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Congratulations to Ianna Rodriguez

Health Partners Plans

Congratulations to Ianna Rodriguez for being SpreadMusicNow's March Music Student of the Month!

Ianna is a 5th grader at Northwood Academy Charter School. She has been the lead in 3 school plays including Annie in *Annie Jr.*, Baloo in the *Jungle Book*, and Kelsi in *High School Musical 2*. Ianna has even been in an outside theater production of *The Music Man*.

Ianna has played the violin for 4 years and has been a member of the elite bell ensemble for 3 years, playing the music of Led Zeppelin, Nirvana, Radiohead, and other classics.

As a talented singer, violinist and bell player, Ianna goes above and beyond in all she does. Ianna is someone the whole school looks up to. She is kind, a student leader and stands up for those who are less fortunate.

In the picture to the right, Ianna Rodriguez with her teacher, Courtney Noah .

(photo from Spread Music Now web site.)



Frankford Chargers News by Kisha Thompson

Congratulations to Frankford Chargers 14U on winning the LYAA (Liberty Youth Athletic Association) championship.

A great weekend of Frankford Chargers basketball at the NESAC games at Northeast high school. We picked up more hardware in NESAC including 2 chip. The 13U 3 peated. 7U played a great game but came up short.

To top off my weekend, the kids at the tiny tot banquet....They looked so cute. They were smiling for pictures and they had their own swag. Thank you, parents, for dressing them up!!! The smiles on their face when they got their trophies was priceless. Thanks to all who help make it a success. The coaches, administrators, refs, parents and, most importantly, the kids.



Frankford Chargers 14U Champs

Civics, PSA

By Bob Smiley

Frankford NAC

At the Frankford NAC zoning meeting on March 9th, residents turned out to hear the proposal by the owner of 4200 Torresdale Avenue for signs, a set of stairs and an entrance ramp. The address, under the previous ownership has been a source of trouble and residents were concerned about its future. The new owner is going to use it as an auto body and repair shop for their used car lot at 4530 Torresdale Avenue.

Neighbors were concerned about parking which is always a problem on the blocks near Torresdale Avenue and sidewalks being blocked by car dealers. The owner gave assurances that the location would only be used for repairs and it has capacity for storage of 30 vehicles inside.

Unfortunately, a vote on the case could not be held because the zoning notice was not displayed according to regulations. The case will come up again at a future meeting for a vote.

Doctor Anthony Panossian presented the case for a special exception for a dental office at 4821 Frankford Avenue. The exception is needed because this will be a group dental practice. The practice, ArtisanSmiles, will be a full service facility providing dental, dental surgery and orthodonture. Anesthesia will also be available which many dental offices do not provide. ArtisanSmiles has offices now in Clifton Heights and York PA.

One resident raised the issue of parking for of the ZBA hearing to be held on March clients coming to the facility. Dr. Panossian said they are willing to look into available parking spaces in a nearby lot but his architect STALLATION OF ONE (1) STATICALLY pointed out that it is not a requirement for ILLUMINATED FLAT-WALL SIGN AND buildings in this zoning area. Most clients will be coming by public transportation.

One one resident was eligible to vote and the vote was a No.

5300 Marsden Street: PERMIT FOR THE ERECTION OF A CARPORT FOR ONE PARKING SPACE (SIZE AND LOCATION AS SHOWN IN THE APPLICATION), AC-CESSORY TO AN EXISTING ONE STORY SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING. The appli-

cant was represented by a friend who made the The Frankford NAC will hear a presentation case for moving his existing handicapped parking space from the front of his home to the side. It was agreed to support the variance with that proviso.

1257 Pratt Street: PERMIT FOR INCREASE IN DWELLING FROM SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING TO FOUR (4) FAMILY DWELLING (MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING) IN AN EXISTING STRUCTURE. The building has been a ground floor bar with 2 apartments above. The owner wants to convert the bar into 2 apartments. After much discussion, eligible residents voted unanimously to support The Daral building has seen the Frankford the variance.



1257 Pratt Street (from Google maps)

The next meeting of the Frankford NAC zoning board will be held on April 13th at 7 PM at Second Baptist Church 1801 Meadow Street.

Frankford Civic

Frankford Civic Association meeting on March 2nd took up the pending application for a special exception zoning variance at 4200 Torresdale Avenue. Local residents received notice 15th. The application reads as follows: SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR THE IN-THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE EREC-TION OF THREE (3) AWNINGS (NO SIGN-AGE) AND STAIRS & RAMP IN RIGHT-OF-WAY (PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN THE AREA FLOOD ZONE). SIZE AND LOCA-TION AS SHOWN IN APPLICATION. FOR USE AS PERSONAL VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WITH ACCESSORY SIGNAGE.

from the owner of the property at their meeting on March 9th. Any resident who received a copy of the notice should attend that meeting which will be held at 2nd Baptist Church at 1801 Meadow Street at 7 PM.

Car dealer cars parking on the 4800 block of Oxford Avenue has been discussed at previous meetings. At the latest walk through the parking of cars without licenses was down to one. There is a lot of transient parking however which is to be expected in that area.

CDC, NAC and Representative Jason Dawkins move in. Good news for that intersection of Paul and Frankford Avenue.

The owners of 4150 Kensington llc attended the meeting to discuss their interest in using the corner of their property at Adams Avenue and Kensington Avenue for used car sales. The folks attending spoke about concerns the community might have should they look for a zoning variance. At present the lot is zoned residential since it actually fronts on Adams Avenue. They were advised to contact the Frankford NAC for further guidance.

Kat Hardy of Senator Tartaglione's office attended and announced the office will be offering SEPTA KEY application help to seniors. The new card will be necessary when SEPTA KEY is operational to ride for free. They will take your picture, help with the application and send it to SEPTA for you. SEPTA will then process your application and send you the new card in the mail. You need to bring your id with you when you come to the office. Whatever you use to ride SEPTA will do it.

The next meeting of the Frankford Civic Association will be held on April 6th at 7 PM at St. Mark's Church, 4442 Frankford Avenue.

Northwood Civic

The Northwood Civic Association meeting on February 21st dealt with updates to the effort to slow down the traffic on Castor Avenue. The rumble strips have been installed but it has become quickly apparent that they are having no effect.

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They are smaller than were promised, says Terry Heiser, who has been spearheading the project. They were supposed to be a half inch thick but it turns out that they are about a quarter of an inch. It doesn't sound like much but it makes a big difference to the driver passing over them. They are less irritating to ride over at higher speeds. They are also placed so its possible to drive around them entirely.

Speed limit markings have still not been placed on the highway. Regardless, the next step is a traffic study that will be done in a few months to measure their effectiveness or lack thereof. Should it be determined that the speeds on Castor Avenue are continuing to be out of control then the next step will be speed cushions which are impossible to ignore and will last a long time.

Other news at the meeting:

The police agreed to spot traffic enforcement for a period on Adams Avenue from Wyoming to Orthodox.

The zoning hearing on the fence at 1100 Haworth Street resulted in the case being dismissed. The effect is that the fence must come down.

Continuing to see attempts at burglary in North-Normally burglary wood. drops in the cold weather but February has been unusually warm and the burglars are out. Do not leave your windows open when they are easily accessible at the ground level. This is just looking for trouble.

The next meeting of the Northwood Civic Association will be held on April 18th at 7 PM at the Simpson Recreation Center at 1010 Arrott Street. It will be candidates night.

Crime Picture Continues to Improve

By Bob Smiley

The February Crime report for the 15th District PSA1 shows modest improvement compared with February of past years. Looking at the chart year to date through the end of February, you see aggravated assaults about even, burglary down, homicide same as last year, robbery down and thefts down. The big surprise to me was that firearm crimes have also dropped.

There were 410 crime incidents reported in February and 15 of those were not coded with a crime code. So the police responded to a call and a number was issued but no further information is available. Sometimes you see one or two of those in a month but not 13. The other curious thing is that they all took place on the 5200 block of Frankford Avenue which is the Frankford Transportation Center. I'll be asking Lt. Gordon about that at the PSA meeting on March 23rd.

Year to dat	e				
2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	
16	18	13	16	15	Aggravated Assault - Firearm
25	30	18	33	25	Aggravated Assault - no firearm
41	48	31	49	40	Total Ag. Assaults
5	9	8	2	6	Burglary non residential
30	31	23	42	57	Burglary residential
35	40	31	44	63	Burglary all
3	3	1	2	2	Homicide *
12	18	24	15	17	Robbery - firearm
25	20	32	27	25	Robbery - no Firearm
37	38	56	42	42	Total Robbery
31	41	38	53	49	Thefts from vehicle
76	67	66	69	81	Thefts
107	108	104	122	130	Thefts total
28	36	37	31	32	Firearm crimes

cellent app Phillyblotter which Aria Jefferson at 7 PM. makes tracking crime a lot easier.

Thanks to OpenDataPhilly for the The next 15th District PSA1 meetdata and Chris Sawyer for his ex- ing will be held on April 27th at

Op Ed from Rep. Jason Dawkins (D-Philadelphia)

The 2016 election cycle proved to be a bitter, hard-fought battle with surprising results to many. After such a conclusion, it is only natural to feel discouraged or depressed. It is tempting to react by retreating from the constant news coverage and choosing to remain willfully ignorant of the nation's new political realities. However, I strongly urge that anyone who has been feeling hopeless with recent events treat this past election and first weeks of this new administration as a rallying cry to action. Any sadness and frustration with America's political system is the finest motivation to fight for change, justice and increased accountability for all.

While we may feel disappointed in our nation's electoral surrogates for not fulfilling our founder's vision, it is critical to keep a sense of perspective. America's democracy has withstood countless tests of its integrity including wars, secession threats and political upheaval. The values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, so crucial to our nation's founding, are too fundamentally ingrained in America's fabric to be taken away by the results of a single election.

As Americans, we are still the benefi-

feels as though we have been kicked - the 179th Legislative District in the we have been kicked before. Even if it Pennsylvania House of Representafeels as though we are down – we have been down before. We have always overcome these challenges to emerge as a stronger nation, so this time will be no different.

This is the time to draft battle plans for the coming years. Mid-term elections will be crucial, so it is never too early to organize communities and mobilize people for action, as strength in numbers encourages political clout. In addition to looking toward the future, we need to work to hold our leaders' feet to the fire as we work to implement policies.

Whoever is in office, regardless of party, must be held accountable for their promises and actions. As a state representative, I strive to ensure that my actions in Harrisburg reflect the will of my constituents.

Do not despair for America's democracy. Instead, aspire to organize, keep abreast of current events and hold our elected officials accountable. More than ever before, it is crucial to remain politically engaged. Hope for a better future starts with you.

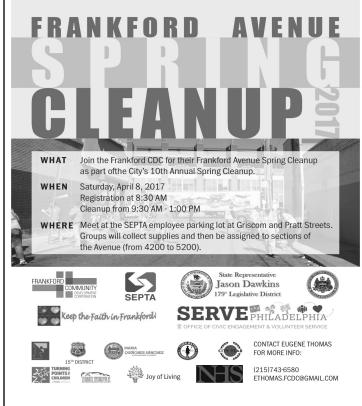
Rise up and take action! ciaries of the greatest nation. Even if it State Rep. Jason Dawkins represents tives



Pointman International Fundraiser a Huge Success

By Bob Smiley Pointman International Ministries of Norristown and Philadelphia held their 1st Annual Bowling Party Fundraiser on March18th, at Thunderbird Lanes. Food, Door Prizes, Basket Raffles and a 50/50 Raffle kept everybody happy. Below are just some of the winners of the fundraiser event, from left to right you have Carol, Latoya, Cheryl, bill, Vera, and bottom front, Scott. Thank you and God bless.





St. Benedict's Clothes Closet

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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

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Verizon Wireless Open on the Avenue

I stopped by the new Verizon Wireless store at Foulkrod and Frankford Avenue today. They are open for business but the official grand opening was on March 1st.

The location was formerly the notorious Frankford Deli drug den. It closed in 2015. Dan Krier is the executive Director of K&B Wireless Communications, Inc. He purchased the building and is managing the location right now.

I went in there with a little problem that I could not work out. I met Ray who got right to and straightened it out in no time. Thanks, Ray.

This new business, on a formerly derelict corner, is another positive step in the right direction.

Welcome to Frankford Verizon Wireless.

Need a Summer Job? Be a lifeguard.

Philadelphia Parks and Recreation is hiring 400 lifeguards to staff its 70 outdoor and four indoor pools. The job pays between \$12.33 and \$14.60 an hour and opportunities are available in every Philadelphia neighborhood. PPR staff can even assist interested candidates that may not be the strong swimmers, if they start the process early.

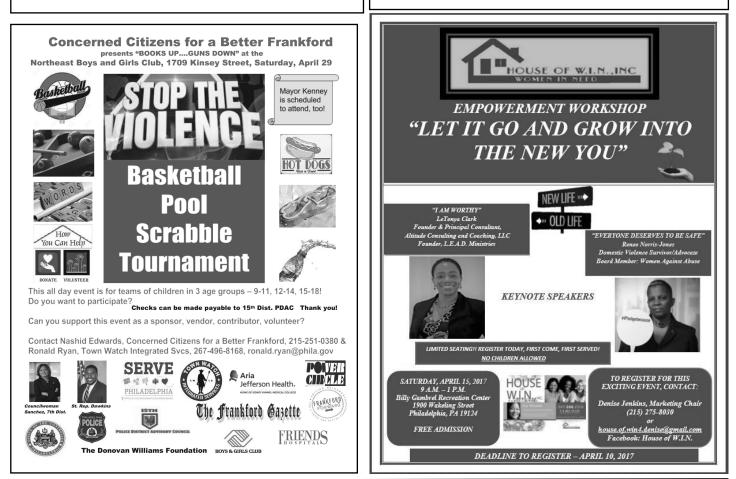
The first step for interested candidates is to attend a screening at one of PPR's three indoor training facilities during the following screening days and times from now until June:

> **Sayre Morris Swimming Pool**, 5825 Spruce Street: Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

> **Pickett Swimming Pool**, 5700 Wayne Avenue: Monday through Thursday between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Lincoln Pool, 7437 Rowland Avenue: Monday through Thursday between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

More information and a detailed list of requirements can be found at www.phila.gov/lifeguards.





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- Branch

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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 Eleanor Andrews



Larry Andrews

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

Larry Andrews was born on December 30, 1937. He attended Smedley Elementary and Harding Junior High School and received his G.E.D. from the United States Army in June of 1957.

He enlisted in the Army in June of 1955 and successfully completed basic training and served in the 82nd Airborne Division. He was discharged from active duty in January of 1958.

Larry boxed with the Golden Gloves and played Bass in the Army. He passed away in October of 1982.

Live Music - Each Saturday 7pm - Mayor's 10th Annual Spring Clean-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

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

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, April 2, 12pm - 5pm, e4278 Griscom Street, Presentation at 1:30 PM:

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, April 4, 7pm - 8pm, 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.

Frankford Forward Meeting-Monday, April 3rd 6 PM, St. Mark's Church, 4443 Frankford Avenue.

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, April 6, 7pm - 8pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue.

Candidates Night-Thu, April 6, 7pm, 2nd Baptist Church 1801 Meadow Street - Come hear the candidates for the upcoming election make their case for why you should vote for them.

up - Sat, April 8, 10am – 2pm, All over Frankford

Historical Society of Frankford - Tue, April 11, 7:30pm - 9:00pm, 1507 Orthodox St, Program to be announced.

Housing and First-Time Homebuyers' Resources - Thu, April 13, 12pm 2pm 4667 Paul St - Frankford NAC will hold a community service briefing on Thursday, April 13, 2017 from 12 noon to 2pm at our new location, 4667 Paul Street, Philadelphia, Pa 19124. Come out and see our new building. Topics will include: Section 8 Housing Predatory lending Phil Loan Plus Presenters include: Marco Ferriera, PHA and Philly Seeds Program manager Kalie Wertz, UAC, Administrator of the Anti-Predatory program and Phil Loan Plus Program. Light Refreshments Served! Contact Christine De-Jesus NAC Coordinator at 215-743-6580

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting - Thu, April 13, 7pm – 8pm 2nd Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow St.

Empowerment Workshop - Sat, April 15, 9am - 1pm, Gambrel Playground, 1901 Wakeling Street, -House of W.I.N. Call Denise Jenkins, Marketing Chair (215) 275-8030 for more information or see ad on page 5.

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, April 18, 7pm - 8pm, Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St - Candidates night for the upcoming Primary election.

Earth Day at Lardner's Point Park -Sat, April 22, 12pm - 4pm, Lardner's Point Park, 5202 Levick Street, at the base of the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge -Come celebrate Earth Day with the Delaware River City Corporation at Lardner's Point Park. We're hosting science, art, literacy, and outdoor activities for kids K-12. With food and drinks provided, it's the perfect way to celebrate Earth Day! For more infor-

mation, call or email: 215-425-8350, info@drcc-phila.org. Visit drccphila.org for more about DRCC.

Senior Breakfast - Tue, April 25, 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.

15th Police District PSA1 Meeting -Thu, April 27, 7pm - 8pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave - Captain Luca is scheduled to attend. Also there will be a presentation by ReadyPA.

Stop the Violence Basketball, Pool and Scrabble Tournament - Saturday, Apr 29, 2017, Northeast Frankford Boys and Girls Club, 1709 Kinsey Street - See ad page 5.

At the Library

4634 Frankford Avenue



Fitness @Frankford! Exercise to our wonderful collection of fitness instruction videos. Open to Adults and Teens -Every Monday @5:30- April 3,10,17,24; May 1,8,15,22; June 5

Laptop Computer Time- Adults only - We will have brand new laptops for use starting April 2017! Brush up on your computer skills with our Digital Resource Specialist. Space may be limited. Every other Tuesday - 11a-1p. April 11, 25 and May 9, 23

For Teens

Laptop Computer Time- Teens and Children - We will have brand new laptops for use starting April 2017! Brush up on your computer skills with our Digital Resource Specialist. Space may be limited. Every other Thursday – 3:30-5:30p. April 13, 27 and May 11,25

Teen Third Thursdays - Crafts, games and fun for Teens Only. Snacks will be provided. Third Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. April 20, May 18

For Children

Wii Wednesdays with Vince - Come play your favorite Wii games with Mr. Vince on the 4th Wednesday of the month. For Teens and school-aged kids. Every fourth Wednesday | April 26, May 24

Minecraft Club - 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! Saturdays | 2:00 pm, April 4, May 6, June 3

Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime - For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan. | 6:00pm April 12, 26; May 10, 24

Preschool Storytime - For children and their parents. Read by Librarian, Mr. Pagan. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 11:00am April 4, 18; May 2, 16; June 6

Mr. Pagan's Reading Club for Boys - 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. Select Saturdays 2:00pm April 22, May 20, June 17

Movies and Popcorn - Come enjoy a movie and freshly made popcorn with our new popcorn maker. 1st Fridays 3:15pm April 19, May 17



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