



AWF
Food Drive
Let's Make a Difference!

**Councilwoman Cindy Bass and Senator Sharif Street
are hosting a food giveaway**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

10AM - 1PM

PANATI RECREATION CENTER

3101 NORTH 22ND STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19132

THIS POP-UP FOOD GIVEAWAY IS SPONSORED BY:

**THE ALLEGHENY WEST FOUNDATION,
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(Photo from Associated Press) Pictured here in Center is Mayor Cherrille Parker and City Council President Kenyatta Johnson on January 2, 2024 after they had both been inaugurated.

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OUR COMMUNITY SHOULD HELP LEAD THE WAY FOR MAYOR CHERELLE PARKER TO MAKE PHILLY SAFER, CLEANER & GREENER

Peace and positivity to all who read the Allegheny West Foundation Newsflash, a newsletter style publication produced twice a month by the Allegheny West Foundation, (AWF). Our organization is the organization, that with some partners, gives away free food, twice a month, outside in front of the Panati Recreation Center at 3101 N. 22nd Street. Of the many things AWF works to accomplish, is educating our community about the importance of respecting where we live and not littering or participating in illegal dumping. Our Mayor is asking all of us to help her with various things. Mayor Parker is passionate about making Philadelphia a cleaner, greener city and that's something that is attainable. However it will take all of our help.

People who put trash out whenever they want to, whether it's trash collection day or not, stop doing that. Only put your trash out at the curb, or in your driveway, on the appointed trash day, for the area of the city where you live. When you put your trash out on the proper day, make sure your trash cans are covered until such time as the sanitation truck stops by to collect your trash. Having trash can lids helps deter stray animals from digging through your trash. Let's all do our part to help make our part of Philadelphia a cleaner, greener space and support our Mayor. She needs all of us working with her to make things better in Philadelphia.

**This is a
Presidential Election Year!
Are You Registered To Vote?
If Not, Get On It
Dog Gone It!
Call City Commissioner
Omar Sabir's Office and get
Registered to vote today!
215-686-3462**

**Stay informed and be informed about the
news and newsmakers of the Delaware Valley**



**Wednesdays, 8am-9am, listen as AWF's
own Thera Martin host Inside SCOOP
Part One, on WWDB/AM, 860 on the AM
dial. On both radio programs Thera
Martin shares community news and
information, spotlights elected officials
and others who can lift up, inform or
educate our community.**



**Check out The Electric Magazine Show with Guest
Host Thera Martin every Saturday morning for the
rest of this year at 900AM and 96.1/FM WURD. Call
in and share your opinion on hot topic issues by
calling 2150634-8065. You can also watch and
listen to WURD at the WURD Facebook page. You
can also listen online at www.wurdradio.com.
Thera Martin, in her full time life, is a member of
the staff of Allegheny West Foundation. She is also
the N. 22nd Street Business Corridor Manager**



Peirce Elementary School Reopened

On January 2, 2024, it was a day of great joy for students and parents and for this community to see the Peirce Elementary School reopened at 2300 W. Cambria Street. This brand new start of the art building costs some \$44 million dollars to build and our children are worth every dime. This will be the first time in 70 years, that a brand new public school building has been constructed from the ground up. The construction process began in December of 2021. "We believe that all children deserve a state-of-the-art learning environment," said Superintendent Tony B. Watlington, Sr., Ed.D. "We know that our students' perceptions of building conditions are related to their feelings of belonging, safety, and trust at their schools. This is one of the reasons that improving physical, social-emotional, and environmental safety and well-being is the first priority area in Accelerate Philly, the School District of Philadelphia's five-year strategic plan to achieve the Board of Education's Goals and Guardrails. This new building is one of the first steps toward achieving that goal."

The new 77,000-square-foot elementary school replaced a building built in 1909 and has the capacity to serve 500 students in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. The building was designed for a LEED Gold Certification from the U.S Green Building Council, an esteemed green building rating. Following the ribbon cutting and brief remarks, there were guided tours of the building.

8th District Philadelphia City Councilwoman Cindy Bass and PA State Senator Sharif Street who represents the 3rd Senatorial District worked very hard to make sure the Allegheny West community of North Philadelphia got a new school building for our elementary school students once it was discovered that there was asbestos in the old building. This new building was long overdue.



THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA TAX CREDIT PROGRAM FOR HOMEOWNERS

The City of Philadelphia is offering a one time Tax Credit to eligible Philadelphia homeowners to offset rising real estate taxes. The credit can be added to your current or future tax bill.

The deadline to apply is January 31, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Call 1-855-334-9513 for more information about the City of Philadelphia Real estate Tax Credit program.



PROPERTY TAX RENT REBATE PROGRAM

Applications are now open for the property tax rent rebate program. The program provides income-eligible senior citizens and people with permanent disabilities, a rebate on the property taxes or rent they paid in the previous year. You can learn more about the program at www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/

39TH POLICE DISTRICT MEETING JAN. 30TH

The 39th Police District will hold its Pubic Service Area 3 (PSA) meeting, Tues. January 30th at 2850 N. 22nd Street, 7:00pm-8:00pm. The meeting will be led by Lt. Oneeka. This is an opportunity for citizens and area residents to come out and discuss issues and concerns with your local police leaders. Light refreshments will be available while supplies last.



LOOKING FOR A JOB?

If you are looking for employment, you can start by coming to the Allegheny West Foundation Business and Community resource Center at 2850 N. 22nd Street on Tuesday, January 30th, 2024 between 10am-2pm. PA Career Link and Impact Services hold office hours at 2850 N. 22nd Street usually the 4th Tuesday of every month, 10am-2pm. For the month of January, it just so happens they will be in the office on N. 22nd Street, January 30th. Whether you have a resume or not, just stop in. At Allegheny West Foundation we want to do all we can to help people connect with good job opportunities. To get on an email list to learn about upcoming job fairs, resume-writing workshops and things like that, email Thera Martin at: theramartin10@gmail.com



PA STATE REP DARISHA PARKER

PA State Representative Darisha Parker represents the other part of the Allegheny West Foundation Service area. Darisha Parker represents the 198th Legislative District. Her district office is located at 1335 West Tabor Road, Phone, 215-849-6426.



PA STATE REP. RONI GREEN

PA State Representative Roni Green or one of her staff members, holds office hours at 2850 N. 22nd Street, once a month, on the 3rd Friday of every month. State Rep. Green will have office hours Friday, January 19th, 10am-2pm at 2850 N. 22nd Street. State Rep. Roni Green represents the 190th legislative District. If you want to contact State Rep. Roni Green before you come to the Allegheny West Business and Community Resource Center on N. 22nd Street, her district office number is 267-439-4732. She has two district offices. The office nearest to N. 22nd Street is located at 3333 W. Hunting Park Avenue.

STARTING A BUSINESS?

What's The Best Way To Start A Business? The first thing you should do if you want to start a business and you know what kind of business you want to start, is to then research who your competition is. Make sure the business you dream of starting makes sense. Next you should draft yourself a basic business plan. As yourself how much will it cost to start the business? Will your business be home-based, or will you have a brick a mortar location you go to? How much money do you have to have, to start your business? Can you get loans from family and friends to get started? Then it's time to contact the City of Philadelphia Department of Commerce and ask for a business coach. This is a service offered, free of charge provided by the Commerce Department. Your business coach will talk you through all the next steps you need to take, to make your vision of owning a business become a reality.

**Call the City of Philadelphia Commerce
Department at 215-683-2000.**