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Happy Holidays



At the Northeast Frankford Boys and Girls Club we spent our last Club day of 2018 together engaged with so much Fun! Our Club kids along with Staff took a leap into what we seek our future to be in 2019 & beyond with our VISION BOARDS! We ended our day with a loud & proud Club Countdown to the New Year. Photo from Facebook

Photo from Facebook

The Christmas Star Party at the Padre Pio Prayer Center was a big success in the community with a gathering of over 100 who ate lunch, played games and sang songs of the season.



Happy New Year 2019

Membership Drive at Peter Bressi Northeast Senior Center

Looking ahead, upcoming events include a Day of Service celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr., on January 18th and chair massages and a nutrition demonstration provided by Divine Resources on January 31st. In February, we'll remember Presidents' Day, Black History Month and Valentines' Day, and in March, we'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Additional educational programs, trips and speakers are being planned. Walking tours, museum visits and musical events are being scheduled.

The Center will continue to provide education, tasty food and fun to its members and is open to new ideas and new experiences. We wish you all a happy and healthy New Year filled with hope, love and laughter! **YOU can become a member and enjoy all of these benefits—and many more. Membership is \$10 per person, but the current membership drive offers two for the price of one. So just bring this article and your spouse, significant other, relative, friend or neighbor with you and pay \$5 each.** What a small price to pay for so much in return. Become a member and "Come Get Busy at Peter Bressi!"

The Peter Bressi Northeast Senior Center is located at 4744 Frankford Avenue and can be reached at 215-831-2926 with any questions you may have. Also, like us on Facebook at Peter Bressi Northeast Senior Center. We would be delighted to meet and greet you at the Center.



Kwanza celebration at the Peter Bressi Northeast Senior Center at 4744 Frankford Avenue

Diane Kunze Honored

Congratulations to our Park Friend Diane Kunze! Diane received the Environment Award on December 13th, 2018 from The Fairmount Park Conservancy. The tears were flowing as Diane was very surprised to receive this honor.



[The Environment Award goes to a Friend who is committed to promoting, protecting and improving the ecosystems within our parks. For many years as a park friend, Diane Kunze of Friends of Overington Park has been dedicated to greening Overington Park. Diane is an excellent gardener who has planted beautiful perennial gardens in the park featuring many native pollinator plants that provide nourishment and shelter for many different native insects and birds that make the urban ecosystem thrive. These beautiful gardens would not exist in Overington Park without her continued dedication and encouragement of volunteers, the Overington Park Gardens get better and more beautiful every year.]

*In
Loving Memory
of
Nina B. Haskins*



Sunrise
October 25, 1926

Sunset
November 22, 2018

In memory of Nina B. Haskins who passed away on November 22nd, 2018.

Rest in Peace, Nina.

Everyday in Frankford



Philadelphia PA / USA. Frankford High School's choir perform during a Christmas tree-lighting event at Frankford Pause Park. December 07, 2018.

Photo Credit: Chris Baker Evens

Frankford Y Future

By Bob Smiley

Steve Ostroff discussed the plans for the New Frankford Community Y building (4704 Leiper Street) at the Northwood Civic Association meeting on November 18th. After a grilling by a skeptical audience concerned about the possibility of negative uses of the building, he managed to calm the fears of many in the Northwood residents.

Although he and his partner, **Mavrakis Stylianos**, apparently have no specific plans, the objective is to get some tenant or tenants into the building to make some money. Ostroff is a major investor in Frankford and he has a substantial investment in this building to protect. He understands the mansion part of the property is on the historic register and as such cannot be altered. He said he had no plans to do so.

This deal could be a win for Frankford and Northwood. A historic building will be protected and returned to some productive use. The sale of the building could also become a windfall for other nonprofits in Frankford. If the nonprofit Corporation which owns the building sells its property and then liquidates its assets, under those circumstances, the proceeds must go to another nonprofit. How that is handled would be up to the Board of Directors but it should stay in Frankford.



Stop the Bloodshed

By Bob Smiley

There have been 77 Aggravated Assaults with a Firearm so far this year in the 15th District, PSA1 according to Philly Blotter. Aggravated assault is police talk for "somebody got shot". In addition, there have been 10 homicides. But this is only half the story. There probably have been as many instances of gunshots being heard in Frankford, sometimes fired randomly and others missing their targets. It is not a pretty picture.

With that in mind, **Nashid Edwards**, Frankford resident, and activist in the anti-violence movement, along with **State Representative Jason Dawkins**, called a community meeting on November 13th at Gambrel



First meeting of the Stop the Bloodshed group at Gambrel Recreation center brought out over 25 people to brainstorm the problem and find solutions.

Recreation Center. The what to do.

The room was filled with residents who have clearly had enough of the status quo. The big question was The consensus was that this violence is all drug related and all agreed that drugs are

not going to go away. Drugs are not new but the violence is.

So after lengthy discussions from all participants, it was agreed that the group would work on reaching out the guys on the corner who have decided to go into the drug trade.

There are different situations that put them on those corners. Some can be turned around with the right help and the group will work on that project beginning next year.

A second meeting was held on January 3rd where more detailed plans were laid out.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7th at 7 PM at Gambrel Recreation Center, Ditman and Wakeling Streets.

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Happy Martin Luther King Day, the struggle is not over.

Have faith.

WHEN YOU HAVE FAITH

Looking from the outside, it's easy to see,
That in life you're not who you think you should be.
A school teacher, a lawyer, a doctor on TV,
These are only some of the people you think you should be.

A school teacher a lawyer a doctor on TV.

When God looked down and saw you on your knees,
he said Arise My son and believe,
I gave you the faith the size of a mustard seed.
You can be whatever you want to be,
Because when you have faith you have all that you need,
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BY LENNY JAYNES



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Tuesday, January 22, 2019
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OPEN FORUM DISCUSSION

Come out to meet our elected officials, new
Police Captain, the DA's Office, SEPTA
Police and participate in a service project

Monday, January 21, 2019

THIS YEAR LOCATED AT

FRANKFORD FRIENDS SCHOOL ANNEX

Located at the SW corner of Penn
and Orthodox Streets (1424 Orthodox Street)

The doors open at 8:30 a.m., program begins at 9:00 a.m.

Free event and meal to all

PLEASE BRING A CAN FOR LOCAL FOOD BANKS

The Frankford Coalition of Neighbors is a non-profit organization working to improve relations among the diverse economic, racial and ethnic groups in Frankford, while promoting volunteerism and community coalition building.

FOR INFORMATION or to volunteer CONTACT: Jennifer Powell-Folks at (267) 257-1670

**Breakfast sponsored by One Day at a Time (ODAAT), where we SAVE LIVES and CHANGE LIVES

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Veteran of the month will return next month

Carmella Playground Major Improvements

By Bob Smiley



Councilwoman Sanchez discusses the upcoming project .

Kristin Wisniewski, Recreation Leader, welcomed the group to **Carmella Playground** on December 4th. It was an informative and productive meeting for the 20 residents who attended to hear about plans for the facility. The \$500,000 project is being funded by a combination of City and State funds thanks to **Councilwoman Maria Quiñones-Sanchez** and **State Representative Jason Dawkins**.

There will be new equipment in the children's play area, some adult fitness features too, new landscaping and a water feature

for the warm weather. It is an ambitious and much-needed upgrade that is planned to be finished by the start of the Summer, IF THE WEATHER COOPERATES. If that schedule cannot be maintained, the project will be moved back to start up in the Fall.

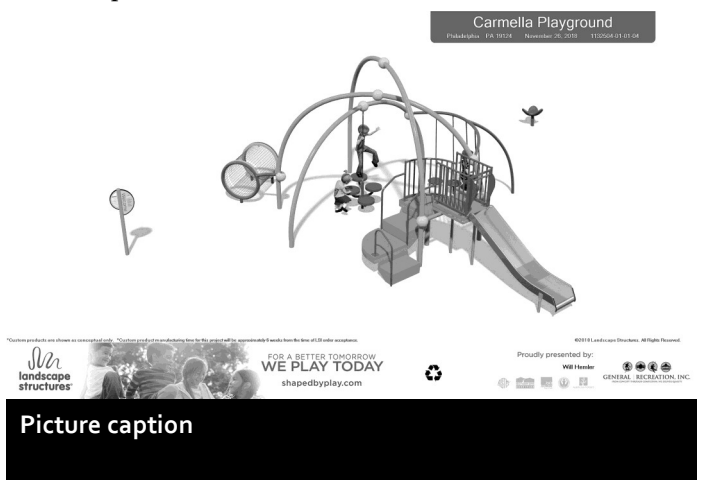
Residents questioned how the project would be managed. At present, areas of the Playground look like a construction zone. One area of contention came from the users of the **Whitehall Skate Park** on the Torresdale Avenue side

which is not included in this project. The users feel that they should get some attention since it does get heavy use. Some of the athletes involved are likely to be in contention for Olympic participation when Skateboarding becomes an Olympic sport in 2020.

Councilwoman Sanchez responded that the park has only recently fallen into her Councilmatic District and she was not involved in the planning for this project. However, as she has stated at other meetings involving recreation facilities, users have to become active participants in the advisory councils or Friends groups of these facilities in order to have a say in the future improvements.

The members of the skateboard group said they would become involved. Also at the meeting were representatives of **The Block Gives Back** who are actively involved at the Playground and they will also look to become active on the Advisory Council.

The participants at the meeting approved the plan presented at the meeting with some suggestions and future communication with the participants will come via email. Pictures below are some renderings of what the equipment will look like when the project is complete,



Picture caption

Remember, if you don't tell us about your local news and upcoming events, no one else will know about it either.
Email gil@frankfordgazette.com

The next edition of the Gazette will be distributed on February 26th.

Coming Up in Frankford

15th Police District PSA1

Meeting - Thu, January 31, 7pm, Jefferson Frankford Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House

Sun, February 3, 12:00pm – 3:30pm, 4278 Griscom Street - presentation 1:30pm "An Apotheosis of Lincoln: A Deification in Honor of his Centennial" By historian, Alan Silverman Remarkable artwork plucked from the trash gives insight into context, martyrology, and motivation. FREE & Open to the public! (Donations accepted)

Produce Stand - Wed, February 6, 8am – 9am, 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.

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

Stop the Bloodshed Community Meeting - Thu, February 7, 7:00pm, Gambrel Playground, 1900 Wakeling St.

Recovery Café - Fri, February 8, 7pm – 9pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Ave. - Every 2nd Fri of every month. St Mark's Church, Frankford hosts a Recovery Cafe. This Coffee-house 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]

Friends of the Frankford Library - Mon, February 11, 5:30pm, Frankford Library, 4634 Frankford Ave.

Neighborhood Advisory Zoning Committee Meeting - Thu, February 14, 7pm, Second Baptist Church of Frankford, 1801 Meadow St.

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

15th Police District PSA1 Meeting - Thu, February 21, 7pm, Jefferson Frankford Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave.

Winter Programming at Frankford Library

School Age

Frankford's Movie Night

Every 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Jan 2, Feb 6, Mar 6

Block Building and Lego Playtime

Wooden Block Party and Lego free play time at the library.
Every 2nd Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11

Wii Wednesdays with Mr. Vince

Play Wii and other games at the library.
Every 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.
Jan 23, Feb 27, Mar 27

Teens and Adults

Frankford Fitness

Exercise with Frankford Staff
1st Monday of the month at 5:30pm
Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4

Teen Third Thursdays

Come have fun doing various activities and games. Snacks provided.
Teens Only
Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:30pm.
Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 21

Email Basics

Create an email, upload attachments and learn how to navigate your email with our Digital Resource Specialist.
Every Tuesday at 12pm
Jan 8,15,22,29; Feb 5,12,19,26; Mar 5,12,19,26

Resume Help

Create and edit your resume with our Digital Resource Specialist.
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Jan 3,10,17,24,31; Feb 7,14,21,28; Mar 7,14,21,28

LaBae Daniels

Branch Manager & Adult/Teen Librarian

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10:00AM Main WORSHIP SERVICE

Northeast Baptist Church

4744 Tackawanna Street

Service at 11:00 AM Sunday

Padre Pio Prayer Center

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Mass: 700 PM Monday and Wednesday
Mass: Saturday 800 AM (Spanish)

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through Friday from 7 to 9 PM

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Church Office: 215-288-2748

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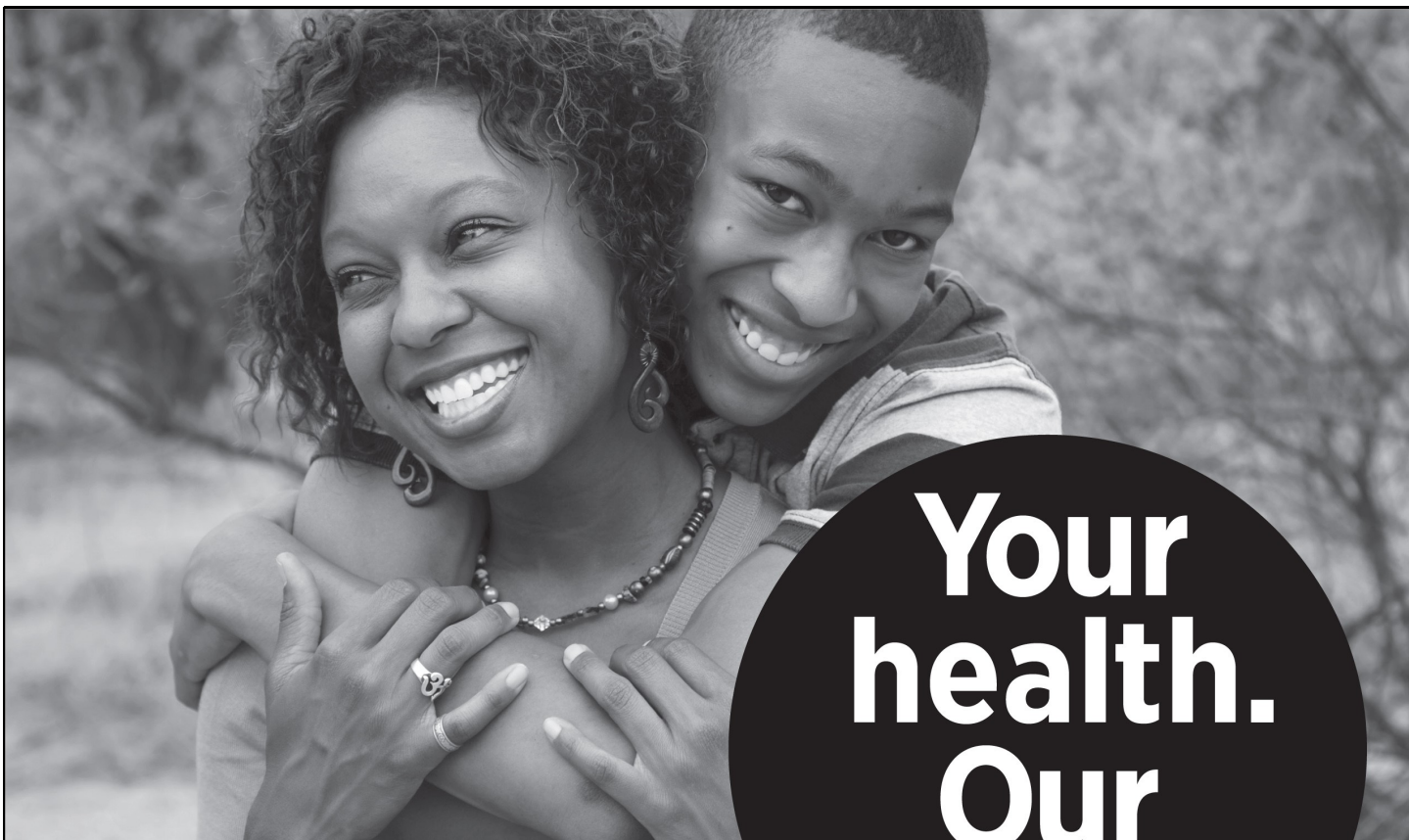
Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am

Friday Night Youth Ministry (4th to 12th

Grade): 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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