

GREATER PHILADELPHIA ASIAN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER



GPASS PRESENTS OLNEY & LOGAN
FEATURING THE EVENTS OF OLNEY/LOGAN AREA
 LOCATED AT 4943 N 5TH ST PHILADELPHIA P.A 19120
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NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT

Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Service Center (GPASS), based in the Olney/ Logan area, is dedicated to provide assistance to residents citywide, connect people with needed resources and information, bridge the cultural and language gap, strengthen families, enrich lives, and sustain communities.

GPASS Offers Assistance With:

- Housing Counseling
- Credit Repair
- First Time Home-buyer
- Basic System Repair
- Weatherization
- Water Conservation
- Emergency Energy Assistance
- Tax/Rental Rebate
- Home Improvement Loan
- Delinquent Property Tax
- Recycling
- Anti-Predatory Loan Counseling
- Food Cupboard & Senior Food Box Program
- DUI Counseling
- Behavioral Health Counseling
- Home Care



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- GPASS also is a **Housing Counseling** agency that offer guidance regarding the specific needs of homeowners, tenants, senior citizens and people with disabilities.
- GPASS a **Neighborhood Energy Center** that help residents reduce their utility bills and access utility assistance programs.
- Taken together, the City's projects, though listed here individually, are in fact a holistic response to the needs of residents and their neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Advisory Committees (NAC) help connect residents to housing and community development programs.

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) is a program of GPASS that is City Government funded . The NAC is responsible for connecting the community with city benefits, resources, and services. The NAC is also responsible for the Neighborhood Advisory Subcommittee, NAS. Here, at GPASS-NAC, we conduct community activities and initiatives that are a result of input from community members who are a part of the Neighborhood Advisory Subcommittee (NAS) .

We welcome those in need of services to visit the office and speak to our NAC Coordinator. Our Coordinator meets with residents to assess their personal situation and inform them about city services available to address their specific needs, often directly assisting them and or referring them to the appropriate service providers such as assistance with real estate tax, mortgages, home foreclosures, rental assistance, rent and property tax rebate, basic home system repairs, weatherization, energy assistance, eviction prevention, and others...

What is NAS?

GPASS-NAS is the Neighborhood Advisory Sub-Committee better known as the NAS which is a community elected subcommittee that acts in an advisory role to Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Service Center and other organizations charged with running NAC's at the local level.

The NAS will also work to:

- Ensure resident participation in City planning initiatives, capital projects, and other community improvement activities.
- Promote the services of the (NAC), one of several programs offered by GPASS
- Organize community meetings, briefings,workshops, and other special events related to the NAC mission.
- Assist with special events to benefit the neighborhood and others. NAS Members can create a better community, we can improve our neighborhood. We can work together to solve problems in our community such as garbage delays,stop sign requirement,community projects we hold monthly community meetings, host multiple activities,service area briefing meeting, zoning hearings, event planning, outreach,advocacy and engage in various projects and activities for the benefit of our neighbors. NAS is here for your voice can be heard, we can ensure that your concerns are communicated directly to the Government.

"Let's Work TOGETHER"

An official election must be held to determine subcommittee members .The election process is determined by DHCD (Division of Housing and Community Development), our NAC partner. The next date for the elections has not yet been set.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE
NAS?**

**"We plan to host organizing
meetings with people who
are interested. Contact us for
more information ":
(215) 456-1662 ext 111**

**NAS ELECTIONS
DATE TO BE DETERMINED**



Emergency Energy Assistance Programs and Public Benefits

GPASS offers programs that support neighborhood residents. We can help with you with applications for these programs:

- **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** LIHEAP offers cash grants to help low-income families pay their heating bills.
- **Water Assistance Program/LIHWAP**
The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families pay overdue water bills.
- **Crisis Assistance**
Crisis Assistance is a federal grant that is awarded to income-eligible customers who are either without utility service or have received a 10-day shut-off notice.
- **Low Income Conservation Assistance Program (LICAP)** Philadelphia Water Department program that provides eligible residents with free maintenance of minor plumbing issues.
- **Basic Systems Repair Program (BSRP)**
This program provides free repairs to eligible owner-occupied homes in Philadelphia. They work on electrical systems, plumbing, heating, structural issues, and roofing.
- **Adaptive Modifications Program (AMP)**
The Adaptive Modifications Program (AMP) is designed to help low-income individuals with permanent physical disabilities live more independently in their homes.
- **Tiered Assistance Program (TAP)**
Families living close to (but not necessarily in) the poverty line can receive a discount on their monthly water bills from the Tiered Assistance Program (TAP).
- **Customer Assistance Program (CAP)**
CAP gives low-income families a monthly credit on their PECO bill.
- **PGW Customer Responsibility Program (CRP).**
CRP helps low-income families keep their gas service on by helping them better afford their monthly gas bill by paying less each month.
- **Weatherization Assistance (WAP)**
Energy Weatherization Assistance Program (EWAP) for insulation and increasing home energy efficiency

SAFE DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health & DUI Counseling Program.

In GPASS we have Behavioral Health Equity which the right to access quality health care for all populations regardless of the individual's race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, or geographical location. This includes access to prevention, treatment, and recovery services for mental and substance use disorders.

GPASS-SAFE is offering outpatient Mental Health and Substance use services in addition to psychiatric evaluations, and medication prescription and management. We have four (4) University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education interns to help meet the needs of our increasing client populations. Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for persons with an opioid or alcohol use disorder is provided by our Medical Director (MD). We continue to provide services for more than a hundred patients monthly.

GPASS-SAFE offers induction and continuation of Suboxone, Subutex, Buprenorphine and Vivitrol, the latter for both alcohol and opioid use disorders.

GPASS-SAFE is planning an onsite job fair!



Home Care Department

Are you in need of Home Care Assisting??

"We help you enroll in the program."

Home Care Services to all ethnicity Group.

Many Seniors, as well as other family members with disabilities and poor health condition that are in need of a Home Care Worker to assist them in their daily living and quality of life.

Our Home Care Agency recognizes that our reputation is built on the quality of the caregivers we refer. That is why we employ the most rigorous screening methods in the industry.

Only 1 out of ten caregivers meet our standards for referrals.

GPASS Home Care has helped thousands of Philadelphia's clients remain comfortable, safe, and independent at home. Providing affordable in-home care for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and post hospital patients is what our Home Care is all about.

Home Care Worker

"We are looking for Home Care Workers, join our team today"

WHAT DO CAREGIVERS DO?

Professional caregivers assist with supportive hands on personal care, homemaking services, transportation, and companionship.

Any questions Call GPASS (215-456-1662) for information and ask to talk to someone in the Home Care Department. or email ekim@gpasspa.org.

We can help you; if you are willing to work here we will help you.

If you need the Home Care assistance contacts us today .

Join our GPASS-Family TODAY!!



GPASS-SENIOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM

Every 3rd Monday & Tuesday of each month.

- Photo ID and proxy form if picking up food for someone else.

General Food Bank Program

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.

- Bring two shopping bags;
- Must present photo ID.

FOOD BANK PROGRAM



NOTICE:

"Due to Government regulations we do not accept plastic bags following a six-month warning period for businesses "

"Please bring your own reusable bag"

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, assistance is currently available only by appointment.

If you are in need of assistance we encourage you to either email the NAC Coordinator crodriguez@gpasspa.org or call the office 215 456-1662 and ask to speak with someone in the food bank department.



"On January 7, 2022 The City Of Philadelphia Closed Phase 4 of the COVID-19 Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program "

Home ownership brings both rights and responsibilities. Home maintenance can be costly. Tenants and landlords don't always see eye-to-eye. A financial crisis could bring a family to the brink of foreclosure or eviction and maybe even homelessness.

Housing counselors can help prepare people to buy a home. They assist tenants fighting eviction. They help homeowners facing foreclosure.

Trained housing counselors are ready to help you fix and maintain your credit, and buy your own house with the support of the DHCD.

- Mortgage and tax foreclosure prevention.
- Credit repair and maintenance.
- Budgeting and money management.
- Rights and responsibilities of homeowners.
- Mortgage application and purchase process.
- Tenant/landlord issues.
- Home repair.
- Fair housing rights.

Housing counseling in your community

"GPASS is a HUD Approved PHFA Pro-ClosingPartner."

GPASS offers a Pre-purchase Education workshop to give prospective home buyers knowledge and to help them make sound decisions through the entire homeownership process.

Home ownership counseling prepares borrowers for this big life decision. You will learn about:

- Buying a home within your budget.
- Avoiding dangerous mortgages.
- Rights and responsibilities of homeowners.
- Mortgage application/purchase processes.
- Improving credit, credit repair, and maintenance.
- Money management.
- Home maintenance.
- Avoiding foreclosure.

First Time Home Buyer Workshop Class

Subscribe to the class today upon completion of this course, clients will receive a certificate at their counseling session. Certification meets the requirement for some Home Ownership Assistance and Specialized Loan Programs.

This workshop includes one-on-one counseling at no cost.

First Time Buyer Workshop Schedule Every other Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Call and ask for Housing Counseling, for more information call at 215-456-1662.

We are in our agency to help you step by step.

GPASS-NAC PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN
When ? Where ?**

At GPASS 4943 N 5th St Philadelphia, PA 19120

- ❖ **FRIDAY JANUARY 21ST,2022**
- ❖ **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18TH AND**
- ❖ **FRIDAY MARCH 18TH 2022.**



**WEATHERIZATION
WORKSHOP SERVICE AREA
BRIEFING MEETING**

FEBRUARY 10, 2022.

GPASS-NAC State Senator Sharif Street & State Representative Danilo Burgos with Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Service Center host a Service Area Briefing Meeting Town Hall Weatherization Workshop Sponsored by the City of Philadelphia Department of Planning & Development/Division of Housing & Community Development, Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA) & Philadelphia Gas Work (PGW). We count con more than 60 participants and it was really a successful event where we were able to talk, practice what the community asks us so much, such as saving money and energy. All participants who attended the SAB Weatherization Workshop Town Hall received a weatherization kit.

Visit of PA Senator Shariff Street to the Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Service Center



GPASS had a visit from PA Senator Shariff Street and our CEO Mr. YoAn Kim was recognized for his outstanding's contributions to the community.



Mr. YoAn Kim also recognized Senator Street for his hard work for the community. Thank You from GPASS Family!!

**GRANDOM OIL WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 28, 2022.**

We had a wonderful Grandom oil workshop on GPASS located at 4943 N 5th St Philadelphia P.A 19120 at 1:00 pm on

February 28th, 2022 we had the participation of 15 community members of our community who signed up to participate and receive the Grandom Oil class and 100 gallons of oil from Love Energy Fuel Service, LLC. GPASS Housing Director and the Energy Coordinator host the workshop.

EVENTS COMING UP!!

- **4/19/22 6pm Driving Hunger Away**
- **2pm-4/22/22 4pm Vaccination Clinic**
- **4/29/22 Covid-19 Test Covid-19 Distribution Education & Covid-19 Distribution Test**
- **5/10/22 Nutrition Class 10 am -11:30 am**

**GPASS Support the community
And Neighborhood Residents!!
Call us today or Visits us.**

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Agency**

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The Olney Rec Center is still under construction. The new Olney Rec Center grounds will feature an outdoor recreational track and artificial turf multi-sport field, updated basketball and tennis courts, new playgrounds, a new sprayground, and more!