

# Got A Gun? Give it up for free gift card this weekend

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Wouldn't it be a beautiful thing to get as many guns off the streets of Philadelphia as possible? Hard to do, many say, but not impossible. One of the ways we've witnessed in our city that guns can get off the streets is through Gun Give-Back programs like one recently held in South Philadelphia over the summer of 2018. That particular gun-give-back program was co-sponsored by a number of elected officials including PA State Senator Anthony H. Williams, PA State Representative Joanna McClinton, and City Councilman Kenyatta Johnson. Senator Williams stated, "It was the most successful gun buyback in the city and the region so we are tremendously excited about that, but even more important are the types of guns removed from the streets: assault weapons, assault pistols, automatics, things that are current, not just grandpa's gun underneath the bed were here today," Williams said.

State Representative Joanna McClinton stated, "It's not a new invention, but it's a program that we brought back so that we could help save a life," she said. "Most people who came today seemed to be law abiding, many of them grandparents, turning in guns that, unfortunately, we have seen kill young children in the home accidentally. We've seen them stolen from homes either in a burglary or by another family member and as a result the gun violence in this city is totally out of control." At the end of that event, some 300 guns had been turned in which is a very good thing.

This Saturday, August 18, Philadelphia Sheriff Jewell Williams will host a special Gun Give-Back event in North Philadelphia. The event will take place from 10 am to 1 pm at Official Unlimited, 2331 North Broad Street. The gun back is part the Sheriff's third annual Philadelphia Summers of Peace, a signature anti-gun and anti-violence initiative.

Sheriff Williams commented, "Just this summer, in the month of July in one week, we lost a 14-year old boy and three other children and a man was injured as a result of gun violence." "In 2016, a report issued by the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia noted that '4,648 young people ages 10-24 were victims of homicide ■ an average of 13 each day.' This is completely unacceptable. I am determined to do all I can to help get guns off the streets therefore I am encouraging Philadelphian's to turn in forgotten or unwanted handguns and assault weapons with no questions asked."

For every gun that is received this Saturday, the Sheriff's Office will provide a \$75.00 gift card from Official Unlimited.



Philadelphia Sheriff Jewell Williams

ated. The gift cards will be good towards the purchase of apparel from premiere names brands such as Nike, Puma, Uggs. Free gun locks will also be given away at the event. Guns must be delivered unloaded but must be in working condition to qualify.

I recognize we can all only do what we can do. Nonetheless I am asking that corporate level businesses and others that won't be crushed by giving away free gift cards, to

please do so. Give these free gift cards to our elected officials who are willing to then in turn, give-away the gift cards at events they host, where residents are encouraged to turn in working guns that they no longer want, or that they found, or that were given to them. Turn in a gun and get paid.

PA State Senator Vincent Hughes, City Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr., City Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown and other elected officials in Philadelphia have teamed up to host similar kinds of Gun Give-Back events. I encourage them to continue to do so. However, we need big corporations to step up to the plate and help our elected officials, with a donation such as free gift cards that can be provided to residents who turn in guns.

Got a gun? Don't want it anymore? Then come out this Saturday, August 18 to the Official Unlimited Store at 2331 North Broad Street and turn it in. For information on obtaining a free gun lock, contact Sheriff Jewell Williams Office at 215-686-3530.

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### 60th Street Health and Wellness Summer Jam

State Reps. Joanna McClinton, D-Phila./Delaware, and Morgan Cephas, D-Phila., welcomed more than 1,200 constituents of the 191st and 192nd Legislative Districts to the Third Annual 60th Street Health and Wellness Summer Jam, where families could enjoy a day of fun and entertainment.

"We always look forward to this amazing event because it gets better every year. Not only do we provide resources, but we connect people. We unite our communities even more," McClinton said. "Back in the day, neighbors wouldn't cross from one side to another. Events like the Summer Jam prove that we can come together to make our communities a better place for all."

The Summer Jam began with a March for Peace escorted by the Philadelphia Police Explorers and the Philadelphia Drill Teams West Powelton and Magic Music. The event featured health screenings, exercise demonstrations, children's activities, live performances, food and refreshments.

With more than 50 exhibitors, attendees also had the opportunity to gather information on a variety of local organizations and state programs such as the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicaid and the state Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

McClinton said she wanted to thank AETNA, JEVS at Home, McDonald Building Company, Health Partners



Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, State Representative Joanna McClinton and State Representative Jim Roebuck

Plans, community partners and volunteers. The event was co-hosted by Philadelphia councilmembers Curtis Jones Jr. and Jannie Blackwell, ACHIEVEability and Home Health Care Plus.

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