



# The Source

Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition

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## PROTEST at 1221 Bainbridge Street

On October 22nd a rally was held to protest the placement of 43 sex offenders in the facility at 1221 Bainbridge Street, They were placed in May of this year (on The day of the rally that number had been reduced to 22).

Thanks to an article in the daily news on October 16th about the placement of 25 sex offenders at 1528 North 16th Street the Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition found out about the placement in our area, the article also stated that on October 16th The Renaissance Community Development Corporation of North Philadelphia was having a meeting with parole board and Department of Correction Officials and we attended that meeting at St. Joseph's Hospital to lodge our protest.

Both groups asked that all sex offenders be removed from both facilities but we could not get an official promise to comply with our demands, so it was decided that the two groups would work together and rallies would be held on Tuesday October 21st at 1528 North 16th Street and Wednesday the 22nd at 1221 Bainbridge Street. Renaissance CDC arranged another meeting with Prison / Parole Board Officials on Sunday of that week at State Representative Lee Ann Washington's office on Wadsworth Avenue.

In the interim, I contacted our elected officials, State Senator Fumo's office, Council person Frank DiCicco and State Representative Babette Josephs. I also contacted all of the community groups in the surrounding areas and sent E-mail to all contacts that I had and asked that they past the information about the 1221 Bainbridge on to anyone they could.

Both rallies were well attended, I went to North Philadelphia on Tuesday and Renaissance came to South Philadelphia on Wednesday, we had a large group of people from our community and others from groups that were contacted to support us in the protest.

A meeting was held in the facility that day, attended by Parole Board / Prison Official Councilman Frank DiCicco, and Carl Engele from State Senator Fumo's office. Also represented were representatives from Babette Josephs Office and Harold James' Office, Rev. John Cogger of New Hope Temple Baptist Church, Renaissance CDC members Paula Peebles, President and Sultan Ashley, members of the community and HEC Acting President Patricia Bullard, on that day 8 sex offenders were removed from that facility and 5 from the North Philadelphia facility.

Another meeting was held on November 12th at 1221 Bainbridge there are now 13 offenders in that facility, 10 in North Philadelphia, and 29 at the facility in Chinatown (which has also caused a great deal of concern in that neighborhood).

Our position is that we want all sex offenders removed from 1221 Bainbridge and that no sex offenders be placed in that facility again. We will work towards achieving that goal.

*Patricia Bullard*

### Next HEC Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2003 - 7:30 P.M.

at the

Arts Bank, Broad and South Streets,

## Hawthorne Residents You Were Fantastic!

Thanks to all the Hawthorne residents who participated in our first ever Community Park Design Charrette. We had a fantastic time. We had good food. Fun prizes. Spirited discussions. But most of all excellent ideas.

Some dedicated Hawthornians, like Tina Robinson and Audrey Smalls, participated all three nights. Whatever times your hectic schedule allowed your ideas and presence were truly valued

Thanks to all of the volunteers, Yvonne and Albert Hicks, Nickolette Phillips, Judy Anderson and Juanita Que, who served as facilitators. Some volunteers, like Carol Scott, Kia McCants, and Anthony Bratcher who no longer live in the neighborhood donated their time to make the Design Charrette a success.

Hawthorne is entering a new era. It was wonderful seeing young children and teen's participating- eager to have their ideas shape the future of the park. New residents met established ones. Returning residents met old friends. A new community is taking shape.

We proved to a lot of people (in and out of our community) that we could come together to make a positive change in our neighborhood. And have fun doing it.

This event was a truly a team effort. HEC board members Pat Bullard, Steve Playo, Michael Athay, all put in long hours and hard work to pull off an extraordinary three-day event.

We were only one half of the team. The Industrial Design Department at Darts worked just as hard to pull together our dreams and wishes into designs for a real park. Jamer Hunt, Director, his staff and students were brilliant.

This is just the beginning. There's a lot more work until there's a real park can we enjoy. We need you support.

Our park will be another jewel in our neighborhood. It will be one more reason that others will look at Hawthorne and envy those lucky enough to live here.

*Sandra Robinson  
Chair of Beautification Committee*

## Bound to Win

By Anthony Miller  
Student

I asked the Lord...

What do I do in bondage?

What do I do in fear?

What do I do when all my friends are gone?

And no one's there to lend an ear.

What do I do in turmoil?

What do I do in distress?

What do I use to wipe my tears?

To fight life's loneliness.

**His answer was...**

You keep your head up high my child,

A change is soon to come,

Rain must fall, but sunshine: waits,

Just let my will be done.

Remember I'm just a prayer away,

I'm with you through thick and thin,

I'll never put more on you than you can bear; with me you're bound to win.

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