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Beech International Complex Dedicated



At podium is 5th District Councilman Darrell Clarke, (l.-r.) is Ken Scott, Beech Pres.; U.S. Rep. Chaka Fatah and Mayor Michael Nutter.

The Beech Companies recently held a dedication ceremony for the new Beech International Complex. The new Green Smart building is located at 1520-38 W. Cecil B. Moore Ave.

The project brings together local communities and people from around the world who are interested in international affairs.

The complex features 100 apartment units and Mugshots, a coffee café that specializes in fresh organic foods, teas and coffee. Beech International will also host events for an International Marketplace, art, music and theater.

The development created more than 200 construction jobs, 70 of which went to minorities from the neighborhood, as part of Beech's neighborhood revitalization efforts.

Elected officials who attended included Mayor Michael Nutter, 5th District Councilman Darrell Clarke, State Sen. Shirley Kitchen, State Rep. Dwight Evans, U.S Rep. Chaka Fattah and U.S. Rep. Robert Brady was represented by Karen Warrington, communications director.

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Beech Community Services held their annual "Avenue of Treats," for neighborhood children on Oct. 31, 2011. The children, who were supervised by adults, were treated to candy and other goodies at participating businesses, along Cecil B. Moore Ave.

About 500 children attended the event, making it one of the city's largest "Trick or Treat," events.

The adult businesses that participated included: Adelaide's, Allied Security, City View Pizza, Compro Tax, D&J Hardware, Dewan's, Hands on U-2 Barbershop, Hollywood Shoes, Ms. Toomer's Balloons, Oxford Village, Phenomenal Records, Temple University and The Draught Horse.

Also, Beech Community Services featured young musicians from the Clef Club, who played jazz on Cecil B. Moore Ave. at the Beech International House, in front of Mug Shots coffee shop.

Christine Brown, Director of Beech Community Services, offered special thanks to Steve Bradley, of Bradley & Bradley, The Clef Club and volunteers: Mary Galloway, Lisa Gass, Reggie Hawk, Von Jamison, Nicole Kelly, Kimberly Link, Tina Lloyd, Robert Nottingham, Sara Sweeney, Donnie Wiggs, Temple University's Police Capt. Eileen Bradley and Jumpstart Volunteers.



Blackhawks of Philadelphia Head to Championships



Three time national champions, Blackhawk Athletic Club Football Team of Philadelphia.

The three time national champions, Blackhawk Athletic Club Football Team of Philadelphia, a proud member of the Pop Warner Little Scholars, National Championship Tournament, traveled to Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla., to participate in the Pop Warner championship tournament on Dec. 3rd, 2011.

In November, the team had advanced to the Regional Championship.

The Clubs home field is at 11th and Cecil B. Moore Avenue. They are led by Erica and Don Richardson.

Laborers' Seeking Apprentices

Apprenticeship applications for Laborers' District Councils Joint Apprenticeship Program are currently available to interested applicants at the following locations on Fridays between the hours of 10 a.m. to 12 noon:

Laborers' Local 57, 500-506 N. 6th Street, Phila., PA 19123.

Laborers' Local 135, 740 Sandy Street, Norristown, PA 19401.

Laborers' Local 332, 1310 Wallace Street, Phila., PA 19123.

Laborers' Local 413, 222 Penn Street, Chester, PA 19013.

Laborers' Training Fund, 500 Lancaster Pike, Exton, PA 19341.

A \$10 non-refundable application fee in the form of a money order must be paid prior to receiving an application. Please make the M.O payable to: Laborers' District Council Education & Training Apprenticeship Fund (LDCE&T/A).

Applicants must meet the following minimum requirements: Age 18, or older with proof (ID); Must be physically able to perform the work of the trade; Must be able to read or write; Must have dependable transportation; Must pass a drug test.

Those accepted into the program, are required to participate in classroom training in Exton, Pa. Participants will also be required to attend on-the-job training with union contractors on job sites throughout the Philadelphia five-county area.

The Laborers' District Council of the Metropolitan area of Philadelphia and Vicinity Joint Apprentice and Training Committee operates without discrimination regarding race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex age or non-job related disabilities.

Alston-Beech Grant Recipients Announced

Alston-Beech Foundation has announced the latest grant awardees for the funding period that ended in October. The latest grant recipients includes groups that promote AIDS education & eradication, community development, social services, housing support, job assistance, children's reading and mentoring programs. The recipients are: African American United Fund/Urban Affairs Coalition, Bebashi, Gesu School, Grands as Parents, Greater Brewerytown Community Development Corp., Menzfit, Philadelphia Club of Frontiers International, Inc., Regional Housing Legal Services, Servant of God Ministry, Inc., The Clay Studio, Treehouse Books and Women's Christian Alliance.

The foundation provides grants to non-profit organizations in North Philadelphia, or those non-profits serving residents of North Philadelphia. For more information or an application, please go to the website: www.beechinterplex.com, or call: 215-763-8869.

The Foundations will begin accepting applications for the next funding period in February 2012. The deadline for submitting applications is April 2, 2012.

Community Activities & Events

Doubletree Hotel Philadelphia, 237 South Broad Street, "Diversity Professional Job Fair," **10 a.m.-to-2 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2012.** 215-893-1600. For more info, please go to the website: www.diversityjobfairs.com

Freedom Theatre, 1346 North Broad Street, "Celebrate! A holiday performance of singing, dancing & Spoken Word," **3 p.m., Sunday, December 18, 2011.** 215-765-2793.

Liacouras Center, 1776 North Broad Street, "The Royal Comedy Tour with Sommore & Bruce Bruce," **9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012.** 1-800-298-4200.

North City Congress Senior Center, 1438 N. Broad St., "In Home Support for Seniors," delivered meals, minor home repairs, cleaning service & more.

To determine eligibility & for more info, please call: 215-978-1300

Charles L. Blockson Collection, Temple University Libraries, 1st Flr., Sullivan Hall, 1330 Polett Walk, "50th Anniversary of the Marcus Garvey Foundation," **12:30 p.m., Sat. Dec. 10, 2011.**

Youth Employment Program, (YEP) at Temple for youth ages 17-to-21, who do not have a H.S. diploma. Once completing the program, students get a diploma, a graduation ceremony & will be paid. Tamika Butler: 215-204-1219.

Need Help to Avoid Losing Your Home to Foreclosure?

If you are unemployed, underemployed or disabled and your home is at risk for foreclosure, you may qualify for help through the Emergency Homeowner Loan Program.

Non-profit housing agencies are accepting pre-applications, but the details of the program have yet to be finalized.

Call **The Save Our Homes Philly hotline at: 215-334-4663** to schedule an appointment to apply. For more information, go to: ww.hud.gov and click "Avoid Foreclosure."

***The Beech Companies
Wishes Everyone A Safe, Prosperous &
Happy Holiday!***

2011 Ave of Treats Features Clef Club Jazz Students



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