

A Message from the HCCA Leadership

Summertime Approaches

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Can you believe this year is moving so fast? It is almost summer. While summer officially begins June 21, the same day as the DC Primary Election, we also know that Memorial Day signals the unofficial start of summer. As you and your family begin to plan for your children's summertime activities, travel plans and cookouts, know that the Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) will be doing the same.

The HCCA is also hoping to engage its members and community stakeholders in fun relational activities. The association will be hosting its June meeting at the Hillcrest Recreation Center (3100 Denver Street, SE). This meeting will be hybrid, so you have a choice to attend in person or online. The June meeting will be special as we recognize past board members and neighbors who have been instrumental in achieving the quality of life we now appreciate.

The HCCA will return to its engagement activities, like the garden and cultural walking tours, the casino bus trip, Porchfest (which will be in Hillcrest this year), as well as Hillcrest Day. There's also an idea being kicked around for us to host a community kickball event at the Ft. Davis Recreation Center. The men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the men of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. will compete. We will discuss details at the June meeting, and we are seeking volunteers. Much of what we would like to accomplish could not be done without you -- our neighbors and volunteers.

We also want to recognize all the dads in the community. Father's Day is Sunday, June 19. The men in the neighborhood have been stewards, watching and communicating to ensure we are safe, as well as socializing over cigars, Texas Hold'em card games, and working out together.

While things may be a little uncertain in the world around us, we can be certain that our community of friends, neighbors, and family, is our strength and comfort. Don't forget to jam Will Smith because it's about to be Summertime!!!

Please reach out to the HCCA with questions or comments by emailing us at comms@hillcrestdc.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the June meeting (in person) on Saturday, June 4 at 11:00 am at the Hillcrest Recreation Center at 3100 Denver Street SE. If you prefer to attend via Zoom, please register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEud-Gtrz4oH9PkjAZISbvGHHFdcfgLIknO>

The July meeting will be pushed back a week to July 9, so we can enjoy our Independence Day holiday.

HCCA Monthly Meeting Agenda

Saturday, June 4, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

- Leadership address
- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- HCCA business
 - HCCA recognition (Sheila Johnson and Michelle Peete)
- MPD-crime report
- Community Concerns
- Councilmember Vincent Gray

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