



Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition

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November, 2004

## Construction of New Homes

We have been informed that construction of the new homes will start soon, so we need to be prepared to document any damages to the exiting homes.

- Buy a camera.
- Take pictures of your house if there is construction on your block, also the sidewalks, heavy equipment can crack them. Walls that are already exposed on some blocks need to be documented.
- Get, tag numbers, names of the workers, company names, day, date and time if there any damage to your property .
- Pull out your deeds and look at them, many of you have been in this community for more than a half a century and might not realize the tunnel alleys are part of your property and should not be torn down without your permission.

If you believe any of work taking place will cause irreparable damage to your property call License and Inspection.

Patricia Bullard  
Acting President

## Weatherization Assistance Program

**Free energy services for homeowners and tenants in Philadelphia  
215-448-2161 – Philadelphia Housing Development Corp.**

What is the Weatherization Assistance Program? The Weatherization Assistance Program provides free weatherization and energy efficiency improvements to owner-occupied houses and tenant-occupied rental units located in the City of Philadelphia.

Eligibility requirements apply.

### What types of improvements are provided?

Depending on the results of a free energy audit, each eligible property may receive a combination of the following improvements:

- air-sealing measures such as weather-stripping, caulking and repair of primary windows and doors;
- wrapping of hot water heaters, heating pipes and ducts;
- sealing of basement openings, crawl spaces and chaseways;
- insulating and air-sealing of the roof area;
- repair and efficiency modifications to central heating systems;
- clock thermostat;
- in-home energy education.

**Note:** The Weatherization Assistance Program does not provide or install storm windows and doors.

**Who is eligible?** Whether you are an owner or a tenant, you must live in the property that needs weatherization assistance. It must be located in Philadelphia. Your monthly income cannot be more than the amount listed below for the number of people living in your home.

## Hawthorne's Tree Planting Day

On Saturday November 6, 2004 9:00 am twelve trees will be Planted on the 1100 block of Christian St.

We have invited our elected officials, Philadelphia Green the Horticultural society, Fairmont Park officials and many others.

We have a group of volunteers that will plant the trees.

There will also be information on the park at 12 th and Catharine St.

For additional information contact Sandra Robinson Chairperson, Beautification Committee at 215-735-1225

## Financial Seminars

HEC will be hosting four financial seminars in the upcoming months, keep these dates open. They will be held at the Hawthorne Cultural Center 1200 Carpenters St refreshments will be served.

- Monday, November 15, 2004 – 7:00 pm ..... Financial Fitness
- Monday February 21, 2005 – 7:00 pm ..... Small Business
- Monday, March 21, 2005 – 7:00 pm ..... Investing Strategies
- Monday, April 18, 2005 – 7:00 pm ..... Planning to retire

## Next HEC Meetings

November 9, 2004

7:30 P.M. –General Meeting

at the

Arts Bank

Broad and South Streets

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**Weatherization** *from page 1*

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Household Income
1	\$1,164
2	\$1,561
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8	\$3,946

(income guidelines subject to change)

For households larger than 8, add \$398 for each member.

**How do I apply?** Applications are only taken by telephone

- Before you call, get the following information together to give to the operator:
- amount of total monthly household income;
- source of that income (employment, SSI, DPA, etc.);
- number of people in your household;
- your Social Security number.

Call the Weatherization Assistance Program at 215-448-2161 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Hearing impaired persons only, call TDD 215-448-2184.)

*Weatherization is funded by a grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. It is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to provide services without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, having AIDS or being perceived to have AIDS, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap or age. Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation, 1234 Market St., 20th floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107*

**Basic Systems Repair Program****Free repairs for homeowners in Philadelphia**

215-448-2160 Philadelphia Housing Development Corp.

**What is the Basic Systems Repair Program?** The Basic Systems Repair Program (BSRP) provides free repairs to the electrical, plumbing and heating systems of owner-occupied homes in Philadelphia. BSRP may also provide free replacement of a house's roof if major interior damage such as a collapsing ceiling is evident.

**What types of problems are repaired?** You can apply for free emergency repairs if your home's problems include:

- exposed wires;
- blinking lights;
- dangerous electrical conditions;
- leaking or broken sewer line;
- leaking or broken water service line;
- violation notice from the Water Department.

**What if my heater needs to be repaired?** The Heater Hotline provides free emergency heater repairs for eligible households. If the Heater Hotline staff determine that your heater needs to be replaced, they will transfer you to BSRP.

To apply for heater repairs only, call the Heater Hotline at 215-568-7190.

**Who is eligible?** To be eligible for free repairs, you must own and live in the house with the problems. It must be a single-family house located in Philadelphia. Your monthly income

cannot be more than the amount listed below for the number of people living in your home.

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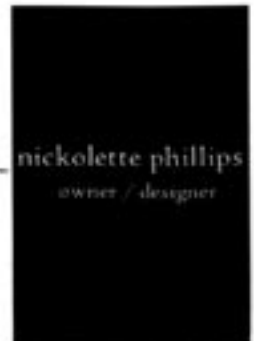
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