

## around the hood

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# The HRA goes Hollywood!

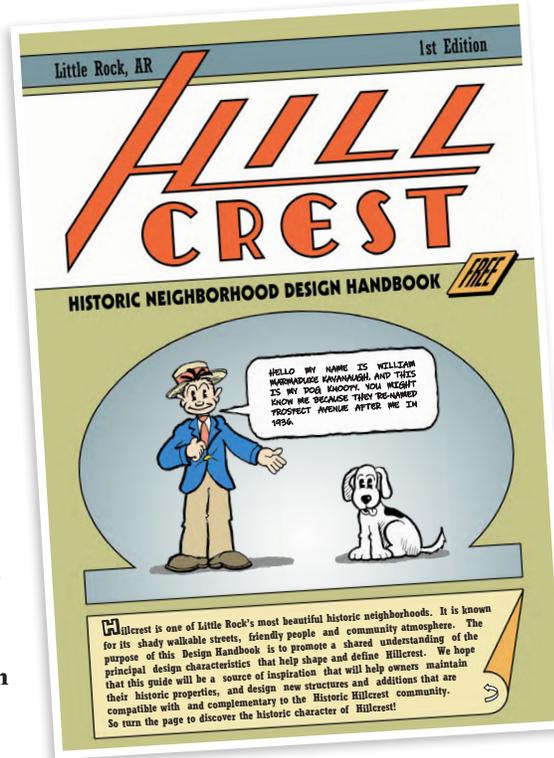
Back in January of this year, the Hillcrest Residents Association was recognized by Preserve Arkansas, the only statewide nonprofit organization focused on preserving Arkansas' architectural and cultural resources, with TWO awards for our efforts in preserving Hillcrest's historic community.

The awards were **Outstanding Achievement in Preservation Advocacy** for the Design Overlay District (DOD) campaign and **Outstanding Achievement in Preservation Education for Print Media** for the *Hillcrest Historic Neighborhood Design Handbook*.



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After the awards ceremony, the Pulaski County Historical Society reached out to the HRA through Preserve Arkansas and asked us to join their June meeting to host a virtual tour of a piece of architecture in our neighborhood and to explain our awards.



Well, if you know anything about Hillcrestians, we had to put a creative spin on the opportunity and are not only hosting a virtual tour, but creating a MOVIE that brings the beloved cartoon characters from the Design Handbook, Judge Kavanaugh and his faithful dog, Knoopy, to life.

In the film, the characters explain the architectural characteristics that make historic Hillcrest unique and why the proposed DOD amendments are so important when renovating, adding on, or building new in a historic community.

The short film will walk you through the Anderson House — with its new historically sympathetic addition. (Now that's how you put an addition on a

historic home!!!) You may remember this house, which once sat on the corner of Beechwood and Kavanaugh. It has since been moved to Van Buren Street and beautifully renovated by Steve Gardner of Gardner Custom Homes, Inc. It is now owned by Alex Robinson and Pauly Noh, who graciously gave us access for filming.

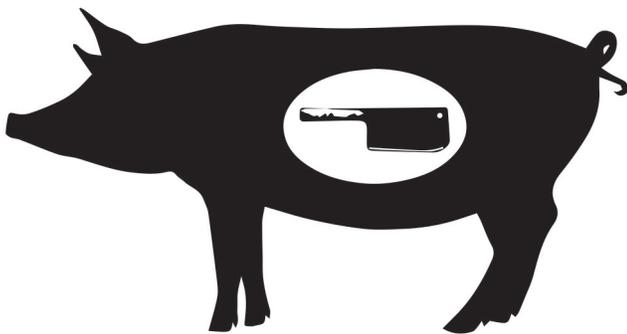
The film is written, directed and shot by creative genius Bob Keltner, who also serves as the chairperson of the HRA Preservation and Planning Committee. Judge Kavanaugh is played by none other than Hillcrest talent Alex Smith, son of Roger and Monika Smith. His adorable dog Knoopy is played by Bob and Amy Keltner's pup, George.

The Pulaski County Historical Society promotes the study of Pulaski County history from the earliest known period to the present through its quarterly journal, *The Pulaski County Historical Review*, and educational programs. Programs are open to everyone.

You can join the free virtual meeting live on **Sunday, June 13 at 2:30 pm** from a link through the Pulaski County Historical Society's webpage at [www.pulaskicountyhistory.org](http://www.pulaskicountyhistory.org) BUT YOU MUST REGISTER FIRST. You can also join the society or the resident's association through their websites.

If you would like a copy of the *Hillcrest Historic Neighborhood Design Handbook*, email Antoinette Johnson at [ajohnsonconsultant@yahoo.com](mailto:ajohnsonconsultant@yahoo.com) with your address.

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