

SERVING CEDARBROOK, OAK LANE, GERMANTOWN, & MOUNT AIRY

UPTOWN STANDARD

MARCH 2021

FREE

IMHOTEP FOOTBALL IS WINNING WITHOUT A SEASON COACH DEV JOHNSON'S PROGRAM HAS A RECORD NUMBER OF ATHLETES COMMITTED TO COLLEGE



PHOTOS COURTESY OF IMHOTEP HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STAFF

INSIDE:

- EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH UPTOWN'S BLACK DENIRO.
- DJ KOOL CELEBRATES THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HIT SONG "LET ME CLEAR MY THROAT".
- CONGRESSMAN DWIGHT EVANS ENDORSES CITY CONTROLLER REBECCA RHYNHART.
- COUNCILMEMBERS ISAIAH THOMAS AND KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON ANNOUNCES \$1M IN ARTS AND CULTURE GRANTS.



- **PHILLY FLORAL DELIVERY SERVICE**
- **NATIONWIDE SHIPPING**
- **DAILY DELIVERIES**
- **PRICED \$30-\$70 FOR STANDARD SIZES**
- **FLORAL BUNDLES**
- **BOXED ROSES**
- **BRIDAL WORK**



TWO BALA PLAZA
SUITE 300-682
BALA CYNWYD, PA 19004
215-399-5756
SUPPORT@FLORALSCRUBS.COM
WWW.FLORALSCRUBS.COM

Florals & Scrubs



- **OUR ARRANGEMENTS ARE CREATED WITH LOVE AND DELIVERED WITH CARE**
- **BOOK A WINE & DESIGN SOIRÉE**
- **BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL GIFTING PLAN**
- **HEALING EUCALYPTUS SHOWER BOUQUET MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION**
- **PRIVATE & CORPORATE BI-WEEKLY/MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE**
- **CATERER, EVENT PLANNER, EVENT VENUE FRESH FLORAL ADD-ON PKGS.**





ROYAL MEATS



1619 E. Wadsworth AVE.
PHILA, PA 19150 ~ 215-475-8000

STORE HOURS:
Monday thru Saturday
8:00am to 7:00pm
Sunday
9:00am to 5:00pm

WE ACCEPT ALL MAJOR CREDIT & DEBIT & EBT



PRICES MAY CHANGE IF SUPPLIES RUN OUT OR AFTER THE 15TH OF THE MONTH

WE ACCEPT FOOD STAMPS, ALL CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS

MEAT SPECIALS!

FILLER A FREEZER BIG FAMILY SPECIAL

10 LBS. QTR'D CHICKEN LEGS
5 LBS. CHICKEN WINGS
5 LBS. CHICKEN DRUMS
5 LBS. BONELESS BREAST
2 WHOLE CHICKEN
5 LBS. GROUND BEEF
3 LBS. BEEF SHORT RIBS
3 LBS. BUTTER STEAKS
3 LBS. CHUCK STEAKS
5 LBS. BEEF BACK RIBS
5 LBS. TURKEY WINGS
3 LBS. TURKEY CHOPS
3 LBS. PARKS TURKEY SAUSAGE
5 LBS. WHITTING FILLIES

2 LBS. TILAPIA FILLETS
2 LBS. FLOUNDER FILLETS
5 LBS. FROZEN FRIES
FREE 5 LB. BAG POTATOES
FREE 4 LB. BAG OF SUGAR
FREE 1-LOAF OF BREAD
FREE 2 DOZEN EGGS

FOR ONLY
\$249⁹⁹

BEEF & CHICKEN COMBO

5 LBS. CHICKEN WINGS
10 LBS. QTR'D CHICKEN LEGS
5 LBS. CHICKEN DRUMS
3 LBS. BONELESS BREAST
3 LBS. BEEF STEW
2 LBS. BUTTER STEAK
2 LBS. SHORT RIBS
5 LBS. GROUND BEEF
3 LBS. CHUCK STEAKS
2 LBS. BEEF HOTDOGS
3 LBS. BEEF SAUSAGE
2 LBS. CHICKEN NUGGETS
2 WHOLE CHICKENS
FREE 1-2 LITER SODA
FREE 1 DOZEN EGGS
FREE 5 LB. BAG POTATOES
FREE 1 LOAVES OF BREAD

FOR ONLY
\$159⁹⁹

MEAT #1 SPECIAL

5 LBS. CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS
3 LBS. CHICKEN WINGS
3 LBS. BONE-IN CHICKEN BREAST
3 LBS. GROUND BEEF
3 LBS. BUTTER STEAK
2 LBS. BEEF SHORT RIBS

FOR ONLY
\$49⁹⁹

MEAT #2 SPECIAL

5 LBS. CHICKEN DRUMS
5 LBS. CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS
3 LBS. BONELESS CHICKEN BREAST
2 LBS. PEPPER STEAK
2 LBS. GROUND BEEF
2 LBS. BEEF CUBS

FOR ONLY
\$49⁹⁹

POULTRY SPECIAL #3

5 LBS. CHICKEN WINGS
5 LBS. CHICKEN DRUMS STICKS
5 LBS. CHICKEN LEG QUARTERED
3 LBS. BONELESS CHICKEN BREAST
2 LBS. CHICKEN CHOPS
2 LBS. TURKEY CHOPS
2 LBS. GROUND TURKEY
5 LBS. TURKEY WINGS
FREE 1 DOZ. EGGS

FOR ONLY
\$59⁹⁹

DEEP FRY SPECIAL #4

5 LBS. CHICKEN WINGS
5 LBS. CHICKEN DRUMS STICKS
3 LBS. CHICKEN THIGHS
2 LBS. NUGGETS
3 LBS. GROUND BEEF
5 LBS. BAG FRENCH FRIES
2 LBS. BAG ONION RINGS
2 LBS. CHICKEN OR TURKEY HOT DOGS
FREE 1 DOZ. EGGS

FOR ONLY
\$59⁹⁹

RED MEAT SPECIAL #5

10 LBS. CHICKEN LEG QUARTERED
10 LBS. TURKEY WINGS
3 LBS. STEW BEEF
3 LBS. CHICKEN DRUMS STICKS
3 LBS. BONELESS CHICKEN BREAST
3 LBS. GROUND BEEF
3 LBS. BEEF BACK RIB
3 LBS. BUTTER STEAK
3 LBS. CHUCK STEAK
FREE - 4 LBS. SUGAR
FREE - 5 LBS. POTATOES
FREE - 1 -2LITER SODA

\$109⁹⁹

RED MEAT SPECIAL #6

3 LBS. GROUND BEEF
2 LBS. BEEF SHORT RIB
2 LBS. SHOULDER STEAK
2 LBS. BUTTER STEAK
3 LBS. BONE-IN CHUCK STEAK
3 LBS. BEEF CUBE
FREE - 5 LBS. POTATOES
FREE - 2 DOZ. EGGS
FREE - 2 LOAF OF BREAD

FOR ONLY
\$89⁹⁹

BBQ SPECIAL #7

5 LBS. PARTY OR WHOLE WINGS
3 LBS. PKG. DEITZ & WATSON HOT DOGS
3 LBS. PARKS HOT OR MILD SAUSAGE
5 LBS. CHICKEN DRUMS
3 LBS. BONELESS CHICKEN BREAST
2 LBS. BUTTER STEAK
3 LBS. GROUND BEEF
2 LBS. BEEF SHORT RIBS
FREE 2-BOTTLES BBQ SAUCE

FOR ONLY
\$89⁹⁹

MEAT SPECIAL #8 MIX GIRARD

3 LBS. GROUND BEEF
2 LBS. BUTTER STEAK
2 LBS. SHORT RIBS
2 LBS. CHICKEN CHOPS
3 LBS. TURKEY CHOPS
3 LBS. CHICKEN WINGS
3 LBS. BONELESS BREAST
3 LBS. TURKEY WINGS
5 LB. CAN OF COLLARD GREENS OR GREEN BEANS
2 LBS. TILAPIA FILLETS
3 LBS. WHITTING FILLETS
FREE 2 DOZEN EGGS
FREE 2 LOAVES OF BREAD

FOR ONLY
\$99⁹⁹

MEAT SPECIAL #9 JAMAICAN

3 LBS. OXTAIL
3 LBS. GOAT
3 LBS. LAMB CHOPS
5 LBS. BEEF BACK RIBS
3 LBS. GROUND BEEF
3 LBS. GROUND TURKEY
2 LBS. FLOUNDER FILLETS
2 LBS. WHITTING FILLETS
2 LBS. RED SNAPPER
2 WHOLE CHICKENS
5 LBS. QUARTERED CHICKEN LEGS
JERK OR CURRY

FOR ONLY
\$119⁹⁹

BIG FREEZER SPECIAL

5 LBS. CHICKEN WINGS
5 LBS. CHICKEN DRUMS
5 LBS. CHICKEN LEG QUARTERS
3 LBS. BONELESS BREAST
2 WHOLE CHICKENS
5 LBS. BEEF BACK RIBS
3 LBS. GROUND BEEF
3 LBS. RUMP ROAST
3 LBS. SHORT RIBS
2 LBS. SHOULDER STEAKS
2 LBS. BUTTER STEAKS
FREE 5 LB. BAG POTATOES
FREE (1) LOAF BREAD
FREE (1) 2 LITER SODA

FOR ONLY
\$139⁹⁹

ALL KINDS OF MEAT SPECIAL

5 LB. QUARTERED CHICKEN LEGS
5 LB. CHICKEN WINGS
5 LB. CHICKEN DRUMS
5 LB. TURKEY WINGS
3 LB. TURKEY CHOPS
3 LB. GROUND TURKEY
3 LB. GROUND BEEF
3 LB. SHORT RIBS
2 LB. SHOULDER STEAK
2 LB. BUTTER STEAK
2 LB. WHITTING FILLETS
2 LB. UNCOOKED SHRIMP
2 LB. FLOUNDER FILLETS
2 LB. TILAPIA FILLETS
FREE 5 LB BAG FROZEN FRENCH FRIES

FOR ONLY
\$149⁹⁹

BIG BREAKFAST SPECIAL

1 LB. BEEF SAUSAGE
1 LB. TURKEY SAUSAGE
1 LB. TURKEY BACON
1 LB. BEEF BACON
FREE 5 LBS. POTATOES
FREE 2 DOZEN EGGS
FREE LOAF OD BREAD

FOR ONLY
\$29⁹⁹

BREAKFAST SAUSAGE SPECIAL

1 LB. BEEF SAUSAGE
1 LB. TURKEY SAUSAGE
1 LB. CHICKEN SAUSAGE
1 LB. TURKEY SAGE SAUSAGE
FREE 5 LBS. POTATOES
FREE 2 DOZEN EGGS

FOR ONLY
\$29⁹⁹

SEAFOOD SPECIAL

2 LBS. WHITTING FILLETS
2 LBS. COOKED SHRIMP
2 LBS. FLOUNDER FILLETS
2 LBS. TILAPIA FILLETS
5 LBS. FROZEN FRENCH FRIES
FREE 1- 2 LITER SODA

FOR ONLY
\$49⁹⁹

GOOD MORNING SPECIAL

1 DOZEN LARGE EGGS
1 LB. SMALL FINGER LINK SAUSAGE
1 LB. PORK BACON
1 LB. SAGE SAUSAGE
1 LB. HAM
1 LB. SCRAPPLE
1 LB. LARGE LINK SAUSAGE

FOR ONLY
\$24⁹⁹

BIG DELI SPECIAL

1 LB. AMERICAN CHEESE
1 LB. COOPER SHARP CHEESE
1 LB. SMOKED TURKEY BREAST
1 LB. HONEY TURKEY BREAST
1 LB. TURKEY HAM
1 LB. BEEF BOLOGNA
FREE 1 PKG 6 CT. AMOROSO ROLLS

FOR ONLY
\$31⁹⁹

DELI SPECIAL #1

1 LB. AMERICAN CHEESE
1 LB. CORNED OR ROAST BEEF
1 LB. SMOKED TURKEY BREAST
1 LB. BEEF BOLOGNA OR SALAMI
1 LB. TURKEY HAM

FOR ONLY
\$21⁹⁹

DELI SPECIAL #2

1 LB. AMERICAN CHEESE
1 LB. TURKEY BREAST
1 LB. TURKEY HAM
1 LB. TURKEY SALAMI
1 LB. BEEF BOLOGNA

FOR ONLY
\$21⁹⁹

DELI SPECIAL #3

1 LB. ROAST BEEF
1 LB. TURKEY BREAST
1 LB. TURKEY HAM
1 LB. AMERICAN CHEESE
FREE 6 CT. PKG. AMOROSO ROLLS

FOR ONLY
\$20⁹⁹

GIRARD BEST SELLER

1 LB. AMERICAN CHEESE
1 LB. SMOKED TURKEY
1 LB. BEEF BOLOGNA
1 LB. TURKEY HAM
FREE 1 - LOAF OF BREAD OR
5 LB. BAG POTATOS

FOR ONLY
\$21⁹⁹

DELI SPECIAL #5

1 LB. TURKEY HAM
1 LB. AMERICAN CHEESE
1 LB. TURKEY BREAST

FOR ONLY
\$11⁹⁹

DELI SPECIAL #6

1 LB. TURKEY BREAST
1 LB. TURKEY SALAMI
1 LB. AMERICAN CHEESE

FOR ONLY
\$13⁹⁹

DELI SPECIAL #7

1 LB. TURKEY HAM
1 LB. TURKEY BOLOGNA
1 LB. TURKEY SALAMI
1 LB. AMERICAN CHEESE

FOR ONLY
\$14⁹⁹

Sale items not for retailers or wholesalers. We reserve the right to limit quantities. Not responsible for typographical errors. Some artwork for display purposes only & may not represent actual product.

“Let Me Clear My Throat” continues to live on as it was featured in the movie “Office Christmas Party and in other movies, commercials, sporting events and more. He credits his manager; Philadelphia native and my friend/mentor Walt Reeder, Jr. for consistently making moves to ensure that Kool keeps eating. “I’ve had a record on the billboard chart somewhere in the top 100 every year from 1986, all the way up to 1996 with “Let Me Clear My Throat.” Said DJ Kool DJ Kool exemplifies what it means to forge a timeless and successful entertainment career. I had a chance to talk to my friend DJ Kool for an in-depth interview. Find out how he continues to keep working, re-inventing and creating new shows.

DJ Kool: I currently Broadcast on GoGo Radio Live every Monday Night playing Go Go Music from the 80's & 90's. We have a new project that we should be releasing in May called Cha, Cha, Cha. Uh, this song has a line dance at-

DJ Kool: I've had way more wins than losses. Thank God for Walt Reeder, Jr. We had a

DJ Kool: No. No. I'm thankful. I'm very, very thankful it lets me know that I still have some measure of relevance out here. I have a birthday next month (March) That'd be March 20th. I'll be 63 years old. A lot of people see me and don't believe that I've been around as long as I have, but I have, and I feel blessed. I'm blessed in the fact that I'm still able to do it. I'm blessed in the fact that I'm still meant to do it. Once

DJ Kool: Thank God for hit records and whatnot. Um, I get checks every six months through my publisher and I have other situations that I make money off of. We are about to kick off DJ Kool T- shirts, Hats and other merchandise. My manager, Walt Reeder, Jr.

By Shelly Shell
Photo Courtesy of
Shelly Shell

THE UPTOWN STANDARD IS PROUD TO BE PARTNERS WITH WHY

WHYY



The logo for N.I.C.E. features the letters N, I, C, and E in white, each inside a colorful speech bubble. The 'N' is in an orange bubble, 'I' is in a teal bubble, 'C' is in a yellow bubble, and 'E' is in a green bubble. The bubbles are arranged horizontally and overlap slightly. The 'C' bubble has a small yellow dot below it.

News & Information Community Exchange



Anest Home Brand

Create a life you admire

The Anest Home Brand is a Lifestyle Brand, emphasizing Food, Family and Home, from a Millennial mom perspective.

Find slices of Philly's Famous 7up Pound Cake at:
Sister Muhammad's Kitchen 4441 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19144
Uptown Seafood & Caterers 6255 Limekiln Pk. Philadelphia, PA 19141

Receive a FREE sample of our Signature Jerk Seasoning with a purchase of a whole cake or when you order online at www.anesthomebrand.com

Place your orders directly at (267)240-9190 or info@anesthomebrand.com

FIRST BLACK OWNED BRAND TO PRODUCE



PLUS SIZE APRONS

ANEST HOME COOKING
CAKE MENU

PHILLY'S FAMOUS 7UP
 BUNDED CAKE
 WHOLE CAKE W/ ANEST 15.00 \$15
 SUNDERSHED CAKE
 CATERING TRAY \$25 (PICKS 11
 12PCS) FREE DELV

LEMON POUND CAKE
 MADE WITH SPRING LEMON JUICE
 WHOLE CAKE W/ LEMON
 ANEST 15.00 \$15
 MADE W/ ANEST 15.00 \$15

BUTTER POUND CAKE
 BUTTER & JELLY
 MADE W/ ANEST 15.00 \$15

SUPREME BUTTER POUND CAKE
 BUTTER & JELLY
 STRAWBERRIES AND
 BLACKBERRIES POWDERED
 POWDERED UNCAKE \$15

DOUBLE CHOCOLATE
 LAYER CAKE
 TWO SHROUGATE CARDS GULLED
 BUTTER & JELLY AND ANEST
 W/ MINI CHOCOLATE CHIPS \$25

SEASONAL
 BUTTER & JELLY
 BUTTER & JELLY
 BUTTER & JELLY

PATRON POUND CAKE W/ TIGER





www.anesthomebrand.com

IMHOTEP FOOTBALL IS WINNING WITHOUT A SEASON



In a year where a mysterious virus put a halt on life as we know it, the coaches for the Imhotep Football team were able to look in the face of adversity and not only adapt but achieve.

“It wasn’t easy!,” says Head Coach Devon Johnson who saw the weight room and playing field reduced to zoom meeting and virtual learning. Much of traditional recruiting and the all-important eye test wasn’t available for a team full of talented seniors who were looking for a home to play collegiate football.

“Coaches who wanted to see athletes they were interested in had to meet over zoom calls,” says Johnson, “We would have to do things like standing the ath-

letes next to doorways to let the coaches see their measurables.” These along with a host of interviews to see athletes’ personalities were the only opportunities that coaches had to decide rather they would recruit an athlete.

Coach Cyril Woodland the Associate Head Coach but also handles recruiting says that the first goal was to secure spots for seniors on the team who were already getting recruiting attention. “Once we were able to get attention from the highly recruited athletes we had, we were able to then help the less recruited seniors find opportunities.”

With a solid plan in place, the coaches were able to find homes for 9 seniors

with no physical season.

Taleeq Robbins, Defensive Tackle- Ole Miss University, Javon McIntyre, Safety- University of Pitt, Saint McLeod, Safety- West Virginia University, Kristen McAdams Wide Receiver- University of Albany, Cameron Jackson, Cornerback- Shippensburg University, Shafeek Smith, Cornerback- Towson University, D’Shaun Seals, Wide Receiver- West Chester University, Kamar Green, Linebacker- Lincoln University, Daniel Ogundipe, Offensive Linemen- Old Dominion University.

These young men worked with their coaches to use the resources they had available to gain an opportunity to continue their playing career

without a single snap in their senior season.

While the success of the year behind has produced success and opportunities, the next season lies among the team. While most of the workouts have been done over Zoom calls with the coaches and team captains, there have been some opportunities to work out in person which has inspired hope for the team.

“Our top priority is having a successful spring season.” As the pandemic starts to turn a corner and allow for the team to start building towards next season’s goal of winning.

For the Panthers, winning doesn’t only mean being the best on the field but also being great students off the field. Coach Kevin Norris, an assistant head coach who is also in charge of academics, worked with the staff to make sure that all the players were eligible to play this season.

Johnson admits that the virtual learning was difficult for the students but setting a plan and constantly checking the grades of the athletes allowed the team to excel academically which will allow the Panthers to field a full team ready to compete in the Fall.

The Imhotep Charter Football team has found success in the face of a pandemic the coaches, staff, and student-athletes all able to come together to achieve the goal of excellence. Much like the team’s motto: “Best is the standard,” each person involved has done their part to strive amid the turmoil.

“We want to solidify ourselves as the top team in the state, gain that respect and eventually become one of the top teams in the nation.” The future of the Panthers looks to be full of competing at the highest level imaginable. “We want to finish top 10 in the country,” says Coach Johnson.

While football is the background for the team’s achievements the coaches also want to build great brothers, fathers, husbands, and overall great young men. The Imhotep Charter Football team with its strong tradition and support will continue to grow and make headlines not only locally but nationally as well.

By Andre Brown
Photo Courtesy of Imhotep

B Inspired Apparel

BINSPIRED IS A BRAND THAT OFFERS A VARIETY OF APPAREL FROM HEAD TO TOE, TO INSPIRE YOU TO DREAM BIG, DREAM BOLD, AND DREAM WITH EXPECTATIONS!



ORDER ONLINE AT: BINSPIREDAPPAREL.NET





"COUNT EVERY VOTE" PROTEST IN PHILADELPHIA. CREDIT: CORY CLARK

By Sandy Smith
(Germantown Editor, The Northwest Local)

Deputy Commissioner (and East Falls resident) Seth Bluestein explains the changes that made the 2020 general election so contentious – and why there shouldn't have been such a fuss.

I suspect that most people find counting votes as exciting as watching paint dry. But it's an essential element in making sure our democratic republic functions properly.

And, says Deputy City Commissioner Seth Bluestein, the process can be interesting to follow. It certainly was for the supporters of ex-President Donald Trump who claimed massive fraud as well as for the supporters of President Joe Biden who dismissed those claims.

Another person who dismissed those claims was City Commissioner Al Schmidt. The lone Republican on the three-member city elections board, Schmidt appointed East Falls resident Bluestein to a deputy commissioner slot shortly after taking office in 2012. (Each of the three commissioners gets to appoint one or more deputies to assist with their work.) When Schmidt's chief deputy moved out of the city five years later, Bluestein was promoted to chief deputy.

"Every election has aspects of it that are interesting," says Bluestein. "It's not as boring as some would think. But this election in particular was a different experience."

What made it different began in 2018. "For the first six years I worked in the commissioner's office, elections were pretty well established with their procedures; we had the Danaher voting machines that the city had been using since 2002."

In 2018, however, "Gov. [Tom] Wolf put out a mandate." The mandate required every one of the state's 67 counties to purchase voting machines that produced a paper record of each vote cast. That, in turn, required the city to obtain new certification of the machines from the state. It took a little more than a year for the machines to be purchased and certified; they were first used in the November 2019 city general election.

The other development that year that made this year's elections interesting was Act 77, a major revision of the state election code passed by the General Assembly. One of its biggest changes was the adoption of no-excuse absentee voting by mail.

"We had to implement a brand-new method of voting with no clear expectation of how many people would be interested in voting by mail," says Bluestein. "And then the pandemic hit. So you take brand-new voting machines and an election law and environment that no one had run an election in the last 100 years. Those things combined made it a challenging and interesting 2020."

Adding to the challenge was something the General Assembly didn't change: when the mail-in ballots could be opened and counted, a process known as "canvassing." Many states

NORTHWEST LOCAL UP FOR THE COUNT

that now make wide use of mail-in ballots allow election officials to open and even count mail ballots prior to Election Day.

Pennsylvania did not.

And the large number of mail ballots meant the preparation took longer. In previous elections, the city would receive no more than a few thousand absentee ballots — "maybe 10,000 in a presidential primary," says Bluestein. As the total was usually not enough to alter the outcome of a statewide election, mail ballots would not be opened for counting until the Friday after Election Day, by which time the machine counts had been certified.

Bluestein said that the May primary election gave the commissioners an idea of how many voters would choose the mail option. "We saw that about half the voters in the city voted by mail, and our expectation was that this would be the same" in November, he says. "But who those voters were not evenly distributed between supporters of President Trump and supporters of Vice President Biden." Like most outside observers, Bluestein attributes the discrepancy to Trump's actively discouraging his supporters from voting by mail, while by contrast, the Biden campaign encouraged it.

Thus, where in years past, 95 percent of the ballots were cast in person, less than a quarter of the total were cast in person this past November. That plus the rules on processing mail ballots ensured it would take days for final tallies to be issued.

And the city had people working full tilt to count the ballots. "We had a major operation at the Convention Center," says Bluestein. "We had staff working around the clock, 24/7, in three shifts, nearly 150 people

per shift. We worked from Tuesday morning until Friday night, nonstop." (The city did pause the count for a few hours on Wednesday while it appealed a state judge's ruling requiring canvass observers to stand closer to the counters.)

Because of the way the city processed the mail ballots, updated counts were released in batches. And after reporting the machine counts late Tuesday night, the next batch results were not released until 5:30 the next morning, leading Trump supporters to allege fraud.

Or worse. Schmidt told reporters he had received telephoned death threats while the count proceeded. "I did too," says Bluestein.

"Our job is to make sure that every validly cast vote from registered voters is counted, and that's what we were doing," Bluestein says of the post-election canvass. "It was unexpected, to say the least," he says of the death threats.

Bluestein had good things to say about the canvass observers. These are people chosen by each party to observe the counting of the votes; the parties submit lists of names in advance for approval by the commissioners. "Generally, the canvass observers from both sides were all very, very well behaved and very friendly," he says. A few observers forgot the rules against taking pictures or talking to the staff, but "overall, the rapport was pretty good and everyone was generally well behaved. Most of the complaints about the process for the observers came from individuals on the outside who weren't even present."

Even without a candidate agitating to have a legitimate count of ballots stopped, Bluestein says that changes need to be made in

the state's election code in order for widespread mail balloting to work properly. "A lot of the controversy surrounding the vote-counting probably would have been mitigated with the ability to count, or even just open the envelopes, in advance of Election Day.

"Certainly the status quo is not going to be sustainable for large elections like the presidential election, or potentially the upcoming midterm election," he continues. "And whether it's three days of pre-canvassing or three weeks of pre-canvassing, the legislature certainly needs to consider alternatives to how it's currently structured."

Both Bluestein and his boss will no doubt have something to say about the changes. Schmidt announced that he would not seek re-election in 2023, and he made it clear that the threats he received from Trump supporters played no role in his decision. As for Bluestein, "I've been focused on preparing for the upcoming May primary and haven't begun to think about my plans for when his term ends in 2024."

Sandy Smith is the Germantown editor of The NW Local (nwlocalpaper.com). His interest in journalism stretches all the way back to high school, and he's been scribbling away ever since then, either in the field or in its hired-gun cousin, media relations. He currently runs the Real Estate & Home channel at Philadelphia magazine's website, phillymag.com. (You'll find his column on trends in real estate and design in the print edition.) He also writes a weekly column on transportation for Next City.

Follow Sandy on nwlocalpaper.com and social media:
Twitter: @MarketStEl
Facebook: Writer-SandySmith

MONTSERRAT: HOME OF THE BLACK IRISH OF THE CARIBBEAN



When you think of St. Patrick's Day what do you think of? You think of shamrocks, leprechauns, rainbows with pots 'o gold at the end, green beer, and of course the IRISH. Deep in the Caribbean sits a little gem. Montserrat, the other "Emerald Island" as it were called, has a rich history, and gives true meaning to "Black Irish."

This gem sits about 25 miles southwest of Antigua, in the British West Indies. Part of the Leeward Islands is mostly unknown to the world.

Even the coastline resembles Ireland. Tall cliffs rising from the picturesque clear ocean may be compared to the famous Cliffs of Moher.

Montserrat got its moniker from none other than Christopher Columbus in 1497 A.D. Columbus named the island after a monastery in Spain.

The volcanic island, with a circumference of about 39.5 miles. It remained mostly uninhabited until the late 1600s when prominent businessmen came to the island to harvest sugar cane. And of course, slaves were an integral part of the cultivation and production process.

The Transatlantic slave trade did not discriminate. Nor did it deal in color. It dealt in slaves. And all creeds were a commodity.

Along with the African slaves that were brought to the island, others were being forced into servitude as well. In a day of religious prosecution, Oliver Cromwell's religious ethnic cleansing of the Roman Catholics in Ireland imprisoned and enslaved over 100,000 people. Indentured servants from the neighboring Island of St. Kitt. and fugitives from the new colonies in North American were amongst the "enslaved" workforce. Both Irish and African slaves labored side by side. Exchanging myths, cultures, religion, and respect between their people. As a result of their servitude, they formed such a bond, such a strong community that interracial marriage was not frowned upon but encouraged. Producing a beautiful, blended people who even speak Gaelic (Irish language).

If you were to look at the census of the island today, you will see more than half of the population's surnames are of Irish lineage. Names like O'Halaran, Doyle, McLaughlin. Today Montserrat remains a hidden Caribbean prize at the end of a rainbow, rich in both land and people. Simple goat farmers and local merchants who are fast to welcome you to their home like your family. With green, orange, and white as their banner colors and love in their hearts, they celebrate their beloved her-

itage.

On March 17, 1768 A.D., as the plantation owners were "drowning their shamrocks" with rum, getting proper drunk as they celebrated St. Patrick's Day, a band of renegade slaves planned a revolt.

Unfortunately, they were betrayed, and the masters were told of their plan. Their failed uprising was not a failure at all. For they were to gain freedom from their captors.

They honor their ancestors on St. Patrick's Day with celebration. Locals dress up

in traditional costumes, sewn together MacGuyver style, are proudly worn. Masks cover their faces, homage to their ancestors who covered their faces when mimicking their master's drunken shenanigans. The day starts with a freedom run to honor the brave souls who died for their truths and ends with a street fair serving beer, potatoes, and all Irish and island traditional dishes. Many have fallen in love with this oasis over the years. The manager for the Beatles, George Martin, had a quaint recording studio on the island. Inviting artists such and Sting, The Police, Eric Clapton, Phil Collins, and the Rolling Stones to record their albums.

In 1997, the continually active volcano, Soufriere Hills erupted. The devastation was so fierce some even compared it to the Mount Saint Helen eruption of 1980. The pyroclastic flow and plumes of ash devastated the inhabitants. Taking out the Capitol, Plymouth, and most of the north side of the island.

Many recording artists came together and performed a benefit concert to send mon-

ey and aid to the hard-hit island.

The people of Montserrat were and still are Freedom-loving people willing to fight for said freedom. Ignoring the color of each other's skin they embrace their past and honor their ancestors and their heritage. A local was quoted as saying "Here it is impossible to be racist when you know that somewhere in your background you have relatives that are white and Irish. There'd be less racial tension worldwide if people could relate to each other the way we do in Montserrat."

This small island will welcome you like you were family and even stamp your passport with a shamrock. Crystal blue waters, private beaches, and many nature trails to explore is a perfect "reality check" from today's turbulent times.

By Alana Lukens, Editor
Photo Courtesy of
Montserrat Dept of Tourism

MAXIMIZE YOUR CREDIT SCORE!

OUR SERVICE WILL HELP YOU REMOVE ANY INACCURATE, ERRONEOUS AND OBSOLETE INFORMATION IN YOUR CREDIT FILE, INCLUDING:

WE WORK WITH....



- BANKRUPTCY
- CHILD SUPPORT
- LATE PAYMENT
- FORECLOSURES
- PUBLIC RECORDS
- EVICTIONS
- COLLECTIONS

- JUDGEMENT
- IDENTITY THEFT
- REPOSSESSION
- MEDICAL BILLS
- STUDENT LOANS
- TAX LIENS AND MORE...

CALL OR TEXT TO 267-908-3382.

Melody Baysmore



Melody Baysmore
FINANCIAL LITERACY COACH

UPTOWN'S BLACK DENIRO ACTOR, WRITER, DIRECTOR, AND ARTIST



We were lucky enough in the midst of yet another movie to catch up with Philly's own Black Deniro, to talk music, movies, and even the importance of being a father.

"It was always music," Philly native and overall creator Black Deniro says he was fascinated much like everyone at the time with the culture of hip-hop. Run DMC and Big Daddy Kane were his biggest influencers at the time. "My mom made sure I had every Adidas Sweatsuit and Shelltops."

His mom also gifted him with his first rap name "JFP" to comfort a young Black Deniro who knew that he wanted to rap very early in life.

3 years later the crack epidemic hit hard. Black Deniro was now in foster care and separated from his family. While going through the system the dream of being a rapper was still alive but surviving was more at the fore-

front of his mind.

High School is where his love for music was once again back on full display. He met Doc Holiday as well as started to get nods from artists such as Beanie Sigel and Gillie the Kid who saw his talent.

"I still wasn't taking it seriously." Admits Deniro who wasn't officially given his name until 1999.

In 2005 the grind and lyrics of Black Deniro would wow all those who heard him. "Gillie and Sigel would take me to the side and tell me I had talent."

At that time in Philly lyrics reign supreme and the chypers that Black Deniro would go to showed how his wordplay had evolved to become a threat in the rap game and set him apart.

In 2005 Black Deniro also released his hit single "Superman" right be-

fore Soulja Boy. That is what made him an instant hit and helped him build a home at Power 99. From 05-to 2010 Black Deniro wasn't fully focused on music despite all the success he had during that time. Many of these things will be addressed and more in his upcoming documentary titled "Philly's Most Underrated."

In 2010 was when he found love for another passion that he would pursue directing.

"I look at myself as a writer, not a rapper, an actor, or anything else. I am a hustler. I always wanted to be the best."

His first production came as an extension of an album he released, the DVD was entitled "More 2 Da Story." He instantly started getting calls from Philly's elite about how amazing the film was.

This was way before the time of social media or any mainstream outlets that would allow for the production to be seen by a wider audience. Without the major networks "More 2 Da Story" which can be found on Youtube gained 11 million views.

After the success of the first video, it was on to "Brush" the first full-length movie. Black Deniro was able to hustle and grind to make his movie something that would earn him not only a profit but a name as a director as well.

"My grind was impeccable, I remember driving around different parts (of the country) promoting the movie." He remembers jumping out of the car at restaurants and

neighborhoods to tell people about his film. After a year he with his hard work and hustle was able to earn well over \$7,000,

Next came "Backfire," which was picked up by Netflix, "Once I got that type of check it was a wrap."

Next, up is the new film that will be coming out soon is "Jennie," inspired by a conversation that was overheard at a birthday party. About a young college girl who despises her looks is more than what meets the eye.

"This concept has never been done before," ensures Dinero who is excited about the upcoming project.

Black Deniro indeed has a ton of roles to fill but his most important role is a father.

"I salute the fathers that are out here doing their thing." Black Deniro makes sure among all the success that he is a vital part of his children's lives; they have been with him on interviews, on set and can also be seen in every film that he has done.

We appreciate Black Deniro for taking time out to talk to Black Philadelphia as he continues to represent the culture of hip-hop and shows the importance of the grind.

By Andre Brown
Photo Courtesy of Black Dniro

COOKING W/EATIBLE'S DAVID SIMMS CHICKEN MARSALA WITH PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS

INGREDIENTS:

- 30 Boneless Chicken Breast
- Thawed, cleaned, sliced length wise in half.
- Eatible Delights Seasoning
- 4 oz Dried Parsley
- 2 lbs of butter
- ½ gallon of Marsala Wine
- 1 quart of half and half
- 4 whole Portobello Mushrooms
- 2 tbsp of chicken base
- 1 tbsp of beef base
- 1 red onion (large) (Julianne style)
- ½ cup of crushed garlic
- 1 cup of flour 1 cup of oil

PREPARATION:

Preheat oil in pan.

Season generously both sides of chicken with EDC seasoning. Dust chicken lightly with flour and fry to a light golden (not completely done). Place on paper towels to soak oil.

In saucepan melt butter add onion, garlic and Marsala wine bring to a simmer. Then add chicken and beef base and return to a simmer. Then whisk in the half and half cream bring to a boil turn down to a simmer for ten (10) minutes. Then add in parsley and mushrooms simmer for two (2) minutes.

Hours:

Monday: Closed

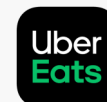
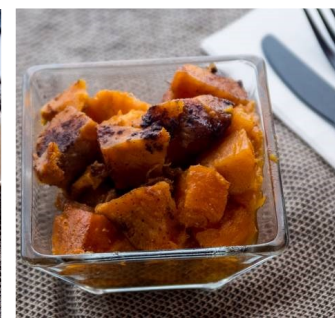
Tues to Thurs: 12pm-9pm

Friday to Saturday: 12pm-10pm

Sunday: 12pm-7pm.

Address8010 Ogontz Ave, Philadelphia,
PA 19150**Phone**

215-276-0657

**Serving Soul Food, Seafood, & BBQ.****CATERING AVAILABLE****NICKENS AGENCY****Insurance**

Auto/Residential/Commerical

6747 Germantown Ave

Phila, PA. 19119

215-848-9633

FAX 215-848-9680

Auto Tag

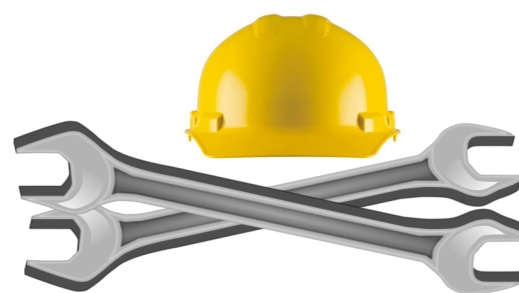
Direct Line to PENNDOT

1550 Wadsworth Ave

Phila, PA. 19150

215-242-4090

FAX 215-242-4126

THE TRUTH HANDYMANCARPENTRY, PLUMBING, CEMENT, KITCHENS
BATHROOMS, GARAGE DOORS,
ELECTRICAL, PAINTING, SHEETROCK**ROB DAVENPORT****862-888-1511****DIFRANCO**
GENERAL CONTRACTOR**SIDE WALK & PATIO****CURBS & STEPS****BRICKS & STONES****POINTING****WINDOWS****SHINGLES****ALUMINUM COAT****GUTTERS****SNOW REMOVAL****FINISHED BASEMENTS****RUBBER ROOFS****FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND A FREE ESTIMATE CALL****FRANKIE**
215-554-1001

CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCES \$1M IN ARTS AND CULTURE GRANTS



As per the New Normal Budget, City Council has given a \$1M grant to be distributed to individual artists, mid-size nonprofits, and small businesses. The “Illuminate the Arts” grant will be administered through the Office of the Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy.

“The Illuminate the Arts Grants make a necessary investment to Philadelphia’s arts, culture, and nightlife sectors,” said Councilmem-

ber Isaiah Thomas. “When the city fully opens up, arts and culture will drive people to the city. We can’t keep saving the arts, we have to start illuminating the arts as the economic drivers and job creators that they’ve always been. With a focus on individual artists, mid-size nonprofits and small businesses - the Illuminate the Arts grants seek to send an overdue lifeline to the arts community.”

On Thursday, February 25,

2021, The creative team behind this grant, Councilmembers Isaiah Thomas and Katherine Gilmore Richardson introduced a transfer ordinance of \$1.3 to be allocated with input from the Arts and Culture Task Force as well as the art and culture community.

Requirements, along with an application process, is said to meet the needs of the arts community and efficiently provide relief during the pandemic as we all transition to a ‘new normal.’ “City Council has worked diligently, under the leadership of Council President Clarke, to respond directly to community needs throughout the Covid-19 pandemic,” said Councilmember Katherine Gilmore Richardson. “Through the Disadvantaged Communities Task Force, Councilmember Thomas and I were able to hear from community members about the

challenges that were most severe and work collaboratively to find solutions. Today, with funding from the New Normal Budget Act, we are excited to be able to invest directly in arts and culture, a sector that has been deeply impacted as a result of the pandemic.” Grants are expected to officially open mid-March. Announcements concerning the grant application process will be posted on the OoACCE website. All are encouraged to visit the site for further information at www.creativephl.org

By Alana Lukens, Editor
Photo Courtesy of
PHLCouncil.com



PUBLISHED MONTHLY
CIRCULATION 3000

Sean Crump
President

James Williams
Publisher

Alana Lukens
Uptown Standard
Newspaper Editor

Andre Brown
Black Philadelphia
Magazine Editor

UPTOWNSTANDARD.COM

UPTOWN SEAFOOD

6255 Limekiln Pike, Phila, Pa. 19141
215-924-1284

Daily Brunch 11am-1pm
Breakfast Sandwiches, Shrimp & Grits, Salmon & Grits
Grilled Salmon & Grits, Whiting & Grits, Flounder & Grits



FRIDAY \$50.00 SEAFOOD COMBO SPECIAL

Lobster Tail, Dungeon Cluster, 3 Super Jumbo Shrimp, 1/2lb Mussels
Corn, Broccoli, Roasted Potatoes, 32oz Strawberry Lemonade or Ice Tea

\$1 SHRIMP FROM 11AM UNTIL CLOSING
TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & SATURDAY
FRIED, GRILLED, SAUTEED, SPICY, & GARLIC PARM

CONGRESSMAN DWIGHT EVANS ENDORSES CONTROLLER REBECCA RHYNHART



The Philadelphia Primary elections are closely approaching (Tuesday, May 18th, 2021) and On February 24, Congressman Dwight Evans enthusiastically endorsed the current Controller of Philadelphia, Rebecca Rhynhart, for re-election to the office. “In her first term as Controller, Rebecca Rhynhart has shown bold leadership in her approach to being the Chief Financial Watchdog for the City of Philadelphia. She has not shied away

from the issues facing Philadelphians and has used her office to contribute to solutions to our city’s most pressing problems, most notably gun violence,” Said Congressman Evans. “In a time of uncertainty, she has used transparency and data as tools to re-enforce the public’s trust in government and identify ways that the city can work more efficiently and effectively to serve all Philadelphians. I look forward to continuing to work with Controller

Rhynhart and enthusiastically endorse her for a second term.”

Rhynhart is the current Controller of the City of Philadelphia. Throughout her term, Rhynhart has utilized her time wisely and effectively.

Controller Rhynhart has been committed to being the financial watchdog for the Philadelphia tax-payer. Standing on a proven platform of transparency, Rhynhart’s approach held accountability.

Controller Rebecca Rhynhart is hoping for re-election and Congressman Dwight Evans’ endorsement is a boost to her hopes.

“I am grateful to Congressman Evans for his endorsement, particularly because of his commitment to strengthening all of Phila-

delphia’s neighborhoods and communities,” said Controller Rebecca Rhynhart. “I believe the best way to move Philadelphia forward is to have our elected officials come together and work with community leaders to ensure Philadelphians’ needs are met. Philadelphians want to see a positive change in how their government operates and officials like Congressman Evans work every day to create that change. I am honored to have his support and to partner with him to develop solutions for Philadelphia’s most pressing issues.”

Her emphasis on conducting financial and performance audits has ensured the taxpayer’s money is being allocated to where it could be most effective.

Other issues that Controller Rhynhart stands behind include racial equity and di-

versity and help shed light on the impact gun violence has on the city’s residence as well as its financial aspect.

If re-elected, she and the Controller’s office will continue to use digital mapping and other digital tools to inform the community. These tools have helped keep the public more accurately informed, making all findings easily accessible.

By Alana Lukens, Editor
Photo Courtesy of Phila.Gov and Congress.Gov

MEET THE NEW FLAVOR KING OF SEASONINGS



BIGGRILLFLAVOR.COM

**ORDER 3 OR MORE AND
GET FREE SHIPPING!
10% OFF WITH DISCOUNT CODE: UPT2021**



ESTABLISHED IN 2011 WE CREATE AND PRODUCE A LARGE VARIETY OF 100% NATURAL ARTISAN-BLENDED SEASONINGS AND SAUCES



AS A HEALTH-CONSCIOUS COMPANY, YOU WILL NEVER SEE SALT AS OUR FIRST INGREDIENT. WHY, BECAUSE WE USE NO SALT OR LOW SALT AS AN ENHANCER NOT A TOTAL SEASONING.

AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

MARKETS

Chew's Market
6709 Chew Ave

Mt Airy Deli
7200 Devon St

Rodriguez Mini Mart
6731 Ogontz Ave

Stop One
Food Market & Deli
6510 N 21st St.

Heems 1 Stop Shop
200 W. Clapier St

Town Supermarket
5031 Germantown Ave

M&F Supermarket
1431 E. Vernon Rd

Sam Meats
1524 Wadsworth Ave

Pat's Caribbean
1527 Wadsworth Ave

Day & Night Food Market
7722 Ogontz Ave

Crab & Claw
7801 Ogontz Ave

Roxie Market
8315 Stenton Ave

Famous Deli
7522 Ogontz Ave

Young's Deli
7401 Stenton Ave

Stenton Supermarket
6400 Stenton Ave

Royal Meats
1619 Wadsworth Ave

Pete's Deli
8016 Ogontz Ave

Riley Deli
7701 Ogontz Ave

NRC Mini Market
1532 67th Ave

RESTUARANTS

Bizini's Seafood & Steaks
1800 Lindley Ave

Victoria's Kitchen
7304 Ogontz Ave

Vernie's Soul Food
1800 Eleanor St

Uptown Seafood
6255 Limeklin Pk

Jeisy's Grilled Chicken
5701 Germantown Ave

Tasties
5241 Germantown Ave

Mr Hook
Fish & Chicken Halal
5625 Germantown Ave

Silver Star Kitchen
1453 Vernon Rd

Jeisy's Grilled Chicken
5701 Germantown Ave

Paradise
Jamaican Restaurant
1530 E. Wadsworth Ave.

AGAPE Christian Café
1605 E. Wadsworth Ave

O Sunny Side Breakfast
7706 Ogontz Ave

Food From The Heart
8010 Ogontz Ave

BBQ Town
7711 Ogontz Ave

SERVICE

Nutrition & Herb Center
5601 N. 10th St

Cleaners & Laundry
7222 Ogontz Ave

D&Y Laundry Mat
6825 Ogontz Ave

Laundry Depot
2548 W. Cheltenham Ave

Z Laundry
8001 Ogontz Ave

H2O Laundry
8207 Stenton Ave

Wadsworth
Plaza Laundry Mat
1610 Wadsworth Ave

Nickens Agency
1550 Wadsworth Ave

Ponzettas Tof
4928 N. Broad St

SALONS

Michael's Unisex Salon
8008 Ogontz Ave

Allure Hair Designs Inc
8006 Ogontz Ave

SUNOCO

440 W. Cheltenham Ave.
1700 W. Cheltenham Ave.
7434 Ogontz Ave.
6240 Germantown Ave.
2300 W. Cheltenham Ave.
8261 Stenton Ave.
100 W Queen Ln.
7900 Ogontz Ave.
5810 N Broad St.
5000 Ogontz Ave.
5901 Wissahickon Ave.



MAKING CHANGES GLORIA MCDANIELS

HELLO UPTOWN!

AS EVERYONE IN OUR
COMMUNITY KNOW'S
IT'S BEEN HARD
DURING THESE TRYING
TIMES, AND YOU AN
YOUR FAMILY ARE IN
MY PRAYERS...

LETS CONTINUE TO
SUPPORT SMALL

BUSINESSES AND OUR
BLACK OWNED
BUSINESSES SUCH AS:
*R D B UNISEX SALON,
NINA NICOLE SPA AND
SALON, AND ROYAL
BLUE
RESTAURANT.*

ONE OF OUR OWN
TOOK HOME THE
AWARD FOR BEST UN-

DER GROUND MUSIC
AT THE PHILADELPHIA
HIP HOP AWARDS:
SON _OF_ THE _215

HOST OF JUSTBE-
CAUZRADIO KNOWN
RADIO

PLEASE SUPPORT
BORN2HOME LLC
WHICH IS

DEDICATED TO
PREVENTING
HOMELESSNESS. WE
ARE ACCEPTING
DONATIONS:
COATS, USED
CLOTHES, SHOES, AND
FOOD.

WE ARE LOCATED AT:
7174 GEORGIAN RD

CHAOS CLOTHING BRAND



FOR ORDERS:
@chaos4life79
@brina_leftie



Royal Blue
BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT AT ROYAL BLUE
(SHOWERS, REUNIONS, BIRTHDAYS, ETC.)



CONTACT: 267-602-6065 // 9226 ASHTON RD, PHILA, PA. 19114 // MCDANIELSLYNELLE@GMAIL.COM

ADVERTISEMENT

COUNCILMEMBER CURTIS JONES POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS FINALLY A REALITY



Being part of the solution requires men and women of action. No one said this would be easy. Nor a road without trial and error. But how do you make progress without taking initiative? Many have stood up against injustice. Many have paid with their freedom and unfortunately, their lives. It is incredibly uplifting so many have found their voices and choose to make a stand, no matter what that stand is or

for. Civil unrest is indeed an issue which has been swept under the radar for far too long. From the dark comes light. And we must embrace our voices and say no more excuses...we NEED solutions.

Councilmember Curtis Jones, Jr., is on the solution fast track. On Thursday, February 16, 2021, Councilmember Jones introduced legislation to let the community to represent a more active role in enforcing accountability and policing procedures.

As of now there is a Police Advisory Board. This board operates only on an advisory basis with the Philadelphia Police Department. And only advising on policies and procedures.

Councilmember Jones' legislation introduced a Citizen Police Oversight Commission to replace the existing Police Advisory Board. The Commission will be allowed a more "hands On" approach.

"the purpose of the Citizens Police Oversight Commission legislation is three-fold – to restore public confidence, to provide a fair and equitable process of citizens' complaints, and to create better police community interactions." Jones said.

Jones, Council's Majority Whip, introduced this legislation as a bold answer to the unrest and call for change. Not only will the new commission receive and investigate public complaints against the police but it may suggest disciplinary

and policy recommendations to the department. The legislation purposed the to allow the commission the authority to review and oversee incidences where an officer discharges a weapon, someone dies or is seriously injured while police are present along with allowance to review limited interdepartmental complaints against fellow police employees. Allowing direct access to all pertinent documents, interviews, and crime scene evidence as applicable. Not only will it be allowed to issue witness subpoenas but hold the authority to enforce strict disciplinary actions to departments who provide false information or refuse to cooperate in an investigation. All will findings and reviews are to be posted on the website for the public to view.

"The legislation is a good starting point, and I look forward to working with Councilmember Jones to create a vigorous, fair commission with real teeth to conduct appropriate oversight of the police department," said Council President Darrell L. Clarke (5th District).

For those of the public who wish to be a part of this proposed commission, applications would be reviewed by a selection panel. How that panel will be selected is to be determined.

By Alana Lukens, Editor
Photo Courtesy of
PHLCouncil.com

An advertisement for Day & Night Food Store. The top half shows the store's exterior with a large sign that reads "DAY & NIGHT FOOD STORE". Below the sign is a display of various food items. The bottom half features a graphic with a bell and the text "Pennsylvania SKILL". At the very bottom, it says "Day & Night Food Market/7722 Ogontz Ave".

An advertisement for Serene Home Care Agency. The top half features a photograph of an elderly woman and a caregiver smiling together. Above them is the text "Home is the Best Remedy for Serenity" and "Providing Quality Care with Dignity & Independence for All". To the right of the photo is a list of services: "SERVICES: • Respite Home Care to Provide Relief to Family Members • Companionship • Medication Reminder • Personal Care • Light Housekeeping • Leisure Activities • Private Duty Cases • And More!". Below the photo is the agency's logo, "Serene HOME CARE AGENCY", and the contact information "CALL TODAY! 215.924.7422".

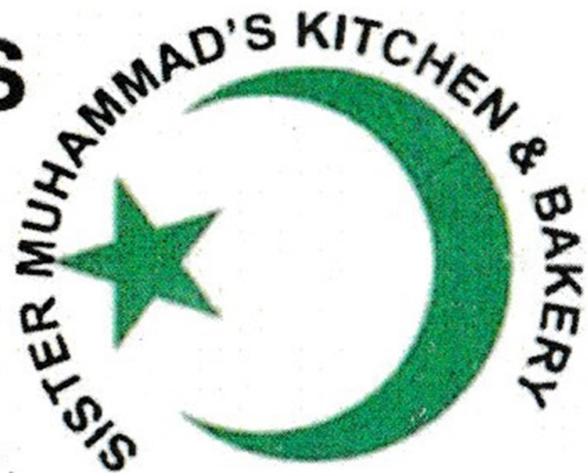
SISTER MUHAMMAD'S KITCHEN & BAKERY

HOME OF THE FAMOUS FISH HOAGIE

HOURS: Sun-Wed 11am - 8 pm

Thurs 11 am - 9 pm

Fri & Sat 11 am - 10 pm



Original Bean Pies



Famous Fish Platters

(215) 621-7250

4441 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144

www.sismuhammadskitchen.com

sismuhammadskitchen@gmail.com

**WE CATER ANY EVENT
PARTIES, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS - JANAZAHS**
sismuhammadskitchen@gmail.com



In Loving Memory Of

ABDUL RAHIM MUHAMMAD

1/8/1960 - 3/5/2021

OWNER OF SISTER MUHAMMAD'S KITCHEN & BAKERY

**FROM YOUR FAMILY AT THE UPTOWN STANDARD
SEAN CRUMP, PRESIDENT**

VKBBQ2020
10% OFF

VICTORIA'S KITCHEN & CATERING

FOOD LOVE & HAPPINESS

ORDER ONLINE AT:
WWW.VIKKISKITCHEN.COM
7304 OGONTZ AVE, PHILA. PA 19138
215-927-1066



The Grill Is
FIRED UP!!

BBQ 1/2 CHICKEN WITH 2 SIDES.

ORDER ONLINE

PROMO CODE: **VKBBQ2020**



We Deliver

Call 215-927-1066

We understand the spread of the COVID-19 virus has made getting your favorite Victoria's Kitchen platters a lot more difficult. We're here to help. Along with our online delivery options, our in-house delivery services will bring your favorite foods to the front door.

- All orders must be paid by credit card before delivery.
- 3 mile limit on all deliveries.

PHONE: 215-236-3900
ADDRESS: 1540 E. WADSWORTH AVE.
WEBSITE: WWW.EATIBLEDELIGHTSONLINE.COM
HOURS: 11AM TO 9PM/TUESDAY-SATURDAY



EATIBLE DELIGHTS CATERING

EATIBLEDELIGHTSCATERING



DISCOUNT DAYS:
TUESDAYS SENIOR CITIZENS 20% OFF
WEDNESDAYS POLICE, FIREMAN, & CORRECTION OFFICERS 20% OFF
SATURDAYS ENON TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH 20% OFF

GOLDEN FRIED CHICKEN WINGS (4) \$17.00
BAKED CHICKEN MARINATED IN GOLDEN ITALIAN DRESSING, AND A HEART GRAVY 17.00
TURKEY WINGS, TENDER, SUCCULENT, WITH A NATURAL AU JU GRAVY \$17.00
CHICKEN PARMIGIANA, SERVED WITH A RICH MARINARA GRAVY, AND FRESH MOZZARELLA \$17.00

BBQ SPARE RIBS- COOKED ON THE GRILL, AND LIGHTLY DRIZZLED W/ BBQ SAUCE- TENDER, AND TASTY
BBQ BEEF RIBS- SAME, TENDER, TASTY, AND SMOKY \$20.00

BLACKENED OR FRIED CATFISH, OR SWAI FILET- 17.00
GRILLED SALMON- MOIST AND JUICY TOPPED WITH A HONEY TERIYAKI GLAZE \$20.00
CRAB CAKE SPECIAL COMES WITH HAND CUT FRIES AND COLESLAW \$22.50
MARYLAND STYLE CRAB CAKES ALL LUMP, NO FILLER \$25.00
LOLLIPOP LAMB CHOPS, ROSEMARY AND GARLIC, AU JU, MOUTH WATERING \$25.00

\$15.00 SALAD SPECIALS

SALMON, CRAB, OR GRILLED CHICKEN, ON TOP OF CAESAR OR GARDEN SALAD, COMES WITH DRESSING, DINNER ROLL, AND POTATO CHIPS
COLLARD GREENS W/ SMOKED TURKEY, STIR FRY VEGETABLES, STRING BEANS, GLAZED CARROTS, GRILLED ASPARAGUS, CABBAGE, COLE SLAW. CANDIED YAMS, 4 CHEESE BAKED MAC, RICE PILAF, FRENCH FRIES, HOT PASTA W/ CREME SAUCE, PARSLEY GARLIC POTATOES, POTATO SALAD
ALL MEALS COME WITH 2 SIDES AND A DINNER ROLL

We Accept, Cash, Credit Cards, Cash App \$eatilbe

WE DELIVER TO THE FOLLOWING:

**CEDARBROOK, OAKLANE, MOUNT AIRY, GERMANTOWN, ELKINS PARK,
CHELTENHAM, WYNCOTE, WYNDMOOR, CHESTNUT HILL, JENKINTOWN, AND ABINGTON**

GRUBHUB
Restaurants you love, delivered.

Uber **Eats**

DOORDASH

BAM
BLACK AND MOBILE
THE CULTURE DELIVERED