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Carmella Playground is More Than a Park to This Neighborhood

By Bob Smiley

Carmella Playground, at 2100 Wakeling Street (Torresdale and Wakeling), is easy to miss as you drive up Wakeling on your way from Aramingo Avenue.

It's that big plot on the left as you pass Worth Street with the skate park on the Torresdale Avenue end. Yet, if you take a walk inside you find a place brimming with activity.

The property is large enough, at a little over 11 acres, to support a shuffleboard court, a skate park, a sports field, two basketball courts and four ball fields. Indoor activities include Dance Domination, Girl Scouts, Building Bridges, Kids Zumba, an after school program, Movie Night, Arts and Crafts, Game night and Bingo. There are plans to start Girls volleyball in the Spring, T-ball, and possibly



soccer.

The Community/Advisory Council is very active in support of the playground and raises funds targeted at improving and enhancing the facilities.

Poverty and crime are major issues in Frankford but Kristin Wisniewski, Recreation Leader, says she wants Carmella to be a

part of the solution to those problems.

Working toward that goal, Carmella hosted a stop the violence day back in July with "The Block Gives Back" group who organized a stop the violence flag football tournament with live entertainment, vendors, and food. It turned a hundreds of neighborhood folks to join in

the activities.

On October 28th, there was a free Concert at Carmella featuring Jah People, a local band. They also were collecting canned goods for Preston and Steve's Camp out for hunger. There was food trucks, informational tables, a skateboard clinic and a prize for best Halloween costume.

Carmella is a good example of how a city facility can make a difference in the lives of children and the direction of the community. It takes leadership, commitment and participation of everyone to make it work.



Frankford High School takes home the win in the inaugural Thanksgiving Day Turkey Bowl with Boys' Latin High School. The final score was 41-34 with the Pioneers coming back to win after trailing 16-12 at halftime.

Photo from Facebook

Project Rebuild – the Northeast Frankford Boys and Girls Club

\$200,000 Grant from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to help complete the project

By Bob Smiley

State Senator Christine Tartaglione and State Representative Jason Dawkins brought home the bacon when they presented a check for \$200,000 to Joseph Marziello, CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Philadelphia, on November 22nd.

Tartaglione and Dawkins invested a lot of time and influence to get the grant for the club. It is earmarked for the completion of the renovations that have been underway at the club for over a year now.

The work at the club has been one of the biggest construction projects in Frankford this year and it has already made a big difference.

From Marziello's message on the Boys and Girls Clubs web site:



left to right - Clarence Miller, Bill Parisi, Tina Tartaglione, Joe Marziello, and Jason Dawkins

Ericksen Family Literacy Center at our Northeast Frankford Club in March 2017, we began renovations to create a Kids Café, STEM Learning Lab and Technology Center at the Club.

The improvements are on-track to be completed In October 2017 and will allow us

to provide youth at Frankford with hot, home-cooked food daily while engaging them in critical STEM programming.

... Since renovations to the Northeast Frankford Club began, youth enrollment at the Club has increased by 50 percent, with the number of teens attending Club programming doubling.

I spoke with Marziello 2 years ago about his vision for the club. The building was in very poor shape at that point and, yet he was optimistic that he would raise the money and get the job done.

He actually did what he said he was going to do.

After establishing the new John and Katie



STOP AND THINK

IF EVERYDAY WAS CHRISTMAS, YOU WOULD BE THE
FIRST TO WALK IN THE NEW FALLEN SNOW.

IF EVERYDAY WAS CHRISTMAS, STRANGERS WOULD STOP
AND SAY HELLO.

IF EVERYDAY WAS CHRISTMAS, THERE WOULD BE NO
MORE WARS.

SO STOP AND THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS, THE DAY THAT
CHRIST WAS BORN.

NOW STOP AND THINK ABOUT THE FALLEN SNOW, SAY
HELLO AND NO MORE WARS.

Lenny Jaynes

Frankford NAC Zoning November Wrap Up

By Christine DeJesus

There were 5 cases on the agenda for the meeting on November 9th.

- **5127 Duffield Street** – Develop lot into Veterans housing – Case continued, the applicant did not appear.
- **4535 Tackawanna Street** – Legalization of a five-dwelling unit – Opposed by 2. Application was disallowed for 5 units because of no egress for basement and no safe access out for the attic. The zoning board's recommendation is for 3 units.
- **4416 Frankford Avenue** – To be used as a Hall/ Entertain Events with food service. The kitchen is to be used to feed the youth who come in for boxing classes and events. Case approved.
- **4938 Penn Street** – Rooming house for six individuals – Opposed by 2 votes. Applicant's lawyer mentioned that applicant will probably withdraw application because of the opposition and then reapply at a later date.
- **4562 Hawthorne Street** – Auto Repair shop – Case continued until next meeting.

The next Frankford NAC Zoning meeting will be held on December 14th at 7 PM at the Daral Building, 4667 Paul Street.

Congratulations Frankford Chargers



Frankford Chargers B Team

2017 LGFC Champions Photo by Kisha Thompson



New Charter School Proposed for Frankford

Among the 9 new charter school applications received by the School District of Philadelphia for the 2018-2019 academic year is **Qor Charter School**. Qor plans to serve the Frankford Community and proposes using the building at 4290 Penn Street which is the former home of Sankofa Freedom Academy and St. Joachim School.

If their application is approved Qor will open next year with a Kindergarten and First Grade and add higher grades year by year. We will know in a few months if their application is approved.

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

By Grace Alone Frankford Church

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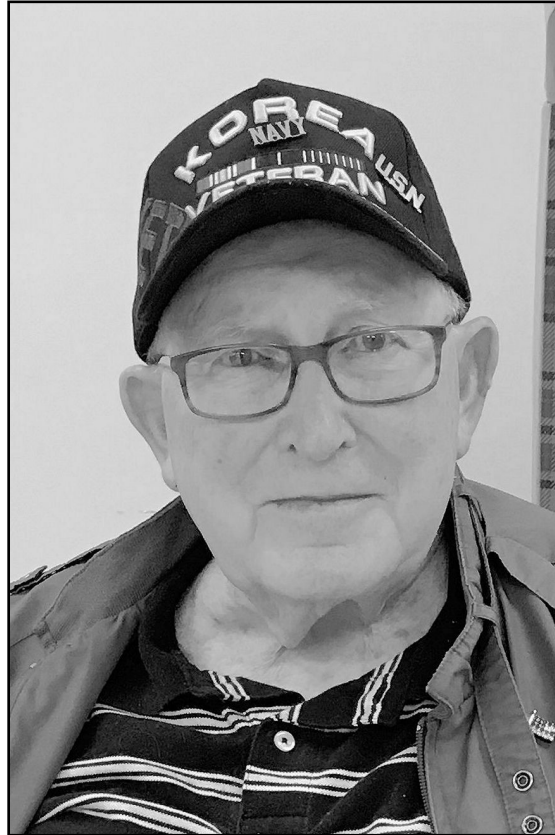


Name — Branch

Veteran of the Month

Name — Branch

Taylor, Charles C.* - U.S. Ambulance Corp
 Taylor, David - Army
 Taylor, Henry J.* - Navy
 Taylor, Joe - Navy
 Taylor, Joseph H. - Navy
 Tenant, William - Army
 Thomas, Gregory - Marines
 Thomas, Tyrone G.* - Army
 Thomas, Jeffrey - Army
 Turner, Gene - Marines
 Turner, Joseph W.* - Army
 Turner, Thornton - Army
 Turner, Joseph - Army
 Turner Sr., Robert* - Marines
 Vaughan, Harold M.* - Marines
 Vaughn Jr., Harold* - Marines
 Volz, Bill - Army
 Whitaker, Richard - Army
 Whitmore, Henry* - Army
 Whitmore, Alphonso - Army
 Whitmore, Leonard - Army
 Wilkerson, Calvin - Army
 Wilkerson, John E. - Army
 Wilkerson, Melvin - Army
 Wilkinson, Karl A. - Navy
 Williams, Allen - Army
 Williams, Charles - Army
 Williams, Felicia* - Navy
 Williams, Howard (Punny) - Army
 Williams, Jessie* - Navy



Williams, Lawrence - Marines
 Williams, Melvin - Army
 Williams, Robert* - Army
 Wilson, Antonio - Army
 Wilusz, Joseph George** - Army
 Wright, Maxwell J. - Air Force
 Wright, Sylvester E. - Navy
 Young, Martin* - Army
 Young, Barry E. - Army
 Young Jr., Walter - Army
 Wright, Robert Erskine -
 Abel Jr., John R. - Marines
 Adams, Stanley - Marines
 Andrews, Larry* - Army
 Avery, James* - army
 Avery, Tillman* - Navy
 Baldwin Jr., Eugene* - Air Force
 Ballard, George (Butch)* - Navy
 Ballard, Randy - Navy
 Barnes, Howard Lee* - Navy
 Barr, Harry L.* - Army
 Barrett, Robert* - Army
 Barry, John - Army
 Bates, John* - Marines
 Bates, Lennan* - Marines
 Barland, Tom - Army
 Bell, Tyrik - Marines
 Bennett, Voci - Army
 Berry, James* - Army
 Berry, John* - Army

*Veteran is deceased

**Veteran died in service

James Madden

James Madden was born in 1932 and attended St. Boniface grade school and Mastbaum High School. He enlisted in the Navy when he was 17 in September of 1950. After basic training he was assigned to the attack amphibious transport USS Meniffee APA-202, based in Long Beach, CA. From April 1951 to March 1952, the *Meniffee* ferried troops between Japan and Korea and within Korean waters for the distribution of United Nations forces. During that time Jim visited Japan, Hong Kong and Hawaii.

He was honorably discharged in November of 1953 and went to work, first at the Stetson Hat factory and then for Progress Lighting.

He married Dolores and together they have 5 sons and 1 daughter with 15 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. They have lived on Paul Street in Frankford since about 1957.

He retired in 2003 and has enjoyed his retirement while keeping active with family and church activities at St. Joachim.

Jim, we thank you for your service!!!

Tartaglione, Dawkins Bring Million Dollar Allocation to Frankford Veterans' Post

By Bob Smiley

Omelets, waffles and an extraordinary funding announcement were all on the menu when state **Sen. Christine M. Tartaglione** and **State Rep. Jason Dawkins** cooked breakfast for the members of **Lloyd C. Wilson Jr. Memorial American Legion Post 224** on Veterans Day.

The lawmakers revealed that they had successfully obtained a \$1 million allocation for physical improvements to the post as part of Pennsylvania's recently enacted capital budget for fiscal year 2017-18.

"I've been coming here for a long, long time. This is like home," Tartaglione told the veterans and their guests. "There are other posts in my district, but this is the one I've been coming to the longest. This is the one I know the best. And I really want to thank you for your service."

"We're here to say, 'Thank you. We really appreciate your service,'" Dawkins said. "But we want to take it a step farther.



Along with Post members are Sen. Tartaglione holding flag, Rep. Dawkins in standing top row 4th from right, Post Commander Guy D. Lewis is second from right.

Together, we put in for a million-dollar allocation so we can start renovating and we can start acquiring other pieces to make this into the place we

know it should be."

The allocation will be tied to \$1 million in matching funds that must be obtained from other sources. Tartaglione and Dawkins are confident that one or more private-sector organizations will contribute to the worthy cause.

"The first step has already passed the legislature. The governor has signed it. It's allocated for Post 224," Dawkins said. Founded in 1987, the Post is home to about 50 American Legion members representing all five U.S. military branches, along with about 40 members of its sons division and about 20 members of its ladies' auxiliary. Located at 2006 Orthodox St., the Post has had veterans of all major military conflicts dating back to World War I on its membership rolls.

But the building is in need of significant improvements, according to **Commander Guy D. Lewis**. Members have been growing their own building fund in recent months. The state allocation will provide their ongoing efforts with a major boost.

"We have needs from bottom to top, inside and outside, interior and exterior," Lewis said. "This was a total surprise. It's like a dream come true."



Post 224 at 2006 Orthodox Street

You Are the Engine of Change

By Jason Dawkins

Good morning family, as we prepare for the close of 2017 it's hard to accept that our murder rate is up 15% (285) compared to 248 in 2016 at this same time.

What's more troubling are these numbers largely reflect black men killing black men. This is a disease, our hatred for one another, it must be cured.

As someone who buried a brother to senseless gun violence, I wake up every day concerned for my sons' safety and my own, not over the police, but concerned if this is the day my brother is going to kill me!

We March, We Rally, scream "We Woke", We Muslim, We Christian. It doesn't matter. We still killing each other.

Here's my solutions. Let's start by speaking to each other without any ill will, only genuine care, no back biting. Let's start telling each other we love you.

Let's celebrate one's accomplishments vs. finding fault. Let's share information to help another become a better person. Let's raise our children together. Let's clean our communities together. Let's stop pointing the finger at everyone but yourself.

This is our City, the people's. I am sick and tired of hearing my

neighborhoods are dangerous, poor, deplorable, etc because of elected officials/government.

They are tools, but the people are the engine that drives change. Let's not, figuratively speaking, kill those who are trying to help change the neighborhoods but rather help them.

We can end gun violence forever. It only requires the will to love your brother and your sister. We are better than this disease. I love you all!



State Representative Jason Dawkins

Thanksgiving in Frankford

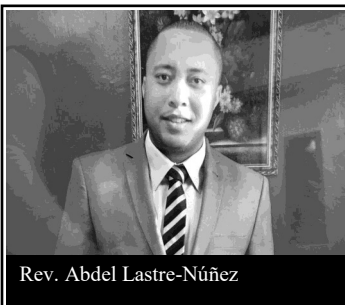


Annual Thanksgiving meal at Second Baptist Church



Town Watch Integrated Services and Power Circle Mentors held this event on Sunday November 19th.

There were many efforts to reach out to those in need during the Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks to the volunteers above who took the time out to help their neighbors.



Rev. Abdel Lastre-Núñez

New Pastor at Second Spanish Baptist Church of Philadelphia

The installation of Rev. Abdel Lastre-Núñez as the new pastor of the Second Spanish Baptist Church of Philadelphia will be held at the Church, 4917 Frankford Avenue, on December 9th at 2:00 pm.

All are invited and welcome.

Coming Up in Frankford

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, December 3, 12pm – 5pm
4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM: Scott Minus, **Fire Across the Susquehanna: The Battle for the Wrightsville Bridge**

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, December 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, December 7, 7pm – 8pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

Historical Society of Frankford - Tue, December 12, 7:30pm – 9:00pm, 1507 Orthodox St. - **KITTY FOYLE: The Book and the Academy Award Winning Movie** about a Girl from Frankford. Jim Young, jvyoung822@comcast.net Ginger Rogers won the Oscar for her performance in the title role of the 1940 Movie "Kitty Foyle" about the star crossed love between a girl from Frankford and the son of an aristocratic Main Line Family. The book upon which the movie is based, written by Christopher

Morley, contained much coverage of her early years in Frankford but that was non-existent in the movie. Although it would not have had much meaning to a nationwide movie audience, that omitted part is very interesting to a Frankford audience and will be discussed in detail along with a display of artifacts associated with the missing information.

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

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Zoning Meeting - Thu, December 14, 7pm – 8pm
4667 Paul St.

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

15th Police District PSA1 Meeting - Thu, December 21, 7pm – 8pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave.

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 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.

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

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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

We are here for you! All are welcome.



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Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am

Friday Night Youth Ministry (4th to 12th

Grade): 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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