



# NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting: Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 10 a.m.  
at the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets, SE

## REPRESENTATIVE OF UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER MAY GUEST SPEAKER

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### Comments

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In July 2001, the District of Columbia began using a Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC) that greatly improved 911 service for District residents, workers and visitors. Located on McMillan Drive, NW, the PSCC combined state-of-the-art technology with a modern facility to enhance agency coordination and improve employee productivity. For the first time, police and Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) communications personnel were located in the same facility to more efficiently answer and dispatch calls for service.

On October 1, 2004, management of the PSCC changed from a joint operation of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPDC) and FEMS to a new District of Columbia government agency: the Office of Unified Communications (OUC).

The new agency's responsibilities include all 911 and 311 call-taking, as well as all police, fire and medical dispatching.

OUC operations and services continue to grow. The OUC joined other public safety organizations, such as the DC Emergency Management Agency (DCEMA) in a new state-of-the-art facility called the [Unified Communications Center \(UCC\)](#). The center, which opened September 2006, consolidates functions, personnel, equipment and systems. The UCC provides cost benefits from consolidation and improves service delivery and public safety. The UCC facility also provides a safe, high-quality, technologically up-to-date, aesthetically pleasing and functional environment for all call-takers (both emergency and non-emergency) and the service delivery tracking systems required for a unified communication facility.

*Happy Mothers' Day*

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Dear Neighbors,*

As spring comes again to Hillcrest the grass turns a beautiful green and the flowers start to bloom. Our neighbors are out again tending their gardens, cutting their lawns or just enjoying the day. We stop to talk and laugh and I am reminded again how fortunate I am to be part of this community. Hillcrest may be Washington's Best Kept Secret but for the fortunate few who reside here the secret is out. Hillcrest is a neighborhood comprised of colonials, cape cods, ramblers, you name it we have it, no cookie cutter community are we. The diversity of our homes reflect the multiplicity of the people who live in them. This translates to a variety of priorities and ways of achieving them. So what, that's part of the beauty of our community, "viva la difference...but don't let this tear us apart. Lets agree to disagree, but let's not stop there.

We all want to preserve what we have, but change is inevitable. Instead of fearing change, and letting fear and anger divide us, let's endeavor to work together. Lets gather the information we need to make informed decisions about all the proposed changes that will affect our community. Let us work collectively to preserve our way of life, not destroy the essence of our special community. The citizens of Hillcrest have something very special...let's not let that slip away. Enjoy the spring, enjoy our community. Happy Mother's Day!

*Karen Lee Williams*, President



### CASEY TREES SPONSORED TREE PLANTING AT HILLCREST RECREATION CENTER

On Saturday, April 12, 2008 Hillcrest residents and volunteers from all over the city worked with Casey Trees to plant 13 new trees and mulch 15 older trees at the Hillcrest Recreation Center. Even with so many volunteers planting trees is back-breaking work, but the result was well worth the effort. Phil and Mary Hammond did a great job in organizing this event, we want to thank them for their efforts. We all want to thank the 85 volunteers who turned out to help.

Plant a tree in your yard and receive a \$50.00 rebate from Casey Trees. For details contact (202) 833-4030 or [www.caseytrees.org](http://www.caseytrees.org).

### 15TH ANNUAL HILLCREST GARDEN TOUR

The 15th Annual Hillcrest Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The tour will begin at 33rd and Camden Sts., S.E.

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 the day of event. Tickets will be on sale at the May 3rd and June 7th HCCA meetings or by emailing [gardentour@hillcrestdc.com](mailto:gardentour@hillcrestdc.com) or [mphammond@msn.com](mailto:mphammond@msn.com).

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### HIGHER ACHIEVEMENT SUMMER ACADEMY

Higher Achievement is a year-round academic enrichment program that serves students grades 5 through 8 in the Greater DC area. Higher Achievement is committed to enhancing the neighborhoods of our east of river communities, and presently serves the Ward 7 community and it's youth through a partnership with Kelly Miller.

Higher Achievement is currently recruiting students for its Summer Academy, which ensures educational continuity and readiness from one school year to the next. Students are taught in small groups by trained instructors, who conduct lively courses in literature, science, mathematics, and social studies; students also engage in various electives and participate in a three-day, overnight college trip. The six-week academy operates from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm five days a week.

Higher Achievement is also looking for adults to be volunteer mentors during the after school academy for next school year. If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, please visit us at one of our open houses held weekly. Open houses are held every Thursday during the month of April. You may also sign up on our website. Be sure to sign up for Ward 7's center located at Kelly Miller Middle School.

If you are interested in applying for Higher Achievement's Summer Academy, want to sign up as a mentor for our after school academy, or want to know other ways that you can contribute to the work we're doing, please visit Higher Achievement online at:

[www.higherachievement.org](http://www.higherachievement.org)

or call (202) 544-3633 for more information



### SERENITY PLAYERS

Created in Washington, DC by Founder and Company Director Doris A.M. Thomas in 1983 open to actors and performers of all ages, Serenity Players, Inc. has educated, enlightened and entertained audiences throughout the Metropolitan Washington, DC area. This professional company maintains its place of business in the Hillcrest and Ward 7 community east of the river. Throughout its history, the company has reached thousands of people of all ages. The company is a member of the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington; CulturalTourismDC; DC Advocates for the Arts and the American Association of Community Theatre. The company holds its plays and productions at THEARC Theatre.

Serenity Players, Inc. receives local support and funding from foundation and individual donors. The Serenity Players are featured in the Catalogue of Philanthropy: Greater Washington and recognized as one of the Washington Region's best small charities.

Serenity Players, Inc. has received numerous awards for its productions including Best Actress, Outstanding Production, Outstanding Costumes and Participation from the Eastern States Theater Festival Region II of the American Association of Community Theatre.

Now this wonderful organization needs our help. Their performance schedule has been interrupted because of a lack of funds. Donors can send a check or money order to:

Serenity Players, Inc.

2010 38th Street, SE #201

Washington, DC 20020

or on their website [www.serenityplayers.org](http://www.serenityplayers.org)

The company maintains a donor tracking system and a thank you letter is sent to each donor for tax reporting requirements.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR MAY

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| 3  | 10 a.m. | HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center<br>32nd and Denver Streets, SE                         |
| 5  | 7 p.m.  | Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting<br>Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE     |
| 14 | 10 a.m. | Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting<br>Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE  |
| 21 | 6 p.m.  | PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting<br>Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE |
| 15 | 7 p.m.  | ANC 7B Monthly Meeting<br>Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE                      |
- Scout meeting every Saturday morning 9:30 a.m. - Cub Scouts;  
11:00 a.m. - Boy Scouts - St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES FOR 2008?** Your paid-through date is on the mailing label of this newsletter. If it is earlier than 2008, please send your payment now!

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP : \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Annual dues are only \$10 . Make check payable to the Hillcrest Community Civic Association  
and mail to:

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