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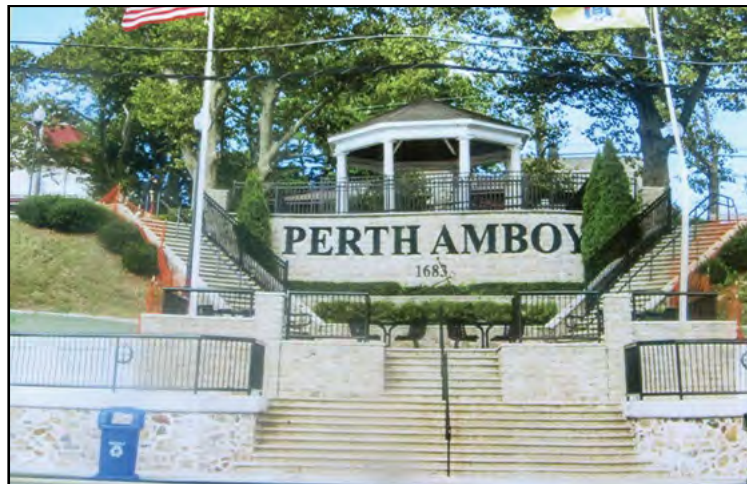
Reopening of Perth Amboy's Bayview Park 10/15/16

PERTH AMBOY - The ribbon cutting of the reopening of Bayview Park took place on 10/15/16 after had previously been postponed from 10/8/16. Congressman Frank Pallone, Assemblyman Craig Coughlin and Senator Bob Menendez were among those who offered remarks. Business Administrator Adam Cruz was the Master of Ceremonies and introduced all the speakers.

Senator Menendez thanked Pallone and Coughlin for all the work they've done locally to help Perth Amboy make this happen. "The community came together and every community needs a leader. I want to thank Mayor Diaz for her leadership. Perth Amboy was devastated with millions of dollars of destruction. The community helped to get the City back in shape. Volunteers came out to help, even though some of them had major destruction to their own personal property. The unity shown by the volunteer community is what makes America great. Pallone and I bought Federal Disaster Money into the City. I'm also thinking about those on the southeast coast (Who had damage and loss of life from Hurricane Matthew). Working together, we are stronger than the storm."

Frank Pallone made some remarks. He remembered the destruction from Sandy. "The boats, the Armory and the Barge - this vision that we see today is from the Mayor and City Council (who work together). It's more beautiful than ever. The Mayor and Senator Menendez were able to get \$4.7 million from the State which was matched by Federal money. The State, Federal and Local Governments work together. Economic renewal and what was built to be more resistance to the next storm. No one has done more after the aftermath of the storm (Sandy) than Senator Bob Menendez. This included beach replenishment and more."

BID Chair Barry Rosengarten spoke next, "It's getting



The newly renovated Bayview Park as seen by Front Street
*Photo by Bob Ned



The Official Ribbon Cutting of the Reopening of Bayview Park
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



(L to R) Celebrate Perth Amboy and BID Chair Barry Rosengarten, B.A. Adam Cruz, Asm. Craig Coughlin, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Congressman Frank Pallone, Sen. Bob Menendez *Photo by Bob Ned

better and better and all the speakers were correct. I'm in my 76th year and it's all about you and about us and about the changes and grant opportunities that we have."

Rosengarten talked about the Pink Ribbon Walk-a-thon which preceded the Ribbon Cutting, "It's important that we find a cure and fund the programs year around (to combat cancer). My cousin

was just diagnosed."

Rosengarten praised BID Executive Director Roxana Troche, "She's a leader in our City. She does a lot on her own. I will do whatever she feels is right."

He also thanked his Personal Secretary, Yolanda Flores, "She does a lot for the community. I saw the devastation.

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O'Leary Defends City Officials Heading Into Election

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - Former Mayor John "Jack" O'Leary came to the defense of South Amboy's city officials after comments were made by political candidates looking to join the city council after the upcoming election.

O'Leary referred to comments made by candidates Brian McLaughlin and Barbara Pasternack in an article published by The Suburban on October 11th.

McLaughlin was quoted saying "there have been many promises made to the residents of the town that have not been followed through" and he believed the city's plan to bring more residential areas to the city will "not lower the taxes of this town; it will only raises taxes".

Pasternack was quoted saying she sees "the inability or perhaps the lack of design to initiate change" with the current council and "the current administration gives excuses and creates obstacles instead of resolving problems in the city."

O'Leary asked the council if they or the Mayor had seen the article and wondered why no public comments were made.

"People read those comments and nobody stands up for things that are inaccurate, not correct, and shedding a bad light on 20 years, 30 years of progress in this city," he said. "Somebody needs to stand up and be transparent about it."

Council President Mickey Gross responded by emphasizing that they were at a city council meeting and it was not the time or place for a political discussion.

"I take comments like that in the newspaper as something political and this is not a political venue," he said. "This is the business of the city."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato praised O'Leary for saying what he said to the public.

"I'd like to just thank Jack



Jack O'Leary

O'Leary for making the comments he did and to get the information out there," Dato said. "I don't have anything negative to say but I'm glad that he brought that information to light."

"We have a lot to be proud of, I'm very proud of what I do," she added. "We don't do this for money, we do it because we're trying to do the right thing for the people of the city."

Pasternack and McLaughlin were both in attendance for the council meeting. McLaughlin once again took his stance against building more residential areas in South Amboy, but Pasternack was cut off by Council President Gross before she could respond to O'Leary's comments.

"I'm going to make this clear, this is not a political forum. This is a city council meeting," Gross said. "You're entitled to your opinion outside the meeting. We are not going to make this a political forum."

McLaughlin or Pasternack will fill the seat soon to be vacated by Councilman Donald Applegate. Pasternack is running as an independent, while McLaughlin has been endorsed by the City's party.

Mayor Fred Henry was not in attendance for the meeting. The next city council meeting will be held after Election Day on Monday, November 14th at 7 p.m.

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Board President's and Superintendent's Report
10/13/16 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – Board President Sam Lebreault gave his President's Report, “We are working on the report for a program for the new High School (to be built on Convery Boulevard). We are working to scope and look at curriculums of other schools and put together a program to be built into the new High School. Our first meeting is next Monday (10/17/16).”

Lebreault continued, “For the Seaman Avenue School, we break ground in February or April 2017. It will house approximately 800 students and be occupied by the Fifth Grade. That school will be completed in 2019. In September 2019 we plan to open the doors to the students.”

The next topic included the cul-de-sac to be built. “We have purchased the properties in the area of the Patten School, Ignacio Cruz Center and Shull School area in order to build a cul-de-sac. We are working with the City to ease congestion in that area. We will see if we can make it one-way.”

In regards to school busses

being parked all over town, “We reached out to the property to store busses. Board Vice President Varela (Not present at the 10/13/16 meeting) will be heading up this.”

Lebreault continued to speak about the upcoming election, “In a few weeks, the November 8th General Election takes place. On November 8th, please go right to the box for the Board of the Education and for the candidates of your choice. It's very easy to forget to vote for the candidates for the Board of Education.”

On the PARCC exam, “For those of you who watched the presentation on PARCC (given earlier at the meeting) Dr. Roman is moving this district to distinction. The results were seen today. We're making gains on every level. We're putting curriculum in place to teach students in our area. Sometimes we need to point teachers in the right direction. The previous Superintendent allowed teachers in the same grade to have different (leeway?) Now, everyone is working together as a well-oiled unit. Now, the Board is working in union and going



**Board of Education
President Sam Lebreault**

forward instead of going astray.”

Dr. David Roman gave the Superintendent's Report, “Students have to address the role of staff in this district and have conversations of the role of teachers in this district. Teachers love the children here and hold them accountable to learn. I thank the staff of this district and mention all the students. We have the most phenomenal students I've met – very sophisticated, loving and kind. They're real simple to love.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Hand Up - Not a Hand Out!

One of my favorite quotes is If you give a man a fish; he eats for a day. If you teach him how to fish; he eats for a life-time.

In this same vein, I would like to plug an organization called Same Sky. It was founded in 2007 by a woman named Francine Lefrak.

They have helped women who are HIV Positive and the survivors of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide to help lift them out of poverty.

I heard about this organization on a Sunday morning radio program. What peaked my interest is when they said these women who have been abused - sexually and mentally were treated like garbage.

With the help of this organization, Same Sky, those down-trodden women have become entrepreneurs, self-sufficient and as single women are able to provide for their families. In spite of their hardships through this program, the women use their creative talents to create beautiful jewelry that is sold. This helps them to gain self esteem and their dignity back.

Same Sky has a project named Same Sky America in Jersey City. This Same Sky America Project helps women rebuild their lives after incarceration. Same Sky partners with other organizations to help these women out. They concentrate on disadvantaged communities. Besides HIV care, they provide educational and economic opportunities.

The jewelry products that these women make includes: bracelets and earrings. They use hand-blown glass beads from California. I urge every-

one to go to the website: www.samesky.com to learn more about how they empower women.

There has been too much discussion in the Presidential campaign geared toward Trump and Former President Clinton’s behavior towards women.

Right now, we need to be focused on issues that are going to affect all Americans no matter what sex, creed or color. Another thing I want to say is, “Don’t be influenced what others are predicting what the Presidential outcome will be. Just go to the polls and vote your conscience.”

One of the greatest upsets happened in 1948 in your history books when Harry Truman ran against Thomas Dewey. The front page of the Chicago Daily Tribune on November 3, 1948 printed a big headline: “Dewey Defeats Truman!” They were wrong!

Don’t assume anything. Upsets happen all the time.

Another reminder for the local candidates, if you send any ads or endorsements, they need to be positive. We will not be accepting any negative ads because your opponents will not have an opportunity to address those comments. The same will go for letter writers.

Please make sure you send your final endorsements and platforms to the Amboy Guardian to be printed in the November 2, 2016 Issue. We will see the Perth Amboy Mayoral Candidates at the October 27, 2016 Debate at Beth Mordecai. Any Questions? Feel free to call us.

C.M. & K.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Can Elections Be Rigged?

The worst overt example was in 2000 when US Supreme Court Justices voted to stop the recount in Florida and declare a victory for George W. Bush. Was this the result of a pay-off? Years earlier Attorney-General Meese had to resign when unlaundered drug money was found in his personal checking account. This was part of the “Contragate” scandal where George H. W. Bush was operating a gun run-

ning and drug smuggling operation based in Mena Arkansas. Guess who was Governor of Arkansas then? Was this operation ended then? The press reports a widespread heroin epidemic in America but never tells who is profiting.

Rigging elections has a long history in the United States, especially in Big Cities. If this isn’t in your schoolbook histories, you can find the proper books in your public library. One recent item in the news told how pressure was put on mayors to support the re-elec-

tion of a state governor. In another state the governor was convicted of trying to sell the position of US Senator. Are these unique examples or only the ones who were caught?

Will the 2016 election be rigged to select the candidate favored by the Establishment or Ruling Class, who control the Corporate Media? It’s not impossible. I wonder what the newspapers will report next month?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Downtown – Where is the Progress?

I’ve lived in Perth Amboy for more than 40 years. I used to be proud to have company come visit me because the city was so nice. I would take people down the waterfront. I’d take them to Smith Street to walk around and shop. Now, I’m ashamed of downtown Perth Amboy. Drive into town on Smith Street - tacky storefronts, ugly metal grates in front of store windows - trash. How many dollar stores, nail salons, and bail bond places do we need? No wonder so many people have stopped shopping

here, even people who live in town. Who wants to shop in a place that looks so unappealing?

The Mayor must drive down Smith Street like everybody else. Is the state of downtown ok with her? I guess it must be, because she has been in office for almost eight years, and it certainly hasn’t gotten any better during that time. In fact, things seem to be getting worse. I look at downtowns in other cities like Woodbridge, Metuchen, even South Amboy and shake my head. We used to laugh at South Amboy. Who’s laughing now? The others towns around us are passing us by. Everyone used to come to Perth Amboy to shop. No more. I’d love to

shop locally myself, but my choices here are limited. Where is the progress?

The mayor wants me to give her four more years. For what? So she can continue the same actions that have made our downtown continue to deteriorate? I’m not voting for a contribution of the same old thing that hasn’t worked. I’ll be voting for Joel Pabon. He’ll bring new energy and new ideas into city hall. I’ve seen what Wilda has done, and I’m not impressed. For the safety of this city’s future, I’m ready to give Pabon and his team my support.

Inocencia Munez Febles

Why I am Running for City Council: Angel “Mota” Ramirez

I am running for City Council because as a businessman, I know Perth Amboy needs new leadership to succeed. I came to Perth Amboy as an immigrant from the Dominican Republic 24 years ago. I worked hard and built two successful businesses. I employ dozens of people here in Perth Amboy and in the Dominican Republic.

Still, I know how hard it is to run a successfully business, especially under this mayor. There is a lot of crime. You won’t hear about it from the mayor, but I know that two or three businesses a week are

broken into. I’ve had break-ins myself and I’ve lost thousands of dollars. The taxes, rents, and utilities are high. Water is expensive. On top of that, downtown is dirty and not the most inviting setting for a business.

With Joel Pabon and Ken Puccio, I will work to make our city government more responsive to residents. Business owners and residents, especially those in the Dominican community, tell me that when they contact the mayor’s office with problems, nothing happens. Many times they don’t even get an answer. It’s not enough to for the mayor to show up with cameras to cut a ribbon when a business opens. There must be an ongoing partnership with the city.

When I become a member of the city council, I will work hard for the business owners and residents the mayor ignores.

I believe the city also must create conditions that make people want to shop and do business here. People don’t want to drive into town and get stuck in traffic, or ride up and down street after street looking for parking. Those yellow curb lines have been extended all over town and have taken away even more parking spaces. People want to shop in a place that looks clean and inviting, and the mayor and council together can create a new vision for downtown.

Small businesses with just

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Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Polls Open 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Remember to Vote!



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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. Oct. 26	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Oct. 27	Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Nov. 9	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
•	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

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We understand that some may be concerned by the recent incidents/threats in New York, Seaside, NJ and Elizabeth, NJ. At this time, it has been reported that a suspect was taken into custody in Linden, NJ. We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, and I want to emphasize that it is important that **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!**

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The people who helped the City should be applauded. The Mayor appointed a Waterfront Redevelopment Committee. The Mayor was part of the Committee and did follow-ups on the progress. The Waterfront is not complete (Work still needs to be done)."

PARA Board Member and Waterfront Redevelopment Committee Member Alan Jacobs spoke next. "I went out here today and remembered shortly after Sandy hit and the destruction. What a difference today! This is great! The Mayor had asked me shortly after Sandy to be part of the Waterfront Redevelopment Committee. Some of the other Committee Members include Barry Rosengarten, Michael George and Mike Keller amongst others. We held public meetings to see what people wanted. This Waterfront is going to stand out."

He praised the work of Hatch Mott MacDonald PE, CME, Senior Vice President Robert C. Mainberger and his people. "You did a great job helping to rebuild the Waterfront and some of the amenities put in such as exercise stations, etc. 80% of what the Redevelopment Committee recommended has been done. We did not have a Protected Harbor or Naval Academy. Now that we have the facilities for a Protected Harbor and we have Senator Menendez and Congressman Pallone present. I ask that they go to Washington to ask that Perth Amboy become a Naval Academy Destination."

Robert Mainberger came up to speak, "I have been working on projects in the City of Perth Amboy since the 1990's. We're concentrated on recovery, redevelopment and resiliency when doing the renovation so that the Waterfront stays the crown of the urban development. Before working on the project, the FEMA elevation was eight feet, but Perth Amboy was only on street level."

Assemblyman Craig Coughlin as the last one to make remarks. He talked about how the community came together and praised the volunteers and the leadership to bring the Waterfront back. "In my opinion, Perth Amboy has the most beautiful Waterfront"

He also thanked those who walked in the Pink Ribbon Walk that took place earlier in the morning."

The afternoon activities continued after the ribbon cutting with a hayride tour of Perth Amboy's historical sites by City Historian Anton J. Massopust for all ages and children's activities.

**Photos by Bob Ned & Carolyn Maxwell.*

Bayview Park 10/15/16



Group Photo of the participants of the Pink Ribbon Walk



Tiffany Granger sings the National Anthem



(L to R) Former B.A. Greg Fehrenbach, Mayor Wilda Diaz and BID Chair Barry Rosengarten



A Pink Ribbon Participant with her dog



The Police Color Guard



A young Participant



City Historian Anton J. Massopust gave hayride tours of Perth Amboy Historic Sites



A future leader poses for a photo

Discover Perth Amboy: Mayor Diaz’s Speech at Bayview Park 10/15/16

PERTH AMBOY - Good Morning and Welcome to our beautiful waterfront!!!

Thank you Adam!! Welcome Senator “Bob” Menendez and Congressman Frank Pallone!! Thank you so much for being here with us today!

Thank you ALL for joining us this morning to celebrate this long-awaited milestone.

It’s hard to believe that it is nearly four years since the devastation of Super Storm Sandy. Today, we are here for the re-grand opening of one of our most beautiful scenic parks in the City (and not to mention a hot spot pokey-mon for players)—BAYVIEW PARK!!

After reinvesting \$17 million, we’re finally able to see the opening of the entire waterfront and all of our waterfront estate without fencing and construction materials since 2012.

With the expert recommendations from the members of the Waterfront Redevelopment and Recovery Advisory Committee and many business owners and members of our community, the design and construction you see today helps restore value to our residents’ homes and properties, but most importantly, the safety of the public.

Our waterfront is essentially a vital recreational, natural and economic asset that is taken advantage of in so many ways including dining, concert-going, walking, fishing and boating. Above all, it is a vital element of the city’s identity.

These recreational goals will meet the redevelopment initiatives in the master plan and will create greater access to the Arthur Kill and Raritan Bay. While working with the Department of Environmental Protection, the Public Access Plan being prepared will create new and better opportunities for waterway access and usage.

Two years ago, we opened the Perth Amboy Marina that included work on the pier and

harbor walk, with a goal to improve and preserve the waterfront while providing easier access to the pier and harbor walk. Robert Mainberger, our project engineer was instrumental in ensuring quality work and an outcome that would not only beautify the waterfront, but secure it.

With \$4.3 million in FEMA funds and \$1.7 million in NJDEP Shore Protection funds we were able to target several structures in the municipal waterfront area with work done to our marina, bulkheads, fishing piers, floating docks, ramps, benches and light poles. We replenished a half-mile of beach sand along Sadowski Parkway, from High Street to Second Street.

Lastly, where we stand today is the final restoration project of our waterfront. Bayview Park has been reconstructed with \$1.1 million in grant funding for a mid-level promenade with outdoor seating, amenities and storm mitigation.

The additional funds from this grant will be adding new amenities and additional upgrade towards recreational upgrades along the South end of the waterfront with tennis court upgrades and bathroom facilities.

I am extremely proud of where we are today and the recognition we have received for our collective work. Just a few months ago the Perth Amboy Waterfront Improvements project was awarded by the Alliance for Action’s “2016 Distinguished Engineering Award for the design and completion of the waterfront. I want to personally thank Bob Mainberger for his tremendous work.

We’ve come a long way, but the reality is that this would have not been possible without you. Today we hold this ceremony to celebrate the efforts of everyone who contributed their time, talent, materials, or supplies to reconstruct and develop the City’s most valu-

able resource.

And that is why we are so grateful to you!

Today, there are so many people to thank, who have helped the great City of Perth Amboy these past four years and I don’t want to leave anyone out, so I want to acknowledge a few groups and organizations:

- The Perth Amboy City Council
- Our local businesses, houses of worship, non-profits and volunteers,
- Perth Amboy Students
- My directors and supervisors
- Our Public Safety Units, including OEM
- And the Department of Public Works
- Office of Recreation and OECD,
- The Waterfront Recovery and Redevelopment Advisory Committee
- NJDEP
- NJEDA
- Federal, State and local officials, who helped make this happen
- The American Red Cross
- V&S Galvanizing
- Mott McDonald, Bird Construction and Helios Construction!!!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! Your work, volunteerism and donations made our recovery that MUCH MORE POSSIBLE!! From those present on Volunteer Day in 2012 to those who rebuild this Park by hand-- On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy and the City Council, again thank you.

It continues to reap a good harvest from recognizing our strength in unity to showing up to support charitable organizations through our efforts with the Pink Ribbon Walk—it always seems that we are resilient during trying times and that is what I truly love about this community!!

May God continue to bless you, your families and your homes.

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Tom’s Tax Tips

Rent or Buy? It’s A Matter of Perspective

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka

The buy-or-lease question is a common dilemma, whether you’re asking as a homeowner, or for your business. For perspective, think of the big picture. In either case, you’re paying for the exclusive use of an item over a set period of time. With that as a point of reference, the difference boils down to two main considerations: cash flow and exit strategy.

The cash flow associated with buying a home is straightforward. After making a down payment, you commit to a long-term obligation. Purchasing a home also offers a tax deduction for interest and real estate taxes. In contrast, renting may mean a monthly payment lower than what you’d pay on a mortgage. However, as a renter, you generally won’t benefit from tax breaks.

Business owners receive a tax deduction whether the final decision is to rent or to buy, but the timing of the deduction can vary. Lease payments are generally deductible over the life of the lease. Purchasing offers an immediate tax write-off in the form of accelerated depreciation or Section 179 expensing. The time value of money can play a role in your decision, as money you have today can be worth more than the same amount in the future.

What about exit strategy? When you rent a home, you know you’ll likely have to move at the end of your lease term, and you won’t benefit from any increase in real estate values. Home ownership has the potential for an increase — or decrease — in the value of your investment. This is especially true the longer you intend to stay put.

Exit strategy can be less of a decision factor for your business, especially if your policy is to keep equipment until it wears out. Do you routinely replace old equipment? A lease might offer an advantage.

Need help resolving the rent-or-buy decision? Contact our office for an in-depth analysis.

Questions to Ask Before Signing a Business Loan

Are you thinking of taking out a loan to buy new machinery or additional inventory for your business? Before you sign that loan document or credit application, consider the following questions.

What’s the true cost of borrowing? The interest rate on your business loan may be variable, fluctuating over the life of your loan. Calculate the impact of potentially higher future payments on your ability to pay other debt, such as amounts you owe your vendors. Include fees in your assessment. Your lender may ask for loan origination fees, application fees, administrative fees, and fees for gathering financial information about your company. Consider intangible costs too, including how long you have to wait before the loan is finalized and what opportunities you’re missing while waiting.

How will the loan be secured? Your lender will most likely require you to provide collateral, meaning you’ll be asked to pledge assets as security to ensure loan repayment. If you’re unable to pay the loan back, you run the risk of losing those assets. In some cases, you can use your business inventory or accounts receivable as collateral. Keep in mind those assets will be unavailable for other business borrowing. Alternatively, depending on the size of your business, you may have to use personal assets, such as your house or cash savings, as security. Make sure you have assessed the risk of loss before finalizing the loan.

Can you wait to make the purchase? Saving for purchases may be old-fashioned, but you’ll be investing in your business, with no lender to repay and no interest expense or other fees. In addition, you retain control of all your assets. Here again, opportunity cost will play a role in your decision, as you may miss out on taking advantage of good deals or possibilities for business growth.

When you’re ready to evaluate your financing options, give us a call. We can help you make the right choice.

Wreath Laying

HOMDEL - With Veterans Day just around the corner, it is time to plan for your organization’s wreath at our annual ceremony. This year’s ceremony will take place on November 11th at 11:00 am.

If you are planning on participating, we ask that someone from your organization notify us no later than Monday, November 7, 2016. If your wreath is currently stored at NJVVMF we will need to retrieve it from storage - so the deadline is very important. We would also would appreciate knowing if you are placing a live or artificial wreath.

Please note that if we do not hear from you by Monday, November 7, your wreath may not be able to be included in the ceremony

As always, thank you for your support and dedication and we look forward to seeing you on this special day.



Record Numbers Attend the 2016 Taste of Perth Amboy Event
Evening of International Cuisine Kicks off “Restaurant Week,” Running October 22nd-29th

Press Release 10/24/16

PERTH AMBOY - Hundreds of people enjoyed an evening of superb cuisine during the most successful “Taste of Perth Amboy” food event. The affair was held last night aboard the Cornucopia Cruise Line’s St. Charles Vessel.

“The Taste” was presented by the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID), Mayor Wilda Diaz, the City’s Departments and generous sponsors. BID Chairman Barry Rosengarten reported that this year “The Taste” drew a record attendance. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the “Celebrate Perth Amboy-Save Our Carnegie Library” program. These funds go to renovate the children’s reading and activity area

The “Taste” also kicked off Perth Amboy’s “Restaurant Week,” which runs from Saturday, October 22nd to 29th. The BID created a Culinary Passport and each page is marked with a different country’s flag. The restaurants are listed by country. Patrons bring the booklet to the City’s restaurants and customers will receive a “stamp” from each restaurant. Obtain as many stamps on the passport booklet and then enter a drawing to win a dining card worth \$100.

“You’ve sampled incredible food prepared by our top chefs, now visit their restaurants and enjoy an exceptional meal,” said Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz. “You’ll dine on wonderful food, and be served by our community’s warm, gracious and caring people. Perth Amboy is one of most diverse dining sites in the area.”

During “The Taste,” over 25 restaurants, cafes, bakeries and caterers served outstanding American and international cuisine. Many chefs celebrated the City’s magnificent waterfront by preparing seafood specialties including chowders, baked fish, crab and lobster salads, and many types of shellfish-laden paella.

Judges selected the first, second and third place honorees in the “Best Entrée” and “Best Dessert” categories. This year’s judges were Ana Maria Zevallos, Douglas Dzema and Eleni Glykis.

Guests were asked to vote and choose the winner of the coveted “People’s Choice” award. Cecilia Cruz, founder and owner of Rico Taco Mex, swept away the competition by earning first place in the entrée category and taking home the three-foot tall “People’s Choice” Award.

While holding both trophies and hugging her team, Ms. Cruz said, “What an incredible opportunity to open the restaurant and fulfill my lifelong dream.”

In thanking everyone at “The Taste,” Ms. Cruz, who opened her restaurant in Perth Amboy just two years ago, said, “Come and see us, often.”

In addition, the “Best Dessert” trophy and honors were awarded to Juana’s Dominican Cakes. Head Baker and owner Juana Minaya created a table full of designer cakes, cupcakes and colorful baked goods.

During the evening, guests were entertained by the Alborada Spanish Dancegroup, performing classic Flamenco with vocalist Teresa and guitarist Ivan. Venus Rouah, wowed the crowd with belly dancing to contemporary and traditional music and DJ Jason had everyone up and dancing to a mix of classic favorites & today’s best music.

Taste of Perth Amboy Honorees:

Best Entrée:
1st Place, Rico Taco Mex; 2nd Place Latin Grill and 3rd Place, Cornucopia Cruise Lines.

Best Desserts:
1st Place Juana’s Dominican Cakes; 2nd Place Sipos’ Bakery; and 3rd Place Ferrara Bakery & Café.

Perth Amboy BID’s gratefully recognizes the support of these sponsors: Petra Best Realty, Amboy Care Center, Rosengarten Realty, Suplee, Clooney and Co., Jeffrey Rauch, Coutros Bananas, York-Jersey Underwriters, Inc., Douglas Dzema & PAPH, and City Employees. Special thanks to the students of the Perth Amboy Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School for volunteering their time.

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Information Sessions

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We Keep You Moving

OLD BRIDGE - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Tuesday, November 1, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., in the Patient Education Center, 1st Floor, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. The session is intended for patients who have been told they need joint replacement or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call Nurse Navigator Clare Schuld, R.N., at 732-535-4746.

Healthy Heart Event

SOUTH AMBOY- Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management, blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Wednesday, November 2, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

Basic Newborn Care Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is providing a Basic Newborn Care Class, Thursday, November 3, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Attendees will learn diapering, feeding, sleeping habits and CPR from an experienced registered nurse. Cost is \$50 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOTORS.

Pet First Aid Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is providing a Pet First Aid Class Saturday, November 5, to Saturday, December 3, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn how to handle minor emergencies with cats and dogs, when to call poison control and take your cat or dog to an emergency veterinarian. Cost is \$35. Please do not bring your pet. For more information and to register, call 1.800.DOTORS(1.800.362.8677).

De-stress to Feel Your Best This Holiday

Season Seminar

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is providing a De-stress to Feel Your Best This Holiday Season seminar Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Patient Education Center, 1st Floor, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Learn simple and effective relaxation techniques from Integrative Health professionals to stay calm and healthy from Thanksgiving through New Year. The class is free. Registration required, call 732.324.5257 or email integrativehealth@hackensack-meridian.org.

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Children's Halloween

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Annual Halloween Parade

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Innovative November Programs @ Dowdell Library

**Book Buddy Dog,
Sewing Workshop and
Historical South Amboy**

Press Release 10/17/16

SOUTH AMBOY – Join us @ Dowdell Library this November for NEW and innovative programs for all ages which includes reading to the Library's book buddy dog, a sewing workshop where you could create and finish a holiday table runner and a historical program on South Amboy. For dates and times, please see below:

Make a Holiday Table Runner @ your library! On Monday, November 14th from 6:30 – 8 pm, Mary Rager will present a sewing workshop using amazing Singer sewing machines. Samples will be on display!

Meet the library's friendly and gentle Book Buddy Dog - Olaf (Great Pyrenees breed)! He will visit the library and act as a Book Buddy on Friday, November 18th (3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)... Community members of all ages are invited to drop in to meet him!

Weird and wonderful South Amboy: On Tuesday, November 29th from 6:30 p.m. – 8 pm, the library will open its archives to the treasure within! Hear all about quirky and weird facts about South Amboy!

The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 12-4 pm. For more information on the Library, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.



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The Community Voice

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two or three employees are the backbone of our downtown. I want to use my knowledge and experience to create an office in Perth Amboy that will specifically give assistance to our small business community – opportunities for training and education, information about available financial assistance, and so on.

We also need to change the perception of Perth Amboy. Many people hesitate to invest in Perth Amboy, because they don’t think the mayor is taking the city in a positive direction.

Why I Want to be on the City Council

I was born and raised in Perth Amboy. I love this city, and I have always felt it important to play a role in making the community a better place for everyone. I started public service as a police officer and was a member of the Perth Amboy Police Department for 30 years, 24 of those years in the Juvenile Unit. I started the DARE anti-drug program in Perth Amboy, and concentrated my efforts on mentoring young people and steering them in the right direction—away from drugs and gangs and toward education, sports, and other positive activities.

I first ran for a seat on the

She has no credibility with them. One of my major goals is to bring new confidence in city government that will attract the type of investment we need.

I came to America as an immigrant hoping to pursue a dream, and I am proud to be Dominican-American. If I win on November 8, I will be the first Dominican in the history of Perth Amby to hold a seat on the city council. It will be a proud day for me and for everyone in Perth Amboy of Dominican heritage.

Board of Education seven years ago, with the goal of taking the next step to positively influence the development of our city’s youth. I am now serving my third term on the board. I see my candidacy for a seat on the city council as a step in further expanding my ability to give back to the city and find solutions to the problems Perth Amboy faces.

Having someone on the council with a law enforcement background would bring to city government valuable experience in dealing with these issues. I understand how the police department works, and I have the insight of someone who has been on the front-lines of crime prevention and the creation of secure and safe

In the last few weeks, I have walked through every neighborhood in Perth Amboy. I have talked to thousands of people. I hear the same thing over and over again, “We need change in city hall. We need someone who will look out for us.” I want to be that person.

Please vote Line J on November 8: Pabon for Mayor (1-J, Puccio (2-J) and Ramirez (3-J) for City Council.

Angel “Mota” Ramirez

neighborhoods for many decades.

I have known many of you for years. I’ve gone to school with you, worked with you, volunteered in many organization with you. As a councilman, my door will always be open. I’m eager to listen and even more eager to roll up my sleeves and get things done.

I am running for city council with Joel Pabon, because we need a change in city hall. Along with Angel “Mota” Ramirez, I hope to bring a new perspective to the city council, and work with Mayor Pabon to make Perth Amboy a better place for all of us.

Ken Puccio

Tired of Waiting for the City to Turn Around

I bought my house in Perth Amboy 10 years ago. If I want to sell it now, I would be lucky to get half of what I paid for it. How is it fair for my tax bill to stay the same when my property is worth less? Every homeowner in Perth Amboy is paying higher taxes than they should while their has lost value.

Am I better off when the biggest investment my family has, our home, is worth less now than when we bought it? I have friends who are disgusted with the direction this city is going in. They can’t leave without a real loss on their house.

Mayor Diaz will try to say

that this is happening everywhere. It isn’t. Many places around us are recovering. We are not. I looked at figures that showed changes in property values over the past few years. While property values in Perth Amboy decreased, property values in just about every town around us either increased or remained the same. If things are as good as the mayor’s campaign literature wants you to believe, that shouldn’t be happening.

When people pay high property taxes, they need to feel like they’re getting something for their money. Let me ask homeowners of Perth Amboy, do you feel like you’re getting good value for all the money you send to city hall?

I’m tired of waiting for this city to turn around. There is no

reason to believe that Wilda is capable of doing it. What is she going to do in another four years that she hasn’t had a chance to do in the last eight in half years?

Joel Pabon was a leader in the military. He was a supervisor and problem solver for years in our post office. As a member of the city council, he has always been responsive to the needs of residents. With Joel in charge, we’ll have a mayor with proven leadership ability and a reputation for sticking with a job until it gets done. I’m voting for change, Joel Pabon and the whole Real Leadership for Perth Amboy team.

Iraida Clark

A Promise in the Dark

I see someone from a very high place in Washington D.C. shut down WikiLeaks because of all those e-mails from the Clinton’s and what was really going on with the Democratic Country Club. The Democrats are crying about being hacked by the Russians. Maybe the

hackers are a group from another country or maybe it’s being done right here in America. The last debate was a joke to the American voters. On Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, the debate, to me was a show called, “Promise in the Dark.” The controlled news media keeps covering up for both Trump and Hillary. Now I’m going to pick on the Republi-

can Country Club who are no better than the Democrats. They love WAR and never understand the working middle-class. Sad, but true. We have no other choice: will it be Trump or Hillary? Maybe the Democrats will swap Hillary for Michelle Obama for the presidency.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

HALLOWEEN BASH AT AL CIBELLIS

Saturday, October 29, 2016 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, October 30, 2016 at 2 a.m.
Al Cibelli's Restaurant & Bar, 1096 Convery Blvd, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Featuring 3 sets by Cover band Blue North, and opening acts Mikell's Plot, Pollman Orellana, The Guy Catrillo band and The Skulls. 21 to enter and drink \$10.00 cover at the door.

All attendees who pay at the door will automatically receive free raffle tickets to win cool prizes. Cash prizes for best costume

Charity

Basketball Game

SOUTH AMBOY - The 5th annual Friends of South Amboy charity basketball games at South Amboy High School on December 17th. Proceeds from this event will benefit Breanna Hathcock, a local resident and South Amboy Middle High School graduate who is currently battling cancer.
2:00 p.m. - South Amboy Middle School Boys -vs- Calvary Christian
4:00 p.m. - South Amboy Girls Varsity -vs- Calvary Christian
6:00 p.m. - Sayerville Boys Varsity -vs- Bishop Ahr
8:00 p.m. - South Amboy Boys Varsity -vs- Calvary Christian
Visit our Facebook page for more information . <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthAmboy/>

Seeking Items to Help the Homeless During the Winter Months

NEW BRUNSWICK - At last night’s Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) meeting, it was brought to everyone’s attention that the Point-in-Time Homeless Count & Project Homeless Connect is seeking items to help the homeless during the winter months. The most needed items include: Gently used coats, new warm hats/scarves, new gloves/mittens, blankets, new warm socks, hygiene kits.

For more information about Project Homeless Connect or to arrange for delivery of donated items, please contact Harriet Slonim at 732-745-4041or harriet.slonim@co.middlesex.nj.us.

Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

A Special Presentation for Our Senior Residents

By County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios
SOUTHAMBOY - Please join us on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 12 Noon as Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios discusses the many programs and services offered through the County’s Aging and Disabled Services Office, and how the County and the South Amboy Senior Center work collaboratively to serve our residents. Topics to be discussed include the wide array of programs available for active seniors and those who need varying levels of care, Veterans Services and where to get additional information on available services. The Freeholder Director will be joined by staff members, who will be on hand for a question-and-answer period. South Amboy Senior Center, 108 South Stevens Ave., South Amboy. Lunch Will Be Served. Space is Limited. Reservations Accepted on a “First-Come” Basis. Please Contact 732-525-5960 or email to Events@Southamboynj.Gov to Reserve your seat!



Information session on the Health Insurance Marketplace and Medicare open enrollment

Whether you have health insurance or no coverage at all, join us for this free information session to find out what the health care law means for you and your family, and about the law's benefits and protections and new coverage options. And, if you are on Medicare, find out about your options during the open enrollment period, to get the most out of your coverage.

Sesión informativa sobre el Mercado de Seguros Médicos y la inscripción abierta en Medicare

Ya sea que tengas o no seguro médico, no te pierdas esta sesión informativa gratuita para averiguar lo que significa la ley de salud para ti y tu familia. Conocerás las disposiciones de la ley y sus beneficios, así como las nuevas opciones de cobertura. Y si eres beneficiario de Medicare, entérate sobre tus opciones durante el período de inscripción abierta, para que puedas aprovechar al máximo tu cobertura.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

English Session: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Raritan Bay Area YMCA
357 New Brunswick Avenue
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Lunch will be served.
Seating is limited.
RSVP at **1-877-926-8300**

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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

By: Phil Kohn. *Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at ww2remembered@yahoo.com.*

On October 24, 1941, Kharkiv, Ukraine, an industrial and mining center, falls to German Army Group South.

The British battleship *HMS Prince of Wales* sets sail from England for the Far East on October 25. It is to become the flagship of the Royal Navy's Far East Fleet, to be commanded by Vice Adm. Sir Tom Phillips. In Minsk, Belorussia, the Germans conduct the first public hangings of captured partisans.

In the Crimea, German forces on October 26 break through the Isthmus of Perekop, a three- to four-mile-wide strip of land that links the Crimean Peninsula with the Ukrainian mainland. In the U.S., automakers are told by the government that, effective December 15, scarce materials — such as chrome, nickel and aluminum — may no longer be used for decorative purposes on the vehicles they manufacture.

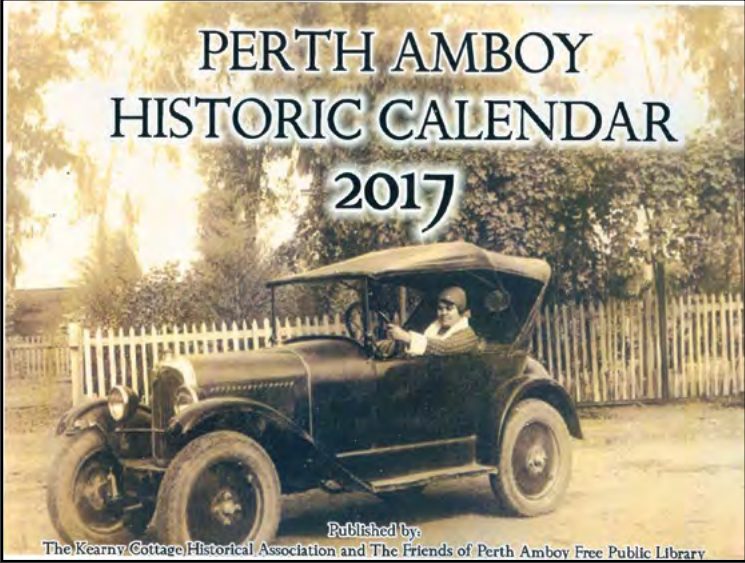
German Army Group South reaches Sevastopol, in the Crimea, on October 27. In the north, German forces are slowed — even stopped in places — by muddy roads, although lead tanks are close to Moscow.

As of October 28, cold weather, muddy conditions and lengthy supply lines slow the German advance towards Moscow. In a Luftwaffe air raid on the Soviet capital, a bomb lands on the Bolshoi Theatre, damaging its lobby. German police in Bolekhiv, Ukraine, gather some 1,000 prominent Jews — rabbis, doctors, civic leaders and wealthy people — torture them for two days, then execute them in a nearby wood. Some are buried alive.

On October 29, the first of the Red Army's Siberian reinforcements take up positions in defensive lines west of Moscow; they have arrived from Asia earlier in the month. In Lithuania, the Kaunas Massacre takes place, the largest mass murder of Lithuanian Jews during the war. In one day, an SS-*Sonderkommando* (special unit) kills some 2,000 men, almost 3,000 women and more than 4,200 children — roughly one-third of the population of the Kaunas ghetto.

In Washington, D.C., on October 30, President Roosevelt approves \$1 billion in Lend-Lease aid to the Soviet Union. At Madison Square Garden in New York City, Charles Lindbergh addresses an America First Committee rally, claiming that President Roosevelt is using "dictatorship and subterfuge" in order to draw the U.S. into the war. In the Crimea, the Germans begin a siege of Sevastopol.

2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are now available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079 or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.

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A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, Nov. 3 2016. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

A.C. Bus Trip St. John Paul II Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – There is a trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City every fourth Wednesday of the month. The next trip is October 26, 2016. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:45 a.m. Call Bobbi at 732-636-2867 to reserve a seat and for more information.

Sands Casino Trip

Holy Rosary Seniors
HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors Bus Trip to Sands Casino - Tony Orlando Holiday Show – Thursday, December 1, 2016. Cost: \$60 - Includes \$20 Back In Play, Bus And Tip + The Show At 2:00 p.m. Bus Leaves Church Parking Lot (625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn) At 10:00 a.m. and Arrives Back Approx. 7:00 p.m. Any Questions, Etc. Please Contact Ronnie Dematteo at 732-442-5252

Cub Scout Stem Adventure

PERTH AMBOY – Open to all boys* in first grade through fifth grade. Sisters may attend the program with brother if in grades 1-5. The meeting is at 9 a.m. at the Muncipal Complex, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy on Friday, Nov. 11. The program goes from 9 a.m. to 3:45 pm; \$10 per student, BASF's Happy Hands experiment program, Trip to Liberty Science Center. Bus transportation provided to and from Liberty Science Center. Adult supervision provided. Registration Deadline Friday, Nov. 4. Register by contacting Art Lobdell at Art.lobdell@scouting.org or 973-769-2340. <http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2014956> *This program is organized by the Boy Scouts of America and all participants will be asked to register for insurance purposes.

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Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ...or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Book Dealers Welcome.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays, October 22nd, November 12th, December 10th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

Have a Heart for Heather Benefit Dinner

SPOTSWOOD – There will be a Benefit Dinner for Heather, a 34 year old who resides in Sayreville in need of a kidney transplant due to anti-rejection medications which she has been on since her heart transplant in 2004. We are asking for you to please attend our dinner to help off-set some of the extreme financial burden she is facing. Donations are also accepted from those who want to help but are unable to attend. Checks should be made payable to "Have a Heart for Heather Foundation" and mailed to Beth Iorillo, 107 Overlook Drive, Clinton, NJ 08809. The dinner will be on Saturday, November 19 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 30 Crescent Ave., Spotswood, NJ 0884. Tickets are \$25 pp, Cash Bar, DJ, Door Prizes 50/50. You can purchase tickets at the Knights of Columbus or contact Beth Iorillo at 732-754-2187 or email bethiorillo@comcast.net Thank you for your generosity and help. It's people like you that make the world a place worth living in.

Sayreville/South Amboy Police Auxiliary Mem- bers Wanted

SOUTH AMBOY/SAYREVILLE - Attention South Amboy / Sayreville Residents: The Sayreville Police Auxiliary is seeking new members to join its volunteer force. If you are interested in a future in law enforcement and have a desire to serve your community, this is a great opportunity! Interested applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be able to pass a criminal background check and possess a valid New Jersey driver's license. Interested applicants can download an application from: www.sayrevillepoliceaux.org

Pet of the Week



Teddy

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Special Pet?**
E-mail us your Pet Photos to Amboy-Guardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - "Ask the Rabbi" with Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy, in the Menlo Park Mall food court, every Wednesday from 12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. All questions will be answered. Everyone is invited to ask.

Exploring Law Enforcement

NEW JERSEY - Get your hands on the challenging field of Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement Exploring offers young men and women ages 15-20 the chance to experience law enforcement career opportunities. For information about scouting contact Will C. Adams Office# - 973-765-9322 ext. 234; Cell# - 732-540-5936 or email: will.adams@scouting.org Join Now!

Bingo

SAYREVILLE - FEELING LUCKY! Get out of the house and off the couch - come enjoy an evening or afternoon playing Bingo. St. Stan's Parish, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville - has Bingo each Thursday evening, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and games beginning at 7:30 p.m. We also have Sunday afternoon Bingo each week, with doors opening at 12 Noon and games beginning at 1:30 p.m. Our kitchen is open for great homemade lunch and dinner specials along with a nice selection of snacks to munch on. Please call our Parish Office at (732) 254-0212 for more info. See you there!

Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God’s grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. *(Mention your request.)* Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us. Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us. *Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.*

Petition to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. *Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.* Thank you, St. Jude. *M.P.*

Lung Cancer Awareness Flag Raising

PERTH AMBOY – The United Messengers of Peace is holding their Second Annual Lung Cancer Awareness Flag Raising on Saturday, November 5th at Perth Amboy City Hall Circle at 11 a.m. Refreshments will follow the flag raising at 12 noon at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-395-7371 or email: unitedmessengers08861@gmail.com

Bingo

PERTH AMBOY - Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy Will be starting a weekly \$1000 Bingo on Mondays Beginning September 26, 2016. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Kitchen will be open for more info call 732-442-7799.

Introduction to New Jersey’s Historic Burial Grounds

PERTH AMBOY – Presentation by Richard Veit, Ph.D., Professor of Anthropology and Chair of the Department of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University. Far from being scary, spooky places, New Jersey’s historic burial grounds are treasure troves of information for historians, genealogists, archaeologists, and art historians. This richly illustrated presentation examines New Jersey Historic Cemeteries from High Point to Cape May. It provides a chronological overview of New Jersey’s burial places from the colonial period to the present. Exceptional examples of colonial, Victorian, and modern memorials are all presented and discussed. Come gain a new appreciation for grave markers and burial places as important sources of information about local history. Sunday, November 20 at 2 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Suggested Donation \$5.00. Light Refreshments will be available.

Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
WED. Oct. 26 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Oct. 27 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Oct. 31 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Nov. 1 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Nov. 2 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
• St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Nov. 3 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
South Amboy
WED. Nov. 2 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Nov. 7 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Nov. 28 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes its Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

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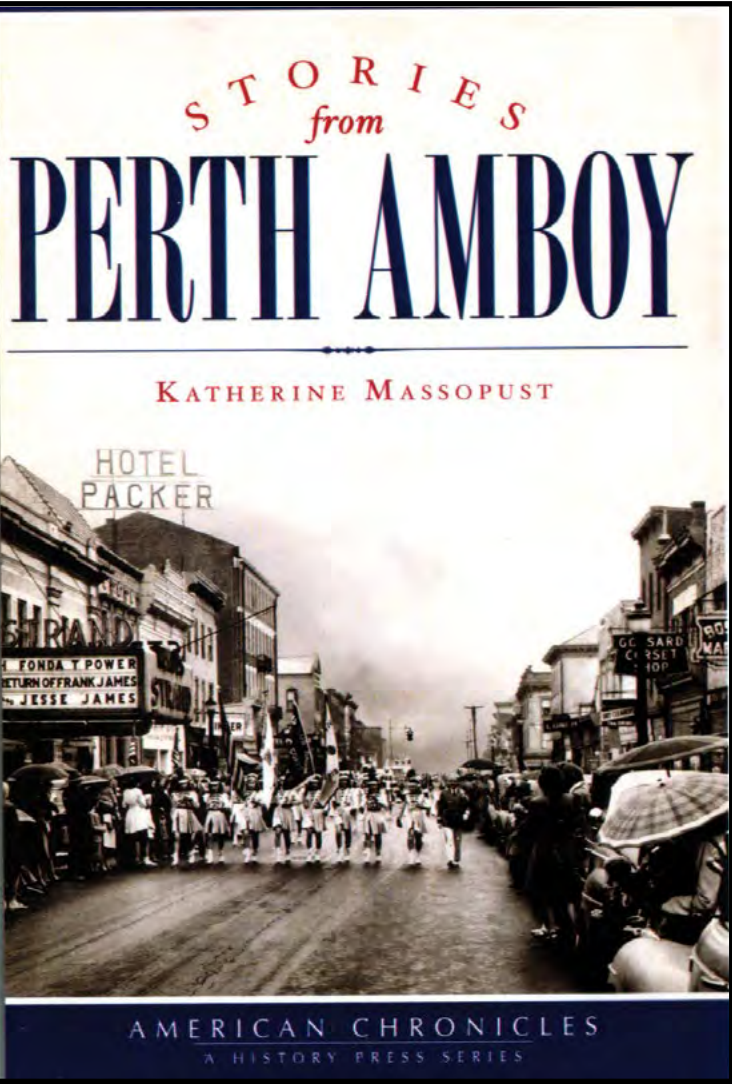


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Halloween circa 1930's.

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Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig’s Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig’s at 732-442-1079 - A Great Gift! Get it now along with Then & Now: Perth Amboy!

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Thank you, St. Jude
F.M.J.

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16 Cap and ____
17 Wolverine's group, with "The" (hyph.)
18 Ruckus
20 Birds and bees
22 Ship's letters
23 "Oh, sure!" (2 wds.)
24 Firefighter's weapon
27 Letters after a dentist's name
28 Follower of (suffix)
31 Hit makers
32 Strive
33 Cars from Munich
34 Hockey great Bobby
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39 ____ Paulo
41 Whirlpools
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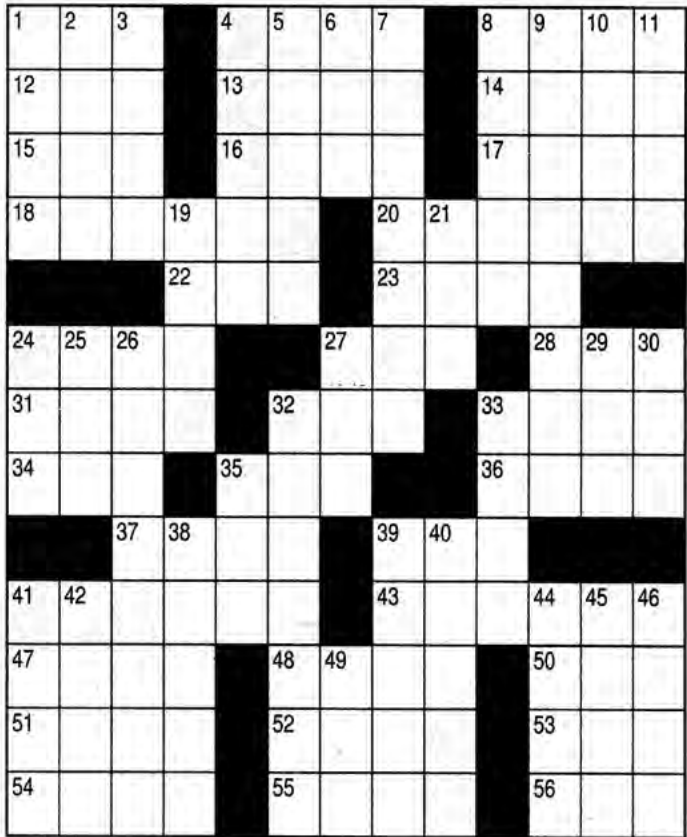
- (abbr.)
51 "____ keep" (pro-crastinator's motto)
52 Fancy
53 Skid causer
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55 White flakes
56 Order's partner

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- 5 At ____ (puzzled, 2 wds.)
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- 27 Tumult
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30 Double curve
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