

# TRENTON FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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News and Updates for Friends and friends in our community



Earlier this year the featured images were of the Meetinghouse in days long gone by. This month the picture shows us as we were just a decade ago. It really was this blue.

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July moved out hot and humid. August is likely to be more of the same. But things don't pause for the Meeting and in the Meetinghouse. Black Lives Matter outreach and our sidewalk Free Sale continue. Prayers for Peace takes the opportunity to use the side yard around the Peace Pole for the monthly vigil. Weekly, besides Worship we host the Tuesday food distribution of Arm In Arm.

National political and social turmoil is on the plate for Trenton Friends. The gathering of the entire Philadelphia Yearly Meeting community at Annual Sessions in July helped us understand the calling, the responsibility and the support that our Quaker faith brings. Promoting peace, justice, kindness and compassion, stewardship of our world and fighting racism and classism - and doing it all in community not in silos. We work as a Meeting and with powerful and trusted partners.

*"the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice" ~Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# WHAT IS A TRENTON QUAKER



This month we show the the third representation of the results of our exploration of what is a Trenton Quaker. The above Word Cloud visually represents the level of support of or agreement with the fourteen words and phrases that Friends suggested as important parts of the Trenton Quaker Experience.

## VEGGIES FOR THE PEOPLE

The Meeting, and the neighborhood is blessed by a connection to the Capital City Farm. The Farm produce is for anyone in the city or county. As the harvest rolls in and not enough people come to pick the produce, Graham Apgar brings some over to the Meetinghouse for friends and neighbors to take.

Below is a picture for a time when some of us from the Meeting were helping with weeding and harvesting tasks at the Farm.



# **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITMENTS**

## **VOICE OF THE PEOPLE COALITION**



The Committee met with Tashanna Ellis, founder of the Voice of the People Coalition (VOP) as the end of our available funding approached. Her energy and capabilities were immediately clear, and the mission and potential reach of VOP is expansive and much needed. VOP's mission includes bringing the opportunity for Trenton residents to learn about and access the services of the many groups working to uplift Trenton. The pictures are from a recent event at Cadwalader Park recently where fun, music and public service announcements accompanied booths and tables by these groups.

Our grant to VOP was targeted to the provision of services to youth in crisis and their families, including emergency response, support counseling and other necessary help for this vulnerable population.



## **COMMUNITY INVESTMENT HISTORY**

Over the past 7 years, Trenton Meeting has made grants totaling \$200,000 to Trenton based organizations and businesses that serve important roles in the lives of Trentonians. We developed and refined our guidelines and gained a focus on black leadership and a transformative impact from the grant. All of our Community Investment Fund dollars have been expended as of this month. This is a list of the organizations who received grants.

Capital City Farm  
Mercer County College (low income adult students fund)  
Eastern Service Workers Assoc  
Trent House Association  
Trenton Free Public Library  
Big Easy of Trenton  
Hoop Skillz Elite  
Safe Haven  
Recovery is Essential  
KinderSmile  
UrbanPromise  
Global Youth Transformative Initiative -GYTI  
Tha Block Trenton  
Chosen Generation Church  
HelpSelf  
Salvation & Social  
LALDEF  
We Lead Sports  
Trenton Makes Athletic Center, Chester Jones  
Timbuk2 Academy  
Beauty To The Block  
Men for HOPE/Youth Skills Development  
Girls Who Code  
Empowerment House  
Voice of the People Coalition



# BOOK BAG BLOCK PARTY



August 9th

Once again the neighborhood will be “bouncing” as the the Meetinghouse grounds and Montgomery Street from Wood Street to Academy see the annual Back to School Block Party. It is put on by Black Live Matter NJ and the harm reduction group Imperfect Village.

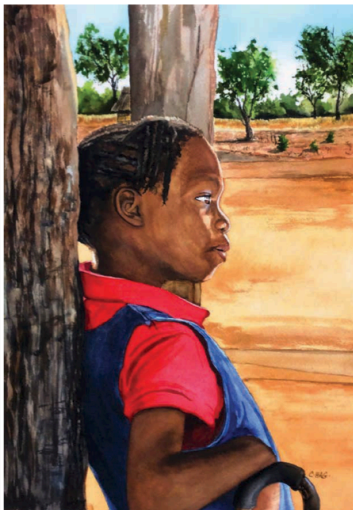
There will be food and drinks, backpacks with school supplies, music, bouncy house, and more. In addition, local service providers will be present for school vaccinations and other support services.

The organizers are supported and assisted by help from Isles, HelpSelf and our Meeting’s volunteers.

## FELLOWSHIP OF QUAKERS IN THE ARTS



*Types and Shadows*



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Journal of the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts

Now a national organization, Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts (FQA) was birthed at Trenton Meeting in 1993. It is an independent Quaker group which provides support for and community with Friends in all areas of artistic expression. Members include painters, sculptors, musicians, writers and jewelry creators to name a few areas of practice.

.The quarterly publication “Types and Shadows” contains member submissions of art and writing as well as updates and commentary concerning Quaker artists.

The FQA website is at [fqaquaker.org](http://fqaquaker.org). Information about joining is there as well as other resources and a link to Types and Shadows where the current and all past issues can be viewed and downloaded.

FQA is under the care of Trenton Meeting.

# Events

From 8/1 to 9/2/25

## Friday, August 1

No Entry

## Saturday, August 2

- 9:20AM to 9:50AM First Saturday Tour of Trenton Churches Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, United States
- 10:00AM to 2:00PM Beauty to the Block Block Party Location: E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ, United States
- 11:30AM to 2:00PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse
- 6:00PM to 8:00PM Tabling at Protest Rally Location: 145 W State St Trenton, NJ, United

States

## Sunday, August 3

- 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA
- 11:15AM to 12:15PM Retreat Prep Threshing Session

## Monday, August 4

No Entry

## Tuesday, August 5

- 8:45AM to 12:30PM Arm in Arm Food distribution
- 4:30PM to 6:00PM Property and Funds Committee

## Wednesday, August 6

- 12:00PM to 1:00PM Poor People's Campaign Witness Wednesday Location: 128 W State St Trenton, NJ, United

States

## Thursday, August 7

No Entry

## Friday, August 8

No Entry

## Saturday, August 9

- 10:15AM to 11:00AM Prayers For Peace 11:30AM to 2:00PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse 1:00PM to 5:00PM BLM Book Bag Block Party

## Sunday, August 10

- 9:00AM to 10:00AM Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA We continue when necessary to consider our meeting business at the rise of Worship.
- 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608,

USA

## Monday, August 11

No Entry

## Tuesday, August 12

- 8:30AM to 12:15PM Arm in Arm Food distribution

## Wednesday, August 13

- 10:00AM to 10:30AM PSSC Meets with Salvation and Social Justice Location: Zoom

## Thursday, August 14

No Entry

## Friday, August 15

No Entry

## Saturday, August 16

- 11:00AM to 1:00PM Free Sale 11:30AM to 2:00PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

## Sunday, August 17

- 10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

# Events

From 8/1 to 9/2/25

11:30AM to 12:30PM Social Sunday

## Monday, August 18

● No

Entry

## Tuesday, August 19

●

8:45AM to 12:30PM Arm in Arm Food distribution

7:00PM to 8:00PM Spirit-Led Actopm - Collective Discernment for the Way Forward

Notes: Knowing Our Rights - A Workshop with New Sanctuary

Movement

## Wednesday, August 20

● No

Entry

## Thursday, August 21

● No

Entry

## Friday, August 22

● No

Entry

## Saturday, August 23

●

11:30AM to 2:00PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

## Sunday, August 24

●

10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship

Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608, USA

11:30AM to 12:30PM Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608,

USA

## Monday, August 25

●

7:00PM to 8:00PM Communication & Outreach Committee Location:

Zoom

## Tuesday, August 26

●

8:45AM to 12:30PM Arm in Arm Food distribution

## Wednesday, August 27

● No

Entry

## Thursday, August 28

● No

Entry

## Friday, August 29

● No

Entry

## Saturday, August 30

●

11:30AM to 2:00PM Piano lessons at Meetinghouse

## Sunday, August 31

●

10:00AM to 11:00AM Meeting for Worship

Location: Trenton Monthly Meeting, 142 E Hanover St, Trenton, NJ 08608,

USA

## Monday, September 1

● All-Day Events

9/1 Labor Day

Notes: Public Holiday

## Tuesday, September 2

●

8:45AM to 12:30PM Arm in Arm Food distribution

4:30PM to 6:00PM Property and Funds Committee

## *SUPPORTING OUR WORK*

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Trenton, NJ 08601

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