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Fire Threatened Paul Street Redevelopment



Two people were rescued from a raging fire on Friday morning, October 26th, at 4663 Paul Street in Frankford. The fire broke out inside the rooming house around 10:30 a.m. This is the building next to the Frankford Beer Distributor. Flames and smoke poured from the building as fire-fighters rescued two people while others made their way to safety. Two people were treated at the hospital. All of the buildings on the block were damaged by smoke and water as the fire fighters fought to contain the blaze.

The Daral Building at 4667 Paul Street houses the offices of State Representative Jason Dawkins as well as the Frankford Community Development Corporation and the Frankford NAC. They have relocated to 4900 Griscom Street until the Dara Building is able to be used again.

Photo credit to Chaplain Patrick Hodynski, Come As You Are Metropolitan Community Church.

Frankford Votes No for a New Recovery House

By Bob Smiley

It was a packed house at the Frankford NAC zoning meeting on October 11th at Second Baptist Church.

4501 Castor Avenue – PERMIT FOR THE ERECTION OF A DECK IN AN LOT WITH AN EXISTING SHOPPING CENTER WITH STRUCTURES AND USES AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVE. THE PROPOSED DECK WILL EXTEND AN EXISTING NIGHT-CLUB AND PRIVATE CLUB LOCATED IN UNIT 8. NO CHANGES TO EXISTING PARKING.



The issue is that the Makumba Restaurant and Bar, in the Juniata Plaza shopping strip, is zoned properly but the area in the rear of the restaurant where they built an outdoor dining area is not. They

need a variance to legalize the use of that part of their property. **There was no community opposition.**

1633 Orthodox Street – PERMIT FOR MANUFACTURING/PREPARATION OF PUDDING AND SWEETS (LIMITED INDUSTRIAL), RETAIL SALES OF PUDDING AND SWEETS (RETAIL SALE OF FOOD, BEVERAGES AND GROCERIES), CATERING SERVICES (CATERING AND COMMIS-SARY SERVICES) AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE SAME (WHOLESALE AND DISTRIBUTION) ON 1ST FLOOR STORE FRONT WITH VACANT ACCESSORY ATTACHED GARAGE AND PROPOSED TWO (2) FAMILY DWELLING ABOVE IN AN EXISTING STRUCTURE.

State Representative Jason Dawkins owns the property and applied to have the commercial use of the building legalized. It is zoned residential but has been in commercial use for as long as anyone can remember. It was originally used by Dawkins grandfather for his business. **There was unanimous support for the change.**

4800 Frankford Avenue – PERMIT FOR THE ERECTION



OF AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING ATTACHED STRUCTURE (WITHOUT A CHANGE TO THE EXISTING BUILDING FOOTPRINT; ADDITION AT 2ND/3RD STORY), SIZE AND LOCATION AS SHOWN ON PLAN/APPLICATION. FOR USE AS SINGLE-ROOM RESIDENCES (SIXTEEN (16) ROOMS FOR MAXIMUM SIXTEEN (16) RESIDENTS), THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING; NO SIGNS ON THIS PERMIT.

This is an application by Wedge Recovery Services to operate a recovery home in the building for 16 young men. There was significant community opposition which was expressed during a 30-minute discussion. The issues raised centered on the wisdom of putting the facility on one of the most active and crime-plagued drug corners in Frankford. **Residents voted to**

oppose the application.

4101-07 Paul Street – PERMIT FOR THE EXTENSION OF A TAKE-OUT RESTAURANT WITH SEATING FROM 1ST FLOOR TO 2ND FLOOR AND RETAIL SALE OF MALT BEVERAGES IN AN EXISTING ATTACHED STRUCTURE –

This is a new operator of the business who took over 6 weeks ago. There was significant opposition from neighbors of the business. Representative Dawkins offered to host a meeting between the applicant and the neighbors to see if their issues can be resolved. **The case has been continued until next month's meeting.**



The next Frankford NAC zoning meeting will be held on November 8th at 7 PM at the Second Baptist Church.

Joel Embiid Visits Frankford

On October 10th, over 200 were in attendance when larger than life superstar Joel Embiid visited the NE Frankford Boys and Girls Club.

Kids were left speechless by the surprise visit. The Sixers center handed out shirts, water bottles, and sweatbands to our kids. Many even got a brand new pair of shoes. He also provided ice cold lemonade and snacks.

Embiid reminded our club kids that good things happen if you put in the work and "Trust the Process."

Thank you, Joel Embiid, Philadelphia 76ers and Under Armour for supporting our BGCP youth.



Photo from Facebook

Everyday in Frankford



Miss Rudie relaxes in the sunshine on Frankford Ave, offering words of wisdom to passers-by.

Photo by Chris Baker-Evens

Hard but Fair

Sometimes the lessons we learn are hard but fair.

Sometimes the lessons are too hard to bear.

Sometimes a lesson is to show you that someone cares.

Sometimes a lesson can go too far, and in life leave you with all kinds of scars.

So stay in line, and learn your lesson, and no matter what the situation or the lesson.

It still can be hard but fair.

BY LENNY JAYNES

Beginning October 15th

Harding Parent Resource Center

Open Tuesday and Thursday
12pm - 2pm

The Parent Resource Center provides a resource library with information about local organizations, health and wellness information, educational and parenting books, access to a computer and printer, and other services.

Parent Workshops will be orchestrated by our community partners and will be announced at least two weeks in advance. Follow us on social media to get up-to-date information!

Questions? Please contact Ms. Maya at hardingmaya@phenn.org or Ms. Downie at downie@phenn.org

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Second Baptist Church of Frankford

Rev. Darrell R. Bradsbery, Pastor

1801 Meadow Street



Fall Festival in Overington Park on October 20th was a Fun Day for all!

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Veteran of the Month

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
 Berry, Kenny* - Army
 Berry, William* - Army
 Beverly, Bill - Army
 Birch, Bernadette - Army
 Birch, James* - Army
 Birch, Roger* - Navy
 Birch, Tony - Army
 Blackiston, John* - Marines
 Bohn, Matthew* -
 Bohn, Gilbert* -
 Borum, Ron - Army
 Boston, Richard - Air Force
 Bounds, William - Air Force
 Bowen, Harold* - Army
 Bowen, Howard - Army
 Bowen, Wayne - Army



Lloyd C. Wilson

Boyd, Calvin - Air Force
 Boyd, Ricky - Army
 Bradsberry, Darrell - Army
 Brady, Charles - Army
 Brantley, Jeffrey* - Army
 Brantley, Kim - Army
 Brantley, Leon - Army
 Brantley, Leonard* - Navy
 Brennan, Mike* - Army
 Brophy, John - Air Force
 Brophy, John W.* - Navy
 Brock, Walter* - Army
 Brook, Gloria J. - Army
 Brooks, Albert W.* - Army
 Brooks, James - Army
 Brooks, John Henry - Army
 Brooks, Kenny - Army
 Brown, Robert - Army
 Bryant, Doug - Air Force
 Budd, Linwood* - Army
 Burke, Andre - Marines
 Burke, Frederick* - Navy
 Burke, Kareem - Navy
 Burke, Kenneth - Army
 Burke, Robert - Marines
 Butler, Cordell - Marines
 Butler, Jessie* - Army
 Byer, Harold G. (Butch)* - Army
 Byers, Donald* - Army
 Bynum, Jim - Army

Lloyd C. Wilson was born on April 10, 1946 and his family lived on Hawthorne Street. He attended Frankford High and Lincoln Prep before he joined the Army in September of 1964. The 19-year-old Private First Class, an ammunition bearer, was sent to Vietnam in November 1965 and assigned to Company B of the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. He died on March 5, 1966. Survivors included his parents. Lloyd is buried at Fairview Cemetery, Willow Grove, Montgomery County.

Family and friends recalled that Lloyd was always well dressed, and never without a necktie. "He played football with a tie and well-shined shoes" his mother joked. He was described as always mannerly. Several of Wilson's friends who served in Vietnam led an effort to rename the local American Legion Post in his honor and today it is officially known as Lloyd C. Wilson American Legion Post 224.



Lloyd C. Wilson—Rest in Peace and thank you for your service!!!

Photo of memorial from Find A Grave.

Frankford Civic Association Meetings Update

By Pat Smiley

The **Frankford Civic Association** meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month. Meetings are held from 7 -8 PM at St. Mark's Church, Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue, with convenient parking in the lot which can be accessed via Frankford Avenue or Griscom Street. We're on the main strip!!

This month, we held a meet and greet with **Ellie Vamos**, the Commercial Corridor Manager for the Frankford Community Development Corporation. Welcome, Ellie, and we're glad you're here! Ellie joined the staff there in September. She comes to us with a varied range of experiences and skills that she developed as a community engagement specialist. Ellie has done much to build partnerships using effective communication strategies to further foster a sense of community. Ellie shared with us her vision and what she is currently working on in her new position.



Ellie Vamos, Commercial Corridor Manager


Ellie is a great listener and endeared herself to the group at large immediately. Ellie would like to build and develop our local business organization by recruiting new members and helping them to see the importance of their investment in Frankford and how it can improve their own

business success. Partnering with the greater community, the Frankford Civic Association agreed to co-sponsor the Monster Bash on Halloween which was held at the Pause (Pink) Park. Due to a recent fire on Paul St., the planned movie had to be canceled unfortunately.

Ellie is scheduled to return for this month's meeting, too, to continue our discussions of how we can support the CDC's effort to revitalize our commercial corridor.

We also discuss upcoming issues for the Neighborhood Advisory Committee such as zoning, expansion of existing properties and other issues directly affecting the community. Christine DeJesus serves as Co-ordinator of the NAC.

So join us at our next meeting on Thursday, December 6! There's always something new to learn about Frankford!




FRANKFORD NAC
NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NAC Service Briefing
FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS & INSURANCE

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Tuesday, November 27, 2018
4667 Paul Street, 1st Floor
5 PM - 7 PM

Dinner will be served!

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Coming Up in Frankford

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, November 1, 7pm. St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

Frankford Farmers Market - Sat, November 3, 10 am – 11 am, 1300 Dyre St. Free Farm Fresh Produce To qualify you must Receive free or reduced school lunch Receive Public Assistance Receive SSI/SSD Register on site or pre-register by calling 215-288-9800

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, November 4, 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm, 4278 Griscom Street - At 1:30 pm, Mr. Michael Wunsch, "Philadelphia Mob Attack: The forced shutdown of the Palmetto Flag newspaper, March 30, 1861"

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, November 6, 7pm, Friends Meeting House, 1500 Orthodox Street -The group maintains and supports Overington Park at Orthodox and Leiper Streets.

Produce Stand - Wed, November 7, 8 am – 9 am, John Marshall Elementary School, 4500 Griscom St. - Fresh Fruit and vegetables for up to 50% of grocery store prices, every first Wednesday, outside the main entrance to Marshall School. September 3rd 2018 to May 1, 2019.

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting - Thu, November 8, 7pm, Second Baptist Church of Frankford, 1801 Meadow

Recovery Café - Fri, November 9, 7 pm – 9 pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Ave. - Every 2nd Fri of every month. St Mark's Church, Frankford hosts a Recovery Cafe. This Coffeehouse Event to celebrate and encourage those in recovery as well as those who support them. This free event is complete with live music, dessert fare, and positive uplifting fellowship. [Doors open at 6:30]

Historical Society of Frankford - Tue, November 13, 7:30pm – 9:00pm, Historical Society of Frankford, 1507 Orthodox Street - the Lazy River. Jack McCarthy - Archivist, Historian and Author An illustrated lecture focusing on the grand estates and mansions that were situated along the Delaware River in Northeast Philadelphia in the eighteenth through early twentieth century. See historical images of and hear the stories behind many of the elegant, now long-gone riverfront estates of Frankford, Wissinoming, Tacony, Holmesburg, and Torresdale.

Zoning Appeal 4800 Frankford Avenue - Wed, November 14, 2 pm – 4 pm, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, 1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor - PERMIT FOR THE ERECTION OF AN ADDITION TO AN EXISTING ATTACHED STRUCTURE (WITHOUT A CHANGE TO THE EXISTING BUILDING FOOTPRINT; ADDITION AT 2ND/3RD STORY), SIZE AND LOCATION AS SHOWN ON PLAN/APPLICATION. **FOR USE AS SINGLE-ROOM RESIDENCES (SIXTEEN (16) ROOMS FOR MAXIMUM SIXTEEN (16) RESIDENTS), THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING; NO SIGNS ON THIS PERMIT.** This is a recovery house to be owned by Wedge Recovery Centers.

Rain Check Workshop - Wed, November 14, 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm, Frankford Library, 4634 Frankford Ave. - Come learn about stormwater runoff and sign up for a free rain barrel. Register at pwwdraincheck.org or call 215-988-1698.

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, November 20, 7pm. Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott Street

15th Police District PSA1 Meeting - Thu, November 29, 7 pm – 8 pm, Jefferson Frankford Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave.

Fall Programming at Frankford Library

School Age

Frankford's Movie Night

Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5

Block Building and Lego Playtime

Wooden Block Party and Lego free play time at the library.
Every 3rd Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17

Wii Wednesdays with Mr. Vince

Play Wii and other games at the library.
Every 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.
Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 28, Dec 26

Teens and Adults

Teen Third Thursdays

Come have fun doing various activities and games. Snacks provided.
Teens Only
Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:30pm.
Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20

Email Basics

Create an email, upload attachments and learn how to navigate your email with our Digital Resource Specialist.
Every Tuesday at 12pm
Sept 4, 11; Oct 2, 9, 16, 30; Nov 6, 20, 27; Dec 4, 11, 18

Resume Help

Create and edit your resume with our Digital Resource Specialist.
Every Thursday at 12pm
Sept 6, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 25; Nov 8, 29; Dec 6, 13, 27

LaBae Daniels

Branch Manager & Adult/Teen Librarian
Frankford Neighborhood Library
4634 Frankford Avenue
Phone: 215-685-1473 Email: danielsl@freelibrary.org

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**

Northeast Baptist Church

4744 Tackawanna Street

Service at 11:00 AM Sunday

Padre Pio Prayer Center

Chapel corner of Griscom and Church Sts.
Mass 730 AM Tues, Wed, Thurs
Mass: 700 PM Monday and Wednesday
Mass: Saturday 800 AM (Spanish)

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through Friday from 7 to 9 PM

Campbell AME Church

1657 Kinsey Street

Church Office: 215-288-2748

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

St. James Lutheran Church
5185 Castor Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19124

215-743-1828

www.StJamesPhilly.com

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am
Friday Night Youth Ministry (4th to 12th
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Wednesday 7:00 P.M.
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