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NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Next Meeting: Saturday, Oct. 3, 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.

STATE SUPERINTENDENT KERRI L. BRIGGS IS THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER



Kerri L. Briggs is the State Superintendent of Education for the District of Columbia. In this capacity, Dr. Briggs is responsible for enhancing state-level educational policies and opportunities by providing resources, support and exercising accountability for all public education in the District of Columbia.



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Before this assignment, she served briefly as a Special Assistant for the Deputy Mayor of Education. Before joining the District government, Dr. Briggs worked at the United States Department of Education for more than seven years. Most recently, during her tenure at the U.S. Department of Education she served as assistant secretary for elementary and secondary education. As assistant secretary, Dr. Briggs played a pivotal role in policy and management issues affecting elementary and secondary education. She directed, coordinated and recommended policy for programs designed to assist state and local education agencies. This included improving the achievement of elementary and secondary school students; helping ensure equal access to services leading to such improvement for all children, particularly children who are economically disadvantaged; and fostering educational improvement at the state and local levels.

While at the US Department of Education, Dr. Briggs also served as acting assistant secretary for planning, evaluation and policy development; senior policy adviser in the Office of the Deputy Secretary; and senior policy adviser in the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. During this time she worked on K-12 policy and regulations pertaining to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the review and approval of state accountability plans for NCLB. She also helped write the original regulations and non-regulatory guidance for implementation of NCLB's accountability, assessment, flexibility and teacher quality provisions. She authored several articles on the subjects of reading, charter schools, and school-based management. In addition Dr. Briggs was the co-editor of the 2003 book, *Reading in the Classroom: Systems for Observation of Teaching and Learning*. Dr. Briggs earned her PhD in education policy and organizational studies as well as a master's of education from the University of Southern California. She has a bachelor's degree in political science from the Stephen F. Austin State University. She is active in the District of Columbia as a board member for the Aged Women's Home of Georgetown and former chair of the Junior League of Washington's Literacy Partnerships Committee. She lives in Ward 6.

Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

Well, September was an exciting month full of activities related to our 20th Anniversary. I would like to take a minute to thank all of my board members and neighbors who worked so hard for so long to make our month-long celebration so memorable. Now, we slow down a bit and concentrate on making our civic organization the best in the city for the next 20 years.

One of our new innovations will be opening a PayPal account so our members can pay their dues online. We hope to have this up by December 2009, so you can just click your mouse and pay your 2010 dues. Gone are the days when you have to find your check book, write a check, address an envelope, find a stamp, and drive to the post office to mail them. Now, how's that for progress. But for those of you who still haven't mastered the computer, we will still accept a check! You will get more information on how this will work in the December newsletter.

As we enter October (my birth month by the way), I am looking forward to enjoying the change of seasons. Watching the trees turn, the leaves fall, raking them up, and fertilizing and seeding my lawn all before Halloween. Kathy Chamberlain, our Second Vice President, wants to make Hillcrest the Trick or Treat Capital of the District. If your block would like to be considered as a Trick or Treat zone, please let her know. On Saturday, Oct. 10, our block, the 2900 block of W Street, is having a BLOCK PARTY!!! Are you planning one? Let us know.

Then we begin the holiday season with our Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009. Speaking of the holiday season, would some of you like to help out with the Holiday House Decoration Contest? Again, let us know. Well, I guess I was wrong, doesn't look like things are going to slow down much. Oh well, just another day in the life of HCCA!

Karen Lee Williams
President

HCCA MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY GET LISTED!

As the keeper of the HCCA membership records, neighbors often call me for addresses, or phone numbers of other members. Sometimes people ask for the entire list, but I can't give it to them because our policy has been that only HCCA board members are entitled to the list. At a recent HCCA meeting, the question of making the list (**printed copy only**, no electronic copy) available to all HCCA members was raised, and the membership voted resoundingly in favor. It was strongly felt that such a directory would be an important tool for Neighborhood Watch.

Scenario: You are not home. A neighbor drives by your house and notices your front door is open at a time of day when it's usually closed. The neighbor doesn't know you by name and doesn't know your phone number. It doesn't seem important enough to call the police, so she just drives by.

The plan is to have two sections, one in alphabetical order by last name, and one in alphabetical order by street name. That way, if the neighbor in the above scenario doesn't know your name, she can look you up by address. The directory will contain name, address, phone number for each HCCA member, as listed in the HCCA membership records. If you want additional information listed, such as cell phone, work phone, email address, let me know.

Of course, if you **do not** wish to be listed, you may opt out. **To opt out, call or e-mail me.** Remember, the directory will not be placed on the Web site or distributed in electronic format. Only printed copies will be distributed, and only to HCCA members. Members will be asked to use it only for neighborhood purposes. Hopefully, the directory will be available by the December HCCA meeting. There will be a nominal cost, probably in the range of \$5 to \$10. The directory will be re-published periodically, per-

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HILLCREST NEWS AND UPDATES

SAFeway SUPERMARKET AT THE GOOD-HOPE MARKET PLACE—Are you happy with the condition of the Safeway? Are you able to find enough fresh food items as you need them? Are the floors clean enough to your liking. Do you get fast and courteous service? If not, please voice your concerns by writing to the following:

**Mr. Craig M. Muckle,
Public Affairs Manager
Safeway Corporation
4551 Forbes Boulevard
Lanham, MD 20706**

Only by working together can we make a change.

**SCENES FROM
THE HCCA
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**



2900 BLOCK OF W STREET BLOCK PARTY—

It's time to meet new neighbors, renew acquaintances among old neighbors, and get everyone involved in Neighborhood Watch. If you live in one of the blocks listed below, please join us for a block party on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 2 to 5 p.m. This year, to simplify things, a few of us will take care of the food and drink, so the cost is \$5/person, with children 5 and under free.

Blocks included: 2700-2900 blocks Ft. Baker Dr.
2900-3000 blocks W St.
2200 block 30th St.
Hillcrest Dr. and Akron St.

For more info, please contact Kathy Chamberlain at 581-8272 or kathychamberlain@HillcrestDC.com; Karen Williams at 584-2703 or klwilliams@HillcrestDC.com; or Craig Locklear, 250-5060; calocklear@gmail.com

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happens each year. If you have any thoughts or ideas about the HCCA directory, contact me at (202) 581-8272 or kathychamberlain@HillcrestDC.com

Kathy Chamberlain

HCCA TO BEGIN USING PAYPAL—The HCCA board recently discussed using the online payment method, Paypal, to give residents the ability to make online payments of HCCA membership dues via credit card. PayPal is a well-known credit-card-accepting application for small businesses. The board discussed this alternative for residents who want alternatives to mailing checks. The board will keep you informed of developments.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

3	10 a.m.	HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Community Center, 32nd & Denver St., SE
5	7 p.m.	Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
14	10 a.m.	Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE
15	7 p.m.	ANC 7B Monthly Meeting, Ryland Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE
21	6 p.m.	PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., 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 prefer to: ____ read the newsletter on the web (www.HillcrestDC.com) or ____ receive the newsletter in the mail. (Please help us save postage by reading the newsletter online.)

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

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