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GUESTS TO ATTEND HEC DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The two State Representatives serving the Hawthorne community will be guests at HEC's December General Meeting.

The Honorable Babette Josephs will attend the meeting to discuss the Harrisburg agenda and Ed Wiggins, representing the Honorable Harold James will also be on hand to discuss community programs. Both will offer a brief questions/answer session at the end of their presentations.

Please plan to come to the meeting and enjoy the opportunity to meet and greet your elected State Representatives. This is also a good opportunity to ask questions and find out what plans are underway to help Hawthorne thrive as a great place for families to live and for businesses to grow.

COLD WEATHER TIPS

Cold weather can create problems for your home water system, so the Philadelphia Water Department would like to offer a few tips to help you protect your home against frigid temperatures:

- **SHUT OFF** outside water faucets from your inside valves, leaving the outside valve open to drain the faucet.
- Keep water meter **ABOVE 40 DEGREES** Fahrenheit.
- **WRAP** the water meter and the connecting pipes with insulation.
- **CAULK** windows near water meters or pipes and **COVER** those windows with plastic.
- **REPLACE** or **COVER** cracked or broken windows.
- **WRAP AND INSULATE** all water pipes in unheated areas, such as underneath a shed or kitchen floor.
- **LET WATER RUN OVERNIGHT** at a trickle in extremely cold weather to keep the pipes from freezing.
- Have any vacant property **WINTERIZED** by a registered plumber.

Basic Computer Classes Available

Are your children more computer savvy than you? Now is your chance to catch up and learn the basics of computers. Classes are available to everyone (children and/or adults) in the community. The first session began November 21 and will end December 19, on Thursdays from 6-8:00 p.m. Please note space is limited to 14 students per series of classes. To reserve your space or for more information contact Rhonda Simmons at (215) 925-8617 at the Hawthorne Family Center, 1100 Catharine Street, Room 104, Philadelphia, PA.

KWAANZA CELEBRATION!

You are invited to attend the Kwanza celebration at the Hawthorne Cultural Arts Center on Saturday, December 28th from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. Food, fun and entertainment! Vendors are welcome! Please call 215-685-1848 for more information.

HAWTHORNE CULTURAL CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 8, 2003

7:00 - 8:00 pm

ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE
FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OFFICES WILL
BE TAKEN:

PRESIDENT/CHAIRPERSON
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
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REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

DONATE YOUR OLD CELL PHONE

FAIR has created a new program to serve seniors. You can donate your old cell phone and charger to help senior citizens call 911. It will save lives and get you up to a \$150 tax deduction for EACH phone. Any cell phone - no matter how old - can be used.

Drop your phone and charger off at one of the following sites: In South Philadelphia, at Congressman Brady's office, 1907 S. Broad Street. In Center City, at Staples (15th and Chestnut) or the Spice Terminal at the Reading Terminal Market. For more information call FAIR: 215-333-4006.

Next HEC Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at
the Arts Bank, Broad and South Streets,
7:30 P.M.

From the President

We've come to the close of yet another calendar year. I am one of those people who seem constantly aware of how quickly time goes by. Still, I look forward to beginning a New Year with a great deal of optimism in spite of all that is going on in the world. There is the threat of terrorism looming over our nation, an economy that is somewhat shaky, and the possibility of war. Optimism forces you to look toward the future with hope and to reflect upon the past with a humble thankfulness for blessings bestowed.

In parting from the usual mantra of how important it is for you, to GET INVOLVED with HEC, your neighborhood association, I want to simply wish you, your family and friends this warm and sincere greeting, "HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!"

Raydell Fisher

SETTING THE PACE

Older Pennsylvanians can use the internet to enroll in the PACE AND PACENET prescription-drug programs.

The applications can be obtained through the Pennsylvania PowerPort web-site at <www.state.pa.us>. At the website, enter "aging" in the "keyword" box at the top, and then look under the "What's New" heading for enrollment information.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

To apply for a city job visit the EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION CENTER on the Concourse Level (basement) of the Municipal Services Building, 1400 Arch Street.

The Job center is open each weekday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. City job listings are posted on the bulletin board. Call the job hotline: 215-686-0880 or visit: <www.phila.gov/personnel>

Do You Need Help Paying Your Heating Bill?

LIHEAP (Low Income Heat Energy Assistance Program) may be able to help.

Are you eligible?

Homeowners and renters who are on low or fixed incomes are eligible to apply.

(See Chart)

Where to apply?

Hawthorne Family Center, 1100 Catharine Street, Room 104 (enter at 12th & Catharine Street).

What should you bring with you to apply?

Proof of income for all household members for the last 30 days, green cards for non-citizens, social security cards for all household members and all of your utility bills.

Hours of Operation?

Monday – Thursday, 9a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Now until March 27, 2003

Questions?

Contact Rhonda Simmons at (215) 925-8617

Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$11,961
2	\$16,119
3	\$20,277
4	\$24,435
5	\$28,593
6	\$32,751
7	\$36,909
8	\$41,067
9	\$45,225
10	\$49,383
11	\$53,541
12	\$57,699

Each Additional Person Add \$4,158

NEW WHITE HOUSE INITIATIVE

On Thursday, December 12, 2002, at the Philadelphia Marriott on 12th and Market Streets, the White House, with the help of several key federal departments, will host a Conference in Philadelphia to help faith-based and community organizations learn more about the President's Faith-Based and Community Initiative.

The Federal Government is working to make sure that faith-based and community groups can compete on equal footing for Federal dollars, receive greater private support, and face fewer bureaucratic barriers. The conference will run from 8:30 am to 5:45 p.m.

The Conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit <[ww.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov)> to register online. Or print the registration from the website. Forms can be faxed to 703-299-4589 or 703-706-0476.



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HAWTHORNE'S RISING STAR

Ms. Ayahna Gordon, the daughter of Edwina ("Weeny") Snell of the 1300 block of Webster Street, recently completed a summer session at the prestigious Dance Theatre of Harlem. Additionally, among her most recent accomplishments, she won the opportunity to be on the cover of *Prom Guide* magazine, a national magazine for high school seniors. Ayahna will represent Pennsylvania's high school seniors in the national contest. She was swooped up to New York City by limousine on Friday, November 22nd for the cover photo shoot and a MTV commercial shoot. Ayahna Gordon is a rising star just waiting to be launched!

12th ANNUAL ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION'S

"SANTA LETTER" CAMPAIGN

You can send a personalized letter and a token gift from 'Santa' to a deserving child. Call the Arthritis Foundation, @ 856-616-9000 for more information.

City Year Corps Seeks 17-24 Year Olds

What are YOU doing next September? How about making a difference in the life of a child?

If you are 17-24 years old, you can....

- Receive almost \$5,000 for college tuition, or to pay back your college loans.
- Gain valuable workplace experience.
- Work on a diverse team.

Apply now to be a full-time City Year corps member"

- Tutor and mentor Philadelphia's children.
- Become a Leader in your community.
- Turn your idealistic words into actions.

Please call 267-386-7035 or visit www.cityyear.org/philadelphia for more information about when the next information session will be held at 23rd & Chestnut Streets, Red Cross Building, 2nd Floor.

Scholarship Competitions

McDonald's Restaurants of Southeastern Pennsylvania is looking for qualified applicants to enter the following scholarship competitions:

- **McDonald's Black History Makers of Tomorrow (BHMOT)** will award up to \$1,000 to 15 African-American high-school juniors. **The deadline is Jan. 10.**
- Ronald McDonald House Charities/Hispanic-American Commitment to Educational Resources (RMHC/HACER) awards \$1,000 to 20 Hispanic high-school seniors. **The deadline is Feb. 1.**
- Ronald McDonald House Charities/African-American Future Achievers awards \$1,000 to three African-American high-school seniors. **The deadline is Feb. 1.**

To obtain an application, students should see their high-school guidance counselor or local youth organizations, or call 215-790-4416 for BHMOT and Future Achievers or 215-790-4389 for HACER.

MENTORING

The Achievement Academy, a mentoring program for minority males, is currently accepting 9-12 year old applicants. Information: 215-848-4227 or <www.phillykappas.com>

TRUANCY PARENTS

This month, the School District of Philadelphia will begin hiring and training approximately 250 local parents to serve as truancy officers throughout the city.

The parents will be hired and trained by 12 community and faith-based organizations who were announced last month. Locally, United Communities Southeast/Houston Center, at 8th and Snyder is accepting applications and resumes for the position.

The parents will earn \$8 to \$10 an hour and work 20 to 30 hours a week. Training will focus on how to identify students who may be at risk of becoming truant, how to make home visits, and how to link families with needed services. The parent officers will be deployed to every part of the city and visit the homes of chronically truant students. The program will cost about \$1.2 million for the remainder of this school year and about \$2.5 million in subsequent years. The training will be supervised by the Department of Human Services and the Philadelphia Anti-Drug/Anti-Violence Network.

The total number of truancy parent officers will eventually reach 500. Anyone who wishes to apply for this position should call Maureen Kebea at United Communities: 215-468-6111.

Any citizen who wishes to report a truant student should call the School District's 24-hour truancy hotline @ 215-299-7233.



Councilman Frank DiCicco attended the November meeting and presented HEC Board members with a grant check from the Philadelphia Activities Fund.

HEC Business Members

- R & A Auto Repair
- Gennaro's Pizza
- Pennyfeathers
- Master of Cuts/Braider's Co-Op
- A & L Organization Services, Inc.
- Forman's Money Loan Office
- Alvin M. Levin & Son, Inc. Real Estate
- 4 C's Rentals
- Young's Pharmacy, Inc.
- Dr. Donald Turner
- Chef Gerard Catering

HEC Community Partners

- Hawthorne Cultural Center
- University of the Arts
- Philadelphia High School for the Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)
- Hawthorne Family Center of United Communities of Southeast Philadelphia
- Avenue of the Arts, Inc.
- Ready, Willing & Able- Philadelphia
- Hawthorne Neighbors Town Watch

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SAVE THE SAMERIC

This listing of telephone numbers of support groups and agencies that deal with domestic violence is provided by the Soporotomist International of the Americas. P.O. Box 109, Dresher, Pa. 19025. <SIFivePointsMagenta@hotmail.com>
CODE IS 215 UNLESS SPECIFIED.

[Although it's not within our boundaries, the Sameric/Boyd Theater, like the Royal on South Street, is worth preserving. As citizens of Philadelphia we can do our part--Ed.]

CHILDREN/YOUTH

- 545-4331 Attic (Lesbian/Gay/Transgendered)
- Abuse Hotline (DHS)
- 800-932-0313 Child Abuse Line (National)
- 831-8877 Child Abuse Prevention Effort
- 560-2807 Child Care Hotline
- 387-9500 Children's Advocacy Center
- 546-2990 Children's Aid Society of PA
- 683-6120 DHS Prevention Services
- 546-2990 Jewish Family & Children's Svcs
- 800-8KID-123 Kids Peace
- 888-461-KIDS Phila. Child Care Resourc.
- 387-9500 Philadelphia Children's Alliance
- 851-1822 Philajob (Youth Work Summer)
- 686-3967 Philly Kids (Counselling)
- 925-1913 Support Center for Child Advocates
- 545-2910 Voyage House (Runaways)
- 800-448-4663 Youth Crisis Line
- 800-371-7233 Youth Emergency Shelter
- 686-4800(93) Youth Study Center

The Sameric, at 1908 Chestnut Street, is Philadelphia's last great movie palace. The Sameric is closed and in jeopardy of being demolished. The main auditorium, the "Boyd Theater" was built in 1928 with 2350 seats. The Boyd was one of the first Art Deco moviehouses in the world.

Philadelphia Inquirer architecture critic Inga Saffron characterizes it as an "art-deco masterpiece." The Boyd's 1920's Art Deco interior decoration has a special theme: women.

How you can help:

- Contact Councilman Darrell Clarke who represents the district containing the Sameric.
- Come to the weekly rally at 19th and Chestnut on Saturday afternoons from 12 to 3 p.m. to offer your support and sign the petition.
- Make a tax-deductible contribution to:

Committee to Save the Sameric
c/o Howard B. Haas, Esq.
1420 Locust Street, Suite 110
Philadelphia, PA 19102

WOMEN

- 686-8027 Crime Victim Services Unit
- 739-9999 Domestic Violence Project
- 686-7466 Family Court - Gen. Inquiry
- 686-3511/2 F.C. - Abuse Assistance
- 686-9300 F.C. - Domestic Relations
- 849-0930 New Directions for Women
- 685-1180/1 Police Special Victims Unit
- 386-7777 Women Against Abuse Hotline
- 800-992-1101 Women in Crisis
- 751-1111 Women in Transition Hotline
- 985-3333 Women Org. Against Rape
- 627-5555 Women's Community Revitalization Project
- 928-9801 Women's Law Project
- 584-5801 Women's Switchboard (Tele-woman)

New Sameric website launched...

The official website for The Committee to Save the Sameric Theater is up and running. Among the features is an online petition where you can register your support for saving Philadelphia's last movie palace from the comfort of your keyboard. Please do this right now!

The place to go is: <www.savethesameric.org> The original website about the Sameric is still running too. <www.boydtheater.com> is an independent site set up by Boyd/Sameric lover Jay Farrell, and it's also worthy of your attention. Check them both and then consider joining as a volunteer to help save this important piece of Philadelphia's architectural and entertainment heritage.