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DESTINY – VOTING



When it comes to voting there are three things we ought to consider:

- ✓ our right to vote;
- ✓ our ability to vote;
- ✓ and who has earned our vote.

Our right to vote is based on our ancestors' hopes, dreams, blood, sweat, tears, and deaths, along with 152 years of promises. After the Civil War, millions of formerly enslaved African Americans were granted freedom and full rights to citizenship, including the right to vote. Exercising our right to vote was a challenge, leading many people to work decades to ensure that our ability to vote was met with compliance and not provocation.

While Black men were given voting rights in 1870 when the 15th Amendment stated that voting rights could not be *"denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude"*. Black women were banned from voting until the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. So why shouldn't we exercise our right to vote after so many people worked, marched and died to secure that right – especially when so many tried hard to stop us.

While our right to vote is securely in place (for now), **our ability to vote** is up to us. It's not just a matter of getting to the polls and voting, it's making sure that when we get there, we've done everything needed to be able to walk in the booth and make a sound decision. Which leads us to **who we're voting for**.

Proverbs 29:2 says, *"When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan"*, and we've spent a lot of time groaning recently. Yes. It is challenging to decipher where a candidate stands on important issues when there's so much flip-flopping, opposing voices, mudslinging, opinions, rhetoric and fake news. That just means we have to work a little harder - do a "google" search to learn what the candidate's history is us and our communities; evaluate their pros and cons, and then make an informed decision. Who is best suited for our families, neighborhoods, communities, and schools to provide jobs, decent housing, safer streets, programs for our youth, and a more balanced criminal justice system. Click here to find our state's legislators.

https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/county_list.cfm?CNTYLIST=P&HILADELPHIA

November is right around the corner. Let's remember that we have a hard-fought right to vote, and enough time to review who's running and make an informed decision.

WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURES



When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked rule, the people mourn. *Proverbs 29:2*

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. *1 Timothy 2:1-2*

He changeth the times and the seasons: He removeth kings, and setteth up kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding. *Daniel 2:21*

CALL TO ACTION – VOTE

- **Vote.** It's as simple as that.
Don't let the powers that be dismiss your voice. Let them know loud and clear that we are not going anywhere and our voices count as much as everyone else's.
- ***IF YOU HAVEN'T YET, REGISTER TO VOTE.*** Know where your polling place is and what the hours are so you can determine whether you are going before or after work or another time during the day.
- Take time this month and next, to really ***RESEARCH THE CANDIDATES*** and assess where they truly stand on issues. Click here to find a list of PA legislators.
https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/county_list.cfm?CNTYLIS T=PHILADELPHIA
- Last but not least, ***PRAY FOR DISCERNMENT.*** If we believe God cares for each of us, we know that He is concerned, disturbed but not surprised by what is happening in our cities and in the hearts of man.



TRIVIA QUESTION

What is the common name for dried plums?



(Answer at the end of the newsletter)



A graphic featuring a central portrait of a woman with short, dark, curly hair, wearing a patterned top and a necklace. To the left of the portrait is a dark blue rectangle with the words "DESTINY SPOTLIGHT" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the portrait is a dark grey rectangle with the name "Mrs. Melany Nelson" in white, serif font.

DESTINY SPOTLIGHT

Mrs. Melany Nelson

This month's Destiny Spotlight is on Mrs. Melany P. Nelson, currently working in the District Attorney's Office as the Director of the C.A.R.E.S. (Crisis Assistance, Response, and Engagement for Survivors) Unit. She was previously the Executive Director of Northwest Victims Services (NVS). Melany is also the 2021 David P. Richardson Legacy Award winner, and the 2021 Margery Fry Victim Practitioner Award winner from NOVA (National Organization for Victims Assistance) for National Victims Rights Week – April 18, 2021 – April 24, 2021.

Melany's personal mission – *"To help someone in need everyday. Hour by hour, minute by minute. Crimes are unbelievable."*

Melany grew up in Philadelphia's West Oak Lane area, raised in a Christian home. Her parents, the Reverend Dr. John L. Payne, and First Lady Patricia Payne, were very giving, compassionate people. She remembers her Father as the influential neighborhood dad - coaching the Wildcats and giving coats to the homeless. All were instrumental factors to her life and her work of serving others.

Melany served as the Director of NVS for over 7 years working with 4 police districts. She described her work as amazing and was honored to help so many people. Now she continues her work of serving across the entire city of Philadelphia as the Director of the C.A.R.E.S. Unit, which is housed in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office under the Victim Services Division. Melany's current position provides crisis support, information, and resources to individuals and families who are victims of crime and homicide. Her duties take her to crime scenes, hospitals, and various communities throughout the city.

Sometimes, at the end of her day, it is hard for Melany to shake off the emotions and feelings of trauma. "Homicides are sad, especially when they happen to babies and seniors." Ultimately, self-care is really important and spending time with her loved ones is Melany's self-care. When her workday ends, it is easy for Melany to connect with her family.

Melany values her amazing husband who understands when she needs to just go sit on Kelly Drive to watch the water and enjoy quiet time. Her grandchildren make her heart smile and make her feel as though she does not have a care in the world. Her three amazing children keep her laughing so hard daily which allows her heart to stay young and healthy. Melany's parents restore her hope, and inspiration every day. Her two older brothers check on her throughout the week and they crack many jokes to make her laugh to relieve the stress of her day. "They make sure I'm doing what I need to do to stay safe." Melany loves on her family as much as she can because she understands, "tomorrow is not promised to any of us!"

When asked what can be done to lessen the number of homicides in the city, Melany admitted it is a very hard question because many people are afraid of what is taking place in the city. However, there are many wonderful agencies and people throughout Philly with prevention programs that try to address gun violence - PAAN (Philadelphia Anti-drug Anti-violence Network) is one. Senator Vincent Hughes is also doing amazing things with young people, he genuinely cares about those in our “city of brotherly love and sisterly affection”. And there are others like YDH Inc. who help make a difference for victims and families.

We pray Hebrews 6:10 over you Melany, *“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.”* And may God continue to bless all those who help within this fight as we continue to pray for the City and its citizens, for self-control and for peace to rule and rein over our streets.

For more information on the Crisis Assistance, Response, and Engagement for Survivors Unit (C.A.R.E.S.), and how to help as a volunteer representative visit <https://phillyda.org/.../cares-peer-crisis-responders-for-homicide-survivors>

Did you know:

- There have been 52,915 crimes (rape, robbery, aggravated assaults, burglaries, and thefts, including 361 homicides) committed in Philadelphia so far this year through 8/28/22.
 - In the month of August 2022, 75,251 guns were sold in Pennsylvania; 51,383 were handguns and 23,868 were long guns.
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Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?

He just needed space.



DISCOVERY



Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fail.

2 Peter 1:10

Search for words associated with voting.

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From the Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Wolf: *“Voting is a fundamental right – a right that we should ensure is accessible for all voters. Mail-in voting is a safe, secure and legal option for Pennsylvania voters to exercise that right. I will continue to advocate for voting reforms that remove barriers and increase access to voting.”* 8/2/2022

VOTING INFO YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Voting in Pennsylvania's 2022 Elections | *Excerpt from article by Andrew Soergel, August 4, 2022*

Key General Election Dates

- **Oct. 24: Last day to register**
- **Nov. 1: Last day to request absentee or mail-in ballot**
- **Nov. 8: General election day**

Pennsylvania's Nov. 8 general election will decide races for governor, U.S. House and Senate and several state offices.

Essential info:

- **Voting in person on Election Day:** The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Early in-person voting:** You can fill out a mail-in or absentee ballot early and in person at your county board of elections office before Election Day.
- **Mail-in Voting:** All registered voters can request a no-excuse mail-in ballot and vote from home for November's general election. You'll need to submit a new request each year, but you can register with the state's annual mail-in voter list to receive a ballot application by mail each February.
- **Absentee Voting:** Absentee ballots, which are also submitted by mail, are reserved for people who have a disability or illness that prevents them from going to the polls. Absentee ballots are also available for people who will be out of town on Election Day.

What's new this year?

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court in August upheld the state's mail voting law, which will allow all voters to cast no-excuse mail-in ballots in 2022 and in future elections.

What races are on the ballot and who's running?

- **Governor:** Doug Mastriano (R), Josh Shapiro (D)
- **Lieutenant Governor:** Austin Davis (D), Carrie DelRosso (R)
- **U.S. Senate:** John Fetterman (D), Mehmet Oz (R)
- **U.S. House:** all 17 seats. Pennsylvania lost a seat as a result of the 2020 Census.
- **State Senate:** 25 of 50 seats
- **State House:** all 203 seats

How do I register to vote?

- **Online:** Use the state's voter registration portal to register, check your registration status or change your party affiliation. The deadline to register for the general election is Oct. 24.
- **By mail:** Print out a voter registration form, complete it and mail it to your county's voter registration office.
- **In person:** Go to your county's voter registration office or any Area Agency on Aging location, marriage license bureau, armed forces recruitment center or other in-person location listed on the state department's website.

VOTING INFO YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT CONT'D

You can check if you are registered to vote through the [Pennsylvania voter services and information portal](#).

You can apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot online, by mail or in person:

- **Online:** Use the state's [ballot request portal](#). You'll need a state driver's license or a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ID number to apply. If you don't have either, you'll be asked for the last four digits of your Social Security number and to upload a picture of your signature. If you don't have a valid ID or a Social Security number, you'll need to apply by mail or in person.
- **By mail:** Download and complete either a [mail-in](#) or [absentee application](#) and send it to your [county board of elections office](#). Or request an application be mailed to you. Election officials must receive applications by Nov. 1 at 5 p.m.
- **In person:** Visit your [county elections office](#).

Return completed ballots by mail, in person or via another person, or "agent," if you're disabled. Election officials must receive ballots by Nov. 8 at 8 p.m.

- **By mail:** Seal your completed ballot in the inner secrecy envelope, then seal that envelope in the pre-addressed return envelope. Send it to your [county board of elections office](#).
- **In person:** Drop off your completed ballot at your [county board of elections office](#) or at a [secure drop box](#) if your county uses them. Mail-in and absentee ballots cannot be returned to your polling place on Election Day.
- **Through an agent:** Most voters can't enlist someone else to return their ballot. But if you have a disability that prevents you from applying for, receiving or returning a mail-in or absentee ballot yourself, you can [designate an agent](#) to return your ballot for you.

Use the [state's voter portal](#) to track the status of your mail-in or absentee ballot.

In the event of an emergency, such as an unexpected illness or unplanned trip out of town, you may be able to request an [emergency absentee ballot](#).

Can I vote in person before Election Day?

Yes. Once your county finalizes and begins distributing mail-in and absentee ballots, you can request and complete one in person at your [county board of elections office](#).

When is Election Day? When are polls open?

The general election takes place on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Use the state's [voter information portal](#) to find a polling place near you.

Do I need identification to vote?

No — unless it is your first time voting, in which case you'll need to show an [approved form of ID](#) like a state-issued driver's license or a U.S. passport.



EVENTS

► **Black Doctor's Consortium – 150 DAYS OF GIVING | Through December 31, 2022**

It's been almost a year since the Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Health Equity (ASHÉ) opened, where they have served over **5,000** patients. And the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium (BDCC) has tested and vaccinated over **100,000** patients in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

Starting out of the need to provide life-saving access to Covid-19 tests and vaccines, the Black Doctors Consortium remains committed to public health equity by providing exceptional healthcare by highly qualified doctors, nurses, and administrative staff to all Philadelphians. Donate to their fundraising event, 150 DAYS OF GIVING through December 31, 2022.

Click here for more information and ways to give. https://blackdoctorsconsortium.com/150_days/

► **Salsa & Bachata Dance Party @ LOVE Park | Arch St, Phila, 19102**

7pm – 10pm on Fridays – September 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Join Siempre Salsa Philly and Dance Republic for a group Dance Lesson immediately followed by the opportunity to "dance the night away" to the sounds of Philly's top Latin DJs and/or the region's best salsa bands.

► **Philly Fun Fishing Fest | Schuylkill Banks**

Saturday, September 10th, 7am – 10am

Enjoy a morning of FREE catch-and-release fishing and friendly competition on Schuylkill Banks! Fishing Fest is ADA accessible and perfect for anglers of all ages and levels of experience. No fishing license is required during the fishing competition and fishing gear will be available for use on a first-come, first-served basis. This event will follow all local and state covid-19 guidelines.

Learn more and register **here**: <https://water.phila.gov/drops/fishing-fest-2022/>. <https://www.facebook.com/events/851966592853657/> or call **215-685-6300**.

Deadline to register, Thursday Sept 8th.

► **Philly's Collegefest | September – Saturday the 10th and Sunday the 11th | Multiple Locations**

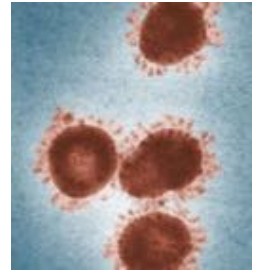
Register for Philly's College Fest - numerous opportunities for free Philly experiences!

Sign up for your official ticket to 25+ free experiences all across the city, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Museum of Illusions, National Constitution Center and more museums + cultural institutions, as well as FREE transportation on SEPTA all weekend long (including regional rail, subway, trolley, bus, and the Philly PHLASH loop!), FREE coffee and gift cards from Dunkin, meeting the Phillie Phanatic at Citizens, and the Campus Philly Block Party with pop-up activations, swag, giveaways and more!

Signing up gets you on the list for ALL of the above + enters you into giveaways for gift cards, prizes, Campus Philly swag, and \$\$\$ to Philly's best lunch spots. Your OFFICIAL pass will be emailed for free admission + free SEPTA rides when you register – your confirmation email is your official pass to CollegeFest! Hosted by **Campus Philly**

HEALTH ALERT - MONKEYPOX

People with monkeypox get a rash that may be located on or near the genitals (penis, testicles, labia, and vagina) or anus (butthole) and could be on other areas like the hands, feet, chest, face, or mouth. The rash will go through several stages, including scabs, before healing. The rash can initially look like pimples or blisters and may be painful or itchy. Other symptoms of monkeypox can include: fever, chills, swollen lymph nodes, exhaustion, muscle aches and backache, headache, and respiratory symptoms (e.g. sore throat, nasal congestion, or cough). You may experience all or only a few symptoms. Sometimes, people have flu-like symptoms before the rash. Some people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms. Others only experience a rash.



Monkeypox symptoms usually start within 3 weeks of exposure to the virus. If someone has flu-like symptoms, they will usually develop a rash 1-4 days later. Monkeypox can be spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has healed, all scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of skin has formed. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks. If you have a new or unexplained rash or other symptoms: avoid close contact, including sex or being intimate with anyone, until you have been checked out by a healthcare provider. If you don't have a provider or health insurance, visit a public health clinic near you. When you see a healthcare provider, wear a mask, and remind them that this virus is circulating in the area. It's important to remember, as many viruses are floating around – If you're not feeling well, isolate yourself from others and get tested. If you are positive for any illness, continue to isolate until you are better. Don't go to parties and hang out with others spreading an infection. Let's all do our part to keep ourselves and others in our communities safe.

Go to <https://www.phila.gov/2022-07-19-the-latest-on-monkeypox-in-philadelphia/> for more indepth information.

COVID-19

The updated CDC recommendations **do not** mean that covid-19 is over. Covid-19 can still affect anyone and cause symptoms ranging from mild to very severe. Certain settings and activities can make you more susceptible to get infected.



Covid-19 is still making hundreds of Philadelphians sick every day, and people all across the country are still dying from this disease. There are things you can do to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community. Wearing a mask **IS** imperative. Although it is not a popular thing to do for some people, it is a beneficial and healthy thing to do.

If you feel sick, isolate yourself **AND** get tested. If you test positive, continue to isolate and follow your doctor's orders. Don't put people in jeopardy of contracting covid from you. Once you're over it, then you can reconnect with family and friends in person. If you haven't been vaccinated, consider doing so, and learn what extra precautions you can take to protect yourself and others.



RESOURCES (In Philadelphia and the surrounding areas)

At the time of publication, resources listed were obtainable.

Covid-19 resources change daily. We recommend you call and verify that what you are interested in is still available.

Please share the following with friends, family, neighbors and within your social and ministry circles.
Feel free to post on your personal social media and church bulletin boards.

■ **COVID RELIEF**

Philadelphians who have lost loved ones due to covid, can receive FEMA aid to cover funeral expenses, up to \$9,000 per person lost. Call 844-684-6333 to apply.

■ **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

In Philadelphia over 304,014 persons are partially vaccinated and over 1,294,969 persons have been fully vaccinated.

Pharmacies across the city offer the vaccines. Most local pharmacies will give second shots to people who are due or overdue, regardless of where you got your first dose. Check with your local pharmacy for details.

The City also offers a program that helps homebound older adults and people with disabilities schedule in-home vaccination services. **[Find out more about getting vaccinated](#)**



FOLLOWING ARE COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES BY ZIP CODE

19104

- ▶ **Health Center 3 Annex, Pop-Up Covid-19 Clinic** | 4219 Chester Ave, Phila, 19104
Open to all Philadelphians age 5 and older. To schedule an appointment, call 215-685-2933.
8am – 1pm on Wed 7th, Thu 8th, Fri 9th, Mon 12th, Tue 13th, Wed 14th,
Thu 15th, Fri 16th, Mon 19th, Wed 21st, Thu 22nd, Fri 23rd, Mon 26th, Wed 28th, Thu 29th, and 30th
8am – 3pm on Tuesdays - 6th, 20th, and 27th
- ▶ **Health Center 4, Pop-Up Covid-19 Clinic** | 4400 Haverford Ave, Phila, 19104
By appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 215-685-2933.
8am – 12:30pm on Tue 13th, Mon 19th, Tue 20th, Mon 26th, and Tue 27th

19121

Berks Street Annex, Pop-Up Covid-19 Clinic | 2001 W. Berks St, Phila, 19121

Open to all Philadelphians age 5 and older. To schedule an appointment call 215-685-2933.
8am – 1pm on Wed 7th, Thu 8th, Fri 9th, Mon 12th, Wed 14th,
Thu 15th, Fri 16th, Mon 19th, Wed 21st, Thu 22nd, Fri 23rd, Mon 26th, Wed 28th, Thu 29th, and Fri 30th
8am – 3pm on Tue 13th, 20th and 27th

19123

Health Center 6 Annex, Pop-Up Covid-19 Clinic | 301 W. Girard Ave, Phila, 19123

Open to all Philadelphians age 5 and older. To schedule an appointment call 215-685-2933.
8am – 1pm on Wed 7th, Thu 8th, Fri 9th, Mon 12th, Wed 14th,
Thu 15th, Fri 16th, Mon 19th, Wed 21st, Thu 22nd, Fri 23rd, Mon 26th, Wed 28th, Thu 29th, and 30th
8am – 3pm on Tuesdays - 13th, 20th and 27th

19132

- ▶ **The Black Doctor's Consortium, 2001 W. Lehigh Avenue (20th & Dr. Ala Stanford Way)**
Phila, 19132, 1-844-4-BDC-DOC
Weekly, free, vaccinations and testing.
Click here for information: <https://blackdoctorsconsortium.com/free-covid-19-testing-vaxx/>
Click here to make an appointment: <https://bdccares.com/appointments/>
- ▶ **Strawberry Mansion Health Center, Pop-Up Vaccine Clinic** | 2840 W. Dauphin St, Phila, 19132
By appointment only, call 215-685-2933
8am – 12:30pm - Mon 12th, Tue 13th, Mon 19th, Tue 20th, Mon 26th, and Tue 27th

19144

Health Center 9, Pop-Up Vaccine Clinic | 131 E. Cheltenham Ave, Phila 19144

By appointment only, call 215-685-2933 for scheduling.
8am – 12:30 pm on Thu 8th, Fri 9th, Mon 12th, Thu 15th, Fri 16th, Mon 19th, Thu 22nd, Fri 23rd, Mon 26th, Thu 29th, and Fri 30th

19145

Health Center 2 ,Pop-Up Covid-19 Clinic | 1700 S. Broad St, Phila, 19145, Location Unit 201
By appointment only. To schedule an appointment call 215-685-2933.

8am – 12:30pm on Wed 7th, Fri 9th, Mon 12th, Tue 13th, Wed 14th, Fri 16th, Mon 19th, Tue 20th, Wed 21st, Fri 23rd, Mon 26th, Tue 27th, Wed 28th, and Fri 30th

19149

Health Center 10 Annex, Pop-Up Covid-19 Clinic | 2230 Cottman Ave, Phila, 19149

Open to all Philadelphians age 5 and older. To schedule an appointment call 215-685-2933.

8am – 1pm on Wed 7th, Fri 9th, Mon 12th, Tue 13th, Wed 14th,

Thu 15th, Fri 16th, Mon 19th, Wed 21st, Thu 22nd, Fri 23rd, Mon 26th, Wed 28th, Thu 29th, and Fri 30th

8am – 3pm on Tuesdays - 20th and 27th

■ COVID-19 TESTING

For information and distribution locations go to:

<https://www.phila.gov/2022-05-24-get-tested-at-home-for-covid-19/>

► **Testing map** - Search this map of permanent testing sites. You can:

- Search for a testing site by address
- Click on a location for specific site information
- Filter the list of sites



FOLLOWING ARE COVID-19 TESTING SITES BY ZIP CODE.

19122

Philadelphia Fight - Covid-19 Testing Event | Norris Square Community Alliance
174 Diamond St, Phila, 19122

No out of pocket costs. No appointments required. Walk-up testing. Pediatric testing offered.
PCR Testing Only. Rapid testing for exposure or those with symptoms.

11am – 1pm on Tuesdays - 13th, 20th and 27th

19132

The Black Doctor's Consortium, 2001 W. Lehigh Avenue (20th & Dr. Ala Stanford Way)
Phila, 19132, 1-844-4-BDC-DOC

Weekly, free, vaccinations and testing.

Click here for information: <https://blackdoctorsconsortium.com/free-covid-19-testing-vaxx/>

Click here to make an appointment: <https://bdccares.com/appointments/>

19144

Philadelphia Fight - Covid-19 Testing Event | Face to Face | 123 E. Price St, Phila, 19144

No out of pocket costs. No appointments required. Walk-up testing. Pediatric testing offered. PCR Testing Only. Rapid testing for exposure or those with symptoms.
10am – 12pm on Thursdays - 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

19148

Philadelphia Fight - Covid-19 Testing Event | Mifflin Square Park 500 Wolf St, Phila 19148

No out of pocket costs. No appointments required. Walk-up testing. Pediatric testing offered. PCR Testing Only. Rapid testing for exposures or those with symptoms.
11am – 1pm on Wed 7th, Wed 14th, Wed 21st, and Wed 28th

FOOD RESOURCES

The City and its partners provide free food and meals to supplement the existing food pantry network.

- Food distribution sites offer free food for residents. No ID or proof of income is required.
- Student meal sites provide free meals for children and youth in safe spaces throughout the city. Senior meal sites offer grab-and-go meals for older adults. You must contact the site to reserve your meal for pick-up.
- Meal sites for residents experiencing hunger and homelessness. Please confirm mealtimes prior to arriving at the site.



To find children, youth, and senior meal providers near you: [**VIEW THE FOOD SITES MAP**](#)

Click here to [**Find meal sites for residents experiencing hunger and homelessness**](#)

FOLLOWING ARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION SITES BY ZIP CODE.

19119

New Covenant Church of Philadelphia | 7500 Germantown Ave, Phila, 19119

1pm until all food is distributed, Saturdays, 17th and 24th

19121

Fresh For All Wednesdays | Greater Enon Missionary Baptist Church

1854 N. 22nd St, Phila, 19121 | 215-765-3135

Weekly produce stand. Free to all, runs weather dependent. Find it in front of the school.
12:30pm – 1:30pm on Wednesdays – 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

19135

Grab-n-go Distribution | 6801 Cottage St, Phila, 19135

Stop by at the back of Disston to grab a free 5-10 lb bag of produce. Open to anyone in the community!

2:30pm – 3:30pm on Wednesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th

19141

Einstein Healthcare Network and Philabundance

At the corner of 11th Street @W. Clarkson Street. Phila, 19141

Tuesday mornings starting at 9:30 – 10:30 am

A weekly produce market where fresh fruits and vegetables are distributed at no cost. on the Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia campus.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

► **Roadmap to Safer Communities | Community Listening Tours**

The Office of Policy & Strategic Initiatives for Criminal Justice & Public Safety (CJPS) continues its Philadelphia Roadmap to Safer Communities (PRSC) 2022 Community Listening Tour Series throughout this August and September. The PRSC Community Listening Tour is an opportunity for community members to share their opinions and ideas on the City's violence prevention efforts and learn more about the Roadmap to Safer Communities, all while we build community connections with leaders, residents, and city agencies alike. At these upcoming meetings, community members will hear updates from the City's spring meetings: what did the City learn and how do we plan to implement this feedback into future strategies. CJPS will also continue to engage community members in open discussion and gain further feedback on what the next steps will be.

Meetings will be held on Thursdays:

- September 8th, 6pm – 8pm: Hope Partnership for Education, 2601 N. 11 Street 19133
- September 15th, 6pm – 8pm: The Lighthouse Outdoor Facility, 199 E. Erie Avenue 19134

Go to <https://www.phila.gov/2022-08-26-city-continues-community-listening-tour-for-remainder-of-summer/> for more information.

► **Civic Saturday Philadelphia | Philadelphia City Hall, 1400 John F Kennedy Blvd, Phila, 19107**
Saturday, September 10th, 3pm – 4pm

A strong democracy depends on strong citizens and a strong civic culture to thrive. We are at a crossroads in a time when our democracy, women's rights, LGBTQ rights, voting rights, civil rights and human rights are under siege. Join the Philadelphia Commission for Women, the City Commissioner's Office, the Mayor's Office of Youth Engagement, the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Organization for Women, the League of Women Voters and the Mayor's Internship Program on our new date for Civic Saturday Philadelphia when we celebrate civic engagement.

If you plan to go: Hydrate or BYO--water will be provided; Wear comfortable clothes; Use sunscreen. RSVP: bit.ly/CivicSaturdayPHL

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

► **Become a poll worker in Pennsylvania.**

Elections in Pennsylvania are made possible by thousands of regular citizens serving as poll workers across the Commonwealth. We all depend on responsible workers to run smooth elections. Get involved today! Go to <https://www.vote.pa.gov/resources/pages/be-a-poll-worker.aspx> for more information.

► **12 Week Vocational Training and Workforce Development Program**

If you know a Pennsylvanian who is a returning citizen or chronically unemployed, interested in earning a nationally recognized portable HVAC cert or CDL-Class B, have them email Seth.williams@upliftsolutions.org

► **Help for the Hurdles**

Office of Homeless Services created a program to make it easier for people experiencing homelessness to find, and keep, a job. It's a partnership with First Step Staffing, an innovative employment organization. They hire individuals with barriers to employment and help them take the first step toward self-sufficiency.

For more information go to: https://www.phila.gov/2022-07-20-work-and-dignity-steps-on-the-road-to-housing/?mc_cid=808a25fe86&mc_eid=71b6564804

► **Join the Community Resource Corps**

The Mayor's Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteer Service is recruiting members for its Community Resource Corps, which connects residents to high-priority resources like:

- income-based assistance programs
- housing support
- digital-access programs
- anti-hunger programs, and more!

They're now accepting applications for part-time Corps members! Members will work about 30 hours a week to conduct community outreach, and work to help residents understand eligibility requirements and apply for resources. Members can decide to serve on the team from October 2022 to March 2023, or October 2022 to August 2023.

If this sounds like a good fit for you or someone you know, applications are being accepted here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdve5d-UTyWEzLI84lTlmBUUs24HQvVf2u5QKq42bYXePnMAyQ/viewform>

► **Job Opportunities in PA**

<https://www.employment.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE

► Housing Assistance

[Homeowners](#) and [renters assistance](#) is available for those struggling with monthly payments due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



► Philly First Home

A first time Home buyers down payment assistance program.

The City of Philadelphia is offering a homebuyer assistance grant of up to \$10,000 (or 6% of the home's purchase price, whichever is lower) to assist first-time homebuyers reduce the principal, cover down payment and loan closing costs for those purchasing their first home. For eligibility information go to: [Philly First Home](#)

► How To Prevent A PECO Or PGW Shutoff | Info from the Community Legal Services of Philadelphia

If you are behind on your bills or have already received a shutoff notice, follow these steps right away:

- 1. Apply For Grant Assistance:** Apply for utility grants from LIHEAP (applications are open from October 18th - June 17th) and Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF). These grants can be used to pay your gas or electric bill, rescind a shutoff notice, and do not need to be repaid.
LIHEAP: You can apply online through compass.state.pa.us, in person at your county assistance office or by phone by calling (866) 857-7095.
Call 215-972-5170 (Requires service shutoff or shutoff notice).
- 2. Apply For A Low-Income Assistance Program:**
PECO's Customer Assistance Program (CAP) or PGW's Customer Responsibility Program (CRP) help low-income customers lower their monthly bills and assist with debt forgiveness. Enrolling in one of these programs may prevent a shutoff.
PECO's CAP: Call (800) 774-7040 or apply online at tinyurl.com/Apply-CAP-PECO
PGW's CRP: Call (215) 684-6100 or apply online at www.pgworks.com/customer-care/crp
- 3. Request A Payment Arrangement:** Anyone, regardless of income can request a payment arrangement. Do not agree to a payment arrangement that you can't afford. If you're denied a payment arrangement and you wish to challenge that decision, request the reason for your denial and call the PUC's Bureau of Consumer Services office. Call PECO at (888) 480-1533 or PGW at (215) 235-1777 and ask for a payment agreement on your balance.
- 4. Request A Medical Certificate:** If you or someone in your house has a serious illness or medical condition that would be impacted by loss of utilities, you may be eligible for a medical certificate, which stops termination for 30 days. (Additional 30 day renewals may be possible.) Call PECO or PGW. Give the utility your medical provider's fax number. The utility will fax a medical certificate to the medical provider.
- 5. File A Dispute With The Public Utility Commission (Puc):** If filed before the day of shutoff, an informal complaint, regarding your bill or pending termination, will temporarily stop the shutoff while the PUC investigates. Call the Bureau of Consumer Services at (800) 692-7380.

CLS phonelines are open to new clients! If you're struggling with utility issues, call (215) 981- 3700.

► **Water Assistance Program/LIHWAP**

The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a grant. **You do not have to repay it.**

LIHWAP crisis grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and are in jeopardy of losing your water service. You can receive one crisis grant for your drinking water service and one crisis grant for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each.



How to Apply

- **Online:** www.compass.state.pa.us
- **Paper:** You can download a paper application, print it, fill it out, and return it to your local county assistance office.
 - **LIHWAP Paper Application – English (PDF)**
 - **LIHWAP Paper Application – Spanish (PDF)**
- **Phone:** Request an application by calling the Statewide Customer Service Center at 877-395-8930 or call PA Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired.
- **In-Person:** Applications are available at your local county assistance office. For more information go to: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHWAP.aspx>

► **Smoke Alarms**

Philadelphia residents call 3-1-1 to receive a free smoke alarm installation. You can also [submit a request to Philly 311 online](#).



► **Let's Talk Safety** | 900AM, 96.1FM or online at wurdradio.com

Fire Commissioner Adam Thiel hosts his monthly talk show on WURD-900AM. Saturday, September 10th, 3 pm to 4:00 pm.

► **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Offs** | 9am – 3pm

Philadelphia residents may drop off items labeled: toxic, flammable, corrosive or reactive at events offered across the City.

Handling and disposing of hazardous waste materials requires a special set of regulations due to the potential damage the items can cause people, pets and the environment. New PA Department of Environmental Protection COVID protocols require residents to pre-register and schedule an appointment to drop off materials at an event. Computers are not accepted at any of the Household Hazardous Waste events as they can be taken to any of the [Sanitation Convenience Centers](#) during normal business hours.



When and Where:

Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 - North Philadelphia, W. York St. & N. 22nd St., 19132

Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022 - Southwest Philadelphia. 3033 S. 63rd St., 19153

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 - Port Richmond, 3901 N. Delaware Ave., 19137

Click here for details on products that will be accepted. For additional information, please visit the Streets Department's [website](#). For all City services call 311.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

► **Keeping Yourself Legal | Virtual Classroom**

Thursday, September 8th, 10:30am - 12:00pm

SCORE Philadelphia is hosting a virtual business workshop on Keeping Yourself Legal. New business owners have a lot to stay on top of. One subject that all business owners must grapple with is the law. Whether you're trying to choose the right legal structure for your business, protect intellectual property or understand the difference between an employee or a private contractor, basic knowledge of the laws impacting business is critical to successful entrepreneurship.

This workshop is designed to: Raise your awareness of the various legal issues impacting most new businesses and give you a basic understanding of how to address them. Armed with this basic awareness, you will be better equipped to address future issues as they arise and avoid common business pitfalls. The workshop is presented by SCORE volunteer **Zane Johnson**.

Register today!

► **Sell Online with E-Commerce Tools | Virtual Classroom**

Tuesday, September 13th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

SCORE Philadelphia is hosting this virtual workshop on how to Sell Online with E-Commerce Tools. Learn how to sell your products online. We'll walk through listing your products for free with Google My Business and Merchant Center. We'll show you one way to sell on your website, using an E-Commerce store built with Shopify. Plus, learn about more helpful tools to stand out online, such as Local Opportunity Finder and Grow My Store.

The workshop is presented by SCORE volunteer **Tiara Durham**. **Register today!**

You'll receive confirmation and reminder emails from SCORE Philadelphia with the Zoom meeting link.

*Please be sure to add "**contact.scorephiladelphia@gmail.com**" to your contact list.*

► **Business 101: Ready for Entrepreneurship? [Start-Up Essentials] | Virtual**

Wednesday, September 14th, 9am - 1030am

Are you thinking about launching a small business? Not sure what is involved? Unsure if you have a viable business idea? Join this introductory presentation to break down the nuts and bolts of what is needed to start a business.

Attendees will be able to: Recognize steps to starting a business; Utilize a business concept analysis to understand the viability of their business concept; Understand differing legal structures and Learn how to decide if starting a business is right for you!

Target Audience: Start-up businesses; Individuals in the ideation and research stages; Individuals preparing to launch their business; Intermediate businesses looking for refreshers.

Registration deadline 9/14/22 , 9 am.

Find events and workshops here: <https://www.fox.temple.edu/institutes-centers/small-business-development-center/events-workshops/>

► **eCommerce and Digital Marketing | Virtual Classroom**

Wednesday, September 14th, 11:30am – 1pm

Position your business. Our daily lives have changed. Most of what we purchase today is purchased electronically. During these times, digital marketing is imperative in starting and growing your business. The more people see your brand and product on their phones or computer, the more they are willing to buy.

The workshop is presented by SCORE volunteer **Sherrill Mosee**. **Register today!** *You'll receive confirmation and reminder emails from SCORE Philadelphia with the Zoom meeting link. Please be sure to add "contact.scorephiladelphia@gmail.com" to your contact list.* **Registration**

► **Building Your Brand - SCORE Philadelphia | Virtual**

September 15th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Learn how your brand can make your business stand out and make an impact in your community. You can build your brand by: Finding Your Voice; Developing a Mission Statement; Articulating Your Vision; Delivering Value; and Creating Awareness. The workshop is presented by SCORE volunteer **Wayne Hunter**. **Register today!** *You'll receive confirmation and reminder emails from SCORE Philadelphia with the Zoom meeting link. Please be sure to add "contact.scorephiladelphia@gmail.com" to your contact list.*

Registration

► **Financial Matters for Startups | Virtual Classroom**

September 21st, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Financial Matters for Startups introduces financial planning for startup small businesses. This workshop will review the following concepts: The importance of financial planning for a small business; Building a financial model, including startup costs, ongoing operations expenses and sources of revenue; Key financial concepts as they relate to your business; and Financial statements commonly used in business opportunities.

The workshop is presented by SCORE volunteer **William Mohnacs**. **Register today!** *You'll receive confirmation and reminder emails from SCORE Philadelphia with the Zoom meeting link. Please be sure to add "contact.scorephiladelphia@gmail.com" to your contact list.*

Registration

► **CEA Learning Series: Community Meeting Management | Government 101**

Wednesday, September 21st, 6 pm to 7:30 pm via Zoom

The Civic Engagement Academy (CEA) is a free training program that provides community members with the tools to create lasting positive change. The trainings encourage local problem-solving and prepare residents to become community leaders, organizers, and activists.

The Civic Engagement Academy Learning Series offers training sessions throughout the year. These trainings provide tools and strategies that Philadelphians can apply to their work within their own communities. The topics of the trainings vary from month to month. There is no cost to attend.

REGISTER FOR A LEARNING SERIES TRAINING

► **Startup Basics - SCORE Philadelphia | Virtual Classroom**

Wednesday, September 28th, 6:30pm – 8pm

What do you need to do to start a successful business? How do you avoid the traps which lead to failure? How do you keep on the right side of the law? How do you manage all the ins and outs? What are your first steps for starting a business? Are you ready to start a business?

This 2-hour on-line Zoom workshop is essential for those thinking about starting a business or anyone who has a business idea, but needs assistance in getting focused and organized. In this workshop you will learn: Myths & realities of entrepreneurship; Advantages & disadvantages of starting a business; Critical success factors; Components of business ownership; Making it legal; Funding & cash management; and Business plan basics.

The workshop is presented by SCORE volunteer **Alletta Parris-Olday**. **Register today!**

You'll receive confirmation and reminder emails from SCORE Philadelphia with the Zoom meeting link.

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Registration

► **DadLab** | Meetings held online with Zoom | *Sponsored by Einstein Medical Center of Philadelphia*

This is a group designed for new fathers to learn about being a dad. Transitioning to fatherhood can be overwhelming. Sharing your experiences and learning from others can help you build confidence and bond with your baby. You won't be lectured on the "right" way to father. You'll have an opportunity to share your fathering experiences, concerns and questions. You'll connect with other dads going through the same things as you. New moms and partners are also included because everyone benefits when co-parents communicate and coordinate their care. For meeting times, call or text DadLab Director Jay Cherney at 215-690-1029 or email him at cherney.jay@gmail.com. Or, contact Co-facilitator Clarence B. Iszard at 484-471-7005 or iszardc@einstein.edu.



► **Philadelphia School District Re-Engagement Center**

The School District of Philadelphia's Re-Engagement Center (REC) aims to provide students who have previously dropped out (or those in school and at risk of dropping out) with the chance to return to school by offering a range of "educational pathways". These pathways are designed to assist students by providing a "best fit path" to earn their high school diploma & prepare students for successful postsecondary experiences. For more information go to:

<https://www.philasd.org/opportunitynetwork/reengagement/>

► **Addictions Victorious - Addictions Workshop-A Biblical Perspective** | In-person event

TTR center-Christ Church South Philly, 229 Moore Street Philadelphia, PA 19148.

October 8, 2022 from 830am-1200pm

A Christ-centered addiction support and transformation program. Learn how to facilitate a group, and support the local Bible teaching church on counseling and caring for those in addiction. The Official Flyer and RSVP will be presented in August. *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.* – 2 Corinthians 5:17

- **Black Men Educators Convening** | The Center for Black Educator Development
Loews Philadelphia Hotel | November 17 - 19, 2022

The Center for Black Educator Development is thrilled to be hosting the 5th annual Black Men Educator Convening (BMEC) this fall. They are looking to transform the education sector by recruiting, retaining, supporting, and activating more Black men to support and lead the work of revolutionizing the educational system. Participants will be welcomed in a communal, empathetic space to discuss the deep emotional, intellectual and trajectory-altering work revolutionary Black men educators do on a daily basis. Our agenda of distinguished speakers, panel discussions, and workshops will inform, inspire, and activate Black men educators and others in the education ecosystem to continue changing the outcomes for both students and educators.

Learn more and register today for the [Black Men Educator Convening #BMEC2022](#).

MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

We have a lot on our plates. At times it doesn't seem to be enough hours in a day to complete it all. Try to make time to do something for yourself every day. Read a chapter of a book. Sit, close your eyes and listen to a favorite old song. Get up and dance to a favorite song. Find reasons throughout your day to smile and laugh. Life was meant to be enjoyed, so take a few moments a day to enjoy it.

- **We Walk PHL** | Whitaker Ave and Loudon St, Phila, 19120
9:30 am - 10:30 am – Saturdays – 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th

Take a healthy stroll in the park. Join your neighbors every Saturday morning for a healthy and empowering stroll on the Tacony Creek Park trail as a part of We Walk PHL. Meet from 9:30am-10:30am near Tacony Creek Park. All are welcome to join this free walking group. The trail is a paved, fairly flat Circuit Trail; all ages and abilities are encouraged to join us. Please bring a face mask and keep six feet away from other attendees. Attendees can walk in to participate or email.



doryan@ttfwatershed.org.

https://www.facebook.com/events/1836559229869181/?event_time_id=1836559399869164

- **Wednesday Meditations** | 990 West Northwestern Ave, PARKING LOT 1, Phila, 19128,
10am – 11am | Wednesdays – September 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Explore various methods of meditation in this 6-week program. Meditation has many benefits. It can reduce stress, help control anxiety, improve sleep and emotional health, and reduce blood pressure and help control pain. Bring something to sit on such as a pillow, bolster, or mat. Consider sunscreen, insect repellent, and a water bottle.

Registration is required at treehousewec.eventbrite.com. In partnership with the Andorra Library. Adults and Older Teens. Bring a mask. Questions? Contact at wec@phila.gov or 215.685.9285. Outdoor, almost all weather program.



SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT



- ▶ Apostle Tomy Jordan and Pastor Stephanie D. Jordan from Abiding Love Deliverance Center, NC are streaming live on Zoom every Saturday at noon. ID: 306 155 0388, Password: JESUSJOY
Dial 646-558-8656 to join them for Prayer on Tuesdays at 6pm and Wednesdays for Bible Study at 7 pm. Contact information: 267-290-0654 or abidinglovedeliverancecenter@gmail.com
- ▶ Join 'Girl Talk', every Sunday, 2pm - 3 pm on : Facebook: WTGB or online: <https://tgbtgb.org/girl-talk-2/>

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TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER



What is the common name for dried plums?

PRUNES!



Prunes are plums that have been dehydrated for preservation purposes. They have a chewy texture and a savory-sweet flavor. Unlike fresh plums, prunes can last in your pantry for about six months. When stored in the fridge in a sealed container, they remain edible for up to a year.

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