



November is the Season to Give Thanks

By Villareal "VJ" Johnson

Members, neighbors, family, and friends,

November is almost here, and we should be thankful. As we settle into fall, we can enjoy the colors of the foliage and how they are just as diverse and captivating as those of us who call Hillcrest home.

The funny thing about fall is that it is the signal for winter. The leaves need raking, wood needs stacking, and summer clothes need packing. The transition gives us a lot to think about as we prepare for colder days.

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) leadership is also in transition. Approval of the by-laws and election of officers will occur during the November general body meeting. Unfortunately, we were "zoom-bombed" during the October meeting, and we were not able to reschedule. If possible, we need to meet sooner than later. If you are available to meet this Saturday, October 29, from 11:00 am-noon, to approve the by-laws and discuss leadership nominees, please click [here](#).

The HCCA has a long-standing partnership with the Skyland Town Center and the Good Hope Market Place, and we are working on forging new partnerships with the corporate leaders of Safeway and Lidl. We want retail and amenities that are smart and beneficial to our community. We can make an impact on what development and retail options come to these shopping centers. We look forward to hearing from you! What would you like to see in the Pennsylvania Avenue Main Street corridor, Good Hope MarketPlace, Fairfax Village, and Skyland Town Center?

We have a few social and service activities coming up. Halloween is near. Please consider participating in Trick-or-Treating on Monday, October 31. Neighbors and members have worked diligently to map a route for our children to collect candy safely. Please, [view the map](#).

We are working with Safeway, the DC Dream Center, the Southeast White House, and the Department of Parks and Recreation to donate Thanksgiving food items for needy families. We would also like to coordinate a Thanksgiving fellowship among neighbors, which we will discuss during the November general body meeting. The Christmas tree lighting will occur during the first week of December, stay tuned for more details.

2023 is just around the corner, but first, there's December. Let's get ready to enjoy "*the most wonderful time of the year!*"

Best,
HCCA Leadership

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