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Can You Be A “Turning Point” In A Child’s Life?

By Pat Smiley

Do you have space in your home and your heart for a foster child? Could you be a foster parent – full or part-time or on an emergency basis? This is the question that **Latasha Myers** and **Marcus Wing**, Resource Home Coordinators, at Turning Points for Children are asking us to consider. Their “job”, but it is so much than a job, is to build stronger families, giving them and the community a foundation for a brighter future.

Turning Points for Children is a leading agency in the city providing services to families. For over 175 years they have been successfully offering programs for children who have been in abusive or unsafe environments. Families often find themselves in difficult situations due to poverty, unemployment, addictions, homelessness or the parent’s own childhood experiences.

Turning Points for Children was born because of the mergers of several agencies servicing children. Most recently in 2008, The Children’s Aid Society of Pennsylvania and The Philadelphia Society for Services to Children would form Turning Points for Children. This name really fits. Our local office is located at 4329 Griscom Street. May is Foster Care Awareness Month and this is the perfect time to learn more about being a foster parent.

I recently sat down to interview Latasha and Marcus. I was very impressed with their passionate advocacy, their hearts and the smiles on their faces as they talked about their life’s work. Both believe that every child should have a real childhood in a stable and safe home environment where they can grow physically and emotionally.



Latasha Myers (l) and Marcus Wing (r), Resource Home Coordinators

Children are referred through the Child Abuse Hotline and/or through Department of Human Services.

Here is what they want you to know: their days are spent recruiting prospective foster parent(s) for infants up to 21 year olds. Don’t believe the stereotypes that foster children are “bad”. Very often, these kids are in these situations through no fault of their own. There is a large need and Turning Points for Children is dedicated to helping kids. That’s why these children are often placed in their own neighborhoods because the familiar surroundings help them. Helping these kids is also helping to build community and a strong foundation for the future. The Department of Human Services’ Improving Outcomes for Children initiative came up with the idea of trying to keep the children in their communities so that it would be less disruptive.

If you would like to be a foster parent, you first receive training

from a Resource Parent Support Specialist. You must be at least 21 but there is no age limit regarding being a foster parent. You need to get the appropriate clearances but they are paid for by Turning Points. A home inspection is conducted to be sure the environment is safe and a good “fit” for you and the child. Once you are certified, each foster parent is given a Resource Support Specialist. As a foster parent, you are not alone. When a child is placed with you, Turning Points for Children has already evaluated the child determining their needs so that resources are readily available and provided. Ongoing support is there for you.

You are compensated monthly which varies with the age of the child. Infants, of course, need formula, diapers and teenagers receive an allowance to help teach them some independent skills. Clothing is provided as well. Each child is eligible for CCIS (child care if you’re working) and Medicaid.

Marcus and Latasha wanted you to also know that being a foster parent is very rewarding for you, too. You are helping to build community by giving these children a sense of a caring community. Of course, you are also giving back by supporting a family at a time they need it the most. The ultimate goal is to reunite children with their families but sometimes that isn’t possible. Some foster children are in foster care longer and might be able to be adopted by you or someone else. As Marcus said, you could be caring for the next President, leader, doctor, etc. But we all know its most important what kind of person you are.

Turning Points for Children are the first to volunteer with Frankford community projects, they are everywhere and they always have a little something to give out. They are all wonderful community partners and I have met quite a few over the past years. They are very supportive of this community. This is why they have focused on building partnerships with other organizations in the community and offering opportunities for parents to come together like their “Parent Cafe”.

If you would like to learn more about being a foster parent, please don’t hesitate to contact Latasha or Marcus. You can reach Latasha Myers at 215-287-4353 or email lmeyers@turningpoints.phmc.org or Marcus Wing at 267-449-1558 or email mwing@turningpoints.phmc.org.

Their website is turningpointsforchildren.org or find them on Facebook at Turning Points CUA3 and on Twitter @tp4cCUA3.

Proposed for 5127 Duffield Street



Artist rendering of the structure proposed for 5127 Duffield Street. Vaughn Buckley Construction has been through the process of meeting with the Frankford NAC. Changes were made to the plans of this apartment building that will include studio, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. At the meeting of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, the application was rejected and the application will have to go through the process again with corrected, final plans.

By Christine DeJesus

At the Frankford NAC zoning meeting on April 12th the board heard the following cases:

4943 Penn Street – PERMIT FOR A MULTI-FAMILY HOUSEHOLD LIVING (4 UNITS) WITHIN AN EXISTING DETACHED STRUCTURE. It was **approved**. The plans were updated.

1540 Womrath Street – PERMIT FOR CONVERSION OF SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING TO A TOTAL OF THREE DWELLING UNITS (MULTIFAMILY HOUSEHOLD LIVING) IN AN EXISTING ATTACHED STRUCTURE. – **Continued**. Applicant failed to show .

4122 Kensington Avenue – PERMIT FOR PROPOSED WELDING OF RAILINGS (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) IN SPACE B AND PROPOSED AUTO MECHANIC SHOP TO INCLUDE SPRAY PAINTING (PERSONAL VEHICLE REPAIR AND



4943 Penn Street was approved for a 4 unit housing structure.

MAINTENANCE) AND (VEHICLE PAINT FINISHING SHOP) IN SPACE A IN THE SAME BUILDING WITH EXISTING ROOMING UNITS (SINGLE ROOM RESIDENCE) AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED IN AN EXISTING STRUCTURE.

Approved. The only section that was up for review was space B. No spray painting. Refusal had an error on it and the lawyer sent an updated refusal. There were some residents complaining about space A which is another applicant who got an over the counter permit for the rooming house; however, our State Rep. said that he will do a follow up with that.

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

American Revolution Landmark House in Frankford Safe for Now

By Bob Smiley

Hidden City Philadelphia ran a story recently (<https://tinyurl.com/ydy9kctf>) that the the Worrel-Winter House at 1548 Adams Avenue would be going to Sheriff Sale in May, unless some action was taken to prevent that.

I spoke to Andy Volodarski, the owner of 1548 and 1550 Adams Avenue, who reported that the tax issue has been resolved and the property will not be on the Sheriff Sale list.

What is not resolved is the present condition of the house. Harry Kyriakodis said on Hidden City Philadelphia:



"At 1548 Adams Avenue in Frankford there is a small, modest home with a big, important history. The two-story house is believed to have been built between 1712 and 1718 and is one of the oldest historical structures listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historical Places. The 18th century dwelling, where Thomas Jefferson recited the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776 before it was read publicly, is currently vacant and in a decaying, fire-damaged state."

It would be a tragedy to fail to save this piece of history which is entrusted to us here in Frankford.



It would not be Spring in Frankford without an Egg Hunt as these happy kids at Frankford Pause Park show their finds.

Love Is

Love is a multifaceted word.
 The love of your mother,
 The love of your life,
 The love of the kids when they don't act nice.
 The love of your dog,
 The love of your cat,
 The love of the seasons as they turn.
 The love of the snow when it doesn't make a sound,
 The love of the rain as it hits the ground,
 The love of loved ones you haven't seen,
 The love of the ocean,
 The love of the sky,
 The love of old memories that still make you cry.
 The love of everything we can go on and on,
 Love is a multifaceted word.
 "LOVE IS LOVE"

BY LENNY JAYNES

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

By Grace Alone Frankford Church

1300 Dyre Street

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An Op-ed from John Buffington

Let's Reverse Trumpery

Representative John Taylor has decided to retire, so this year's election for the 177th Pennsylvania House District Seat is the one and only time that Democrats have a good opportunity to rise up in their righteous anger and deliver a stinging blow to Trumpery, gerrymandering, global warming, fracking, gun violence, misogyny, and compulsory pregnancy.

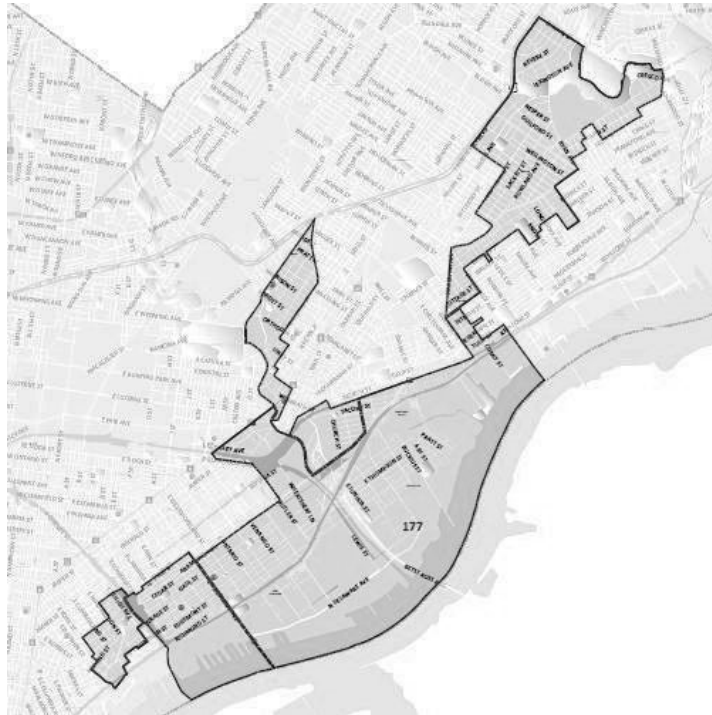
We all need to get to the polls on May 15th to vote in the Democratic primary, and again on November 6th for the general election.

Please!

The good news is, that with John Taylor leaving, four Democrats have stepped up to contend for a legislative seat from a district that was carved out of our overwhelmingly Democratic City for the purpose of guaranteeing that Philadelphia would have one Republican State Representative.

Take a look at our ridiculous legislative district below:

This obscene structure isn't just a Republican product; it's the result of a corrupt bargain involving incumbents of both parties. Democrats in the State Legislature colluded with the Republican majority and the then incumbent Republican Governor to commit this fraud on voters in Northeast Philadelphia. And Democratic Ward leaders in Philadelphia have colluded with those despicable legislators to maintain them in office. And labor union leaders have gone right along with the scam.



Picture caption

So, what to do on May 15th? I recommend voting against gerrymandering, as a top priority. And the obvious choice is Joe Hohenstein. Joe is firmly committed to the creation of a non-partisan commission for redistributing Congressional and State Legislative seats. He doesn't have a famous last name to run on and the establishment won't be able to buy him off. Instead, he is backed by a consortium of independent, progressive minded labor unions who have a history of working to elect independent minded politicians who advocate for policies beneficial to ALL working people.

Then there's all of those other issues. All four candidates say that they mean to do the right thing. All four talk about their deep roots in the community and their local activities. How do we choose the most effective spokesman?

My thought is, when you have multiple options who all talk the right talk, you should check their educational credentials and philosophies. Joe Hohenstein's college and law degrees and 25 years of law practice seem like the most promising credentials for what we need: a skeptical independent thinker who will confront right-

wing extremism effectively.

Ultimately, the issue isn't who talks the right talk but who has walked the right walk. Joe Hohenstein is the candidate who has an actual record of confronting right-wing extremism. His law practice has been specialized in immigration issues, and he mixed it up in court with the jingoes, and won. I don't see anything like that with the others.

Joe Hohenstein's roots and engagement in the community are at least as deep as the others. His grandparents' wedding at St. Joachim's occurred 60 years prior to his own. His grandfather had a saddle shop on Frankford Avenue. Joe learned to swim and worked as a lifeguard at Simpson playground. He played soccer at Frankford High School and was on the second team, all public, his senior year. And today Joe is Clerk of Frankford Friends Meeting. In that role he has actual experience in managing a school, as opposed to talking about educational issues.

Democrats in the 177th District aren't likely to go wrong on May 15th with the available candidates. But, we really need to do the best we can to put up a candidate who will put up the best possible fight against Trumpery.

That choice, I submit, is Joe Hohenstein.

John V. Buffington
April 13, 2018 (The 275th birthday of Thomas Jefferson)

John Buffington is a retired lawyer living in Frankford. He sometimes has opinions.

Tartaglione Funds Post 224

On Saturday April 14th, **State Senator Tina Tartaglione** presented a check for \$100,000 to the Lloyd C. Wilson American Legion Post 224 for the renovation of the post building.

In introducing **Senator Tartaglione**, **Commander Guy Lewis** stated, "This lady has been loyal, dependable, unwavering advocate for the citizens of Pennsylvania, especially those of the 2nd (Senate) District, which includes East Frankford. She has been representing us for the last 24 years and has been especially good to the Lloyd C. Wilson Memorial Post 224."



New ShopRite Looks Good

ShopRite Delivers on a brand new, friendly store.

The new **ShopRite** at Harbison Avenue, (Harbison Avenue and Bridge Street) is so clean, it shines. We took a walk through on Sunday afternoon, March 25th to check it out and were pleasantly surprised.



It started out with the friendly greeting from the shopping cart jockeys at the door. The bright, well lit, wide aisles made a good impression. The 2 sets of rest rooms was a first in any supermarket we have been too. The wide range of what is available in this store made the trip enlightening.



Downtown Frankford is still a food desert and this new store does not fill the gap left by the departure of the Thriftway, but it does add to your shopping options and is an easy hop down Bridge Street. Take a look for yourself.

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Helping Hands - Christine DeJesus and students from Marymount Manhattan College spent part of their week making raised beds for a community garden at Mizpah Seventh-Church at Paul and Unity Sts. Well done!



Name Branch

Veteran of the Month

Name — Branch

Haskin Jr., Henry - Army
 Heard, John - Air Force
 Helms, Joseph F.* - Army
 Henry, Joseph M. - Marines
 Hicks, Sam - Army
 Higgins, Matthew ** - Army
 Higgins, Vernon O. - Marines
 Higgins, Victor* - Army
 Hill, Francis T. - Army
 Hill, Gerald - Army
 Hill, Nolan* - Army
 Hobson, Joseph H.* - Army
 Hodge, Paul* - Army
 Hodge, Wesley - Army
 Hodges, Paul* - Army
 Holiday, Joe - Army
 Honesty, James* - Marines
 Honesty, Melvin - Army
 Hunt, Carl A.* - Army
 Hunt, Robert - Air Force
 Hunt, Wayne - Air Force
 Jackson, Bill - Army
 Jackson, Edward* - Army
 Jackson, Kevin - Army
 Jackson, Lawrence Clay - Marines
 Jackson, William - Army
 James, Kenny* - Army
 Jaynes, Leonard - Army
 James, William* - Army
 Jennings, Mike* - Army



Tina Bryant

Johnson, Andrew* - Army
 Johnson, James* - Army
 Johnson, Phillip* - Army
 Johnson, Richard D. - Navy
 Johnson, Richard W. - Army
 Johnson, Russell - Army
 Johnson, Samuel* - Navy
 Johnson, Wallace - Army
 Jones, Brenda - Army
 Jones, Corey* - Army
 Jones, Justin - Army
 Jones, Willie* - Army
 Keane, Tom - Army
 Keith, Edward L. - Army
 Kennedy, Richard - Army
 King, Martin - Navy
 Lampkin, Darrly - Marines
 Lampkin, Jamie - Army
 Lampkin, William* - Army
 Lang, Adolph - Marines
 Lang, Floyd - Marines
 Lang, James - Marines
 Ledger (OFM Cap.), Brother Kip - Air Force
 Leszczynski Jr., John** - Army
 Lewis, Clarence E.* - Army
 Lewis, Donald - Army
 Lewis, Gary* - Army
 Lewis, Gregory L. - Army
 Lewis, Guy D. - Army
 Lewis, Henry* - Army

Tina Bryant was born on the 15th of January 1965 in Philadelphia. Tina was educated in the Philadelphia School System and attended Potter-Thomas Elementary, George Thomas, Longfellow, Stanton, Mastbaum High School and Charles Southern University.



Tina joined the U.S. Navy on October 30th, 1982 and was stationed in Orlando Florida. Tina served 20 years of service and received numerous awards and rose to the rank of E-5. While serving in the Navy, she toured many countries in Europe and Asia such as France, England, Italy, India, Africa, and the Caribbean islands. Tina was honorably discharged and retired from the Navy in 2002.

Tina is a dedicated evangelist and devoted member of her church, the Deliverance Evangelistic Church and loves to be involved in community services. Tina also serves as an agent cashier at the Corporal Michael J. Crescenzo Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC).

If you are visiting the VA and happen to pass by the cashier booth, stop to say hello to Tina and say **"Thank you for your service"**. She will love it.

Coming Up in Frankford

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, May 1, 7 pm – 8 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.

Community Health Fair - Thu, May 3, 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm, Warren G. Harding Middle School, 2000 Wakeling St.

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, May 3, 7 pm – 8 pm, Faith Assembly of God, 1926 Margaret St. - Community Information Night

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, May 6, 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm, 4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM: JOE MIECZKOWSKI - AFTER GETTYSBURG: LEE RETREATS - MEADE PURSUES

Historical Society of Frankford - Tue, May 8, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Historical Society of Frankford, 1507 Orthodox Street - Airmail 1918 Fred

Moore, Historian, will discuss the birth of commercial aviation which occurred in 1918 when a US Army Curtiss "Jenny" trainer airplane made history with the first delivery of airmail. This event took place at Bustleton Field in Northeast Philadelphia, the only stop on the journey from New York to Washington, D.C.

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Zoning Meeting - Thu, May 10, 7 pm – 8 pm, Second Baptist Church of Frankford, 1801 Meadow St.

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, May 15, 7 pm – 8 pm, Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St.

Food Truck Friday - Fri, May 18, 12 pm – 3 pm, 4600 Block of Paul Street - **Royal Zarasa**

15th Police District PSA1 Meeting - Thu, May 24, 7 pm – 8 pm, Jefferson Frankford Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave.

Spring Programming at Frankford Library

ADULT

Laptop Classes: Email Basics, 12pm-1pm, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; June 5
Resume Assistance: Thursdays 12pm-1pm, May 3, 17, 24, 31; June 7 - One-on-One Assistance available by appointment. Call to make an appt with DRS at 215-685-1473.

TEENS

Teen Third Thursdays: Crafts, games and fun for *Teens Only*. 3rd Thursday of the month, 4:30 p.m. May 16

SCHOOL AGE

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. May 23

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 creative and peaceful mode only! Call or stop by to sign up. Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. - May 5, June 2

Preschool Storytime with Mr. Pagán: Preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to come to listen to stories, do finger plays and sing songs with children's librarian Mr. Pagán. - First and third Tuesdays of every month at 11:00 AM - **May 1 and 15, June 5 and 19**

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. - May 19

Lectura bilingüe de cuentos infantiles - Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime: For children and their parents. Read by librarian Mr. Pagán. The third Wednesday of every month. Come one time, or all the time. - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. - May 16
Para niños y sus padres. Leído por el bibliotecario Sr. Pagán. El tercer miércoles de cada mes. Vengan una vez o todas la veces que quieran. - Miércoles a las 6:00 p.m. - 16 de mayo

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. - May 2, June 6

Frankford's Wednesday 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. - May 9 - Ferdinand

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

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Mass: Saturday 800 AM (Spanish)

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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.

Friday 7:30 P.M.



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