



# FRANKFORD AVE ARTS CORRIDOR

## e-newsletter

### NEWS & EVENTS

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## Corridor Business Updates!

### The Bicycle Stable

1420 Frankford Avenue  
Looking for a new or used bike? Visit the shop to speak with the knowledgeable staff!  
[www.bicyclestable.com](http://www.bicyclestable.com)

### Bambi Gallery

1817 Frankford Avenue  
"Mambo Showcase"  
Pete Danz and Serge Krupnov  
August 1st through September 20th  
[www.bambigallery.com](http://www.bambigallery.com)

### Johnny Brenda's

1201 Frankford Avenue  
Johnny Brenda's has expanded its dining area and added new items to the menu. Open 7 days a week 11 am to 1 am, stop in for lunch or dinner during the week. Don't forget about brunch on Saturdays and Sundays! [www.johnnybrendas.com](http://www.johnnybrendas.com)

## Local Arts Centers!

### Angler Movement Arts Center

1550 Montgomery Avenue  
215-922-0866  
Classes for children, teens, and adults in yoga, pilates, ballet, modern, jazz, and creative movement.  
[www.anglermovementartscenter.com](http://www.anglermovementartscenter.com)

### Portside Arts Center

## Philly Fringe Comes to Frankford Avenue

Every fall, Philadelphia seems to explode with innovative, live performances from dancers, actors, musicians, and other artists. These entertainers come from all over the city, the country, and even the world.

In 2007, with the opening of the [Walking Fish Theatre](#) at 2509 Frankford Avenue, and with the adaptive use of many other neighborhood spaces, Philly Fringe seemed to have an even bigger presence in the Kensington and Fishtown neighborhoods. This year from August 29th thru September 13th neighbors can find a number of affordable, cutting edge performances right around the corner.

[Bambi Gallery](#) will be hosting *Personal Soundtracks*, a video exploring the failure of communication in the world. Shows occur on 8/29 at 5 p.m. and on 8/30, 8/31, 9/13, and 9/14 at noon. FREE.

Walking Fish Theatre has rented space to various groups. Visitors are guaranteed to stumble upon an interesting show no matter which day they attend the Fringe festivities. Titles include "Animal Tales" by Traveling Abbey Productions, "Rated G for Mature Adults" by High Drama, "Waiting for the Show" by Tender Thread Productions, "Les Femmes", "The Grande Perfater" by Los Tenadores, and "Melange Fringe." In addition, B. Someday Productions will be presenting "Entertaining Mr. Sloan" and a 24 hour stand-up comedy marathon beginning September 1st. Look for the return of the Sunday Revival Burlesque as well, which will take place September 11th at 8 p.m.

The [Rocket Cat Cafe](#) will be hosting musical artist *Mikronesia* on 9/2, 9/4, 9/11, and 9/12 at 8 p.m. For a completely unique and interactive walking tour, stop in Germ Books & Gallery on Saturdays and Sundays during the Fringe to experience "Beyond the Pale" by Soundtalk Philadelphia.

There are plenty of things to do just off the corridor and outside of the 19125 area. Head to the Ice Box Projects Space and the Hall at [The Crane Arts Building](#) for multiple performances or venture to [FLUXSpace](#) to see Oliver Herring's project, TASK.

Visit [www.phillyfringe.com](http://www.phillyfringe.com) for the full schedule of events around the



2531 E. Lehigh Avenue  
Join Kim Creighton and her talented staff to select from 10 various art classes ranging from pottery to painting. Call 215-427-1514 or email [portsideartscenter@verizon.net](mailto:portsideartscenter@verizon.net) for more details.

## Walking Fish Theatre

2509 Frankford Avenue  
Visit [www.walkingfishtheatre.com](http://www.walkingfishtheatre.com) for details on the many Fringe events as well as costs or renting space! Monthly Sunday Revival Burlesque begins again September 11th at 8 p.m.

## PositiveSpace Meeting

Join neighborhood artists the 2nd Monday of every month at the M Room (15 W. Girard Avenue) 7 p.m. Check out [www.positivespace.net](http://www.positivespace.net) or email organizers at [positivespacephila@gmail.com](mailto:positivespacephila@gmail.com) to see what's in store!

## 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 [www.nkcdc.org](http://www.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](mailto:info@nkcdc.org).

## Get your 2009 Business Directory ad soon!

Download the [ad purchase form here](#) or call Kathryn at 215 427 0350 x 120. Ad deadline is October 17th 2008.

## Quick Links

city and for dates, times, and ticket prices for the neighborhood participants.

## First Friday - September 5th

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. on the corridor. Visit [www.frankfordavearts.org](http://www.frankfordavearts.org) for a full list of events. This website includes an interactive map that highlights the businesses along the avenue and some of the public art projects that have been installed in the last several years.

For more information about the Arts Corridor, contact Sarah Corlett at 215-427-0350 ext 111 or [scorlett@nkcdc.org](mailto:scorlett@nkcdc.org).

## Proximity to the Arts Corridor



On July 13th, the Fishtown neighborhood welcomed a new gallery. While this latest arty business is not located on the corridor, it does embrace talented Philadelphia artists and is an important contribution to the efforts around the redevelopment of Frankford Avenue. Artists that work and live in the community have an increasing number of venues to show and sell their work and wares.

[Proximity Gallery](#) is located at 2434 E. Dauphin Street. Janel Rivera, the owner, has been

dreaming of opening a place to feature the work of local emerging and established artists for years. Beginning July 13th and running through the month of August Karen Gibson's *Whose Moon Is It Anyway?* is being featured. On September 5th, Proximity will once again join other local establishments for First Fridays on Frankford Avenue. Recent illustrations by Pat Kinsella will be showcased in September's show, *Hot Air*. Opening Reception takes place between 5 - 9 p.m. Check out this new space!

### ★ FEATURED BUSINESS

### O'Reilly's Pub



This past April marked the two year anniversary for new ownership of the former Shannon's Pub at Lehigh and Frankford Avenue. Deborah and Frank McCullough purchased the building and the business in April of 2006 and immediately began renovating the interior space. It wasn't until last fall however, the co-owners decided to give the local hot spot a new name to go with it's new look.

Now O'Reilly's Irish Pub offers more than just your standard bar fare. Naturally, upon entering customers are greeted by the familiar smell of their delicious wings, but don't be deceived. To meet the demand of both long time and new residents the McCulloughs have added some fresh items to their menu. Tomato and mozzarella salad, grilled tilapia filet or crab cakes can be enjoyed on any day of the week.

Deborah has also made a tremendous effort to join in the efforts to develop the Frankford Avenue Arts Corridor. She likes to refer to O'Reilly's as a book end of the arts corridor and began hosting First



For more information on upcoming events and activities in the neighborhood, please visit

NKCDC's website [www.nkcdc.org](http://www.nkcdc.org) or [www.frankfordavearts.org](http://www.frankfordavearts.org).

Friday activities along with the other galleries and shops. Local musicians and artists participate in what event promoter SKYLER EVENTS has dubbed the *Frankford Walk Arts Festival*. While the weather is still warm, patrons of the pub can enjoy the renovated patio for dinner or drinks outside. Check out their menu and everything else you need to know at <http://oreillysphilly.com/>.

## ★ NEW KENSINGTON PROPERTY UPDATE

### Commercial Space For Rent *click for full list*

1850-62 Frankford Avenue



4 commercial spaces for lease in construction now. Call to negotiate space/fit out. Each will be roughly 700 square feet, but you can have 2 units for more space. Apartments will be above and parking in the rear. Call Donna DiStefano at 215-266-4122.

Susquehanna & Blair Street

Brand new mixed-use construction. Approximately 1,000 square feet on first, second, and third floor. Commercial use on the first-floor. Includes basement. Call Gene Corman at 201-696-6405.

### Commercial Space For Sale

1359 Frankford Avenue

Price: \$349,000

Prime developmental opportunity here for a mixed-use building with plans and approvals for 6 residential condominiums, 2 commercial stores, and a parking garage for 6 cars. This is directly on the busy Frankford Avenue Arts Corridor just off Girard Avenue in what is now considered prime space in Fishtown. The plot is over 4,700 square feet and the proposed building coverage is 3,574 square feet at 35 feet high, covering 3 quarters of the plot, which the remaining being open space. This lot is directly in front of 7 brand new construction townhouses that are being now. Courtesy of Coldwell Banker Preferred-Old City. 215-923-7600.

1301 Frankford Avenue

Price: \$949,000

Great location! Well maintained and well established neighborhood bar/restaurant in a prime location. Situated on the rapidly developing Frankford Avenue Arts Corridor in the heart of Fishtown. Walking distance to mass transportation and all riverfront activities. Featuring 4

*efficiency apartments on month-to-month leases to long-term tenants. Bar has a fully equipped kitchen. Price includes liquor license (with takeout license) and the adjoining lot on Thompson Street. Owners motivated so call for your appointment! Courtesy of Century 21 Leibovitz Realtor 215-634-0800.*

Questions or comments? Please send us an email at [info@nkcdc.org](mailto:info@nkcdc.org)