



## DECEMBER 2023

# **NEWS FLASH**



Pictured here in the center is Philadelphia Streets Commissioner Carlton Williams, surrounded by members of the 3000 block of N. 24th Street Block Club. They recently received a grant for \$500 for their block for a beautification project. The Commissioner came out personally to cheer them on and to thank them for caring about their block.

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### COME ON ALLEGHENY WEST NEIGHBORS, WE CAN DO BETTER

Come on Allegheny West neighborhood, Tioga Nicetown neighborhood, Swampoodle neighborhood, we can do better keeping our streets clean. We applaud all those of you who sweep in front of your own door and who make attempts to sweep up on your block. We need more residents like you. If we don't care about the community where we live, who will? Every single day, various people litter along the N. 22nd Street Business Corridor. And in other areas of our community. There are area residents who actually bring their trash bags from their home to N. 22nd Street and leave them at the intersection of 22nd and Cambria, at 22nd and Sommerset, and 22nd and Indiana. It's ridiculous, and it's disrespectful.

What with our Centennial Mayor preparing to take office, Mayor-Elect Cherelle L. Parker, she's already said she means business when it comes to cracking down on illegal dumping and litter. She is determined to have a cleaner, greener Philadelphia. If you are one of those renters, homeowners or business owners who does not properly store your trash, or who puts trash out before trash day, or who refuses to sweep up and clean in front of your own door, don't be surprised when you start receiving tickets and citations in the mail.

Congratulations to the residents of the 3000 block of N. 24th Street for being an organized block club and for caring about your block and your community. To learn more about how to properly store trash or put thrash out on collection say log on at <a href="https://www.phila.gov">www.phila.gov</a> and scroll down to Streets Department.

# The Cold Weather is upon us and some of us may need help paying utility bills

PECO customers can now apply for grants to help pay their utility bills through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The company is committed to working with customers in need of assistance, with support ranging from offering payment arrangements to connecting customers with energy assistance resources. Last year, LIHEAP helped nearly 60,000 PECO customers secure more than \$45 million in financial assistance. LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps low-income households with their energy bills. However, customers must not delay in applying as this is a first-come, first-served program and is only available until money runs

"When temperatures drop this winter, customers could see an increase in their home heating bills," said <u>Patricia King</u>, manager of Community Engagement for PECO. "We understand the impact this can have on our low-income customers, so we are urging them to take advantage of programs like LIHEAP now."Customers can <u>apply for a LIHEAP grant</u> of up to \$1,000 or call 800-34-HELP-4. PECO is dedicated to delivering safe and reliable electricity and natural gas and recognizes its responsibility to keep bills as low as possible.

You can also reach out to the Utility Emergency Services Fund. Since 1983, UESF has been known for helping families who have fallen behind on utility bills. But we have found that utility assistance is not always enough. When faced with housing challenges, vulnerable families need more holistic services. They need proactive and comprehensive case management that helps them prioritize their housing and financial needs. And that's what USEF delivers.

The Utility Emergency Services Fund of Philadelphia is located at 1608 Walnut Street, Suite 600. The phone number is 215-972-5170 The web site is www.uesfacts.org



#### **Good News For Job Seekers**

The Allegheny West Foundation Business and Community Resource Center at 2850 N. 22nd Street is proud to announce that on the 4th Tuesday of every month, (unless we have inclement weather), two organizations that work to help people find jobs is holding office hours inside 2850 N. 22nd Street.

The organizations that will join us on the 4th Tuesday of every month are Impact Services and PA Career Link. They will hold office hours from 10am-2pm and their mission is to link up good workers with great job opportunities.

If you want to confirm the dates when Impact Services and PA Career Link will be on sight at 2850 N. 22nd Street, give us a call at 215-223-2867. Right now we are set for Wed. Dec. 20th 10am-2pm and Tues. Jan. 23, same time.

### Stay informed and be informed about the news and newsmakers of the Delaware Valley.



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. 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





Pictured here, left to right, Dr. Ala Stanford, Founder of the Black Doctors Consortium, Dr. Ala Standford Center for Health Equity, Thera Martin from Allegheny West Foundation and Tracy Wood, Executive Director of Black Doctors Consortium

# BLACK DOCTORS CONSORTIUM MEDICAL CENTER ON THE CAMPUS OF DELIVERANCE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH 2001 W. LEHIGH AVENUE

People who live in the Allegheny West area of North Central Philadelphia, guess what? You're pretty lucky. We have a number of health care facilities right at our fingertips to help us stay healthy, if we but access them. We have Temple University Hoispital, right at Broad and Ontario Streets. We have Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine at 2100 W. Camrbia Street. Then let's not leave out Quality Community Health Care Center at 2501 W. Lehigh Avenue. The good news is that we now also have The Black Doctors Consortium, Dr.Ala Standford Center for Health Equity at 2001 W. Lehigh Avenue, on the campous of Deliverance Evangelistic Church. Oh what a beautiful, professional and state of the art omedical center it is. Under the visionary leadership of Founder Dr. Ala Stanford, and CEO Kamau Stanford, the

Black Doctors COVID19 Consortium
(BDCC) has shifted the paradigm of the delivery of medical services. Recognized as a national model by Dr. Rachel Levine, the Assistant Secretary of Health, BDCC has been at the forefront of serving Philadelphia and surrounding counties during this global pandemic.

Committed to providing access to exceptional healthcare through advocacy and education, we serve with empathy and care. Dr. Ala Standford and her team recognize that equity in healthcare requires action and they have answered the call. Collectively, as we are still grappling with the pandemic, the doctors focus has expanded to include addressing other health disparities and challenges that plague communities of color. Now recognized as the Black Doctors Consortium (BDC), their continuum of care has been expanded via the Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Health Equity. Looking for great healthcare with doctors and other medical staff who really care?

Call Black Doctors Consortium today at 484-270-6200. Log onto their website at www.bdccares.com. Open Mondays-Fridays, 9am-5pm

