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### MAJOR FACELIFT COMING TO 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thera Martin-Milling Allegheny West Foundation

The long awaited streetscaping project is about to begin along the official business corridor for North 22nd Street, which runs from 22nd and W. Lehigh Avenue, down to 22nd and W. Allegheny Avenue. "Street Scaping" is what many consider a fancy way of saying the North 22nd Street Business Corridor is about to get a major facelift! If business owners and residents alike, don't want to see a major water main break and other underground pipe issues, wouldn't you think that pipes that are at least 100 years old in many instances, (around our city), need to be replaced?

That's one of the main reasons why this work is about to begin, in a matter of days. After replacing the old pipes, North 22nd Street's business corridor will get new streets, new sidewalks and curbs and a wonderful gateway sign, at 22nd and Lehigh at Hope Plaza, to welcome shoppers to

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North 22nd Street. The slogan is, "You'll love shopping here". We'll also gain new crosswalk markings, new handicapped ramps, filling in empty planting beds with decorative brick, Milling and Resurfacing of the street. Some additional trash recepticles and some greening of the corridor.

What can business owners and residents expect? There will be demolition and construction of sidewalks and curb in front of storefronts. There will be limited parking in areas where work is underway. actively contractor, (DePaul & Son Construction) will maintain access to businesses throughout the project so that customers can continue to shop and businesses can receive deliveries. The contractor will provide a gravel pathway in front of store entrances and a wooden ramp over any areas where there are trenches due to the construction.

Where? Again, North 22nd Street between Lehigh and Allegheny. Locations where



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new sidewalks and ramps were certain days. Businesses and done.

will be done in sections to limit The is projected to be completed in about 260 days, however, keep in mind, no one knows what nature/weather patterns can do. If we experience bad weather over could change slightly.

There may be some rerouting of SEPTA buses on

built in 2008-09 will not be re-residents can expect bi-weekly updates via flyers, emails, text When: Construction will messages and newsletters. begin the end of April. Work Thera Martin Milling, North 22nd Street Business Corridor the disruption to businesses. Manager is responsible for circulating information updates about the street scaping project. Based out of the Panati Recreation Center, contact her via phone at 215-226-0130 or email Mrs. Thera Milling at the next 260 days, the end date theramilling@gmail.com, at Panati.

Stay Tuned for Regular Updates!

Congratulations to the St. Martin de Porres Saints from 24th and W. Lehigh Avenue! They won the Pennsylvania CYO Boys Basketball Tournament Sunday, April 3, 2016, at the Joann Mullen Gymnasium in the Prep and Villa Events Center in Erie, PA. The champions from each of Pennsylvania's eight dioceses competed. St. Martin de Porres, representing the Diocese of Philadelphia, took the crown. The Saints did not seem to be likely contenders according to some, for such a sweeping victory, however they pulled off the big win. For starters, St. Martin de Porres, an Independence Mission School located in North Philadelphia, doesn't even have a real gymnasium. The boys have honed their skills using a portable basketball hoop in the school's auditorium, playing in the schoolyard, during lunch, and in practice and competitive games at other schools. The school is under the guidance of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Young winners, please know that we are all proud of you!

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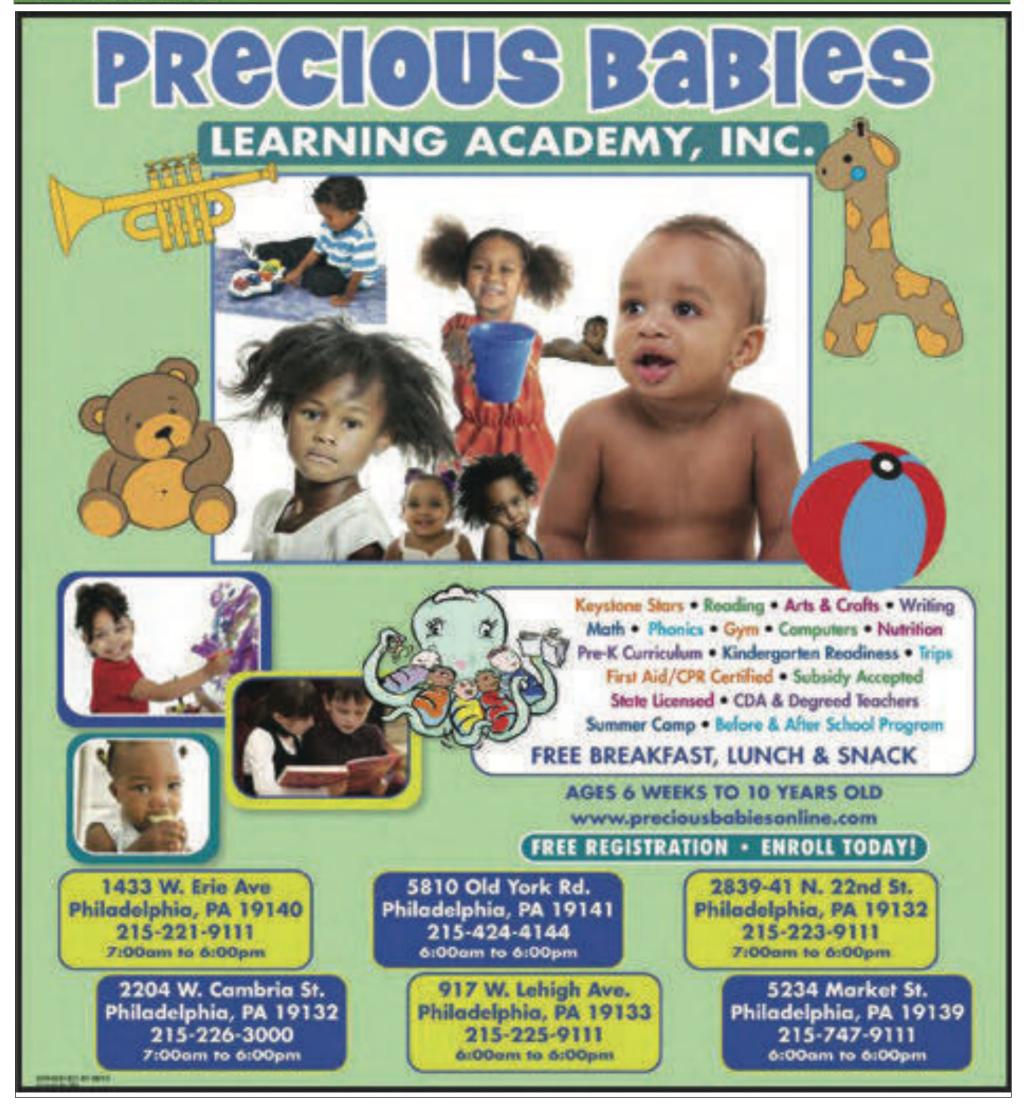
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#### Crime Report From 39th Police District

Don't Become a victim of crime!

39th Police District Captain Michael Craighead and his Community Relations Officers Joseph Lukaitis and Carol Keys are warning area residents to be smart and be safe. To best avoid being a victim of auto theft, don't leave personal items or packages in your vehicle unattended. Never leave handbags or wallets inside your car in view of others. Don't leave change or paper money inside your car where others can see it. Take your cell phone with you and if you don't plan to carry your cell phone or other electronic devices with you, leave them in your trunk. Before you exit your vehicle, look around. Can you see anything valuable? If the answer is yes, a thief can see your valuable items also.

Don't become a victim of a robbery:

When you are on the street, in a

building, driving, at a bus stop or traveling on public transportation, be aware of your surroundings at all times. When traveling on buses or subway trains, keep phones or tablets out of view of others, especially when sitting close to the doors. When traveling at night, only travel in well lit areas. (Avoid shortcuts)! When possible travel with a friend. Only use ATM machines that are located inside a building. (Remember to save a life or stop a crime, call 911.

#### **Dear Car Owner:**

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The information below comes directly from the files of the 39th Police District. This is just a small sampling of crimes that occur within the 39th Police District service area.

#### Community News You Can Use

The meeting runs from 11am-1pm. The North 22nd Street Business Association will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 11:00am at the Panati Recreation Center, 3101 N. 22nd Street. Business owners and area residents are welcome to attend because information on the upcoming N. 22nd Street business corridor facelift, (Street-Scaping) will be discussed.

Are you looking for a job? Then you need to attend the Mercy Neighborhood Ministries of Phila., Inc. New Day Job Fair at the at 1939 W. Venango Street, April 21, 2016, 4pm-8pm. Want more info? Call 215-227-4393

The Primary Election for Pennsylvania is Tuesday, April 26, 2016 and we encourage you to go to the polls and vote. The polls open at 7am and remain open until 8pm. If you are not sure where your polling place is, call the Committee of Seventy at 215-557-3600.

Election ballot, 2016. We will be voting for Congress persons, for a U.S. Senator. For PA State Attorney General, PA State Treasurer and PA State Auditor. We will also be voting for PA State Senators and for PA State Representatives. There will also be two ballot questions: One would raise the retirement age for judges from 70 to 75; the would formally abolish the Philadelphia Traffic Court. All registered voters in Philadelphia will be eligible to vote on one proposed amendment to the city's Home Rule Charter that would create an independent Commission on African-American Males. On Tuesday, April 26th, go to the polls and vote!

Are you a young person looking for summer work? Then you need to attend a Youth Summer Job Fair hosted by the Mayor's Office of the Youth Commission. The job fair will be April 30th at 1755 N. 13th Street, 12 noon-5pm. Questions? Call 215-686-2159.

President to be on the November General April meeting Thurs. April 21st, 6pm at Saint Election ballot, 2016. We will be voting for James School3217 W. Clearfield St. Rosalie Congress persons, for a U.S. Senator. For Cooper, President. RAH Civic Association.

The Community Action Group, (CAM) will meet on May 10, 2016 at the Deveraux Church at 26th and W. Lehigh Avenue. Darece Wiliford is the President of CAG. CAG is touring the New Courtland residences and the PCA center at 19th & Allegheny Ave

We participated in the Philly Spring Clean Up and prepared our PenMar Gardens for vegetable planting. (2700 block of Clearfield St.)

Upcoming day trip to Washington, D.C. to visit the newly opened African American Museum at the Smithsonian and to visit the White House while it is still inhabited by the Obamas. Stay tuned for more details.

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### The Stop and Go Dilemma



#### An Allegheny West Staff Report

To open a business in the city of Philadelphia, to be legal, you must be registered and have a business operating license. Then depending on what kind of business you have, there may be other more specific licenses that you need. In the case of Bars and Stop and Go's you have to have a license to sell beer and or alcohol.

If you also sell food at a Stop and Go, there must be a special license for that as well. Bottom line, Stop and Go's have the right to exist, just like any other kind of business.

The problem however, is that more often than not, Stop and Go's do not have positive reputations in our community.

People who go and purchase beer and now in some of them, shots of liquor, they love Stop and Go's. That's their thing. They hang out with their buddies there. That's where they get their drink on.

Unfortunately some Stop and Go's in our community are troublesome because the owners are either afraid to speak or, or just don't care and the end result is grown folk, who are drunk, hang out in front of the Stop and Go's, leering at women walking by, intermittently arguing with each other, or smoking cigarettes and rudely blowing smoke in the faces of would be shoppers. Up until recently along the North 22nd Street

Business Corridor, some Stop and Go staff would tell customers, "No can use bathroom".

The North 22nd
Street Business
Association,
members from the
Community Action
Group, (CAG),
members from the
Allegheny West NAC
and other concerned

residents came together for a meeting with members from the Asian American Licensed Beverage Association to discuss concerns. Bottom line, the N. 22nd Street Business Association is asking Stop and Go business owners to not allow children in their places of business at all, unless accompanied by a parent. To not allow any loitering out in front of their establishment, and to not allow anyone inside the establishment to stay and stay and stay, getting drunker and drunker. Let people purchase their beer or Cooler and leave. Go home and enjoy your beverages there. If there's a loitering problem, call the police. They'll deal with it.

As for cleanliness, there are quite a few business owners that could do more to look appealing. But basic cleaning habits are a no brainer. The business association would like to see Stop and Go's that look clean, to give respect to the community.

Finally the business association would like to see Stop and Go business owners to invest back into the community. Support our summer community appreciation festival. Support our annual Thanksgiving Food Basket give-away for needy families. Help us to purchase gifts for kids of incarcerated parents during the Christmas Holiday Season. Get involved with the N. 22nd Street Business Association!

The meeting was intense, honest and tough. Thanks to City Councilwoman Cindy

Bass for being there and being concerned about Stop and Go's and whether they are damaging our community.

The Asian American Licensed Beverage Association after the meeting and meeting again amongst themselves, came up with what sounds like a fair effort to move forward, existing within our business community and our larger community, in a more respectful way.

(See their ad in this edition of the paper).

The business association and other stakeholders in the community will continue to monitor all the businesses in our community, in an effort to get to know them, to invite them to join our network of resources and connectors and to be a true, positive part of this part of Northwest Philadelphia.

So as to not put a major indictment against all 3 Stop and Go's along the official N. 22nd Street Business Corridor, to be very clear 98% of complaints about public lewdness, urinating on the side of the wall right across from the Peirce Middle School, and major loitering is the Polar Deli at 22nd and Cambria. Not a good look at all.

We can all do better by first remembering, every day to sweep in front of our door.

The City of Philadelphia is host to approximately 2400 businesses that are licensed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board ("LCB"). Among these are licensed restaurants and eating establishments with "R" and "E" licenses that entitle their holders to sell beer and malt beverages for consumption off the licensed premises. In the parlance of liquor licensing, these establishments are known as "stop and go's." Among the operators of "stop and go's" in Philadelphia are the approximately 400 members of the Asian-American Licensed Beverage Association ("AALBA")

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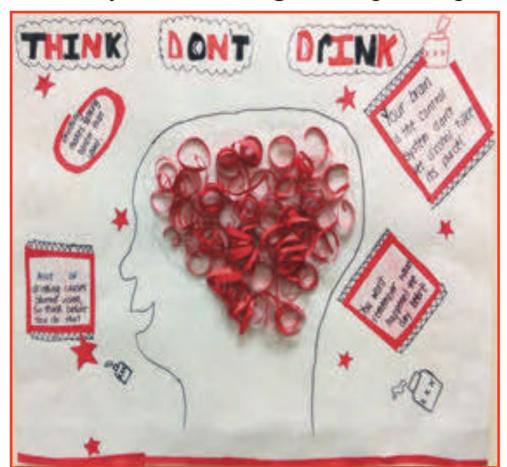
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#### Congratulations 6th grade winners!

#### Linda Ricketts Hall, Autumn Wright, Jamya Rhodes

A special think you to the SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Group at Roman Catholic High **School** for tackling the difficult task of judging the incredible entries and choosing the winners!

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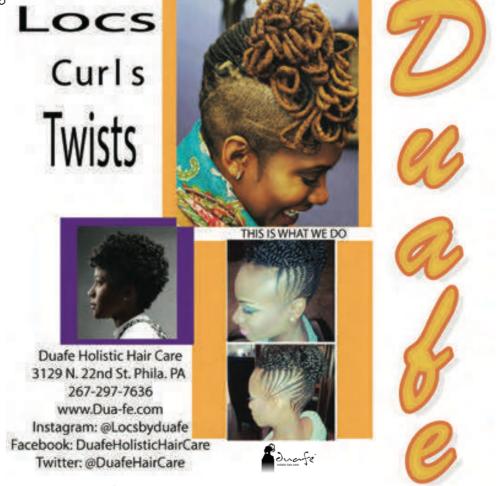


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#### Therefore going forward, the AALBA goal is to:

Make AALBA's by-laws known to the local community

We want to work closely with the local community, police department and local officials to self-police our members' businesses in the area

We want to keep our dialogues open so that we can get support from this neighborhood and local community leaders

We want to offer an annual AALBA scholarship to a student graduating from Murrell Dobbins High School, who is going to college to study business administration and to support local community activities, whenever possible

We want to consistently improve our business practices to better serve the community

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We want to adhere to all rules and regulations from the City and the State of PA, having to do with owning and operating a beer deli business.

We want to be good neighbors, along with other businesses, along the North 22nd Street Business Corridor and throughout the City.

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