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FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.**

## Mold Remediation at 42 West Maiden

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It may not be obvious from the outside, but progress continues at Transitional Paths to Independent Living's new headquarters at 42 West Maiden Street in Washington, PA. Hunt Valley Environmental of New Kensington, PA, has been hard at work remediating the mold that was found in the building.

Mold has become increasingly common in Western Pennsylvania in recent years, and even led to the delayed opening of some schools in the fall of 2018. Our wet weather, together with the age of our buildings, means that this is a problem likely to continue throughout southwestern PA. Some types of mold feed on the paste used for wallpaper and drywall. The type of paste used in 42 West Maiden was especially likely to invite mold. Removing this paste means that mold is less likely to return in the future.

Several methods were considered. We decided to go with one that is both environmentally friendly and easier to clean-up called *dry ice blasting*.

Dry ice blasting avoids using harsh chemicals. It freezes mold and paste on contact and pulls it off walls and other surfaces. It's much like sandblasting, but doesn't leave as much residue to be vacuumed up later: the dry ice evaporates into harmless gases. It also reduces mold exposure for workers because the dry ice wands are able to reach into cracks and crevices. A negative pressure environment is set up, so that no dead mold or other debris gets into other parts of the building, or outside the building. Then, all surfaces are treated with Aftershock Fungicidal Coating to prevent future mold growth.

The dry ice blasting work at 42 West Maiden has been completed. Independent quality testers will return soon to ensure the mold is gone.

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## March 2019

Day	Time	Event/Activity
Thursday <b>February 28</b>	10:00–3:00	<b>Pittsburgh Penguins Practice</b> Lemieux Sports Complex
Tuesday <b>March 5</b>	1:00–3:00	<b>Membership Input</b> <i>Help make 2019 our best year yet!</i>
Wednesday <b>March 13</b>	10:00–3:00	<b>Trip to The Carnegie Science Center</b> <i>Da Vinci the Exhibition is open!</i>
Wednesday <b>March 20</b>	1:00–3:00	<b>Advocacy Afternoon</b> Educate, Advocate, Organize! <i>Write letters to Senator Toomey for his support of the DIA.</i>
Thursday <b>March 21</b>	1:00–3:00	<b>Get Movin'!</b> <i>Monthly Wellness/Fitness Assessment</i>
Wednesday <b>March 27</b>	10:00–3:30	<b>Computer Clinic</b> <i>Troubleshooting your Personal Electronic Devices</i>

***RSVP for all events at least one week in advance!***

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