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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, APRIL 17, 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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NEWS FLASH



Neighbors must stop littering like this.

Here's Quadir, an AWF Cleaning Ambassador

Don't Just Talk About It, Be About It. Help Clean Up Philly



The deadline to register to vote if you plan on voting in the Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Primary election is April 8th at midnight. Don't wait until the last minute. Get registered to vote NOW and on April 23rd vote like your life depends on it because it does.

Saturday April 6, 2024 is the officially designated Citywide Spring Cleanup day. Neighbors from the Allegheny West community, to the Community Action Group neighborhood, to Tioga United and Nicetown, to West Philly, Overbrook, Point Breeze, Chestnut Hill and Logan, to all points Philadelphia, residents of Philadelphia are being asked to come out and do some cleaning on the block where you live, or on another block, but to come out and participate in the Spring Cleanup.

Every year, City government, residents, and organizations partner to kick off the spring season by cleaning and beautifying Philadelphia's neighborhoods through Philly Spring Cleanup. This Department of Streets event takes place at hundreds of locations across the city. Residents

and organizations can register as volunteers or submit projects, including park and neighborhood cleanups.

Activities include: Picking up trash, Sweeping sidewalks, Removing graffiti, Painting benches and Planting bulbs, small shrubbery or baby trees. Philly Spring Cleanup is Philadelphia's largest city-wide, single-day clean-up event. Since its 2008 launch, a total of 200,000 volunteers have removed more than 11.4 million pounds of trash and 950,000 pounds of tires from city streets at nearly 6,750 project sites. If you did not sign up with the official Spring Clean Up office for Philadelphia, don't let that stop you from picking up a broom and cleaning up anyway, on April 6th Together we can make a difference and make Philly a cleaner, greener, safer city.

SAVE THE DATE APRIL 11TH, SMALL BIZ OWNERS

Mayor Cherelle Parker will be coming to North 22nd Street on Thursday, April 11, 2024 between 10am-11am. She will be holding a press conference at the Allegheny West Foundation Business and Community Resource Center at 2850 N. 22nd Street.

The Mayor's press conference has to do with small business owners and plans she has to assist them in growing their businesses and making them more sustainable. If you are a business owner, and would like to be in the room for the press conferences, seating is limited. However, send an email to Thera Martin at: theramartin10@gmail.com and we will try to accommodate you.



Looking for Employment?



PA State Rep. Roni Green, 190th District

PA State Rep. Roni Green or one of her staff members holds office hours the third Friday of every month at 2850 N. 22nd Street. That's the AWF Business and Community Resource Center office building. They are there, 10am-2pm and you do not need an appointment to stop by. They deal with all level of state issues and will be happy to meet with you on N 22nd Street. The next time Roni Green will have a presence at 2850 will be on Friday, April 19th. You can also always call her office at 3333 W. Allegheny Avenue. The phone number there is 267-531-8245.

The 4th Tuesday of every month, PA Career Link and Impact Services both hold office hours at the AWF Business and Community Resource Center at 2850 N. 22nd St., 10am-2pm.

The next time PA Career Link and Impact Services will be at 2850 N. 22nd Street is Tuesday, April 23, 2024. You do not need an appointment, Just walk on in!

Launched in July, 2012, PA CareerLink® is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's initiative to transform the landscape of how job-seekers find family sustaining jobs and how employers find the skilled candidates that they need. Through this initiative, a user-friendly, premiere job-matching system has been created to help bridge the gap that currently exists between job-seekers and employers.

Fri. April 19th, there will be a 2nd Chance Job and Resource Fair At Howard Gittis Student Activity Center/Temple University, 1755 N. 13th Street, Room 200, (13th and Montgomery). 10am-2pm. This event is being sponsored by PA State Senator Sharif Street, JEVS, Uplift Solutions, Inc., The Chamber of Commerce, Temple University and several other sponsors. For more details call 215-204-0677.



There's a Method To Our Madness With Sidewalk Giving

On the first and third Wednesday of every month, Allegheny West Foundation, (AWF) and our partners, distribute food to upwards of 300 families. Let it be known that AWF does not do this work alone. NewCourtland, Blessings of Hope, Philabundance and the Share Food Program are right there with us, helping us to get the food that we in turn make available for free to residents from our area of the city who are in need. Two other partners that are co-hosts for the food giveaways we do, are 3rd PA senate district, State Senator Sharif Street and Philadelphia City Councilwoman Cindy Bass, who represents the 8th Council District. Since before the Pandemic, these two elected officials have been there with Allegheny West Foundation, step by step as we've been working to lift up our area of the city with a new elementary school, which has now been completed, a new apartment complex for seniors at 2221 W. Venango Street which has now been completed. A brand new Recreation Center at 3101 N. 22ND Street, which will soon be under way, and another seniors apartment complex is slated to come to 3030 N. 20th Street in the next year or so. An Allegheny West Foundation Food Distribution Center is being built behind the old Citizens Bank location in the 2900 block of N 22nd Street. Actually, the AWF Food Distribution Center address will be on the 2900 block of Indiana Avenue. That building will be completed within the next 12 months.

On the first and third Wednesday of every month, one thing is certain. Allegheny West Foundation will continue to distribute food. Each time we have a free food giveaway, we have back up with us such as Councilwoman Cindy Bass or PA State Senator Sharif Street. The City Health Department is always with us when we distribute food, and so is PA Career Link and the office of PA State Rep. Roni Green. When area residents come out to our food giveaways, not only can they get food, they get information that can assist them with any number of other concerns and issues. At some point over the summer of 2024, the old Panati Recreation Center will be demolished and a ground breaking will take place for the new recreation Center At that time, our food distribution location will change. Stay tuned for new location to be announced soon.

To learn about all the upcoming events that Allegheny West Foundation is involved with, check out our web site at awestfoundation.org.



LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN NORTH PHILADELPHIA?

Contact the Allegheny West Foundation at 215-225-1019 to inquire about current vacancies. AWF is an equal opportunity housing organization. Visit awestfoundation.org for additional housing details.