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The North 22nd Street Business Association

Lunch Meeting

AT THE ALLEGHENY WEST FOUNDATION
2850 NORTH 22ND STREET



A 1 Hour Discussion

Free & Open to Businesses on North 22nd Street

You are invited to attend a very special lunch meeting
Friday, February 23, 2024
11:30am - 12:30pm



Alba Martinez, the Director of the Department of Commerce for Philadelphia, will be doing a Walking Tour along the N. 22nd Street Business Corridor, Friday, February 23rd

If time permits, Alba Martinez will stop by our business association meeting to chat with us at 2850 N. 22nd Street at the **Allegheny West Foundation Business and Community Resource Center.**

We need your attendance and support at our business association meetings.

A complimentary lunch will be provided, courtesy of Mr. Ken Curry.

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***Ken Curry is President of the North 22nd Street Business Association**



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NORTH 22ND STREET BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Streets Commissioner Carlton Williams speaking at N. 22nd St. Business Assoc. Meeting last month.
The 2nd picture is of trash dumped outside in front of Family Dollar at 22nd & Cambria

Carlton Williams, Our Clean and Green Czar For Philadelphia Was Special Guest At Last N. 22nd Street Biz Association Meeting

Business Owners along the North 22nd Street Business Corridor and throughout the Allegheny West community of North Philadelphia, if you missed the last North 22nd Street Business Association Meeting, you missed a special one. In December of 2023, then Philadelphia Streets Commissioner Carlton Williams came out with a team of his staff from the Streets Department, to talk with our business owners about how we can best attack the trash problem, littering and illegal dumping that has seen a major increase in the last 6 months or so, in our community. We invited Commissioner Williams to help us figure out what can we do differently, to try and keep our business corridor and our community looking cleaner than it does. Commissioner Williams said the first thing is, "Business owners do have to take responsibility for outside in front of your place of business. Whether you dropped the trash or not, as a business owner, you are responsible to clean -up in front of your own store. You have to be mindful how you put your trash out and when you put your trash out. You need to have good trash cans with tops to the trash cans that fit. Keep tops on your trash cans. Tops on trash cans certainly help keep rodents and other stray animals from getting in the trash and making matters worse. Also, business owners like other citizens in Philadelphia should only put your trash out on the day in which trash is collected for where you live or work. If you have to use some trash bags, once your trash cans are full, make sure you tie the trash bags up tightly, again in an effort to try and keep stray animals out. Until it is your trash collection day, trash receptacles should be stored behind your business, not on the front sidewalk where customers and area residents have to walk by your trash, smell your trash and have to be forced to look at it, simply because its right there in your face. We want to be supportive of business owners in Philadelphia. However, we need you to support your city. You can do that by following simple sanitation rules. For business owners who want to ignore what the city is asking you to do, you will start seeing first a citation/warning and then tickets will start being written against your address, if you don't clean up in front of your business and if you put trash out before the scheduled collection day".

City of Philadelphia Commercial Recycling Fact Sheet for Businesses and Building Owners

Section 10-724 of the Philadelphia Code requires operators of all commercial institutional, and industrial properties-including residential buildings with more than six dwelling units-to establish recycling services and educate tenants and employees about recycling. This requirement saves money, resources and the environment.

Building Owners/Operators Responsibilities Include:

Establishing adequate recycling services. Contact your current waste hauler or shop around for the best deal on recycling services. You may be able to cut costs by reducing the size or collection frequency of your trash service. Filing a Commercial Waste Report: List the materials collected for recycling and name your contracted waste and recycling hauler(s). File your Commercial Waste Report at CommercialWaste.Phila.gov. Share the Report: Post your Report Certificate in a place where everyone can see it. Educate your tenants and employees with signs and fliers showing what they can and cannot recycle. Download these materials and discover additional resources at Phila.gov/programs/recycling-program/resources. Follow these steps and being compliance with the recycling law.

Who is Responsible?

All building operators are responsible for complying with the Code. An operator is any person or entity that arranges for the collection of waste and recyclables in a building, in some cases, buildings have more than one operator.

The city of Philadelphia has services they can provide to Small Business Owners such as:

A FREE outdoor video security program for all operating businesses along the N. 22nd Street Business Corridor; Storefront Improvement Grant. SIP Grant; In-Store Improvement Grant
Want to know more about services from the City of Philadelphia Department of Commerce? Call the main number at 215-683-2000. Thera Martin is the N. 22nd St. Business Corridor manager and she is also ready to be helpful. Reach Thera at 267-402-6313.



Recyclable materials include: plastic bottles, paper, cardboard, food & beverage cans, food & beverage cartons, glass bottles & containers.

Enforcement:

Officers from the Streets and Walkways Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP) will be inspecting commercial properties to ensure compliance. Penalties include fines of up to \$300/day.

Sweep Officers will be looking for two things: Source separation of recyclable material and evidence that your Commercial Waste Report has been filed and shared. Mixed waste processing, or separating recyclables form trash “back at the plant,” is NOT practiced legally in the Philadelphia region. If your hauler tells you, it's ok to mix recyclables with waste, find another hauler.

The Philadelphia Recycling Office offers free services to help businesses waste less, recycle more and comply with the City's recycling law. For more information call Philly 311. You can also email the recycling office at Commercial.Recycling@phila.gov.. You can also log onto their website at: Commercialwaste.phila.gov.

A Message from the N. 22nd Street Business Association President Ken Curry



Over the last number of weeks, we’ve all heard Mayor Cherelle Parker say quite a few times that while she is honored to be the Mayor of Philadelphia, she understands that she can’t do all the work by herself. She needs her Administration, all City of Philadelphia Department heads supporting her and she needs all of us.

As President of the North 22nd Street Business Association, I too need your help. I can’t travel this road alone, of trying to make N. 22nd Street a more exciting place to shop, a more appealing place to shop.

People want to feel safe while they’re shopping. They also want to feel like they receive good customer service when they come into our various places of business.

Our Streets Commissioner Carlton Williams, who now has a new title, Director of the City of Philadelphia Clean and Green Initiative, was serious when he came to meet with us last month. He and Mayor Cherelle Parker are on the same page. They are determined to make this city a greener, cleaner, safer city and we all have to do our part. Keep it clean outside in front of your business. Put your trash out only on trash day. Other than that store your trash behind your business.



If you want to see your business advance, take advantage of some of these free workshops the Commerce Department offers to help enhance your business. And please attend our North 22nd Street Business Association Meetings. We invite great guest speakers to join us and share their information. We meet bi-monthly.

Our next North 22nd Street Business Association Meeting will be on Thursday, February 22,2024 at 12 noon at 2850 N. 22nd Street. That’s the location of the Allegheny West Foundation Business and Community Resource Center. Lunch will be provided. During the meeting we will introduce you to the newly selected North 22ndStreet Board of Directors and we’ll have a dynamic guest speaker.

Hope to see your face in the place!

Sincerely,

Ken Curry



Join the N. 22nd Street Business Association for a Stronger Community To ensure that we stand together as a business community, it's important that all businesses currently operating along N. 22nd Street become members of the N. 22nd Street Business Association. As the saying goes, "Together we stand, divided we fall." If you're interested in joining our association, contact Thera Martin today at 267-402-6313 for more information.