Film and Foliage: A Full Fall Weekend at Overington Park

Overington Park, located on Orthodox and Lieper Street in Frankford, hosted a jam-packed weekend for its community in mid-October. The weekend kicked off with a movie night on October 17: the Parks & Recreation movie crew facilitated the screening of the new LEGO Movie. The screening got its sponsorship from State Rep. James Clay, but the Friends of Overington Park (FOOP) added to the festivities by providing popcorn and chips for all movie-goers. And there were plenty of popcorn munchers that evening, as FOOP President Diane Kunze recalls that "every bench was filled, and blankets were overflowing with families having a good time." The Friday night crowd did not have to worry about a school or work-day curfew and settled in for a crisp night of outdoor cinema!



To continue the excitement, the very next day the Friends group threw their annual Fall Festival in the afternoon. The scene was a wonderful mixture of art activities, pumpkin searches and seasonal games. Complete with a haunted cardboard castle, the scene at the park was one of seasonal celebration and holiday charm. Silly Halloween-themed games, such as mummy bowling and a disc



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toss game called "Bats in the Belfry," kept kids and parents entertained as the park transformed into a festive hub of activity. A pumpkin search delighted children from the neighborhood with the excitement of uncovering and taking home buried pumpkins in a decorated hay pile. A whopping 125 pumpkins were given out! Many parents looked on as their children made leaf impressions and fall-themed bookmarks and cards at the arts and crafts table. Sweet tooths were also appeased as festival goers received bags of candy as they departed. For the gardeners that came, FOOP members gave away some plants their vice president had started. Families and neighbors alike were delighted to enjoy themselves and play in the park on a beautiful fall day! The free, fun and wonderfully put together event capped off a great weekend at the park, a true community site home to the wonderful work of a dedicated and creative friends group!

