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Frankford Marches for Peace

By Bob Smiley



After several weeks of planning, there was a huge turnout by Frankford residents marching for peace on July 12th. Marching down Oxford Avenue from Northwood; down Frankford Avenue from Pratt Street and up Margaret from East Frankford, they converged on the Arrott Transportation Center to rally for

peace in the neighborhood.

While the usual purveyors of drugs and violence looked on, speakers called for an end to the violence that has plagued Frankford. While that call may have fallen on many deaf ears, you could not mistake the number of people who put their bodies on the line. They were loud and they were present and that is

really what mattered most. They chose to walk rather than hide in their homes ignoring what is going on around us. It was a show of unity that I have not seen in the 10 years that I have been reporting on Frankford.

will you be when the next march is held?

Thanks to Maria Huymaier, St. Mark's Church and Ronald Ryan for the photos.

The big question now is, where



Crime is dropping in Frankford—See page 5 for the complete report.

Community Opposes Transitional Home on Leiper Street

By Bob Smiley and Christine DeJesus

At the Frankford NAC zoning meeting on June 13th residents voted to not support the application by the owners of 4719 Leiper Street for a Transitional Home (18) occupants in 6 units (single room residence). It was a unanimous vote 7 to 0 to oppose.

The issues raised:

- Nobody supported it and the block is already saturated by these so called transitional homes.
- This property owner had no prior experience.
- There is only one bathroom in a place where they will house 18 individuals.
- There is no action plan in case of an emergency (Mental, or otherwise).
- Could not guarantee that convicted criminals would not be in that building.

Frankford NAC and members of the NAC zoning board will be in attendance at the ZBA hearing to ensure that the desires of the Frankford community are expressed clearly.

The next Frankford NAC zoning meeting will be held on August 10th at 7 PM at Second Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow Street.

Coming up at a future NAC meeting will be:

- **2116 Gillingham St.** PERMIT FOR AUTO BODY AND FENDER WORK (NO SPRAY PAINTING) (PERSONAL VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE) IN AN EXISTING ONE STORY STRUC-



4719 Leiper Street

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- **4143 Paul St.** SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR ROOMING HOUSE FOR MAXIMUM THIRTY (30) OCCUPANTS IN ELEVEN (11) ROOMING UNITS (SINGLE ROOM RESIDENCE) IN AN EXISTING STRUCTURE. ALL OCCUPANTS ARE CAPABLE OF SELF PRESERVATION AND SELF SUSTAINING. NO OCCUPANTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ANY COURT SYSTEM.
- **4101 Paul St.** 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.
- **4562 Hawthorne St.** PERMIT FOR AUTO REPAIR SHOP TO INCLUDE BODY AND FENDER WORK (NO SPRAY PAINTING) (PERSONAL VEHICLE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE) IN AN EXISTING STRUCTURE.
- **4535 Tackawanna St.** PERMIT FOR FIVE (5) FAMILY DWELLING (MULTI FAMILY) IN AN EXISTING STRUCTURE.
- **1541 Adams Ave.** PERMIT FOR AUTO SALES(PERSONAL VEHICLE SALES AND RENTAL ON VACANT LOT)

The 150th Anniversary of the Soldiers and Sailors' Monument at Cedar Hill Cemetery on July 4, 2017 was marked by the reading of the names inscribed on the 4 sides of the monument.

Although it was a very hot day, the breeze up there on one of the heights of Frankford was refreshing to this enthusiastic crowd.



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Save the Date!

**Frankford Northwood's next People's Peace
March and Rally is Wednesday,
August 16, 2017, 7 PM!**

Be a force for peace in our community!

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Veteran of the Month—Ronald Wilkins

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 Joseph H. Hobson*, Army
 Paul Hodge*, Army
 Wesley Hodge, Army
 Paul Hodges*, Army
 Joe Holiday, Army
 James Honesty*, Marines
 Melvin Honesty, Army
 Carl A. Hunt*, Army
 Robert Hunt, Air Force
 Wayne Hunt, Air Force
 Bill Jackson, Army
 Edward Jackson*, Army
 Kevin Jackson, Army
 Lawrence C. Jackson, Marines
 William Jackson, Army
 Kenny James*, Army
 Leonard Jaynes, Army
 William James*, Army



Ron Wilkins at age 19, Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

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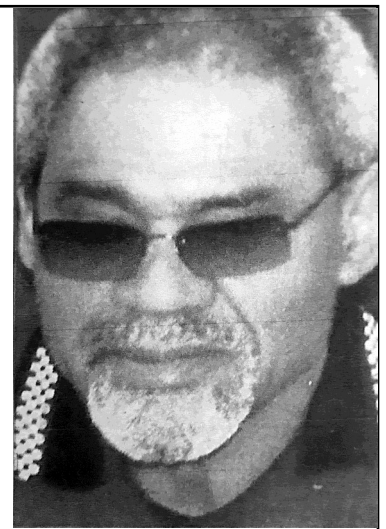
Mike Jennings*, Army
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 James Johnson*, Army
 Phillip Johnson*, Army
 Richard D. Johnson, Navy
 Richard W. Johnson, Army
 Russell Johnson, Army
 Samuel Johnson*, Navy
 Wallace Johnson, Army
 Brenda Jones, Army
 Corey Jones*, Army
 Justin Jones, Army
 Willie Jones*, Army
 Tom Keane, Army
 Edward L. Keith, Army
 Richard Kennedy, Army
 Martin King, Navy
 Darryl Lampkin, Marines
 Jamie Lampkin, Army
 William Lampkin*, Army

Ronald Wilkins was born on June 20th, 1947 in the city of Philadelphia. Ron attended school in the Philadelphia educational system and went to Charles Elementary and other grade schools and graduated from Bok Technical High School.

At the age of 19, in 1966, he was drafted into the US Army. He Was stationed at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He finished his basic training and tours of duty. While serving he was awarded numerous awards and certificates and was promoted to the rank of Specialist Fourth Class (E4). Ron was honorably discharged in January of 1969.

Ron was employed in the Philadelphia Correctional system and is now retired. He spends most of his leisure time travelling on cruises and taking trips to Las Vegas. He loves playing card games and billiard tournaments and also volunteering in political activities. As a hobby loves doing real estate and he also acts as an auto consultant.

Ronald Wilkins, we thank you for your service.



Crime is down in Frankford

By Bob Smiley

Crime Report for the 15th Police District - PSA1

January to June 2017

Compared to the average of the first 6 months of 2013 to 2016.

We are comparing our actual experience in the first 6 months of this year to the average of the first 6 months of the previous 4 years. There were a couple of very bad and very good periods there but we average them out to get a more realistic view.

We track PSA1 because it includes almost all of Frankford. Frankford North of Bridge Street is in PSA2. PSA1 also includes Bridesburg. PSA1 is representative of the trend for our area. I do the report myself and do not rely on reports from the 15th District or any police official.

From my experience in working with the data, I have found it to be fairly reliable.

Here are the facts:

- Aggravated assaults overall are running lower than they have over the last 4 years and are down 25%.
- Burglary is down significantly by 47%.
- Robbery is down 12%.
- Thefts are slightly up over last year but are down on the average by 3%.
- Firearm crime is down slightly from last year and down compared to the average by 3%.
- Arrests for weapons violations are up 18% compared to the average. That is good news because those guns are then off the street.
- Total incidents which includes the major crime above and the less serious crimes are down compared to the average by 8%.
- Homicide, 4 in the first 6 months, is down from the average of 6 which is 56%.

That all sounds pretty good, so why do people not feel good about it? Because people are still being killed and gun shots still ring out in the night. That tends to make people feel unsafe.

That and the media in this city follow the blood. If its crime, its big news. If it bleeds, it leads on the news shows.

- Why have things improved? Captain Luca says that the strategy he put into place is paying off. I might be inclined to agree with him. Even though crime overall has been falling nationwide, changes made in

the policing strategy in the 15th may be working.

- Focus on those individuals who are known to commit violent crimes and when they are arrested make sure they are dealt with by the courts.
- Community engagement with the police in a variety of ways from the bike ride for peace to the small meetings that he has with community groups to get their input.
- Innovative things like taking the parking meters off the 5200 block of Frankford Avenue. Seems like an insignificant thing but business owners say it has made a difference. The drug dealers have no cov-

er at all and no place to hide things.

Homicide

With 2 homicides back to back in July, clearly there is still a lot of work to be done,

In addition, there were 2 deaths on the 4700 block of James Street on July 16th. No charges have been filed in that case to date.



Parking meters gone on 5200 block of Frankford Ave.

June Year to date						Avg 2013-2016	Diff 2017 to avg.
2017	2016	2015	2014	2013			
52	58	43	29	63	Aggravated Assault - Firearm	48	7%
72	100	91	109	128	Aggravated Assault - no firearm	107	-49%
124	158	134	138	191	Total Ag. Assaults	155	-25%
22	34	34	21	25	Burglary non residential	29	-30%
84	110	96	114	189	Burglary residential	127	-51%
106	144	130	135	214	Burglary all	156	-47%
4	6	10	6	3	Homicide *	6	-56%
44	44	74	44	42	Robbery - firearm	51	-16%
70	62	83	61	99	Robbery - no Firearm	76	-9%
114	106	157	105	141	Total Robbery	127	-12%
154	154	124	180	195	Thefts from vehicle	163	-6%
242	233	250	268	224	Thefts	244	-1%
396	387	374	448	419	Thefts total	407	-3%
96	102	117	73	105	Firearm crimes	99	-3%
38	41	18	27	39	Weapons Violations	31	18%
2737	2951	3409	2566	2872	Total Incidents	2950	-8%

**Services at
Second Baptist Church of Frankford**
Rev. Darrell R. Bradsbery, Pastor
1801 Meadow Street

Wednesday Prayer Service/Bible Class 7:00
PM

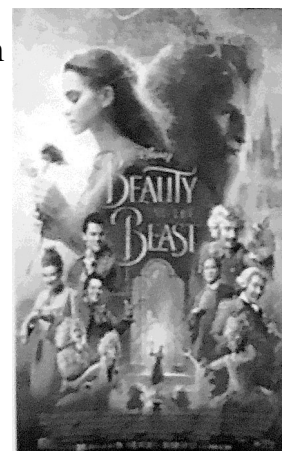
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship Service 10:45 AM
Third Sunday Baptism
Fourth Sunday Communion

Movie night in Overington
Park

Leiper Street at Orthodox
Street

August 30 at 7:30 PM

**Beauty and
the Beast**



Food Truck Fridays

On the 4600 block of Paul Street. See page 7

For the schedule and what truck will be there.



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Maximilian Kolbe Day

A service to remember those lost to addiction

St. Mark's Church

4442 Frankford Avenue

August 12th at 3 PM

The Frankford and Kensington communities are invited to remember friends and loved ones who have died in the last year because of addictions. There will be an ecumenical prayer service where their names will be read and remembered. We will also remember and pray for those still suffering from addiction. We invite you to bring an item of remembrance to be prayed over as their names are read aloud.

We will also be recognizing Maximilian Kolbe, a saint of the Church. Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of an innocent man in Auschwitz Concentration Camp during WWII. He was eventually injected with poison by prison guards to hasten his death. Kolbe is the Patron Saint of those addicted to drugs and their families.

Please forward names to be remembered to St Mark's Church, Frankford by dropping them off in person, calling the church office

(215) 535-0635,

emailing us at admin@stmarksfrankford.org,

or through our Facebook Event.

Coming Up in Frankford

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

Food Truck Friday - Fri, August 4, 11am - 2pm, 4600 block of Paul Street - DOS HERMANOS TACOS. Call Frankford CDC for more details at 215-743-6580.

Family Game Night - Fri, August 4, 6pm - 8pm, Overington Park, Leiper and Orthodox Streets, - Water play, field games, board games and just plain fun !!!

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, August 6, 12pm - 5pm, 4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM:

Free Nature Walk - Wed, August 9, 9:30am - 11:30am, I St and Ramona Ave -Join Environmental Educator Judith Gratz for this FREE nature walk. This month's theme: "Plants that don't make flowers" RSVP: Contact Doryan at doryan@ttfwatershed.org/215.744.1853

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting - Thu, August 10, 7pm - 8pm, 2nd Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow St.

Maximilian Kolbe Day - Sat, August 12, 3pm - 4pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Ave. - SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS

Community Row - Mon, August 14, 15 and 16 4:00pm - 7:30pm, Frankford Boat Launch, 5625 Tacony Street - August 14-16 from 4-7:30 pm. Come out and see the completion of the Boat Builders brand new boat design (see photos), enjoy free boat rides led by our RiverGuides, and learn some sailing basics from our Sailors! Enjoy the Delaware with food and fun.

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, August 15, 7pm, Simpson Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St

Frankford Northwood's People's Peace March and Rally - Wed, August 16, 7pm - 8pm, Arrott Transportation Center - Save the Date! Frankford Northwood's next People's Peace March and Rally is Wednesday, August 16, 2017, 7 PM! Be a force for peace in our community!

Food Truck Friday - Fri, August 18, 11am - 2pm, 4600 block of Paul Street -To be announced. Call Frankford CDC for more details at 215-743-6580.

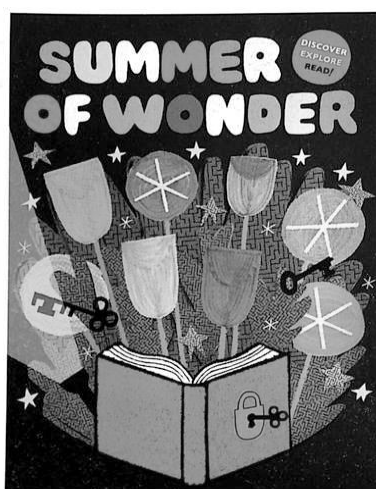
13th Frankford Old Head Game and Cookout - Sat, August 19, 10am - 10pm, Ditman and Wakeling Streets - FKD - One Village - One Love. Let's do it again. Bring our food, tables,

chairs, grills etc. Live band and DJ. Another Ike and Kat production. It's about to go down in FKD, the 13th oldhead game-Frankford day. The only day set up for the adults, old school. We are doing it one more time. So we need everyone to participate in this day of celebration and real Frankford love all day in the park. This is how we do it in our hood and yes my friend, there are still some good in Frankford. Now run and tell that to the news stations. See how many will show up for the good stuff going on in frankford..

15th Police District PSA1 Meeting - Thu, August 24, 7pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave

Senior Breakfast - Tue, August 29, 8am, 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.

Movie Night in the Park - Wed, August 30, 7:30pm - 9:30pm, Overington Park, Leiper and Orthodox Streets - Beauty and the Beast - Come out and have a good time.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS June | July | August 2017



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FRANKFORD LIBRARY

Mr. Pagan's Reading Club for Boys
Come to listen and talk about fun, interesting, and scary books for boys ages 9 to 12 and do a fun activity. Members are eligible to win books.
Tuesdays: June 27, July 11, August 1 3:30 p.m.

Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime
Lectura Bilingüe de Cuentos Infantiles
Enjoy a bilingual storytime with librarian Mr. Pagán. For children and their parents.
Mondays: June 12, 26; July 10, 24 6:00 p.m.

Leído por el bibliotecario Sr. Pagán. Para niños y sus padres.
Los Lunes: 12, 26 de junio; 10, 24 de julio | 6:00 p.m.

Frankford's Wednesday Movie of the Month
Eat some popcorn and watch a fun family movie!
Wednesdays | 5:00 p.m.
June 14: Moana
June 28: Trolls
July 12: Finding Dory
July 26: Sing

Frankford Library Minecraft Club
Come build and play Minecraft with other kids, ages 8 to 14. We'll be playing in creative and peaceful mode only! Your host will be librarian Mr. Pagán. Call or stop by to sign up.
Fridays at 2:00 p.m.
June 16 and 30
July 7 and 21
August 4

Teen Thursdays
Have fun doing various activities and games, and enjoy snacks. A program for teens.

Thursdays: June 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27; August 3 | 3:00 p.m.

Adult Laptop Time
Adults are invited to use our new laptop computers.
Mondays: June 19, 26; July 17, 24, 31 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Preschool Storytime with Mr. Pagán
Preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to listen to stories, do finger plays, and sing songs.
Tuesdays: June 20, July 11, August 1 11:00 a.m.

Block-Building Parties
Join us for a wooden-block party in the library. Children ages 6 and under and their caregivers are encouraged to build, create, and play!
Wednesdays: June 21; July 5, 19; August 2 | 5:00 p.m.

Children/Teen Laptop Time
Children and teens are invited to use our new laptop computers.
Fridays: June 30; July 14, 21, 28; August 4 | 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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

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at St. Joachim's Catholic Chapel



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Monday, Wednesday - 7:00 PM
Saturday - 8am (Spanish)

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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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