcrest Community Civic Association will mark its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the Hillcrest community with a series of events during September, including but not limited to **"A Panel of Presidents"** on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at its regular monthly meeting at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, at 10 a.m.; **A Celebrating a Legacy of Inspired Civic Leadership Luncheon** on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009, at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, at noon; and **A Blessing of the Trees Festival** on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at the Washington Seniors Wellness Center, at 11 a.m.

Tickets to the anniversary lunch are \$35 for adults; \$20 for youth, 6-12; and free for children, 5 and under; and are available at HCCA monthly meetings or from officers and anniversary committee members. Promotions and acknowledgement opportunities are available in the souvenir booklet for co-sponsors at \$1,000; Patrons at \$500; Supporters at \$100; Friends and Neighbors at \$10.

**Comments?**  
 Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans at [hillcrestdc\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com)

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## Message from the President

### *Dear Neighbors,*

I remember a couple of months ago I was writing about the glories of spring. All we had to do was make it through the April showers and we here in Hillcrest could begin to enjoy the wonderful gardens full of May flowers. Well, we've endured April showers, May thunderstorms, and June downpours. We run outside on those rare sunny days and mow the grass, only to have it rain again and again. Our grass is green and lush, our flowers are drowning, and weeds are spouting up everywhere.

Even with all this rain, we managed on one of the few sunny days in June to squeeze in our Annual Garden Tour. More than 100 people turned out to enjoy the tour and reception. I want to take a minute to thank the Garden Tour Committee for all their hard work.

I was just watching the news and the extended weather forecast calls for humid days with sunny skies. I don't know about you but I'm looking forward to the sun; you can keep the humidity. As we move into July and the celebration of Independence Day, I want to wish all my neighbors, health, sunshine, and slower growing grass.

Remember our July meeting will be held Saturday, July 11, instead of Saturday, July 4. Also mark your calendars for Tuesday, Aug. 4 for our celebration of "National Night Out" against crime. This year, we will hold our celebration at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Alabama and Branch Avenues, SE. See you soon.

**Karen Lee Williams**  
**President**

### **News Worth Sharing** *(Continued from page 1)*

#### **The luncheon program is as follows:**

**Luncheon: noon—1 p.m.**

**Program: 1 p.m.—2:15 p.m.**

**Networking and Dancing: 2:15 p.m.—3 p.m.**

The lunch and program will feature a historical slide show, an elegant food experience, guest speakers, awards for outstanding civic leadership, networking and dancing. Prizes will go to the top 10 neighborhood blocks with the highest number of residents in attendance at the celebration.

#### **If you have any questions, please speak to the members of the Committee:**

Carrie L. Thornhill, Anniversary Chair

Gloria and Dennis Logan, Historical Archives and Tickets

Viola James, Dorothy Anthony and Yvonne Burke, Elegant Food and Logistics

Orvin Wright and Ben Butler, Facilities and Equipment

Marvin Bowser and Alyce Foster, Promotions and Souvenir Booklet

Deborah Crews, Karen Williams, Barbara Savage and Peggy Fleming, Awards and Gifts to Community

Kathy Chamberlain and Vincent Spaulding, Historical Slide Show

Donald Murray, Carrie Thornhill and Richard Evans, Legacy Co-Sponsors, et al

Carrie Thornhill, Donald Murray and Michelle Phipps-Evans, Program and Publicity Coordinators

# HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

## 4th Annual Blessing of the Trees Festival

HCCA's Environmental Committee is pleased to present the fourth annual Blessing of the Trees Fall Community Festival on **Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Washington Seniors Wellness Center grounds at 30th and Alabama Streets, SE. (Rain date, Sept.

26).

The souvenir booklet still has ads that are available. They are acceptable in the following formats: Camera ready, JPEG, PDF or TIFF files. E-mail your file with the information to Ruth Lewis at [ruth.lewis2@verizon.net](mailto:ruth.lewis2@verizon.net) or Mary Ross at [DCMFROSS@cs.com](mailto:DCMFROSS@cs.com) by Aug. 7, 2009.

### Ad Prices

**Full Page \$150.00      Half Page \$75.00**  
**Quarter Page \$35.00      Business Card \$25.00**  
**Back (Inside) \$200.00**

### Patron Prices

**Trunk \$50.00      Branch \$25.00**  
**Twig \$15.00      Leaf \$10.00**

## Hillcrest Neighborhood Block Parties

In celebration of the HCCA's 20th anniversary, and in an attempt to help neighbors become friends, the HCCA board is urging all neighborhood block captains to consider having a block party for this summer season. A block party is an easy way for neighbors to get to know one another and to increase community awareness. It is a way to meet new neighbors, or to say hello to the ones you never met before. The board is also asking if each neighborhood that's hosting a party, to let the other neighborhoods know as well. It will give us all opportunities to meet one another. Feel free to send an e-mail through the list serv, [hillcrestdc@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestdc@yahoo.com), or feel free to send to the Communications chair, and newsletter editor, Michelle Phipps-Evans, at [hillcrestdc\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:hillcrestdc_newsletter@yahoo.com). She will gladly inform other neighbors of your event.

## 16th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour

About 100 people attended Hillcrest's 16th annual garden tour on June 6. They enjoyed the hospitality of 12 homeowners.



## Updates from the Rec. Center

### Senior Luncheon Cruises

This year's Senior Luncheon Cruises will be on **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. Contact Ben Butler or Orvin Wright for more information at (202) 645-9200.

## HCCA Board Needs a Treasurer

The HCCA board is in search of a treasurer to serve for two years. Please contact president, Karen Williams, to inform her of your interest.



## Help a Child Become a STAR

Help every young child in our neighborhood enter school ready to learn to read! How? Join public library staff for a STAR (Sing, Talk and Read) Advisory Committee meeting at Francis Gregory Library to share your ideas and to help reach families of young children. Monday, July 6, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. or Saturday, July 18, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the library (3660 Alabama Avenue, SE) Any questions, please call (202) 645-4297. Refreshments will be served.



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR JULY

6	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
8	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
11	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE
15	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
16	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: \_\_\_\_\_

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*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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