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## Happy HOLIDAYS



A Christmas Elf sitting on the steps of St. Thomas United Methodist Church on Tackawanna Street



15th Police District Advisory Council (PDAC) served dinner to the officers on duty on December 3rd with the help of students from St. Hubert's



Folks enjoying an early Thanksgiving dinner at Northeast Baptist Church on Tackawanna Street



Gabe and Josetta at the Northwood Academy Charter School presentation of the Jungle Book on December 10th.

## Civics, PSA

By Bob Smiley

### Frankford Civic

Out of control activity at the bar at 4101 Paul Street was an issue at the Frankford Civic meeting on December 1st.

Neighbors have called the police on several occasions in the last month due to activity at the bar at 4101 Paul Street at closing time. The bar owned by 4101 New Addition Inc.

Residents also say that rooms are for rent in the building which has no rental license. A complaint has been made to 311 to start an investigation. If you have a problem with a bar you can make a formal complaint to the State Police at 800-932-0602.

Cars owned by the used car lots that line Torresdale Avenue continue to take up the sidewalks. It is illegal but the police and the Philadelphia Parking Authority do nothing to enforce the law. The kids coming and going to the Charter School on Tacony Street have to work hard to find a clear piece of sidewalk on the West side of Torresdale Avenue to walk in safety.

A used car lot at Oxford and Leiper, parks their cars on the street on 4800 Oxford avenue taking up scarce residential parking. There have been as

many as 8 cars parked without tags on the street. This issue is under investigation.

The group is looking at ways get the various key Frankford groups to collaborate and coordinate for events next year. They are also looking at alternate locations for meetings to attract more active participation.

The crime report for PSA1 for November continues to show improvement in the area of major crime.

The next meeting of the Frankford Civic Association will be held on January 4th 2017 at St. Mark's church at 4442 Frankford Avenue.

## NAC

There were no zoning cases to be heard this month, so no meeting was necessary.

### Take your business elsewhere, Frankford is closed.

Thanks to Chris Sawyer From Philadelinquency, we can see that the Philadelphia police vice unit was cracking down on prostitution on November 15th.

There were 7 arrests made in the 2 hour period. Those arrested were the johns or should we say those who were seeking services from the prostitutes who turned out to be undercover

The crime report for November, thanks to data from OpenDataPhilly, shows continued drop in major crimes. This is burglary season though. Keeps your doors locked.

	2013	2014	2015	2016*	Compared to 2013
<b>January through November</b>					
Aggravated Assault - Firearm	68	69	88	81	
Aggravated Assault - no firearm	221	214	199	189	
<b>Total Ag. Assaults</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>-7%</b>
Burglary non residential	41	41	63	63	
burglary residential	298	276	236	187	
<b>Burglary all</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>-37%</b>
Homicide *	9	12	8	7	-22%
Robbery - firearm	95	105	134	82	
Robbery - no Firearm	165	161	170	135	
<b>Total Robbery</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>-17%</b>
Thefts from vehicle	330	297	284	323	
Thefts	506	529	512	469	
<b>Thefts total</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Firearm crimes</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>0%</b>
* 2 added to homicide and subtracted from ag assault firearm					

er police officers.

Kensington

8:55 PM on the 4100 block of Kensington

7:34 PM on the 1500 block of Adams

8:22 PM on the 1500 block of Deal

7:09 PM on the 1500 block of Adams

8:22 PM on the 1500 block of Adams

A local massage parlor was also raided in October.

8:00 PM on the 1500 block of Adams

Its good to know that this kind of crime is being addressed.

7:47 PM on the 4100 block of

## About the Frankford Gazette

**Keep the Faith in Frankford** publishes the Frankford Gazette. This is a print edition of some of the articles available online. We cover the Frankford neighborhood in Philadelphia. Go to [www.frankfordgazette.com](http://www.frankfordgazette.com) to get full details.

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## Happy Holidays from the Veterans of Frankford

### Capuchin Franciscan Friars Move to Frankford

By Bob Smiley

The Friars are a Roman Catholic religious order of men who work in various ministries. Some serve in parishes. Others are at work at St. John's Hospice down on Vine Street and one is a chaplain at Curran-Fromhold prison.

They had been living in West Philly but purchased the former St. Joachim convent at 1509 Church Street and have now moved in.

The residence is called a Friary and along with the Friars are postulants who are young men in the process of deciding whether they will join the order.

Early in 2017 there will be a daily Mass, Monday through Saturday, open to the public at St. Joachim Church. The times and other details will be made public as they become available.

If you see any of the Friars or postulants in the neighborhood, say hello. They are a friendly group and are getting to know the community.



Brother Kip Ledger, Guardian of the Friary (R) and the postulants at the St. Joachim Feast Day Mass held in July.

### Is It Time to Stop the Violence in Frankford?

By Pat Smiley

If you live in Frankford, as in most neighborhoods of the city, when you hear a helicopter circling overhead, you know something is wrong. Last night and very early this morning, there were two separate shooting incidents involving three people, two of whom are now dead.

The first was in the 5000 block of Frankford Avenue and the victim killed had no id and is considered to be "John Doe" at this point. The other victim, 35 years old, is in critical condition at Temple as of now. Police are hoping surveillance cameras in the area will help in their investigation.

Shortly after midnight, another "execution style shooting", according to Channel 6 News, occurred in the 1400 block of Adams Avenue. Suffering over 2 dozen bullets, this 27 year old victim died at the scene.

We could be tempted to ask why but there are most likely only a few reasons for these killings. The bigger question is how do we put an end to this violence? The most important question is what

are you going to do about this?

This time of year, most of us are filled with "good cheer" and our outlook might be a little brighter. We see lights and there's excitement "in the air"! But singing about peace on earth is not going to make it so.

Frankford Forward has had some success in bringing attention to the violence in the area. If you've seen our Prayer Witnesses and Vigils at crime scenes, you've seen a few people. Imagine more people – crowds even – who say "Enough"! We want peace – we will work for peace! This is not going to happen in our neighborhood any more!

If you are not an active member of Frankford Forward, you need to be. The only alternative is when you hear that helicopter above your home, you know something is wrong but it won't change, it will only get worse if you choose not to act.

The next meeting of Frankford Forward is Monday, January 9, at 6 PM at St. Mark's Church, 4442 Frankford Avenue.

## Keep The Faith In Frankford President Inspires Hope

By: Sabrina Silva and Jared Phillips/  
PhiladelphiaNeighborhoods.com

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Keep the Faith in Frankford

Since the closing of St. Joachim's parish and Mater Dolorosa churches in the region three years ago, its members were given no choice but to merge into the Holy Innocents parish. However, for Keep The Faith In Frankford's President and Executive Director Pat Smiley, the church's closing showcased the strength its church members had on the community and its faith.

"This was also the time of Pope Francis, who said that we needed to get more involved in our communities and that we should step out onto the street," Smiley said. "We were forced out onto the street, but that's where the Pope wanted us and that's where we've been."

In light of the closing, Smiley started the Keep The Faith In Frankford organization to continue the presence of the churches in the community. The organization works out of St. Marks Church and holds weekly prayer services in front of the now-closed St. Joachim's Church.

Before KTFIF, Smiley owned a neighborhood daycare center. Now, with a background of teaching, Smiley has put her energetic personality into bettering a com-



munity.

"I've always been an active-type person in trying to make things better," Smiley said. "And in trying to deal with injustice."

KTFIF has brought Frankford residents and other community members together to improve the neighborhood. Mary Moretz, vice president of the executive board has



Christina Mancini (Frankford Friendlies) and Pat Smiley at Community Spirit Day

been with Smiley since day one of the organization.

"She just knows what needs to be done, who we need to reach out to, and she's very talented and creative. We always just seem to get things done, and anything that we plan always comes together thanks to Pat," Moretz said.

Various other organizations come together to help Smiley and KTFIF. Organizations such as Frankford Friendlies, Frankford Forward, and The House of W.I.N., work alongside KTFIF to better the community.

"What we are trying to do is connect people to make Frankford a better place to live, and that includes other civic organizations," Smiley said. "You have a lot of people that are working together with people they wouldn't have ordinarily met if it wasn't for us or if it wasn't for our church closing."

Former St. Joachim's parishioner and current KTFIF member Maureen Taylor has been a part of the organization since the closing of the parish. A member of the Parish for over 35 years, she was one of the church members affected by the close. Taylor helps out with feeding the homeless in the community as well as with the history tours of the Frankford neighborhood.

"Our group is trying to keep in touch with former parishioners by doing some of these community activities," Taylor said. "So we're just trying to be a home base for them."

Community activities are highly important

to the organization. Smiley believes they are crucial not only for the church members but for the residents of Frankford and its neighboring communities.

When former parishioner of St. Joachim Church and active Keep The Faith In Frankford member Al Stark, Jr. passed away, members of the church organized a "Spirit Day" to honor him. Now in its third year, KTFIF has combined the event with the "Dining with Dignity" effort, which is run by the Northeast Committee.

"We have games for the children," Taylor said. "We try to get neighborhood groups to set up informational tables so that people coming through are informed of what services are available in the neighborhood."

Though the event is set up by the KTFIF organization, many leaders from other organizational groups come by to help out.

Caroline Payton, founder and CEO of House of W.I.N., joined the KTFIF organi-



zation as a volunteer in preparation for the "Spirit Day." Payton's contribution is working with the young children during their basketball game event.

Smiley, alongside the members of KTFIF and other community organizations, have been doing all they can to not only better the Frankford neighborhood, but to bring its residents together for the greater good.

Smiley recognizes the success of KTFIF and other organizations in the neighborhood.

"Sometimes things are a blessing in disguise."



# Opinion From Nikima Anderson Frankford Fires Mar Holiday Season



I'm writing to express my views on my district's representative Jason Dawkins. The following includes points that I address in a letter I intend to send to him.

I'm glad to hear about his second upcoming term. I am a Masterman High School senior and I live in the Frankford area and am represented by him. I am writing him with my opinions on some of his work and issue stances.

One of his issues that I am the most passionate about is how he intends to keep the streets safe. My family has lived right around the corner from Frankford Transportation Center for the last 10 years. As he resides relatively close to there as well, I'm sure he understands it's not the safest area.

I really agree with his ideas of directing funding to school aides and counselors because I believe making sure kids have a safe space in school will actually keep them in school and out of the dangerous situations this neighborhood might induce.

I am also intrigued by the bill he was recently pushing concerning parole and life sentences. This is one ideal that I can not say I am in agreement with.

If someone commits a crime worthy of a life sentence, I don't think that he should get the option of parole. "Good behavior" is too subjective to determine if someone has been rehabilitated. Also, even if their age or health make it extremely unlikely that they will

ever reoffend, it is still possible that they will. And, even if they don't, they should still have to live out the entirety of the punishment that they have earned.

This is particularly hard for me to say because I have family currently serving life sentences but I do really believe that if parole is not deserved, it shouldn't just be granted.

On another note, I really appreciate his take on the police brutality issue. I was so happy with his opposition to the bill that would give police officers who used their guns unnecessary anonymity.

As a young black woman, police brutality is an issue that I hold very close to my heart and am very passionate about. So I am glad to be represented by someone who understands the importance of holding overly aggressive officers accountable for their actions.

Aside from mainstream issues, I would like to let it be known that I love the things he does for our community, in terms of recreation activities and parks and education for example, and how involved he is, talking at community centers and things of that sort.

Although I'll be leaving the area soon for college, I'm still very concerned for the area that my little brother will continue to reside in and I hope that he is able to follow through on his plans to make our community safe and functional.

High School Senior,  
Nikima Anderson

*Guest opinions are always welcome. Write to  
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By Bob Smiley

The first was on November 22<sup>nd</sup> on the 4800 block of Mulberry. Philadelphia police in the early morning hours were passing by and noticed it while at the same time the homeowner also smelled smoke. The police jumped into action and helped evacuate the family of six. There were no injuries.

The second incident took place on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Frankford

Avenue and Sellers in the building housing Leandros Pizza. The fire engulfed the apartments on the second and third floors. Seventy-five firefighters had the fire under control in about 20 minutes.

Officers and firefighters rescued 12 people from their apartments. Some people had to jump for their lives and a baby was dropped from the third floor to an officer below. In all, 21 people lost their home.

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## FRANKFORD NAC NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Frankford NAC Community Service Briefing Weatherization Workshop/ Bill Assistance

Dates: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Location: Northeast Treatment Center (N.E.T.)  
4625 Frankford Avenue (Next door to BB&T Bank)  
Philadelphia, Pa 19124 (Parking in the rear of the building)

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

\* Free Caulking and Plastic window covering to all who attend workshop



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## St. Benedict's Clothes Closet

New and well used clothing to those in need  
St. Marks Church  
4442 Frankford Avenue

Every Saturday from 2 PM to 4 PM

## Services at Second Baptist Church of Frankford

Rev. Darrell R. Bradsbery, Pastor  
1801 Meadow Street

Wednesday Prayer Service/Bible Class 7:00 PM  
Sunday School 9:30 AM  
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 AM  
Third Sunday Baptism  
Fourth Sunday Communion



Turkey Bowl at Frankford Stadium—Photo by John Hewitt

## Frankford Football Thanksgiving

By Bob Smiley

This year Thanksgiving saw 2 football traditions continue with the 7th Annual Turkey Bowl up at Frankford Stadium and the 4th Annual Old Heads flag football game at Gambrel.

The Turkey Bowl is the continuation of the Frankford High/North Catholic game held each Thanksgiving. The white team won this year.

The oldheads has a shorter but no less fabled history as the game organized by Ike and Kat Hardy to bring the neighborhood together on Thanksgiving morning. With the Oldheads, everybody is a winner. Congratulations to all.



The Frankford Oldheads

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##### Olney Free Library

(5th St and Tabor Rd)  
5501 N. 5th Street  
Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

##### Great Awakenings Café

(Cheltenham and Horrocks)  
1466 E. Cheltenham Avenue  
Tuesday and Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



# Coming Up in Frankford

**Live Music** - Each Saturday 7pm - 10pm - Great Awakenings Cafe, 1466 E Cheltenham Ave.

**Keep the Faith in Frankford Meeting** - Each Wednesday 6:30pm - 8pm - St. Marks, 4442 Frankford ave.

**Children's Story and Craft Hour** - Each Thursday 10am - 11am - Great Awakenings Cafe, 1466 E Cheltenham Ave. Ages 2 to 5

**Power Circle** - Every Tuesday 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Northeast Frankford Boys and Girls Club, 1709 Kinsey Street - For teens 14 to 18 - Light dinner, resources, guest speakers, open discussion

**Fitness @Frankford!** - Every Monday, 5:30pm - 6:30pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Exercise to our wonderful collection of fitness instruction videos. Open to Adults and Teens, Every Monday

**Extended Time - with our Digital Resource Specialist** - Tue, January 3, 2017, 10am - 12pm, Frankford Branch, 4634 Frankford Ave. - Do you need more time on a computer to type a paper, write e-mails, search for and apply for jobs? Join us every first Tuesday for extended, two-hour computer sessions. Our Digital Resource Specialist will be available at this time to answer your computer questions. Space will be limited.

**Preschool Storytime** - Tue, January 3, 2017, 11am - 12pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan.

**Friends of Overington Park** - Tue, January 3, 2017, 7pm - 8pm, Friends Meeting House, 1500 Orthodox Street - The group maintains and supports Overington Park at Orthodox and Leip-

er Streets. This park has been resurrected and now hosts events almost every month of the year but it can't do it without your active participation. New members needed. Join us the first Tuesday of the month. We meet In the Park from May to September.

**Frankford Civic Association Meeting** - Thu, January 5, 2017, 7pm - 8pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

**Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House** - Sun, January 8, 2017, 12pm - 5pm, 4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM:

**Frankford Forward** - Mon, January 9, 2017, 6:00pm - 7:15pm, St. Marks, 4442 Frankford Ave.

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shop/ Bill Assistance Free Caulking and Plastic window covering to all who attend workshop - PGW, PECO, Water Department, ECA

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**Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting** - Thu, January 12, 2017, 7pm - 8pm, 2nd Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow St. - Property on 5300 block of Marsden Street. Property - owner is seeking a variance to legalize a car port already installed.

**Minecraft Club** - Sat, January 14, 2017, 12pm - 1pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Come build and play Minecraft with other kids, ages 8 to 14. Your host will be librarian Mr. Pagan. We'll be playing in peaceful mode only!

**Preschool Storytime** - Tue, January 17, 2017, 11am - 12pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan.

**Northwood Civic Association Meeting** - Tue, January 17, 2017, 7pm - 8pm, Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St,

**Movies and Popcorn** - Wed, January 18, 2017, 3:15pm - 4:15pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Come enjoy a movie and freshly made popcorn with our new popcorn maker.

**Teen Third Thursday** - Thu, January 19, 2017, 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Crafts, games and fun for Teens Only. Snacks will be provided.

**Frankford Forward** - Mon, January 23, 2017, 6:00pm - 7:15pm, St. Marks, 4442 Frankford Ave.

**Extended Computer Time** - Wed, January 25, 2017, 12pm - 2pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Brush up on your computer skills with our Digital Resource Specialist. Space may be limited. Every other Wednesday - 12p-2p

**Wii with Vince** - Wed, January 25, 2017, 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Come play your favorite Wii games with Mr. Vince on the 4th Wednesday of the month. For Teens and school-aged kids.

**Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime** - Wed, January 25, 2017, 6pm - 7pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan.

**15th Police District PSA1 Meeting** - Thu, January 26, 2017, 7pm - 8pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave. - Captain will attend.

**Mr. Pagan's Reading Club for Boys** - Sat, January 28, 2017, 2pm - 3pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Come to listen and talk about fun, interesting scary books for boys ages 9 to 12 and to do a fun activity. Members are eligible to win books. Come and join PRCB.

**Senior Breakfast** - Tue, January 31, 2017, 8am - 10am, Aria Health, Frankford - 2nd floor cafeteria - Aria will provide our community seniors with monthly, insightful tips and information on issues that are directly affecting you and your health. Breakfast will be provided free of charge. To reserve your seat call 1-877-808-2742 and then press 2.

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4442 Frankford Ave.

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Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

Friday 7:30 P.M.

## Campbell AME Church

1657 Kinsey Street

Church Office: 215-288-2748

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## St. James Lutheran Church

Castor Ave. at Pratt St.

## It's Time For Church

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