



FRANKFORD AVE ARTS CORRIDOR

e-newsletter

NEWS & EVENTS

Proximity Gallery Holiday Party

Saturday December 18th, 6 - 9pm
[Proximity Gallery](#) (Gaul & Dauphin)
Join proprietor Janel Frey for a fun evening celebration of the holiday season!

Interested in Energy Issues?

Your neighbor Doug is an energy auditor in training who's been blogging about energy issues for some time. Topics covered include deregulation, efficiency, and LEED certification. His articles are informative and useful for both business and home owners. [Home Science Blog](#)

THELEMIC DISCUSSION GROUP

[GERM Books and Gallery](#)

Hosted by Thelesis Lodge. This group is open to all, and will meet on the third Thursday of every month and explores topics such as "What is Thelema?" "What is Will?" "Who is Aleister Crowley?"

Also at GERM;

Saturday December 18th...book signing with [Rich Hillen Jr.](#)

The Philadelphia Invitational Furniture Show seeks exhibitors

The PIFS is seeking applicants to be considered to show their work at the 2011 show at the Navy Yard in late March. [For more info click here.](#)

Phila Art Hotel call for 2011 Residents

The Philadelphia Art Hotel on Huntingdon Street hosts artists working on a project in Philadelphia every year. Resident artists are provided shelter and connections to the surrounding community. Applicants from all over the world, including Philadelphia, are encouraged. [For more info click here.](#)

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NERD Island Mummer's Brigade seeks aid of KKSD alumni

The [NERD Island](#) Mummer's Brigade is one of the newest participating groups in [one of Philadelphia's oldest traditions](#). Based in a warehouse just west of Front street, the crew has been sewing costumes, choreographing dances, and fashioning human powered props for months. They are a family friendly brigade made up of all kinds of people from around the city, and they're also going to attempt to be the first motorless Mummer Brigade.

Aryon Hoselton, an organizer of the NERD Island Brigade, has participated in the [Kensington Kinetic Sculpture Derby](#) for 2 years now. One of the teams he was a part of was called *Team Oil Slick*, an omage to BP (Pictured). During last year's parade he realized that one of



the city's oldest parades, and one of it's youngest, have alot in common. This led him to recruit KKSD alum for his Mummer Brigade, the thought being that KKSD energy would make a great addition to the similarly spirited New Year celebration.

NERD Island is seeking an additional 50 people to be Mummies and march with them on New Year's Day. The total time commitment for a NERD Island Mummer is only about 9 hours including the parade itself, and much of the group's planning is already done, so they simply need motivated people who want to be a part of one of the city's most famous (and fun) traditions.

NERD Island is supported by donations from local businesses and small fundraisers held by a few dedicated members. One such fundraiser is a [web design workshop](#) for small businesses and organizations. The workshop will be held three more times this year and its a great oportunity to learn the basics of getting

Procrastinator's Holiday Bazaar Sunday December 19th

Johnny Brenda's Tavern (Frankford & Girard). Positive Space is organizing a Holiday Gift Sale where local artisans and crafts people will offer their wares. Stop in to pick up a gift for a loved one! For more info visit [Positive Space's website](#).

Extra Extra has moved!

Formerly located on Sepviva, [Extra Extra Gallery](#) has moved to 1524 Frankford Ave. Their inaugural exhibition in their new space will be during January's first friday. The exhibit will be titled Virtual Assistance and feature the works of [Andrew Norman Wilson](#).

Local Arts Center!

Portside Arts Center
2531 E. Lehigh Avenue
215-427-1514

Your local source for all-ages artistic courses. Check out their website for class listings and sign up today.

Visit www.portsideartscenter.com or email portsideartscenter@verizon.net for more details.

Frankford Avenue Arts Corridor Plan

The Frankford Avenue Arts Corridor Plan, completed in 2004 with the help of Market Knowledge, Group G, NKCDC, and a series of community meetings, is available online at nkcdc.org under Neighborhood Plans. Posted bi-monthly, the goal of this newsletter is to keep people informed about arts-related development on Frankford Avenue and in the Fishtown and Kensington neighborhoods. If you know someone who would like to subscribe to this newsletter, please have them send an email to info@nkcdc.org.

Quick Links

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your business or group online while supporting a great cause.

To participate with or donate to NERD Island visit their [website](#). And don't forget, the [Kensington Kinetic Sculpture Derby](#) will be held in late May 2011!

A Fractured Christmas Carol at Walking Fish Theater



A Fractured Christmas Carol is a slap-dash, fast-paced, family-friendly adaptation of one of our favorite holiday ghost stories with loads of audience interaction for everyone--young and old. The show will run until December 30 at [Walking Fish Theatre](#). Tickets are \$5 for children and \$8 for adults. Every Wednesday show is Pay-what-you-can.

All your favorite characters are updated. Meet Scrooge (Emma Dietel-O'Neill, 11), Jacob "Bob" Marley (Johnny Smith), The Ghost of Christmas Present from da Hood (Rachel O'Hanlon-Rodriguez), the Ghost of Christmas Past, Curley from the Three Stooges (Michael Trainor, 13) and more!

Sponsored by [Eagle One Federal Credit Union](#).

★ **FEATURED BUSINESS** *Soup Kitchen*



Come in from the cold for a hearty bowl of soup at Kensington's newest café, the Soup Kitchen. Sitting just off of Frankford Ave, at Susquehanna and Blair, the Soup Kitchen offers peaceful atmosphere and belly-warming food.

The Soup Kitchen was founded by Ben Bigler, a lawyer who traded his business suit for an apron. His fiancé, who works as a senior academic advisor at Temple, helps out on the weekend. Together, they offer food with integrity and a flair for detail-garnishes are a particular point of pride. Everything is homemade from fresh, organic ingredients.

Bigler chose to focus on soups because, he says, they are both elegant and affordable. Indeed, the fare is cheap-most items on the menu are less than ten dollars. And the food is sophisticated and unfussy. This week the Soup Kitchen offers luscious Velvet Cauliflower Soup and White Bean Turkey Chili. Stop in for coffee, roasted by Café L'Aube, breakfast, or lunch. Whether you're just grabbing a bite on your way to the EI or lingering over a book, be sure to drop in this winter and warm up!

To view Soup Kitchen's menu, hours, or specials [check them out on Facebook](#).

Commercial Space For Rent

2472 Frankford Ave.

Price: \$1500/mo

Square Footage: 3000 sq ft

14ft ceilings - Large open space - frontage on Frankford Ave. Ground floor - 3000

sq ft. 1.5 bath w/darkroom sink. HEATED. Full Kitchen.

Contact Greg S. (267) 258-5847 or olivest416@yahoo.com

1834-42 Frankford Ave

\$3500/mo.

Former Auto repair garage for sale or rent. 15,000 Sq Ft- \$3500/month or \$550,000. Contact Critini Realty (215) 465-4225.

Commercial Space For Sale

1314 FRANKFORD AVE

Price: \$499,900

Zoning: L4

Extra large live/work bi-level duplex with GARAGE PARKING(3,200 SF! TOTAL)

Ready to go--just move right in. Existing ground floor commercial space currently used as a 1,600 SF artist studio/workshop. Concrete floors. Garage door opening onto Frankford Avenue can accommodate a car or truck in addition to space dedicated to a working studio, showroom, gallery, office space etc. Also suitable for light fabrication workspace. Very high ceilings are especially ideal for performers, artists, fabricators, photographers etc. Second floor spacious & modern residential LOFT has private entrance on Frankford Avenue & makes a fabulous Owner's unit--completely finished over-sized open space LOFT with central air, wood floors, 1.5 baths and two bedroom potential. Studio/office/2nd bdrm. area in front and living space in rear with glass doors and west views and light. Contemporary IKEA L-shaped kitchen with granite counter tops, very large tiled bath and laundry area. Perfect live/work/showroom property!

Courtesy of MGM Development Commercial

Industrial

957-63 FRANKFORD AVE

Price: \$1,500,000

Square Feet: 7000

Zoning: G2

Conveniently located near Center City. This property consist of 4 parcels totaling approx 7000 sq.ft. with heavy duty Phase 2 & Phase 3 electrical system. 957-959 Frankford Avenue and 961-963 Frankford Avenue. 957 Frankford Avenue (15x62')& 959 Frankford Avenue (15x100') consist of a one story building with a powder room, gas infrared heat, cinder block construction, cement floor, fire proof ceiling with 21'height, extends into new 2400'addition constructed in 2005 with 16'ceiling height, (no heat). Drive through 12x14 electric roll down steel garage door, exit onto Sarah Street thru

8' roll down garage door. 961 Frankford Avenue (16x100), 9' roll down garage door leads into rear addition also. 963 Frankford Avenue was a 2.5 story home, (18x100) presently an office, powder room and lunch room, 2nd and 3rd floors are in shell condition. Basement with mechanicals. Possible Owner Financing!! **Century 21 Leibovitz Realtors**

For a full listing of properties available in the 19125 and 19134 zip codes visit www.nkcdc.org and click on business.

Questions or comments? Please send us an email at info@nkcdc.org