

GREATERPHILADELPHIA ASIAN SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER (GPASS)



GPASS PRESENTS **OLNEY & LOGAN**
FEATURING THE EVENTS OF OLNEY/LOGAN AREA
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JANUARY-MARCH 2023 NAC NEWSLETTER

OUR MISSION STATEMENT



The Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Service Center (GPASS) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, based in the Olney/Logan area, is dedicated to providing assistance to residents citywide, connecting people with needed resources and information, bridging the cultural and language gap, strengthening families, enriching lives, and sustaining communities.

**GPASS has a
NAC!**

**NAC's are
One-stop-shops
serving
neighborhoods**



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**VISIT OUR OFFICE FOR HELP WITH
THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:**

Mortgage & Real Estate Tax Foreclosure
SAVE YOUR HOME PHILLY HOTLINE
215-334-HOME (4663)

**Basic
Systems
Repair**

**Adaptive
Modifications
Program**

**Rental
Assistance
Referrals**

**Rent & Property Tax
Rebates**

**Settlement
Assistance
Grant**

**Block
Captains
&
Leaders**

**HOME WEATHERIZATION
&
ENERGY COUNSELING**

**REPORT VACANT LOTS &
UNSAFE BUILDINGS**

**Fallen Behind on your
mortgage or real estate taxes?
APPLY FOR PROPERTY TAX
RELIEF PROGRAMS**

**EVICION
PREVENTION PROGRAM**

**PURCHASING VACANT
PROPERTIES & VACANT LOTS**

Neighborhood Advisory Committee NAC

(NAC) Program is one of the major ways that we engage with residents in our community.

NAC is a Family, and the residents are our family.

- Our mission is to help residents connect with city resources they may not be aware of
- Promote neighborhood sustainability, Prevent homelessness.
- Preserve housing, Reduce energy costs, Develop resident job skills, Mentor youth) Engage residents.

The Neighborhood Advisory Subcommittee (NAS)

● We are constantly meeting every month, please contact us if you are interested in attending our monthly community meetings please contact our NAC Department.

NAC Coordinator Carilyn Rodriguez: 215-456-1662 Ext. 111 E: crodriguez@gpasspa.org

NAC Assistant Quadira McNear: 215-456-1662 Ext. 110 E: qmcnear@gpasspa.org

Agencies

Housing counseling agencies helps residents buy and maintain their homes, avoid eviction and foreclosure, and more.

Neighborhood Advisory Committees (NACs) help residents find out about City programs that could benefit them.

Neighborhood Energy Centers (NECs) provide information on how to save on utilities and get help paying energy bills.

Other programs

DHCD also supports programs that have a positive impact on Philadelphia's neighborhoods, including:

The North Central Philadelphia Transformation Plan. This federal program aims to transform neighborhoods of extreme poverty into functioning, sustainable, mixed-income communities.

The LandCare program, which cleans, greens, and stabilizes vacant lots to help return them to productive use.

The Rental Improvement Program, which is for landlords whose properties have significant repair needs affecting tenant health & safety.

The Targeted Financial Assistance Program, which is for landlords who were eligible for the Eviction Diversion Program (EDP).

Get advice to reduce utility costs

The [Division of Housing and Community Development](#) (DHCD) supports the Energy Coordinating Agency's Neighborhood Energy Centers (NECs).

At GPASS NEC, residents can:

- Apply for help paying utility bills.
- Learn how to conserve water, gas, and electricity.
- Get energy counseling

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The 2022-2023 LIHEAP Program OPEN in on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 and it will closed on Friday, April 28, 2023 subject to change . During the months of January-March GPASS served and help more than 300 clients to applied to LIHEAP,CRISIS, and others low income utility assistance programs.

If you're in danger of getting your utilities shut off or going without heat in your home, there are programs that can help you. Households in immediate danger of being without heat can also qualify for crisis grants.

- **Crisis** grants are available for people who are without service or have a 10-day shut-off notice and Customers can apply for both Crisis Assistance and LIHEAP benefits at the same time
- **UESF** is funded by the Division of Housing and Community Development (**DHCD**). This programs provides assistance to low- income individuals and families who need help paying utility bills. Visit the UESF website to learn more about their programs and find out if you qualify.

<https://uesfacts.org/our-programs/>

Customer Assistance Program - Percentage of Income Payment Plan (CAP-PIPP)

The new and improved CAP-PIPP provides customers with an affordable, fixed, monthly PECO bill.

Pay Less with CRP

Enroll today in PGW's Customer Responsibility Program and cut your bill in half. Don't wait! CRP is a customer assistance program that can help lower your bill.

Get Emergency Home Heater Repairs

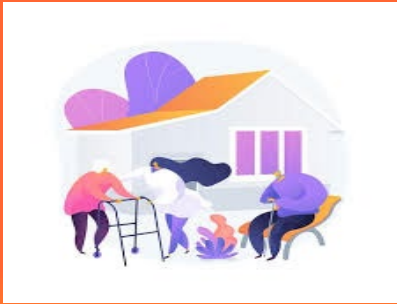
The [Heater Hotline program](#) makes emergency repairs to heaters. This program is run by the Energy Coordinating Agency. It is supported by the [Division of Housing and Community Development](#) (DHCD).

Learn more about Philadelphia utilities and pay your water bill.

<https://www.phila.gov/services/water-gas-utilities/>

GPASS Home Care Department

Home is where our



"We are always seeking new clients to provide loving care services in their home"

Are you interested on getting free home care services or interested on becoming a caregiver? Call and see if you qualify.
"We have bilingual staff"

- Weekly Pay
- Sign Up Bonus
- Holiday Pay
- Health Insurance
- Dental Insurance

Any questions Call **GPASS** (215-456-1662) for information and ask to speak with Estefani Alonso, BSW Interim Home Care Coordinator.

GPASS SAFE Department



GPASS Safe Department is coordinated by the new Program Director Mrs. DeArlo Kennedy.

The safe department is licensed to provide DUI assessments along with counseling as well. We create individualized and/or group counseling sessions weekly.

In addition to that, we provide education for people who have received a DUI or have become involved in a legal matter relating to the use or alleged use of drugs or alcohol.

We customize programs for each client to maintain a healthy balance of life and recovery.

For more information or if you are someone who is interested in receiving the resources for the DUI program available at GPASS, please visit our website at <https://www.gpasspa.org/dui>.

FOOD BANK PROGRAM



General Food Bank Program

every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month.
from 10:00 to 2:00 pm

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

GPASS-SENIOR FOOD BOX PROGRAM

Every 3rd Monday & Tuesday of each month from 10:00 to 2:00 pm

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

"Please bring your own reusable bag"

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.

As the New Year starts, more eager first time home buyers have already started shopping for their new homes and to avoid homelessness, we are still here to provide the resources necessary to help with purchasing these new homes. For the past few months, **GPASS** Housing counseling Department has been providing educational workshops and one-on-one counseling sessions to many first time home buyers. The First Time Home Buyers workshops have transitioned back to a **biweekly** basis instead of weekly due to the increasing demand for new homebuyers eager to attend the workshop but with the increase, come an opportunity to expand and welcome more counselors.

The First Time Home Buyers Grant provides assistance (6% of the sales prices of the home) or up to \$10,000 which can be used towards down payments or closing costs. Since the last newsletter, counselors have successfully approved more than 60 people for the grant. We're also looking to introduce the **Tangled Titles Program**, which helps homeowners resolve issues with their property titles. In addition to that program, we're also looking to introduce the **Reentry Housing Program** which helps people those who needs to reenter in society helping them with resume building, financial stability and other basic needs.

GPASS is also looking to have the Rental Assistance program make an upcoming return this year along with updates soon. If anyone is interested in receiving any housing resources we are here at **GPASS** to assist you. To stay updated on the latest housing programs available at GPASS, please visit our website at

<http://www.gpasspa.org>.



**"SIGN UP FOR THE NEXT
WORKSHOP"**

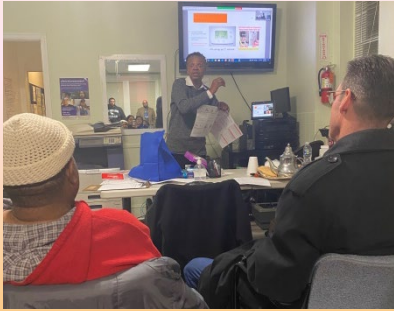
**Every Wednesday from 10:00
am to 2:00 pm. Call and ask for
Housing Counseling, for more
information call at**

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

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

GPASS-NAC EVENTS

Service Area Briefing Meeting Weatherization Town Hall
Thursday, February 9
From 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
At GPASS



BJ McDuffie ECA Program Coordinator during the presentation.



Councilmember Jim Harriy and the attendees.

Housing Exp: Get Your House in Order
Saturday, February 25
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Warren E Smith Health Center - 1315 Windrim Avenue 19141



GPASS NAC Coordinator and The NAS President Phillip Fisher



With Lorraine Horton ECA Director of Community Programs



With Vicki Riley Department of revenue Public Information Officer



Shelvia Williams PHDC Community Engagement Officer

GPASS-NAC EVENTS

Food Drive a Gift of Giving

Date: March 29th, 2023 Time: 10am -1pm

Senator Street along with his colleagues City Councilman At-large Jim Harrity, City Councilman Anthony Phillips and City Councilwoman At-Large, Sharon Vaughn, which is also a GPASS Board Member hosted a food drive outside in front of GPASS offering members of the community free groceries including meats, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, proteins, snacks, spices and more.

The Department of Public Health attended and also offered free Covid-19 Test kits along with free masks for anyone that may have needed it.

The sponsors for the event were The Allegheny West Foundation, New Courtland, Blessings of Hope, and Philabundance. More than 360 people attended and a few of Senator Street's Colleagues were there to assist with handing out the groceries.

Thank You for everything for our community members !!



Connect with us

Website: <https://www.gpasspa.org/>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/GPASSPhilly/>

Or email crodriguez@gpasspa.org to sign up for different resources and job information.

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Philly Home Energy Fair

Come to:

You could
win an **air
conditioner**
or a **TV!**

- learn about **home energy use** & **lowering** your utility **bills!**
- enjoy **family-friendly** fun, live **music**, free **food**, & **prizes!**

¡Venga para:

- aprender del **uso de energía en casa** y como **bajar el costo** de las **facturas!**
- disfrutar diversión **para toda la familia**, **música** en vivo, **comida** gratis, y **premios!**

參加活動來了解家庭能源使用、
如何降低水電費、享受適合全家的樂趣、現場
音樂、免費食物和獎品！

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音乐、免费食物和奖品！

RSVP!



Where: Kroc Center
4200 Wissahickon Ave

When: April 22 1pm-4pm

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