

FISHTOWN DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Annual meeting - Tuesday, Feb 10, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Register for Zoom meeting at fishtowndistrict.com



Letter from the Executive Director

Marc D. Collazzo

The Fishtown District knows that the collaboration of our community and business development is crucial because we create a virtuous cycle: strong communities attract and nurture businesses, while thriving businesses invest back into the community, boosting local economies, creating jobs, improving quality of life, fostering innovation, and building trust, leading to more resilient, prosperous, and vibrant places for everyone. It's not just about profit; it's about shared success, with businesses gaining loyalty and talent, and residents gaining opportunities and better services.

Capital improvement projects (starting in 2026), such as our pending Vision Plan Activation at Frankford and Girard Avenues, Frankford Avenue Connector Project (Phase I), the Fishtown/Northern Liberties Connector Project, and our Vision Plan II transportation, will transform accessibility and connectivity to and from our neighborhood. The Fishtown District's award-winning cleaning teams with Ready, Willing & Able, and Fishtown Community Corps, have made our sidewalks and streets the envy of the region. Finally, our annual events, such as the Kensington Kinetic Derby and Arts Festival, bring thousands to our beloved hamlet while enhancing feelings of belonging, satisfaction, and shared identity.

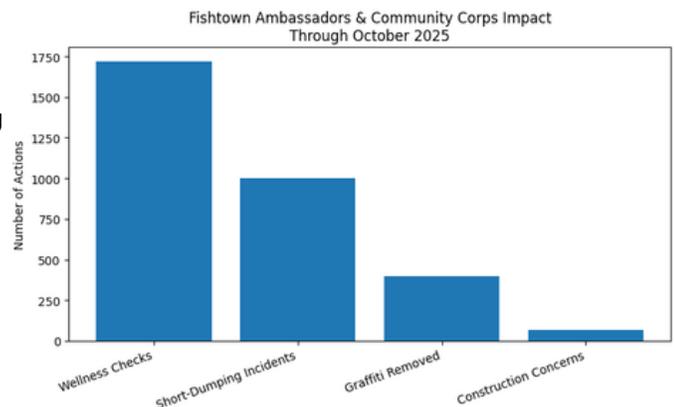
We look forward to our continued success and vitality. "Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." - Ryunosuke Satoro

"Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter." - Brian Solis

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**, reported and removed **398 graffiti tags**, and responded to **67 construction-related concerns**, demonstrating their ongoing commitment to a safer, cleaner, and more connected Fishtown District.



Current Board Members

Janay Green, Chair • Lisa Mazzola, Treasurer • Bianca DiPietro, Secretary
Ravi Bayanker • Jeannine Cook • Caroline Jones • Paul Kimport • City Council Member, Quetcy Lozada • Liz Quinones Rosas (Rivers Casino), Henry Siebert • City Council Member, Mark Squilla • Lee Stoetzel • Kathleen Treude • City Council Member, Jeffery Young, Advisory Board - Justin Gibbons • Roland Kassiss • Josh Olivo • Greg Root • Matt Ross • Matt Ricciotti (LiveNation)

GRANT AWARDS

FISHTOWN DISTRICT AWARDED CORRIDOR ENHANCEMENT GRANT

The Fishtown District was awarded a Corridor Enhancement Grant by the Department of Commerce in the amount of **\$20,000**, to ensure the return of the 17th Annual Kensington Kinetic Derby and Arts Festival on Saturday, October 25, 2025. We are thankful to the Commerce Department for this generous award to make certain that we can continue this neighborhood tradition, as well as our elected officials for their zealous advocacy on our behalf and the East Kensington Neighbors Association (EKNA) for their partnership and collaboration. In addition, the Board of Directors of the Penn Treaty SSD approved a **\$15,000** grant for this year's Kensington Kinetic Derby & Art Festival.



FISHTOWN DISTRICT AWARDED PHILADELPHIA ACTIVITIES FUND GRANT FOR 2025

The Fishtown District was 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.

Our organization will be utilizing this award towards the Fishtown Neighbors Association's planned pollinator garden (on the corner closest to AC Auto Repair). The focus will be to plant and maintain native species to support local wildlife and attract pollinators like bees and butterflies. Our collaborative goal is to encourage community involvement in enhancing these spaces, including adding more native plants.



FISHTOWN KENSINGTON AREA BID AGAIN AWARDED CLEAN CORRIDORS PROGRAM FUNDING

The Fishtown District 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. TCB funds community-based nonprofits, such as the Fishtown District, to sweep sidewalks and remove litter within neighborhood commercial corridors. We thank the Commerce Department for its continued support and partnership in keeping our commercial corridor clean. In addition, the Fishtown District appreciates the zealous advocacy of our elected officials to assist our District and neighborhood. Finally, we praise the hard work and dedication of our "crew in blue" (Ready, Willing & Able) for attending to the corridor each day!



PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS GENERAL OPERATING GRANT

The Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations (PACDC) awarded the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District a CDC General Operating Support Grant in the amount of **\$10,000**, to help us fund our Business Outreach Director position for 2026. This generous award will allow our executive staff member, Max Thalheimer, to develop and grow our business/stakeholder relationships to lead our commercial corridor to better growth and vitality through strategy and planning, cultivating connections, event management, marketing and communication, market analysis, and constituent engagement.



GRANT AWARDS

FISHTOWN DISTRICT CREATING IN-STORE MICROGRANT PROGRAM

The Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District filed a grant with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to create the "Fishtown District In-Store Microgrant Program," which, if funded, will be designed to help selected retail, food, and creative businesses expand or establish new locations within our geographic parameters. Our goal is to award **\$5,000** per project, to be used for purchasing equipment and making interior improvements. The Fishtown District received fourteen (14) expressions of interest from corridor businesses.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

What it is:

- A reimbursement grant administered by the Fishtown District
- Aims to support retail, food, and creative arts businesses.
- Targets business growth within our commercial corridor.
- Designed to increase economic development.

What it funds:

- Equipment purchases, interior improvements, establishing a new location, and expanding an existing business.

How it works:

- Eligible businesses can receive microgrants of \$5,000 for projects.
- Businesses/Properties must be up-to-date on all assessments with the Fishtown District.

Eligibility:

- Businesses must be located within the geographic parameters of the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District.
- Must be a retail, food, or creative business.
- Must meet specific criteria related to the business's financial feasibility and community impact.



CDC TAX CREDIT RENEWAL

In 2025, the City of Philadelphia's Department of Revenue granted the Fishtown District's renewal application for participation in the CDC Tax Renewal Program. We thank our tax credit partner, Live Nation (The Fillmore, Punch Line Philly, and Brooklyn Bowl), for their ongoing collaboration and friendship. 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 receive a tax credit of \$100,000 per year by contributing **\$100,000** annually to the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District for 10 consecutive years. This substantial funding will be used to provide additional resources, programs, planning, events, and projects to the Fishtown District. We appreciate the faith and dedication of our tax credit partner, as well as the Department of Commerce and our District Council Members (Quetcy Lozada, Mark Squilla, and Jeffery Young) for their steadfast support and for rewarding our hard work by approving the Fishtown District's sustained participation in this wonderful program.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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.



FISHTOWN DISTRICT & NORTHERN LIBERTIES CONNECTOR PROJECT

This project aims to better link the neighborhoods of Fishtown- Kensington and Northern Liberties along a key corridor, the Front/Wilkey/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.



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.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

FRANKFORD AND GIRARD VISION PLAN I 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.

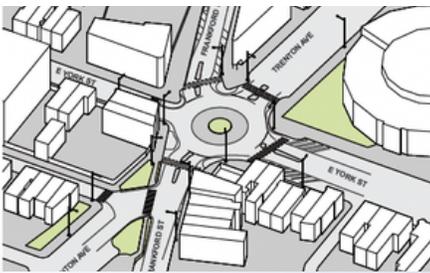
The intersection beautification and improvement work is funded through the previously awarded **\$72,850** Keystone Communities Grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Following SEPTA's project completion on November 8, 2024, the Fishtown District has begun construction and placement of our new 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**. These investments move us closer to a more vibrant, accessible, and unified gateway for the Fishtown community.



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.

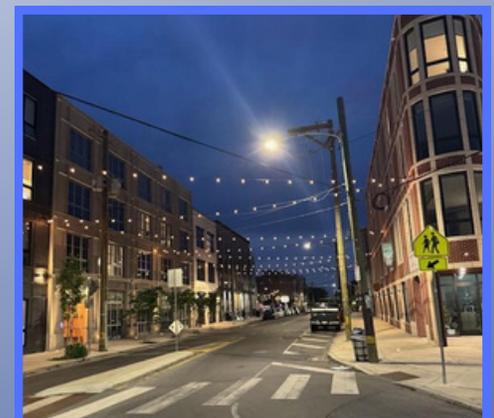


LIGHTING ON THE 2400 BLOCK OF FRANKFORD AVENUE

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!



CLEANING

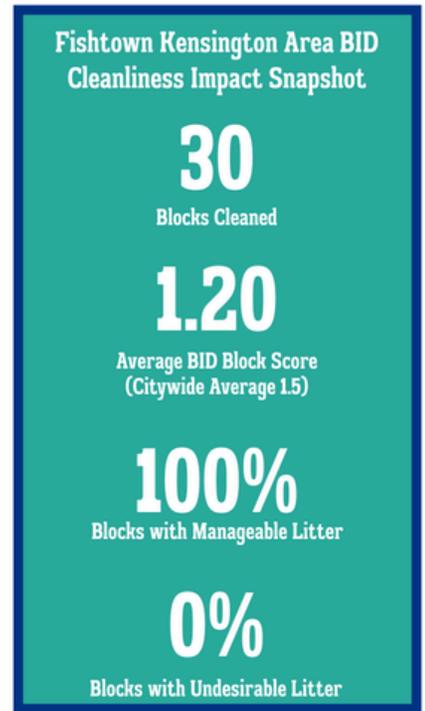
FISHTOWN KENSINGTON BID 2025 TCB LITTER INDEX OBSERVATIONS

The Fishtown District is a proud recipient of Taking Care of Business (TCB) cleaning funds, and we are proud to share our annual 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.

OVERALL SCORE - FISHTOWN DISTRICT HAS LITTLE TO NO LITTER

Fishtown Kensington Area BID cleans 30 blocks in total (under the TCB Program)

- The average Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District block score is 1.2 (the average citywide TCB block score is 1.50)
- 100% of Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District blocks have a manageable level of litter, with an average score between 1.0-2.0 (90% of citywide TCB blocks have a manageable level of litter)
- 0% of Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District blocks have an undesirable level of litter, with an average score between 3.0-4.0 (2% of citywide TCB blocks have an undesirable level of litter)



RWA RECAP & TRASH BAG COUNTS

Not only does our team consistently maintain the corridor by removing trash and litter from streets and sidewalks, but they also respond quickly to debris outside local businesses, as well as overgrown weeds and grass throughout the district.

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.



CLEANING

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 298 graffiti tags.**

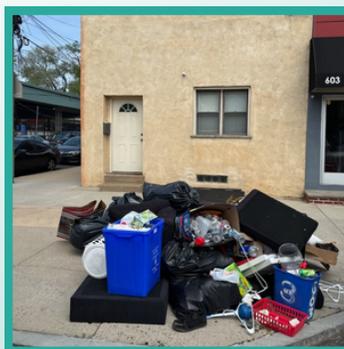


Removing graffiti has many benefits, including improved safety, property value, and community pride.



FISHTOWN COMMUNITY CORPS: DEDICATED TO A CLEANER, BRIGHTER NEIGHBORHOOD

The Fishtown Community Corps plays a vital role in keeping our neighborhood clean and inviting. Every day, this dedicated team works tirelessly to clear debris, pick up trash, and sweep our streets, ensuring that Fishtown remains a vibrant and welcoming place for residents and visitors alike. Their commitment goes beyond the work—they show up each day with a positive attitude and a smile, embodying the spirit of community pride that defines our district.



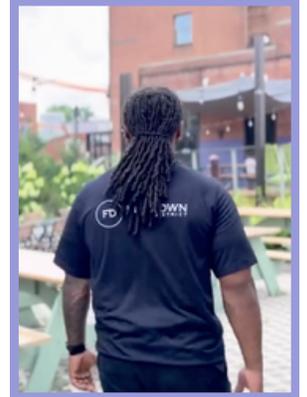
SAFETY & SECURITY

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.



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.



TO WATCH VIDEO

RECOGNITION

FISHTOWN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, JANAY GREEN, RECEIVES HONOR FOR 'WOMEN LEADING THE 175th'

In honor of Women's History Month, in March 2025, State Representative, Mary Isaacson hosted the annual Women Leading the 175th recognition program to honor the dedication and impact of women across the 175th legislative district. The Fishtown District Board Chairperson and owner of 'Saint Lazarus Bar' at 102 W Girard Avenue, Janay Green, was chosen this year as a recipient! These women were chosen due to their invaluable service and contributions in our communities and throughout our great city.

FISHTOWN DISTRICT HOSTS US SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

On March 27, 2025, Fishtown District Executive Director, Marc Collazzo, hosted Scott Turner, United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as well as HUD Regional Administrator, Joseph J. DeFelice, for a tour of the Fishtown/Kensington/Delaware Avenue corridor, including stops at the Battery (1325 North Beach Street), the new Riverfront Development, lunch at Front Street Cafe (1253 North Front Street), and the footprint of the Fishtown Kensington Area Business Improvement District's "Frankford Avenue Connector" project, the latter of which was partially funded through a HUD Community Project Funding (CPF) of \$750,000.00.



FISHTOWN/KENSINGTON BID EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SPEAKS AT ULI PHILADELPHIA EVENT

Fishtown Kensington Business Improvement District Executive Director, Marc Collazzo, was featured in a speaking event with Urban Land Institute on Thursday, September 11, 2025. ULI Philadelphia shared:

On the first full day of the Commonwealth Housing Exchange, cohort members participated in an in-depth discussion on the rising costs of capital, labor, and construction, and how these challenges intersect with incentive programs. The conversation explored strategies for creating financially viable housing solutions while examining why some incentives may not achieve their intended impact.

MARKETING & EVENTS

VALENTINE'S SHOPPING BINGO

Shoppers celebrated Valentine's Week with a fun BINGO shopping challenge! From February 8th-14th, people shopped at any of our participating stores, restaurants, bars, and gift shops to collect stamps on their BINGO card. Once the Bingo card was filled customers were entered to win 3 grand prizes baskets filled with gifts from participating retailers.



FISHTOWN DISTRICT 'SPRING STROLL, ROLL, & SHOP A HUGE SUCCESS

Spring was perfect for shopping in the neighborhood! The Fishtown District hosted the Spring Stroll, Roll & Shop, a vibrant neighborhood celebration right here in the Fishtown District on Saturday and Sunday April 26th and 27th. The Fishtown District provided a free all-day trolley, with stops all throughout the district to allow residents and shoppers to utilize a quick way to all of the participating locations!



STOUTS & SNOOTS FOR ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND FUN

This fun day featured exactly what it sounds like, special Stout, Irish Cocktails, and other Specialty Drink offerings from local Fishtown bars! Locations included a Snout ("Pork or Faux Pork") option for food specials! Hundreds of visitors walked the neighborhood and stopped in to try the specials in many bars and restaurants along the way.



FISHTOWN TAPS STILL GOING STRONG

Fishtown TAPS, now in its 3rd year, is a district-wide happy hour every Tuesday from 5 - 7 pm throughout the Summer. Participating locations featured a select list of \$5 beers, \$6 wines, and \$7 cocktails, as well as optional appetizer specials. Fishtown Taps happy hour is a chance for people to come and try out the notable bars and restaurants and take advantage of the discounted offerings.



FISHTOWN DISTRICT'S 'UNDER THE EL BAZAAR' DRAWS HUGE CROWDS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Fishtown District's Under the El Bazaar returned this summer with three vibrant events that brought the community together. Kicking off on June 28, the series celebrated local talent and small businesses with a free, family-friendly outdoor experience. July's "Come Play in the Streets" theme featured games, a mobile video game truck, live music, food, and shopping, while the August 23 finale closed the season with an "End of Summer Send-Off," a beach-inspired bash full of music, activities, and fun for all ages. The series attracted media attention across Philadelphia and welcomed guests from throughout the region, showcasing the energy and spirit of Fishtown.



MARKETING & EVENTS

OKTOBERFEST FAMILY FUN DAY BRINGS OUT THE FISHTOWN COMMUNITY

Saturday, September 20th, the Fishtown District hosted an Oktoberfest Family Fun Day, which included events along Frankford Avenue from Thompson to Master, Frankford Hall, Evil Genius, & El Chingon!

This multi-location community celebration brought together the best of fall with delicious food and drinks, live music, games (including miniature golf, cornhole, giant connect four, basketball pop-a-shot, and more...), kids' activities (including face painters, balloon artists and caricature artists), and unique neighborhood vendors.



THE KENSINGTON DERBY & ARTS FESTIVAL BRINGS OUT THOUSANDS!

There was mud (and lots of it) on Saturday, October 25th as the beloved Kensington Kinetic Sculpture Derby & Arts Festival returned to Frankford Avenue! It was another GREAT day in the Fishtown District as the 17th Annual Kensington Derby and Arts Festival brought well over 30,000 happy patrons to our commercial corridor for a day of arts, family fun, costume contests, music, local vendors, the creative Kinetic Derby parade and conclusion in the iconic mud pit, and a performance of "Awful Wrestling" to bring this historic day to a fitting finale.



HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

The Fishtown District was excited to kick off the holiday season with the Fishtown Official Christmas Tree Lighting, hosted at Mamajuana Café Philly (1000 Frankford Avenue). We enjoyed a magical evening with the community, celebrating the spirit of the season, and even had a special visit from Santa himself. With festive music from DJ Jholi from Rumba 106.1, delicious seasonal drinks, and complimentary hot chocolate for all... the night was the perfect way to start the holiday season.



FISHTOWN FREEZE WEEKEND

The 7th annual Fishtown Freeze returned on December 6–7 as a festive, family-friendly winter spectacular along Frankford and Girard Avenues and North Front Street in Fishtown & Kensington. The event featured dozens of custom-designed ice sculptures and four live carvings crafted by Ice Sculpture Philly, all set against a backdrop of holiday décor, food, and drink specials. Highlights included free photos with Santa, outdoor pop-up makers' markets, and a complimentary holiday trolley running noon–6 PM on Saturday to ferry visitors between sculptures, shops, and vendors. Nearly 30 local businesses joined the festivities through a "Holiday Shopping Spree" deal offering discounts and seasonal fun, making the weekend a lively celebration of art, community, and holiday cheer.



FISHTOWN DISTRICT MICHELIN STARS

SETTING THE STANDARD: FISHTOWN DISTRICT RESTAURANTS EARN MICHELIN HONORS

For the first time ever, Philadelphia has earned Michelin stars, three in total, marking a historic moment for our city's dining scene. Alongside these stars, Michelin honored numerous restaurants for exceptional cuisine and unforgettable experiences, and we're proud to share that several of these acclaimed spots are right here in the Fishtown District.



Michelin awarded Bib Gourmand status to ten Philadelphia restaurants for delivering outstanding food at great value, and recognized 21 others as Michelin Recommended for their high-quality ingredients and craftsmanship. These distinctions allow restaurants to proudly use the Michelin name in their marketing—a powerful endorsement that elevates visibility and attracts new guests.

We are thrilled to celebrate the following Fishtown District restaurants for their well-deserved recognition:

- Kalaya** – 4 West Palmer Street (Michelin Recommended)
- Suraya** – 1528 Frankford Avenue (Michelin Recommended)
- Hiroki** – 1355 North Front Street (Michelin Recommended)
- Pizzeria Beddia** – 1313 North Lee Street (Michelin Bib Gourmand)

NEW BUSINESSES IN 2025

Smokin' Silverbacks Cigar, 25 E Allen Street 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19123

Mecha Noodle Bar, 1700 N Front Street, Suite 2.1, Philadelphia, PA 19122

Taylor Chip 1828 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Wonder, 23 W Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19123

Haraz Coffee, 23 W Girard Avenue #202, Philadelphia, PA 19123

Ballers, 1325 N Beach Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Cannonball Club, 1105 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Emmett, 161 W Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19122

7th Street Burger, 1215 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Insomnia Cookies, 17 W Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19123

El Chingon, 1431 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Freehand Art Supply, 308 E Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Sapore, 1001 N Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Court 16, 1400 N Howard Street Unit B125, Philadelphia, PA 19122

Amá, 101 W Oxford Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122

The King of Bubble Tea, 1315 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19125

The Cormorant, 2301 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Fleurs, 2205 N Front Street, Philadelphia, PA 19133

Leo Figs, 2201 Frankford Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19125

Medium Rare, 1540 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Percy, 1700 N Front St, Philadelphia, PA 19122

Little Susie's Coffee & Pie, 1772 N Front St., Philadelphia, PA 19122

Forest & Main, 1416 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Treat my Feet, 401-05 East Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Kinto, 1144 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Huda Burger, 1603 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

The Slider Co., 2211-17 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Revive, 1424 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Second Hand Ranch, 1148 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Minor Details, 2023 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Marinas Pizza, 1425 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Birdies Barre & Fitness Studio, 2456 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Our Mutual Friend, 1219 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Impresso Express, 544 E Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Retro Pilates, 2578 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

FS8 Fishtown Pilates, 2400 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19125

Sweet 45, 2000 North Front Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122



IN THE NEWS

Local News
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This section highlights just a sample of the incredible press coverage our Fishtown District businesses have received over the past year. From national features to local spotlights, these stories showcase the innovation, creativity, and community spirit that make Fishtown one of Philadelphia's most vibrant destinations.

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.

FISHTOWN DISTRICT'S VINCE'S PIZZERIA ON FOX29 "WHAT'S FOR DINNER", FOX29

Vince's Pizzeria located at 965 Frankford Avenue in Fishtown was recently showcased on FOX 29's "What's For Dinner" segment. Owners Mike and Bill were invited to the studio to discuss their renowned pizzas and share insights into their culinary offerings.

ABC TV'S SHARK TANK SWIMS TO RIVERS CASINO IN FISHTOWN DISTRICT FOR SEASON 17 CASTING, ABC

In collaboration with WPVI-TV/6abc, The Event Center at Rivers Philadelphia, located in Philly's Fishtown District, hosted an open casting call for Season 17 of the five-time Emmy Award-winning show. The last Philly casting event for Shark Tank was in 2017.

PEACOCK DROPPED THE TRAILER FOR "LONG BRIGHT RIVER," SET IN PHILADELPHIA, STARRING AWARD-WINNING ACTRESS AMANDA SEYFRIED. PEACOCK

Peacock dropped the trailer for "Long Bright River," the highly anticipated crime drama set in Philadelphia starring Pennsylvania native and award-winning actress Amanda Seyfried. To prepare to play a Philly police officer, Seyfried engaged in an extensive research process facilitated by Moore, which included listening to Philly rappers, visiting with Kensington nonprofit organizations and even accompanying Philadelphia police on a ride-along, the 26th Police District.

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"!

MIDDLE CHILD CLUBHOUSE WINS INQUIRER'S BREAKFAST SANDWICH BRACKET, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Middle Child ran away with 21.7% of the vote but it would be a mistake to not shout out Fishtown District eatery Gilda who received a respectable 9% or more of the vote!

ELWOOD RESTAURANT'S EARLY AMERICAN AND PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH CUISINE FEATURED, PHL17

Chef-owner Adam Diltz brings his rural roots to the table, serving up traditional dishes inspired by early American and Pennsylvania Dutch cuisine with a modern twist. With a cozy, farmhouse-style setting and a seasonal, locally sourced menu, Elwood is a true celebration of regional heritage and heartfelt hospitality.

DESIGNER OF ICONIC FISHTOWN SPOTS GETS THE SPOTLIGHT, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Suraya, Kalaya, Archway Hotel Residence, Maison Rose, Pizzeria Beddia, The Bend, Picnic. All of these Philly hot spots have something in common: the detailed, discerning eye of designer and entrepreneur Katherine Lundberg. She especially appreciated Fishtown's abundance of industrial factory-style buildings, envisioning the ways they could be adapted and repurposed.

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.

FISHTOWN/KENSINGTON 'PHILLY'S NEW WINE COUNTRY', PHILADELPHIA MAGAZINE

Philadelphia Magazine spotlighted the wine scene in Fishtown and Kensington, perfectly capturing the moment by calling the area the "New Wine Country of Philadelphia." With multiple urban wineries clustered within walking distance and a growing lineup of wine-centric bars and restaurants, Fishtown and Kensington have quickly become a must-visit destination for Philadelphia's wine lovers.

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.

LUTHERAN SETTLEMENT HOUSE HIGHLIGHTED FOR LONG HISTORY OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY, WHY?

Lutheran Settlement House in Fishtown was featured on WHY? LSH serves as a busy community hub, especially during its weekly food pantry, where longtime residents like volunteer Maria Tanczak find connection, purpose, and support through food assistance, programs, and opportunities to give back.

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.

JEANNINE COOK OF HARRIETT'S BOOKSHOP RECEIVES PRAISE, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

Philadelphia Inquirer columnist Elizabeth Wellington spotlighted nine gift-worthy new books by Philly authors, including It's Me They Follow by Fishtown District board member Jeannine Cook, a novel centered on a Fishtown bookshop owner who helps others find love while searching for her own.