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News

Beautifying Abandoned Properties

Recently Neighborhood Time Exchange artists-in-residence Macon Reed and Matt Neff completed a beautification project on Belmont Avenue, completing an effort coordinated with People Emergency Center community Connectors and block captain Ms. Aminata Calhoun. Ms. Calhoun came to the studio looking for help in dealing with abandoned properties on Belmont Avenue. Ian Sampson worked with her to design and develop a system of boards to cover these properties. Reflecting on the project Ms. Calhoun said "It was just GREAT working with Ian, his creativity and patience was outstanding, and proved to be a profound contribution to my thought out intervention." To find out how you can get involved with Neighborhood Time Exchange, stop by 4017 Lancaster Ave from 1-5pm on Wed, Fri and Sat.

**West Philly CSA Sign Up!**

West Philly Foods is entering its fifth successful season as an urban farm and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Our CSA is a truly unique model. We aggregate produce from local urban and rural farms, and support food entrepreneurs in the Dorrance H. Hamilton Center for Culinary Enterprises (CCE) by offering a variety of value-added shares through our program. Support a local food system right here in West Philadelphia, from farmer to food entrepreneur!

Some of you may ask, what is a CSA program? Members sign up and make their payment in advance of the growing season to receive a diverse array of local fruits, vegetables, and value-added products each week for 21 weeks from May through October.

Please [visit West Philly Foods online](#) for more information on pricing, products, and pick-up locations. And feel free to [contact Allison Blansfield](#) if you have any questions. We look forward to partnering with you for a productive, bountiful season.

**Offering Free Artist Entrepreneur Training**

Starting May 1st, The Corzo Center and People's Emergency Center are teaming up to provide free, one-on-one consulting to artists, makers, musicians, and performers. This service is open to the public by appointment only. Come discuss ideas, strategies, grants, audience engagement, and tactics with local professionals!

Consulting takes place at 4 locations. Topics include brand marketing, debt and equity funding, accounting, business strategy, customer relationship management, design and development, financial business strategy, go-to-market planning, intellectual property and

patents, legal, press relations, pricing and merchandising, social media, tax and finance, user experience, video production, artistic project planning, audience engagement, grant writing, business development, and human resources and operations.

Danielle Green and Dan Samartino will be stationed at People's Emergency Center at 325 N 39th St. Ms Green will be consulting on brand marketing and Mr Samartino will be consulting on debt and equity funding. To make an appointment, go to <http://corzocenter.uarts.edu/programs/consulting>

Community Resources Hotline

Did you know that People's Emergency Center (PEC) provides many resources for neighborhood residents and even residents citywide? Our community resources include:

COMMUNITY RESOURCES HOTLINE
(267) 777-5477

FREE TAX PREP * Debt negotiation * Bankruptcy Assistance * Credit Repair * Job Search Help * Resume & Cover Letter Assistance * Job Training * Help Signing up for Public Benefits * Budgeting and Learning How to Save * Free or Low-Cost Internet & Computers * Free Computer Classes for All Ages * Help Applying for Property Tax Relief and Home Repair Programs * Weekly Food Cupboard * Free Fitness Classes * Addressing Vacant Buildings & Lots * Free Trees for Sidewalks or Yards



Job Listings



List Your Job Opportunity Here!

To place an ad in the Job Listing Initiative, send a brief description of the job, a phone number and contact name, and a link to a longer job description if necessary. For more info, call Meg Lemieur at 267-777-5830 or email at marketing@pec-cares.org.

Outreach Coordinator and Mobile Market Jobs

To find out more info, go to the appropriate link:

Outreach Manager: <http://www.greengrow.org/outreach-coordinator/>

Mobile Markets Manager: <http://www.greengrow.org/?p=11910>



Jobs Available

Habitat for Humanity is seeking multiple AmeriCorps and Vista positions. Full information:

[CLICK HERE](#)

AIDS Library is looking for a Care Outreach and Resource Librarian. Librarians or individuals who have experience helping individuals navigating the social service systems in Philadelphia are encouraged to apply. <http://www.fight.org/job-opportunities/care-outreach-and-resource-librarian/>

Entrepreneur Works Fund is seeking a Loan Officer. Full information: [CLICK HERE](#)

Summer Camps

Children's Playhouse 2

WHERE: 4614 Lancaster Ave

CAMP DATES: June 29 - July 31 and Aug 10 - Aug 31; Mon-Fri 8:30am-2:30pm

PRICE: \$125 per week

AGES: 5-9

An Eco-Friendly twist for the local community! Where children learn through playing the GREEN way.

Now enrolling! Call 215-921-5080



Mill Creek Playground Summer Camp

CAMP DATES: July 6 - Aug 14; Mon-Fri 8:30am-3:30pm
WHERE: 47th St and Brown St; Mill Creek Playground
AGES: 6-12
CONTACT: 215-685-0260

ACE Summer Camp

WHERE: 766 N 44th St; Martha Washington School
CAMP DATES: July 6 - Aug 14; Mon-Fri 8am-4pm
PRICE: \$125 per week, trips included
AGES: K-6
CONTACT: 215-685-0260



Advertise Your Summer Camp Here!

Send your camp's information to Marketing@pec-cares.org

Events

WHAT: PEC Food Cupboard

WHERE: 325 N 39th St; People's Emergency Center
WHEN: Every Saturday at 10:30am-1:30pm
 PEC's emergency food relief opens every Saturday at 11:00am at Rowan House (325 N. 39th Street). Households may use the program once a month. Please bring your photo ID. Participants are able to get food from this food cupboard once a month (once every 30 days) 267-777-5893



Banquet Server Training Course

WHERE: 4035 Parrish St; Sarah Allen Home
WHEN: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 6-8pm in April, May & June
FEE: \$25 registration fee

Get certified to be a banquet server in this 4 week long training course! Certificate will be issued at end of completion and after passing exam. Get your textbook "Simple Art of Napkin Folding" at Barnes & Noble on 18th and Walnut for \$12.99. Contact Lamont Twyne 215-888-1733, twy3823@yahoo.com

Connect Access Help

WHEN: Every 1st and 3rd Monday, 2-4pm
WHERE: 3939 Warren St, Families First Building at PEC
 Bring your resume, college essay, application, or FAFSA to receive hands-on, one-on-one time with a college access specialist. Get the help you need with any step of the college process!

Dont have time to visit a lab? Find resources online at www.phillygoes2college.org



STEAM Saturday

WHEN: Saturday, May 23rd, 2pm
WHERE: 3509 Spring Garden; Dornsife
 Join us every 3rd Saturday at the Dornsife Center for science, technology, engineering art, and math



(STEAM) demo workshops for the whole family to enjoy. there will be free kid-friendly demos and workshops at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University and Drexel's Sciences and Engineering for more information please contact Dominique 215-571-4013 or dornsife@drexel.edu

Divine Praise Choir

WHEN: Sunday, May 24th, 3pm

WHERE: 6101 Catharine St; Sayers Memorial United Methodist Church

All are welcome. Singing groups and soloist ministering. Food will be served between 1:45pm-2:45pm.



Computer Class Series

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 26th through June 25th

WHERE: 5548 Chestnut Street; LIFT-Philadelphia

LIFT-Philadelphia, located at 5548 Chestnut Street, is hosting a basic computer class series in May and June. Topics range from typing practice to creating spreadsheets to applying for jobs online. Participants receive a certificate of completion at the end of the series. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-2:30 pm Tuesday May 26th through Thursday June 25th. You can call the LIFT office at (215) 474-1807 or stop into the office to get signed up.

Thursday Jazz In Malcolm X Park

WHERE: 52nd and Pine Streets

WHEN: May 28th, 7-9pm

Glenn Bryan and Friends will be playing in the park, hosted by Friends of Malcolm X Memorial Park's 15th Annual 2015 West Philadelphia Jazz Heritage Series and Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell.



Kathanghah Dancing for a Cure

WHEN: Saturday, May 30th, 7:30pm

WHERE: 1901 West Girard Ave

Kathanghah Dance Company in association with Philadelphia FIGHT present this performance to raise awareness and funds for HIV/AIDS. Percentages of the proceeds will go to Philadelphia FIGHT community health center another to Fight AIDS in Ghana and to Sheryl Lee Ralph Diva Foundation.

Contribution: \$50. Cocktails begin at 6:30pm. For tickets and more

information contact: Chevaugh Anthony phone: 267-296-0962

Cook For A Friend

WHERE: 325 N. 39th St, People's Emergency Center

WHEN: Saturday, May 9th, starting at 9am

Our Cook For A Friend program is made up of more than 500 volunteers who prepare, cook, and package meals for homebound seniors ages 60 and over. Clients are eligible to receive soup after a short phone or in-person interview with a social worker. Join us each second Saturday of the month to help prepare meals and sample delicious soups! For more info, contact Alesha Higgins (215) 668-3909 ahiggins@kleinjcc.org



Clean Air, Clean City: A Panel Discussion**WHERE:** 3901 Spring Garden St; Dornsife Center**WHEN:** June 3rd, 6-8pm

The Clean Air Council, in collaboration with Drexel, will conduct a community impact panel to talk about ways to save energy in the home, saving money and decreasing power plant emissions. Info available on home repair, safety, indoor air quality, and city's industrial pollution. **FREE LIGHT BULBS!**

**Our Closet: FREE Clothing at PEC****WHEN:** Friday, June 5th, 10am-12pm**WHERE:** 325 N. 39th St; People's Emergency Center

Our Closet and PEC are partnering up for a monthly pop-up shop at PEC, featuring free clothing and accessories for men, women, and children. All are welcome! Customers are limited to 5 items

and clothing will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Rain Barrel Workshop**WHERE:** 325 N. 39th St, People's Emergency Center; Conference Room**WHEN:** June 5th, 7-8pm

Philadelphia Horticultural Society and the Philadelphia Water Department are providing **FREE** rain barrels to city residents in order to promote the reduction of stormwater flows to our sewer system. PHS will also install barrels at your home free of charge. All you have to do is attend one of these workshops. RSVP required: <http://www.phillywatersheds.org> For more info, call Freddie (267) 777-5823.

**8th Annual Festival @ Parkwest Town Center****WHERE:** 52nd and Jefferson Streets**WHEN:** June 6th, 12-4pm

Save the Date! This is a family friend celebration of community!

Real Estate Listings**3848 Lancaster Ave****Size:** 6,000 sq. ft, 2 stories**Rate:** \$10-14 per sq. ft.

Notes: Lower Lancaster Avenue is a gateway from the Mainline suburbs to Center City. It is near the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University, Presbyterian Medical Center, and several public transportation routes.

More: [Click here for more info!](#)

**4021 Lancaster Ave.****Size:** 3,000 sq. ft.**Rate:** Negotiable

Notes: This property is currently under development. Owner is interested in finding a tenant.

Contact: Frankie Francis 215-423-3712

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL CIVIC ASSOCIATION!

- Mill Creek Advisory Council** * 4th Monday @ 7pm, Mill Creek Playground 4700 Brown
- Powelton Village Civic Association** * 3rd Monday @ 7:30pm Metropolitan Baptist, 3500 Baring St.
- West Powelton/Saunders Park RCO** * 2nd Thursday @ 7pm, 4110 Haverford Ave
- West Powelton Concerned Community Council** * 3rd Monday @ 6pm, 4031 Baring St.
- Mantua Civic Association** * 3rd Thursday @ 7pm - Grace Lutheran Church (36th & Haverford)
- HUB Coalition** * 2nd Thursday @ 6pm, Cloister's III Building, 3900 Haverford Ave

Belmont West RCO & Community Meeting * 4th Thursday @ 6pm, 4035 Parrish St



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TEXT ALERTS!

These texts are periodic messages to notify you of upcoming events and meetings in the neighborhood!

Sign up by texting
"@PECCDCTextBlasts" to 23559

This initiative is sponsored by People's Emergency Center (PEC)

To support our programs, please click [here](#).

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