



# The Source

Hawthorne Empowerment Coalition

Your Source for News and Views in *YOUR* Community

November, 2005

## Presidents Message

### APPLICATION FOR TAKE OUT BEER

On October 11, 2005 members of the Hawthorne Community attended and testified at a hearing for a take out beer application at 1315-1317 Bainbridge St. There have been many complaints from people in the area about this establishment.

Police Captain Michael Weaver testified as did Councilperson Frank DiCicco the Councilperson has received many complaints at his office. Captain Weaver stated that the third district received 580 calls about crime within 200 feet of this establishment from August 2004 to August 2005. There were also some people that were in favor of a license being granted. We now await the ruling from the judge who heard the case.

**Patricia Bullard**  
*President*

## Green Bags De-mystified



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## Next HEC Meeting

November 8, 2005

7:30 P.M. *sharp*

General Meeting

at The Arts Bank

Broad and South Streets



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## Police District Advisory Council Meeting (PDAC) October 11, 2005

**Captain's Report:** Captain Weaver's district report continues to show a drop in violent crime. There have been no murders or rapes over the past month and, although there were four shootings, no resulting injuries were reported. All reported robberies took place between 10:00 p.m. and 3 :00 a.m. There were seven aggravated assaults by persons known to the victim, including domestic incidents. Twenty-six cars were stolen, most from the same general location; likewise, sixteen were recovered in the same neighborhood, indicating that the thefts were probably committed by the same perpetrator(s). Moving and parking violations totaled 2600, and there were 54 curfew violations and 13 truancies. The police are, of course, planning to keep a high profile during the upcoming holiday season.

**Quality of Life Issues:** Bicycle thefts have been reported in the 1100 block of Christian, along with early eggings. The police will inform food-store owners in the area not to sell eggs to young people around mischief night and Halloween.

**Stop-and-Go Stores:** In accordance with the City's new ordinance to license all establishments selling beer for take-out, the police are now allowed to participate in community protestations by attesting to formal complaints they have received against these places of business. Captain Weaver was impressed and very pleased with Hawthorne's proactive stand in the initial phase of challenging our local stop-and-go. The owner will now have to defend himself in appeal before a license can be issued. The City must hear each such appeal within 45 days.

**Public Nuisance Task Force:** Our guest speaker was A. Brooke Hartsein of the District Attorney's Office who oversees the task force that has been in place since 1992. Its express purpose is to assist communities in fighting drug and alcohol related properties and bordellos that pop up in the neighborhood from time to time. Upon receiving complaints of suspected nuisance activity in a residence or bar, the task force will investigate and begin a process of notifying the property owner with a warning; continued activity could result in an administrative order to seize the property. This task force gathers complaints regarding properties only; street crimes should be reported to the police as usual. To file a complaint with the PNTF, you may phone the hotline 215-686-5858 or, as preferred, e-mail a.brooke.hartstein@phila.gov.

**In the Line of Duty:** A plaque-laying ceremony will be held on November 16, 2005 at 2400 North 29th Street to honor "hero cop" Officer Winifred Hunter who lost her life there in June, 1990. This will conclude the laying of memorial plaques for the calendar year 2005.

**WARNING:** Buckle up!! The existing seatbelt laws are being more aggressively enforced.

### round-n'-about Hawthorne

**Curious About What's Happening in *your* Hawthorne Community?**

**How About Who will be *our* Guests at *your* next Monthly Meeting?**

**Check this space for the latest information.**

Come to the December Meeting and find out the results of the Stop and Go hearing for a local establishment at City Hall.

Does this affect your neighborhood?



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## HAWTHORNE CULTURAL CENTER

The following is a partial list of activities that are taking place at the center, please drop by and see what is going on.

- **YOGA** with Dahna Rohanna  
MONDAYS 6:30-7:00 pm — 215-365-6272
- **THE ART OF BELLY DANCING**  
MONDAYS 7:30-8:30 — 215-365-6272
- **WOMENS DEFENCE TRAINING**  
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**Parents, tell us how proud you are of your Children?**

**Kids, tell us how proud you are of your Parents?**

Tell the HEC Community how successful your child is, in his or her endeavors. Kids, tell us what makes you proud of your Parents. Submissions should be handed in at the monthly meeting or through the HEC Web site.

## Friends of the Community

- Hawthorne Cultural Center
- University of the Arts
- Hawthorne Family Center of United Communities of Southeast Philadelphia
- Ready, Willing & Able- Philadelphia
- Hawthorne Neighbors Town Watch

**So Far We Have Zero Entries in the Photo Contest**

**A \$25 Gift Card Awaits the Winner.**

## Local Youth Wins Big In Las Vegas

**Ibn**, the son of **Edwina** (Weeny) and **Arthur** (Lil Augie) **Snell** competed in a dance competition October 22, 2005 at MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nevada and won **1st Place** in the Dancing Division. Sponsored by USA World Showcase. It was a competition for Unsigned Artist. Ibn tapped off of "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice. He was in competition with 11 other contestants.

## Some of our favorite web links:

Steve says don't forget Hawthorne's own—  
<http://www.hecphilly.org>

Philadelphia's official government website  
<http://www.phila.gov/>

A great source of information about taxes, City Council, Bills and Ordinances  
<http://www.hallwatch.org>

Philadelphia City Planning Commission

[http://www.philaplanning.org/cpdiv/NTI\\_Yr2\\_Fact-Sheets/Hawthorne-pf.html](http://www.philaplanning.org/cpdiv/NTI_Yr2_Fact-Sheets/Hawthorne-pf.html)

A brief overview of our neighborhood by PCPC. An adobe pdf booklet on how to help plan the growth of your neighborhood

<http://www.philaplanning.org/plans/neighdesign.pdf>

A great first stop for city greening resources  
<http://www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/home/index.html>

Information on Pennsylvania's Megan's Law program  
<http://www.pameganslaw.state.pa.us>

Philadelphia origin, civic based group with great local links  
<http://www.iscv.org/>

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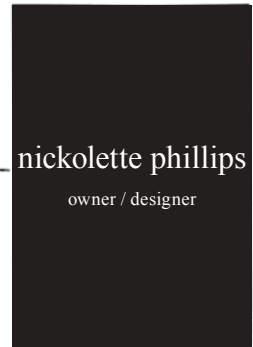
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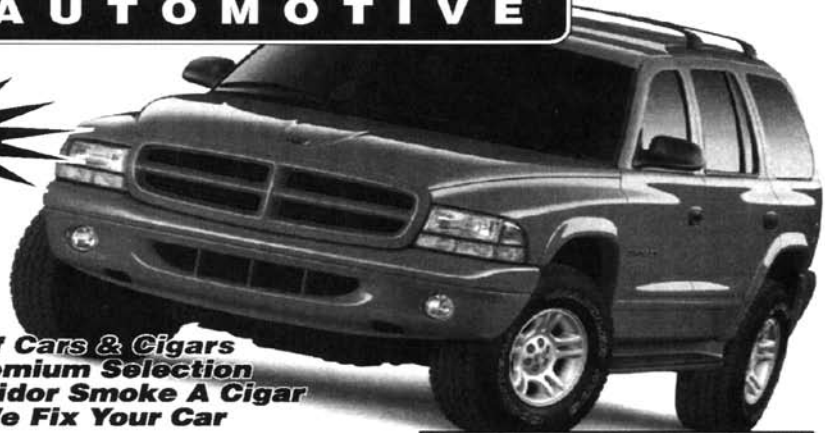


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