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### A Report To The People • A Staff Report

The Allegheny West Foundation, our board of directors, our staff and our volunteers wish our readers all the best as we head out of the year 2017 and into the year 2018.

Ronald E. Hinton, Jr., president of Allegheny West Foundation commented, "I started this community newspaper in 2013 and whenever we publish, I hear a lot of positive feedback about our paper. Thank you for that. The team that is responsible for putting the newspaper together is encouraging business owners to advertise in the paper to help us keep publishing it. We also encourage people from the community to send your event announcements to Thera Martin at [theramartin10@gmail.com](mailto:theramartin10@gmail.com) or mail your announcement to the attention of Thera Martin, Allegheny West Foundation, 2330 W. Allegheny Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Phila . PA 19132.

The Allegheny West Foundation still stands by the original goals of its very founders; To always strive to uplift the community and bring economic development, jobs and job training into the community."

According to Ron Hinton, "This can be a pivotal time for inner city neighborhoods like what we have in Philadelphia. In our scope of community and economic development strategies. The area we serve, is the Al-

legheny West neighborhood of North Philadelphia.

Our service area stretches from Ridge Avenue at Allegheny, down three blocks going West on Ridge Avenue, which is a part of East Falls. On the other side, our service area stretches to Broad and Lehigh, Broad and Allegheny and Broad and Hunting Park and back down to Ridge Avenue. The zip codes we serve include 19132, 19140 and sometimes there's an overlap into the 19121 zip code.

The key elected officials who represent this area include U.S. Senator Bob Casey, U.S. Congressman Dwight Evans, PA State Senator Sarif Street, Esq., PA State Senator Vincent Hughes, PA State Representative Rosita C. Youngblood, PA State Representative Emilio A. Vazquez, Philadelphia City Councilwoman Cindy Bass, City Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr., and we're even in a sliver of the 5th council district, led by City Council President Darrell Clarke. In the last 24 months, a more than million dollar renovation project took place on the grounds of the Panati Recreation Center at 3101 N. 22nd Street.

A 1.3 million dollar renovation project, called a "Street Scape" project took place along the official North 22nd Street Business Corridor, from 22nd and W. Lehigh down to 22nd and W. Allegheny Avenue.

The PA State Department of Transportation has a major ongoing reconstruction project along W. Allegheny Avenue, bringing newly

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### AWF After School Program Thriving

by Thera Martin

*"Education is the passport to the future."*

A quote from Malcolm X

The president of the Allegheny West Foundation, Ron Hinton gets it. The quote made by Malcolm X back in the 1960's still stands true today.

"No matter what kinds of programs or development projects that Allegheny West Foundation (AWF), might get involved with in the future, as long as I remain the president, youth education programs will always be a part of our agenda. I have a great team of professional staff that handle the day to day operation of our after school program and our summer youth jobs program. Some of the youth that come our way, might be described by some as "At-Risk" youth, but at the end of the day, I see them as our children, and to a large degree

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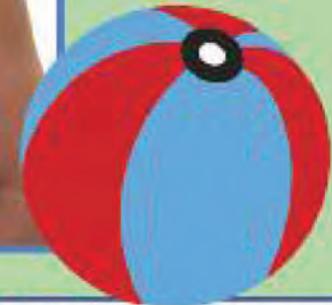
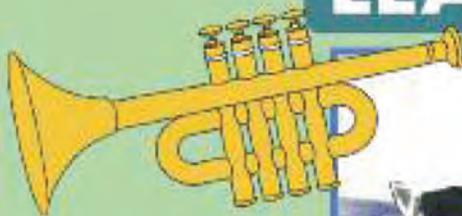
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paved streets, sidewalks and new curbs. At some intersections, new street lights are going up as well. This project is scheduled to be completed by the Fall of 2018.

Allegheny West Foundation continues to keep its eye on the prize, in terms of the vision to build Allegheny West Plaza, a 4 story passive low-income senior citizens apartment building at 22nd and Venango Street, one street behind 22nd and Hunting Park Avenue. We'll know if we have all the funding in place that we need by late April of 2018. It will be a 44-unit apartment building.

Allegheny West Foundation provides low income apartments and houses for rent and some moderate income housing as well, for up to 100 families in our service area. There are many other items of interest we could share but we'll leave it with this one last item:

The Allegheny West Foundation in a further push to brand its name, will no longer call our community store at 2236 W. Hunting Park Avenue, "The AWF TastyKake Thrift Store". It will now be known as "The Allegheny West Foundation Community Store." Peace and prosperity in 2018!

**AWF After School Program Thriving**

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we're responsible for their future." Ron Hinton added, "We have to embrace them with education, culture and exposure to all kinds of positive things such as college tours, career development, financial aid searches, SAT Prep Workshops, Financial Literacy workshops, visits to museums and theatre and more.

This year, the Allegheny West Foundation will operate an after-school program with plans to serve more than 400 students attending elementary, middle, and high schools in the Allegheny West neighborhood of Philadelphia, PA. Our after-school participants will be served at three neighborhood sites: Panati Recreation Center, M Peirce Elementary School, and Dobbins High School. With projected PYN and 21st CCLC funding in 2018, AWF plans to provide a summer youth employment program.

The popular summer staple in our community intends to serve more than 300 students next summer.

Our Panati recreation center will function as our community site for high school students. Peirce Elementary School will focus on students enrolled in 3rd-8th grades. Dobbins High School will serve high school students. The 36-week academic year program will operate from Monday through Friday, from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

The overarching goals for our after school program are to:

- 1) Provide students from lowperforming schools with the academic supports needed to improve their academic performance and meet promotion and graduation standards,
- 2) Provide services needed to enhance participants' literacy and math skills,
- 3) Provide middle and high school students with activities that promote career and post-secondary readiness, and,
- 4) Offer students enrichment activities that expand their curiosity about and mastery of STEM knowledge needed for workforce and postsecondary success.

To learn more about our programs email **Kendra Harris** at: [Ksharris2@verizon.net](mailto:Ksharris2@verizon.net)

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## Allegheny West Foundation/NAC

by Kiesha Garner

Growing in service to and for the community.

The Allegheny West Foundation NAC is growing. Some of the leadership faces and names are changing. Some of the steadfast faithfuls are still hanging in there, such as the president of the AWF/NAC, Regina Smith, Joyce Smith and Tuttie Edwards, both board members. Kiesha Garner, one of the Allegheny West Foundation staffers, handles the day to day operations of the NAC. The AWF/NAC Office is located at 2330 W. Allegheny Avenue. The hours of operation are 8:30am-4:30pm, Mondays through Fridays. Call before you come, because a large part of the work we do, is out in the community. We don't want to miss you, so call first. The phone number for the AWF/NAC office is 215-226-0130.

### Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) -

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) continues to implement programs and activities to benefit neighborhood residents. Activities undertaken and planned from September through the month of December:

#### Health & Wealth Forum

During this quarter the NAC coordinated and hosted a Health and Wealth Forum. The meeting took place at Mercy Neighborhood Ministry located at 1939 W. Venango Street. There were various organizations that came out to set up tables, while others gave presentations. In attendance were the following; Linda Creed Breast Cancer, Helping Hand Hospice, Temple Dental, Gaudenzia Inc., Santander Bank and a hearing aid specialist Britt Cardwell.

#### Computer Lab

The NAC continues to offer small computer lab to the community. The computer lab is available for residents who want to job search, create a resume, and things of that nature.

#### Recycle Bin Hub

The NAC continues to distribute recycle bins to the residents. Instead of residents having to contact the city, they can come to the NAC office, which is located right in their neighborhood to pick up a bin.

### Residential Mortgage Foreclosure & Tax Diversion Program

The Neighbor Advisory Committee (NAC) continues to work with the City of Philadelphia in this extremely important program. The NAC staff

goes door to door to talk to residents that are facing foreclosure or tax delinquent. We provide the homeowner with information, so they can obtain the appropriate help. The purpose of this program is to provide the homeowners the opportunity to save their home.

#### Community Meetings

The NAC had a community meeting on Monday, November 20th. The meeting focused on Safety & Security. We had officer Joseph Lukaitis from the 39th Police District. Deborah Cross also came to take about New Courtland Life Center and all of the services and programs that they have to offer to eligible seniors in the community. In addition to the presenters, the candidates that are competing to be on the Neighborhood Advisory Sub-Committee spoke for three minutes about why they want to be on the committee and they mentioned what they had to offer. Lastly, at this meeting we were able to give away turkeys for Thanksgiving to the first 25 people in attendance.

### Neighborhood Advisory Sub Committee (NAS) Election

The NAC is in the process of recruiting 13 volunteers to be on the NAS committee.

### LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program)

The NAC office continues to help our resident fill out and turn in their forms to receive government assistance for their heating bill.

#### CAP (Customer Assistance Program)

We assist residents that qualify to fill out the proper paperwork to receive assistance for their electric or gas bill. This is a program that PECO offers to its low-income residential customer. Customers in this program receive a discount off of their monthly bill.

#### CRP (Customer Responsibility Program)

The NAC offers residents assistance in filling out the forms for CRP. This program is offered through Philadelphia Gas Works. This program helps low income residents afford their monthly bill. The amount of a person's bill is determined by their incomes.

#### Referral Services

The NAC continue to refer residents to the Division of Housing and Community Development for the following programs:

- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Foreclosure & Tax Diversion Program
- Basic Systems Repair Program
- Emergency Heater Hotline
- Settlement Assistance Grant
- Homeownership Programs

- Phil Loan
- Resume Assistance
- LIHEAP
- CAP
- CRP

The Neighborhood Advisory Sub Committee Election was held on December 4, 2017 at Panati Recreation Center located at 3101 N. 22nd Street. The following candidates won the election and are now the new Neighborhood Advisory Subcommittee members:

- Nicole Adamison
- Dorothy Bray
- Delores Cobb
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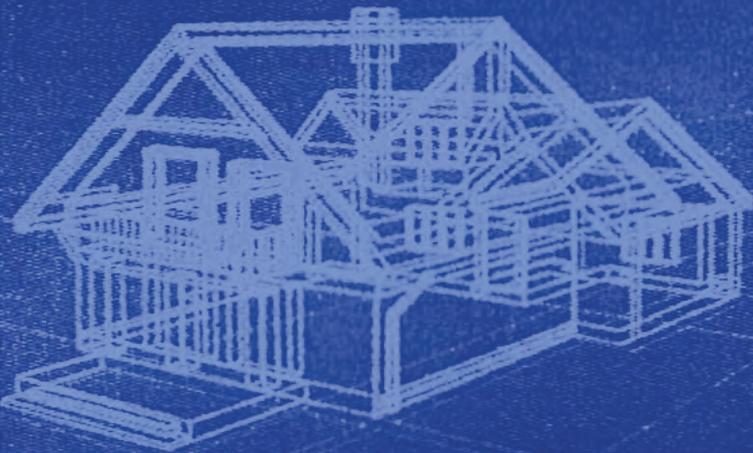
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## Crime Report From 39th Police District

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The homicide statistics for 2017 represent the daily count (statistics reflect the accurate count during normal business hours, Monday through Friday) and year-to-date total for victims of homicide and are subject to reclassification according to the rules and

regulations of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) guidelines. As of December 19, 2017, (deadline for publication of this newspaper), we had 305 murders in Philadelphia this year. That's up fourteen percent from 2016, when the murder total was 268. In 2015 we had a total of 264 people murdered. In lieu of giving a full crime report as we close out the year 2017, we'd rather take this space to

make sure you know a few important things about the 39th Police District.



Anthony Ginaldi is the Captain for the 39th Police District Located at 2201 W. Hunting Park Avenue, Phila. PA 19140  
215-686-3390  
Email: police.co\_39@phila.gov

## Important Dates In January To Know:



- PDAC Meeting January 9, 2018, 6pm, 2201 W. Hunting Park Ave.**
- PSA2 Meeting, January 9, 2018, 6pm, 2201 W. Hunting Park Ave.**
- PSA1 Meeting, January 16, 2018, 6pm 3540 W. Indian Queen Lane**
- Captain's Town Hall Meeting, January 22, 2018, 6pm, 2201 W. Hunting Park Ave.**



*Special Thanks to all the area businesses in the Allegheny West Community that sponsored our annual Christmas Party for Children which took place at the 39th Police District Headquarters on December 19, 2017.*



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## The Economics of Community Building Allegheny West Foundation Plaza (AWF Plaza)

*A passive house senior living community at 2221-31 W. Venango Street, Phila., PA*

Currently, the process of confirming all the funding needed for this development project is still underway. But when you have a vision and a willingness to work smart and hard to uplift the community, good things do happen.

Allegheny West Foundation is working to get The Allegheny West Plaza built. It is an exciting mixed-use project that will bring 45 units of affordable senior housing to low-income individuals, retail commercial space, and AWF consolidated office space in the Allegheny West/Tioga neighborhood of Philadelphia. AWF will turn an imposing, blighting influence into a positive one that serves the dual role of providing low-income housing and commercial amenities to the local neighborhood. AWF currently has ownership of all of the project sites.

Allegheny West Plaza is located close to shopping, transportation, and health and education services. It is a few blocks from the new Bakers Square Shopping Center, and within walking distance to the Kroc Recreation Center. It is also within 1/2 mile of the New Courtland LIFE and Senior Center, which provides an array of services to seniors in the community. An extensive network of bus lines serves the community and a newly renovated Septa bus loop is directly adjacent to the project site.

Summary of Need and Targeted Population: Five (5) units will be reserved for families earning below 20% AMI, 23 will be reserved for those earning below 50%, and the final 17 will be available for those earning up to 60% of the AMI. AWF will secure a \$500 per unit 30-year rent subsidy from the Philadelphia Housing Authority that will allow its tenants a truly affordable living situation.

Meanwhile, a new development broke ground at 17th and Venango Streets in Tioga. New construction market rate

apartments phase one began the week of November 28, 2017

Developers Tom and April LaCorte are building 30 units at 17th and Venango Street that will offer 2 bedrooms and 2 full bathroom apartments. Venango Court phase one will be complete in the Spring of 2018.

As a part of the city of Philadelphia Rebuild project, the Panati Recreation Center is one of the city-owned buildings that is targeted to be torn down. A new recreation center will be built and the only thing we cannot report at the moment, as to what the time line will be, for when Panati Recreation Center will be demolished and how long before the new recreation center will be built. Rest assured readers, City Councilwoman Cindy Bass will keep the community up to date with any and all planning around how soon Panati will be demolished, etc.

Because of the small business owners along the North 22nd Street Business corridor, approximately 270 people are employed from 22nd and W. Lehigh, down to 22nd and W. Allegheny Avenue. The number count for jobs has risen in the last 8 months or so, largely due to the opening of a Save-A-Lot supermarket at Hope Plaza, located at 22nd and W. Lehigh Avenue.

### Developer breaks ground on Venango Court near Temple University Hospital

A new development broke ground at 17th and Venango Streets in Tioga. New Construction market rate apartments phase one began the week of November 28, 2017. Developers Tom and April LaCorte are building 30 units at 17th and Venango that will offer 2 bedrooms and 2 full bath apartments. They will feature Stainless Steel Appliances, dishwasher, microwave, garbage disposal, washer and dryer in each unit, granite counter tops, intercom system,

and security cameras. The new apartments are modular construction, they are built off site, delivered and craned into place. This makes less disruptions for the neighbors, less noise and more efficient. Phase One will have one commercial unit on the 1st floor corner unit that will be located at 17th and Venango Streets it will house LaCorte Property Management. Venango Court Phase One will be complete Spring 2018 and are being marketed to Professionals, Seniors, and Temple Medical Students. LaCorte Property Management is working closely with various community organizations.

### Summer Jobs for Youth In The Allegheny West Foundation Service Area:

The Allegheny West Foundation has been helping teenagers obtain summer jobs for over the last almost 30 years. In fact Philadelphia City Councilwoman Cindy Bass who represents our area, (the eighth council district), got her first job many years ago, through the AWF Summer Youth Jobs program.

AWF partners with the Philadelphia Youth Network, (PYN) to assist youth with locking down jobs for a six week period every summer. From year to year, AWF doesn't know until mid-Spring, how many job slots we will be allotted. The summer of 2017, we were able to help 300 youth get a paid summer job or a paid summer service learning experience. As of publication time for this newspaper, we are not clear on how many youth/teens we'll be able to lead to summer employment, but this much we can share: Teenagers and or their parents and guardians, should start reaching out to AWF in late April, to at least begin the application process for the summer of 2018. Remember the early bird gets the worm!

Allegheny West Foundation is appreciative to Sneaker Villa, who every year for the last five years, has offered more summer job slots to our youth than any other organization. Other area employers who hire our youth every summer include The Salvation

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Army, the office of City Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr., the office of PA State Senator Sharif Street, Esq., Philadelphia Housing Authority, City of Philadelphia Commerce Department, Lorraine's Upscale On Sale Boutique, Jazzy Shears, Eric Holt Optical, of course the Allegheny West Foundation Community Store and a host of other locations.

To learn more about the AWF/Summer Youth Jobs Program, starting mid-April of 2018, call the AWF Headquarters at 215-226-0130.

### What Can You Expect From Allegheny West in 2018?

- A renewed commitment to uplift the community we serve.
- Support to the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Association for Nonviolence Awards Luncheon
- At least one job fair in conjunction with AWF/NAC
- Two community health fairs in conjunction with the AWF/NAC
- A First Time Homebuyers Workshop hosted by AWF/NAC
- A series of Credit Repair Workshops
- A How to start a Business Workshop in conjunction with the N. 22nd Street Business Association
- Show Me The Money for College Workshop w/the AWF After School Program
- SAT Preparatory Workshops
- A 6 week Summer Youth Jobs Program
- Participation in the citywide April Spring Clean-Up Day, in conjunction with AWF/NAC.
- The Annual N. 22nd Street Business Association/AWF Community Appreciation Festival
- Support to the One Day At A Time Back To School Fair and Labor Day Block Party.
- Voter Registration and Education Workshop in conjunction with the AWF/NAC.
- And more!

### How To Dispose of Your Christmas Trees:

The Christmas Tree Recycling Program usually runs the first two weeks of the year. While the program is running, you may bring your Christmas tree to one of 23 designated locations or one of the six Sanitation Convenience Centers. Trees must be untied and have no decorations to make it easy to recycle them. Recycled trees are sent to a vendor that chips them up as a bulking agent for composting. Trees placed curbside will be taken as trash instead of being composted.

#### Saturday-Only Drop-off Locations

Free Christmas tree drop-off is offered city-wide on Saturday, January 2, 2018 and January 13, 2018. There's 14 different locations where you can drop off your Christmas Trees around the city. Go to the city of Philadelphia web site a click on Philadelphia Streets Department for more details.

### Registering to Vote and Important Election Dates in 2018:

Feb. 13, 2018 - 1st day to circulate and file nomination petitions

April 16, 2018 - Last day to register before the primary.

May 8, 2018, - Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

May 11, 2018 - Last day before County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots.

May 15, 2018 - General Primary Election Day

November 6, 2018 - General Election Day

If you would like to submit a community announcement, church announcement or other information important to our community, please submit your information to the attention of Thera Martin, Editor of the Allegheny West Neighborhood Newspaper. Email Ms. Martin at [theraamartin10@gmail.com](mailto:theraamartin10@gmail.com) or mail your article to Thera Martin, Allegheny West Foundation, 1st floor, 2330 W. Allegheny Avenue, Phila. PA 19132.

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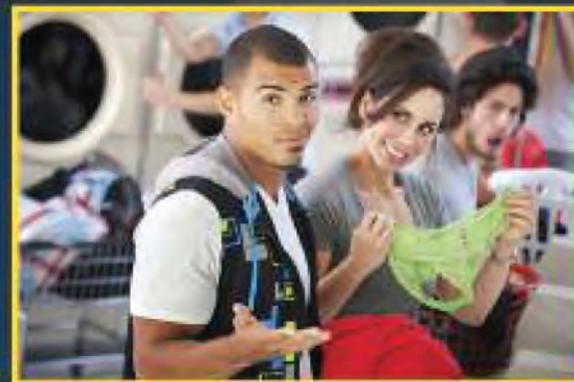
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