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Stop & Go Businesses That Are Not Right, Be On Notice, We're Shutting You Down"

With state legislators and Philadelphia city officials joining him, Governor Tom Wolf today held a ceremonial bill signing of legislation to crack down on nuisance bars or so-called 'stop and go' stores. The legislation included in the Fiscal Code gives the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) the authority to conduct more inspections and immediately suspend the liquor license of establishments that are harmful to communities.

"I am proud to sign this legislation that will help neighborhoods in Philadelphia and throughout the state deal with nuisance bars that can disrupt communities," said Governor Wolf. "This increased inspection authority will help us to separate good and responsible owners from the bad actors, and



will greatly improve our ability to crack down on the bad actors to protect our neighborhoods, making them better places to live and safer places for children and families."

The bars or stores tend to focus on to-go

alcohol sales, serving drinks to customers who leave quickly afterward, causing problems in neighborhoods, including public drunkenness, litter, public urination, and disorderly conduct. While the establishment will follow the law when applying for a liquor license or during inspections, after getting a license they may no longer meet the requirements under the Liquor Code for seating, square footage, food or health.

"'Stop and go' nuisance establishments and their business practices have been disruptive to our communities for decades," said Sen. Vincent Hughes, Democratic chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "This is an aggressive, positive

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Christmas In August Was Awesome

by: Djeneba Coulibaly



I recognize that it's almost really Christmas, (December 25th will be here before we know it), however this article I'm about to share with you, was about a Christmas celebration that took place in the midst of the summer heat. It was dubbed "Christmas in August".

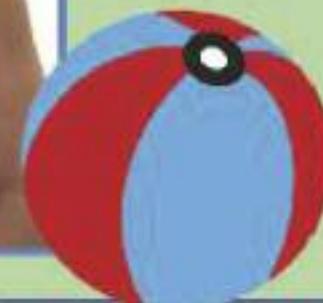
Earnestine Brown Esq., the founder of The Veterans Home at 3040 North 22nd Street has something to be proud of today. Mrs. Brown had a vision to make a difference in the community, so she decided to host a Christmas in August event. While The Veterans Home is all about housing homeless vets, Earnestine Brown still finds time in her heart to reach out and help others. Thus she decided to come up with a program to assist low income families with children. Her Christmas in August program will provide families who can not afford to purchase back to school items with the things they need. She started asking for donations in June from anyone who could possibly help to purchase school bags, pencils, pens, notebooks, and other items that children would need for school. On

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What's Up With Construction On Allegheny Avenue?



Thera Martin-Milling and Tamar Wilson

At the beginning of this year, (early January of 2017) the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation started a major reconstruction project along W. Allegheny Avenue. Translated for some of us, that means, heavier traffic every day during morning and evening rush hour. It also means less parking spaces for those who park along W. Allegheny Avenue for some it also means hearing the sounds of drilling and digging equipment. At the end of the process, it will also mean nice newly paved and painted streets, new traffic lights in some cases, and new corner handicap ramps, where needed. Unfortunately, it was decided by decision makers at the Federal Level, that we no longer need traffic lights at the intersections of 28th and W. Allegheny and at 25th and West Allegheny.

When the community learned about that they were upset, to say the least and asked that the PA Department of Transportation not take away our traffic lights at those two intersections. Feeling that their request fell upon deaf ears, Community leaders Rosalie Cooper, President of the Ridge Allegheny Hunting Park Civic Association, (RAH) and Darece Wilford, President of the Community Action Group, on Friday, May 19th and Friday, May 26th, held demonstrations where they blocked traffic in the middle of W. Allegheny

to draw attention to their concerns.

The first demonstration took place at the intersection of 29th and W. Allegheny.

The second demonstration took place at the intersection of 25th and W. Allegheny where they blocked traffic during the height of the evening rush hour. Local elected officials were called upon to come out and participate at the demonstrations with community residents

Unfortunately our cries officials were unable to join us on those dates, however, to their credit, they came out on May 31st to survey the situation. 38th Ward Leader Mark Green stated, "we absolutely do not want the traffic lights to come down at 29th and 25th and W. Allegheny Avenue. We remember all too well that back in 1978 two children were killed by an errant driver at the intersection at 29th and W. Allegheny, because that driving was not paying attention and driving too fast. We do not want a repeat of history. Leave our lights alone."

On May 31st City Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr., was on hand along with PA State Senator Vincent Hughes and State Representative Pamela Delissio, and Ward Leader Mark Green.

They all agreed they'd like to see the traffic lights stay in place and said they would have meetings with the decision makers at the state level, (PA Department of Transportation), who will take the concerns of the community to the Federal government who will make the final call if the traffic lights stay, or go.

As of July 2017, the community leaders were told that the lights will be taken down at 29th and W. Allegheny and at 25th and W. Allegheny in September of 2017, just before children go back to school. Stay tuned!

The Pennsylvania Department of transportation awarded a \$6,936,000 contract to Seravalli, Inc. of Philadelphia, to improve travel flow and safety on a four and-a-half mile section of Allegheny Avenue between Ridge Avenue and Tulip Street in Philadelphia. Preliminary construction is expected to begin in early 2017 to install new signal controllers, poles, mast arms, LED signal heads and pedestrian countdowns

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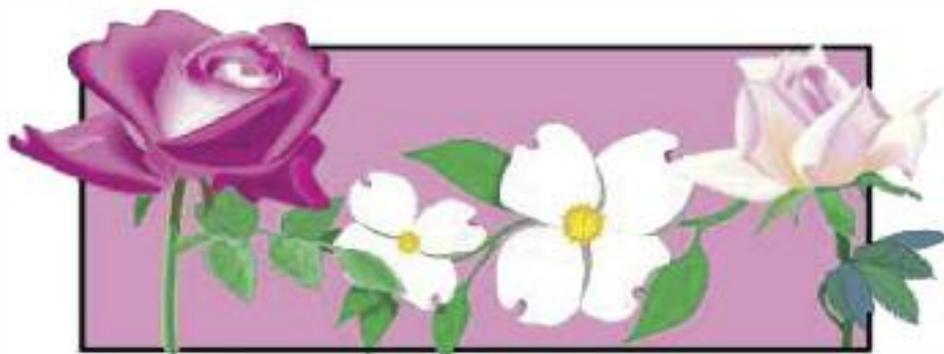
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*Construction workers at Fox and Allegheny
Photo by thera Martin Milling*

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timers; optimize signal timing, phasing and coordination settings; build ADA curb ramps; and install pedestrian bumps-outs at selected intersections.

The scope of work also includes the installation of street lighting under overpass along Allegheny Avenue at 20th Street, 18th Street, Collins Street and Witte Street; and new sidewalk, drainage and green stormwater facilities along Allegheny Avenue at 32nd Street, 28th Street, 26th Street, Hunting Park Avenue/Henry Avenue /30th Street, Germantown Avenue/Sedgley Avenue/11th Street, 17th Street, 16th Street, Kip Street, B Street, Rosehill Street, Rorer Street and Kensington Avenue.

During Construction, Allegheny Avenue will remain open to traffic; however, there will be periodic lane restrictions while upgrades are performed along the corridor and at each intersection.

The project is scheduled to finish in fall 2018, and is financed with 100 percent federal funds

Two Teen Success Stories



Zhontae King



Janet

Both are graduates of Murriel Dobbins High School and of the Allegheny West Foundation After School program

By Shakira Page

By Nathan Augustin

Zhontae King, a 19 year old graduate from Dobbins High School, states that the Allegheny West Foundation has helped him since he was a youth. King believes that this program is very dedicated to pushing their youth to do better and states that the college courses were one of the main things that propelled him through high school and encouraged him to finish his journey. From being a part of such a wonderful organization, King has received a full ride scholarship to Harrisburg Community College. King plans on studying at the Community College of Philadelphia for 2 years before transferring over to Harrisburg and completing the rest of his college life there,

King is a young man who dreams of owning his own business one day and plans to major in business management and graphics. The business management idea occurred from his courses he completed at Dobbins. His interest in graphics occurred after his hobby for YouTube started. He claims in 10 years he still sees himself as a Youtuber, but he also sees himself as a city working entrepreneur. He wants all young students to know, "the early bird catches the worm," and the sooner you apply for scholarships and colleges the better. He states the only way he learned all this was from the Allegheny West Foundation and that he graciously thanks them for their services.

Janet, a graduate from Dobbins High School has been involved with the Allegheny West Foundation for about 3-4 years. She describes this program as an excellent learning experience for adolescents and also received several jobs through the program herself. Though Janet's high school experience she had several accomplishments but one of her recent major ones is a full ride scholarship to Harrisburg Community College. She believes that her experience at Allegheny West Foundation played a role in her accomplishments. Jane is a grateful to have received a full ride scholarship and being apart of the Allegheny West Foundation for 3 years.

During Janet's 3 years with the Allegheny West Foundation she learned different jobs skills. This program helps strengthen your communication, time management, and problem solving skills in the workplace. Also the program ensures that you are ready to be in the work world by providing different workshops and work experiences. Having a summer job with the Allegheny West Foundation opens doors for permanent full and part time jobs. The different programs that Janet has been involved in helped shape her to become a young scholar.

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Allegheny West Foundation Youth Voices



Djeneba Coulibaly

Ask Dej!

Djeneba Coulibaly is a student at Girard College, now in the 10th grade in September and this is her advice column)

Q: My friends are trying to pressure me to sell drugs. I don't want to, but they are telling me I have to. What do I do?

A: Do the right thing and that would be to say no thank you. I don't want to go to jail. If they are trying to make you do something you don't want to do, then they aren't your real friends. Also drugs aren't good to be around either so you should find a new group of people to hang out with.

Q: I was walking down the street with a friend and a cop pulled over at the corner that we were on and my friend became nervous. My friend then turned to me and asked, "Can you hold something for me?" and I replied, "Okay." He gave me two bags of weed. I took them and stuffed them in my shirt. We are now partners in the drug industry. How do I get out of it?

A: Wow this is a very interesting problem. I think you should talk to him, or a trusted person and tell them how you feel about the situation. Let them know that it sort of made you uncomfortable and you don't want to be involved since you could possibly get in trouble.



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Allegheny West Foundation Youth Voices

The articles that you see in this edition of the newspaper that are under the banner, "Allegheny West Foundation Youth Voices" are articles written by 8 teens who were a part of the Allegheny West Foundation, Philadelphia Youth Network, "summer learning service project". The students had an intense 6 week summer project, led by local broadcaster and journalist Thera Martin, to get an up-close understanding of how to create a community newspaper and how to do community outreach. At the beginning of the process, only one student said she had any interest in writing was Samirah Sharper, but by the end of the process, all of the students were writing well. Enjoy their stories!

Allegheny West Foundation Young Voices



Christmas In August Was Awesome

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Saturday , August 5th children came with their parents or an adult from their family and were able to get the supplies that they need at no charge. Students from the Allegheny West Foundation Summer Youth Work Ready Program assisted with setting up the Christmas in August program starting two weeks prior to the event. Our youth were assigned to help with clean up with the grounds around the building. We also helped to prepare the dirt for planting flowers, we set up Christmas trees and decorated them, and we wrapped Christmas presents. The youth who helped make the Christmas in August event successful included; Sydia Taylor, Maia Peele, Kailah Ortiz, Samirah Sharper, Shakira Page, Zameer Grissette, Djeneba Coulibaly, Nathan Augustin, Tamar Wilson, Salena Bradley, Anaiya Harvey, Salema Bradley, Tayana Little, Divold Gayle-Selby, and Kizmeck Allison.

Congratulations to Earnestine Brown Esq. on a positive event. Stay tuned for what will happen next at 3040 North 22nd Street. Meanwhile, don't forget 3040 North 22nd Street is a place where homeless veterans can live temporarily while volunteers work to find them more permanent housing. If you would like to learn more information about the Veterans Home, you can email Mrs. Brown at txebrown@aol.com.

Two Businesses One Owner

by **Kailah Ortiz**
and by **Samirah Sharper**

Lorraine Savage is a 30 year business owner on N. 22nd Street. Ms.Savage opened her businesses to two young workers associated with the Allegheny West Foundation, Philadelphia Youth Network, Summer WorkReady program. Lorraine Savage owns a beautiful boutique called, "Lorraine's Up Scale, On Sale Boutique", at 2827 N. 22nd Street.

Her boutique is filled with things like tutus, jewelry, little girls clothing and shoes A few doors down, she owns Lorraines Too Unisex Hair Salon, (2817 N. 22nd).

The teens who work for Ms. Lorraine Savage, work out of both her locations, as needed. They work from 11am to 4pm, five

days a week. They split the time in half. At 11am they start at the Hair Salon and throughout the day they make their way to the boutique store. In the morning they work at the hair salon, then they wait until Ms. Savage is ready to come and get them to work at the boutique store. They sit in front of the boutique store and sell water ice. They said they both enjoy working for Ms. Savage.

Lorraine Savage said she enjoyed having both young ladies working with her and that she found them to be pleasant and eager to do whatever assignments she had for them.

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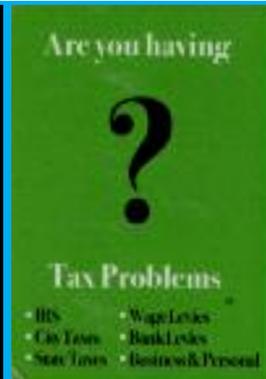
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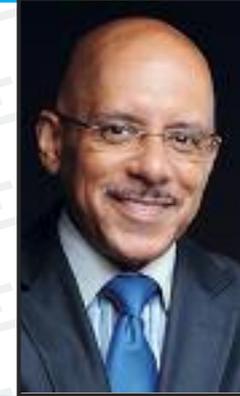
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Calling All Future Junior Police Explorers Cadets
by Sydia Taylor

If any young adults ages 14-20 are interested in being a **Police Officer** then check out the **Police Explorer Cadet Program**. Some information you should know about the **Police Cadet Program** is you need to do an application for the program.

Then you have to go to two interviews for the program. Another important thing you need to know is to be prepared for the rigorous physical training.

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Stop & Go Businesses That Are Not Right, Be On Notice, We're Shutting You Down"

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step forward that will improve enforcement, help neighborhoods combat crime and improve quality of life."

Currently, the PLCB inspections occur when an establishment applies for a liquor license or during the license renewal process every two years. Under the new law, the PLCB will have the authority to do an inspection if the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, a county health department or other government employee finds that a licensee does not meet the requirements of the Liquor Code.

"In June, we began to work on legislation to increase the ability of local law enforcement agencies to stop the unscrupulous business practices of local 'stop and go' establishments," said Rep. Jordan Harris, chairman of the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus. "Today, we are able to begin the process of removing this

nuisance from our community. Although this is just one of many steps needed to ensure the safety and serenity of our neighborhoods, the political will and courage displayed by all involved shows that we are on our way to lasting change."

Rep. Pamela A. DeLissio, commented that, "In November 2015 I convened a broad group of civic, state and city stakeholders to identify the barriers to a solution; by coincidence that meeting was held at the same location where we are today. It is my hope that this seemingly intractable problem of nuisance establishments will be aided by this new legislation."

Rep. Rosita Youngblood added, "Nuisance bars and 'stop and go' establishments have been the root of many problems throughout Philadelphia and across Pennsylvania for decades. We never stopped fighting the licensees who time and again took advantage of the loopholes in the Pennsylvania Liquor Code to the

detriment of our communities. Our diligence as a community who cares paid off. With this new law, we are finally able to ensure that our neighborhoods can be safeguarded from 'stop and go' establishments while continuing to protect legitimate restaurants and businesses throughout the commonwealth."

The obligations of their state-issued liquor licenses have become a scourge in many areas of my district and throughout Philadelphia," said Sen. Christine M. Tartaglione, Chairwoman of the Senate Philadelphia Delegation. "Children shouldn't be confronted with these nuisances while walking to and from school every day. Parents should be able to send their kids to the corner store for a carton of milk or a bag of candy without having to worry about people loitering and drinking in the doorway. This new set of regulations will be a valuable enforcement tool allowing local authorities and the LCB to respond promptly to valid community complaints."

"Legislation to fix the problem of 'stop and go' establishments in Pennsylvania has been a long time coming," said Rep. Maria Donatucci, Chairwoman of the House Philadelphia Delegation. "Absolutely none of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of my colleagues in the Philadelphia House Delegation. We also cannot forget the help of our colleagues in the Senate who have worked tirelessly on this issue. My husband began work on 'stop and go' establishments over 30 years ago, and I'm proud to be a part of helping Philadelphia correct this problem today."

"I've worked on this issue throughout my 20-plus years as a state legislator," said Sen. Anthony Williams. "I was always frustrated by the small laws that I was able to pass. This is the most aggressive legislative tool we've developed thus far to fight these blighting establishments, which have attracted crime to our neighborhoods and driven out law-abiding families. I am proud to have worked in a bipartisan manner with Rep. Jordan Harris, Sen. Sharif Street, Sen. Chuck McIlhinney, and others from the Philadelphia delegation to accomplish this goal. I'm confident that these new measures are the beginning of the end for illegal nuisance bars in Philadelphia and across the commonwealth."

The legislation takes effect immediately.

Community News Notes:

Congratulations to the Tioga United organization, led by Verna Tyner for hosting a wonderful prom for our senior citizens earlier this fall. Some 500 guests came out to have a ball and a blast and to celebrate being senior citizens.

Contact Mrs. Tyner at tiogaunited@hotmail.com.

Special thanks to City Councilman At Large Derek Green for doing a recent walking tour along the N. 22nd Street Business Corridor.

He didn't get to stop in every single store, but he did stop in on the owners of Tommy's Men Store, Jazzy Shears Beauty Salon, Dave's Meats, Major League Cuts and of

course he stopped by Denise's Bakery observing her 25th anniversary of being in business this year.



Pictured Denise Gause, owner of Denise's Bakery and City Councilman Derek Green during recent visit to her business.

Photo by Thera

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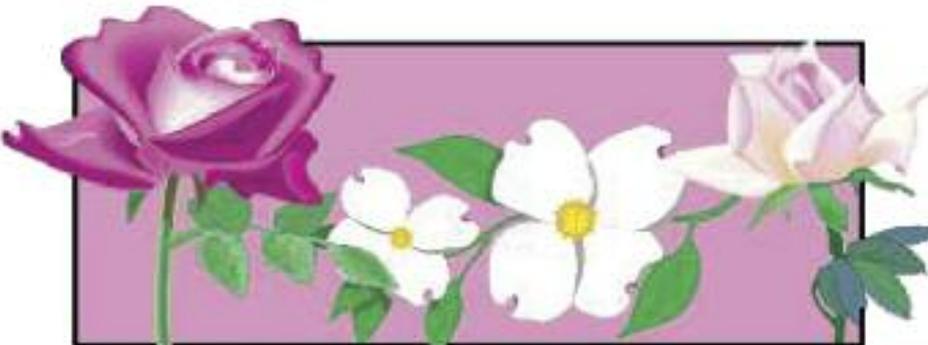
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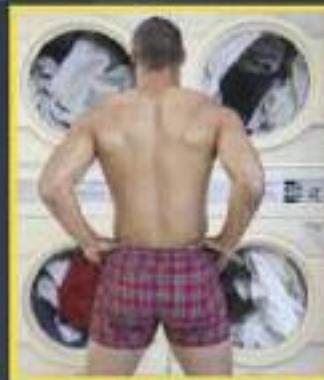
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