



# The Source

Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition

Your Source for News and Views in *YOUR* Community

January, 2004

## Martin Luther King Jr.–Day of Service

On January 19, 2004 Americans across the country will celebrate the national holiday honoring the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as they have in the past thousands remembered Dr. King by serving in their communities

We have the opportunity to do the same in our community. The Hawthorne Cultural center 1200 Carpenter Street is hosting a day of service, the staff children and the community will be cleaning the center, organizing team/group activities displaying and creating art work. The artwork will be the children's interpretation of the message our community service day has for them and how it reflects the ideas of Dr. King, they will be making cards for seniors who have not received any during the holiday season. Please come out and help.

Call Miss Val at the center for more information 215-685-1848

## Flower Show Volunteers

Come celebrate the Philadelphia Flower Show's 175th Birthday Anniversary! The Show will be bigger and better than ever, with fun festivities and events throughout the week.

**Volunteers are needed.**

**You get to work with  
the nicest people doing  
work they love.**

Volunteers come from all income levels, backgrounds, and neighborhoods. No experience or knowledge of plants is needed. Just a love of the Flower Show. The Philadelphia Horticultural Society makes everyone feel welcome and needed. Laurie Fitzpatrick, who lives next door to Hawthorne said she'd love to Hawthorne residents to volunteer. They have jobs to accommodate every volunteer. You need to sit? You want to work with the public? You'd rather be behind the scene? There's a job for you.

Call Laurie at 215-988-8769.

## Special Photo Insert

A special photo insert has been included with this issue of "The Source". One side has photos of the Protest at 1221 Bainbridge Street, the other side photos of the 3-Day Design Charrette for the future park to be at 12th and Catharine Streets.

### Next HEC Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2004

– 7:30 P.M.

at the

Arts Bank, Broad and South  
Streets,

# A Vision of Hawthorne

**Sandra Robinson**

*Chair of HEC Beautification Committee*

We're beginning a new year in Hawthorne. Let's take a moment to talk about a shared vision of our neighborhood.

Banners announcing Hawthorne line 12th Street from South Street to Washington Avenue. Crosswalks of main intersections are whimsically decorated instead of the usual thick white lines. When you enter Hawthorne you know you've entered a special place.

Houses are neat and well cared for. Neighbors take pride in keeping their block clean. Each house reflects the character of the people who live in it. Streets are lined with an extra-ordinary variety of trees. Oak. Birch. Magnolia. Maple. Tall trees gently arch over wide streets. In the spring, white and pink blossoms fall like snowflakes from cherry, plum, and crab-apple trees.

Window boxes burst with petunias and geraniums. Green ivy climb north walls in the summer, then turn scarlet red before retreating in the fall. Pots of posies, hot peppers, and strawberries clutter front porches. Clinging to a trellis are white tea roses so tiny and perfect they look as if they were carved in ivy.

Tucked behind the High School of Creative and Performing Arts is Ridgeway Pool. It's shaded by grand old na-

tive trees. Swamp Oak and Sweet Gum a hundred years old. The grounds are clean and safe. Dog owners religiously clean up behind their beloved pets. The historic red brick pavement outside park is repaired to its original beauty.

The new park at 12th and Catharine complements Ridgeway. The giant Blue Spruce in the center is trimmed in lights every Christmas. Children carol through the neighborhood. The houses surrounding the park are all decorated in lights and Christmas ornaments.

Graceful ash trees shade the playground behind the Hawthorne Cultural Center. The unique building is framed in striking murals.

Every summer there's a huge neighborhood festival from the Cultural Center, to the pool, to South Street. All the streets are closed. There are—Games. Fireworks. Food. Contests. Prizes. Live music. DJ's. Singing. Swimming. Dancing. Old school. New school.

We're poised to take advantage of the momentum building in our community. With unity, patience and persistence our dreams *will* come true.

## To Submit Copy To "The Source"

Our goal is to print news of interest to Hawthorne Residents and events or news in and around our area.

All Submissions to the Source should be received by the 15th of the month 5:00 p.m., for placement in the next issue.

Call 215-468-6270 or Patricia Bullard at 215-735-8319, E-mail [tiyb@aol](mailto:tiyb@aol) or mail to HEC 1200 Carpenter St. 19147. Include name and phone number of contact person



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