

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 page Andy Smith, at 301-745-2000.

EMPOWER THE PEOPLE

COME REPRESENT! If you are a participating factor, here are ways that you can continue to move our neighborhood ahead:

Help work on the staff for this newsletter, *SPEAK UP!*

Volunteer with the Home Work clubs in your neighborhood or at least attend with your child. Be at the meetings that affect your neighborhood, or let others decide for you.

Successful Beginning. The *Each One Teach One* program, which is an effort to increase commitment to mentor and partner with the children of our community, is off to a wonderful start. Thanks to the vision of event organizer and founder *Brian Robinson*, planning committee members *Monique Evans* and *Siri Young*, and the assistance of advisor *Andy Smith*. Special thanks to our children, the event supporters and participants: *Bethel Gardens Apartments, The Boys & Girls Club, Boy Scouts Troop 9 (Jonathan St. area) and Troop 6 (West End), Brothers United Who Dare To Care, Community Enrichment Coalition (CEC), the Health Department - Prevention Services Program, Maryland Hotspot Communities, Maryland Job Service, the Mental Health Center, the Department of Social Services - DADS, Washington County Community Partnership, Washington County Head Start, DJ Skippy Scott, Grill Chef Lynce Burnett*. The *Each One Teach One* program even in it's infancy has the potential to be a model program for other communities to apply and to show that Hagerstown is moving forward to make our city better for our children. For the people who signed on to continue a commitment to our youth through *Each One Teach One*, please call the Brothers United Who Dare To Care office at 301 393-9290 to participate in the follow-up sessions to be scheduled soon.

Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture bring hope to Hagerstown.

The commission (a division of the of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development) revealed, in a meeting led by chairman John Franklin on August 22nd at the Bethel Gardens Community Center, that the City of Hagerstown has received money to help with the history and culture of local blacks according to Tonya Hardy Executive Director for the commission. Hardy called for an accountability for the funding which led a city official to admit the following: "The City has \$30,000 to undertake an African American Heritage Survey for Hagerstown. I need names of people who would like to help select a consultant and guide the project", wrote *Kathleen Maher*, Senior Planner for the City of Hagerstown in a message she passed along before leaving the gathering. Indications that the City of Hagerstown may have received more funding from the commission is being investigated by *Speak Up*. The Commission did state that they will make a commitment to remain involved with our community.

WORD ON THE STREET

Police & Community Relations Meeting planned for Saturday September 8th 10am at the Bethel Gardens Community Center. Brothers United Who Dare to Care in a joint effort with the Hagerstown Police Department will address the concerns of the Jonathan Street neighborhood regarding the police and try to improve community and police relations. The panel scheduled to appear will be Police Chief Arthur Smith and police staff, City councilman Linn Hendershot, former Mayor Bob Bruchey, and Andy Smith of Brothers United Who Dare to Care. The public is encouraged to come and express their concerns (three minute time limit per person). The panel will respond to remarks individually or collectively.

Washington County Government "POSITION AVAILABLE": Local Management Board Project Coordinator \$32,391 with benefits; 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 Community Partnership for Children & Families 3rd Annual Community Partnership Summit to be held October 9, 2001. Receive training and education from nationally known presenters. Network with local agency professionals. View agency exhibits and receive literature regarding current events. For Summit Registration or Agency Exhibit Participation form contact: WCCP at 33 W. Washington St. 2nd fl. Phone 301-791-3486

Community Enrichment Coalition (CEC) is open at the following times: Monday 10am to 12noon; Wednesday 12:30pm to 2:30pm; Friday 10am to 12noon. CEC is located at 68 West Church Street in Hagerstown. Phone 301-665-1747. Services include: *Referrals* for Social Services and substance abuse issues; Free emergency *food*; Free *clothing* bank items; *Tutoring* opportunities in coordination with the Health Department and Hot Spots; and a *Resource Center* for books and videos. 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.

P.A.C.T. Program will be offering *Bonding Activities and Life Skill* services. At the following locations: Noland Village - September 10th to October 29th 11am to 12:30pm; Frederick Manor - November 5th - December 17th 11am to 12:30pm; Westview - March 4th to April 22nd 11am – 12:30pm; Parkside/Douglas (Sumans) May 6th to June 2nd 5pm to 6:30. Call Monique Evans (P.A.C.T.) 301-791-3054 for further information.

Women's Anger Management Group. Monday's 10am to 11am. Washington County Health Department - Prevention Services Program. Call Bonnie Beachley at 301-791-3054.

SPEAK UP

What do you know about the *Hot Spots* program and how it effects the Jonathan Street neighborhood? What do you know and how do you feel about Carolyn Brooks as the coordinator? Do you know where and how Hot Spot Funding is used in the Jonathan Street neighborhood? Anyone, feel free to respond to these questions, before I unleash my findings.

Andy Smith, Editor

Police pointing guns at children. I understand that the Officers must protect themselves but once they have a situation contained and are there seems to be no direct threat to the Officers, perhaps their guns can be holstered. The children did not ask to be put in these situations to have someone standing over them with guns pointed at them as well as at their parents. These situations can be very traumatic for children.

Submitted by Mrs. Mary A. Beck

Congratulations to Mollie Smith. According to Herald-Mail columnist Tim Rowland’s article in the Sunday September 2, 2001 newspaper, you are now the black wife of Andy Smith. For your dedication and loyalty you are now crowned with dual racial status. Not that you would mind but Tim Rowland seems to think you are black. So, welcome aboard black woman.

Submitted by Andy Smith

Wasted of money on “Garden” project. In a lot located behind the 200 block of Jonathan Street, a few thousand dollars that could have went to helping the youth of our neighborhood was dumped into this vacant lot as a beautification effort. The project was sponsored by Neighborhoods 1st, Community Mobilization and Maryland Hot Spots Communities. The garden was allowed to turn to weeds and then plowed into a corner.

Submitted by Bruce Gregory Johnson



Calendar Of Events

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| September | Boy Scouts Troop 9 meet Saturdays at MLK 12noon |
| September 8 | Community & Police Relations Meeting (Start Up) at Bethel Gardens 10am |
| September 15 | Brothers United Who Dare To Care meet at MLK 10am |