

If you have something to say

"SPEAK UP"

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This newsletter features several sections to share information and ideas for contribution by all: **EMPOWER THE PEOPLE**, section is dedicated to articles about training, self-help programs and any other information that can possibly increase the readers potential.

WORD ON THE STREET, section passes along information as to what is going on in the Jonathan Street neighborhood and other communities. Listed may be notification of employment opportunities, home or business ownership developments, and whatever else is going on in our community that can benefit or affect us all.

SPEAK UP, the opinion and editorial section, if you have something to say, *SPEAK UP!*

Subscription is free and remarks are welcomed. Contact: Brothers United Who Dare to Care, Inc. 131 West North Avenue, Martin Luther King Center 2nd Floor, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, phone 301-393-9290, e-mail buwdc131@hotmail.com or Web Site <http://24.89.3.32/SPEAKUP>

EMPOWER THE PEOPLE

SEE YOU THERE! Be a successful neighborhood, and to get there you need to be there!

Please, Jonathan Street area residents attend these meetings: City Council, School Board, County Commissioners, HotSpot, Brothers United and any other meetings open to the public. Brothers United meeting Monday October 22nd at 6:30pm, group elections coming.

City leaders committed to help Jonathan Street community. City officials, organization leaders, and Hagerstown Police staff offered to help improve the Jonathan Street community. The neighborhood was offered police-community intervention, help preparing a black candidate for local politics, and funding grass-roots programs. Turn out for the meeting from the Jonathan Street area leaders and residents were low in respect of the funeral for the beloved *Alice Moses*. Nevertheless, most present at the meeting set aside differences to reach solidarity to help stop the decay of this predominantly black neighborhood.

No Gaming Funds for Visual Arts Project. *Brothers United Who Dare to Care* did not receive the \$25,000 requested to get equipment to start the communications program. Brothers United received information that the funding request was denied because of a misunderstanding in the money spent on the Medal of Honor Project that Brothers United received Gaming Funds for in 1999. Also, Brothers United did not clarify that the number of people that would benefit from the Visual Arts project is over five hundred homes in and around the Jonathan Street neighborhood and that the project would expand to reach the public schools with a Black Heritage and Culture presentation. The project even includes the potential for a youth news network. Brothers United plan to resubmit the request to fund the project and address the commission's concerns.

WORD ON THE STREET

At the September Brothers United Who Dare To Care meeting the following people met to help improve the Jonathan Street neighborhood and the Hagerstown community: *Hagerstown City Councilwomen Carol Moller and Penny Nigh, Local Management Board director John Budesky, HotSpots Coordinator Carolyn Brooks, concerned citizen Frank Brooks, CEC chairman Gary Graves, retired educator Leon Brumbach, Internet Webmasters Lew and Sandy Browne, and Brothers United Who Dare To Care lead member Andy Smith.*

Plans to improve Wheaton Park. City Council to approve rebuilding the existing tennis court and possibly including an additional basketball court was discussed in the September 27th HotSpot Community Mobilization meeting at the Bethel Gardens Community Police Office.

Kings Apostle 46th National Women's Convention. "Walking In The Greater Vision". The Women's celebration continues and all are welcome to come and share the "Joy of the Lord" with us on Friday October 12th through Sunday October 14th at the Greater Campher Temple 125 West Bethel Street, Hagerstown Maryland 21740. Contact convention president *Maxine Blake*, 301-790-0304. (Press release submitted by Sister *Lucille Russ*).

New pages for Speak Up, coming soon. The additional sections to be added are titled:

BACK TO BLACK History & Culture (Local – Regional – National) and the **youth news** (introducing editor Mike Campher).

Important Survey that can help community. Washington County Community Partnership for Children & Families is conducting a "Neighborhood's Opinion" survey to better serve residents in the HotSpot areas. For a copy of the survey or to return this survey contact: WCCP at 33 W. Washington St. 2nd fl. Phone 301-791-3486.

Community Enrichment Coalition (CEC) chairman *Gary Graves* is encouraging neighborhood organizations to join efforts and combine projects that serve to benefit the same people we are trying to help in the Jonathan Street community. CEC has an emergency food pantry & clothing closet and does referrals. Located at 68 West Church Street in Hagerstown open: Monday 10am to 12noon; Wednesday 12:30pm to 2:30pm; Friday 10am to 12noon. Phone 301-665-1747 If anyone is interested in being a board member or attending a meeting, CEC meets the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Head Start "POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT": TEACHER Full Time/ Full Year at \$12.83 - \$15.88 hour. contact: Human Resources, Resources for Children and Families, Inc. 325 W. Memorial Boulevard, Hagerstown MD or call 301-733-000. EOE.

Washington County Government "POSITION AVAILABLE: Engineering Technician II \$25,713 - \$41,140 with benefits; Vehicle Equipment Mechanic \$25,713 minimum with benefits. Apply at the Washington County Department of Human Resources, 100 W. Washington Street, Room 202, Hagerstown MD or call 301 791-3175

Washington County Department of Social Services "VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT": Family Services Caseworker I \$29,484 - \$45,642; Family Services Caseworker II \$31,456 - \$48,750; Income Maintenance Specialist I \$24,313 - \$37,501 (full time) \$12,156 - \$18,750 (part time) Contact Betty Dattilio WCDSS, 122 N. Potomac Street, Hagerstown, MD for applications or call 240 420-2139. Minority Candidates are encouraged to apply.

SPEAK UP

No one has responded to the topic about the *HotSpot* program or *Carolyn Brooks* as the coordinator, so apparently there is no issue anyone wants to put their neck out for. And rightfully so, our nation has suffered enough and how much more our local community. I believe we can advocate without the hostility and aggression. Let's make a commitment to leave one another better than we found them or leave them alone.

Andy Smith, Editor

Attack on USA the Muslim response. One of the core meanings of *Islam* is peace. Therefore, the inhumane and horrific events at the World Trade Center which caused innocent casualties - including many Muslim victims- is clearly, without a doubt, completely un-Islamic. Therefore, the labeling of those responsible for these acts as "Islamic Terrorist" is incorrect.

Submitted by Mwamba Raheem

Special thanks to, the following people for attending the Police Community Relations meeting and offering to make a difference (as listed on sign-in sheet): *Linn Hendershot, Andy Smith, Darryl Lyles, Vicky & Ted Bodner, John Budesky, Bob Bruchey, Penny Nigh, Art Smith, Charlie Summers, Marty Weedon, Larry Bayor, C.W. Brooks, Frank Brooks, Bob Nigh, Deborah L. Washington, Mollie Smith, Don Stevenson, Cathy Dotson, Randy Catlett, Shannon Gaines, Ken Welch, Keith & Stephanie Bryant, Valencia Burnett, Florence Reidesel* and those not signed in, Thanks and expect to be called on for your support.

Submitted by Brothers United Who Dare to Care

Name Jonathan Street to Walter Harmon Street. My grandfather was reported the richest black man in Hagerstown of his time and owned most of Jonathan Street. *Walter Harmon* owned 37 houses, a bowling alley, a hotel, a tavern and a poolroom all on Jonathan Street.

Submitted by Brian Robinson

Until the people of the neighborhood come together and stand up for themselves the situation will not change.

Submitted by Tom McCall

Thanks for the G.O.D. talks. That's "Good Orderly Discussions" you've given me to help keep me on track: *Melvin Bowers II, Tom McCall, Ted Lee, Mwamba and Ajamu (my brothers), Linn Hendershot, Gary Graves, Bob Maginnis and Michael Nye (straight talk), John Budesky (a guy who cares) and grandpa Caesar Doleman (my love).* Keep talking because it's sinking in.

Submitted Andy Smith

Calendar Of Events

October	<i>Disabilities Awareness Month 2001 call 301-766-9155 for more information</i>
October 9	<i>Board Of Public Safety Meeting Tuesday 8:30am at the Hagerstown Police Station</i>
October 9	<i>WCCP 3rd Annual Community Partnership Summit call 301-791-3486 for information</i>
October 13	<i>Martial Arts Demo and Hip Hop Show Saturday 12noon at Bethel Gardens CC</i>
October 14	<i>Boy Scouts Troop 9 meet learn back pack a backpack Sunday 3pm at MLK</i>
October 22	<i>Brothers United Who Dare To Care Regular Meeting Monday 6:30pm at MLK</i>
October 27	<i>HotSpot Community Mobilization Meet 6pm at Bethel G. Community Police Office</i>