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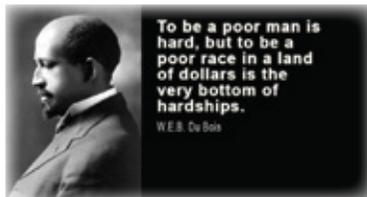
North Philly Black Biz Directory

Calling Black-owned businesses in Philadelphia for inclusion in the 2018 Philadelphia Black Biz Directory!

The Beech Companies, a leader in community economic development in Philadelphia, is seeking Black-owned businesses in Philadelphia for inclusion in a Philadelphia Black Business Directory. Before the community can support Black-owned businesses, we must know where you are and what you offer.

We are seeking businesses in all categories including:

- Retail
- Wholesale
- Services
- Contractors/Trade
- Professional Services



For information on your FREE listing, email Marilyn Kai Jewett at northphillybiz@outlook.com.

Community Resident Spotlight

Do you know of a community person, living or working in the Cecil B. Moore neighborhood that is doing great things to help improve the quality of life for the residents living here? If yes, we would like to know about them and highlight his/her work in the Cecil B. Moore Community Times.

We are looking to spotlight community residents, children, teachers, business owners, students and any individual making a difference in the North Philadelphia Community. One individual will be featured each quarter and will be selected based on the timely submission of the person's information and the work they do in the community.

Send a brief description of the person detailing their work and include your name and contact information, the person's name, telephone number and picture. To be included in the next Cecil B. Moore Community Times, submissions must be received by **Friday, May 4, 2018**.

Email information to: beechcommunityservices@gmail.com or mail it to:

Beech Community Services
 Attn: Christine Brown
 1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Suite 100
 Philadelphia, PA 19121

We Salute a North Philadelphia Pioneer



Shirley M. Kitchen

In honor of Black History and Women's History months, Beech would like to recognize one of our own; retired State Senator, The Honorable Shirley M. Kitchen for her dedication, tireless efforts and devotion to the North Philadelphia Community.

This Quarter's Featured Business Spotlight



1617 Barbershop & Beauty Salon

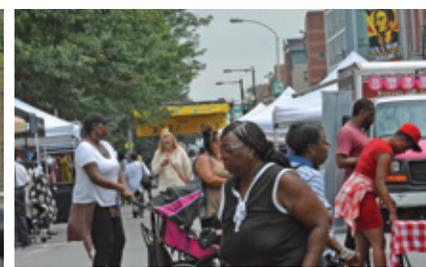
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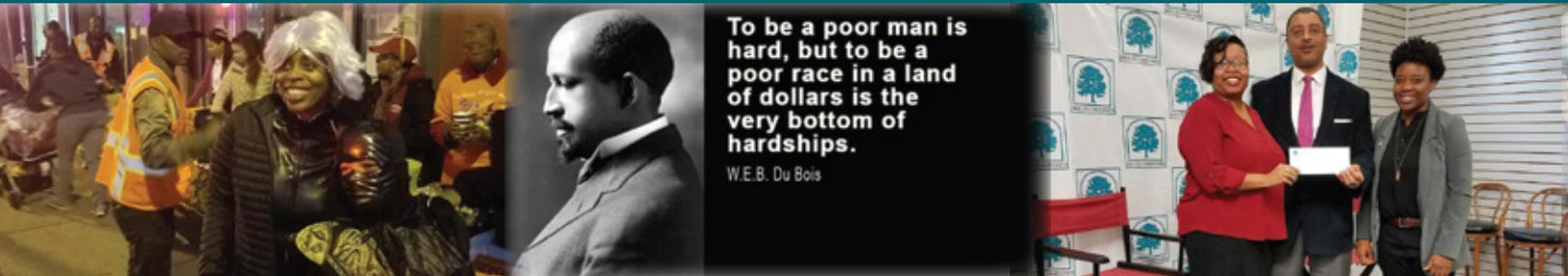
Community College of Philadelphia



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To be a poor man is hard, but to be a poor race in a land of dollars is the very bottom of hardships.

W.E.B. Du Bois

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Featured Information

Philadelphia Homeowners Loan Repair Program

The Renovate & Repair Loan Program (R&R) is designed to meet serious housing issues for many of Pennsylvania's homeowners: how to make their home a healthy, comfortable place and a financial asset. The R&R Loan Program collaboration between PHFA & Beech has been developed to assist homeowners in avoiding common pitfalls in home improvement projects such as homeowners being taken advantage of by unscrupulous lenders and contractors, poor quality and unnecessary repairs.

Keystone Renovate & Repair Loan Program (R&R loan) is to help:

- Prevent homeowners from becoming victims of unscrupulous lending practices (i.e., high interest rates and costs, more money borrowed than needed, pre-payment penalties, etc.)
- Homeowners prioritize their home repair spending so that the work that they are having done is what the homeowner really needs. Improve Pennsylvania's aging housing stock for its current residents and future generations.

R&R loan can be used to:

- Pay for repairs and improvements that increase the basic livability of the home, including additions and construction that makes the home safer, more energy efficient, or more accessible to people with disabilities or people who are elderly.
- Remove or fix code violations, hook up to municipal water and sewer systems, and improve or install code-compliant septic or well systems.
- Payment for emergency repairs to critical life-safety systems in the homes, as long as the loan application is made to the Local Program Administrator within 30 days of the repair.

Features of R&R loan:

- Provide an attractive interest rate.
- Help determine the repairs and/or improvements to be done.
- Provides peace of mind in knowing that the right home repairs are done and were completed in a timely manner with quality workmanship.

R&R loan will not pay for:

- Luxury and cosmetic items such as hot tubs, pools, gazebos, etc.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call Beech's office at (215) 763-8824.

Loan Program for Businesses

Is your organization or business in need of financial assistance? **The Beech Business Bank (BBB)** is a loan program managed by Beech Capital Venture Corporation that provides loans to for-profits, non-profit organizations and community development corporations with a primary focus on the economically distressed areas in North, West, and Northwest Philadelphia. The BBB focuses its activities in communities underserved by existing providers of private capital such as banks, credit unions, and venture funds.

The BBB provides access to capital for existing businesses, new entrepreneurs, and neighborhood-based organizations involved in activities that result in:

- The creation or expansion of businesses
- The creation and/or retention of jobs
- The construction or renovation of commercial real estate

If you are a new or existing business in need of financial assistance, visit http://www.beechinterplex.com/bbb_lending_opportunities.asp to get more information on how to obtain a loan for your business, or to obtain the loan guidelines and application. You may also contact Larry Griffin at (215) 763-8824 to schedule an appointment.

BCVC is a Certified Development Financial Institution of the U.S. Department of Treasury.

Workshop Available Through The Temple SBDC

The Entrepreneurial Success Workshop Series is a ten week program designed to provide aspiring entrepreneurs with the tools and information needed to create a professional business plan. This class will provide knowledge on how to be an entrepreneur, the mechanics of starting a business, the business planning process and hands-on business plan assistance.

The next series begins on Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 6-9 PM. There is a small fee associated with this course. You have two options available: a flat, discounted fee of \$320.00 or our payment plan. The payment plan includes a down payment of \$130.00 and two installments of \$110.00 each.

To register, please contact the Training Department via email to sbtrain@temple.edu or via phone at 215-204-3856.

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Educational Scholarships for Local Students

The Beech Scholarship Fund is now accepting scholarship applications from local high school seniors and current undergraduate students that need financial assistance with furthering their education. The scholarships will offer each selected student a non-refundable scholarship of \$1,000 that can be used for tuition, books, room and board or meals.

"I am honored to be an awardee of the Beech Scholarship Fund. As a recipient of the Beech Scholarship Fund, I am equipped with the financial support to become the first male in my family to graduate from a University. Obtaining my college degree is a major goal for me and my family. I greatly appreciate the Beech Scholarship Fund for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. Having the continuous support of Beech Interplex, Inc. has played an instrumental role in my academic success and community involvement," states Lamar Thomas, a recent scholarship recipient.

The qualifying student must demonstrate their commitment to education and their community and must possess a GPA of 2.75 to qualify. All students must be a current Philadelphia resident, a student of color and have graduated from a Philadelphia public, charter or private school and must attend or are currently attending Cheyney, Temple, Lincoln University's or Community College of Philadelphia.

Zuliesuivie Ball, a former scholarship recipient had this to say, "As any college student can attest to, the greatest worry behind each semester comes, 'how to pay for it.' As a recent graduate from Temple University, I would like to recognize the Beech Scholarship Fund for being the answer. With the upmost gratitude, I would like to thank the Beech Scholarship Fund for not only playing a benefitting financial role during all four years of college, but for also opening doors to meet, network and collaborate with various activists and leaders within our community. As a four time awarded recipient of the Beech Scholarship Fund, I would like to leave those to come with this: As we individually move through life, it is important that we as a whole remember where we came from, where we stand and where we are going. With that being said, I will always remember Beech as a part of where I came from, where I stand because of it and where I am going because it has played a role in both the past and present. The only thing left is the future."

The deadline for submission is Friday, April 6, 2018 at 3 PM. To receive additional scholarship information and to obtain an application, please visit beechinterplex.com/bcs_scholarship.asp. Electronic and incomplete applications will be rejected.



Community & Business Meetings

Beech Community Services hosts monthly meetings for business owners in the Cecil B. Moore community to talk about and participate in discussions relating to the planning and increased business relationships between business owners. The goals of the meetings are to increase the interactions between the business owners and work together to build a viable business association. The meeting notices will be sent to business owners prior to the meeting dates. The meetings are held from **5:30pm - 7:00pm**. Call Beech's office or email us at beechcompanies@gmail.com if you would like your notice emailed to you.

Thursday, March 15, 2018	5:30pm until 7:00pm
Thursday, April 19, 2018	5:30pm until 7:00pm
Thursday, May 17, 2018	5:30pm until 7:00pm
Thursday, June 21, 2018	5:30pm until 7:00pm
Thursday, July 19, 2018	5:30pm until 7:00pm
Thursday, August 16, 2018	5:30pm until 7:00pm
Thursday, September 20, 2018	5:30pm until 7:00pm
Thursday, October 18, 2018	5:30pm until 7:00pm
Thursday, November 15, 2018	5:30pm until 7:00pm
Thursday, December 13, 2018	5:30pm until 7:00pm

If you are a developer and are interested in having your project listed on the schedule for review, contact Beech's office at (215) 763-8824. All meetings are held at Beech Community Services, 1510 Cecil B. Moore Avenue, 1st floor.

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Featured Information

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Community Business Spotlight

Name of Owner(s): Talib Abdul Mujib

Business Name: 1617 Barber Shop & Beauty Salon

Type of Business: Barber & Beauty Salon

Number of Employees: 10

Business Location(s): 1617 Cecil B. Moore Ave.

Business Hours: 10am - 10pm (7 days)

Business Number: (215) 868-9480

Email Address: t.abdulmajib23@gmail.com

Website: <https://1617barberlife.com>

How Long Have You Been in Business: 8 years



How did the idea for your business come about? The idea for my business was my interest and vision of seeing the Cecil B. Moore community develop into a vibrant business district.

What ignited the spark in you to start a new business venture? The quest for independence and my desire to explore opportunities.

What would you say are the top three skills needed to be a successful entrepreneur?

1. Patience.
2. Vision.
3. Consistency.

How did you decide on the location for your business? I decided on this location because of the history of Cecil B. Moore Avenue.

What would you say was the single most influential factor in bringing your business to the Cecil B. Moore community? Having worked in this community for 7 years prior to opening my business, I was familiar and comfortable with working on the Avenue.

What were the biggest initial hurdles to building your business and how did you overcome them? Finding quality people to work with and sustaining those relationships.

If you could have given yourself a piece of knowledge, or advice when you started your business, what would that be? I would say focus on organizing first.

What is the best advice you received about starting your business, and from whom? The best advice I received from various people was to be persistent.

Things to Do!

African American History & Culture Showcase

When: Saturday, March 31, 2018 and Sunday, April 1, 2018

Where: Philadelphia Convention Center, 13th & Arch Streets

Time: 11am - 6pm, Free Admission

Information: www.blackhistoryshowcase.org

African American History & Culture Showcase will have powerful exhibits presented by the Black Inventions Museum, Lest We Forget Museum of Slavery, Museum of Negro League Baseball and Museums in Motion. Come learn about the Paul Robeson House Museum, Black Writers Museum, Clef Club of Jazz and Performing Arts, United States Colored Troops, Genealogy, Black German Cultural Society, Granville T. Woods and Tracing Your African Ancestry.

You will be treated to performances that include African Dance, Poetry and History Re-enactors while learning about living legends like the Tuskegee Airmen, Montford Point Marines, Tina Sloan Green and 1948 Olympic Medalist, Herb Douglas. You will also be able to purchase Black collectibles and cultural crafts at the Black Wall Street Marketplace.

North Philadelphia Community Cleanup

It's one of our favorite times of the year! It's a chance to get down and dirty - literally! Making North Broad cleaner and greener is among the top request of the North Broad Renaissance (NBR) stakeholders and they're excited to kick-off another great season of landscaping and cleaning projects! Below is the schedule and locations.

Volunteers are needed and all projects will involve planting prep work, landscaping, street cleaning and a good time for all!

March 24

Glenwood Ave to Huntingdon St

11am - 3pm

Volunteers Needed: 20+

April 14

Cecil B. Moore Ave to Master St

11am - 3pm

Volunteers Needed: 30+

April 7: Philly Spring Cleanup 2018

Huntingdon St to Dauphin St

10am - 2pm

Volunteers Needed: 25+

April 28: Global Day of Service

Poplar St to Fairmount Ave

10am - 2pm

Volunteers Needed: 40+

April 21

Master St to Poplar St

11am - 3pm

Volunteers Needed: 10+

May 5

Fairmount Ave to Hamilton St

11am - 3pm

Volunteers Needed: 40+

March 31

Dauphin St to Diamond St

11am - 3pm

Volunteers Needed: 15+

To sign up, email info@northbroad.org and advise of the project site you would like to support!



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Community Policing Team

Officer Janae McDonald

Crime Prevention Officer – janae.mcdonald@phila.gov

Officer Shanna Moore

Community Relations Officer – shanna.moore@phila.gov

Officer Baseemah Phifer

Community Relations Officer – baseemah.phifer@phila.gov

Officer Courtney Gilliam

Victim’s Assistance Officer – courtney.gilliam@phila.gov

To report Crime Anonymously:

Dial (215) 686-TIPS

To contact the 22nd Police District Directly:

Call (215) 685-2705/2706

Follow the 22nd Police District on Twitter:

@PPD22ndDistrict

Community Resources Guide

Philadelphia Recycling	215-686-5560
Redevelopment Authority	215-854-6500
Philadelphia Housing Authority.....	215-684-4000
PHDC Weatherization.....	215-448-2160
PHDC Basic Systems Repair Program	215-448-2160
LIHEAP	215-560-2970
Community Legal Services.....	215-981-3700
Utility Emergency Services Fund	215-972-5170
Save Your Home Philly.....	215-334-4663
Philadelphia Corporation for Aging.....	215-765-9040
Veterans Advisory Commission.....	215-686-3256
Day Camp Programs	215-683-3600
Child Care Information Services	888-461-5437
Philadelphia Department of Recreation	215-683-3601
School District of Philadelphia	215-400-4000
GED Hotline	215-751-8376
Temple Small Business Development Center	215-204-7282
Temple PAN African Studies	215-204-1993
Temple Campus Police	215-204-1234
Department of Human Services	215-683-4347
Domestic Violence Hotline	800-799-7233
North Central Victims Services.....	215-763-3281
Crisis Hotline/Community Behavioral Health.....	215-413-7171
Philadelphia Operation Town Watch.....	215-686-1459
Philadelphia Police 22nd District.....	215-686-3220
City Council – 5th District Office.....	215-686-3442

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