



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, September 2, 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.

SEPTEMBER IS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH. COME TO THE HCCA MEETING AND LEARN HOW TO “SHELTER IN PLACE” AND ALSO GET INFORMATION ABOUT HOME GENERATORS.



The HCCA September program is devoted to the subject of emergency management, since September is Disaster Preparedness month. Ann Curtsinger, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, will show a video on how to “shelter in place” in the event of a natural disaster or other type of emergency situation. Herman Mitchell, Hillcrest resident, will provide an extensive briefing on home emergency backup generators – their advantages, capabilities, and sample prices for purchase and installation.



The Blessing of the Trees Festival



This event is just a few days away. Saturday, September 9th at the Hillcrest Rec Center is the day you should save to enjoy a day of fun and learning from 10 a.m. ‘til 4 p.m. (See enclosed flyer)

In addition, if you would like to sell food or non-food items, fill out the enclosed form and bring it to the September HCCA meeting to submit to an Environmental Committee member. For further information contact Mary Hammond at 202/582-3059 or Mary Ross at 202/583-5166.

Message from the President

Dear Neighbor,

September 12, 2006 is the date for the Primary vote in the District of Columbia. At this time we will be voting for candidates to run in the General Election for Mayor of the City, Chairperson of the City Council, and for a Councilmember-At-Large position. The foregoing elected positions impact directly upon the needs and concerns of our community. There are other elected positions that will be decided for candidates for City Council in other parts of the City. Irrespective of who you decide to vote for, it is important that you exercise your right to vote. During an election year the newspapers, television, and radio, are filled with candidates, their issues, etc. There are so many viewpoints to consider and issues to keep in mind that it can become frustrating to the point of not caring. It is during this time that we need to stress the importance of voting. Voting is a right, a privilege, and an American duty to be a part of the election of our government. John Jay stressed the importance of voting best when he said "Americans are the first people whom Heaven has favored with an opportunity of deliberating upon and choosing the forms of government under which they should live". Often, people don't vote because they think their vote doesn't count. Just remember that one vote in 1920 gave women the right to vote; Alaska gained statehood in 1867 by one vote; and President Andrew Johnson was saved from impeachment by just one vote in the U.S. Senate in 1868. Don't forget to vote on September 12th! And I encourage the members of our civic association to support political candidates who come out in support of strong pro-active actions to address the needs and concerns of our community. These concerns include: better schools, health care, public safety, economic development in East Washington, city cleanliness, and, in general, programs and initiatives to provide a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely, Vincent M. Spaulding, President, HCCA

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND A WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER



Friends of the Hillcrest Recreation Center are sponsoring a Wine Tasting Fundraiser on a boat ride down the Potomac on Friday, Oct 6 from 6 p.m. 'til 9 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person. Contact Boyle Stuckey, Recreation Chairperson, at beestuck1@hotmail.com for more information.

D.C. SUPERIOR COURT IS SPONSORING A COMMUNITY COURTS FORUM

On Thursday, September 21st, at the Savoy Elementary School, 2400 Shannon Place, SE, from 6 – 8:30 p.m., come and learn about the Community Courts. Discussion will focus on how the courts and the community, working together, can make positive changes in our neighborhoods.

The Judges would like to hear your comments, concerns, and questions about the District's criminal justice system, crime, and quality of life issues. For further information, call Edward Rhodes at 202 879-4893 or Michael Francis at 202 879-1950 during normal business hours.

HCCA TO ELECT A NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR 2007/2008



The HCCA by-laws call for the election of our management team every two years. The management team consists of all officers and the standing committee chairs. This is your opportunity to indicate that you are willing to help in the operation of your Civic Association by indicating your availability to serve and/ or by recommending a neighbor / friend as a possible candidate to fill one of the positions listed below.

The HCCA Board of Directors (BOD) has established a nominating committee as specified in the by-laws. This committee (Ken Davis, Chair; Kenneth Burke, Richard Evans, and Carrie Thornhill) reviews available candidates and selects a slate of nominees to be presented to the membership at the October, 2006 meeting. The membership votes on the slate and any nominations from the floor in November.

The following positions are vacant for the next term:

1. President
2. 1st Vice-President
3. Recording Secretary
4. Correspondence Secretary
5. Legislative Committee Chair
6. Strategic Communications Chair
7. Garden Tour Chair
8. Hospitality Chair
9. Public Safety Committee Chair

The titles for the positions are mostly self-explanatory. Additional duties, including a short job description, are provided in the by-laws and on the website at <http://www.hillcrestdc.com/bylaws.htm>. Hard copies of the by-laws are available from the parliamentarian. The qualifications for the positions are listed in section two of the by-laws. These qualifications include dues payment for 2006 and residency in the HCCA service area.

We need your participation to sustain the excellent reputation that the HCCA has consistently earned throughout the DC area.

NCRC HOSTS A SKYLAND PLANNING KICK-OFF MEETING

Nearly 100 Hillcrest residents came out Saturday, August 19th to East Washington Heights Baptist Church to participate in the National Capital Revitalization Corporation's (NCRC) Skyland Planning Kick-Off meeting. NCRC, along with its development team from Leo A. Daly, the master planners of the redevelopment, introduced housing as a new development component of the Skyland project. With housing now part of the development concept, the group presented a slideshow which featured local and national examples of "town center" mixed-use developments. Meeting attendees also participated in group discussions to determine the kinds of planning options for the site. NCRC is preparing for a planning charette this fall that will detail design options that include a sit-down restaurant, an anchor tenant, and a mix of retail options. For more information about this and future meetings regarding the Skyland shopping center redevelopment, please contact Tiffany Simms at 202 530-5750.



HCCA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Stewart, Kareem & Talitha, 3300 Gainesville Street, SE

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

2	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Rec Center 32 nd and Denver Streets, SE
11	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library, Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
13	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave SE
20	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE
21	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St, 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
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