

Brothers United

"SPEAK UP"

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"If you have something to say, SPEAK UP!"

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EMPOWER THE PEOPLE

Get Involved! Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc. is calling upon you to take active participation in helping to move this community ahead; we want you to get involved:

Boy Scout Troop 9 / Pack 9 need adult volunteers.
Educators and Business owners needed to partner with our youth.
Lifeguards are needed for the Memorial Recreation Center.

Would you like a free computer? The community will have computers to give away on a merit system, with the help of Councilman-elect Linn Hendershot. The details are being considered as to how to distribute the computers. Good grades, employment pursuits, and volunteering in your community are being considered as ways to put one of these computers in your home to keep.

WORD ON THE STREET

Community welcomes three black owned businesses. Congratulations to owner *Jennifer Fields* for the successful opening of POWER MUSIC & VIDEO at 61 East Franklin Street in downtown Hagerstown, with the help of managers Nadire Williams and Ronald Scott. The store is open Monday thru Saturday 10am to 6pm and Friday 10am to 8pm. The owner plans to open JENNIE'S TAKE OUT. Ms. Fields would like to get involved in sponsoring youth activities.

Congratulations to owners *Josephine Bangura and Sophia Bangura* for the June 1st opening of SISTERS WITH STYLE Beauty Salon at 7 West Franklin Street in downtown Hagerstown. Not only did the sister successfully open a business, they are also offering job opportunities for a licensed barber and a licensed stylist. Call the salon at 301-745-5559.

Congratulations to owners *Stephanie Mundy and Keith Bryant* of WING IT Café & Entertainment Place at 41 North Potomac Street across from City Hall. The restaurant is open Monday thru Saturday 11:30am to 8:00pm. Phone 301-745-4400

Do you need a lawnmower to borrow? The HotSpot program has equipment you can use to help continue the neighborhood clean up and beautification effort by keeping your yards attended. Ernest (Pay) Burnett has volunteered to help make the mowers and equipment available to the community. Pay can be reached at 420 Sumans Avenue.

Washington County Government “Position Available”: Cook I (Black Rock Golf Course) \$16,203. Apply at the Washington County Department of Human Resources, 100 W. Washington St., Room 202, Hagerstown MD or call 301 791-3175

Let’s do it again. A very nice and successful event was held at the Martin Luther King Center on Saturday May 19th. Presentations by Gospel Singers, Step Dancers, The Hagerstown Bouncers and a Bicycle Rodeo highlighted this event. Door prizes, food and vendor sales of African art, clothing, and literature was also available. Some of the participants involved were Zion Baptist Church, Washington County Head Start, The Hagerstown Police Department. This event was open for participation and attendance for the whole community. Well done.

Memorial Recreation Center party planned for the youth the week school lets out, with food fundraiser by Pure Elegance.

2001 Youth Yard Party planned for weekend of June 23 in cooperation of Power Music & Video, Hagerstown Bouncers, Memorial Recreation Center, and Brothers United Who Dare to Care. Plans to locate this event at the grounds of the Martin Luther King Center and to include a DJ, a popular Radio Personality, a Food Fundraiser and the Raffle of a Television set. More information will be forth coming.

HotSpot coordinator Carolyn Brooks reminds us that homes purchased in the HotSpot areas can be financed at a low 5% interest rate.

Congratulations to new homeowners Sharon and Brian “Skippy” Scott. The Scott’s new Jonathan Street residence was financed through the Maryland HotSpot program.

Freedom Shrine dedication June 21st at the Martin Luther King Center 12-1pm. Mr. Bobbie Johnson will speak and members of Brothers United Who Dare to Care will be on hand for this event. The community is invited.

SPEAK UP

The fences (in Bethel Gardens Apartments.) are better for our community.
Submitted by Sierra Frisby

The fences will save the grass and look nice, I don’t know if they’ll stop crime. Those boys will jump them fences running from the police.
Submitted by a Bethel Gardens Tenant

Congratulations to Mary “Pickles” Spencer, Harry “Buck” Barnett Sr., and Cathy Dotson who receive an award from Maryland Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, for their volunteer work. The three were among 42 recipients from 300 people considered statewide.
Submitted by Brothers United

Treat our community “better”.

Submitted by Alicia Chacon

A big thanks to Mr. Pay Burnett and Mr. Joe Smith for helping cut grass for tenants on Sumans Avenue so they could avoid a \$30 tenant charge for lawn mowing.

Submitted by Debra Campher

The City of Hagerstown elections are over and a Democrat majority is in office to run the city. Councilman Wally McClure once suggested the citizens of Hagerstown seriously consider electing the city's first black representative. Even the Herald Mail's Bob Maginnis mentioned in his editorial column that Brothers United Who Dare to Care should persuade a member of the black community to run for public office. I believe a black candidate could only stand a fair chance of being elected, in Hagerstown, if the city voted by district instead of at large. A black representative may get elected in this city in an at large election, if large money was in the campaign.

Submitted by Andy Smith

I have nothing against white power, so I hope no one has anything against black power. I sure hope the City of Hagerstown is prepared to take action against hate groups of any kind. Power to the people.

Submitted by Andrew Doleman

"Extreme Warrior" artwork by Caesar Smith

Calendar Of Events

June	Boy Scouts Troop /Pack 9 "2001 Camp-Out In the Neighborhood"
June 18	Brothers United Who Dare to Care will meet at MLK 6:30PM
June 21	Dedication of Freedom Shrine at MLK 12-1PM
June 22	Fatherhood Initiative Conference at Four Points Hotel 8AM – 12NOON