

NAC Newsletter



Register's Wills Workshop



Program partners (left), Wills Workshop attendees (right).



On February 18th, ACHIEVEability (ACHa) hosted the Honorable Tracey Gordon from the Register of Wills Office to share a wealth of information regarding power of attorney, wills, and tangled titles. Over 40 community members were started on their will process. The City's Wills Workshop series invests in generational wealth by connecting people to free writing and representation appointments with Community Legal Services. ACHa encourages Philadelphians to plan, protect and PROBATE!

Vaccination Clinic

On February 22nd, ACHa partnered with the University of Pennsylvania's Perelman School of Medicine to provide free Covid-19 and flu vaccinations at New Market West. Attendees received Fresh Grocer gift cards and continued health conversations with New Voices for Reproductive Justice & the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. ACHa staff were able to make connections to eviction diversion resources and match savings program for education and homeownership.



Resource Distribution



ACHIEVEability staff (left), West Philadelphia Reading Captains (center), and Philadelphia School District (right).

On March 15th, ACHa welcomed over 100 families to shop great goods, like diapers from Cradles to Crayons, pantry items from Keep it Real Ministry, and clothing from URBAN. The Philadelphia School District assisted parents in registering for early childhood education programs while West Philadelphia Reading Captains shared Women's History Month literature and learning resources. Neighbors attended weatherization workshops to reduce home energy bills, accessed utility grants, and received foreclosure prevention resources.

Neighborhood Advisory Committees (NACs) are community based organizations that connect residents to beneficial City programs and services.

Free Tax Prep By Appointment

Monday - Thursday 10AM-3PM with CWF until the April 18th filing deadline.

Schedule online at:
www.cwfp Philly.org/appointment/



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Community Events

Third District Block Captain Alliance

Please join Councilmember Jamie Gauthier and her team at their annual Block Captain Alliance! Please contact 215-686-0460 or 3rdDistrict@phila.gov for questions related to event details and the following free workshops:



- Healing related to trauma and stress
- Benefits access
- Revenue and taxes

When: April 15th, 2023 9am - 2pm
Where: Community of Compassion CDC, 6150 Cedar Ave



Community Of Compassion CDC
DEVELOPING THE COMMUNITY WITH COMPASSION



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NAS Elections

ACHa's Neighborhood Advisory Subcommittee (NAS) is holding elections! The NAS is comprised of volunteers who are passionate about having a voice in their community and addressing needs. During monthly meetings, the NAS implements strategies for community improvement, neighborhood beautification, safety plans, housing stability, tangled titles, zoning, and mental health initiatives. NAS Candidates were verified by the Election Committee to live, work, or worship in West Philadelphia and will be showcased in a Candidates' Night on April 17th. Please get involved and cast your vote this election!

When: May 4, 2023 9am - 5pm
Where: 5901 Market Street
Sunshine Supermarket, 16 S. 60th Street
BC Variety Store, 11 N. 60th Street



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Safe Streets Events

Thanks to partnerships with dedicated West Philadelphia businesses in our gun-violence prevention program, 60th Street Strong, monthly Safe Streets Events are really capturing the hearts, minds, and spirits of young adults. This Coalition promotes safety, fellowship, entrepreneurship, and peace through creative and engaging community-based events. Please follow ACHA on social media for information about upcoming Safe Street Events.



Your voice matters! Get involved with your RCO.

ACHIEVEability is a Registered Community Organization (RCO) and receives advanced notifications about proposed development projects in the area. We host community meetings so neighbors can share their thoughts on these changes and their possible impact. Zoning and development can impact many aspects of community—we want to hear your thoughts!

Contact us at 215-748-8800 or resources@achieve-ability.org to learn more.



NAC Initiatives

ACHIEVEability is hiring a NAC Coordinator!

If you are invested in local organizing, housing stability, and community development in West Philly, please go to www.achieveability.org/careers to learn more and apply.

Are you facing foreclosure?

Are you facing foreclosure due to:

- unpaid mortgage
- unpaid property taxes
- other unpaid City liens (including water liens)
- problems with your reverse mortgage?

You are not alone!

Call **215-334-HOME (4663)** to get a legal consultation and housing counseling that can help you save your home. **There is no charge for this service.**

Get FREE help from the City of Philadelphia to save your home by calling

215-334-HOME

City of Philadelphia
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	CONTACT	SERVICES
Affordable Homeownership	Turn the Key Program turnthekey@phdc.phila.gov	Provides new development of energy efficient homes on publicly-owned land, affordable mortgages, and loan forgiveness
Eviction Diversion and Foreclosure Prevention	PHL Eviction Diversion Program 215-523-9501 evictiondiversionprogram@coraservices.org Affordable Housing Centers of PA 215-765-1221 info@ahcopa.org	Provides mediation, Targeted Financial Assistance, and funding services to resolve housing issues outside of court
Eviction Representation	Philly Tenant Hotline 267-443-2500 Right to Council Program	Provides tenant rights information and FREE legal representation to residents facing eviction
Estate Planning and Wills	Register of Wills 215-686-6250 Community Legal Services 215-981-3700 Philadelphia Legal Assistance 215-981-3800	Provides probate process information, records of wills, and FREE legal representation for estate documents and tangled titles

Need help with home repairs?

The Basic Systems Repair Program (BSRP) provides free home repairs to correct electrical, heating, plumbing, limited structural and carpentry, and roofing emergencies in eligible owner-occupied Philadelphia residence.

To be eligible for free emergency repairs you must:

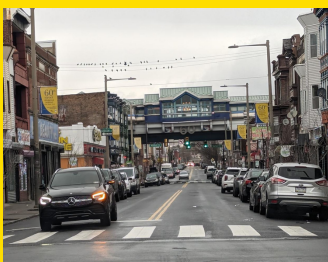
- Own and live in the single-family house with the problem
- Be current or under current payment agreement for property taxes & water bill
- Meet the income guidelines
- Not own any other residential property

Please contact **Carmen Hubbard** for more information at carmen.hubbard@achieve-ability.org.



**Visit our office at 5901 Market Street, Suite 410
or call 215-748-8800 from 9 AM - 5 PM Monday - Friday**

AVAILABLE SERVICES	PROGRAM LEAD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60th Street business support and storefront improvement projects • 60th Street Strong gun violence prevention business recruitment • Eviction diversion and foreclosure prevention • Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) matters • Zoning/Registered Community Organization (RCO) matters 	<p>Carmen Hubbard carmen.hubbard@achieve-ability.org 215-748-8825</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TechUp Program for information technology training series • WorkSmartWestPhilly workforce development programing 	<p>Keethia Griffiths keethia.griffiths@achieve-ability.org 215-748-8828</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60th Street Strong gun violence prevention youth recruitment • IDA match savings program for homebuyers and post-secondary students 	<p>Lamar Bustion Lamar.Bustion@achieve-ability.org 215-748-8830</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connection to CAP, CRP, LIHEAP, LIHWAP, TAP, and UESF to help with gas, electric, and water bills and/or shutoffs • Property taxes and rental rebates for seniors, widows, people with disabilities, and low-income homeowners and renters 	<p>Ronda Wilson ronda.wilson@achieve-ability.org 215-748-8823</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate and individual volunteer opportunities • Donation drives and distribution events 	<p>Caitlin Graff caitlin.graff@achieve-ability.org 215-748-8812</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Self-Sufficiency Program for affordable housing supports • Resources for families experiencing housing instability and houselessness 	<p>FSSP Admissions admissions@achieve-ability.org 215-748-8800 x3</p>



Community Improvement Projects

Through our efforts to reduce crime, violence, illness, and stress throughout the community, ACHa proudly partners with the Department of Commerce, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, Global Thinking Initiatives, and TreePhilly in the Street Tree Project. Plantings will be expanded along the 60th Street Corridor with additional funding from University of Pennsylvania’s Deeply Rooted Project!

With goals to promote peace and civic engagement, ACHa provides employment and mentorship to West Philly young adults in the 60th Street Strong gun-violence prevention program. If you are an interested 14 to 26 year old, please scan the QR code to learn more. If you are an interested business owner, contact Carmen Hubbard at carmen.hubbard@achieve-ability.org.

