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Frankford CDC Gets Funding for Paul Street

State Senator Christine Tartaglione visited the headquarters of the Frankford Community Development Corporation (CDC) on January 14th to deliver a \$54,610 state grant that will help the CDC to stabilize and rehabilitate a fire-damaged mixed-use property in the heart of the local commercial district.

“The CDC has made great strides in recent years to revitalize the Frankford Avenue corridor, remove blight, and promote the growth of new businesses. This public investment will enable the CDC to continue its work, which has had a tremendous positive impact throughout the community,” Senator Tartaglione said.

The grant was awarded through the Department of Community and Economic Development’s Local Share Account program, which re-allocates a portion of the funds generated by casinos that operate slot machines within Philadelphia.

“The Local Share Account grant will allow the Frankford CDC to stabilize what is now a hazardous and blighted site at 4663 Paul Street,” said Kimberly Washington, Esq., Executive Director of the Frankford CDC. “This



4663 Paul Street before the fire (from Google Earth)

vacant property is the last remaining site on the block in need of improvements, making it vital to the Frankford CDC’s goals to revitalize Frankford Avenue as set

out in its Reimagining Margaret-Orthodox initiative.”

On October 26, 2018, flames ravaged the three-story storefront, which is just two doors from the Frankford CDC office and less than a block from SEPTA’s bustling Market-Frankford El. The multi-alarm blaze largely gutted the property, which was being used as an unlicensed boarding house. It burned for several hours and spread to a neighboring building, causing severe damage to the second and third floors of both structures.

Frankford CDC bought the property last fall and will use the new grant funding for the first phase of its rehabilitation, including cleanout, demolition, framing, roof replacement, and floor stabilization. These measures will address any immediate safety issues and prevent structural damage to neighboring buildings.

The non-profit CDC will seek to raise additional funding to complete final renovations that will include commercial space on the ground floor, as well as four affordable housing units on the second and third floors.



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Residents Rally to Stop the Violence on



Dr. Martin Luther King Day

Photos by Elizabeth Hernandez



Frankford Northwood Y Status Report

Neighbors were both happy and concerned when Leiper Street LLC purchased the old Frankford Y building at 4704 Leiper Street. The building had been deteriorating for years since it had closed.

When the owners, Steve Mavrakis and Steve Ostroff, appeared at the Northwood Civic Association meeting in December of 2018, they were greeted with many questions and a lot of skepticism. What were they going to do with the building? Was it going to be an asset to the community? The building was in poor shape at that time but in the year since, a great deal of work has been done. It is now available for lease.

Below are some before and after pictures showing the progress of the renovations. It's a work in progress but Steve Mavrakis said it would be done and looks like it is going in the right direction. See more in color at <https://tinyurl.com/w7u3wpd>.



St. James Lutheran Church to Return

By Kaitlyn Brown

St. James Lutheran Church, located in Northwood, has been the spiritual home to thousands of Christians since it was founded in 1929. I know, because I'm one of them.

St. James was the first church my family belonged to. It's where my brother and sister and I made our confirmations. It's where my stepfather was saved 20 years ago and where he and my mother were married.

This is the place where my siblings and I — and hundreds of other kids -- participated in countless traditions like the Live Nativity, our annual production of "A Christmas Carol," our Haunted Church in the fall, and ongoing Bible studies and coffee houses that brought the Word, wrapped so beautifully in music, to life.

Our beloved pastor, Paul Andell, lead the church for decades. He retired and moved away a few years ago. Unfortunately, the church was unable to survive his departure for a number of reasons, and the doors were closed last year.

Now, Pastor Paul is back. His love for St. James and his call to service were strong and deep enough to lure him out of retirement and



back to Philadelphia. He's ready to reboot St. James and is working with the church council to open the doors of this special place back up to the community that it had served with such love, acceptance and compassion for so many years.

On Jan. 26, Pastor Paul and the church band put together a service in the theater section of the church. The building has no heat or running water, but as you can see from the picture above, devoted members of the congregation bundled up in coats and wrapped themselves in blankets to attend.

St. James is a truly special place. Its spirit has stayed open even when its doors were closed.

But now St. James and Pastor Paul are back. But help is needed as they work their way through this transitional phase.

If you have ever been any part of St. James -- whether you worshipped with us on Sunday mornings, or shared coffee and fellowship at our coffee houses, or went on mission trips with the Youth Ministry, or even just passed by and felt the community warmth and love of the Lord emanating from within... please consider making a contribution so that St. James can get back to being the faithful servant community that it once was.

Even if you can't contribute, please share this with anyone you know who holds St James in their hearts.

Gofundme link: <https://tinyurl.com/rht996d>

Frankford NAC Votes No to Car Repair Shop

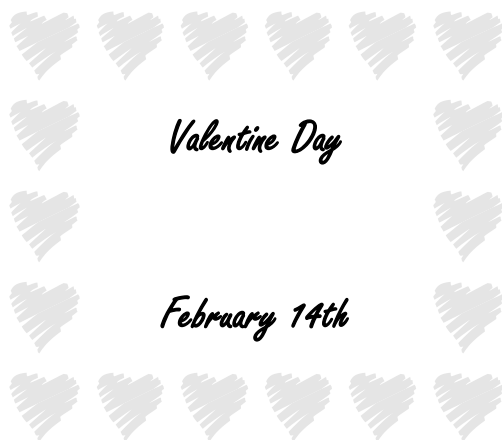
By Christine DeJesus

The Frankford NAC zoning meeting was held on January 9th, the following cases were heard:

5343 Horrocks Street – legalization of a duplex. **Non-opposition**

4260 Tackawanna Street – car

repair shop- **highly opposed.** Operating without a business license, illegal spray painting and cars dumped onto Cloud Street. The next Frankford NAC zoning meeting will be held on February 13th at 7 PM at Second Baptist Church, 1801 Meadow Street.



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BY LENNY JAYNES

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Is it like a marathon or is it like a short race?

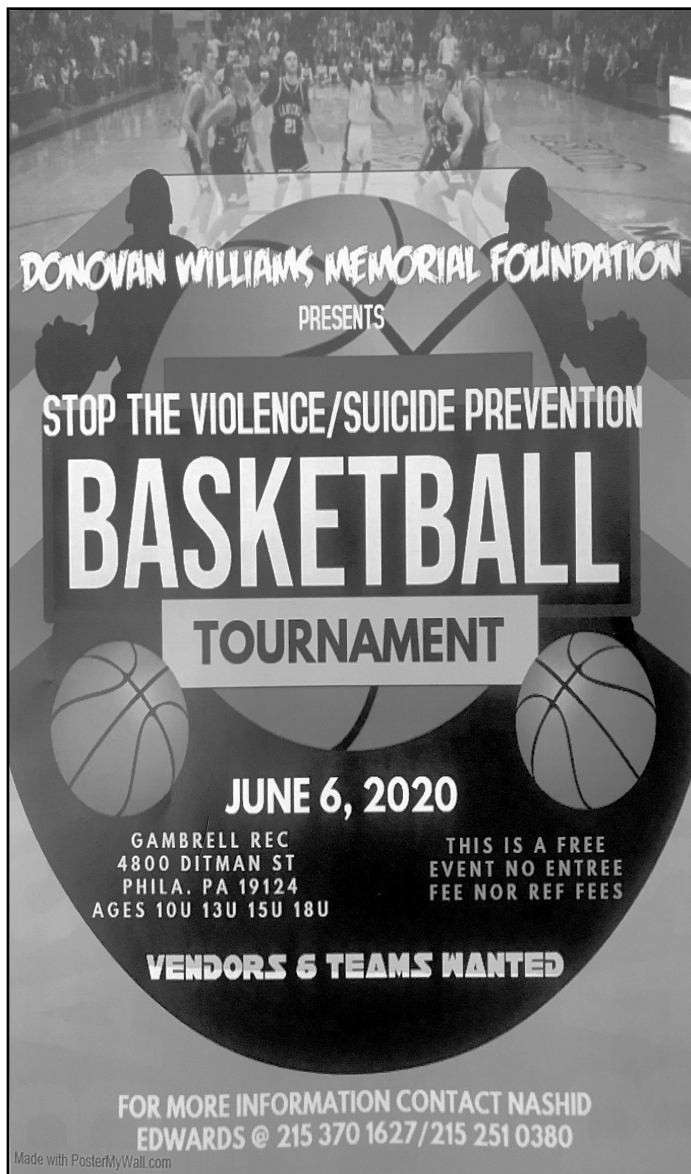
Will it last forever, like the wind, will it just blow pass?
When you surrender, do you fly in coach or fly first class?
Does it give you a reason to hold on or is it as thin as ice?

How do you know if it's real, there must be a test!
When you look into the mirror, your reflection is so bright.
You can only think of one and you have problems sleeping
through the night.

Your heart holds onto every moment that you see, you can't
abort.

This thing they call love can it be a marathon, or is it just a short
race.

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Sunday morning bible school 10 AM
Morning worship 11 AM
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Coming Up in Frankford

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, February 2, 12:00pm – 3:30pm - 4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM: – Black History Month – Dr. Cheryl Renee Gooch – “Hinsonville’s Heroes: Black Civil War Soldiers of Chester County, Pennsylvania”

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, February 4, 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 and Town Watch Meeting - Thu, February 6, 7pm – 8pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue.

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Zoning Meeting - Thu, February 13, 7pm – 8pm, Second Baptist Church of Frankford, 1801 Meadow St.

Recovery Café - Fri, February 14, 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 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]

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, February 18, 7pm – 8pm, Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St.

15th Police District PSA1 Crime Prevention Meeting - Thu, February 20, 7pm – 8pm, Jefferson Frankford Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave.

Police District Advisory Community Meeting - Mon, February 24, 7pm – 8pm, 2900 St Vincent St.

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, March 1, 12:00pm – 3:30pm, 4278 Griscom Street. - Presentation at 1:30 PM: Rich Rosenthal – “Civil War Women of Compassion”

Friends of Overington Park - Tue, March 3, 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 and Town Watch Meeting - Thu, March 5, 7pm – 8pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue,

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Winter Programming

Adults/Teens

Teen Third Thursdays
Come have fun doing various activities and games. Teens Only
Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 4:30pm.
Jan 16, Feb 20, Mar 19

FRK Fitness

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Every 2nd Monday at 5:30pm.
Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 9

Children's Programming

Tuesday morning Storytime, 11 – 11:30 am (ages 0-5 instead of 2-5);

Zombie Preparedness Program, 2nd Thursday of the month, Jan – May, 4 – 5:30 pm, ages 8-15, must signup, 20 participants max;

PAWS for People, 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 4 – 5 pm, ages 6-12, sign up encouraged.

**Services at
St. Mark's Episcopal Church**
4442 Frankford Ave.

Main Worship Service
10 AM Sunday

Northeast Baptist Church
4744 Tackawanna Street

Service at 11:00 AM Sunday

Padre Pio Prayer Center

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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

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5185 Castor Ave.
215-743-1828

RelevancePhilly@gmail.com
Sunday Contemporary Service 10 am
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