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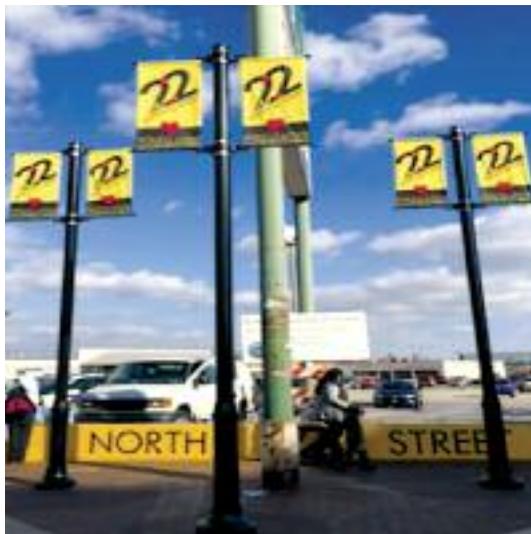
### North 22nd Street Business Corridor Devastated By Looters & Vandals

By Thera Martin

The North 22nd Street Business Corridor, which is a part of Congressman Dwight Evans 3rd Congressional District, was hard hit during the rioting and looting that took place starting Saturday, May 29th-June 2nd, 2020 in Philadelphia. The North 22nd Street business corridor was one of many business corridors where thieves and others who did not mean well, took advantage of a horrific situation, the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota. His murder on Memorial Day, turned an already rocked nation, (from the coronavirus pandemic),

completely upside down. What started as peaceful, but passionate demonstrations in Minnesota, started spreading across the nation to other cities and the peaceful and passionate protests, in many cases turned ugly, violent and destructive.

Since the pandemic, 96% of the businesses along the N. 22nd corridor from W. Allegheny Avenue down to W. Lehigh



Avenue were forced to close by mandate of Governor Wolf. The only businesses still operating for take-out were restaurants, a Mom and Pop corner store at 22nd and Sommers

Street and Dave's Meat Market. According to Ray Murphy, who owned the popular men's clothing store, Tommy's along the 2900 block of N. 22nd Street for 40 years, and who still owns a number of store fronts along the

corridor, at least 28 of the 93 businesses along the corridor were absolutely ravaged. Definite targets of the looting were the 2 sneaker stores on N. 22nd Street, the Dollar Store, several clothing stores, cell phone stores, hair supply stores, the Stop and Go's, where alcoholic beverages are sold and several other businesses. On the first night of the rioting, there were so many protesters out running up and down N. 22nd Street, the police from the 39th District were over-whelmed and left. They were

Congressman Dwight Evans is calling for "more peace - not more violence" in Philadelphia.

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### 1000 Food Boxes For 1000 Families On Memorial Day

An Allegheny West Newspaper Staff Report

The Allegheny West Foundation, (AWF), a 501-C3 nonprofit organization, according to Ronald E. Hinton, Jr., the President, took time on Memorial Day, to hand out one thousand food boxes to families in need, in North Philadelphia. Ron Hinton explained, "While it was a National Holiday, and normally many families would be planning cookouts and picnics in the park, the coronavirus pandemic has devastated many people financially. Even if some families wanted to observe Memorial Day like in past years, everything has changed. The safest thing for people in our community to do, is to continue to respect the social distancing concept, to wear face masks, and to make every effort to

stay six feet apart from others, avoiding large gatherings. As a community organization, I was very pleased to distribute food boxes to the first one thousand heads of households who came to the Panati Recreation Center on Memorial Day, at 3101 N. 22nd Street. We handed out the food boxes on a first come, first serve basis, starting at 11:00 a.m."

Ron Hinton says that volunteers from the Allegheny West Foundation joined him, along with PA State Senator Sharif Street, and other volunteers, to distribute the food.

For a number of weeks, since COVID-19 started in the states, the Panati Recreation Center has been the site of daily food give-aways. As

of last week, food is given away every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The free food-giveaways are possible through partnerships with The Share Food Program, Bridesburg Commissary, K12 Foods, Foster CDC, the Acrdiosese of Philadelphia, Caring for Friends, New Courtland Senior Services and several other organizations.

Identification is not required for resident to get a box of food. All Allegheny West Foundation is asking, is that recipients are age 18 and over, that they wear a face mask and are willing to stand six feet apart as they wait to be handed a box of food. The line moves quickly and the food goes fast.

*This is what it looked like Memorial Day outside in front of Panati Recreation Center. 1000 Food Boxes for 1,000 Families*





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THROUGH JUNE

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- Social Security Card and Birth Certificate

*See [workready.org](http://workready.org) for info about alternative documents and ways to get any docs you may be missing. Processes to obtain documents may be delayed due to COVID-19 regulations.*

Do you have an email address? You'll need one to apply for WorkReady. If you need to, you can create a free email account using Google, Outlook, or Yahoo. Be sure to check it often for updates!

*Pro-Tip: Make your email address professional, such as [firstname.lastname@email.com](mailto:firstname.lastname@email.com). Additionally, you will need Internet access to complete the digital experiences.*

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*Some providers may expand upon the participant's digital experience to create virtual experiences which may include the use of Google Classroom, virtual job shadows, or career day.*



### CHECK YOUR EMAIL OFTEN!

While we try to provide as many opportunities as possible, applying does not guarantee you will be matched with an experience this summer. Good luck!

Get started: [workready.org](http://workready.org)

#AllIn4WorkReady

# And The Winners from the June 2, 2020 Primary Election in PA That Are Key To Our Community Are:

(D) for President: Joe Biden  
 (D) for Congress, 3rd District, Dwight Evans  
 (D) for PA State Attny General, Josh Shapiro  
 (D) for Auditor General Michael Lamb  
 (D) for 3rd State Senate District, Sharif Street  
 (D) for 7th State Senate District, Vincent Hughes  
 (D) for PA State Rep. 190th District, Roni Green  
 (D) for PA State Rep., 198th District Still counting votes  
 (D) for PA State Rep. 197th District Danilo Burgos

(R) for President Donald Trump  
 (R) for Congress 3rd District, Michael Harvey  
 (R) for PA State Attny Gen. Heather Heidelbaugh  
 (R) for Auditor General, Timothy Defoor  
 (R) No Opponent  
 (R) No Opponent  
 (R) for State Rep., 190th District, Wanda Logan  
 (R) No Opponent  
 (R) No Opponent

*If you need to register to vote, so you can participate in the Tuesday, November 3rd General Election, get a voter registration form by calling City Commissioner Omar Sabir at [215-686-3462](tel:215-686-3462) or log on at [pavoterservices.pa.gov](http://pavoterservices.pa.gov). If you want to schedule to vote by mail or online for the November election, log on at [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com). (At print deadline for our newspaper, all the results from the June 2nd Primary were not in yet, so we couldn't announce winners for the 190th District and the 198th District).*

## Come June 5th, More Businesses Will Be Allowed To Reopen

### An Allegheny West Newspaper Staff

Furthering his plan for reopening Pennsylvania, Governor Tom Wolf today announced eight additional counties will move to yellow and 17 to green, effective at 12:01 a.m., May 29. All remaining counties in red are expected to move to yellow by June 5 at 12:01 a.m.

The counties moving to yellow on May 29 include Dauphin, Franklin, Huntingdon, Lebanon, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, and Schuylkill.

The 17 counties moving to green, also on May 29, include Bradford, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Montour, Potter, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, Venango and Warren.

Counties that remain in red on May 29 and are expected to move to yellow by June 5 include Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Northampton, Montgomery, and Philadelphia.

"We know not only that we succeeded in slowing case growth, but that our actions, our collective decisions to stay at home and avoid social contact – we know that saved lives," Gov. Wolf said. "My stay-at-home order did exactly what it was intended to do: It saved lives and it bought us valuable time."

Gov. Wolf referred to a study by Drexel University that indicates that in Philadelphia alone, 60 days of staying at home resulted in more than 7,000 lives saved and prevented more than 68,000 people from needing hospitalization.

#### Yellow Metrics

In deciding which counties to move to yellow,

the state used risk-based metrics from Carnegie Mellon University combined with contact tracing and testing capability and a sustained reduction in COVID-19

hospitalizations. While the 50 new cases per 100,000 population was considered, it did not weigh any more heavily than other factors.

Over the past two weeks:

\*The state has seen sustained reductions in hospitalizations. From May 8 when the first counties moved to yellow to yesterday, the number of COVID-19 patients hospitalized dropped by nearly one thousand – from 2,618 to 1,667.

\*The number of COVID patients on ventilators shrank by about a third, from 505 to 347.

\*New cases continue to decline: From May 8 to May 15, the state added 6,384 cases and from May 15 to 21, added 4,770.

\*The current COVID-19 incidence rate in the state is 83.4 cases per 100,000 people. Two weeks ago, it was 113.6 per 100,000. Most other states are seeing their new case rate continue to increase or remain flat. Pennsylvania is one of just 19 states with new case-rate declines.

Pennsylvania Counties that have been in the yellow phase for the requisite 14 days have been closely monitored for the risk associated with transitioning to the green phase the yellow phase



*Governor Tom Wolf updating residents of PA about next steps to reopen the state*

for the requisite 14 days

In the green phase, we will continue to take precautions, including reducing building capacity, encouraging teleworking, limiting visitation in certain high-risk environments, and preventing large entertainment gatherings.

The guidelines for moving to green are available here, and include specifics for employers, large events, and social gatherings.

#### Moving Forward

"We continue to increase testing every day and are continuing to build our contact tracing capacity, as well," Gov. Wolf said. "We are able to do these things, to be successful, to reopen in this manner because of the Pennsylvanians who have made tremendous sacrifices since the virus emerged in our state," Gov. Wolf said. "Thank you."

"I want to remember and honor all of those who we lost and give solace to their family and loved ones. The last two months have been trying and they have tested each of us, and I want to thank and acknowledge all the people of our commonwealth who have been called upon to upend their lives to keep their neighbors, friends and family safe.

# Helpful Resources As The Covid-19 Pandemic Continues

**Resources for Organizations:**

**PHL Covid-19 Fund** – In partnership with the city of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Foundation, the United Way is collaborating on a regional effort to provide funds to communities as a result of the pandemic. The PHL COVID-19 and Fund was created to help nonprofits navigate challenges from COVID-19 and ensure the most vulnerable in our community are still receiving help that they need. Non-profits who may be interested in applying should visit: <https://phlcovid19fund.org/covid-19/>.

**Philadelphia COVID-19 Small Business Relief Fund**- The City of Philadelphia’s Department of Commerce and the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, (PIDC) have partnered to create the COVID-19 Small Business Relief Fund to help small businesses survive the public health crisis. Visit [Covid19@phila.gov](mailto:Covid19@phila.gov).

**The Merchants Fund** launched a Merchant Relief Fund to raise additional funds to support Philadelphia small businesses with critical need. To support the fund, please visit [www.merchantsfund.org/donate](http://www.merchantsfund.org/donate). All donations are tax-deductible and 100% are given to a business in need.

**The Merchants Fund** is a Philadelphia charity established in 1854 to provide financial assistance to current and past merchants in Philadelphia. The address for the Merchants Fund is 1617 JFK BLVD unit 2042, Philadelphia, PA 19103. The web site is [www.merchantsfund.org](http://www.merchantsfund.org). The phone number is 215-399-1339. You can also send an email request for more information about grants to: [grants@merchantsfund.org](mailto:grants@merchantsfund.org)

**The Enterprise Center** is an approved PPP lender! We not only process PPP applications, we also provide business technical support to complete the application. Don't wait to get PPP funding. Visit our PPP website and apply today! The Enterprise Center also offers virtual business support office hours. We can help you with MWDSBE certification, provide professional advisor assistance, connect you to joint venture opportunities, working capital, and more. Log on to the Enterprise Center

web site to sign up for virtual meeting with a staff member who can help advise you. [www.theenterprisecenter.com](http://www.theenterprisecenter.com). At this site you can also get application for Paycheck Protection Program, (PPP)

**Reinvestment Fund**, might be able to assist small business owners in a variety of ways. They’re located at 1700 Market Street. The web site is [www.trfund.com](http://www.trfund.com). You can also log on at: [www.community-wealth.org](http://www.community-wealth.org). The phone number for the Reinvestment Fund is 215-405-2370.

**Prepare, Respond, Serve** – Use this web site to prepare your nonprofit organization’s operations through COVID-19 crisis. Sign up and watch a helpful Webinar, or read their Jump Start Guide on how to help your staff remain functional. Find numerous resources and guides on their website about team collaboration and working remotely, including information on Microsoft Office 365 for Nonprofits and Teams for Nonprofits, Cybersecurity, Disaster Recovery and more. Visit [preparerespondserve.org](http://preparerespondserve.org). For Cybersecurity information, log on at [offers.techimpact.org](http://offers.techimpact.org).

**Virus Workforce Resources** – By checking out the above listed web sites you can also learn Tips and tricks on how to optimize staff performance when working remotely.

**Food Pantries or Senior Meal Sites for Senior Citizens**

Adults 60 and over are eligible at sites supported by the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA).

**Seniors must call ahead to reserve meals prior to pickup.**

Adults 55 and over are eligible at the Parks & Recreation older adult centers.

No reservation necessary.

**Pickup details**

**17 PCA-supported sites**

Seniors can reserve 5 to 7 meals per week.

Pickup dates and times vary by site. For more information and to reserve meals, contact a specific site. A senior's family may pick up meals, with prior arrangement. Meals may also be home

delivered if needed. To get help in languages other than English, call the PCA helpline at (215) 765-9040. Seniors can pick up 5 meals per week at most sites.

In the heart of the Allegheny West community, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, families or individuals in need can come to the **Panati Recreation Center** at 3101 N. 22nd Street and pick up free food starting at 11am. The food goes quickly, so be there at 11am if you want food. This food giveaway is courtesy of the Allegheny West Foundation, (AWF). Call AWF at 215-225-1019 if you have questions.

**The Philadelphia Senior Center-Allegheny Branch** at 1900 W. Allegheny Avenue offers free food for seniors. The Philadelphia Senior Center-Allegheny Branch is a part of New Courtland, in partnership with InnovAge Pennsylvania LIFE Allegheny. Call 267-335-1500 for specifics.

**King Older Adult Center** is another location where our elderly citizens can go, (for those who are able), at 2100 W. Cecil B. Moore Avenue to get free food. Call 215-685-2715 if you have questions for them.

**Free Student Meals**

Students with their parents or caregivers can come pick up Grab and Go lunches **Panati Recreation Center** at 3101 N. 22nd Street starting at 11am, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The food goes quickly, so be there at 11am if you want food. This food giveaway is courtesy of the Allegheny West Foundation, (AWF) and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Call AWF at 215-225-1019 if you have questions.

**Mastery Charter - Simon Gratz High School** at 1798 W. Hunting Park Avenue is another location where youth can come with an adult to pick up a free lunch, Mondays-Fridays, starting at 11am until supplies are gone each day. Ages 3-18.

**Mastery Charter – Grover Cleveland Elementary School** at 3701 N. 19th Street is

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# North 22nd Street Business Corridor Devastated By Looters & Vandals

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Evans stood with Mayor Jim Kenney, Police Commissioner Danielle Outlaw, state Sens. Vincent Hughes and Sharif Street, and leaders of the Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity at a news conference calling for an end to violence in protests in Philadelphia.

"For most of the day, the protests were peaceful - people who are rightly upset by injustice using their First Amendment rights to speak out about that injustice. The vast majority of protesters today came out to be heard, not to harm anyone," Evans said. "I know this not only from media reports but also because a member of my staff observed much of the protest."

"Philly already has a gun

violence problem. We need to reduce that - not have more violence on top of it!

"Philadelphians can step up to do what the president isn't doing - increase the peace. Americans need a leader in the White House - not someone stoking division or encouraging violence as we have seen in some of the current president's recent tweets.

"If the president can't be part of the solution, he should just be quiet.

"I want to thank the many Philadelphians who have been protesting peacefully.

Friday, May 29th, Congressman Evans welcomed the arrest of the Minneapolis police officer who was seen on video kneeling on the neck of

George Floyd, an African American man in custody who was pleading before he died that he couldn't breathe. Evans called the arrest an important first step. Evans said, "What we need from our elected officials and police officers is constructive solutions to de-escalate these situations and save lives. For example, I am an original co-sponsor of Rep. Hakeem Jeffries' bill that would forbid the use of chokeholds, the Eric Garner Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act, H.R. 4408. I urge the House Judiciary Committee to take up that bill as soon as possible."

It should also be noted that Shopping Center, (Baker's Centre), at Roberts, Fox and Hunting Park was ravaged by looters, forcing all those

businesses to close, including Jeff Brown's Shop Rite. Jeff Brown, the owner of Jeff Brown's Shop Rite has been forced to close almost all his stores due to the burglaries that have ensued over the last number of days. For senior citizens in the Allegheny West community, who would normally get their prescriptions filled at the Shoprite Drug Store, you can get your prescription filled at the ShopRite at 6901 Ridge Avenue. They are also offering a delivery service for seniors who need a prescription, but can't come pick it up themselves. Call 215- 482-9570 for delivery. This service is for senior citizens who already had prescription services at Jeff Brown's Shop Rite at Bakers Centre.



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# AWF Reaching Beyond N. 22nd Street To New Courtland

by Thera Martin

Aside from the free food giveaways that Allegheny West Foundation has been able to make a reality with the full support of Senator Sharif Street and city Councilwoman Cindy Bass and other partners, AWF, thanks to New Courtland, is able to make sure that seniors who live at 1900 W. Allegheny Avenue at New Courtland owned senior housing complex get their food as well, no charge to the seniors. New Courtland Owners have stepped up to the plate to make certain that their seniors don't go without.

Here's a letter from David Smith, Property Manager at 1900 W. Allegheny: Hey Ron: On behalf of the residents at Allegheny and New Courtland Elder Services, I would like to thank you and the Allegheny West Foundation for your



*Pictured here, the luncheon/community area inside InnoVage LIFE Center for seniors, 1940 W. Allegheny Ave.*

generous donations of 50 food boxes today. Your recognition under these difficult and unsure times are most appreciated by our residents. Shout out to Ron for thinking of and supporting our residents. Also, I would like to thank the following New Courtland staff for their timely assistance on such short notice, Brian Bendler, Kenyade Peterson,

Ann Greenberg, David Lewis and Jordon Walker. Teamwork makes for dream work! Thanks to all! "NewCourtland realizes that PSC Allegheny is a staple in the lives of our members and we are doing everything we can to make sure that the services they have come to depend on are not totally disrupted. We have staff members available on a daily basis to make calls to our members to check in on them and to receive calls should our members have any questions or need direction on how to access City and State services." Joe Duffey, President and CEO of NewCourtland. (The Innovage LIFE Center for Seniors, which partners with New Courtland, is directly across from the New Courtland Seniors Apartment Complex at 1900 W. Allegheny Avenue).

## Senator Street and Councilwoman Bass team Up With Allegheny West Foundation and Other Groups To Provide Food for Those In Need During Pandemic

By Thera Martin

PA State Senator Sharif Street hasn't just been sitting in the comfort of his home, kicking back during the COVID-19 Pandemic we're under. He commented, "As we social distance, the work increases for some of us. Food security is more vital now than ever. I'm glad to volunteer and help provide a space for food distribution in the community with Grands As Parents, Inc. We will continue to work to shield and support our communities during this health crisis. Equally I am glad to support the work of Ron Hinton,

the Allegheny West Foundation and he works tirelessly to get food to those who need it most in the Allegheny West community."

In this pandemic it should also be noted that COVID-19 has pushed the button on virtual voting for the Senate in Pennsylvania, commented Senator Street. "Virtual voting in the PA State Senate has begun and thus far, they've voted to authorize \$50 million for health care systems to assist in responding to the COVID-19 virus, as well as legislation to move the primary election

2020. The senate also passed a school code that made key statutory changes to ensure schools have the flexibility to continue educational programs while making sure our teachers can still get paid, and a bill to make it easier for people out of work to collect unemployment compensation. It was a historic day for the PA State Legislature to vote for the first time with almost all of its members doing so, from remote locations." Philadelphia City Councilwoman Cindy Bass and a handful of her staff have been out and about, geared up with masks and gloves, handing out bags of groceries to those hardest hit in her 8th council district due to the coronavirus and social distancing mandate. One of the groups she's partnered with is the Allegheny West Foundation, (AWF). At the AWF Town Hall, (the Panati Recreation Center) at 3101 N. 22nd Street, food was being given away, 5 days through the month of March and April, to help those in that part of the district.



*Senator Street using his Germantown Office as food distribution center*



*Councilwoman Cindy Bass Staff Members at Panati Recreation Center on N. 22nd Street, volunteering with Allegheny West Foundation to hand out free food*



*Senator Street participating in 1st ever Virtual PA Senate voting*

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# 1000 Food Boxes On Memorial Day For 1000 F



This is where the food collection begins, at the AWF Commu

# Families Thanks to Allegheny West Foundation



Community Thrift Store at 2236 W. Hunting Park Ave. Led by Ron Hinton

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## One of Philly's best kept secrets!

### Helpful Resources As The Covid-19 Pandemic Continues

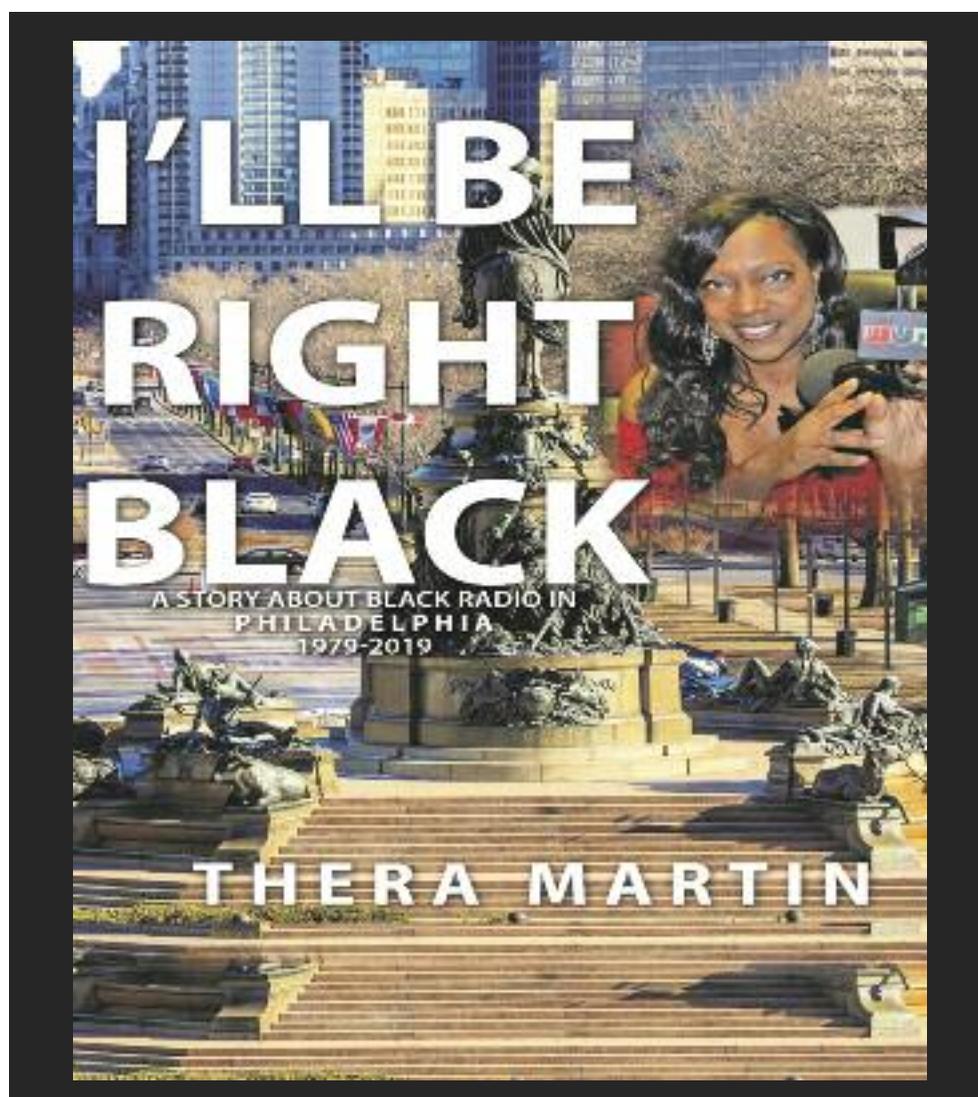
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another location where youth, accompanied by an adult, can get a grab and go meal, Mondays-Fridays, starting at 11am, first come, first serve until supplies are depleted.

These sites supplement the existing food pantry network. To find a food pantry near you: Call [311](tel:311). Make sure to call the pantry in advance to confirm their hours, or call the WhyHunger hotline at [1-800-5HUNGRY](tel:1-800-5HUNGRY) or text your ZIP code to [1-800-548-6479](tel:1-800-548-6479) to receive a list of nearby food pantries.

### *For Parents With Children in Philadelphia Public or Charter Schools*

The School District of Philadelphia will be closed for the remainder of the school year due to COVID-19. Food Benefits, (P-EBT) cards will be distributed to qualifying Families. Log on at the School District web site for details at [www.philasd.org](http://www.philasd.org). You can also email various questions related to public school students at: [covid19info@philasd.org](mailto:covid19info@philasd.org).





**Allegheny West Foundation**  
**Community Store**  
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# Long Time PA State Rep. Rosita Youngblood Celebrated For Her More than Two Decades of Work

by Thera Martin

A celebration took place on the last day of Black History Month this year, to honor the woman who has represented a portion of the Allegheny West Community for more than two decades. Because of all the urgent health information being shared daily on all local news outlets, the lady of the hour in our opinion, didn't get all the accolades she so deserves. Thus, we're celebrating her today in the Allegheny West Neighborhood Newspaper. Pennsylvania trailblazer State Representative Rosita C. Youngblood, D-Phila., was recognized February 28, 2020 for her 26 years of service to the commonwealth at Philadelphia City Hall.

"I am truly humbled by this honor, and I am so grateful for the constant support of my colleagues," Youngblood said. "And to my constituents in the 198th - I am grateful to have been afforded the privilege of being your state representative for the past 26 years."

The recognition efforts were spearheaded by members of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus, led by Chairman Rep. Stephen Kinsey, along with the Philadelphia House Delegation led by Chairman Rep. Jason Dawkins, and Rep. Angel Cruz, all D-Phila.

"Representative Youngblood dedicated her life to being a fighter and champion for her community and residents across the commonwealth," Kinsey said. "A living legend, she has made fierce strides toward creating an equitable commonwealth and has paved the way for women and African-Americans by being the first African-American woman to hold a leadership position in the Pennsylvania General Assembly's history."

Dawkins also thanked Youngblood for



*Pennsylvania State Rep. Rosita Youngblood*

her years of public service and expressed how she was a pioneer in ensuring the possibility for others to also serve in a leadership capacity in state government.

"I'm proud to be part of honoring Representative Youngblood, one of Pennsylvania's very own living historical figures, and elevating her among the ranks of our national African-American trailblazers during Black History Month," Dawkins said. "Representative Youngblood has been a fierce advocate for her district for decades and has been a constant example of what it means to be a good leader who holds herself and others to her very own high standards. She has paved the way for so many and I am proud to have learned a lot from her."

House Democratic Whip Rep. Jordan Harris, D-Phila., said Youngblood set the standard as the example all state legislators should be striving toward.

"Representative Rosita Youngblood embodies what legislators should strive to be," said Harris. "Not only is she an innovator who broke the mold and made

history as the first female African-American member of leadership in the General Assembly, but she also worked tirelessly to improve the lives of her constituents and all Pennsylvanians. Philadelphia will miss her presence and dedication and we stand on her shoulders as we move forward."

Cruz concurred with his House colleagues, adding: "Representative Youngblood broke barriers and amplified the voices of those who would have otherwise been shut out and silenced. For that, we are forever grateful."

A longtime advocate for her Northwest Philadelphia community, Youngblood was elected to represent the 198th Legislative District on April 19, 1994 and introduced several pieces of legislation aimed to improve the lives of her constituents in her district and across the state. Her legislative tenure also includes sponsoring a variety of community outreach programs and activities.

In 2011, Youngblood was appointed Democratic chairwoman of the House Gaming Oversight Committee. Youngblood left this position in 2015 when she was selected by her peers to be part of the House leadership team as the House Democratic Caucus secretary, ultimately becoming the first African-American woman to hold a leadership position in the Pennsylvania General Assembly's history.

Youngblood recently announced her retirement, effective when her term ends later this year. In her preparation to step down from office, she gave her nod of support to a young woman who worked in her district office for the last two years, community activist and small businesswoman Darisha Parker.

# Congressman Dwight Evans Continuing The Good Fight

## An AW News Staff Report

Congressman Dwight Evans voted May 15th, for the Heroes Act, a sweeping Covid-19 relief bill the House of Representatives passed later in the day.

"We need an urgent federal response that is equal to the crisis we face. Unemployment and food-bank lines have reached levels not seen since the Great Depression. We can spend some money now or spend a lot more later. I choose confronting the problem head-on and dealing with it. Of course debt matters, but we'll be in a lot more debt if we fail to act. I urge the Senate to hear the Americans crying out for urgent help and join us in passing this bill," Evans said.

"Even the nonpartisan chairman of the Federal Reserve - appointed by President Trump - *is basically begging Congress to act on more sweeping relief* like the Heroes Act! He said, 'The scope and speed of this downturn are without modern precedent, significantly worse than any recession since World War II.'"

Evans said the Heroes Act includes several provisions to address critical needs:

- Nearly \$1 trillion to state and local governments to pay vital workers like first responders, health workers and teachers in danger of losing their jobs. This funding would include \$3.1 billion to help Pennsylvania prevent education cuts and \$38.2 billion for Pennsylvania overall.

- \$200 billion in hazard pay for essential workers.

- Another \$75 billion - in addition to previous funding - for coronavirus testing, contact tracing and isolation measures, ensuring every American could access free coronavirus treatment, and supporting hospitals and providers. Congressman Evans has called for universal access to testing as the only way to reopen the country safely.

- A second round of more



Congressman Dwight Evans

substantial economic impact payments of \$1,200 per family member, up to \$6,000 per household.

- \$175 billion in new supports to help renters and homeowners make monthly rent, mortgage and utility payments and other housing-related costs.

- \$11.5 billion for Emergency Solutions Grants to address the impact of coronavirus among individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and to support additional homeless assistance, prevention, and diversion activities to mitigate the pandemic's impacts.

- Ensuring weekly \$600 federal unemployment payments through next January.

- Addressing rising hunger with a 15 percent increase to the maximum SNAP benefit and additional funding for nutrition programs such as WIC that help families put food on the table.

- Protecting Americans who lose employer-provided health insurance with COBRA subsidies to maintain their coverage, and creating a special enrollment period in the Affordable Care Act exchanges for uninsured Americans.

- Enhancing the new employee retention tax credit that encourages employers to keep employees on payroll, allowing 60 million Americans to remain

connected to their paychecks and benefits.

- Strengthening the small-business Paycheck Protection Program to ensure that it reaches underserved communities, nonprofits of all sizes and types.

- Responding flexibly to small businesses by providing \$10 billion for Covid-19 emergency grants through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.

- Requiring OSHA to issue a strong, enforceable standard within seven days to

require all workplaces to develop and implement infection control plans based on CDC expertise.

- Preventing employers from retaliating against workers who report infection control problems.

- Safeguarding our democracy, with new resources to ensure safe elections, an accurate Census, and preserve the Postal Service. Pennsylvania would receive \$128,915,800 in election assistance under the bill.

"House Democrats recognize the urgent need for more relief - and the Heroes Act would provide it. It's time for the Senate to catch up!"

To keep up with news and government actions about the outbreak, Evans invites constituents to follow his updates on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, @RepDwightEvans, including his Facebook and Instagram Stories. They can also sign up for his e-newsletter at [evans.house.gov](https://www.evans.house.gov). Evans' office is continuing to provide service to constituents by telephone or email; the Philadelphia office number is 215-276-0340.

Evans represents Pennsylvania's 3rd Congressional District, which includes Northwest and West Philadelphia and parts of North, South, Southwest and Center City Philadelphia.

## Councilman Curtis Jones On Walking Tour In Portion of his District



With Philadelphia moving to the yellow-phase, across PA as of June 5th, on May 28th, Philadelphia City Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr. toured (4) areas in his 4th Council District along with PA State Representative Morgan Cephas, Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner, and members of the 19th Police District. They meet with community stakeholders to discuss current crime concerns and Post-COVID 19 Crime Fighting. A portion of Councilman Jones' district covers Ridge Avenue and W. Allegheny Avenue in the Community Action group area and the Ridge, Allegheny, Hunting Park area.

### Good Sense Tips On How To Try and Avoid COVID-19



- Practice Good Hygiene, Wash your hands often, every day with soap and hot water
- Stop shaking hands, hugging and kissing.
- Use other non-contact methods of greeting
- Stop joining hands in prayer
- Clean hands after touching doorknobs and door handles.
- Create habits and reminders to avoid touching your face.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with inside of your elbow.
- Do not use your hands to cover a sneeze or cough!
- Increase ventilation by opening windows when weather permits or  
adjusting air conditioning.
- Handle food carefully. Limit sharing of food.
- Stay home if you feel sick, or have a sick family member in the home with COVID-19.
- Social Distance. Keep space between yourself and others, six feet apart,  
whenever possible.
- Avoid large crowds!

#### **Symptoms & Emergency Warning Signs of COVID-19**

Fever, persistent cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion or inability to arouse, bluish lips or face. This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or are of concern to you. If you feel you have contracted COVID-19, stay home and call your Doctor so you can be tested.

### Senator Street and Councilwoman Bass team Up With Allegheny West Foundation and Other Groups To Provide Food for Those In Need During Pandemic

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By mid May, food is now being distributed there on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Councilwoman Bass commented, "We are pleased to be volunteering with Ron Hinton, president of the Allegheny West Foundation, in making daily food giveaways possible. Some of the members of my staff were out on the front lines every day for almost two months, as they distributed food packages outside in front of Panati. They wear the face masks and they wear the rubber gloves, but still they're commitment to serve makes me so proud. My Chief of Staff Tyrone Barge leads my team and in conjunction with AWF Staff, and they get the job done. When we first started doing this special food give-away, we thought we'd be doing it for just one week, but then we extended this service through March and into April and May. We wouldn't be able to do this without Bridesburg Commissary, Allegheny West Foundation and Philadelphia Police Officer Tina Willis from the 39th Police District. It's really been a true collaborative effort."

Councilwoman Bass added, "There's no part of our district that we don't touch. No part. We do that purposefully. We want to be in every neighborhood in my district, in good times and in the not so good times. We are continuing to work to serve our constituents."

"I am just so thankful we have the kinds of elected officials who really care. We can count on them in good times and bad. They're always there ready to serve. Partnering with them and with the Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia, at Panati we're able to distribute food to upwards of 500 families a week, during this time", Ronald Hinton, President of Allegheny West Foundation confirmed. Every one involved with the food giveaway are following all the safe distancing protocols and we're getting the job done."



City Councilwoman  
Cindy Bass



State Senator  
Sharif Street

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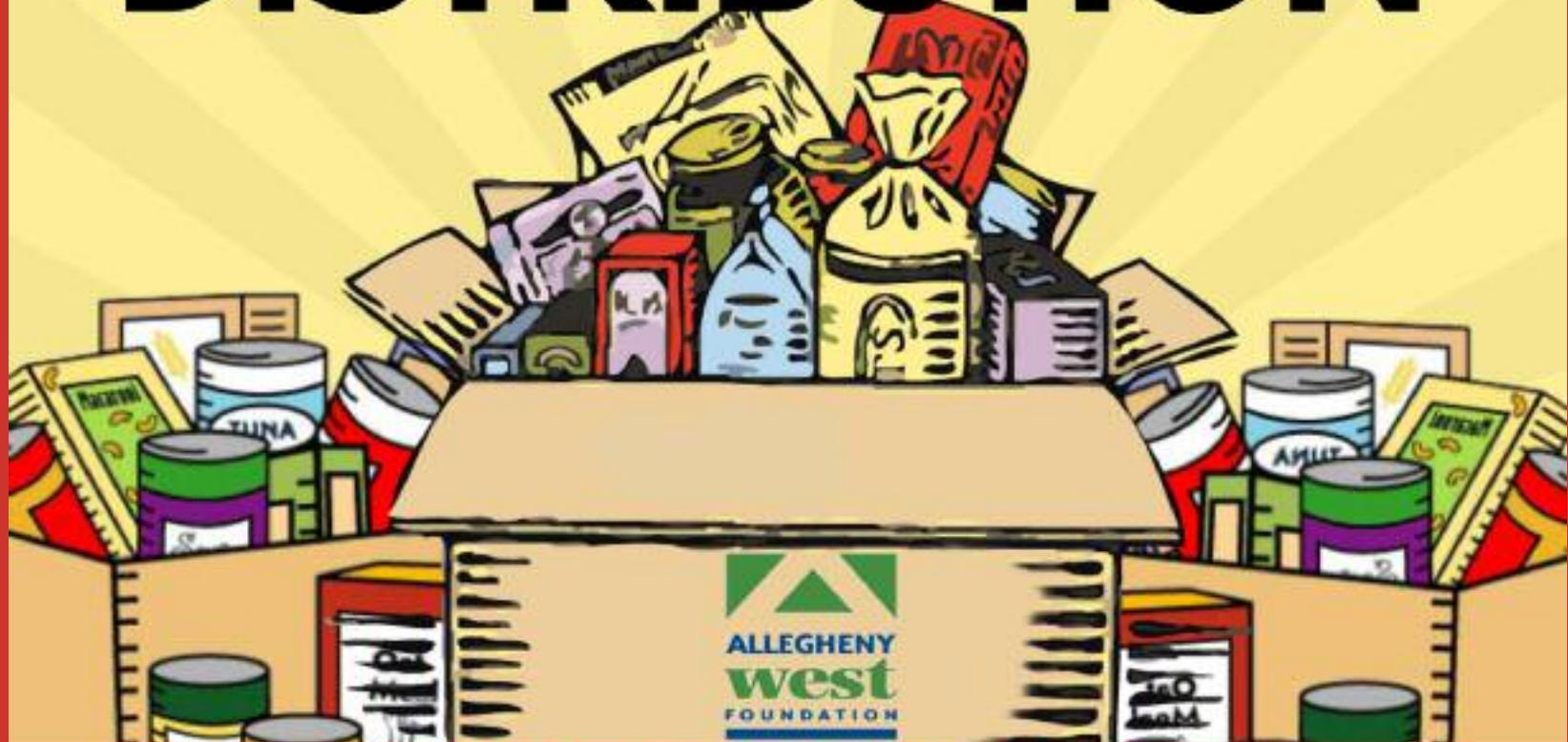
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