# **NAC Newsletter**

# **NAC** Initiatives



	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









# **Tangled Titles**

If you live in a house that you think you own, that you treat and pay for as your own, or that you may have inherited, but your name is not on the deed, you may have a tangled title.



# This often happens if:

- one of your relatives owned the house in which you live and had their name on the deed, but that relative has passed away.
- you are the only person who has any interest in living in the house, but your name is not on the deed to your house, and the owner has moved or passed away.
- your name is not on the deed to your house; or you entered into a rent-to-own agreement (also called lease/purchase agreements or installment land contracts) to buy the house and have paid all or some of the purchase price for the house, but your name is not on the deed to the house.

## For immediate tangled title assistance!

# **Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Service Center** (GPASS)

4943 N. 5th Street Philadelphia, PA 19120 215-456-1662

## **HopePHL**

325 N. 39th Street Philadelphia, PA 19104 215-777-5820

# **Strawberry Mansion NAC**

2829 W Diamond Street Philadelphia, PA 19121 215-235-7505

## **Legal Services**

## Save Your Home Philly Hotline

215-334-Home(4663)

Community Legal Services (CLS) North Philadelphia Law Center\*

215-981-3700

Philadelphia Legal Assistance (PLA)

215-981-3800

SeniorLAW Center

215-988-1242

## **Upcoming events**

**Service Area Briefing and Family Resource Event** 



A Service Area Briefing (SAB) will be hosted at 2:00PM to inform residents of how to Prevent Foreclosure on their homes, Tangled Title to make sure your home is not being compromised by anyone and your name is on the deed, and more. October 5th from 3:00pm-5:00pm ACHIEVEability located at 5901 Market will host a vaccine and Resource Event giving back to the community by giving out clothes, diapers, food, hygiene products and more. We will also be including Covid-19 vaccines for the new variant including \$25 gift card for those getting vaccinated that day. Feel free to come and get some resources and free essentials to make your fall a little easier.

### **TechUP**

### **PAID TRAINING**

15 Philadelphia residents will meet 20 hours a week, Monday – Thursday for training. \$15-per-hour stipend - laptops and hotspots to participate in hybrid training sessions - on-the-job training to improve their competitiveness in the job market. - Pay to take the Salesforce Administration exam up to three times and provide ongoing professional coaching. Continued coaching 6-months post job attainment to support retention and troubleshoot barriers.

Please call ACHIEVEABILITY, 215-748-8800



### Requirements

- Must live in Philly
- Must have GED/Diploma
- Must have customer service skills
- Must be unemployed/underemployed
- Deadline October 5th

#### **Details**

- 6 Months training
- Certified in salesforce
- 20hrs a week
  - \$15/hr Stipend
- \$15/III Superio
  - Laptop/Hotspot

## **Past Community Events**

**Porches That Pop** 

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

# Program Advertisement

Availability and deadline dates. Schedule online at:

website





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In June we cleaned three city blocks, along the corner of Salford st and 60th and Arch. ACHIEVEablity along with volunteers, pressure washed porches, planted and cleaned the sidewalks streets and gathered debris that was dumped along the neighboring blocks. Multiple porches were painted, sidewalk weeds were removed, planters and hedged cleaned and maintained. I personally enjoyed this process, the smiles and boost of Joy in the neighborhood and within myself the most. Come sign up for our next date to have your block beautified by ACHIEVEability.



## **Carroll Park Jazz Festival**

In August our neighbors were serenaded by a band sponsored by the Councilmember Jones team. ACHIEVEability was onsite along with several other organizations to provide resources to stop home foreclosure, funding for first time homeowners and residents pursuing a college degree and to share information about the services we offer. We were happy to have the following organizations join us: South West CDC, City of Philadelphia Sanitation Division; Philadelphia More Beautiful Commitee, Night Owl Water Ice, Senior Law Center, and American Red Cross just to name a few.





# Your voice matters! Get involved with your RCO.

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## Unity In The Community



ACHIEVEability was proud to partner with several groups to host the first Unity in the Community Block Party on August 11th, 60th Street-61st Street Market Street where several health, wellness and financial empowerment groups lined the street with resources. There was music, dancing, face painting, free food and joy on this wonderful Friday. We had a lot of fun giving out backpacks filled with supplies to students to help set them up for success for the school year. This year ACHIEVEability collected and distributed over 1,000 backpacks to West Philly students. A big thank you to all our partners - Home Health Care Plus, Horizon House, Miriam Medical, West Philadelphia Reading Captain, PSD WCYEH, PSD Office of ECE, Nation Nurse-led Consortiums Peer- led Parent Support group, Deeply Rooted, Kids Korner, HopePHL Bell Project to name a few.

## 60th St. Strong

### **HBCU** College Tour



Thanks to the generosity of the <u>Do-Gooders</u>, 20 students had the opportunity to participate in an HBCU (Historically Black College and Universities) College Tour at Lincoln University this month. This initiative, organized by the 60th Street Strong Coalition young adults who are working hard to reduce gun violence in our community. Seeing a path to prosperity through the empowerment of higher education is helping our youth to dream big and know they can accomplish what they put their hearts and minds into.

Leatha - ACHIEVEability Coach with 60th Street Strong, talked about the positive responses of the youth participants during the college tour. One young adult was so inspired that they immediately sought assistance in searching for scholarships upon returning back to our office, illustrating the excitement and transformative power of educational exposure.

We are pleased that ACHIEVEability and its generous partners can continue to invest significantly in providing access to education for our neighbors. Through collaboration, we can ensure access to education for all, from higher education to vocational training, providing opportunities for transformative impact. The seeds planted this month will have a long-lasting impact.

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

#### **AVAILABLE SERVICES**

- 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
- TechUp Program for information technology training series
- WorkSmartWestPhilly workforce development programing
- 60th Street Strong gun violence prevention youth recruitment
- · IDA match savings program for homebuyers and students
- 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
- Corporate and individual volunteer opportunities
- · Donation drives and distribution events
- Family Self-Sufficiency Program for affordable housing supports
- Resources for families experiencing housing instability and houselessness

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## **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 6oth Street Corridor with additional funding from the Deeply Rooted Project!

With goals to promote peace and civic engagement, ACHa provides employment and mentorship to West Philly young adults in the 6oth 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.