



# The Source

Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition

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## Our Neighborhood:

### Our Quality of Life

There have been a lot articles in the papers, magazines on TV about quality of life issues as being the beginning of the end for neighborhoods if they are not addressed. Some choose to ignore them because often time major crimes are not being committed. Change has taken place in our area but some things remain the same, they need to be corrected if we are to have a better neighborhood one that is safe and clean.

One of the consequences of ignoring quality of life issues is to make our children think that some behaviors are ok because we adults do or say nothing about them, no one expects people to put their lives in danger by acting as though they were the police but you can call the police. Some other areas we can improve are, not putting out trash on days when it is not collected, putting your trash on the vacant lots in the area, lots that are adjacent to someone's home, trash draws rats looks bad and is not a neighborly thing to do.

If the lots are dirty in your part of the neighborhood let us know we can arrange to have Ready Willing and Able clean them, but we need to give them notice so they can put us on their clean up lists. When you see trucks driving up and dumping trash get the tag numbers and make a complaint to the police, we all can keep the front of our own homes clean. Graffiti makes our area look run down, cars are being abandoned, have them removed they make our area look like a junk Shop.

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## Hoop Dreams

Hawthorne Cultural Center's 16 and under basketball team got off to a strong start in its first SNBL game in the Recreation Department's District 10 league at the Murphy Recreation Center on Tuesday January 13th. The Gold shirted Hawthorne hoopsters routed a makeshift team of Murphy 14-15 year olds by a score of 65 to 27!



*front row: Tyrell Taylor, Coy "Spike" Gibson, James Joyce[?], Sharif Koon*

*2nd row: Coach Marshall Taylor, Tyreece Wilson, unidentified, Dwayne Williams?, Matt Quarles*

Coach Marshall Taylor, of the Hawthorne Family Center staff at

Overbrook Education Center saw his hard work pay off as the team executed plays flawlessly and displayed excellent sportsmanship. Coach Taylor runs basketball practice weeknights from 6 to 8 pm in the second floor gym at Overbrook, (formerly Bartlett annex, Palumbo, CAPA, etc.) open to all youths under age 16. Marshall calls his program: "Academics before Athletics" and it has been a worthwhile venture in redirecting youths to positively focus their energy. Some of athletes excelling at basketball today were engaging in mischief at the Palumbo Recreation Center back in early September. This behavior was in danger of escalating to criminal levels, but the intervention of concerned community adults like Marshall Taylor, referee John Taylor, Mike Koon and others turned these young men around. All the residents of the Hawthorne community can be proud of the way these athletes are representing our community. Thanks also to Hawthorne Cultural Center director, Miss Valerie Arhondakis for sponsoring the team and giving them the opportunity to showcase their skills throughout South Philadelphia.

If you'd like to come out and support Hawthorne and the other S. Philadelphia Recreation Department Basketball 14 and 16 and under teams, as well as see some good ball, contact your local rec. center for a schedule. The league runs games Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays evenings from 7 to 9 pm. Games are held at Murphy and Guerin Recreation Centers and at McCalls Elementary School during the months of January and February. For more information, contact Marshall Taylor @ HFC: 215-925-8617 and get your son or daughter involved in Academics and Athletics.

### Next HEC Meeting

Tuesday,  
February 10, 2004 – 7:30 P.M.  
at the  
Arts Bank,  
Broad and South Streets,

# Money to help you Beautify Your Block

Hi Neighbors,

Spring-cleaning time is drawing near. The Beautification Committee is giving money to Hawthorne residents to help them spruce up their blocks. We decided to spread the love (and the work) in the New Year. Residents will receive reimbursements for **half of their expenses up \$50** after the projects are completed. Examples of beautification projects are window boxes, sidewalk planters, painting for curbs, lights on trees, etc.

This is how it works. If a block spends \$100 on a project, it will be reimbursed \$50. If a block spends \$25 on a project, it will be reimbursed \$12.50. If a block spends \$175 on a project, it will be reimbursed only \$50.

Reimbursements are first come first served, until funds run out. To get reimbursed fill out the reimbursement form. Be sure you get signatures from at least half of your neighbors.

If you have questions please contact Sandra at 215-468-5576 or [sonssouthphilly@att.net](mailto:sonssouthphilly@att.net).

### Remember

1. Reimbursements are up to \$50
2. First come first served
3. You get reimbursed after the project is completed
4. Get half of your neighbors' signatures for the project
5. If you have questions call me before spending any money.

Sandra Robinson  
Beautification Chairperson

*Pickup a copy of the form (shown here) at the next HEC Meeting February 10 or call Sandra at the number above.*

## Quality of Life

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Most of us have been in this area a long time and know each other, if you see someone's child doing some thing, they should not be doing let their parents know, parents cannot be every where. We all like to talk about back in the day, when neighbors looked out for each other and would report to your parents if they saw you doing something wrong, is there any reason we cannot continue this practice. I am sure all of you can think of other things that can be done to improve our neighborhood. Hawthorne is where we live and it is our job to make it safe and clean

Patricia Bullard  
Acting President  
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