

# The Frankford Gazette



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## Back to School



Power Circle Mentors and their sponsors held two back to school events this year to get the kids off to a good start.

# Neighbors Oppose 1369 Sellers Street Plan

By Christine DeJesus



1369 Sellers Street

**At the Frankford NAC zoning meeting on September 11th, there were four cases on the agenda.**

**1369 Sellers Street- House of W.I.N. – PERMIT FOR THE ERECTION OF A REAR ADDITION TO AN EXISTING ATTACHED STRUCTURE. STRUCTURE FOR USE AS A GROUP LIVING. SIZE AND LOCATION AS SHOWN PER APPLICATION/PLAN. – The application was overwhelmingly opposed by those eligible to vote.**

**4900 & 5000 Frankford Avenue- Aria/Jefferson signage change to reflect the new name of Hospital (Thomas Jefferson) – non-opposition**

**4314 Tackawanna Street – Globe Dye Works owner has this building. Zoned ICMX. They have a print shop, window, and furniture restoration at the location. The application was refused because of the**



4314 Tackawanna Street

existing apartments above it. – **Approved**

**2154-72 Bridge Street - (Chateau) Address changed from 5131 Tulip to Bridge Street. – Approved**

The next meeting of the Frankford NAC zoning group will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 7 PM at the Second Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow Street.

**Rest in Peace**

**Shirley A. Combs**



Mrs. Shirley, she was a Fillmore Place icon.

Heartfelt condolences to the White family.



Congratulations to these students at Northwood Charter School. They earned extra recess for their terrific lunch behaviors! That is a special achievement.



# Everyday in Frankford



At the end of a warm Summer day, young skater Dave, powers his scooter around Whitehall Skate Park. The skate park is a well-loved Frankford institution. You can see young people in action at the park most days.

Photo by Chris Baker-Evens



NE Baptist Church took to the streets on September 7th to pray for an end to violence in the community.

## ST. JAMES HAUNTED CHURCH


**DATES:** October the 26th (Fri) & 27th, (Sat) 2018 A.D.

**TIME:** First Ticket Sells at 6:30pm, Gates Open at 7pm, and the Final Ticket Sells at 10pm.

**COST:** \$10 Donation

**LOCATION:**  
St. James Lutheran Church  
5185 Castor Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19124

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# 2 Hours – 50 Bucks



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You sit for an interview for 2 to 3 hours at St. Mark's Church.  
You leave with an AmEx gift card for \$50.  
Simple as that.**

Interviews are confidential, they will ask for your name, birthdate and address, but they take careful steps to protect all information. (All confidentiality procedures are overseen by Temple University).

The information collected during interviews is for research purposes, and will be used to write an academic book. The purpose of the research is to study the experience of living in a community with a high rate of prisoner reentry and to document the experience of men age 25-34 as they try to make ends meet in today's economy.

If you are interested or just want to find out more, call Jesse Brey at (814) 430-3463. We also have a Spanish-speaking interviewer.

**If you know someone who might be interested, pass this information on to him. If he is accepted, you will receive an AmEx gift card for \$25. When he meets for the interview, he should pass your contact information to the interviewer.**

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

### By Grace Alone Frankford Church

1300 Dyre Street

Sundays at 12:00 pm

For more information call 610-283-2969

[www.bgachurch.org](http://www.bgachurch.org)

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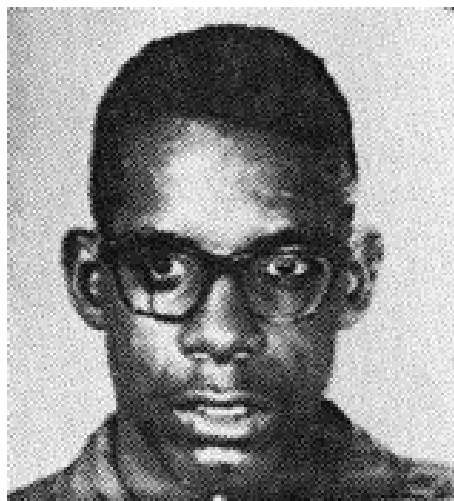
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## Veteran of the Month



**Stephen Paul  
Blanchett**

Rose, Robert - Marines  
 Salamatin, Jimmy - Army  
 Salamatin, Timmy - Marines  
 Scott, James - Army  
 Seawright, James \* - Air Force  
 Shannon, Irvin B. - Air Force  
 Sharp, Silas - Navy  
 Siegmann, Warren H.\* - Navy  
 Sirman, Donald Stainthorpe \*\* - Air Corps  
 Smiley, Gilford D.\* - Coast Guard Reserve  
 Smiley, Joseph W. - Air Force  
 Smiley, Robert F. - Air Force  
 Sorden, Kevin - Army  
 Sorendino, Jane - Army  
 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

**Stephen Paul Blanchett** was born on October 20, 1947 and lived on Foulkrod Street in Frankford. He sang in his church choir and attended Thomas Edison High School. He was engaged to be married when he enlisted in the Army early in 1965 and served as a corpsman. He was killed in action on March 7, 1967.

He was awarded the Silver Star posthumously: *"He distinguished himself by exceptional valor while serving as Medical Specialist for his unit when it came under heavy small arms fire in rice paddies northwest of Dong Tam, Vietnam, on **March 7, 1967**. As the unit was maneuvering slowly through several rice paddies, they came under enemy sniper fire. Immediately, one of the unit's leaders was hit and severely wounded. Private Blanchett, 350 meters to the rear, was notified, and began racing through the paddies in order to reach the wounded man. When he had come to within 50 meters of the casualty, he was urged by fellow comrades to go no further, due to the increasing amount of hostile fire. He courageously disregarded the warning and with fire all about him, ran to the side of the wounded man. He then pulled the wounded man behind the safety of a dike separating two paddies and administered vitally needed first aid. This courageous act was one of many times he unhesitatingly risked his life in behalf of his fellow soldiers."*

He was 19 years old when he died. He is buried in the Beverly National Cemetery in New Jersey. Stephen was posthumously admitted to American Legion Post 224 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting hall has been named in his honor. He was survived by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

*"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."*

**Rest In Peace, Stephen. We thank you for your service.**



# News From Simpson Recreation Center

By Cynthia Young

The staff would like to thank you for a wonderful summer. While the pool has closed we are now working on securing staff for the 2019 pool season. The City of Philadelphia offers a number of opportunities for people wanting to be lifeguards during the winter months. If you are interested, contact the Philadelphia Parks & Recreation Aquatics department.

Family Bingo will be cancelled for the month of September. See you October 3, 2018. please note that the day for Bingo

has changed from Thursday to Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Martial Arts will begin on Friday, September 7, 2018

- 3-6-year-olds 6:00 p.m.
- 7 & older 6:30 p.m.

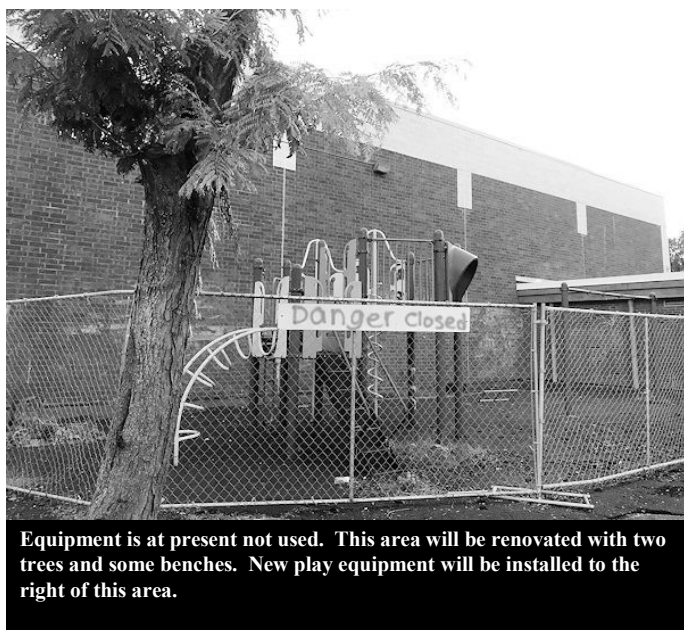
Zumba takes place on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chess Club signups begin September 10, 2018.

If you have any questions:

Cynthia Young  
Facility Supervisor  
Simpson Recreation Center  
1010 Arrott Street  
Philadelphia, Pa 19124  
215-685-1223 Office  
215-537-3494 Fax

## Simpson Rec Renovation Phase 2



Equipment is at present not used. This area will be renovated with two trees and some benches. New play equipment will be installed to the right of this area.

By Bob Smiley

A large crowd turned out to hear the plans for the next phase of the renovation of Simpson Recreation Center on September 18th at the Northwood Civic Association meeting.

The first phase has already been completed with the repairs to the exterior of the building earlier this year.

Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez presented the plan to rehab the Tiny Tots area and install new equipment at a budgeted cost of \$300,000 for the project. Although the crowd was generally pleased with the improvements, questions were about making improvements to the rest of the

facility. The basketball courts and baseball field get a lot of use and need improvement.

Sanchez explained that this is the next phase in what must be a long-term plan and she would not make any promises that could not be kept. She emphasized that the best way for stakeholders to make sure that plans of this type meet their needs is to actively be involved in the Advisory Council at the facility. That group is part of the planning process.

Construction for the project will begin when the weather breaks in the Spring of 2019.

The next meeting of the Northwood Civic Association will be on October 16th at 7 PM at the Simp-

## Every Tear

Every tear has a story, that's why we gather here today.  
To talk about this one and that one and how that one got away.  
In the midst of heartbreak, pain and sympathy.  
Every tear has a story, that's why we're here today.  
Take off those sunglasses and they'll be no rain today.  
Stand in solitude and let those tears run down your face.  
Because every tear has a story, that's why we're here today.

BY LENNY JAYNES

REGISTRATION OPEN!

## YARD TREE GIVEAWAY

Plus, free recycling bins and other sustainability resources!

Sunday, Nov 4th 1-3pm  
Frankford Pause Park  
4673 Paul St

Rain location: Daral Building, 4667 Paul St

To register, contact Ellie  
Vamos: evamos.fcde@gmail.com  
or 215.743.6580 x105.

Trees must be planted in the ground on private property, not in containers or sidewalk.



# Coming Up in Frankford

**Friends of Overington Park** - Tue, October 2, 7 pm - 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.

**Produce Stand** - Wed, October 3, 8 am - 9 am - John Marshall Elementary School, 4500 Griscom Street - 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.

**Frankford Civic Association Meeting** - Thu, October 4, 7 pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

**Frankford Farmers Market** - Every Saturday, 10am - 11am, 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

**Community Spirit Day in honor of Al Stark** - Saturday, Oct 6, St. Mark's Church, 4442 Frankford Ave., 11 AM - 2 PM Rain or Shine! Food and Fun for All! Treats for Kids & Seniors! All are welcome!

**Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House** - Sun, October 7, 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
4278 Griscom Street - At 1:30 pm, Mr. Gene Barr will present "A Civil War Captain and His Lady: A True Story of Love, Courtship and Combat."

**Transitions in Northeast Philadelphia History** - Sun, October 7, 3 pm - 6 pm - Historical Society of Frankford, 1507 Orthodox Street - Admission

Free; Food and Beverages provided. The Society's website is [frankfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://frankfordhistoricalsociety.org).

This year the Historical Society of Frankford will participate by putting on a free-form conference of members and friends of the society who have researched various aspects of Northeast Philadelphia history and can bring the lore to bear in explaining the importance of maps, deeds, prints, and other documents from our special collections, plus a few items from our museum. The public is cordially invited to come, enjoy the occasion, and interact with the featured researchers.

**Historical Society of Frankford** - Tue, October 9, 7:30 pm, Historical Society of Frankford, 1507 Orthodox - "American Colossus Big Bill Tilden and the Creation of Modern Tennis" by Allen Hornblum.

Often considered the greatest professional tennis player of all times, this Germantown native led a lavish lifestyle and was the center of attraction on and off the court during the Roaring Twenties. His athletic feats rated with those of sports legends Babe Ruth, Red Grange, Bobby Jones, and Jack Dempsey, but his personal lifestyle led to his eventual fall from grace.

**Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting** - Thu, October 11, 7pm, Second Baptist Church of Frankford, 1801 Meadow Street

**Northwood Civic Association Meeting** - Tue, October 16, 7pm, Simpson Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott Street

**15th Police District PSA1 Meeting** - Thu, October 25, 7pm Jefferson Frankford Hospital, 4900 Frankford Avenue

## 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](mailto: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)

Chapel open for private prayer Monday  
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](mailto:campbella.m.e.frankford@gmail.com)

### St. James Lutheran Church

5185 Castor Ave.

Philadelphia, PA 19124

215-743-1828

[www.StJamesPhilly.com](http://www.StJamesPhilly.com)

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.



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