

The 39th Police District is in need of a few more good volunteers who are willing to roll up their sleeves and do some community service projects along with some of the officers from the 39th Police District. We meet once a month and we host at least (10) event over a 12month time frame, every year. We host a National Nite Out event every August, a Halloween party at the end of October, a Christmas Party in December, a Police appreciation luncheon once a year, a veterans appreciation event once a year, and usually at least one fundraiser to fuel these other projects that we do, once a year. Please come put and support the 39th Police District. Our next fundraiser is Friday, June 6th, 5pm-10m at Tony's Place at 5911 North Broad Street. If you are interested in applying to be a part of the 39th Police District community advisory group, email the Community Relations Officer, officer Sharon Ings at sharon.ings@pila.gov.



MAY 2025 NEWS FLASH



NEWCOURTLAND IS A PARTNER WE CAN DEPEND

It's probably not too often that you see a CEO of a major corporation such as NewCourtland come out and participate at a food giveaway. But that is exactly what Joe Duffy did recently. During one of our AWF food giveaways outside at 2330 W. Allegheny we not only did Joe Duffy come, but he brought a few extra hands with him, staff from NewCourtland, to assist us in distributing food on that day and several other recent days. New Courtland partners with AWF on a number of wonderful projects, including the brand new senior apartment building that's in the process of being built at 3030 N. 20th Street. Three cheers from NewCourtland and the visionary leadership of Joe Duffy and R. Max Kent, Vice President of Operations at NewCourtland.



As of April 15, 2025, this is the appearance of the AWF Food Distribution Center. Photo by Dave Yurky

A FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER IS COMING TO 2208 W. INDIANA AVE.

When our community has a need that Allegheny West Foundation can address, that's what we do. So is the case for the food insecurity in our area of the city. Essentially, we have two grocery stores near the 22nd Street Business Corridor. We have Save-A-Lot at 22nd and W. Lehigh at Hope Plaza and we have Jeff Brown's Shoprite Supermarket at Hunting Park Avenue and Wissahickon Avenue. Problem is, sometimes, because of pricing, people from the community can't afford to purchase the food they want or need at the area markets.

Ron Hinton, President of Allegheny West Foundation saw the gap. He saw the need, and he came up with a plan to build an AWF Food Distribution Center.

Because there was no adequate storage space, or refrigeration, in any of the properties owned by AWF, Ron Hinton decided to build an AWF Food Distribution Center, which will be completed by the end of June 2025. The Food Distribution Center is located at 2208 W. Indiana Ave.,

only one block away from where we used to do major food giveaways, outside in front of the old Panati Recreation Center. This new Food Distribution Center will allow AWF to support even more families in need and individuals in need, in our service area, going forward, after the grand opening.

Since the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic, Allegheny West Foundation has been making sure that people from the Allegheny West Community who have lost jobs, or are underemployed, can still feed themselves and their families. In partnership with multiple organizations, AWF built upon their already existing food program and made it even larger. The free food distribution they do, even while waiting for the new food distribution center to be completed, every Friday, (until further notice), continues outside in front of the Allegheny West Foundation office at 2330 W. Allegheny Avenue, residents from the community line up, sometimes stretching around the block to

Fox Street, as they wait for the food we give away. Currently the AWF Food program serves about 2,000 families in the 19132 and 19140 zip codes. AWF distributes 30,000 pounds of free food each week. After starting the program and witnessing the continued need, it was evident that access to fresh, affordable food is extremely needed in this area of the city, even after the pandemic.

The Allegheny West Foundation Food Distribution Center will make a major difference for our service area and for our community.



Hats off to 190th Legislative District State Rep. Roni Green. February 21st, she hosted a mini job fair at her office located at 3333 W. Hunting Park Avenue. 8 area businesses or nonprofits came out and participated, sharing employment opportunities they have.



This photo was taken at the AWF Food giveaway we did on Friday, February 28th. AWF distributes food every Friday 9am-until food supplies are depleted outside in front of 2330 W. Allegheny Avenue. Food insecurity is a real thing in the heart of North Philly.



February 21st, we were back at the Allegheny West Plaza Apartment complex for another press conference. This one was hosted by PA State Senator Sharif Street as he shared information about free food his office would give away all month long, during Ramadan.

If you want to be aware of other up and coming development projects in the Allegheny West area of North Philadelphia, then you want to stay connected to the Allegheny West Civic Association of Philadelphia, (Registered Community Organization), RCO. Regina Smith heads the AWCA-RCO and they hold meetings 12 months out of the year, (unless inclement weather prevents them from holding a meeting). The meetings are always on the third Tuesday of every month, 6pm-8pm. The meetings are held at the Allegheny West Foundation Business and Community Resource Center at 2850 N. 22nd Street. You can contact Regina Smith at: Ginapeace55@gmail.com. Attending these meetings is a great way to stay informed about local initiatives, voice your concerns, and contribute to the ongoing development of the community. Whether you're a resident, business owner, or simply interested in the area's growth, your participation is valuable. The AWCA-RCO strives to foster a collaborative environment where everyone can share ideas and work together to create a thriving neighborhood.

In addition to staying informed about development projects, these meetings often feature guest speakers from various city departments and local organizations, providing insights into resources and opportunities available to residents. It's a perfect opportunity to network with community leaders and neighbors who share a common goal of enhancing the quality of life in North Philadelphia.

So, mark your calendar and join the conversation at the next meeting. Your involvement can make a significant difference in shaping the future of the Allegheny West area. For the latest updates and meeting reminders, be sure to follow the Allegheny West Civic Association on social media or sign up for their newsletter.



On March 4th, the Allegheny West Community and other surrounding neighborhoods were thrilled for the official grand-reopening of the Mini City Hall at 2761 N. 22nd Street, that's at 22nd and Somerset. You can pay water bills there. You can pay tax bills there. You can learn about other city services at the Mini City Hall. Thank you Mayor Cherelle L. Parker for reopening our mini city hall!

Community and Police Working Together... As part of keeping her hand on the pulse of Philadelphia, the Mayor has created 10 groups in our 10 council districts that meet monthly to discuss and address concerns around trash and litter and other subjects. The Joseph E. Coleman Library on W. Cheltenham Avenue is the site of monthly meetings that the city hosts in the 8th District.

Allegheny West Foundation has an amazing Board of Directors, a group of volunteers who give their time to help steer AWF in the right direction. These individuals are a mixture of people who live in the 19132 and 19140 zip codes or who work in these zip codes, or retired from working or living in this community. We appreciate all our board members for the Allegheny West Foundation.

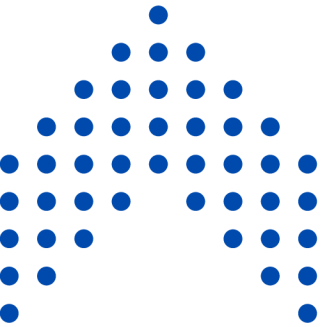


CELEBRATING OUR POLICE FROM THE 39TH DISTRICT

On January 16th, the 39th Police District PDAC and the Police/Clergy team collaborated with the 39th Police Captain and his staff to host a delightful appreciation luncheon for the officers of the 39th Police District. These officers have shown remarkable dedication over the past year, overcoming numerous challenges. The significance of this event was highlighted by the attendance of Philadelphia Police Commissioner Keven Bethel, who took the time to join in the celebration. Acknowledging the hard work of these officers is always meaningful, and that's precisely what took place on January 16th. The event took place at the beautiful Salvation Army Kroc Center on Wissahickon Avenue.



There's a Primary Election in Pennsylvania on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. We will have the opportunity to vote for (9) Common Pleas Court Judges, (3) Municipal Court Judges, one District Attorney and one City Controller. There will also be (3) questions on the ballot on May 20th. The polls open at 7am and remain open until 8pm. If you have not yet registered to vote, you have until May 5th at 11:59pm, if you want to participate in the May 20th Primary Election. If you have questions about election day or registering to vote, call the City Commissioners Office at 215-686-3462.



THE FAMILY OF MR. WILLIE SEWARD AND THE BUSINESS OWNERS ALONG N. 22ND STREET BUSINESS CORRIDOR SAID A SAD FAREWELL TO MR. WILLIE SEWARD FEB. 4TH

The North 22nd Street Business Corridor lost one of its longtime, very active business owners, Mr. Willie Seward in the first part of 2025. Willie Seward who was 95 years old at the time of his transition, owned and operated Willie Seward Realty at 2819 N. 22nd Street for over 30 years. An active member of the N 22nd Street Business Association, Willie Seward was always trying to find ways to lift up others and assist business owners along the way. One thing is for certain. While he lived, Willie Seward made a difference, and his absence will be felt in our community. Special thanks to the 39th Police District Captain Joseph Busa and Community Relations Officer Tarik Stroman for making it possible for Mr. Seward to have a great farewell funeral procession down our business corridor on the day of his home going service, February 4, 2025.

The photo to the right of the day we unveiled a street sign in honor of Willie Seward at the corner of 22nd and Somerset, back in 2023. 8th District City Councilwoman Cindy Bass made the street sign possible.



To close out the month of March, AWF came out to show support to Dr. Robin Cooper. Dr. Cooper owns Kapptivating Kids Talent Center on N. 22nd Street. She is also the President of the Commonwealth Association of School Administrators, (CASA), Teamsters Local 502. From the time Dr. Cooper first moved her child care agency to N. 22nd Street up until now, she has been an active and supportive member of the North 22nd Street Business community. She gives back all the time and has made a major positive impact in our community and on our business corridor. March 28-March 30th, Dr. Cooper and her union hosted a three day education conference at the Hilton Hotel on City Avenue. One of the guest speakers was none other than Mayor Cherelle L. Parker, who received an award from Dr. Cooper during the opening night welcome session. AWF was there because Dr. Robin Cooper always supports us and we in turn wanted to support her endeavors with the education conference that drew some 700+ attendees. Congratulations to Dr. Cooper and her team on an amazing education conference.

