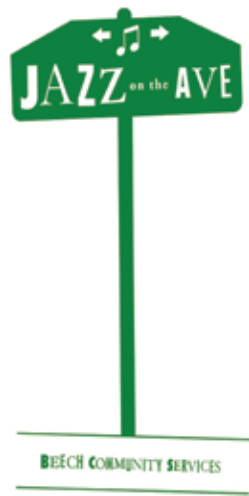




Beech Hosts Annual "Jazz on the Ave" Festival



On Saturday, August 16, 2014 Beech Community Services will hosts the 8th annual "Jazz on the Ave" festival along Cecil B. Moore Avenue from Broad to 16th Streets (1400-1600 Cecil B. Moore Avenue) from 12-7:30PM. Patty Jackson, WDAS, Cherri Gregg of KYW, and Dyana Williams, 100.3 WRNB will host this year's festival.

This free, outdoor, community festival will be the kick-off with a series of events (August 2014 – December 2015) to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Beech Interplex, Inc. in 2015. This all-day event attracts several thousand people to North Philadelphia and provides the Cecil B. Moore residents and festival attendees with free activities for children (moon bounce, face painting, rock climbing), live entertainment, craft and food vendors, information tables, health screenings, HIV testing, and more.

The line up for "Jazz on the Ave" has always been a diverse mix of artists who perform music from such genres as Jazz, Reggae, African inspired, Latin, Big Band, Hip Hop Infused Jazz, and R&B. We have had such great Philadelphia artists as Gerald Veasley, Monnette Sudler, Denise King, Pablo Batista, Robert Kenyatta & Latumba and Richard Jah Ace & Sons of Ace to grace the "Jazz on the Ave" stage.

This year's performing artists are equally talented as those in the past. Several artists are Grammy nominated and have played with many musical greats and continue to work with some of the top musicians and singers of today.

The headliner for this years "Jazz on the Ave" is Philadelphia's own, Mr. Trombone, Jeff Bradshaw. Other artists' include, Chris Washburne & Syotos, Carol Riddick, Mozaic Flow, Stan Brisbon w/ Serious Mixx, Emmanuel Houndo, Cam Anthony, Marcy Francis and an electrifying performance by the 2013 National Drill Team Champions, Modern Legends Drill Squad and Caribbeans In Action.

Free book bags with supplies will also be given away to children in grades 1-9 (first-come-first-serve). Parent or adult must accompany child and present child's school I.D or current report card to receive a school bag, no exceptions. Free popcorn and cotton candy will also be given away to children, (no adults) while it last.

Individuals interested in vending, please call (215) 763-8868 for more information. Check the website, www.beechinterplex.com for the "Jazz on the Ave" festival schedule or to obtain a vendors application. Please call the office before submitting a vendor's application.

Please like us on Facebook at Jazz on the Ave, follow us on Twitter @JazzontheAve, and Instagram at jazzontheave.philly.

Beech Salutes Community Activist & Freedom Fighter Mel Dorn Shamlin

The Cecil B. Moore Community grieves the loss of one of its own, Mel Dorn Shamlin who transitioned from this earth on July 21, 2014.

Mel Dorn was a true pioneer for change, a community activist and dedicated to altering the injustices that plagued African-Americans during the 1960's and 1970's. He was a dedicated Freedom Fighter who stood and walked along side of such great activist like, the late Cecil B. Moore and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Growing up in North Philadelphia, Mel had first-hand knowledge of all there was to know about the community he loved so much. He was a pioneering activist and was on the front-line of the protest that led to the integration of Girard College. He never gave up on his community and continued the fight until the end, stated his brother, Kelvin Kelly.

Mel, will always be remembered in our hearts for his legacy of fighting for equal rights and his dedication to community and family.

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Alston-Beech Foundation Funds Non-Profits

The Alston-Beech Foundation (ABF) awarded grants to several non-profits at the bi-annual Consortium of Cecil B. Moore Organizations meeting on June 8, 2014. Organizations who received the award have shown considerable efforts to compliment and foster revitalization efforts in the North Central Philadelphia community.

"The non-profits who received grants represent organizations whose innovations and passion is having a growing impact and is improving the North Philadelphia community," states Ken Scott, President of Beech Companies. "I am excited to have the opportunity to present these grants knowing that it will truly serve our community."

The recipients of the Alston-Beech Foundation grants are: African American

United Fund, Alliance for Progress Charter School, Blackhawks Athletic Club, Inc., Community Learning Center, Grands As Parents, Inc., Juanita Rowe Foundation for Women, Musicopia, Operation Lifeline, Inc., Pennsylvania Faith-based Education Resource Information Corporation, Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse, The Business Center, Uptown Entertainment & Development Corporation, Inc., Urban Affairs Coalition, West Girard Community Council, and X-Offenders for Community Empowerment.

To be eligible for the ABF grant, organizations must be incorporated and classified as tax-exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code and as public charities, under sections 509 (a) of that code. For-profit organizations and individuals are not eligible for funding. For the complete list of requirements, organizations should visit www.beechinterplex.com

First Time Home Buyer Counseling Program

Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania (AHCOPA) mission is to increase and preserve affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income households and communities of color in the State of Pennsylvania.

The first step in the First Time Home Buyer Program is to attend a group educational workshop. AHCOPA host two workshops per month. Please call and register at least one week in advance if you are interested in attending. Upcoming workshops are scheduled for:

- Saturday, August 9, 2014 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Tuesday, August 19, 2014 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Once you have attended a workshop, the next step in the program is to receive one-on-one counseling. Before starting this process, you will need to complete an intake package and authorization form. For more information, call (215)765-1221 or visit www.ahcopa.comcastbiz.net.

Changing Lives Through Literacy

Community Learning Center is an organization that assists adults in developing literacy, math, and life skills using a supportive and holistic approach, so that they can realize their fullest potential at home, in the workplace, and in the community. Founded in 1987, CLC provides FREE adult basic education, general educational development (GED), English language, and beginning literacy classes.

Community Learning Center is an authorized Pearson Vue computer-based GED® testing center. The testing site is located at 229 N. 63rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19139.

Do you want to improve your reading skills or get your GED? Register for CLC classes, call 215-426-7940 or visit the website at www.communitylearningcenter.org.

Beech Companies Recognizes Its President

The Beech Companies board of directors, staff and Consortium of Cecil B. Moore Organizations would like recognize and thank Ken Scott for 20-years of dedicated service to the Beech Companies, Philadelphia and in particular, the Cecil B. Moore community of North Philadelphia.

Ken is a man of integrity; he is very passionate about life and the welfare of people. He is devoted to his family, friends and the community in which he serves, states Christine Brown, Director of Beech Community Services. I've worked with and for some very great people and Ken Scott is in a league all by himself. He is a brilliant man and a superb leader and mentor which is why Beech

continues to reinvent itself to keep up with today's times. I have worked with Ken from the beginning and one thing is for certain, he is a man of his word, a true philanthropist. In the words of today's young people, he 'keeps it 100.'

Mr. Scott has a long list of accomplishments, such as graduate and Executive Fellow at the Wharton Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Executive Leadership Program of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He has also received The "Liberty Bell Award" one of the highest honors from The Mayor of the City of Philadelphia.