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During the Holiday Season

Be Extra Smart, Be Extra Thankful!

Thera Martin-Milling

Allegheny West Foundation

The Holiday Season is in full swing and what comes to mind are a few critical things: For all the small business owners, non-profit organizations and area residents who contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Basket give-aways sponsored by the Allegheny West Foundation Neighborhood Action Committee, AWF thank you for assisting low-income neighbors in our area. Keisha Garner, the AWF/NAC Manager, worked tirelessly with two volunteers to ensure that 200 families got a turkey and all the trimmings to go with it, for Thanksgiving 2014. Above and beyond that, Ronald E. Hinton, Jr.,



(File photo of One Day At A Time Annual Christmas Day Toy Give-Away in our community)

Photo by Thera Martin Milling

President of the Allegheny West Foundation commented, "At the AWF/TastyKake Thrift Store Outlet at 2236 W. Hunting Parking Avenue, in addition to what our AWF/NAC did, we also gave away Turkey Baskets to

35 families who live in the heart of the Allegheny West community of North Philadelphia. Also keeping in the spirit of the Thanksgiving Holiday, Keisha Garner hosted a Pre-Thanksgiving Day Dinner treat for a group of some 15 youth who are now a part of a new afterschool program at Panati Recreation Center. The children were treated to a full dinner meal and dessert. Many thanks to all who thought it not robbery to make a donation to help support the cause.

While being thankful, we also need to be extra safety-smart during the holiday season. Scam artists are out there and so are thieves. When you go shopping, be it on North 22nd Street,

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Sen. Kitchen's Partners with PHAN

Offering Constituents Assistance in Enrolling for Health Coverage

Kentia Waters

State Senator Kitchen's office

Philadelphians who need help navigating the healthcare marketplace, or help with applying for Medical Assistance can get free, impartial assistance in Senator Kitchen's District Office.

The Pennsylvania Health Access Network (PHAN) will assist Third District constituents in enrolling for

healthcare coverage, whether it's an affordable insurance plan on the Healthcare Marketplace, or Medicaid through PA's Medicaid Expansion: Healthy PA.

PHAN will take appointments in Kitchen's District Office, located at 1701 W. Lehigh Ave., Suite 104, every Monday, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., starting Dec. 22. Constituents must call (877) 570-3642 to make an appointment. No

walk-ins will be accepted.

PHAN is a statewide coalition of organizations working to protect high-quality health insurance coverage for individuals and businesses and to expand coverage to the uninsured."

"Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act are the keys to giving people peace of mind," Sen. Kitchen said. "But opening the door to either coverage opportunity isn't always

easy. Offering assistance directly in my office will help Philadelphians confidently choose plans on the marketplace they can afford, or see if they qualify for free healthcare via Healthy PA."

Residents who are not enrolled in a health care plan by Feb. 15 may have to pay a penalty.

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Economic Development On the Rise in Allegheny West Community



Pictured here are some of the key players involved with getting New Courtland Life building opened at 19' and W. Allegheny Avenue.

Photo by Thera Martin Milling

NewCourtland Brings LIFE To Allegheny West Community

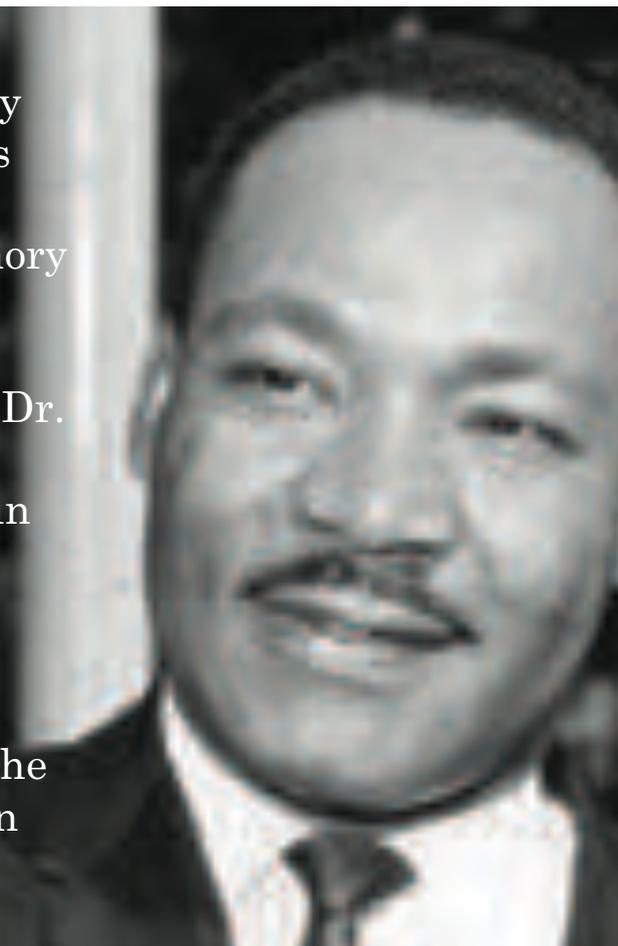
NewCourtland, a non-profit provider of community services, affordable senior housing, and skilled nursing care celebrated the opening of its newest LIFE (Living Independently for Elders) Center in May of this year. On the same day, they also broke ground on a new, 60 unit, affordable senior housing complex next door. Located at 1900 W. Allegheny Avenue in North Philadelphia, the LIFE Center and proposed seven-story apartment complex anchor the 5.5 acre Allegheny Senior Community and NewCourtland's commitment to combining affordable senior housing with supportive services wherever possible and appropriate. "The need for high-quality, affordable senior housing in Philadelphia cannot be overstated," said Gail Kass, president and CEO of NewCourtland. "And by linking new housing with supportive services such as LIFE, NewCourtland is providing an innovative and efficient way for Philadelphia seniors to age safely and affordably in the place they call home." The NewCourtland LIFE program provides a broad range of healthcare and supportive services to seniors with a focus on keeping them in their own homes and communities. "Philadelphia has the highest proportion of seniors of any major city in the U.S.," noted Bonnie Rose, Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary, Office of Long Term Living. "More and more of those seniors and their families want the option of staying in their own home and having access to the medical care they need. NewCourtland has been a leader in advancing that model both in housing and care." "Congratulations to all the partners who worked so hard to make this project happen," said Alan Greenberger, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development.

"This is exactly the type of public-private partnership that combines resources with strong providers to serve communities throughout Philadelphia. The City will continue to invest in our seniors to ensure high quality care and to ensure that they are able to continue their life without concern of sustainable and affordable housing." The apartments at Allegheny, slated to open in 2015, will offer spacious and modern one-bedroom apartments for low-income seniors age 62 and older. A preference will be given to those applicants in need of supportive services, such as the LIFE program. NewCourtland is a Philadelphia based non-profit, senior service provider. To learn more, log onto www.newcourtlnd.org or call 1-888-530-4913.

The Allegheny West Foundation (AWF) Has been in existence since the early 1970 and we're committed to serving our community. We focus on economic and community development. We work with our youth in an after school program at a Dobbins H. S. and we work to assist the N. 22nd Street Merchants Association, amongst other things, For more details on AWF log on our web site at [www. A West.org](http://www.AWest.org)



Save this date: Monday January 19, 2015. This is the National Holiday in Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Come celebrate Dr. King with the Phila. Dr. Martin Luther King Association for Non-violence annual awards luncheon. Call the King Association for details at 215-751-9300



Retired Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers He's One Of Us

An Allegheny West Newspaper Staff Report

The RAH Civic Association hosted their regular general membership meeting for residents who live in the area of 31st and W. Allegheny Avenue, down to Ridge Avenue, just past Scott Lane. The meeting was well attended, even though it was a cold, wet October evening. The meeting was held at the Saint James Chapel at 32nd and Clearfield Streets. After a presentation from a weatherization expert, next up on the agenda was a celebration of now retired Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers, who lives in the RAH service area for many years of his life. He's one of us. Not only did the RAH Civic Association celebrate Lloyd Ayers, so did the

Community Action Group and the Residents Coalition. Ralph Wynder, most recent past Leader of the 38th ward and President of the Residents Coalition stated, "Over all the years that I've known Lloyd, he's always remained a steadfast friend and supporter and he's never forgotten from whence he has come. I will always treasure our friendship".

Commissioner Ayers received a standing ovation as he accepted his award. Looking back at his work history with the city of Philadelphia, it should be noted that Lloyd Ayers graduated from the Philadelphia Fire department from Class 143 of the Philadelphia Fire Academy and he's been a Fireman for the last 40 years. He began work as a firefighter in North Philadelphia, but over four decades, has worked in every part



Now Retired Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers, celebrated by his own community recently

Photo by Thera Martin Milling

of the city from Roxborough to Southwest Philadelphia. Over time he rose through the ranks to lieutenant, captain, battalion chief, to finally being appointed Commissioner in December 2004. What's on the

agenda for the Fire Commish now that he's retired? He says he and his wife will travel and also will look to do other things to continue to be of service to the city they both love dearly.

RAH Civic Association On The Move

Darece Wiliford President of CAG

The Ridge Allegheny Hunting Park Civic Association, (RAH) kept very busy all year long. They remained committed to sponsoring clean-ups – all up and down their part of W. Allegheny Ave., from Ridge to 31st and W. Allegheny Avenue. Senior Citizens from the RAH Civic Association service area were treated to lunch at the Country Buffet earlier this year

and to the movies. At least 5 general membership meetings were held in 2014 by RAH, a number of families benefited from the RAH efforts to feed a few needy families during Thanksgiving and again for Christmas, RAH was busy collecting contributions from area businesses and others, to purchase some gift items for children who come from low-income homes so they will have a nice Christmas. RAH Civic

Association, under the leadership of its President Rosalie Cooper, placed a wonderful "Welcome To Our Area" sign on property owned by John Dawkins, the owner of the McDonalds at 31st and W. Allegheny Avenue. Special thanks to National Penn Bank for supporting our vision and special thanks to McDonalds Owner John Dawkins for supporting our work as well and to all others who support RAH.

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Darece Wiliford President of CAG

Community Action Group, (CAG) is asking residents and businesses to show pride in our community by looking out for your neighbors, helping to keep the neighborhood clean and teaching children to throw trash in receptacles. We asked that residents sweep their sidewalks on a regular basis and that businesses sweep the pavement in front of their business before opening to the public each morning. Today

it is very rare to see a business owner or employee sweeping their pavement.

We must hold businesses accountable and insist that they keep their business neat and clean with no loitering, or we must not support them. We are especially asking for the pride in the neighborhood to shine because we don't want to see piles of trash as the base of poles holding our brand new green and white CAG banners. Our banners are saying to the world that we do "Love Where We Live and Live Where We Love."



The picture next to this story is of summer youth workers cleaning up on N. 22nd Street. However, the point we want to make is that all businesses should have someone assigned, who will sweep in front of their door, every day. It's about keeping our neighborhoods, our community, clean.

Crime Report From 39th Police District

Do not become a victim of theft from auto: Do not leave any personal items or packages in your vehicle unattended. It only takes a moment to prevent yourself from becoming a victim.

Here's a Burglary Alert: Attention all residents in our Allegheny West community: Home break-ins are continuing to be reported too often. When leaving your residence, first check all doors and windows to make sure they're secured and locked. Remember to close your curtains or blinds so that others cannot see what you have. If you live in an apartment complex and observe suspicious persons in or around the complex, please notify security immediately. If you have a security system at your residence, arm it when you leave for even those short trips to the store. If you notice suspicious activity or anyone acting suspicious call 911 immediately. For a free security survey of your residence, call 39th Police District Community Officers Lukatis or Keys at 215-686-2751.

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.

Nov. 25, 2014 - 2:44am, 2200 block of W. Allegheny Ave., Retail Theft, under \$50. 35 packets of Slim Jims stolen. Complainant who is employee at BP Gas Station states offender took items out the store, without paying. Complainant states he has video footage but won't be able to provide it at this time. Males was arrested and transported to NWDD for processing.

Nov. 24, 2014 - 11:50pm 100 block W. Wyneva St.



Photo from Mon. Nov. 2, 2014 Public Community Meeting at 39th Police District Headquarters on W. Hunting Park Avenue.

This is an opportunity to network with Police officers and share concerns.

Burglary at private residence. Forcible entry. Black Male, wearing hoodie and green pants. Complainant states offender tried to get into her house. Former partner in process of divorce. Offender got in house. He was placed under arrest.

Nov. 2014 - 8am, 5000 block Germantown Ave. Theft of auto. Complainant states she last saw her car parked on the 5000 block of Germantown Ave. at 8am. 07 Mercedes, white.

Nov. 24, 2014 - 10:30pm, Allegheny Ave. and Pennock St., Aggravated Assault. 4 black males, early 20's. Complainant states 1 of the 4 males he had a previous altercation with, asked him for light. Complainant stated,

"No. I don't have an 'F' light. Then turned around and started to walk away when someone hit him from behind with a bat behind his knees. Male fell to the ground. All 4 males began kicking him and hitting him with a bat. Complainant transported by medics with 3 inch laceration to left side of head/ Left eye closed, swollen lip. No arrests.

Nov. 17, 2014 - 3100 block, W. Allegheny Ave. Retail Theft at Auto Parts Store. Value, under \$50, Con Air Fast Cut Pro. Black Male, 41-45 yrs, 5'5", stocky build, dark complexion, green jacket, black pants. The manager of business states offender took item and fled store. Fled eastbound on Allegheny Ave.

Nov. 16, 2014 - 3000 block, N. 20th St.- Domestic Violence/Aggravated Assault. Black female, 36-40 years of age. Complainant states during argument w/his live-in girlfriend, (she was intoxicated), she picked up a knife and began pointing it at him. Offender left home once complainant called for police. Complainant is aware as to process of obtaining a PFA Order. Both parties were intoxicated. No arrests.

On the fourth Monday of every month, except in case of a holiday, the 39th Police District holds an open community meeting, where residents and other concerned citizens can come and share concerns relate dot public safety in the area. The meetings starts at 6:00 p.m. and generally run for about an hour and thirty minutes. There will be no meeting in December, however a meeting is scheduled for the fourth Monday in January, which will be January 26, 2015, pending no inclement weather.

Available Commercial properties in Allegheny West Community as of Dec. 2014

3029 N. 22nd Street for Rent
by Owner, 1-917-806-6143

2121 N. 22nd St. (Now Vacant) Formerly a hair salon.
No phone number

2859 N. 22nd St. (Formerly Lois Nelson Hair Salon)
267-250-7028 or 267-582-0246

2803 N. 22nd Street (For Lease)
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SEPTA Brings A 1.4 Million Dollar Bus Loop Improvement Project to 23rd & Venango

Joining a wave of redevelopment occurring in the Allegheny West corridor, SEPTA recently gathered with local officials and community members to break ground on a major reconstruction of the 23rd and Venango Bus Loop. The project will result in the full renovation of a key, but aging facility as the busy loop that also fronts Hunting Park Avenue.

"In addition to modern amenities for customers, we envision the completed loop as a grand gateway to the revitalization efforts now underway in this section of North Philadelphia" said SEPTA General Manager Joseph M. Casey at the groundbreaking ceremony, where he was joined by the community members and officials including Philadelphia Councilwoman Cindy Bass, Allegheny West Foundation President Ronald Hinton, and other elected, business and community leaders.

Full construction kicked off this summer. Taking about 10 months to complete. The project will result

in a variety of improvements in and around the facility including:

- New bus boarding islands, passenger shelters, enhanced lighting, trash cans and recycling bins and signage. Bike racks will also be installed.
- Safety enhancements for customers. Pedestrians and motorists using surrounding roads with bus lane and crosswalk striping, a new bus driveways, and repaved [pedestrian sidewalks.
- Full accessibility under the Americans for Disabilities Act (ADA). ADA-cuts.
- New landscaping on the site and its perimeter will improve the atmosphere for riders and residents.

The \$1.7 million to be used for the 23rd and Venango Project will come from savings from funds secured with the assistance of U.S. Representative Chaka Fattah for a spate bus loop project that came in well under budget. In fact, Allegheny West will see

additional community investment of these funds through another loop improvement project at 35th and Allegheny scheduled for construction in 2015.

SEPTA serves more than 5,000 riders daily at the 23rd and Venango loop which serves as the terminus for Routes 33 and 56 and as a connecting stop on Routes 1 and R. In addition to the transit and neighborhood connections, riders also find the loop provides convenient access to the Salvation Army's Kroc Center, Baker's Centre Shopping Complex, and the ever-popular AWF/TastyKake Store, right next to the Hunting Park side of the SEPTA loop at 23rd Street.

SEPTA looks forward to providing the community with a first class facility, including Community Relations Coordinator Wendy Green Harvey, who encouraged Allegheny West residents and business owners with specific concerns about the projects impact to contact her at 215-580-7661.

Sherman Mills: An Awesome Place to Live and Work

Thera Martin-Milling

Allegheny West Foundation

Thanks to City Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr. and Rosalie Cooper, President of the RAH Civic Association, I was invited to come along on a tour of a place called Dobson Mills, the most eclectic, quaint, cozy, sexy place I've come to enjoy, in this part of Philadelphia, (the Allegheny West area of North Philadelphia). Mark Sherman, the owner of Dobson Mills, shared the story with me. "In March of 2000, this property was pretty much abandoned and stripped out and me and my team came in and for the last 14 years, we developed it for the creative class, commercial users and residential living. So far it's been an ideal location geographically, in the middle of everything center city. We're close to Northeast Philadelphia, Germantown, Chestnut Hill, and North Philadelphia, as well. We're pretty close to



Pictured here are some of the key players involved with getting New Courtland Life building opened at 19' and W. Allegheny Avenue.

Photo by Thera Martin-Milling

everything. We're close to key Universities, including Temple, University of Penn, St. Joe's University and Philadelphia University. People looking for wonderful apartments can look here. Down the line, we plan to offer condos as well. That's a long range plan to condo things out and have ownership for everybody

who's renting now. The really interesting piece here is that there's very affordable housing for people of all financial levels. It is also an incubator for small businesses. If you are a start-up company, this is the place you want to come".

Mark Sherman says there's close to 100 small businesses housed currently at Sherman Mills, with space still available for more renters. On the wellness end, they have chiropractors, accupuncturers, massausers and colonic wellness facilities. They have businesses that do palates classes, a fitness facility, on the physical education side of life, and also there's plenty of hair salons. There's also the creative artists, painters, potters, jewelry maker.

The history before Mark Sherman owned

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CAG Summer Farmer's Market Was Big Hit



Community Action, (CAG) hosted a weekly Farmers Market the summer of 2014 at the corner of 26th and W. Allegheny Avenue. the President of CAG Darece Williford Shop with delight.

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North 22nd Street And In Community

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The North 22nd Street Merchants Association welcomes you to shop year-round on North 22nd Street, and definitely during the Holiday Season. Why give yourself headaches taking a long drive to a mall somewhere outside of the city, when more often than not, a lot of what you can purchase at a big name fancy mall, you can find on North 22nd Street.

22nd Street may not have everything one can find at a Mall with over 300+ shops and stores, however, North 22nd Street can hold its own. So here's a little insight to the kinds of wonderful gift items shoppers can purchase on the North 22nd Street Business Corridor, between 22nd and West Lehigh, down to 22nd and W. Allegheny Avenue. Stop by Love Wear at 2901 N. 22nd Street. They have the hippest, sexiest young women's clothing, hand bags and accessories that you can find, for

a good price. Then there's Festique Boutique, 2947 N. 22nd Street, which also features women's clothing for special events and celebrations and some casual wear, hand bags and jewelry as well. Another wonderful place to shop for women and children's clothing, is at Fe- Male Fashions located at 2849 N. 22nd Street. They have beautiful dresses for little girls from age 6 months to about 10 years old. They also have a fabulous selection of warm women's leggings

and tights, a wide variety of colors and patterns. They have women's stockings, all sizes, a variety of winter hats, gloves and scarves. They have sweaters and tops and sweat suits as well. While you're there, you can also utilize the services of Group Cruises & Great Escapes. Book your holiday gift trip to yourself, at a warm exotic island. Group Cruises can do that for you. Why not treat yourself this

Shop continued on page 17

Councilman Curtis Jones:

Block Captain Boot Camps A Hit

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Allegheny West Foundation

City Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr. (4th District), hosted the 7th Annual Block Captain Boot Camp and

First Annual District Day Festival last August, (August 16, 2014 to be exact). The Block Captain Boot

Camp took place at Beeber Middle School, 5925 Malvern Avenue. Immediately following the Block

Captains Boot Camp, Jones hosted the first annual District Day Street Festival on Upland Way between

57th & 59th Streets. The Block Captain Boot Camp and District Day Festival provided community

leaders across the 4th

Council District a day of empowerment, leadership training, neighborhood improvement and celebration.

The Block Captain Boot Camp is an opportunity for block captains to forge new connections with fellow

block captains, as well as receive information about city services and programs to share with

neighbors. Over 300 registered block captains attended and learned about tools and resources to improve

their neighborhood blocks.

"Good neighbors look out their windows, see what's going on and shake their heads. Great neighbors

open their door, see what's happening and get involved," says Councilman Jones. "Block

Captains Boot

Camp prepares and equips great neighbors to get engaged in their communities."

Corporate and community partners and city agencies were on-site to provide personalized assistance,

answer questions for block captains and residents, and provide resources and giveaways. Partners included the Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Licenses and Inspection, The Streets

Department, the Energy Coordinating Agency, Keystone Health, Comcast, Wells Fargo and many others.

District Day was free and open to the public and Councilman Jones and his staff

look forward to hosting

another Block Captains Boot Camp in 2015, along with another District Day Festival.

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A Look At The Allegheny West Foundation Summer Job Program



Destiny Saunders says she enjoyed her work experience at Moody and Shields Law Group



This is Mya and she worked as a Youth Counselor at Salvatino Army Kroc Center this summer. She is 15 and a student at Truebright Charter School.



Here's (2) of the youth men who worked at the Allegheny West TastyKake Thrift Store this summer.



Here's AWF Youth Worker Isiah Turner, with his Manager at Sneaker Villa At Germantown and Venango Street.



Terrell and Jessy doing a clean-up on North 22nd Streets.



Talking T-Shirt on North 22nd Street with owner, Mr. Williams



Terrell, Jessy and Cortez at memorial for 3 murdered children at Germantown & Allegheny Ave.. The children murdered at that spot Friday, July 25, 2014



(L to R) Terrell, Cortez and Jessy, who were assigned to work with Thera Martin Milling at AWF Headquarters, getting a lecture from Jessie White, Head of Maintenance Services for AWF.



Tyshera Thompson was one of the youth assigner to work for Carson Valley. They had a summer youth camp at E. Washington Rhoades School. Tyshera is a student at Dobbins H.S.



AWF Summer Youth Workers in a workshop at Panati Recreation Center.



*Pictured here are some of the Allegheny West Foundation summer youth workers, 2014
Photos by Thera Martin Milling*



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First African-American Woman Youngblood Elected To Caucus Leadership Post

Thera Martin-Milling
Allegheny West Foundation

With her election this week to the post of House Democratic Caucus secretary, state Rep. Rosita C. Youngblood, D-Phila., became the first African-American woman to hold a caucus leadership position since the Pennsylvania General Assembly was organized in 1682.

First elected to represent the 198th Legislative District in 1994 and currently serving as Democratic chairwoman of the House Gaming Oversight Committee, Youngblood will now take on administrative duties, track votes on the House floor and work with others in caucus leadership to develop legislation, policy and strategy.

"I am honored and proud to have been elected as the



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Pennsylvania House Democratic Caucus secretary for the upcoming legislative session," Youngblood said. "And to become the first ever African-American woman elected to a House leadership position is both humbling and hard to believe, since so many talented African-American women have served in this chamber throughout the years. But I look forward to working with my colleagues on board

Youngblood took over the position upon her election by fellow House Democrats on Nov. 12.



The Saturday, June 28, 2014 North 22nd Street Community Day Festival was a huge success!

Photo by Thera Martin Milling

(for Allegheny West Neighborhood Newspaper)

Community News Bites:

a wonderful on property owned by John Dawkins, the owner of the McDonalds at 31st and W. Allegheny Avenue. Special thanks to National Penn Bank for supporting our vision and special thanks to McDonalds Owner John Dawkins for supporting our work as well and to all others who support RAH., submitted by Rosalie Cooper, President, RAH

Community Action Group, (CAG) is asking residents and businesses to show pride in our community by looking out for your neighbors, helping to keep the neighborhood clean and teaching children to throw trash in receptacles. We asked that residents sweep their sidewalks on a regular basis and that businesses sweep the pavement in front of their business before opening to the public each morning. Today it is very rare to see a business owner or employee sweeping their pavement. We must hold businesses accountable and insist that they keep their business neat and clean with no loitering, or we must not support them. We are especially asking for the pride in the neighborhood to shine because we

don't want to see piles of trash as the base of poles holding our brand new green and white CAG banners. Our banners are saying to the world that we do "Love Where We Live and Live Where We Love.", submitted by Darece Wiliford, President of CAG.

The Allegheny West Foundation Neighborhood Action Committee, (AWF/NAC), has also had a positive and busy year, having hosted 6 Community Meetings, and several workshops including one health fair and one workshop that focused on how to save your home from foreclosure. The NAC operates and afterschool program for elementary age students, 4 days a week between 3:30:pm-5pm. The youth get to enjoy arts and crafts, computer games and assistance with navigating through homework if that's needed. Regina Smith is President of the AWF/NAC and in January of 2015, they'll be having elections for new officers. For details contact Kiesha Garner, at 267-249-5203.

38th Ward Leader Mark Green reports that now is the time to make sure all people age 18 and older



"Welcome To Our Area" sign

The Ridge Allegheny Hunting Park Civic Association, (RAH) kept very busy all year long. They remained committed to sponsoring clean-ups— all up and down their part of W. Allegheny Ave., from Ridge to 31st and W. Allegheny Avenue. Senior Citizens from the RAH Civic Association service area were treated to lunch at the Country Buffet earlier this year and to the movies. At least 5 general membership meetings were held in 2014 by RAH, a number of families benefited from the RAH efforts to feed a few needy families during Thanksgiving and again for Christmas, RAH was busy collecting contributions from area businesses and others, to purchase some gift items for children who come from low-income homes so they will have a nice Christmas. RAH Civic Association, under the leadership of its President Rosalie Cooper, placed



38th Ward Leader Mark Green

are registered voters. If you have not yet registered to vote, do it now! The last day to register to vote before the Primary Election day is April 20, 2015. The Primary Election next year, will take place May 19, 2015, which is Malcom X Birthday. Please register and vote! Submitted by Mark Green.

If you would like community or church news included in our February edition of the newspaper, please submit to theramilling@gmail.com, or call Thera Martin Milling at 267-402-6313. (Must be submitted by January 31, 2015 to be in February Newspaper).

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Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable Presents "College Application Day" At Murrell Dobbins CTE

The Philadelphia College Prep Roundtable (PCPR) and the Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling (PACAC) have a goal—increase the number of first-generation and low income college students entering college. Realizing that the first stumbling block towards achieving this goal may very well be the complex college application process, they sought assistance from area education partners to help high school seniors navigate the complex college admissions process. Two-thousand fourteen is the first year of participation for PA and NJ schools in the American College Application Campaign. "We are modeling an effort as a community to help high school seniors understand the college application

process which can be intimidating," said PCPR Director Thomas Butler. Experts from area post-high schools were on hand to help students fill out hard copy and on line applications. Workshops on Writing a College Essay and Funding Post-High School Education were also on hand.

More than 50 volunteers from the higher education community and distinguished Dobbins Alumni and Friends of the Alumni offered words of encouragement and inspiration to the members of the Class of 2015. Superintendent Hite welcomed those in attendance and thanked the volunteers for their service.

The list of distinguished speakers included:
State Senator Shirley Kitchen;
Fire Commissioner Derrick Sawyer;

Retired Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers '69; Retired Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson '60; Fire Captain Lisa Forrest '99; Sheriff Jewell Williams '75; Deputy Commissioner of Wills, Ralph Wynder '67; Barbara Dawkins '65 Owner/Operator McDonald's Franchises; Red Cross Regional Director Chaz Allen '97; NBA Coach Doug Overton '87; Commanding Officer Forensic Science Center Dr. Brandville G. Bard, Jr. '88; Emmanuel Bussie '83 JPM Chase; and Rev. Glenn Spaulding, Deliverance Evangelistic Church.

Other Alumni Volunteers included:
Thomas Matthews '68, Denise (Dean) Smith '74; Carl Moore '79; John Bowie '74; David Rainey '53; Michael Johnson '78; Susan Walker '71; Darlene (Reed)

Beasley '71; Johnathan Tyler '71; Sherry (Wilson) Butler '68; Reuben Jones '82; retired VP-Comcast, Sharon Ingram '70; Greg 'Bo' Kimble '85; retired Under Sheriff Connie Little '65; Coach Richard Yankowitz; retired Business Teacher, Charles Shirley; retired Mathematic teachers Rhonda Baker and Judy Gaskins; Cosmetology Instructor Lori Martin '75 and Alumni President Carolyn (Cole) Monson '64. "It's important that all of our students are career and college ready", said Dobbins High School Principal Dr. Toni Damon. This event was a step towards that end.

"We are appreciative of everyone helping our over 100 12th graders with the college application process."

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holiday season? Check out Lorraines Upscale on Sale Boutique at 2827 N. 22nd Street. They feature the most darling little girl tutu's and all that girlie stuff that our little angels will love as Christmas or Kwanzaa presents. They also have some lovely costume jewelry at Lorraines. Or for the sneaker lovers in our families, stop by Top's Sports Wear at 2959 N. 22nd Street or stop by Olympia Sports at 2923 N. 22nd Street for all your sporting fashions from sneakers to gym-wear. At Yadain's Exotic Scents, man— you can go crazy. They have the best shay butter in a variety of delicious smelling scents, natural soaps, often using products direct from the mother land, specialized incense and other unique gift items. Yadain's is located at 2937 N. 22nd Street. Mohammed's Oasis at 2923 N. 22nd Street features discount gloves, hats, scarves, incense and oils. Or the men in your world, the place to shop for them on North 22nd Street, is at Tommy's Men Shop, at 2917 N. 22nd Street. They sell men's suits, shirts, jackets, coats, hats, shoes, socks, ties, wallets and cuff links. Check out Tommy's in business for over 65 years.

If it's a cell phone you want to purchase as a gift for someone, 22nd Street brags of seven cell phone businesses. They are: Cricket at 2940 No. 22nd, True Mobile at 2922 N. 22nd, Metro PCS at 2811 N. 22nd, Virgin Mobile at 2907 N. 22nd, 22nd

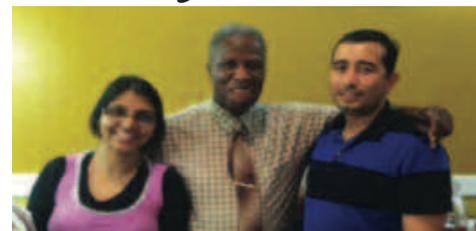
Street Wireless at — N. 22nd Street. Need your hair fab for the holidays? North 22nd Street has an abundance of outstanding beauty salons and barbershops. The beauty salons are: Ne Ne's Hair Braiding, at 2960 N. 22nd, Lewis Hair Styling at 2910 N. 22nd, Me' Shellay's Hair Studio at 2840 N. 22nd, Jazzy Shear's Hair Salon at 3001 N. 22nd, Lorraine Savage Hair Salon at 2817 N. 22nd, Fatima's African Hair Braiding, at 2821 N. 22nd, Leslie's Hair Salon at 2825 N. 22nd, E. S. Dominican Hair Stylist, 2921 N. 22nd, Bella Diosa Dominican Hair Stylist, 291 N. 22nd, Hair Connections at 2838 N. 22nd, and In The Beaute Box at 3033 N. 22nd. Talk about choices and licensed cosmetologists and barbers with some skills. Come find them on N. 22nd Street. We have E. & J. Jewelry Store at 2905 N. 22nd. Looking for a diamond ring or wedding band or other precious stones? They have them at E. & J. Jewelry. On North 22nd Street we have Khal's Nail Salon at 2844 N. 22nd.

We have Creative Nail Salon at 2863 N. 22nd, and we have All That Nails at 2953 N. 22nd. Want to give a gift of an upgrade on a computer for a love done? Come to B-Mor technologies at 3133 N. 22nd Street. They rebuild and refurbish computers as well as fix computers. We have three hair supply/discount stores along N. 22nd Street, a wine and liquor

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Community Activist

Bobby Williams



Belated Happy 79th birthday

Councilwoman Cindy Bass

Welcomes 8th District Constituents To Her New District Office

City Councilwoman Cindy Bass held a grand opening for her new district office November 1, 2014. The new office is located in the Nicetown Area of her district, at 4439-A Germantown Avenue. The phone number is 215-685-9182 and the hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

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at Bakers Square Shopping Center, At Sherman Mills, or wherever it is that you shop, do not leave valuables and gifts in your car, in full view of potential of thieves. When walking to and from your vehicle, day time or night, be aware of all your surroundings and who may be walking near year. The same advice goes for pedestrians and for people who

State Rep. Leslie Acosta



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(D) State Rep.- Elect Leslie Acosta says she'll hit the ground running after being sworn -in in January to represent the people of the 197th Legislative district. Her main District Office will be located at 511 W. Courtland St., Suite 197, Phila. PA 19140. The phone number is 215-457-5281.

depend on public transit to get around. Finally, a word to the wise, don't spend above and beyond what you can afford, to avoid headaches once the glitz of the Holiday Season is behind us. Don't forget, January is coming and the bills will be coming too! Think and spend smart this holiday season.

Having said all of that, have a wonderful Holiday Season everyone. Just be safety-smart while doing it!

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store, as well as several Stop-n-Go's where one can purchase beer and other adult liquid refreshments.

If you really want to treat yourself to something important, as you prepare to welcome in the New Year, how about handling your business and having a professional will written by the attorneys at Moody Shields Law Group at 2958 N. 22nd.

Then let me not leave out the business owners who sell food that you can prepare at home who have wonderful businesses and who offer great prices, on North 22nd Street. There's Dave's Meat Market at 2831 N. 22nd and Pacific Fish and Seafood at 2918 N. 22nd.

If you have some electronics that need to be repaired come to Sutton Electronics at 2807 N. 22nd and Rainbow Electronics in the 2900 block has great prices on electronic devices, cell phone covers, headsets, adaptors, etc. Another great specialty shop on North 22nd Street is Talking T-shirts at 2828 N. 22nd. They have a little of something for everyone if you're into

personalized t-shirts for family reunions and other events or if you like quirky t-shirts with all kinds of jokes and special sayings on them, come to the Talking T-Shirt.

At Hope Plaza, which is a part of the North 22nd Street Merchants Association, we have a Thriftway Super Market, a Princess Shop, women's clothing store, a Game Shop, a Dollar City and Hair Store and a Rite Aid Drug store, not to leave out McDonalds.

Finally, this journalist loves to eat when I shop. I can't speak for anyone else, but for me, shopping and eating go hand in hand. On N. 22nd Street there's the fabulous award-winning Denise's Delaccacies Bakery, Des Vignes French Caribbean Cuisine, Isaiah's Sole Restaurant which features Jamaican Cuisine, Fingers, Wings and Pizza, Lucky Cuisine, Moon's Seafood, A&E Grocery, Dunkin' Donuts, Capitol Restaurant, The Donut Shop, China King, 2N2 Breakfast & Lunch, Crown Fried Chicken, Sun Happy Restaurant, Mc Donald's. SUMO Steaks, China Hut and Rosario's Chicken.

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Dobson Mills goes like this: The Mills At East Falls: John Dobson purchased what is now known as Sherman Mills in the 1800's the Dobson Mills complex stretched over nearly 26 acres. Originally used to manufacture yarn, the mills produced everything from wool yarn to blankets, to overcoat material to various other types of textiles and starting in the 1870's, carpets. During the Civil War, Dobson made army blankets and uniforms for the Union Troops.

Sherman Mills is at the bottom of Ridge Avenue, just off W. Allegheny Avenue at Scotts Lane and it's one of Philadelphia's best kept secrets that needs to be told. That's one of the reasons City Councilman Curtis Jones toured the Mills late last Spring with a couple of his staffers. Councilman Jones, while having been to Sherman Mills on tours in the past, said some exciting things have been happening, and he was glad to come out and meet the owners of some of the newest businesses at Sherman Mills. Out of all

of this, the Councilman indicated he's willing to do all that he can, to help spread the word about the "Hidden paradise", which is what he has now dubbed Sherman Mills.

Councilman Jones shared that these businesses he toured, pretty much compliment each other. Jones says he feels with the right marketing, the businesses can be a network of support for each other. For example, there's a Wedding Chapel at Sherman Mills. Councilman Jones envisions people who get married at the wedding chapel, just may want to book the Kairos room, (Banquet facility) for their reception. There's a massage studio at Sherman Mills, and Councilman Jones suggest that a "wedding couple" might want to have a "couples massage" there, just before their wedding day. There's also a new caterer that has set up shop at Sherman Mills, and Jones further connected the dots, by saying perhaps, the people who have receptions or other events at the Kairos Room, might want to use the catering business that's on the grounds of Sherman Mills.



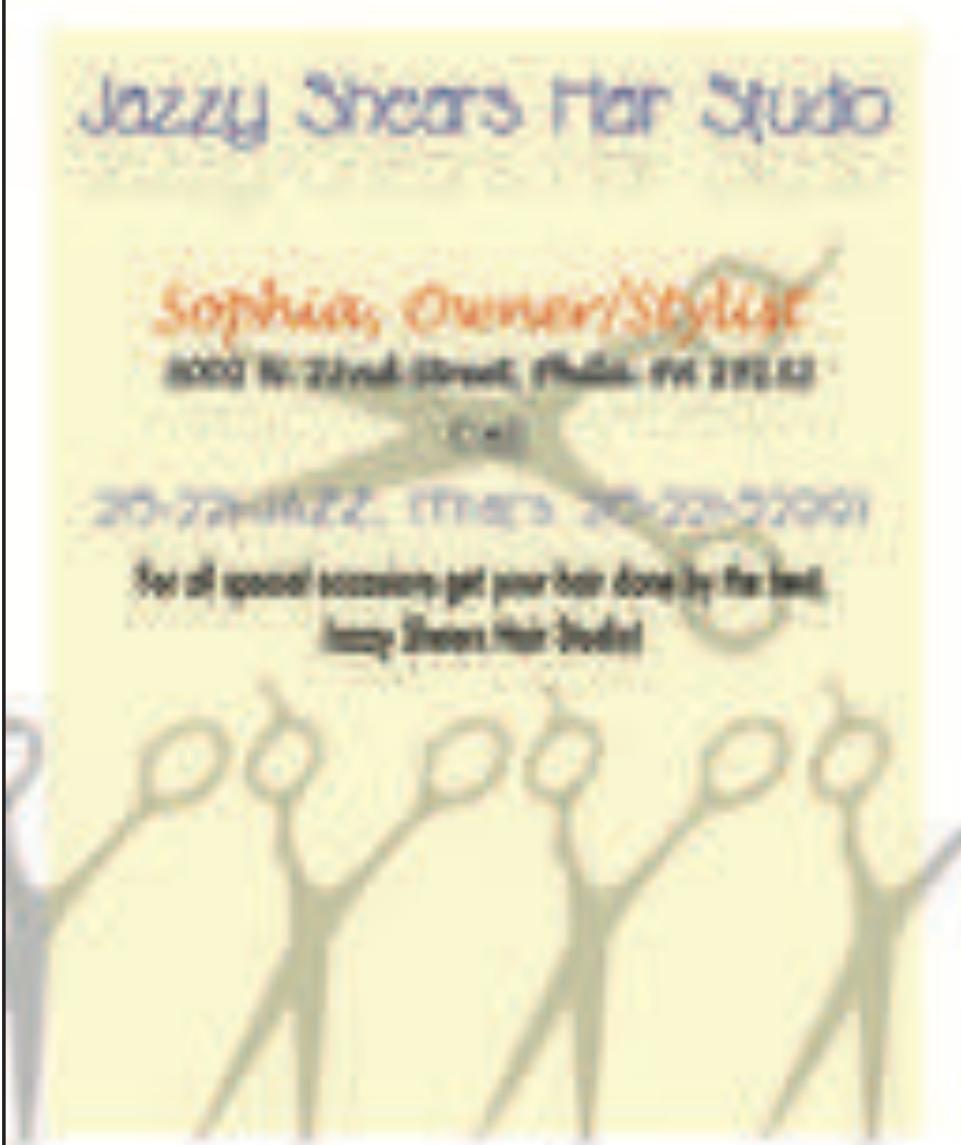
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