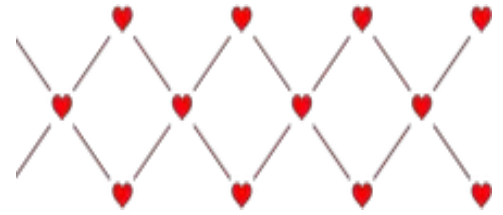


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GREATER IS COMING



DESTINY – NOT MEANT TO BE ALONE



In a time when some people don't seem to get along with others, the companionship of friends and family is vital and was designed so we could be connected throughout our lives and not be alone. It's sad when siblings don't get along, when adult children no longer speak to their parents and when warring parents use their young children as weapons against the other parent. God never meant for us to live angry and separated or to walk this life alone. We were all created to love one another, whether in a marriage, a committed relationship with someone, or single and loving it. In fact, the highest love most of us seek, is the love we receive from God.

God loves us and His love accepts us as we are, with our baggage, wounds, and scars. He says, "come anyway, I am here, I will help you, I will deliver you, I will save you!". Then, He helps us to change. He helps us to love, to express patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness, and self-control with others, even with our enemies.

Declare in 2023 to be a better version of your 2022 self and allow God to teach you to move from good, to better, to having the best relationships with others.

WALKING IN DESTINY SCRIPTURE



Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. Ephesians 5:29

Do to others as you would like them to do to you. Luke 6:31

Love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:39

Did you know? Born in 1731, **Benjamin Banneker** was an African-American naturalist, mathematician, astronomer and almanac author. He was a landowner who also worked as a surveyor and farmer. In 1752, Banneker garnered public acclaim by building a clock entirely out of wood. The clock, believed to be the first built in America, kept precise time for decades. In 1789, Banneker began making astronomical calculations that enabled him to successfully forecast a solar eclipse.

CALL TO ACTION – GOOD, BETTER AND THE BEST RELATIONSHIPS

How can we have better relationships with others?

1. Examine your interaction with others.
2. Are you argumentative? Seek compromise and occasionally let others win.
3. Are your expectations of others too high? Unrealistic? Allow others to be who God is calling them to be, which may be different than you envision them.
4. Are you set in your ways? Try a new thing – venture once in awhile to do things the way someone else suggests. They'll appreciate your faith in them and you may enjoy it.
5. If you continue to struggle to love your enemies, then pray for them.
6. Accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Then go share the "good news"!



TRIVIA QUESTION

Which President officially recognized Black History Month?



(Answer at the end of the newsletter)



This month's Destiny Spotlight is on Bishop Georgeine Ivy, founder, and President of her outreach ministry The Sower Soweth the Word International Ministries located in Philadelphia. A compassionate woman, Bishop Ivy has been serving the Lord for over 20 years. Her Ministry Services: Nursing Homes, Hospitals, Churches, Tents, Crusades, Police Clergy, Settlement Houses, Prisons, Seminaries and Streets Ministry. Following is our interview with Bishop Georgeine Ivy.

Destiny means, living out the plan God has for your life. I grew up in North Philadelphia, in a Christian home, and attended North Penn Baptist Church. I remember Reverend DeBerry speaking on faith, preaching, "without faith it is impossible to please God, and God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." It was during those early years the seeds of service, faith, and belief in The Word were planted into my heart and mind.

My life was manifesting the Bible's reference to seedtime, harvest, sowing and reaping. Throughout my youth sowing and reaping continued to germinate, while the seeds of faith took root. At age 12, I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. The Spirit began equipping me for ministry. Service became a part of my life. I served as a Junior Missionary, taking flowers and donations when we visited hospitals, nursing homes, and served home-bound communion. I also served on the Junior Usher board. I later attended World Harvest Christian Center, where I was continually fed by my Pastors Robert and Nancy Palmer.

Serving the Lord and expounding on His Word brings me joy. The scriptures speak for themselves, and I plant them everywhere I go. I've been called a Quiet Storm because people see me as quiet, but when I open my mouth, they see my power. I enjoy watching people light up when the Word touches them. Because I have a spirit of helps, I am able to honor the hand of God and bless those I assist. As a teacher I sowed seeds into the children in my classes. I am also able to recognize giftings in others and can see their harvest in every area of their lives as well as when their harvest will manifest.

I know that pursuing your destiny is a process. God doesn't take anything for granted. You'll discover this in the natural as you put your hand to your spiritual plow. God will use whatever you do for His glory. "Sowing is not just financial, it's in everything we do. Whether positive or negative. With the measure you use, it will be measured to you".

Years ago, Christians stood for integrity, honesty, and had no tolerance for foolishness. I'm observing all the time, listening, and watching. These days, Christians accept a lot. Love, true love, is having the love of God without any pretense, fakeness, hatred, jealousy, envy, or strife. There is no need to be jealous of each other. Whatever God has for me, He has something for you as well. We need to be happy for each other because everyone's season is coming! Just be patient, He will reveal His plan for you in His time.

Like many people, I have experienced challenges since I first began my ministry. So many people have no understanding what The Word of God will do if they allow it. The Word will come forth. If you have lost your way, I encourage you to get into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and put your trust in Him. Then, read The Word and pray for yourself, not just in church, but throughout your week. We must return to standing firm in the purposes and goals set by God, using our authority given to us through Jesus Christ. We need to get out of our comfort zones in order to appreciate what God has given us. He has given us everything in the earth, "it is the Lord's and the fullness thereof". So, we must use our gifts to make a difference in the world.




BLACK HISTORY MONTH


Black History - African American History, **IS** American History. The contributions African Americans have made to the United States have been impactful in bettering all lives. Consequently, our contributions are not just relevant to African Americans but to all Americans. Other than Indigenous People/Native Indians, **everyone else** in this country came as immigrants seeking freedom and a better life from places like Europe, Poland, Asia, Germany, etc. They came here by choice unlike African Americans, who were kidnapped and sold like property.

We must acknowledge **ALL** of the past, and let it led us to be kinder people who are more mindful of others. We were all created in God's likeness and the Lord has bestowed each of us with unique gifts of wisdom and talents to be a blessing to one another; to draw us closer together not to separate us.

I pray for the day when everyone will accept that African American History is every American's History. Knowing this truth will set us free. Once truly realized, it will become the truth that sparks healing for our nation.



In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.
Thurgood Marshall, First African American U.S. Supreme Court member



*“Unless man is committed to the belief that all mankind are his brothers,
then he labors in vain and hypocritically in the vineyard of equality”.*
Adam Clayton Powel Jr., first African American from New York elected to Congress

DISCOVERY



Above all,
keep loving one another earnestly,
since love covers
a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

Search for words associated with RELATIONSHIPS.

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“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

Harriet Tubman



Children's Corner

Perspective – What about the children?

Children come into the world blank slates - watching, listening, gathering info, mimicking what they see and hear. Learning from their parents, their environment, and from others around them. They are to be loved nurtured, encouraged, and motivated to respect others and to do what's right.

- Nelson Mandela calls them our greatest treasure.
- God calls them a blessing; a heritage and a reward.
- *What are you calling your children?*

Call to Action for our Children – Gun Safety

Too many children are dying due to access to a gun. If you have one in your home, **please, please**, be proactive regarding keeping your children safe. Never leave a gun any place your children are left alone (house or car, etc.).

If you don't already have a gun lock, [request a free gun lock at any time](#), click on the link to connect to the "Safe Bet" program to receive one.

Let's keep our children safe and cancel the chance for something to happen to your children on your watch.

Gather the children and have some fun!

PLAY ARTS | 1241 N Front St., Philadelphia, PA 19122 | Mon–Fri 9am–7pm; Sat, Sun 9am–3pm

A former music teacher opened this space in 2016, transforming an old public bathhouse in Fishtown into a community-minded family space catering mostly to the 6-and-younger crowd. The site is outfitted with a playhouse, lots of toys and a mezzanine-level "observation deck," that lets parents and caregivers encourage independent play while allowing them to keep an eye on their children. Phone: 267-225-8434 | Website: playartsp Philly.com | Email: info@playartsp Philly.com



Blue Cross RiverRink Skating Rink | 101 S Christopher Columbus Blvd, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Winterfest invites visitors to enjoy thousands of sparkling lights in a winter wonderland with spectacular views of the Delaware River. Ice skating, rides, and games for the young and young-at-heart. Cozy up in comforting warming cabins, fire pit stations, boardwalk delicious food and hot beverages. Winterfest is open from November 25th through March 5th.

General Operating Hours: Monday - Thursday: 1 pm - 11 pm;
Friday: 1 pm - 12 am; Saturday: 11 am - 12 am; Sunday: 11 am - 11 pm
Phone: 215-925-7465 | Website: delawareriverwaterfront.com





EVENTS

- ▶ **Fun Fridays - Black History Month Celebration** | Fridays at 3pm
Northeast Regional Library, 2228 Cottman Ave, Phila, PA 19149
Learn about Black innovators George Crum, Mae Jemison and Garrett Morgan, and enjoy some themed crafts and snacks! This program is for school age children.
- ▶ **Black History Month Storytime** | Wednesdays at 5:30pm - 6pm
Bustleton Library | 10199 Bustleton Ave, Phila, PA 19116
In honor of Black History Month, explore amazing inventions that were created by African Americans, the Juneteenth holiday, and other important topics. This event is for children 5 and up.
- ▶ **Skating Mini Camp for Girls - Free** | Simons Recreation Center, 7200 Woolston Ave, Phila, PA 19138
12pm - 4pm on Thu 2nd and Fri 3rd
Ed Synder Youth Hockey and Education and Parks & Rec are hosting this camp during the School District of Philadelphia conferences this month. The camp is open to any girl who is interested in learning how to skate, meeting new friends, and having fun. (Youth must live in Philadelphia). No experience is necessary and all equipment will be provided. **Fill out this form to sign up.**
- ▶ **Salsa & Balchata Dance Party** | **Love Park | Arch Street, Phila, PA 19102**
7pm - 10pm, Fridays - February 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th
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.
- ▶ **Soul Food Cooking with a Twist** | **Culinary Literacy Center, Parkway Central Library**
1901 Vine Street, Phila, 19103 | 12pm - 1:30pm on Saturday, February 4th
Discover new twists, turns, and tastes for your favorite soul food dishes in this **free** program led by Chef Yuhnis Sydnor from Sugga Mamas Diabetes Prevention and Management. Come celebrate Black History Month with traditional and tantalizing healthy recipe and learn something new about the history of soul food. **Register to attend.**
- ▶ **Free Science Saturdays** | **Ferko Playground, 1101 E. Cayuga Street, Phila, 19124**
1pm - 4pm on Saturdays - Feb 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
What do dinosaurs, river critters, and the sprayground at Ferko Playground have in common? Come find out! The event is hosted by Tookany/Tacony Frankward Watershed Partnership.
Please view TTF's event calendar for event updates and changes: **ttfwatershed.org/events**
- ▶ **Kids Acting Classes** | **Holmesburg Recreation Center, 4500 Rhawn Street, Phila, 19136**
6pm - 7pm on Wednesdays - 8th, 15th, and 22nd
This is an on-going kids' theatre program. It runs 10 weeks at a time. Kids play theater games, do improv, learn to act and showcase their talent. **Register now.**



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 19

Covid-19 is not winding down. It is still around, along with the flu. Protecting yourself and vulnerable family members is still recommended. Continue to take daily precautions to help stop the spread of both. Avoid close contact with sick people. Cover your coughs and sneezes. Continue to wash your hands often. Stay home when sick. Do not prepare food or care for others when you're sick. Clean and disinfect surfaces. Wear a mask when out among others. If everyone would be mindful to take precautions, it would go a long way to stop the spread.

By the way, the Food and Drug Administration is considering a major shift in the nation's Covid-19 vaccine strategy. The goal is to simplify vaccination against Covid and perhaps adopt an approach similar to that used for the flu vaccine, with annual updates to match whatever strain of the virus is circulating. We'll share more info as it becomes available.

▪ 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

The CDC recommends everyone stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines for their age group:

- [Children and teens aged 6 months-17 years](#)
- [Adults aged 18 years and older](#)
- Getting a COVID-19 vaccine after you have recovered from COVID-19 infection provides added protection against COVID-19.
- People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have [different recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines](#).
- COVID-19 vaccine and booster recommendations may be updated as CDC continues to monitor the latest COVID-19 data.
- **To find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you:** Search [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), text your ZIP code to 438829, or call 1-800-232-0233.
- Neighborhood Pharmacies across the city also offer the vaccines. Check with your local pharmacy for details.
- To request an in-home appointment, [fill out the online form](#)



FOLLOWING ARE COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES BY ZIP CODE.

Note - site dates and times vary daily.

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 Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd, Mon 6th, Wed 8th, Thu 9th, Fri 10th, Mon 13th, Wed 15th,
Thu 16th, Fri 17th, Mon 20th, Wed 22nd, Thu 23rd and Fri 24th

8am - 3pm on Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th

- ▶ **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 Mon 6th, Tue 7th, Mon 13th, Tue 14th, Mon 20th, Tue 21st, Mon 27th and
Tue 28th

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 Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd, Mon 6th, Wed 8th, Thu 9th, Fri 10th, Mon 13th, Wed 15th,
Thu 16th, Fri 17th, Mon 20th, Wed 22nd, Thu 23rd, Fri 24th and Mon 27th

8am - 3pm on Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

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 Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd, Mon 6th, Wed 8th, Thu 9th, Fri 10th, Mon 13th, Wed 15th, Thu 16th, Fri 17th, Mon 20th, Wed 22nd, Thu 23rd, Fri 24th and Mon 27th

8am - 3pm on Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

19132

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

Be sure to schedule your next Covid-19 Booster Shot! The Black Doctor’s Consortium is offering the next round of Covid-19 Booster Shots on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from **9am-4pm**. Walk ins are accepted but appointments are strongly encouraged.

Visit bdccares.com for more information or to make your appointment.

▶ **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 6th, Tue 7th, Mon 13th, Tue 14th, Mon 20th, Tue 21st and Tue 28th

19144

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

By appointment only, call 215-685-2933 for scheduling.

8am - 12:30pm on Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd, Thu 9th, Fri 10th, Mon 13th, Thu 16th, Fri 17th, Mon 20th, Thu 23rd, and Fri 24th

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 Thu 2nd, Mon 6th, Tue 7th, Wed 8th, Fri 10th, Mon 13th, Tue 14th, Wed 15th, Fri 17th, Mon 20th, Tue 21st, Wed 22nd, Fri 24th, Mon 27th, and Tue 28th

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 Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd, Mon 6th, Wed 8th, Thu 9th, Fri 10th, Mon 13th, Wed 15th, Thu 16th, Fri 17th, Mon 20th, Wed 22nd, Thu 23rd, Fri 24th and Mon 27th

8am - 3pm on Tuesdays - 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th

■ COVID-19 TESTING

(Information from the CDC)



The CDC launched the [COVID-19 Testing Locator website](#), which will allow consumers to search for free Covid-19 testing sites near them. The locator is part of the CDC Increasing Community Access to Testing (ICATT) program, which provides access to Covid-19 testing, focusing on communities at a greater risk of being impacted by the pandemic, people who do not have health insurance, and surge testing in state and local jurisdictions.

Tests offered may include laboratory-based [nucleic acid amplification tests \(NAATs\)](#), including polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests, and rapid [antigen point-of-care \(POC\) testing](#). Results are typically provided within 24–48 hours. Testing is available at pharmacies, commercial laboratory sites, community sites, and retail locations.

Covid-19 testing is available at no-cost at ICATT sites to people with or without health insurance who are experiencing [symptoms](#) or [have been exposed](#) to someone with Covid-19. The tests are billed to third-party payers, such as Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurers. People without health insurance do not have to pay for Covid-19 testing at ICATT locations. Consumers can access the Testing Locator at testinglocator.cdc.gov.

FOLLOWING ARE COVID-19 TESTING SITES BY ZIP CODE.

Note - site dates and times vary daily.

19120

Resource Hub | Mi Salud Wellness Center | Distribution Only Covid-19 at home test
200 E. Wyoming Ave, Phila, 19120

Distribution of at-home Covid-19 rapid antigen tests. o Insurance or ID required.
Each person eligible to receive two at-home testing kit. PDPH staff available on-site to provide instructions on how to use the test, isolation/quarantine guidance, and answer questions.

9am - 4pm on Thu 2nd, Mon 6th, 7th, Wed 8th, Thu 9th, Mon 13th, Tue 14th, Wed 15th,
Thu 16th, Mon 20th, Tue 21st, Wed 22nd, Thu 23rd, Fri 24th, Mon 27th and Tue 28th

830 am - 330pm on Fridays - 3rd, 10th and 17th

19122

Cousin's Supermarket | Testing Event
1900 N. 5th Street, Phila, 19122

No out of pocket costs; no appointments required; walk-up testing with on-site registration; rapid testing available.

9am - 1pm on Saturdays - 11th, 18th and 25th

19124

▶ **Concilio | Testing Event**

141 E. Hunting Park Ave, Phila, 19124

No out of pocket costs; no appointments required; walk-up testing with on-site registration; rapid testing available.

9am – 1pm on Thursdays - 9th, 16th and 22nd

▶ **National Wholesale Liquidators | Testing Event**

900 Orthodox Street, Phila, 19124

No out of pocket costs; no appointments required; walk-up testing with on-site registration; rapid testing available.

9am – 1pm on Fridays - 10th, 17th and 24th

19134

Oak Street Health Aramingo | Testing Event

3621 Aramingo Ave, Phila, 19134

No out of pocket costs; no appointments required; walk-up testing with on-site registration; rapid testing available.

9am – 1pm on Saturdays - 11th, 18th, and 25th

19135

Watch God Move Deliverance Ministries | Testing Event

7015 Torresdale Ave, Phila, 19135

No out of pocket costs; no appointments required; walk-up testing with on-site registration; rapid testing available.

9am – 1pm on Fridays - 10th, 17th and 22nd

19138

▶ **Resource Hub | The Shoppes at LaSalle | Distribution Only Covid-19 at home test**

5301 Chew Ave, Phila, 19138

Distribution of at-home Covid-19 rapid antigen tests. No Insurance or ID required.

Each person eligible to receive two at-home testing kit. PDPH staff available on-site to provide instructions on how to use the test, isolation/quarantine guidance, and answer questions.

10am – 5 pm on Wed 1st, Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd, Mon 6th, Tue 7th, Wed 8th, Thu 9th, Fri 10th, Mon 13th, Tue 14th, Wed 15th, Thu 16th, Fri 17th, Mon 20th, Tue 21st, Wed 22nd, Thu 23rd, Fri 24th, Mon 27th, and Tue 28th

12pm – 7pm on Wednesdays – 8th, 15th and 22nd

19138

▶ **New Journey Christian Center | Testing Event**

1001 E. Cheltenham Ave, Phila, 19138

No out of pocket costs; no appointments required; walk-up testing with on-site registration; rapid testing available.

9am – 1pm on Tue 14th, 21st and 28th

▶ **Masjidullah - The Center for Excellence | Testing Event**

7401 Limekiln Pike, Phila, 19138

No out of pocket costs; no appointments required; walk-up testing with on-site registration; rapid testing available.

9am – 1pm on Tuesdays - 14th and 21st

19140

Triumph Baptist Church | Testing Event

1648 W. Hunting Park Ave, Phila, 19140

No out of pocket costs; no appointments required; walk-up testing with on-site registration; rapid testing available.

9am – 1pm on Wednesdays - 8th, 15th and 22nd

19143

Resource Hub | Bethany Baptist Church | Distribution Only Covid-19 at home test

5747 Warrington Ave, Phila, 19143

Distribution of at-home Covid-19 rapid antigen tests. Insurance or ID required.

Each person eligible to receive two at-home testing kit. PDPH staff available on-site to provide instructions on how to use the test, isolation/quarantine guidance, and answer questions.

9am – 4pm on Wed 1st, Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd, Mon 6th, Tue 7th, Wed 8th, Thu 9th, Fri 10th, Mon 13th, Tue 14th, Wed 15th, Thu 16th, Fri 17th, Mon 20th, Tue 21st, Wed 22nd, Thu 23rd, Fri 24th, Mon 27th, and Tue 28th

11am – 6pm on Wednesdays – 8th, 15th and 22nd

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 Monday the 6th

19148

▶ **Resource Hub | Mt. Enon Baptist Church | Distribution Only Covid-19 at home test**
500 Snyder Ave, Phila, 19148

Distribution of at-home Covid-19 rapid antigen tests. o Insurance or ID required.
Each person eligible to receive two at-home testing kit. PDPH staff available on-site to provide instructions on how to use the test, isolation/quarantine guidance, and answer questions.

9am - 4pm on Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd, Mon 6th, Tue 7th and Wed 8th

▶ **Resource Hub | Whitman Plaza | Distribution Only Covid-19 at home test**
330 W. Oregon Ave, Phila, 19148

Distribution of at-home Covid-19 rapid antigen tests. o Insurance or ID required.
Each person eligible to receive two at-home testing kit. PDPH staff available on-site to provide instructions on how to use the test, isolation/quarantine guidance, and answer questions.

10am - 5pm on Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd, Mon 6th, Tue 7th, Wed 8th, Thu 9th, Fri 10th, Mon 13th,
Tue 14th, Wed 15th, Thu 16th, Fri 17th, Mon 20th, Tue 21st, Wed 22nd, Thu 23rd, Fri 24th, Mon 27th,
and Tue 28th

19149

Oak Street Roosevelt | Testing Event

2311 Cottman Ave #71, Phila, 19149

No out-of-pocket costs; no appointments required; walk-up testing with on-site registration; rapid testing available.

9am - 1pm on Wednesdays - 8th, 15th and 22nd

19153

St. Paul AME Church | Testing Event

8398 Lindberg Blvd, Phila, 19153

No out of pocket costs; no appointments required; walk-up testing with on-site registration; rapid testing available.

9am - 1pm on Thursdays - 9th, 16th and 23rd

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. enior 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, 11th, 18th and 25th

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 - 8th, 15th and 22nd

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 - 8th, 15th and 22nd

19141

Einstein Healthcare Network & 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.

PERSONAL RESOURCES

▶ **PCA's Emergency Fund for Older Philadelphians**

PCA's (Philadelphia Corporation for Aging) emergency fund for older Philadelphians helps to meet basic human needs (such as heating oil, utility shutoff assistance, medicine, medical supplies, food and basic necessities) for those who have exhausted all other resources. To receive assistance, you must be 60 years old or older, live in Philadelphia, and **must be referred by a recognized social service agency or a member of Clergy**. Once referred, PCA has the ability to get resources directly to people in need almost immediately. To learn more, call PCAs' helpline at 215-765-9040 or call GPASS, 215-456-1662.

▶ **Open House: How to Help with Homelessness in Philadelphia**

315 S Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19107 | Wednesday, February 8th - 3pm - 4:30pm

Find out how you can be a part of the solution to homelessness through this "open house" series of events offering information on homelessness outreach, networking with solution-minded community members, and ways to take action. **Register here.** *Sponsored by the Office of Homeless Services.*

HOUSEHOLD RESOURCES

▶ **Weatherization Town Hall** | Virtual or In-Person

February 9, 2023 - 6pm - 8pm

Senator Sharif Street, Representative Danilo Burgos, and Councilman Jim Harrity are partnering with Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Services Center (GPASS NAC) and Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA) to host a Service Area Briefing, Weatherization Town Hall that can save as much as 20% on your heating bill. Making improvements like insulating doors and windows and air sealing saves money that can be used for essential living expenses.



The online session is **Thursday, February 9, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Click the link to registered and participate virtually ed Launch Meeting - Zoom. OR** Join us in person at Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Services Center (GPASS) **4943 N. 5th Street. Call (215) 456-1662 Ext 111 to reserve your space.**

▶ **Housing Assistance**

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

▶ **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](#)

Saturday, February 11th, 3 pm to 4:00 pm

Fire Commissioner Adam Thiel hosts his monthly talk show on WURD-900AM.



▶ **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](#)

▶ **Crisis Assistance**

Crisis Assistance is a federal grant that is awarded to income-eligible customers who are either without utility service or have received a 10-day shut-off notice. Customers can apply for both Crisis Assistance and LIHEAP benefits at the same time. **The application for Crisis Assistance opens on November 1, 2022.**

Crisis Assistance applications can be taken to over a dozen Neighborhood Energy Centers or at the LIHEAP Intake Office [located at 1163 S. Broad St, Philadelphia , PA 19147]. To locate the site nearest you or find out if you are eligible, call 215-560-1583 or visit **the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services** (formerly known as Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare).

▶ **211 - Help Line**

Serving New Jersey, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties, 211 helps individuals find and connect with critical resources in their communities. The line is supported 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in 150 languages. From everyday needs to educational opportunities and crisis support, a 211 Resource Specialist is ready to help families connect to more than 10,000 local health and human services. The hotline is sponsored by the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey.

NEW JERSEY: Call 211, text 898-211 or visit nj211.org.

PENNSYLVANIA: Call/text 211 or visit 211SEPA.org.

In partnership with the City of Philadelphia, 211 Southeastern Pennsylvania is now specialized in violence prevention in Philadelphia county. Their motto is, "There is no basic need more important than safety". The 2-1-1 Violence Prevention Hotline is free and confidential.

▶ **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>

EMPLOYMENT / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ **Job Training – Environmental Service Program** | OIC Philadelph~~ia~~ 1231 N. Broad St., Phila
 - 2 week **tuition free** training includes: Commercial cleaning and training; Chemical safety; Custodial technician training; OSHA 10 certification.
 - Classes start March 6, 2023 – Mon – Fri 8am – 2pm
 - Requirements: 18 years of age and older; High School diploma or equivalent; Valid State IDFor more information go to: philaoic.org/apply, or call 215-236-7700 ext 502.

- ▶ **Job Training – Environmental Service Program** | OIC Philadelph~~ia~~ 1231 N. Broad St., Phila
 - Is cooking your passion?
 - Are you 18 years old or older?
 - Do you have your high school diploma of GED?For more information go to: philaoic.org/apply, or call 215-236-7700 ext 502.

- ▶ **School District of Philadelphia** |
The School District of Philadelphia is now hiring
 - School Nurses
 - Bilingual Counseling Assistants
 - Special Education Assistants
 - Bus ChauffeursApply or learn more about upcoming hiring events at: workinphilly.com.

- ▶ **Career Link® Job Search Help** | **Thomas P. Donatucci Sr. Library**, 1935 Shunk Street, Phila 1:30pm – 4:30pm, Wednesdays February 8th and 22nd; March 8th and 22nd.
Looking for a job? Need to update your resume? Learn how to apply for jobs online. Learn about resources PA CareerLink ® has to offer @ the Donatucci Library.
Call 215-685-1755 for more information.

- ▶ **Job Opportunities in PA**
<https://www.employment.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ **CEA Learning Series: Goal Setting** | Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, February 15th, 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 is about inspiring local community change through training and skills development.

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 and 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**

- ▶ **Volunteer Support Program: Networking Hour** | Virtual Classroom
Thursday, February 16th, 2pm - 3pm

The Volunteer Support Program is about providing organizations who rely on volunteers with best engagement practices. The program is a series of one hour trainings meant to support those who engage volunteers in support of their mission, program, and projects.

Registrants will receive a link to the Zoom meeting by email closer to date. RSVP at <https://bit.ly/VSPtrainings>

- ▶ **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/>

MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

- ▶ **Wednesday Meditations** | 990 West Northwestern Ave, PARKING LOT 1, Phila, 19128,
9am - 10am | Wednesdays - February 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
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. This program is in partnership



with the Andorra Library. Adults and Older Teens.

Please bring a mask. This will be indoors until the weather warms up a bit.

Questions ? Contact us at wec@phila.gov or 215.685.9285

Registration is required at [treehousewec.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) , and will open one week before the program.

- ▶ **Walk with Me** | Tacony Creek Park Trail, Tacony Creek Park.
9:30am - 10:30am on Saturdays - Feb 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

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



Learn **more**: [https://ttfwatershed.org/event/walk-with-me/2023-01-](https://ttfwatershed.org/event/walk-with-me/2023-01-07/)

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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

Which President officially recognized Black History Month?
President Gerald Ford



The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States.

The event grew out of “Negro History Week,” the brainchild of noted historian **Carter G. Woodson** and other prominent African Americans. By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement and a growing awareness of Black identity, "Negro History Week" had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.”

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