

# FREEDOM WEST

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## Upcoming Freedom West Alumni Events

**Black History Celebration**  
February 5th

**Mother's Day Celebration**  
May 14th

**Father's Day Celebration**  
June 11th

**National Night Out**  
August 2nd

**Freedom West Family Day**  
September 24th

**Holiday Grocery Giveaway**  
December 10th

## Freedom West's First Annual Grocery Giveaway

Helping those in need this holiday season.

The first annual Freedom West Holiday Grocery Giveaway was a huge success, with more than 180 grocery bags given to local residents and families in time for the winter holidays.



Organized by the Freedom West Alumni Association, the grocery giveaway consisted of two parts, the first being a delivery event on Thursday, December 9, where senior

residents were surprised with fresh bags of produce, dry goods and other items dropped off at their door. About 50 bags of groceries were hand delivered over the course of the day.

On Saturday, December 11, the Freedom West Alumni Association hosted a daylong festivity as part of its grocery giveaway. A group of 15 volunteers handed out approximately 130 grocery bags of food, including more than 90 turkeys. In addition to the food giveaway, attendees enjoyed DJs, music and custom wreath making workshops. There was a bounce house for children, along with hot chocolate, pastries and other offerings.

The Freedom West Alumni Association helped raise money for the groceries, while also getting donations and support from the African American Art and Culture Complex, UR Blessings, Holiday Food Box Program and Bi-Rite Grocery.

Richard O'Neal, founder of the Freedom West Alumni Association, said the organization plans on making the grocery

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### Freedom West's Management Contact Info: **415-929-1011**

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– Community Manager

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– Assistant Community Manager

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– Admin. Assistant

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– Maintenance Supervisor

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– Maintenance Tech

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giveaway an annual event, and based on the participation of the initial, he's very optimistic about its future.

# Community Profile

## Michele Brown



### When did you move to Freedom West?

My family purchased their share in approximately 1975/1976.

### What are some of your earliest memories of living there?

My dad always seemed to know everyone. We couldn't get out of the car without an often too- long conversation with a neighbor for a young child to sit through. He would take us down Gough Street like it was a roller coaster ride! Probably a little too much fun and if my mom knew about it she would have been very upset. My brother and I loved it though. I've done it to my kids several times.

### Why do you enjoy living at Freedom West?

The community! I love walking out my door and seeing a familiar face. This isn't some apartment complex where people are moving out every year or so. My neighbors are my family. I lost both of my parents at a young age, but I have so many people here who share their stories of my father. It makes it feel like he is still here. We look

"I was blown away by the participation," said O'Neal, who has been a Freedom West resident since 1977, when he moved in as a seven-year-old.

out for each other and help each other. There is a comfort here, inside Freedom West, that you don't feel as soon as you leave this property. So many kind, caring, and loving people here and it brings me joy to see such a diverse community act as one.

### When did you join the Freedom West Board of Directors? 9/25/2021

### Why was it important for you to join the Board?

During the pandemic, I realized that I wanted to become more involved in my community. Being on the SAB and advocating for my neighbors and community naturally lead me towards the opportunity as Secretary on the Board of Directors.

### Why do you think Freedom West 2.0 is important?

It isn't just important; it is crucial. There will not be a Freedom West Homes if we can't come together as a community instead of just looking for our individual selves. It's easy to complain, but it's harder to get up and do something about it and make a change. Freedom West 2.0 is our investment plan, it's our future, it's our new way of living, it's our new clean homes that we deserve, it's our way to keep our homes so that we can continue to pass our share to our children, and for those children to pass it down to their children just like it has been since the beginning. It is important for our seniors to make their lives safer, easier, and more enjoyable with all the new amenities that we will have. It is important because we all deserve a better way to live.

The grocery giveaway is one of just many planned events scheduled to take place at Freedom West over the coming months.

O'Neal said he's excited about keeping the residents engaged and connected as they move toward the Freedom West 2.0 redevelopment project planned for the community.

"We are all looking forward to the future," said O'Neal. "These events help remind us all about why Freedom West is such a special place."

## Management Corner

### Who to contact in emergency situations:

- If you are experiencing a **medical emergency**, please call 911 immediately.
- Freedom West's security company is SVR. The security team can be reached at 415-724-3215

### Call the management office if:

- There is a repair needed in your unit
- You have an issue with payment of carrying charges
- You have an issue with registering a vehicle to qualify for parking on a Freedom West lot
- You have a pest control issue. Pest Control service is the 4th Wednesday of every month. Please call the office to get on the schedule.
- You have an issue with a neighbor

### What to expect at the next Shareholder's Meeting:

- Pet policy
- Update on new mailbox station installation
- Conclusion of income verification process