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The Empowerment Group Opens New Small Business Development Center

How many times have you been sitting around dinner with your family or friends and tossed out the idea of starting your own restaurant, urban planning firm, catering business, or record store? You probably thought about it for twenty minutes and went on about your busy life, but that idea still pops up in your mind and you wonder how to make it happen. Well if you go visit the Empowerment Group (EG) on N Front st, they can help you figure out to make your ideas into a viable business plan. They won't find you that \$1 million start up grant, but they can help you write a business plan, a budget and find other resources to help you. They offer many programs and resources and for businesses at all levels, Programs include? 1 on 1 consulting, a business resource center open from **9am-5pm M-F open** to all entrepreneurs, and the Philadelphia Entrepreneurship Project where you learn the basics in a 12 week course. Recently EG opened the new Small Business Administration Business Development Center for Women. All programs are in Spanish and English and we are happy to have them in the neighborhood to help grow our business community.

2111 N Front St 215 423 9245 www.empowerment-group.org

Farewell to Germ Books Jennifer Bates

We are sorry to see Fishtown resident, activist, and businesswoman leave this world; after losing her battle with Leukemia Jennifer Bates died on May 17th 2007. She will be missed, but have no fear, you can still stock up on Phillip K Dick books and other Sci-fi goods when Germ Books continues in her memory at 2005 Frankford Ave. They Re-opened June 9th 2007.

Featured Available Properties

2042-46 Amber St

New Professional Studio/Commercial Space
 Four spaces in a newly renovated warehouse from 1000 to 2000sqft.
 Large windows on two sides, interior courtyard entry.
 All new fit out...floors, windows, appliances, HVAC.
 Visit www.coverllc.com for more info and images. click on projects/Milk Depot.
 Or contact us at info@coverllc.com/[267-237-8320](tel:267-237-8320).

2040 Frankford Ave

Fishtown Realty 215 427 2400 www.fishtownrealty.com
 Rehabbed mixed-use. First floor commercial space approximately 1,200 square feet and basement for storage. \$1000 rent.

2233-43 Frankford Ave

Price: \$399,900
 Family Food Mart location includes all equipment!



2515 Frankford Ave
 Philadelphia, PA 19125
 phone: 215.427.0350
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★ LATEST NEWS

Fishtown Area Business Association

The Fishtown Area Business Association

(FABA) is seeking Membership. All businesses in the Fishtown Area are invited to participate in this forming organization whose mission is to improve the business climate and overall neighborhood of Fishtown. Meetings are every first Wednesday at 5:30 pm locations change.

For more info contact Paul Kimport President at paul@johnnybrendas.com or Contact Irvin at IrvinHartman@allstate.com

Congratulations to EKNA!



Congratulations to the East Kensington

Neighbors Association for their hard work and success at the 2nd annual Trenton Ave Arts Festival this past **May 19th 2007**. Over 1,000 people attended this arts, and music festival showcasing our fine arts businesses. Also thanks to all who made the 1st Kinetic Sculpture Derby a success! See you next Spring on Trenton Ave.

Workshop for craftspeople

Business of Art Workshop

Great Location!

225 E Girard Ave

Commercial space on Girard Ave 450 sq ft with Basement storage space \$940 month rent. Zoned C2
Alison Ermilio Philadelphia Realty Exchange, Inc. 215-545-6111 x: 24 ermilioalison@yahoo.com

[Click to View full Property list](#)

★ FEATURED BUSINESS



Exit Skateboard Gallery and Sneaker Boutique

Steve Miller has always loved skateboarding; so much so he moved to the epicenter of skating history in southern California only to realize that his hometown of Philadelphia has its own unique and thriving skating scene. Upon his return to Philadelphia in 2002 Exit Philadelphia skate shop opened in NE Philadelphia out of a screen-printing storefront. Steve Miller was such a good employee there that he bought the place and moved it to his native Fishtown. Exit opened here in January 2007, Steve saw the neighborhood's revitalization as a good opportunity to stay close to home and run a viable business. Now on East Girard, Exit has everything a skater could want, from various hand painted decks, shoes, clothes, trucks, wheels, etc. Most importantly they have the passion for a sport and a lifestyle that shines. Exit is not only a skate deck gallery and sneaker boutique, but Steve has been curating his own art shows in the large gallery space. Every month he has a new artist and an opening gala from fine artists like abstract painters to skate board decks. He sees his gallery work as a community service as the type of art, art heavily influenced by skate culture that doesn't have a space for. By providing a space for more underground art he brings attention to his wares at Exit as well as those of Girard Ave. Steve is the sole proprietor of Exit and is excited to be back in the neighborhood. Welcome Steve and Exit Philadelphia!

Visit the shop at 440 E. Girard Ave Monday-Saturday 12-9pm Sunday 12pm-5pm

215 425 2450 www.exitphiladelphia.com

★ SPONSOR BUSINESSES

Marketing for Craftspeople and artists

Saturday June 16th 2007
9:30-4:00 PM

Coral Street Arts House 2446
Coral st.

\$25 for workshop and Lunch

Get answers to-

Where are the markets?

Who is your buyer?

How do you Price?

And MORE!

Please Register with Laura at 215 739 0310

Email: lsemmelroth@nkcdc.org

Next Business Breakfast

New Kensington CDC's next Quarterly
Business Breakfast will be Wednesday
July 18th 2007 8-9 am

At NKCDC's Garden Center 1825
Frankford Ave

The Speaker will be Veronica Strauss
Financial Planning and Health for Growing
Business

Thinking of a Facelift?
Check out Fishtown Beverage's
New Facade!



Their improvements were made possible through the City's Small Business Facade Improvement grant. For more information or how to apply contact NKCDC's Sarah Corlett.

Save the Date!

Small Business Health Insurance Solutions

