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## Around Frankford



Reading is something these boys enjoy at the Northeast Frankford Boys and Girls Club



Simone Morris - counselor, Beth Ziegenfuss - teacher, Michale Calderon - principle, Eugene Thomas - Power Circle, Matt King - counselor and Nafisah Lewis - Power Circle at Career day at Frankford High School.



Ike (Pop-pop) Hardy and granddaughter Miracle at the park.



Happy 13th Birthday to Nasir Edwards



Nicole Bakos with son Braden and Robert Bakos at the awards banquet of the 15th Police District Advisory Council in January. See story on page 3

## Civics, PSA

By Bob Smiley

### Northwood Civic

A special meeting of the Northwood Civic Association met on February 7th to consider a zoning variance for an existing fence at 1100 Haworth Street. The variance is needed because the 6 foot high fence exceeds the maximum height of 4 feet. After discussion of the issue, residents voted to not support the vari-



1100 Haworth Street

ance.

The issue will still go before the ZBA who will make the final decision.

The next meeting of the Northwood Civic Association will be held on March 21st at 7 PM at Simpson Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott Street.

### Frankford NAC

The Frankford NAC zoning board met February 16 and heard a presentation from the architect for ArtisanSMILES on their proposed new office at 4821 Frankford Avenue.

It will be a full service dental office with dentistry, orthodontics and oral surgery. This site was selected among several others because of location and the large office size is just what they required.

Unfortunately the zoning notice posted did not include the information required and the case will be continued until next month's meeting.



4821 Frankford Avenue

Also on the agenda, was a zoning variance for 5300 Marsden Street. The owners were not present so the case was continued.

A resident of the 1300 block of Fillmore Street attended to discuss the zoning of his block. It is all single family homes but is zoned as RM1 which allows for multi family use. Rafael E. Álvarez Febo, Small Business and Development Coordinator for Councilwoman Sanchez was present and said they would work with the residents of the block to remap it to RSA5 which is single family use.

The next meeting of the Frankford NAC zoning board will be held on March 9th at 2nd Baptist Church at 1801 Meadow Street.

### PSA1

There were a lot of topics covered at the PSA1 meeting on January 26th.

- Ronald Ryan ran down the list of Town Watch activities coming up for the next few months. Announcement of the dates and time will come when all is finalized.
- No word yet on the possible PAL center that could be coming back to Frankford. When the old location was forced to relocate it moved out of Frankford. It has lost its home again and has looked at space back here. Let's hope for

the best outcome and that we see the PAL once again having a positive influence on the youth of the community.

- A resident of Margaret Street complained about illegal parking on his block near Harding. The police do not come to ticket cars when they are called. Lt. Gordon said this is an issue of priorities and that there may be a better way to handle it by getting permit parking on the block. The resident said they had tried that with no success. Rep. Jason Dawkins offered to have his staff work with the residents to get the application approved.

- Dawkins announced that his office and staff have moved into the Daral building on Paul Street.

- The block captain from Worth Street across from Globe Dye works complained about illegal parking on the block mainly caused by the many used car lots and body shops in the area. They crowd out the residents. She says it is completely out of hand.

- Lt. Gordon noted the upswing in burglary attempts in Northwood again. An ounce of prevention can help prevent those things. Safety check your house for unlocked windows, broken locks on the windows and anything outside that would help the burglar get into a window.

The next meeting of the 15th District PSA1 group will be on March 23rd at 7 PM at Aria Jefferson Hospital.

## About the Frankford Gazette

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## Robert Bakos and John Lee 15th Police District Officers of the Year for 2016



Robert Bakos and John Lee with their awards

By Bob Smiley

The 15<sup>th</sup> Police District PDAC (Police District Advisory Council) honored Robert Bakos and John Lee as Officers of the Year for 2016 at a banquet held on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

The citation noted that they had made 78 major crime arrests, nine arrests for fire-arm violations, 383 vehicle investigations and 370 pedestrian investigations. They were the first to respond for 528 police radio calls.

In addition, Stephen Burgoon, Joanne Kitz, Anthony Manes and Matthew Nodiff were named officers of the month for December for their work in the arrest of a suspect in a series of robberies.

Businesses were also honored for their support of the 15<sup>th</sup> District PDAC: Friends Hospital (4641 Roosevelt Blvd.), Avenue Chiropractic (6233 Frankford Avenue), Lorenzo's Café Espresso (4741 Princeton Ave.) and Barbera Autoland (7110 E. Roosevelt Blvd.)

There is no argument that Frankford needs effective policing. You can measure that in a lot of different ways but it comes down to the men and women out on the street who are putting it on the line to make our lives safer. We thank these officers for their dedication and hard work.

## Friends of Overington Park Need You!

We need your help, your ideas, and your energy to make our park great! Come see what we are all about on Tuesday March 7th, 2017, From 7 to 8pm at the Frankford Friends Meeting House, 1500 Orthodox St.

Check us out on Facebook@ Friends of Overington Park

## The Donovan Williams Foundation Presents

at the  
Northeast Boys and Girls Club, 1709 Kinsey Street, Saturday, April 29



DONATE VOLUNTEER

**STOP THE VIOLENCE**

**Basketball  
Pool  
Scrabble  
Tournament**

Mayor Kenney  
is scheduled  
to attend, too!



This all day event is for teams of children in 3 age groups – 9-11, 12-14, 15-18!  
Do you want to participate?

Can you support this event as a sponsor, vendor, contributor, volunteer?

Contact Nashid Edwards, Concerned Citizens for a Better Frankford, 215-251-0380 & Ronald Ryan, Town Watch Integrated Svcs, 267-496-8168, ronald.ryan@phila.gov



St. Sen. Tortagliano



St. Rep. Dawkins



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*Nafisah's* \*  
\* **BOWLING** \*  
\* *Fundraiser*

**FOR POWER CIRCLE**

WE HAD SO MUCH FUN AT THE FIRST ONE, I DECIDED TO DO IT AGAIN!  
GET YOUR TEAM OF 6+ TOGETHER; IT'S TIME TO BOWL AGAIN!  
LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017  
7 PM - 10 PM

WHERE: ERIE LANES  
1310 E. ERIE AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19124

TICKETS: \$25  
MAKE PAYMENT VIA PAYPAL TO JG5CENTS50@GMAIL.COM  
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\*IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A TEAM, WE WILL PLACE YOU ON ONE



# Frankford CDC Update On the Daral Building Project

By Kim Washington

The Daral Building at 4667-69 Paul Street is the Frankford CDC's new main building. With our NAC office on the ground floor along with the offices of State Representative Jason Dawkins, the community will benefit from the colocation of services. Additionally, the new space will allow the Frankford CDC to grow and expand its services.

Currently, we are building out the café space in the first floor storefront. This space will serve multiple purposes. First, it will provide a space for the Frankford CDC to incubate a new business. Second, it will bring a new business model to



Daral Building at 4667 Paul Street

the corridor. And third, it will be a space to host events and workshops for the community.

We are excited to expand our programming and grow our organization to better serve the Frankford community with this new space, and it would not be possible without the continuing support of people like you.

Renovations to the interior and the façade have been funded through generous contributions from individuals and businesses as well as grant funding from the City of Philadelphia, PIDC, and tax credit funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Neighborhood Partnership Program with corporate partner BB&T.

## Three Homicides in January

By Bob Smiley

There were 3 homicides in January which is not the best way to start out a new year. Its not a record, however, in March of 2016 and March of 2015 there were also 3 homicides.

The killings are believed to be related to drug activity in this area. That is not to say that they are not important. Any life that is lost is significant.

The chart to the right is a summary of major crimes. This data comes from opendataphilly and Chris Sawyer's Philly Blotter app. Both are invaluable sources of information.

Philly Blotter is very user friendly and links the crime data from opendataphilly to court system records. This lets you know when an arrest has been made for a particular crime and the disposition of the case.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>January</b>					
Aggravated Assault - Firearm	14	12	12	10	1
Aggravated Assault - no firearm	14	13	9	14	25
<b>Total Ag. Assaults</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>
Burglary non residential	4	6	5	2	3
Burglary residential	18	16	14	25	29
<b>Burglary all</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Homicide *</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
Robbery - firearm	7	13	13	11	5
Robbery - no Firearm	14	9	17	11	7
<b>Total Robbery</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>
Thefts from vehicle	20	19	23	29	35
Thefts	40	37	37	43	44
<b>Thefts total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Firearm crimes</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>

### St. Benedict's Clothes Closet

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

Every Saturday from 1 PM to 3 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

## Frankford Business and Professional Association met on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Aria Jefferson Hospital.



- **Seth Haffner P.E.**, Project Manager-Transit SEPTA updated the group on the progress of the repairs and improvement being made to the structure and station. There will continue to be disruptions to traffic on the Avenue as the work progresses.
- **Natalie Cramer**, Director, Global Enterprise Hub & Small Business Development for the Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians talked about the various programs they offer. The Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians connects newly arrived individuals from around the world with the economic opportunities that they need to succeed in our region. More information is available on their web site at <http://welcomingcenter.org/>
- **Ronald Ryan**, Townwatch Integrated Services discussed what the Townwatch offers business owners. He offers an eyes and ears workshop to the group for a future meeting.
- Representative from the City of Philadelphia Streets Department discussed the future LED lighting under the El and its impact on community safety. The lighting is much brighter and is in use in the area of Front and Girard. At present, no decision on exactly how the lighting in Frankford will be updated but improvements are definitely on the way in conjunction with the rebuilding of the Arrott Transportation Center.
- Nashid Edwards asked for help with the Stop the Violence Basketball, pool and scrabble tournament to be held on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Sponsors and donations are needed.

The next meeting of the FBPA will be held in April at a date, time and location to be announced.

## Pointman International Ministries Monthly Meeting

By Bob Smiley We were invited to stop in to the meeting on January 14th and was surprised that there was such a large crowd of veterans. I was lured in by the smell of breakfast but only had time to take some pictures.

From their mission statement:

*PMIM is a Community Service organization, with an evangelistic purpose. We provide information to the public, but keep Jesus Christ as the focal point. PMIM acts as a referral service to connect military members, veterans, and their families who are in need to our Outpost and Homefront system for continued support and fellowship.*

If you or someone you know is in need of their services, contact Pastor Larry at 267-39-4224.

## The District Attorney's Office is seeking volunteers to serve with our Youth Aid Panel program.

The DA's Office is proud to have been diverting young people from the juvenile justice system through the Youth Aid Panel Program (YAP) since 1987. YAP gives first time offenders the opportunity to appear before a panel of community volunteers, instead of going into the juvenile court system. A juvenile who completes the contract terms given by their panel will avoid the stigma and adverse effects of a juvenile record by having their records automatically expunged.

YAP has a tremendous success rate of deterring youthful offenders from committing further delinquent acts. We are proud to say that thousands of juveniles have successfully completed this program and become successful Philadelphia citizens.

If you are interested in volunteering to help reduce juvenile crime in Philadelphia, visit [www.phila.gov/districtattorney/crimeprevention\\_youthaidpanel.html](http://www.phila.gov/districtattorney/crimeprevention_youthaidpanel.html) for more information and to download an application. You can also call (215) 686-7600/6305/7620. Applications are due by **March 8, 2017**.

By Richard W. Johnson

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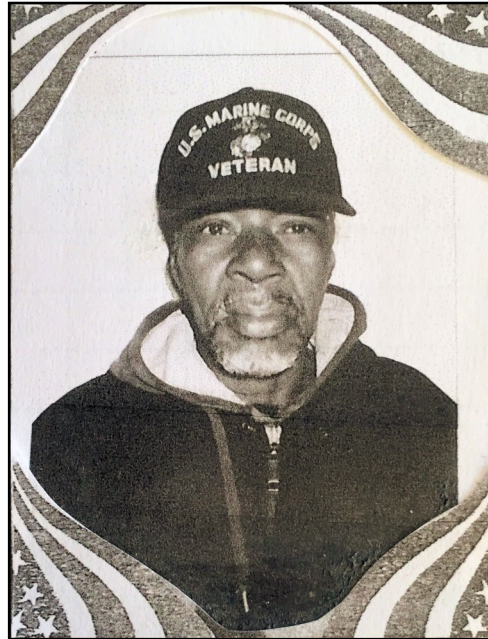
They Protected this Country with their Lives—— So we can enjoy ours.

☆ Army ☆ Air Force ☆ Navy ☆ Marines ☆ Coast Guard ☆ National Guard ☆

Name — Branch Veteran of the Month Name — Branch

Louis Dennis, Navy  
 Frank Dietrich, Sr.\*, Navy  
 Frank Dietrich, Jr.\*, Navy  
 Don Donaldson, Army  
 Don Donaldson, Marines  
 William Dorsey\*, Army  
 Terren Durham, Navy  
 Skeet Ellis\*, Army  
 Albert Fairhurst, Army  
 Daniel Fairhurst, Army  
 Fred Fairhurst, Army  
 James Fairhurst, Navy  
 Larraine Fairhurst, Navy  
 William M. Fairhurst\*\*, Army  
 Walter Fenton, Army  
 Joseph J. Ferraro Jr., Marines  
 Joseph J. Ferraro Sr., Marines  
 William Ferry\*\*, Army  
 William (Junie) Fletcher\*, Army  
 Donna T. Flowers Travers, Army

By Richard W. Johnson



**Don Donaldson**

Clarence Forrest\*, Army  
 Doctor Forrest\*, Army  
 Nathan Forrest\*, Marines  
 Simmy Forrest, Army  
 Jeffrey Keith Foster, Army  
 Larry Fowler, Marines  
 Gene Furgenson\*, Army  
 James Gary, Army  
 Ronald Gayle Sr., Navy  
 Angela Gayle, Navy  
 Charles J. Gibilterra\*\*, Army  
 Henry Haskin, Army  
 Thomas Haskin, Army  
 Henry Haskin Jr., Army  
 John Heard, Air Force  
 Joseph M. Henry, Marines  
 Sam Hicks, Army  
 Vernon O. Higgins, Marines  
 Victor Higgins\*, Army  
 Francis T. Hill, Army

\*\*Veteran killed in action

\* Veteran is deceased

Don Donaldson was born on April 19, 1954 in Anderson, South Carolina. He was raised in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. Don was educated in the Philadelphia school system attending Smedley Elementary, Harding Junior High and Frankford High School.

Don was baptized and active member of Northeast Baptist Church. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1972. He finished his basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Later he was shipped out to various Oriental tours like Japan, Korea and Vietnam. While serving his duties, he received various awards and was promoted to E5 (sergeant). Don was honorably discharged in 1976.

Don became a sheet metal worker at Progressor Metal Company for numerous years. Don loved doing community work and volunteer work. While doing cleanup work around the Frankford Avenue area on a volunteer basis, he was recognized for his great work by Kim Washington of the NAC program who felt that a veteran who served this community should be compensated for his time and he was hired as a paid employee.

So, when you see Don up and around the Avenue keeping the area nice, show your appreciation for his service in the military and in the hood.

“Hoo, Rah Don”



# Coming Up in Frankford

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

**Keep the Faith in Frankford Meeting** - Wed, March 1, 6:30pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Ave

**Board game/crafts** - Every Thursday, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, Simpson Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St, - Ages 5 to 12

**Frankford Civic Association Meeting** - Thu, March 2, 7pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue,

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

**Frankford Forward** - Mon, March 6, 6:00pm, St. Marks, 4442 Frankford Ave.

**Extended Time - with our Digital Resource Specialist** - Tue, March 8, Noon - 2pm  
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, March 7, 11am - 12pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue -For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan.

**Zumba Class** - Every Tuesday, 6pm - 7pm, Simpson Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St, Philadelphia - for adults 6:00 p.m. cost \$5.00 per class

**Friends of Overington Park** - Tue, March 7, 7pm, Friends Meeting House, 1500 Orthodox Street - The group maintains and supports Overington Park at Orthodox and Leiper 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.

**Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime** - Wed, March 8, 6pm - 7pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan.

**Keep the Faith in Frankford Mass** - Wed, March 8, 7pm, St Joachim's Church, 1527 Church St

**Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting** - Thu, March 9, 7pm, 2nd Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow St.

**Minecraft Club** - Sat, March 11,

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!

**Movies and Popcorn** - Wed, March 15, 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, March 16, 4:30pm - 5:30pm, Frankford Neighborhood Library, 4634 Frankford Avenue - Crafts, games and fun for Teens Only. Snacks will be provided.

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**Extended Computer Time** - Wed, March 22, 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, March 22, 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.

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**15th Police District PSA1 Meeting** - Thu, March 23, 7pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave. - Captain's Town Hall meeting

**Mr. Pagan's Reading Club for Boys** - Sat, March 25, 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, March 28, 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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**Services at  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
4442 Frankford Ave.

**8:30AM SIMPLE AND  
SHORT WORSHIP**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9:00am  
10:00AM Main WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Services at  
Faith Assembly of God**  
1926 Margaret St

Sunday 11 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

Friday 7:30 P.M.

**Padre Pio Prayer Center**  
At St. Joachim Church  
1527 Church Street

**Masses**

**Monday and Wednesday: 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 7:30 AM  
Saturday: 8:00 AM (Spanish)**

The chapel is open for private prayer  
Monday to Friday from 7 PM to 9 PM

**Holy Innocents Church**  
1337 E. Hunting Park Avenue

**Saturday Vigil**  
4:30 PM (English)

**Sunday**  
7:30 AM & 10:00 AM (English)  
12:00 PM (Spanish)  
5:00 PM (Vietnamese)

**Campbell AME Church**  
1657 Kinsey Street

Church Office: 215-288-2748

Email: campbella.m.e.frankford@gmail.com

**St. James Lutheran  
Church**  
Castor Ave. at Pratt St.



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