The Toxan/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership knows how to do it right! They held three exciting Block Parties to kick off the summer, including one at the 1 Street and Ramona Avenue entrance to Tacony Creek Park. Little Baby's Ice Cream served up a one-time unique Water Ice flavor — Cocohata — representing the community around Tacony Creek Park. Pictured above, left to right: Little Baby's Ice Cream CEO, Pete Angeline; Conor Lindrum, and Roxanne Geylana. See story on Page 8.
Summer Block Party in Tacony Creek Park!

For years, TTF has been conducting events in Tacony Creek Park with designs of educating people about a clean and thriving environment, and just plain spreading the joy of being outdoors in nature! The group hosted three Block Parties in June – at I Street & Ramona Ave.; Whitaker Ave. & Tampa Street; and Tabor Rd. & Olney Ave.

Folks from the neighborhood streamed into the I Street entrance to the park on June 19th as TTF staff and partners offered nature games, 30-minute bike rides, 15-minute bird walks, face painting, recycling bins, pretzels, and a very special treat – Cocochata Water Ice! The Tacony Creek Park Keepers met to come up with a flavor for a unique watershed ice flavor using the Delaware River water that would be served at the Block Party. “We wanted a flavor that would represent the community,” said Doryàn De Angel. They came up with a winner, combining coconut and horchata — “Cocochata”!

“I really like it,” said Philadelphia Watershed Coordinator Robin Irizarry. “I thought it was really refreshing. It had that hint of cinnamon, the coconut. It was real nice on a really hot, blazing hot day like today.” He said it was reminiscent of Tacony Creek Park and represented the diversity of the neighborhood well with tropical flavors.

The task of blending the flavors into water ice was given to Little Baby’s Ice Cream. Pete Angevine, CEO of Continued on Page 9

Crowds came out to enjoy TTF’s Block Party including fun and information!

Pictured above, kids get their face painted while folks get recycling information and free recycling buckets.
Summer Block Party

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Little Baby’s Ice Cream, enjoyed combining the two flavors that the Tacony Creek Park Keepers came up with. “It’s actually quite tasty and refreshing,” he said. The water ice was made with water from the Delaware River. “It’s all about the quality of the water.”

TTF’s Block Parties are just one way that the organization introduces the wonders of Tacony Creek Park to people in the neighborhood. They continually have guided events to acquaint people with the park and all it holds.

If you or your family and friends would like to enjoy the outdoors more, and make this summer more exciting, just call TTF at 215-744-1853 to find out all they have to offer. They have some events approaching including:

* Wednesday, July 11 – Nature’s Hidden Surprises – Butterflies & Other Pollinators – starting at I Street and Ramona Ave. at 9:30 am and ending at 11:30 am.
* Saturday, July 28 – Jazz in the 9th Concert from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Olney & Clarkson Aves.
* Wednesday, August 8 – Nature’s Hidden Surprises – Family Fun in Tacony Creek Park starting at I Street and Ramona Ave. at 9:30 am and ending at 11:30 am.

Registration for Fall Baseball League in Juniata

The Juniata Boys and Girls Club is accepting registration for In-House Fall Baseball League. The league is for ages 9 thru 13. The cost is $50.00 which includes a hat, shirt and umpire fees. All games will be played at the K Street & Cayuga Street fields. Registration days are Monday from 6pm to 8pm and Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm. Spaces are limited.

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TTF’s Robin Iriarry and Emilie Wetzel at the June 19th Tacony Creek Park Block Party; Above -- The bikes are ready for fun!