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Thanks for the Memories—Kat and Ike Hardy

By Bob Smiley

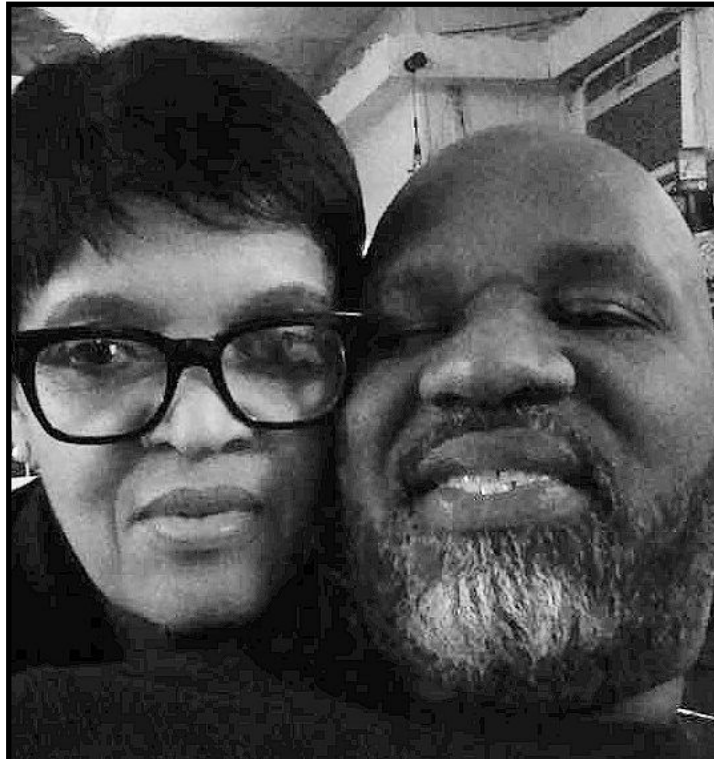
This year's Oldhead Game, held on August 19th, known by many in the neighborhood as Frankford Day, was the last by Kat and Ike Hardy.

It began 13th years ago during an especially violent time in Frankford when it was clear that the youth needed to see that there was another way.

A group of old heads said they could come together for a day of fun and play with no violence and no drama.

You had to be 40 to be an oldhead back then but all were welcome to come and watch and spend some time in the park. It came off as planned and the annual event was born.

In the years since, it has grown from a simple softball game to an event that drew hundreds to Gambrel Recreation center on a Saturday in August.



To everyone who ever came out to the oldhead game..from the bottom of our hearts we want to say thanks for the precious memories .. Mayor Kat. Hubby Ike. *From Facebook*

The game became just one small part of the day with family and friends bringing their grills and tables and tents to spend the day and well into the night.

Smoke from the barbecues fills the air, mingled with the music from a DJ and live performers.

People are sitting under their tents or walking here

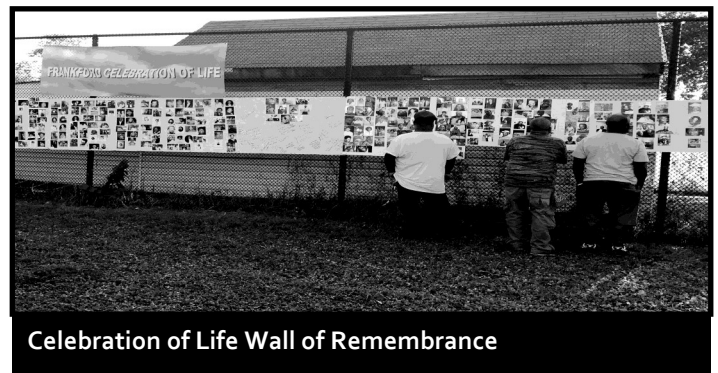
Some participants drive long distances and others fly in for the occasion making this the biggest Frankford reunion that anyone has ever seen.

It is mainly an East Frankford event but not exclusively for the black community, everyone is welcome.

It is my favorite event of the year and it will be truly missed.

The Hardys have earned their time now to spend their summers enjoying themselves.

They set the standard for what can be done and now its time for others in the community to step up, if anything like this will continue.



Celebration of Life Wall of Remembrance

Neighbors Say “No” to Paul Street Bar

By Christine DeJesus

At the Frankford NAC zoning meeting on August 10th, residents came out to vote on 2 zoning applications on the 4100 block of Paul Street.

JURISDICTION OF ANY COURT SYSTEM.

Rooming house was approved by 11 people. Block captain and neighbors actually like them. Will be putting in proviso that we need to review this case in three years.

Other issues that were addressed:

4930 Penn Street– Variance for the erection of two separate structures (21 storage containers) to house materials and equipment. Opposed by people. They stated that there is no place for ship yard containers other than the ship yard. They also said that anything can be stored in there (drugs, chemicals, etc).



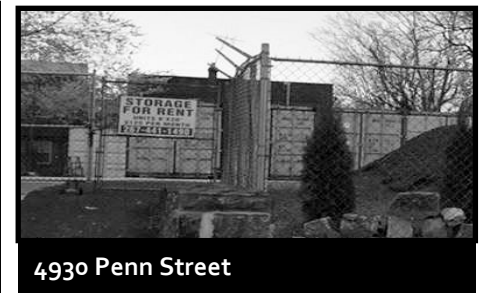
4143 Paul Street



4101-07 Paul Street

4101-07 Paul Street – Variance for a night club – PERMIT FOR A NIGHT CLUB/PRIVATE CLUB FOR MORE THAN FIFTY (50) PEOPLE (NO ACTIVITIES AS DEFINED IN 14-603 (13) OF PHILADELPHIA ZONING CODE) ON 1ST AND 2ND FLOOR, FOOD PREPARATION AND ACCESSORY STORAGE IN CELLAR, ACCESSORY OFFICE ON THE 3RD FLOOR WITH ALL OTHER USES AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED IN AN EXISTING STRUCTURE.

Same people flat out opposed it. They wanted it deemed as a nuisance and have it shut down,



4930 Penn Street

1673 Wakening Street– non opposition to the legalization of the duplex.

The next Frankford NAC zoning meeting will be held on September 14th at 7 PM at Second Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow Street.

Coming up for review at a future meeting:



1541 Adams Avenue

1541 Adams Avenue– Wants to have a rental car lot on that vacant lot.

4645 Worth Street- Applicant seeking a variance for a day care center.

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Email, text or phone to gil@frankfordgazette.com or 215-847-5506.

Occupational Wellness Workshop Series

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2-3 hour workshops
Once a week, 4 weeks

Skills Assessment, Goal Setting,
Resume Writing, Interview Skills,
Job Search Resources,
and More!

SEPTEMBER 2017

Week 1: Intake, skills assessment and raising confidence and self esteem
Week 2: Goal setting, resume formatting, and saving electronically
Week 3: Job search and application, internet search, and online resources
Week 4: Interview techniques and employer expectations

The workshops will be held at 4667 Paul Street, 1st Floor
Exact dates and times TBA

FRANKFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Urban League of Philadelphia

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Frankford NAS Elections

By Christine DeJesus

These folks will be on the ballot for election to the **Neighborhood Advisory Subcommittee** to be held on Wednesday, September 20th at two locations, 4667 Paul Street from 9am to 6:30pm and 4900 Griscom Street from 10am to 4pm.

Steven P. Blackburn has over 30 years of professional and volunteer experience in Human Services serving a variety of populations including youth, seniors, families and offenders through direct service and administration. He is currently the Assistant Director of Community Services for Carson Valley Children's Aid. He earned graduate and undergraduate degrees in Social Work from Temple University.

Marcus Paul serves as the Philadelphia Community Organizer for the Tookany/Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania and grew up in the Frankford area. He learned about community outreach while interning for PA State Representative Jason Dawkin's office.

Jennifer Powell-Folks is the current Director of Program Administration and Finance for One Day at a Time (ODAAT). Over the past 15 years, she has provided program development, management and fiscal oversight for human services and youth programming. She holds a bachelors degree in Economics, MBA in management, and is a certified Community Health Worker (Temple). She is a proud resident of Frankford for over 20 years.

Hakim Mubarak He is a Frankford resident born and raised with grassroots that go back 3 generation's. I am a graduate of Kutztown University with a bachelors degree in Clinical Psychology, with a minor in Sociology. He is currently the Lead Constituent Services Liaison for Councilwoman Maria Q. Sanchez.

Phillip Robinson He is a lifelong resident of Frankford. He is a committee person for the 23rd Ward 17th Division. He is also a block captain and former vice president of the Frankford Plan.

Maria Goldston She has lived and worked in the Frankford community for over 40 years. She is a college graduate and community activist.

Charlene Lewis She was born and raised in the Frankford area where she continues to reside with her two sons. She is employed by Southeastern Transportation Authority (SEPTA) as a Community & Constituent Relations Coordinator in the Public & Government Affairs Department. She holds a bachelors degree from the University of Pittsburg and she sits on several advisory panels.

Merelyn Rodriguez She is a current Frankford resident who once held a position as the Director of Housing Counseling for the Frankford CDC 16 years ago. During her tenure, she assisted in building and selling homes on Paul, Leshner and Tackawanna Streets. She is a full time realtor with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services in Jenkintown.

Voters will need to provide proof that they live in the NAC service area. State ID or two utility bills will be accepted as proof.

Save the date
Run 4 Frankford 5K
October 21, 2017



The Block Gives Back came to Carmella Playground in August for a day of Fun. Face painting is always popular.

About the Frankford Gazette

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Veteran of the Month—Junius A. Johnson

Name Branch

Adolph Lang, Marines
 Floyd Lang, Marines
 James Lang, Marines
 Br. Kip Ledger (OFM Cap.), Air Force
 John Leszczynski Jr **, Army
 Clarence E. Lewis*, Army
 Donald Lewis, Army
 Gary Lewis*, Army
 Gregory L. Lewis, Army
 Guy D. Lewis, Army
 Henry Lewis*, Army
 Keff Lewis, Navy
 Nathan Lewis, Army
 Paul Lewis*, Army
 Russell Lewis*, Army
 Robert Lightfoot, Navy
 Maynard B. Lott, Army
 James Madden, Army
 Barry Marblex, Army
 Erin McAvoy, Navy



*Veteran is deceased

**Veteran died in service

Name Branch

Thomas A. McAvoy, Marines
 Tom McAvoy, Army
 James L. McCartney, Army
 Calvester McCoy*, Army
 Russell McCoy*, Army
 Brian McFarland, Air Force
 Bill McGeehan Jr., Navy
 Bill McGeehan Sr., Air Force
 Francis J. McGrath*, Army
 Joseph McGuigan*, Army
 Russell McCoy*, Army
 Benjamin Miller*, Marines
 Robert Miller, Army
 Calvester Montgomery*, Army
 John Montgomery, Army
 John Montgomery, Army
 John Mullane*, Army
 Tommy Nash*, Army
 Jose D. Negron, Air Force
 Joseph Newman*, Army

Philadelphia is a city like so many large, populous cities in America with economic and crime problems which trickle down to young people who want to do the right thing. But sometimes they get caught up in the negative ways of life.

Most young women who made mistakes, especially those who become single parents, will do whatever is necessary to raise their children the right way. When **Junius A. Johnson** was born on December 3, 1997 in the wild, wild West (West Philadelphia), a new sheriff was in town (his mother, Wanda Johnson). She decided she wasn't gonna let the claws of the street get a hold of her son.

She put Juju, as he was known, into St. Donato Charter school where he became an honor roll student. He continued on the honor roll at Freire Charter High School and then attended Widener University for his bachelor degree in criminal justice. While in those schools he joined R.O.T.C. (Reserve Officer Training Corps).

To avoid being involved in a street gang, Juju decided to join the largest gang in America, the U.S. Army, an organization of people trained to protect the values and lives of the people of America and countries that ask for help. Juju enlisted on November 7, 2016 and attended basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia and advanced training at Fort Gordon, Georgia. His current rank is Private First Class (PFC).

Juju loves community service around the city, including being a camp counselor for years. He also loves tutoring and being a guide at Mercy Philadelphia Hospital. Juju also loves anything Army related.

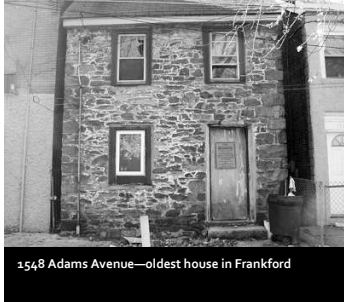
Visiting his grandmom, listening to her old-school philosophy and her religious ways of doing the right thing, is a real blessing. Juju loves what he has accomplished and how proud he has made his mother and family feel.

Junius A. Johnson, stand tall and be proud and thank you for your service.

Oldest House in Frankford to be Revived

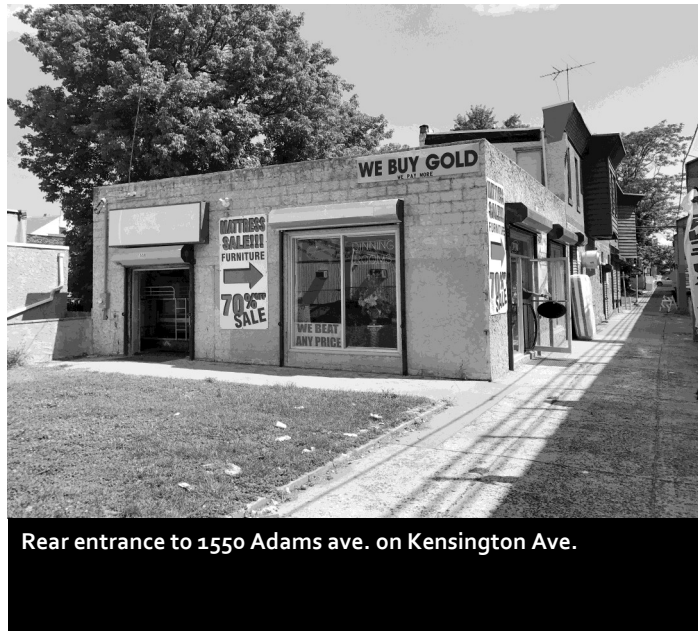
By Bob Smiley

1548 Adams Avenue, on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places since 2013, finally has a new owner.



1548 Adams Avenue—oldest house in Frankford

Andy Volodarski bought it and **1550 Adams Avenue** this year and has begun renovating 1550 Adams Avenue for his business. When you come up Kensington Avenue look for the Mattress sale signs. He is operating in the rear of 1550 Adams which has frontage on Kensington Avenue and an entrance at the back shown on the picture to the right.

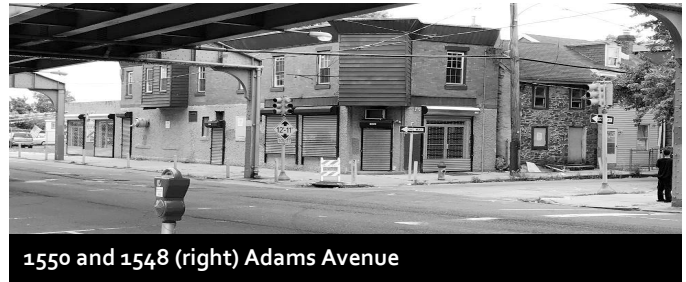


Rear entrance to 1550 Adams ave. on Kensington Ave.

The business will take over 1550 and 1548 will eventually be restored to a habitable residence. Right now his priority is to get the business up and running.

Andy was well aware of the challenges of taking on the property but thought it was worth the risks in this up and coming area. This is a plus for Frankford business that we hope will also help preserve a piece of our history.

Mattress Outlet's other locations are at 815 E. Allegheny Avenue and 3826 Kensington Avenue.



1550 and 1548 (right) Adams Avenue

THE FRANKFORD CDC

Food Truck Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2017

11 AM - 2 PM	4600 BLOCK OF PAUL STREET
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 TH	PHILLY DELICIAS
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 TH	

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING/SUMMER FOOD TRUCK SERIES!
STAY TUNED FOR INFO ABOUT FUTURE FOOD TRUCK EVENTS.
QUESTIONS? CONTACT ILEANA GARCIA AT 215-743-6580

FRANKFORD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SEPT 3, 2017

9:30 AM - 6:00 PM

FRANKFORD'S 2ND ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

FIRST 150 KIDS TO REGISTER THEIR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER WILL RECEIVE A FREE BOOK BAG!
FIRST 10 HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WILL GET A FREE SEW IN

****MUST SUPPLY HAIR****

FREE FOOD AND BEVERAGES

LOCATIONS

Express Hair Studio
4647 Frankford Ave
Taha Barbershop
4665 Frankford Ave
Iconic Hair Studio
4312 Frankford Ave
Fly Guys Barbershop
4721 Frankford Ave

For More Info And To Register Please Contact

Amirah: (856) 535-6042
Buddha: Ethomas.fcde@gmail.com
Cecelia: (215) 264-4068
Meme: (267) 242-7277

ALL GRADES ARE WELCOMED!
BOYS 16 AND UNDER ONLY!
CHILDREN 8 AND UNDER **MUST** BE ACCOMPANIED WITH AN ADULT

- NATURAL ONLY
- NO EXTENSIONS
- NO CHEMICALS



Second Baptist Church of Frankford

Rev. Darrell R. Bradsbery, Pastor
1801 Meadow Street

By Grace Alone Frankford Church

Where people who come in feel ACCEPTED and are sent out TRANSFORMED and EQUIPPED with the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

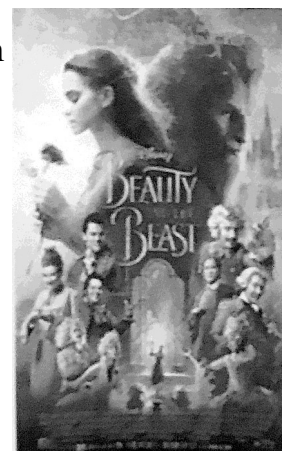
For more information call 215-537-1263

1300 Dyre Street on Sunday at 12 Noon
Starting on September 10th 2:30 PM

Movie night in Overington
Park

Leiper Street at Orthodox
Street

August 30 at 7:30 PM

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the Beast****Visit the *Frankford Gazette***

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Little Free Library Comes to Overington Park

This idea has popped up a few times in the city and is now available in Overington Park thanks to the Friends of Overington Park.

From John Neugebauer: *Our little free library is up and running in the park, In the playground area. Come and check it out. Right now it is filled from my library which is war, mystery, and mayhem. Diane put in Bon Appetite and Martha Stewart. There are some good reads, check it out.*



Little Free Library in Overington Park

**24 hours to relax**

Put on the music, fire up the grill.

Grandmom and Grandpop are walking up the hill.

Mary's in the swimming pool, Johnny up at bat.

Tell all your friends and neighbors, this is where it's at.

Mama put on your dancing shoes, Daddy grab your cap.

Forget about tomorrow, forget about your work.

Forget about the lawn mower that you were supposed to fix,
because in 24 hours this day is going to end.

And just like everyone else - it's back to work again.

Lenny Jaynes

Coming Up in Frankford

Christian Alternative to Addictions—Every Thurs. Starting September 7th, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - No August meeting, see you in September.

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, September 3, 12pm - 5pm
4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, September 5, 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 Civic Association Meeting - Thu, September 7, 7pm - 8pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

Food Truck Friday - Fri, September 8, 11am - 2pm, 4600 block of Paul Street - Philly Delicias

Women's Health Fair—September 9, 11 AM to 2 PM, Northeast Frankford Boys and Girls Club, 1709 Kinsey St. - Attendees will receive free screenings - and get lots of health questions answered -- by making just one visit
Cancer care, Health insurance, Behavioral health, Medical equipment, Women's-issues-focused counseling, Opioid addiction help, Sexual violence prevention, Fitness

Historical Society of Frankford—September 12, 730 PM—1507 Or-

thodox Street—James Byers author of My American Odyssey will discuss his book.

Free Nature Walk - Wed, September 13, 9:30am - 11:30am, I St and Ramona Ave - Join Environmental Educator Judith Gratz for this FREE nature walk. This month's theme: "Life in the creek" RSVP: Contact Doryán at doryan@ttfwatershed.org/215.744.1853

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting - Thu, September 14, 7pm - 8pm, 2nd Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow St.

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, September 19, 7pm - 8pm, Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St.

Frankford NAS Election - Wed, September 20, 9:00am - 6:30pm, 4667 Paul St. - Ground floor for the voting

Frankford NAS Election - Wed, September 20, 10am - 4pm, 4900 Griscom St.

Senior Breakfast - Tue, September 26, 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, September 28, 7pm - 8pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave.

Food Truck Friday - Fri, September 29, 11am - 2pm, 4600 block of Paul Street - Good Food - Good Mood

Fall Programming at Frankford Library

Teen Third Thursdays - Crafts, games and fun for Teens Only.
3rd Thursday of the month | 4:30 p.m. - September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 15

Adult/Teen Laptop Lounge - Brush up on your computer skills using our in-house laptops with our Digital Resource Specialist. Space may be limited.
Mondays 5:30p-6:30p - October 2, 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 18

Resume Open Lab - Need help with your resume. Come to our resume open lab with extended laptop time.
Thursdays 11a-1p - October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7, 14, 21

Wii Wednesdays with Vince - Come play your favorite Wii games with Mr. Vince. For Teens and school-aged kids.
4th Wednesday of the month | 4:30 p.m. - September 27, October 25, December 27

Frankford's Lego Playtime - Come to build with our Lego collection along with other kids ages 6 to 12. Your host will be children's librarian Mr. Pagán. Call or stop by to sign up.
Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. - November 4, December 2,

Frankford Library Minecraft Club - Come build and play Minecraft with other kids, ages 8 to 12. Your host will be librarian Mr. Pagán. We'll be playing in peaceful mode only! Call or stop by to sign up.
Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. - October 21, November 18, December 16

Preschool Storytime with Mr. Pagán - Preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to come to listen to stories, do fingerplays and sing songs with children's librarian Mr. Pagán.
First and third Tuesdays of every month at 11:00 AM - September 5 and 19, October 3 and 17, November 7 and 21, December 5 and 19

Frankford's Friday Movie of the Month - Come the second Wednesday of every month and watch a fun family movie hosted by librarian Mr. Pagán. Come one time, or all the time! Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.
September 13 - An American Tail, October 11 - Aladdin, November 8 - The Princess and the Frog, December 13 - The Little Prince (2015)

Block Building Parties - Block Party! Wooden Block Party in the library. On the first Wednesday of the month, join librarian Mr. Pagán to build whatever you want with our collection of over 2,000 blocks, signs and figures! Children ages 4 and up are encouraged to build, create, and play! Come one time, or all the time.
Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. | September 6, October 4, November 8, December 6, 2017

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**

Campbell AME Church

1657 Kinsey Street

Church Office: 215-288-2748

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

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN MINISTRY

at St. Joachim's Catholic Chapel



Mass Schedule:

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

Chapel is open for personal prayer
From 7 to 9pm, Monday through Friday

Chapel is on the corner of Church St. and Griscom St.
Schedule will begin Monday, January 9th

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am
Friday Night Youth Ministry (4th to 12th
Grade): 6:30pm - 8:30pm

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.



Join us for a night of live entertainment by:



Jazmine Sullivan



Jeff Bradshaw



Chill Moody

Hosted by
Quincy "Q" Harris
'The Q' talk show on FOX29



Saturday, September 16, 2017

New Covenant Church
7500 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19119

Health Festival
12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Music Festival
Starts at 6 p.m.
Doors open at 5 p.m.

Join us for:

- Live performances on the Unity stage
- Health information and giveaways
- Complimentary health screenings, massages and facials
- Kids zone
- Mini HPP job fair
- **And more!**

The Health and Music Festival is **FREE** and open to the public.

Tickets are required for the Music Festival and will not be available at the door.

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Priority Music Festival seating for ticket holders who attend the Health Festival.