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AWF Food Drive

Let's Make a Difference!

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

10AM - 1PM

PANATI RECREATION CENTER

3101 NORTH 22ND STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PA 19132

THIS POP-UP FOOD GIVEAWAY IS SPONSORED BY:

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This is What the New Panati Recreation Center Will Look Like

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GOOD NEWS AREA RESIDENTS OF THE ALLEGHENY WEST COMMUNITY OF NORTH PHILADELPHIA

We are excited about the new building coming to Panati Rec Center. In late Spring of 2024, the old Panati Recreation Center is expected to close, in order to prepare for construction. Look out for a ground breaking celebration when construction begins in the summer of 2024!

Construction is expected to last approximately 12-15 months. The playground and walking track are expected to remain open during construction.

The Panati Playground project includes demolition of the existing building, and new construction of a 5700 Square Foot facility, including an indoor half-court basketball gym, a community kitchen, a multi-purpose room and a maker space.

Philadelphia Rebuild is investing hundreds of millions of dollars into parks, recreation centers, and libraries. This much needed work will provide safe and attractive spaces for recreation and education, community services and other essential programs. The rebuild process promotes inclusion and (continued on page 2)



Pictured here are some of the men and women who came out to learn about the bidding process for building a new Panati Recreation Center. The bidding process is now open photos by Thera

Over 30 building contractors came out to learn more about the bidding process for the Panati Recreation Center Tuesday, February 20, 2024. A meeting was held at the recreation center site at 3101 N. 22nd Street, (22nd and Clearfield).

For more than the last decade, the Panati Recreation Center has been operated by the Allegheny West Foundation, (AWF), a 501 C-3 nonprofit organization that has been in existence since the early 1970's.

Ronald E. Hinton, Jr. is the President of AWF and he's been leading the way, working closely with Philadelphia City Councilwoman Ci8ndy Bass, with PA State Senator Sharif Street and of curse with the people from the Philadelphia Rebuild Team.

Knocking down a building and then replacing it with a new structure is much more than a notion. It takes community support. Support from elected officials and other government entities. It takes a lot of work, vision and commitment, and a dose of patience too.

Rebuild is investing hundreds of millions of dollars into parks, recreation centers, and libraries in Philadelphia neighborhoods. Rebuild is a historic investment made possible through the City of Philadelphia's beverage tax and philanthropy.

In addition to a transformational grant of \$100 million from the William Penn Foundation, Rebuild has raised more than \$35 million from private and public funders.

Rebuild is excited to share the recent award of over \$3 million from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account (DCED LSA) Statewide Program. This funding will grow the already incredible impact Rebuild is having at the sites below:

The Rebuild program will invest hundreds of millions of dollars in Philadelphia's parks, recreation centers, and libraries. Made possible by the Philadelphia Beverage Tax.

SAVE THESE DATES

Fri. Feb. 23rd, Philadelphia Commerce Director Alba Martinez will do a walking tour along the N. 22nd Street Business Corridor between 2pm-4pm.

Fri. Feb. 23rd, the AWF Business and Community Resource Center will welcome small business owners form our corridor and in the immediate area to stop by 2850 N. 22nd Street, between 3pm-3:45pm. Commerce Director Marinez will stop in to say hello to business owners.

Fri. Feb. 23rd, PA State Rep. Roni Green who represents the 190th legislat8ve district will hold office hours at 2850 N. 22nd Street, 10am-2pm. Stop in and say hello to State Rep. Roni Green.

Thurs. Feb. 29th, Allegheny West Foundation will hist a community meeting at 2850 N. 22nd St., 6pm-7:30pm. A PECO Energy representative will be our guest to share info on saving energy and more.

Wed. March 6th , AWF will host a free food giveaway outside in front of the Panati Recreation Center 10am-1pm. Our sponsors for the food giveaways are NewCourtland, Blessings of Hope, Share Food Program and Philabundance. Our food giveaways are supported by Councilwoman Cindy Bass and by PA State Senator Sharif Street.

Fri. March 15th, The 39th Police District public service area -3 (PSA-3) will hist their public meeting at 2850 N. 22bd Street, 7pm-8pm. All are welcome, Come out and talk with police officials about your concerns and suggestions.

Tues. March 19th, the Allegheny West Civic Association of Philadelphia-RCO will hold their monthly public meeting, 6pm-8pm at 2850 N. 22nd St. Regina Smith chairs the AWCA-RCO. This group looks at development projects that some developers would like to see in our community. It is very important that neighbors and area residents participate at the RCO meetings so you can have a say in what is built or developed in your own backyard.

Wed. March 20th, AWF will host another free food giveaway outside in front of the Panati Recreation Center, 3101 N. 22nd Street, 10am-1pm, or until supplies are depleted. First come, first serve. Please bring your own bags or boxes.

Tues. March 26th, the PA Career Link and Impact Services will come back out to 2850 N. 22nd Street to assist jobseekers in their search for good employment opportunities. Looking for a job? Stop y 2850 N. 22nd Street between 10am-2pm on Tues. March 26th!

(This is only a partial list of some of the many happenings in our service area).



ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER?

The Primary Election in PA takes place on Tuesday, April 23rd. This is a presidential election year, and so this is a critical election season. Everyone who is age 18 or older should register to vote. If you are not 18 yet, but will be 18 by April 23rd, you can register to vote now. Start by contacting the Philadelphia City Commissioners Office. Commissioner Omar Sabir is the Chairman of the City Commissioners. His office number is 215-686-3462 if you want to know more about the voter registration process. Yu can also log on at www.phila.vote.gov



LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN NORTH PHILADELPHIA?

Contact Allegheny West Foundation. From month to month, we may or may not have vacancies. The best thing to do, is to start by contact AWF at 215-225-1019. AWF is an equal opportunity housing organization. You can also head to awestfoundation.org for more information about housing.

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



**WWDB-AM
TALK 860**

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 Thera Martin as she hosts The Electric Magazine Show on WURD Saturdays at 9:00AM and 96.1/FM. Call in and share your opinion on hot topic issues by calling 215-634-8065. 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