



FISHTOWN
DISTRICT

**FISHTOWN DISTRICT ANNUAL
STAKEHOLDERS MEETING**

FEBRUARY 10, 2026

INTRODUCTION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MARC D. COLLAZZO, J.D.

FISHTOWN KENSINGTON AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

BUDGET CATEGORIES

The Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District will undertake five core sets of activities as delineated below, including Cleaning, Maintenance and Greening; Capital Improvements and Parking; Economic Development and Public Safety; Marketing and Promotions; and Personnel and Administration. All areas will be implemented with the oversight and participation of the Board of Directors of the FKABID and any committees established by the Board to provide guidance for the proposed work and input as to how these activities will be implemented.

Cleaning, Maintenance and Greening
Capital Improvements
Parking
Economic Development
Public Safety
Marketing and Promotions
Personnel and Administration

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

FRANKFORD AND GIRARD VISION PLAN | ACTIVATION

The Fishtown District is excited to announce that construction is now officially underway on the long-awaited improvements at Front & Girard, with project completion anticipated in early 2026. We are grateful to our partners at SEPTA, ISA Architects, and the Spak Group for helping bring this vision to life and supporting meaningful enhancements to our community.

The intersection beautification and improvement work is funded through the previously awarded **\$72,850** Keystone Communities Grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Following SEPTA's project completion on November 8, 2024, the Fishtown District has begun construction and placement of our new kiosk—the future home of the Fishtown District Welcome Center, staffed by our friendly Fishtown Ambassadors. This team will assist visitors and residents while keeping this busy intersection clean, welcoming, and safe.

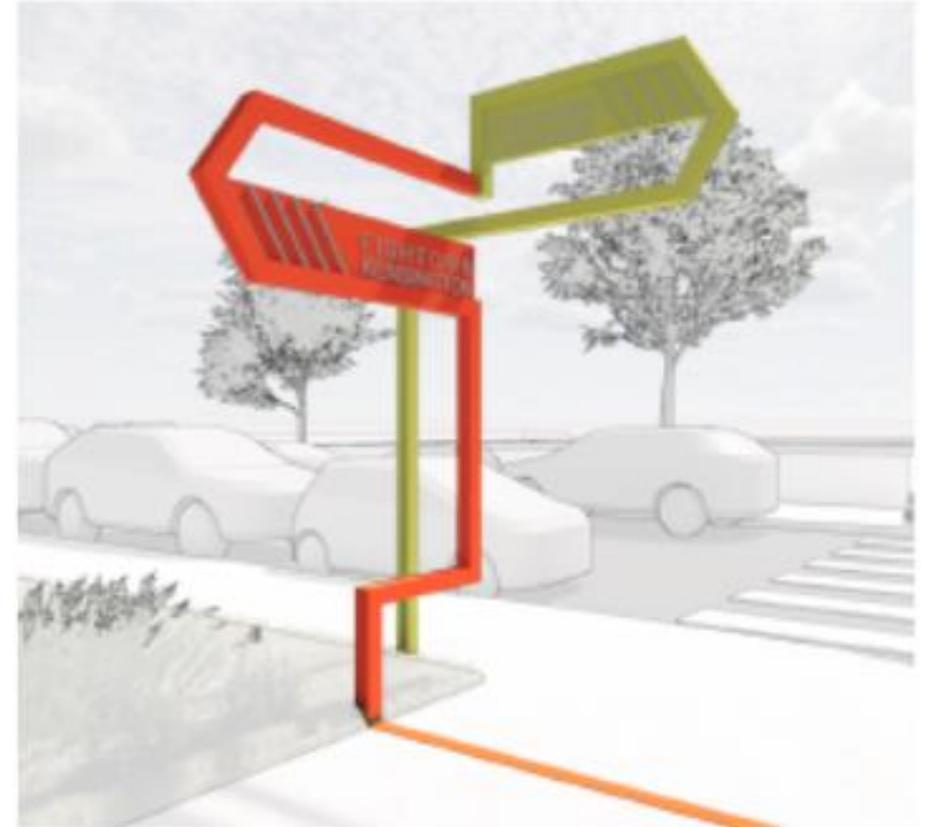
In addition to this work, the Fishtown District will construct similar structures on the east side of the EL stop, with completion expected in early Spring 2026. We also received a Statewide Local Share Account Grant for the intersection in the amount of **\$170,000**.



NORTHERN LIBERTIES CONNECTOR PROJECT

This project aims to better link the neighborhoods of Fishtown-Kensington and Northern Liberties along a key corridor, the Front/Willey/Germantown Connector. “The Connector” has grown in pedestrian popularity in the last decade as the shortest route between each neighborhood’s primary commercial zone. However, due to the irregular non-gridded street layout, The Connector is also challenging to find and difficult to navigate, especially for visitors. This proposal aims to promote pedestrian flow along this route by installing a series of wayfinding kiosks at high-visibility intersections and introducing some small street-improvement interventions such as edge protection, bike racks, and seasonal furniture.

The project is now in the planning stage and set for activation in 2026. In partnership with ISA Architects, this initiative will create a unified, welcoming design, enhancing safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists while improving connectivity between both neighborhoods and the riverfront.



VISION PLAN II - THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

Our Vision Plan II is now in motion, thanks to the continued partnership and expertise of ISA Architects. This next phase expands on our long-term enhancement strategy for the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District, focusing on the [Frankford-York Roundabout](#), the [2400 block of Martha Street](#), the [1300 block of Lee Street](#), and [East Girard Avenue \(from Berks Street to Frankford Avenue\)](#). Together, these improvements are designed to strengthen the commercial corridor, support future growth, and, most importantly, make these high-traffic intersections safer and more accessible for pedestrians. With ISA Architects leading the planning process, Vision Plan II will help ensure the sustained vitality and connectivity of our community for decades to come.



FRANKFORD & SHACKAMAXON PEDESTRIAN PENINSULA

(FRANKFORD AVENUE CONNECTOR PROJECT)

The Fishtown District is working closely with residents to develop a letter-seating concept that is both safe and visually aligned with the character of the neighborhood. PORT and Urban Engineers have prepared the schematic design for a new pedestrian plaza at Frankford Avenue and Shackamaxon Street, featuring a 2,000-square-foot curbed peninsula that would improve traffic flow, shorten pedestrian crossings, and create space for public seating, amenities, and art, including the proposed letter-seating. The project has received positive initial feedback from the Philadelphia Streets Department and PennDOT and will move into full design and permitting next. Funding is expected to come from the \$750,000 HUD Community Project Funding (CPF) grant awarded in 2023, supporting the District's ongoing effort to create a safe, welcoming, and community-informed public space. The Fishtown District expects construction to begin in the Spring of 2026.



INSTALLATION OF CABLE BARRIERS

LOCAL SHARED ACCOUNT (LSA) FOR INSTALLATION OF CABLE BARRIERS

The Old City District and Fishtown District, two of Philadelphia's 15 BIDs, continue to supplement City services while seeking innovative ways to support small businesses and vibrant corridor programming despite limited discretionary resources. In 2025, the BIDs jointly submitted a **\$410,000** Local Share Account (LSA) grant to pilot the installation of cable barriers along key sections of their corridors, making festivals and street events more affordable, sustainable, and scalable. This initiative supports coordinated programming in advance of the City's 2026 celebrations and positions both districts to expand activation and economic impact in the years ahead. We are hoping for a Summer 2026 installation.



LIGHTING ON THE 2400 BLOCK OF FRANKFORD AVENUE

The Fishtown District announced in 2025 that the Philadelphia Activities Fund awarded our Business Improvement District **\$6,500** to launch the first installment of our “Fishtown District Street Lighting Initiative.”

The initial activation is live and illuminating the 2400 block of Frankford Avenue! As you can see, this beautiful, solar-powered aerial lighting brightens this vibrant block, highlights the dynamic businesses, and enhances the feeling of physical and emotional safety for all!

We thank the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Activities Fund for this generous award, Council Member Mark Squilla for his advocacy on our behalf, and the property owners of the 2400 block of Frankford Avenue for installing the lights, as well as their hard work in making this concept a reality. The Fishtown District looks forward to expanding this dynamic lighting initiative to other parts of our commercial corridor!



LOCATION: 2400 Block of Frankford Avenue

TYPE: 24w per 48' string lights at 24v DC. The total length would be 600 linear feet (600w total), with 25amps. Lights would also come with a solar generator to save on electricity.

GRANTS & AWARDS

Fishtown District received \$231,800 in grants in 2025

Over the past year, the Fishtown District Executive Director brought in nearly a quarter a million dollars in grants from various local, state, and federal sources. These funds are used for cleaning, safety, events, and the continuation of the master plan.

FISHTOWN DISTRICT AWARDED CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT GRANT - awarded a Corridor Enhancement Grant by the Department of Commerce in the amount of **\$20,000**, for the 17th Annual Kensington Kinetic Derby and Arts Festival

PENN TREATY SSD approved a **\$15,000** grant for the Kensington Kinetic Derby & Art Festival.

FISHTOWN DISTRICT AWARDED PHILADELPHIA ACTIVITIES FUND GRANT FOR 2025 - awarded a Philadelphia Activities Fund Grant in the amount of **\$2,500** as part of our plan to bring beautification, safety, and wayfinding enhancements to the area surrounding the Frankford-Trenton-York Roundabout at 2400 Frankford Avenue.

FISHTOWN KENSINGTON AREA BID AGAIN AWARDED CLEAN CORRIDORS PROGRAM FUNDING - again received the Department of Commerce annual funding of **\$84,300** to help clean/sweep our sidewalks and streets under the Philadelphia Taking Care of Business (PHL TCB) Clean Corridors Program.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS GENERAL OPERATING GRANT - The Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations (PACDC) awarded a CDC General Operating Support Grant in the amount of **\$10,000**, to help us fund our Business Outreach Director position for 2026.

CDC TAX CREDIT RENEWAL - The Community Development Corporation (CDC) Tax Credit program rewards local businesses that contribute to economic development efforts in distressed parts of the city. Live Nation will continue to support the Fishtown District with **\$100,000** contribution.

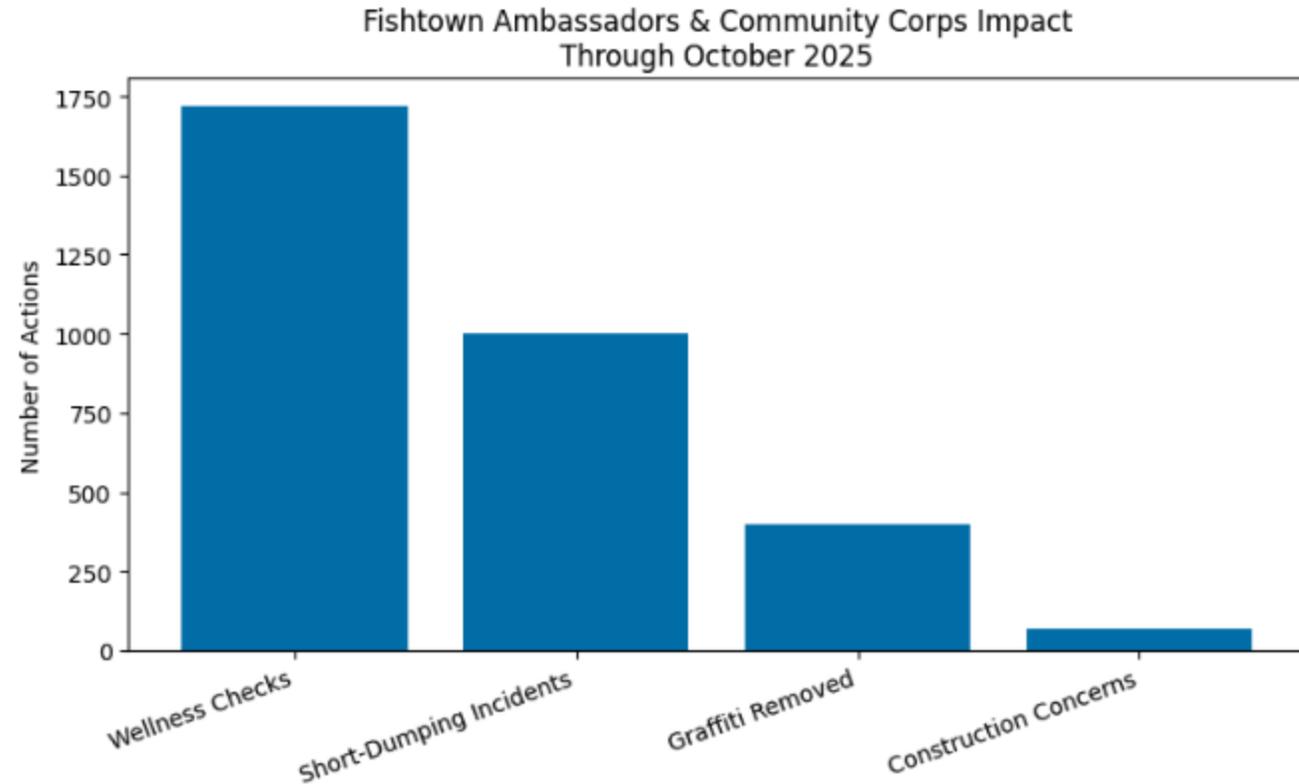
FISHTOWN AMBASSADORS & COMMUNITY CORP

The numbers tell the story - The Fishtown Ambassadors & Community Corps are making a difference!

Our Fishtown Ambassadors and Fishtown Community Corps team have been actively supporting residents, assisting visitors, and keeping the district clean—and the numbers through October 2025 show the impact of their work. Together, they have completed

- **1,721 wellness checks,**
- **Addressed 1002 short-dumping incidents**
- **Removed 398 graffiti tags**
- **Responded to 67 construction-related concerns**

This demonstrates their ongoing commitment to a safer, cleaner, and more connected Fishtown District.



FISHTOWN AMBASSADORS

FISHTOWN DISTRICT PROPERTY/BUSINESS SAFETY ASSESSMENTS & SEMINARS

The Fishtown District knows the importance of all who reside, visit, work, and own property within our commercial corridor, feeling physically and emotionally safe. This year we launched free SAFETY ASSESSMENTS AND SEMINARS for all business/property owners, and their employees, within the geographic parameters of the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District. These seminars will continue to be offered in 2026.

These in-person sessions provided a comfortable setting to:

Discuss local safety concerns, learn strategies to prevent crime, and provide tools and resources to ensure public safety, and understand how to work with our Fishtown Ambassador Team, as well as law enforcement and other related Commonwealth and Municipal Departments, to maintain a secure neighborhood.

FISHTOWN AMBASSADORS

READY FOR THEIR CLOSE-UP - THE FISHTOWN AMBASSADORS VIDEO

This year, the Fishtown District produced a special video highlighting our dedicated Ambassadors and the vital role they play in making Fishtown and Kensington stronger, safer communities. These individuals work tirelessly to ensure the well-being of patrons, businesses, and residents. From assisting during traffic incidents to alerting authorities when someone is in need, their quick response provides peace of mind to local businesses and their employees. Through their efforts, our neighborhoods remain welcoming and secure for all.



Fishtown District Ambassadors Final Video

Contact Fishtown District or Scott Nistico, Scott@fishtownbid.org directly to report any incidents of concern within the geographic parameters of the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District so that our dedicated team can respond to render aid/assistance.

CORRIDOR CLEANING

Our dedicated Crew in Blue works tirelessly to keep the Fishtown commercial corridor clean, welcoming, and looking its best. Ready, Willing & Able continues to do an outstanding job supporting these efforts and helping maintain a vibrant environment for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.



FISHTOWN DISTRICT ASSISTS IN GRAFFITI REMOVAL

The Fishtown District works tirelessly to ensure the cleanliness and beauty of the storefronts and properties within our commercial corridor. We are proud to continue our collaboration with the Community Life Improvement Program (CLIP), as well as Kimberly Bennett of Graffiti Removal Experts, to remove graffiti throughout our District. **As of December 18, 2025 we reported and removed 398 graffiti tags.**

Removing graffiti has many benefits, including improved safety, property value, and community pride.



CORRIDOR CLEANING

City of Philadelphia Praises Fishtown District Litter Index Report

We are proud to share our most recent Litter Index Report. Every TCB block was visited three times each quarter with the most recent being September 13 - October 25, 2025 and scored on a scale of 1-4. As is shown in detail in the report, low numerical values reflect a favorable score while higher values indicate a greater litter presence.

Litter Index Key



OVERALL SCORE - FISHTOWN DISTRICT HAS LITTLE TO NO LITTER

MARKETING

EVENTS

Valentine's Bingo

Stouts & Snouts

Spring Stroll, Roll, & Shop

Fishtown Taps

Under the El Bazaars

Oktoberfest Family Fun Day

Kensington Derby

Fishtown Freeze Weekend



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MARKETING- IN THE NEWS

FISHTOWN'S KISMET BAGELS FEATURED ON NATIONAL BAGEL DAY, GOOD MORNING AMERICA

Good Morning America celebrated National Bagel Day with some of our favorite people in the Fishtown District from Kismet Bagels! Located at 113 East Girard Avenue, they specialize in fantastic bagels, bialys, breakfast sandwiches, schmears, and more! Celebrating "National Bagel Day", the Kismet owners competed on Good Morning America in the "Bagel Battle" for the Schmeer Trophy.

LIBERTY KITCHEN CLASSIC HOAGIE GOES VIRAL, 6ABC

There's a seemingly simple, classic kind of hoagie at Liberty Kitchen (1400 North Front Street) that somehow became an instant, viral sandwich. So much so that 6ABC Philadelphia had to take the time to highlight it on their segment "The Dish"!

VOGUE MAGAZINE CHOOSES FISHTOWN TO 'EAT, STAY, SHOP, & PLAY', VOGUE MAGAZINE

Philadelphia is an underappreciated cultural destination, offering visitors thoughtfully designed boutique hotels and standout dining—from cozy, locally inspired stays in Fishtown and Old City to deeply personal, family-rooted restaurants—showcasing the city's rich creativity, history, and hospitality beyond its sports and sandwich stereotypes

EAGLES' AJ DILLON AT FISHTOWN DISTRICT'S "SURAYA", NBC10

NBC10 Philadelphia featured Eagles running back AJ Dillon and his wife at Fishtown District favorite Suraya, where Dining With the Dillons highlighted conversations about football, philanthropy, and their favorite spots to eat in the city.

THREE FISHTOWN RESTAURANTS ON 'CN TRAVLER'S' LIST OF 22 BEST, CN TRAVLER

Fishtown has emerged as a nationally recognized dining destination, anchored by bold, high-energy restaurants like Kalaya, Suraya, and Amá that pair acclaimed global cuisines with expansive, modern spaces and unforgettable culinary experiences.

MARKETING- NEW FISHTOWN DISTRICT WEBSITE

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Fishtown District is *more* than a neighborhood...
it's a vibe.

Come Curious. Leave Inspired.

Craving a Craft Cocktail or Brew?
You'll Find Your Pour Here

Looking for a Great Meal?
Where Flavor Comes to Life

Shopping for Unique Finds?
Find for Your Next Favorite

Craving Coffee, Tea, & Desserts?
Discover Your Cravings Now

Want to Dance, Vibe, or Chill?
Laugh, Dance, Bowl & Party

MARKETING- NEW FISHTOWN DISTRICT WEBSITE DIRECTORY

Directory

Business



- ✓ Select Category
- Automotive and Bikes
- Barbershops and Salons
- Bars and Restaurants
- Branding and Design and Web Services
- Brewers and Distillers
- Business Networking & Coworking Spaces
- Child Care and Education
- Coffee and Desserts
- Electronics
- Entertainment
- Financial Services
- Fitness and Wellness
- Gallery
- Gas Stations
- Government Offices and Community Organizations
- Grocery and Deli and Convenience

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MARKETING- BEAUTIFICATION UPDATES

Beautification & Improvements



Building a Stronger Fishtown-Kensington Community

The Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District (FKABID) is investing in a bold vision to amplify the neighborhood's unique cultural, creative, and commercial identity. This plan focuses on:

- **Enhancing Local Character** – Showcasing world-class retail,



MARKETING- ABOUT FISHTOWN DISTRICT

About Fishtown District:

When businesses thrive, so does the neighborhood.



Not Inside the BID? *You're in Luck!*

Before the creation of the Fishtown Kensington BID, **Fishtown Co.** was born from a simple idea: to connect local businesses, share ideas, pool resources, and promote the vibrant spirit of our neighborhood. While the BID serves much of the area, some businesses fall just beyond its borders, and that's where Fishtown Co. steps in.

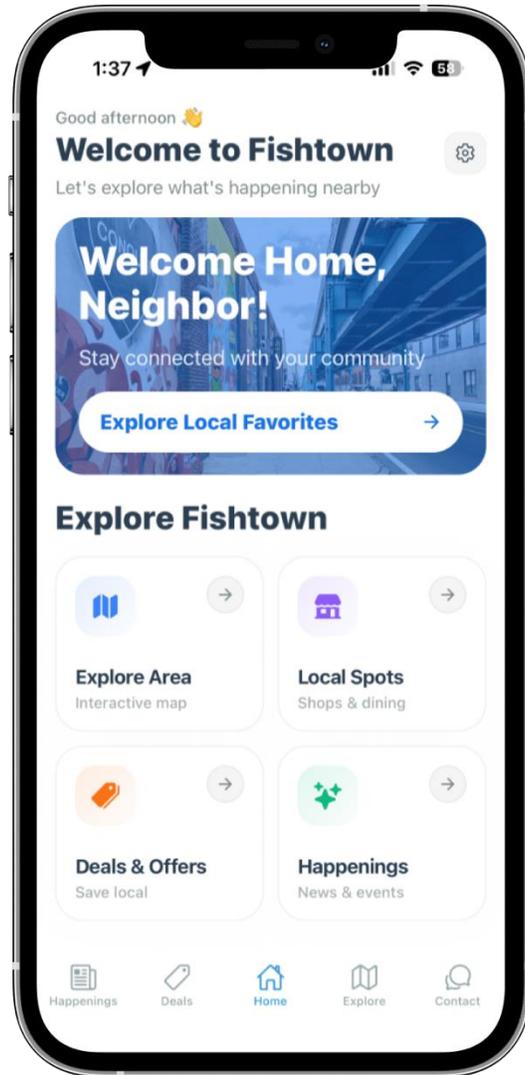
By becoming a member, you can tap into many of the same benefits as the BID, from marketing and events to community improvements and join a network of passionate

MARKETING- FISHTOWN FEATURES

Fishtown Features

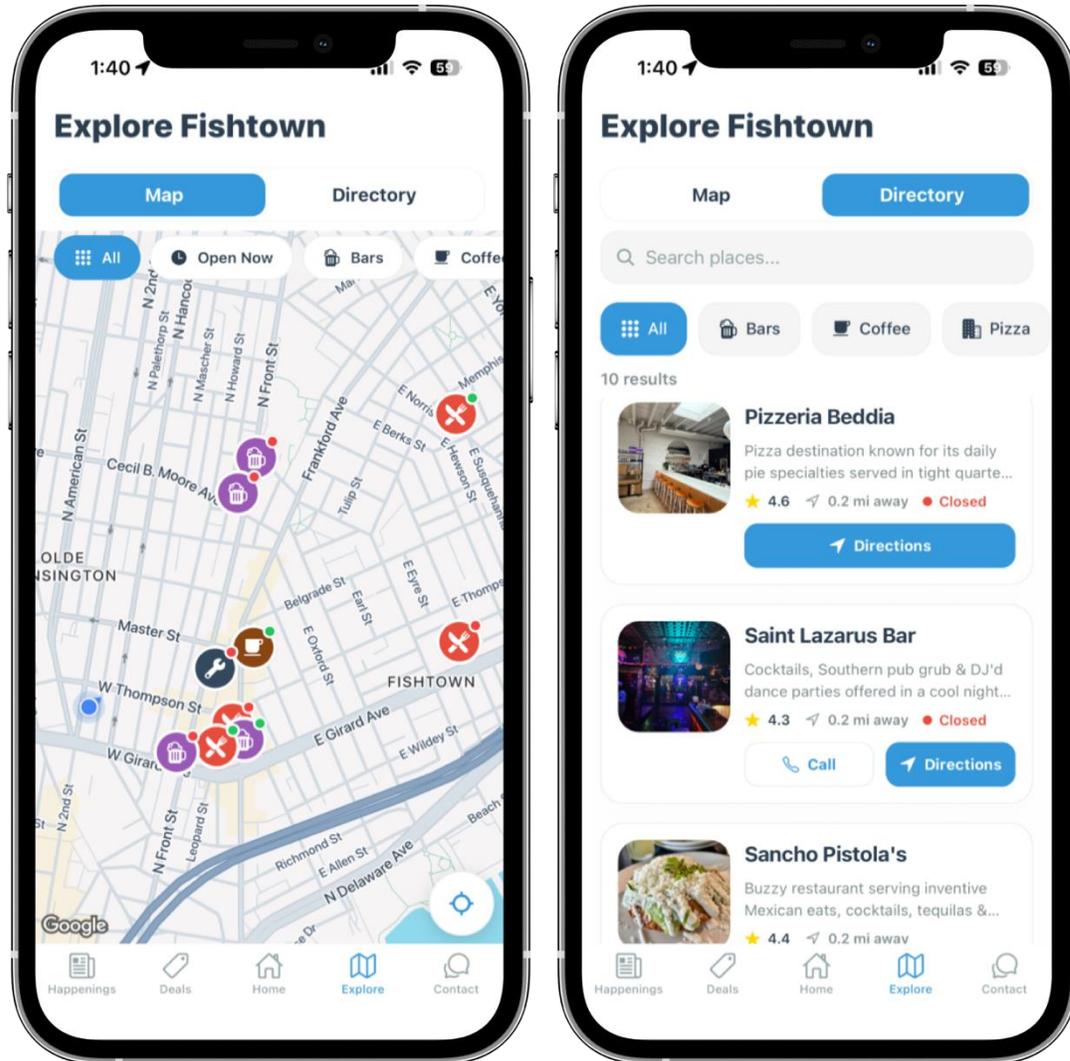


FISHTOWN DISTRICT APP



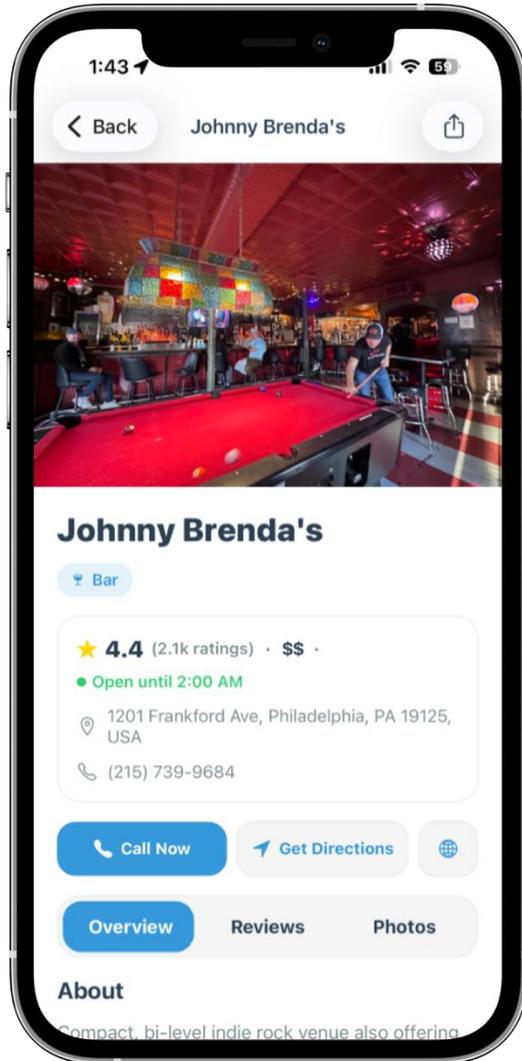
- Wholistic neighborhood focus
- Digital Map/Directory
- Deals & Offers
- Happenings: News + Events
- Coming soon to an app store near you!

FISHTOWN DISTRICT APP: MAP



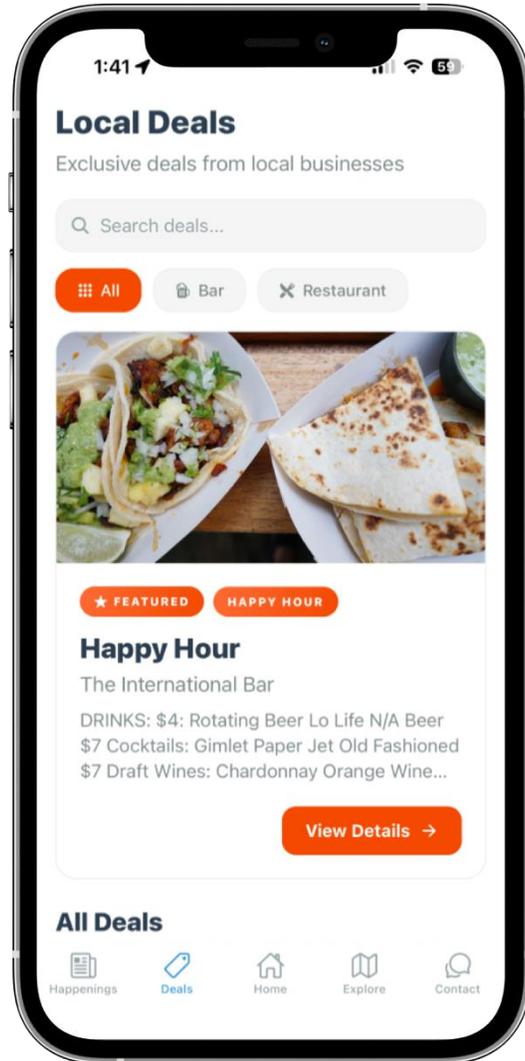
- Digital Map + Directory
- Ability to filter by business type
- Easy access to:
 - Business details
 - Contact info.
 - Real time directions

FISHTOWN DISTRICT APP: DETAILS



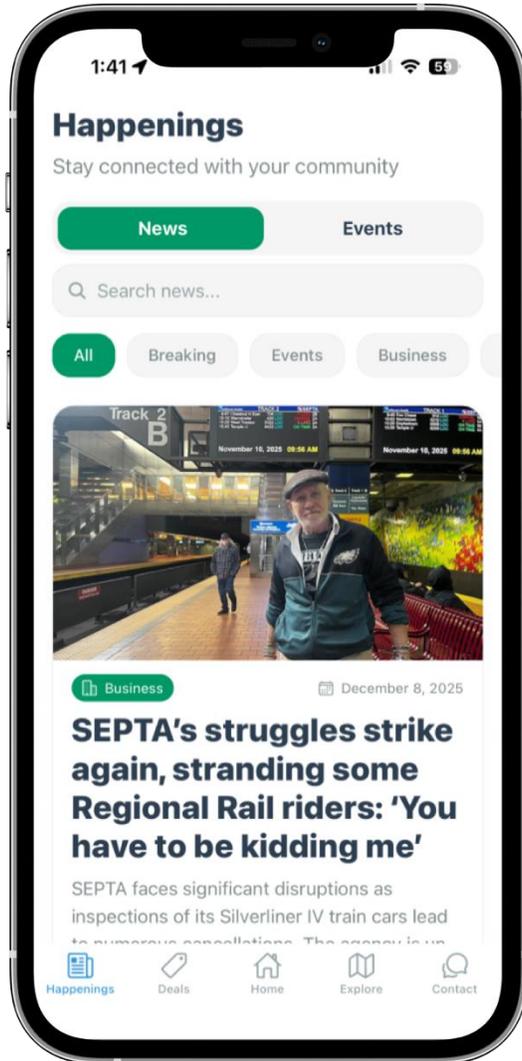
- Prominently displays:
 - Open status + hours
 - Ratings
 - Address
 - Phone number
- One touch:
 - Calling
 - Directions (using map of choice)
 - Website

FISHTOWN DISTRICT APP: DEALS



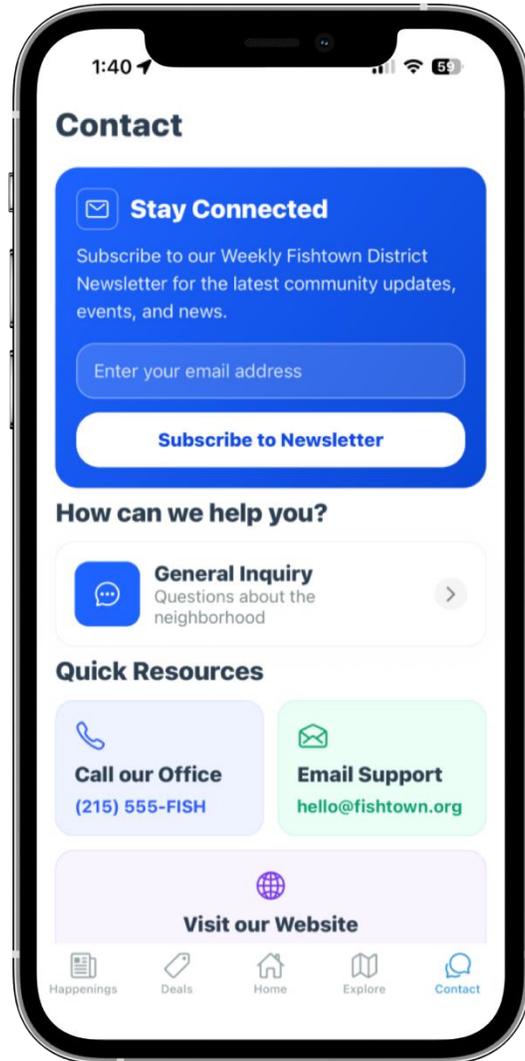
- Businesses post deals directly
- Ability to filter deals by business type (bar, restaurant, retail, service, etc.)
- Provides easy access to lesser known promotions to locals and visitors alike

FISHTOWN DISTRICT APP: HAPPENINGS



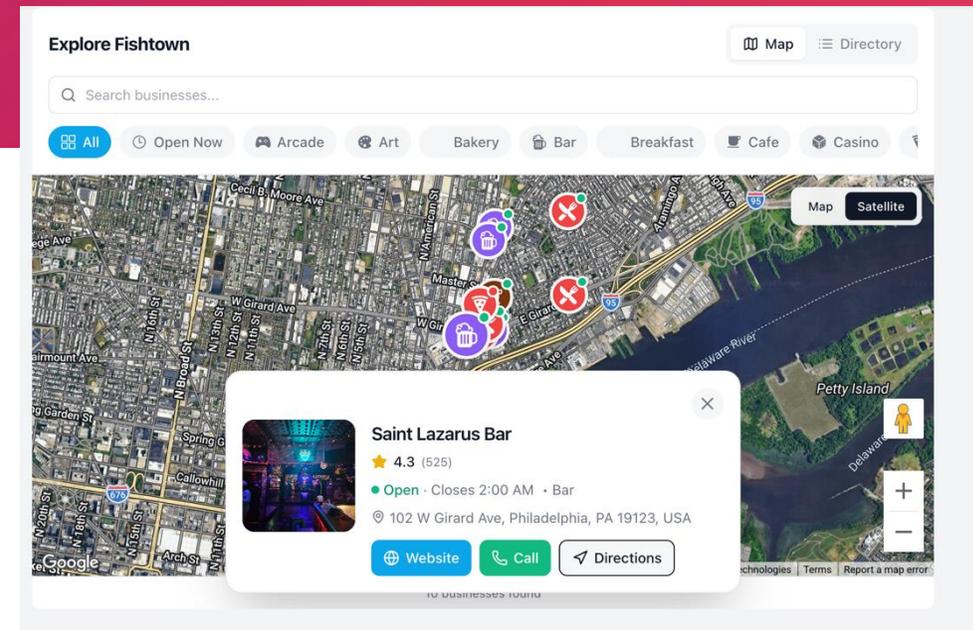
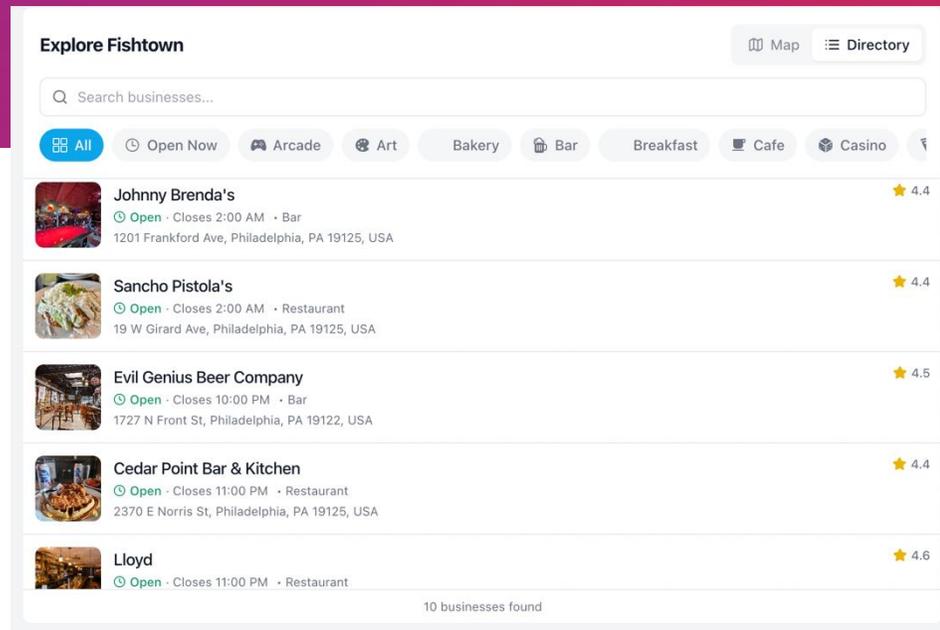
- A one stop shop for what's happening in the neighborhood
- Features both "News" and "Neighborhood Events"
- Content posted and moderated directly by the Fishtown District

FISHTOWN DISTRICT APP: CONTACT



- Easy newsletter opt-in
- Users can submit general inquiries
- Clearly displays BID contact info + website

FISHTOWN DISTRICT BUSINESS MAP



- Optimized to allow users to find their new favorite spot, and how to get there, faster.
- Fully integrated with the new Fishtown District Mobile App to ensure accuracy across both experiences

NEW BUSINESSES OPENED IN 2025

Smokin' Silverbacks Cigar, 25 E Allen Street 2nd Floor

Mecha Noodle Bar, 1700 N Front Street, Suite 2.1

Taylor Chip 1828 Frankford Avenue

Wonder, 23 W Girard Avenue

Haraz Coffee, 23 W Girard Avenue #202

Ballers, 1325 N Beach Street

Cannonball Club, 1105 Frankford Avenue

Emmett, 161 W Girard Avenue

7th Street Burger, 1215 Frankford Avenue

Insomnia Cookies, 17 W Girard Avenue

El Chingon, 1431 Frankford Avenue

Freehand Art Supply, 308 E Girard Avenue

Sapora, 1001 N Delaware Avenue

Court 16, 1400 N Howard Street Unit B125

Amá, 101 W Oxford Street

The King of Bubble Tea, 1315 Frankford Avenue

The Cormorant, 2301 Frankford Ave

Fleurs, 2205 N Front Street

Leo Figs, 2201 Frankford Ave.

Medium Rare, 1540 Frankford Ave

Percy, 1700 N Front St

Little Susie's Coffee & Pie, 1772 N Front St.

Forest & Main, 1416 Frankford Ave

Treat my Feet, 401-05 East Girard Avenue

Kinto, 1144 Frankford Ave

Huda Burger, 1603 Frankford Ave

The Slider Co., 2211-17 Frankford Ave

Revive, 1424 Frankford Ave

Second Hand Ranch, 1148 Frankford Ave

Minor Details, 2023 Frankford Ave

Marinas Pizza, 1425 Frankford Ave

Birdies Barre & Fitness Studio, 2456 Frankford Ave

Our Mutual Friend, 1219 Frankford Avenue

Impresso Express, 544 E Girard Avenue

Retro Pilates, 2578 Frankford Avenue

FS8 Fishtown Pilates, 2400 Frankford Avenue

Sweet 45, 2000 North Front Street



FISHTOWN DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Stay informed! Sign up for our weekly newsletter at FishtownDistrict.com

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Stay informed with the happenings in Fishtown District. Our newsletter includes important information for stakeholders, residents, and visitors to our thriving commercial corridor. Don't miss a thing, sign up today!

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FISHTOWN DISTRICT 2026

What is coming to Fishtown District in 2026

Events for 250th Anniversary with Partners

New Businesses

New Ideas

BOARD NOMINATIONS

2026 Fishtown District Board Nominees

Vote for a total of 4

Paul Kimport

Janay Green

Lee Stoetzel

Lisa Mazzola

<https://fishtowndistrict.com/fishtown-district-board-nominees-voting-2026/>

Deadline for voting Monday at 10am

Property & business owners within the BID area

CLOSING STATEMENTS

Executive Director, Marc D. Collazzo, J.D.