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The Do-Overs: Residents Question Reappearance of Same Resolution 11/23/15 Caucus/Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – R-530 – Authorizing a professional service contract with DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole to provide legal services for labor & employment, real estate, ABC matters, additional litigation and extraordinary services.

Former Councilman Kenneth Balut said, "I am concerned that this resolution popped back up on the agenda. The Council had voted for her (Law Director Arlene Quinones Perez) but not for her firm at the last Council Meeting (11/9/15). We are building a powerbase for northern New Jersey. Perez is listed as a Power Boss in PolitickerNJ.com. RFP's (Requests for Proposal) - were they changed? Things disappear on the agenda. Lawsuits were missing. Ethically it should be voted down again (R-530). Were deals made at the League of Municipalities Conference?"

Resident Stanley Sierakowski said, "There are a lot of political races coming up and the Mayor had a fallout with Vitale. The Law Director can be removed from making rulings involving her law firm. They (DeCotiis) cannot be on the list for extraordinary services."

After Sierakowski spoke, Caba came up to bat. He also commented on R-530 being back on the agenda. "Maybe Fernando Gonzalez made a mistake. He said he wasn't voting for the firm. He said this at the 8/9/15 Meeting. Now Fernando (Gonzalez) I hear is running for mayor. He voted the resolution down at the last meeting. Now it's back on the agenda. Mr. Gonzalez – maybe you didn't' realize how you voted."

Business owner Susan Batista came up to speak and said, "R-530 – this did not go out to contract."

When it came time to vote on R-530, Councilman William Petrick made a motion for an amendment to remove the item of extraordinary services from R-530. The dates of the ser-

vice would be from November 2015 through March 2016. Cap would be \$100,000 with an hourly rate of \$150/hour. The amendment was moved by Petrick and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. Petrick made the motion to move the amended version which was seconded by Pabon. Councilman Fernando Irizarry and Council President Lisa Nanton voted, "No."

During the second public portion of the Regular Meeting, Kenneth Balut came up to speak again. He reiterated, "That law firm is telling us (the City) what to do. They were involved in deals involving projects in Atlantic City, Trenton and East Rutherford (Xanadu Sports and Entertainment Complex). I was born and raised here and pay a lot of taxes and I can't even park on my street. I'm paying for illegal housing."

Stanely Sierakowski spoke next mentioning R-530 again. He addressed Councilman William Petrick and Fernando Gonzalez. "Is the \$100,000 cap per case or for the year? On the additional litigation, what would that be? Why are other firms not named on this resolution?"

David Caba came back up to speak in reference to R-530. He spoke to each Council Member: "Councilman Fernando Irizarry, you stuck with your conscience. Council President Lisa Nanton You stuck to vour principles. Councilman William Petrick, You shocked me. Maybe there's something down the line for you. Councilman Fernando Gonzalez, I don't know where you stand. You should not be happy that your son was not on the list for lawyers for the City. You ran twice as the voice of the people. Are you the voice of the people or for yourself?"

Resident Susan Batista came forward next. "I wonder who is paying for all of these law firms the City has hired for my lawsuit against the City. Also,



Ken Balut

how does the law director get paid?"

Law Director Arlene Quinones Perez told Batista, "I am an employee of the City."

Batista answered back, "Who authorized a lawyer from the DeCotiis firm to handle the City's case on the lawsuit filed by me? The City spent money on three law firms for one case."

Alan Silber came up and said, "We are the do-over City. If you don't like the results – let's have a do-over! Also, when you add a late-starter resolution, it should be discussed." He then asked the Council, "Have we advertised for a permanent Business Administrator besides on the City's website? When you go into closed sessions, you should be more specific as to what will be discussed. We should have a resolution to have no more double meetings." Alan Silber closed with the following remarks which made those present chuckle, "Everyone have a Happy Thanksgiving, except for Fernando Gonzalez."

Fernando Gonzalez had a broad smile on his face when Silber made that remark.

After the public portion was closed, Interim Business Administrator Peter Pelissier congratulated those from the Police Department who will receive valor awards. He suggested other outlets to advertise for a permanent business



Councilman Fernando Gonzalez

administrator. He recommended the City hires someone with at least 7-10 years municipal experience and that individual should expect to be employed for 3-5 years. "Perth Amboy is a special City, but it will be a challenge to them." He recognized the Veterans for their service.

Mayor Diaz came up to speak next. She was happy to report that the City made the Wall Street Journal. Diaz was recently spotlighted on a segment on NBC News talking about her challenges she has faced as Mayor and positive aspects of the City. She mentioned that the CFO (Chief Financial Officer), Tax Assessor and the Tax Collector work hard to keep the taxes down. She mentioned the Valor Award Recipients. "We need to all work together. We collected toys for the Christmas Day Parade to hand out to the children."

During the Council Comments Portion, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez addressed some of the concerns raised by residents. "For resolution R-530, the \$100,000 mentioned would be the total for all the cases. As far as my son not being on the list of law firms, he only does criminal law. We should discuss some things in public that we are only discussing in private sessions."

Councilman Fernando Irizar-



David Caba

ry spoke next. He thanked Businessman Eddie Trujillo and Pastor Bernie Falcon-Lopez who provided Thanksgiving meals for the needy. In conclusion, he wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilman Joel Pabon wanted to know, "Where do we stand on vacant properties?" He thanked Interim B.A. Peter Pelissier for the Veteran's Day speech he gave. "I want to recognize our youth for all their volunteerism. Happy Thanksgiving and remember the people who are less fortunate. This is a time for sharing. It brings out the best in people. There are a lot of positives in town. Take a look around, especially in the parks. I want to thank Kenny Ortiz (Director of Recreation) and all the young volunteers that work with him. I also want to congratulate all the departments and their employees."

Councilman Bill Petrick thanked the Department Heads and their employees. "I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving."

Council President Lisa Nanton was proud of the Perth Amboy Green Team becoming certified by the Sustainable New Jersey. "The celebration of the first immigrants that came to our shores -the Pilgrims were escaping religious persecution and that's what the United States is all about. Happy Thanksgiving everyone."

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Mayflower Lands in Perth Amboy

*Photos Submitted by Ana Mascenik



Students from Wilentz School simulated the arrival of the Mayflower. The "Mayflower" was piloted by Michael Care and Mr. Wild while coming in to land.



Ronald Mascenik, pilgrims, RL Anderson, Native Americans help pilgrim ladies get off the Mayflower. Rosalie La Rosa Anstett, Karly Butler and Diana Franco



Getting ready to feast with Native American Students. Indian Princess portrayed by Evy Arvello.

Perth Amboy Jaguars U-11 team

*Photos Submitted by Junior Iglesia

Submitted by Junior Iglesia PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Jaguars U-11 team is part of the Perth Amboy Soccer Club, a non-Profit organization of 8 teams of the ages group 8-14 years old. Here is a list of all the accomplishments made by the Perth Amboy Jaguars since the team was put together in 2012.

The Jaguars started to played in 2012 for Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association www.mnjysa.org

They started in flight 5 and work their way to flight 4,3, 2 and 1. In flight 1 along there are around 100 U-11 teams in Mid New Jersey Soccer Association and the Perth Amboy Jaguars are # 1. This is outstanding. It is also important to mention most of the Perth Amboy Jaguars players are in gifted and talented programs in the Perth Amboy public schools.

Here is the list of the tournaments in which the Perth Amboy Jaguars have participated:

U-8 spring 2013 second place 9 wins 1 loss 0 ties

U-8 summer 2013 City of Elizabeth cup undefeated champions





U-9 Fall 2013 Undefeated Flight champions 9 wins 0 loss 1 tie

U-9 spring 2014 third place 6 wins 2 loss 2 tie

U-10 fall 2014 Undefeated flight champions 10 wins 0 loss 0 tie

U-10 winter 2014 Undefeated indoor champions 7 wins 0 loss 0 tie U-10 spring 2015 Undefeated flight champions 8 wins 0 loss 2 tie

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U-11 summer 2015 Branchburg Labor undefeated champions 3 wins 0 loss 1 tie

U-11 Fall 2015 Flight 1 Champions 7 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie

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EDITORIAL

It's A Whole Different Ball of Wax

Everyone has a difference of DISGRACE! opinion about the Syrian Refugees coming to the United States.

There are those who are looking strictly through rose colored glasses and others which includes ourselves who are looking first at the security for the Citizens of the United States. The FBI admitted that we simply don't have the database to vet refugees.

You can't discount what happened recently in Paris. You have to look at the whole world in general and what ISIS has done, is doing and will continue to do.

Some are under the illusion that everyone is the whole world is the same and values the same things. That is the farthest from the truth.

What kind of person would strap explosives onto themselves or their child? What kind of people would have in their school textbooks to teach hatred towards those who don't share their beliefs.

I used to watch the show "The View" before they went off the wall. One of the discussions centered on the Syrian Refuges. Two of the panelists remarked that the refuges are being screened based on their religion, giving preference to those who are Christians. Then one panelist stated that Hitler and Timothy McVeigh (Oklahoma City Bomber) were both Christians as if they were the representatives of all the Christians in the world.

First of all, McVeigh was agnostic. McVeigh was not a part of a terrorist movement such as the 9-11 terrorists. He acted alone and was motivated by his hatred of federal govern-

Hitler was a secular leader and had a hatred towards Christians. He wanted Pastors to put their loyalty to him ahead of their lovalty to Christ. He viewed Christianity as a means of making people weak.

I have two words for the panelists who made that made these statements: You are an EMBARRASSMENT AND A

All religions have good and bad apples. There is no question about that. You need to look at all the Christian Organizations that go overseas to poverty stricken countries, many times risking their lives to help those in need.

Look at what these and other religious organizations have accomplished that are beneficial to the world.

It is the Leaders of these impoverished nations and dictatorial countries that are to blame for their plight of their people. Some will say that the United States has contributed to some of the discourse in these troubled countries by providing arms to militant groups who turned on the United States. Everyone makes mistakes and we are not trying to dismiss this. I would say as a whole Christianity has done much more good than bad.

Christians have contributed a lot to humanity: Abolition of slavery, the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Civil Rights, a vast majority of our founding fathers were Christians, numerous soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters, hospitals, universities, Prison ministries to help reform criminals.

When the dust clears and someone talks about how bad Christianity is, they have to go back over 500 years to the Spanish Inquisition. The savages that are now beheading, bombing and blowing up people including themselves and worse are still practicing barbarianism.

Some people cringe when talking about bringing back waterboarding. There is a doctor present. It's part of a Navy Seal's Training.

To behead someone is beyond the pale. Can you imagine, especially when it is televised what the family of the victim is going through? They will relive this pain over and over again until the day they die.

As always, we welcome your opinions.

C.M. & K.M.

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Open for the **Holidays**One wonders how many

CEO's and corporate executives in the retail industry

establishments were open and how many will work if they're also open on Christmas. Most likely it's the old do as I say not as I do philosophy

worked this thanksgiving if that prevails. It would be nice if all consumers simply boycotted all such businesses for the entire holiday season!

Michael J. Rusznak

The "TERROR GAP or LOOP-HOLE"

Shortly after the vicious attacks in Paris by the "Islamic practitioners of peace," I was watching news reports on several "news" stations. After a few days one of the reports mentioned a bill, (actually two bills that never made it out of committee), to prevent people on the terror watch list, (The List), from purchasing a firearm. They said that these bills were blocked by republicans because of pressure from the NRA. They even gave it a name; some called it the Terror Gap some referred to it as the Terror Loophole. The reason given for opposing these bills was that it might prevent someone who was mistakenly put on the watch list from legally purchasing a gun.

My first reaction was to think, "That's stupid, that's the kind of stupidity I've come to expect from the Obama administration". To block a bill that would stop someone on the terror watch list from buying a gun because a few might be on the list buy accident would be ludicrous. It would be like saying, oh... I don't know, something like, not blocking all refugees from coming here because a few widows and orphans might be left out in the

Well I was about to fire off a poison keyboard email, (because we all know nobody uses a pen anymore), to the NRA telling them just how stupid I thought this was. I was even prepared to resign my life membership. But then I thought, why would a bunch of gun toting, bible thumping, flag waving, conservatives be against a bill that would prevent a terrorist or alleged terrorist from legally buying a gun. So I decided to do some research on the subject.

First I went to the NRA website and could not find anything on the subject. Strange!! So I did more digging. It turns out that the bills in question were first introduced in 2011. One, S.34, by Sen. Frank Lautenberg. The other, H.R.1506, by Rep. Peter King. In a nut-

shell, these bills would give the attorney general and the F.B.I. the right to deny a person his/ her 2nd amendment rights by adding that person to the terrorist watch list. On the surface it seems ok, right! Wrong, very wrong on many levels.

First the terror watch list does not involve due process of law, you are only suspected of terrorist activities. Ehh, so what? Better safe than sorry some would say.

Second if you are put on the watch list and already legally own guns you could be subject to ten years in prison. Again some would say, "So what, a terrorist shouldn't own guns in the first place".

Somehow I ended up in the ACLU's website. Whoa, how did I get from the ultra conservative NRA to the super liberal ACLU? Well I did and this is what I found. It seems the ACLU has also been opposed to "The List" as it currently stands.

The watch list is deeply flawed. You have to remember the watch list was started in 2003. Now let's take a look at some of the people on the list, which conservative estimates put at over a million names.

Fourteen of the nineteen hijackers from 911. They should be you might say, well yes they should, except they were dead for two years when they made the list.

Saddam Hussein who was in US custody in Iraq at the time.

Sen. Ted Kennedy, Rep. Don Young, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, and Rep. John Lewis all had problems flying. Ted Kennedy finally had to call the head of Homeland Security to get removed from the list after months of trying.

There are thousands of others but one of my favorites is John William Anderson, he was a very dangerous, blond haired, blue eyed six year old when he was marked as a possible terrorist.

Another problem with "The List" is that you might never know why you made the list or that you are even on it that is until you try to fly on a plane. And once you're on it, it is next to impossible to get off.

So how does one get put on "The List" you may ask. Good

question. That is something that only a select few know unfortunately. In April of 2007 the DHS came out with a report on right wing extremism, the following are some of the things that could get you on the list according to the report;

- · Americans who have fought in the Global War on Terrorism;
- Americans who are concerned about issues such as abortion, immigration, the economy, our loss of jobs overseas, including the loss of America's manufacturing base to China and India, the decline of our construction industry, and home foreclosures:
- Americans who disagree with the policies of the Obama Administration and who encourage others to disagree with such policies, or who believe in federalism;
- Americans who post their political opinions on the Internet;
- Americans who oppose gun control and who, in anticipation of a new push for federal gun control, buy firearms and ammunition;
- Americans who disagreed with the Brady Act and semiautomatic firearm ban, and the FBI's and BATFE's actions at Ruby Ridge, Idaho, and Waco, Texas, in the 1990s; and
- Americans whose religious beliefs hold that there will occur a time of hardship accompanied by the rise of unscrupulous or evil political leaders.

These reasons could get you on the list but what else could get you on the list seems to be a secret. Really, if Ted Kennedy made the list, and I don't think he met any of the above criteria, then anyone could be next.

Think about it, using just the above criteria for making "The List" you've effectively wiped out the 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 14th amendments in one shot. It's no wonder these bills never made it out of committee.

Let's face it, if the NRA and the ACLU agree on something there must be something to it.

I guess President Bush's critics were right on one thing. If you keep the people scared you can get anything passed. Only now the shoe is on the other

Joe Bayona

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To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

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PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

Tea Room Oven

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House is now open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for tea and tours. The tea room has reopened, serving their usual delicious homemade cakes and assorted teas. Hostesses Dot, Helen and Joanne are back to greet you. A \$7.00 donation includes both the tea and a tour of the mansion. Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated, and we have acquired several pieces of antique furniture, including a 1700's desk and game table. The gift shop is also opened. A visit to the tea room is the perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel: 732-826-5527. Info@proprietary-Email: house.org.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

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TUES. Dec. 8 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Library, Jefferson St.

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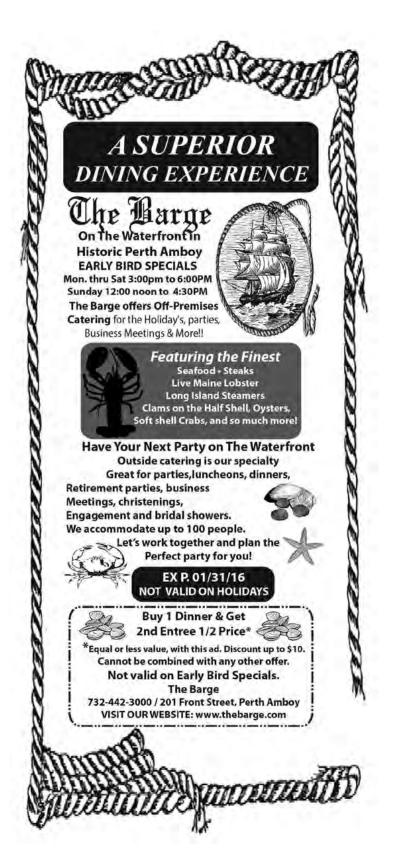
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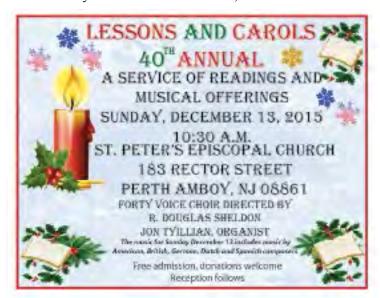


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AC Bus Trip PERTH AMBOY - The

PERTH AMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino, AC will be on Thursday, Dec. 3rd. Bus leaves 12 Noon from KOC, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost: \$30 pp. Receive \$30 slot play. For additional info call Joe: 732-826-0819.

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OLD BRIDGE - See costumed characters, animals, and unique scenes while enjoying holiday music and related Scripture verses. Dates: December 4, 5 & 6 from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. A completely free event; canned food may be donated. Sponsored by Sayre Woods Bible Church, Route 9 South, ¼ mile north of Route 516 (across from ShopRite). 2290 Highway 9, Old Bridge.

Holiday Lighting Ceremony

HOLMDEL - The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800 from Bergen County and the Jewish War Veterans Department of New Jersey annually host a Holiday Lighting Ceremony at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel, N.J. The ceremony includes the lighting of a Christmas tree and Menorah, and a reading about Kwanzaa.

The ceremony will be at the N.J. Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Garden State Parkway, Exit 116 on Saturday, December 5 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The N.J. Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center are located on the grounds of the PNC Bank Arts Center. The Memorial is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. The Educational Center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Regular admission to the Museum & Educational Center is FREE for veterans and active-duty military personnel. Regular adult admission is \$7, student and senior citizen admission is \$5 and children under age 10 are admitted FREE.

For more information, please call (732) 335-0033 or visit http://njvvmf.org/

40th Anniversary of Festival Lessons and Carols Service St. Peters Episcopal Church

Sunday December 13 at 10:30 a.m.
Free will offering and reception to follow

PERTH AMBOY - Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Perth Amboy is delighted to recognize R. Douglas Sheldon for his forty years of service as Music Director of the choir on the 40th anniversary of our annual Festival Lessons and Carols service. Mr. Sheldon was responsible for initiating the Service of Lessons and Carols at the church which is a perennial community favorite and has constantly raised the musical standards and enlarged the repertory of the group.

Mr. Sheldon began his connection with St. Peter's in 1976 when he also instituted Lessons and Carols. This service is a long-standing tradition in the British Anglican Church having begun in the late 1800s and is a perfect fit for the Episcopal Church which is the American equivalent. Mr. Sheldon regularly invites friends and colleagues from his musical connections to join the church's choir and swell the ranks for a truly memorable experience. The St. Peters Choir will be enhanced with musical friends from across the country and with members of the Baldwin Festival Chorus of New York.

The music for Sunday December 13 includes music by American, British, German, Dutch and Spanish composers and includes musical settings

of famous texts and carols such as Lo How a rose, The Rose, Ave Maria, Hodie Christus est, I wonder as I wander and Gloria in excelsis Deo. Additional music: Welcome all Wonders by Richard Dirksen; O, Star! by Martin Sedek (New Jersey) premiere; The Blessed Son of God/Vaughn Williams; What Sweeter Music and Rejoice and be Merry by John Rutter

Mr. Sheldon is also Music Director of the Baldwin Festival Chorus of New York and conductor of the Hamilton College Men's Reunion Choir. He is an internationally respected professional in the world of classical music and is Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Columbia Artists Management. The list of those artists he has managed over the years is extensive and includes major symphony orchestras such as New York, Boston and London Symphonies, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Mariinsky Orchestra, individual musicians, conductors, and great opera singers of the 20th century. Marilyn Horne, Anne-Sophie Mutter and the Russian State Chorus are a few of his artists that have come to perform in St. Peters. He travels extensively in Europe and Asia, but is known to phone St. Peter's choir from foreign locations to check on the progress of rehearsals run by assistants.

This past summer, Mr. Sheldon served as President of the Jury of The International Sarasate Violin Competition in Pamplona, Spain and as the first invited guest conductor of the Orfeon Chorus International Concert Series. Also internationally, he has served in several capacities with the White Nights of America Foundation which supports the famous White Nights Festival held annually in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 2008 he founded the Baldwin Festival chorus in New York City and is the primary conductor for the group. Additionally he appeared as guest conductor for several well-known American vocal groups including the Orpheus Club of Philadelphia and the University Glee Club of New York.

Simply put, Doug, as he is known to the members of St. Peter's, is passionate about music and has made it his life's work. He has high standards and expectations for his choir members and brings challenging, appropriate, and uplifting works to the weekly 10a.m. service. His individual connections with choir members have included mentor and confidant as well as teacher. He can be demanding but is highly respected and loved by St. Peter's choir.



CELEBRATION OF CHANUKAH Thursday, December 10, 2015 6:00 P.M.



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City Hall Council Chambers 260 High Street, Perth Amboy

For more information, please contact the Office of the Mayor at: 732-826-7121.





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Santa Fly-In

Press Release

PRINCETON - Forty years ago, the idea of having Santa fly into the Princeton Airport for the area children to watch was brought to life. Throughout the years, this has evolved into a wonderful annual event for families and those less fortunate.

The tradition will continue this year on Thursday, December 24th, when the Nierenberg family, owners of the airport, will open the hangar doors to children awaiting Santa's arrival. Santa is planned to arrive at 11:00 A.M. Parents are advised to bring the children prior to then, as the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be

serving cocoa and cookies, and local folk singer Pat McKinley will be leading the audience in holiday songs during the wait for Santa.

If parents would like to have a gift waiting for their child, they should bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it in large print to the Princeton Airport lobby. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa. If parents have more than one child participating, the gifts should be wrapped in the same paper and tied together to speed up the distribution. Also, to have their child participate, parents need to bring a gift for the less fortunate as well. This is the most important feature of this ¬MORE¬ event. These gifts must be new and unwrapped, and will be collected by the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Personal checks made out to the "FoodBank Network of Somerset County", as well as canned or boxed food will also be collected at the airport. Donations from nonparticipants are kindly accepted, as well.

The collection of the gifts will begin the day after Thanksgiving and will end on Thursday, December 17th in order to enable county workers to arrange the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby of the airport between 8:00 a.m.. and 6:00 p.m.

Once Santa's plane lands, Santa will head into the hangar along with all the participants, to distribute each gift individually. In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Children will also have the opportunity to take a picture on Santa's lap. Usually, distribution is completed by 1:00 P.M. and Santa continues his journey.

There is no charge for this event. The Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 miles north of Princeton on Route 206. The full address is 41 Airpark Road, Princeton, N.J., 08540. For further information, call 609-921-3100.

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The 55th Annual Holiday Parade

WOODBRIDGE - Parade Starts at Woodbridge High School 1:30 p.m. and ends in Town Hall. Sunday, Dec. 6th.



Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY – St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Cookie Walk on Sat. Dec. 19th. Time 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All gourmet items are handmade. Come to the Cookie Walk at 404 Division St, Perth Amboy and buy your Christmas cookies!

Pictures With Santa

WOODBRIDGE - Donate a non-perishable item and take your picture with Santa Claus! Parker Press (400 Rahway Ave) on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Food Pantry

SAYREVILLE - Each month on the 3rd Thursday of the month our Food Pantry "Daily Bread" distributes food for those in need. Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Faith Fellowship Ministries, 2707 Main St., Sayreville. For more info call (732)727-9500 ext. 1704

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ Annual Christmas Parade &

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 5, 2015 begins at 4:00pm

(Rain date Sunday, December 6, 2015) Starting at Wilson & Smith Street (Participants line-up at 3:00 p.m.)



For more information please contact:
Department of Human Services, Isamar Payano 732-826-1690 ext. 4321
Ipayano@perthamboynj.org

Photos with Santa!

Holiday Model Train Show

WOODBRIDGE - The Holiday Model Train Show 25th Anniversary Year - November 28 - December 27 (closed December 25) at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For more info call 732-634-0413. Exhibit hours M-F 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat & Sun 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free Admission. Donations Welcome.

Holiday Celebration

SAYREVILLE - Holiday Celebration Sunday, Dec. 6th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Holiday Parade Main St. to Borough Hall. Come celebrate "The Holiday Season" with musical entertainment, Tree and Menorah lighting at the Borough Hall. Pictures with Santa and refreshments at the Mickey Sedlak Recreation Building. Free admission and Toy drop off for Sayreville Recreation toy drive.

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Christmas Bake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Christmas Bake Sale on Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st, Dec. 2nd & Dec. 3rd. Call 732-826-7067 to place your order. Please call between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon. All gourmet items are handmade. Call early before the maximum quota is reached. Cakes: nut, poppyseed, apricot, raspberry and prune. Cakes are \$11 each. Pick up dates: Dec. 8th & Dec. 9th after 2 p.m. Pick up at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy.

Wanted

PERTH AMBOY - The Salvation Army is looking for Bell Ringer for their Christmas Kettles. The job is seasonal (Nov. 27 thru Dec. 24) and full time \$9/hr. 5 days a week (Tuesdays thru Saturdays) from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. You need to have a Social Security and State ID. Come apply at the Salvation Army, 433 State St., Perth Amboy. Contact: Alex Rodriguez. 732-826-7040.

Holiday Craft Show WOODBRIDGE - The Catho-

lic Daughters of America#769 are having a Craft Show. Vendors/Crafters Wanted for craft show at St. James Church -Lower Level Main Street and Rte. 35, Woodbridge on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Set Up: Sat. Dec. 5th at 8 a.m. Cost: \$20 per table. No Refunds. Includes 1 Table & 2 Chairs (only provided by CDA can be used). For questions email: eileenswingle@ yahoo.com

Annual

Toy DriveSAYREVILLE - Toy Drive November 3rd to December 7th from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday at the Recreation Department on Dolan Street. New toys only please. Help us to provide some holiday cheer for those special residents of Sayreville.

Christmas Tea

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is sponsoring a Christmas Tea at the Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy on Sunday, December 13 at 1 p.m.

Join the Society members for tea and pastries, with Dennis Nanton on the keyboard. Local Authors will be available for signing books.

Donations are appreciated. For more information call 732-293-1090.

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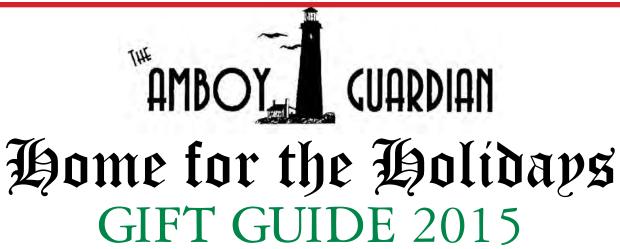
PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Ukrainian Assumption Church is sponsoring a sale of grave blankets. Orders must be placed by December 10, 2015. For details call Mark at 732-586-0398 or Charlie at 732-586-0405.

Manger & Tree Lighting Ceremony

PERTH AMBOY - We invite you to join us in our newly restored church on Friday, Dec. 4 for our first ever St. Demetrios manger & tree lighting ceremony. Paraklysis to our most Holy Theotokos will begin at 7 p.m. & tree lighting ceremony will be directly after followed by a light dinner. For more information and questions please contact our church secretary Froso in the church office at 732-826-4466.









Thanksgiving - Olive Street, Perth Amboy 11/27/15

*Photos by Paul W. Wang







PERTH AMBOY - On Thanksgiving Day, a meal was provided to City residents at Olive Street Senior Center. Local Churches and from those from surrounding communities provided food and service.

Small Business Saturday, Perth Amboy 11/28/15

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PERTH AMBOY
- Mayor Diaz
kicked off Small
Business Saturday with a ribbon
cutting. WCTC
Bert Baron helped
along with city
officials and the
UEZ/BID. Prizes
were handed out.







Candlelight Vigil - Train Station - AristiCare, Perth Amboy 11/22/15

*Photos by Katherine Massopust















PERTH AMBOY - A Candlelight Vigil on Sunday, November 2 sponsored by the Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps took place. The vigil began at the Train Station with a prayer service led by Msgr. John Gordon, Rev. Paul Sears, Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez, Salvation Army Captain Alex Rodriguez, Mayor Wilda Diaz and Assistant Administrator of AristiCare at Alameda Centr Junel Hutchetson. The prayers offered were for the plight of the homeless struggling to survive on the streets. There now is a new 211(or 1-877-652-1148 or click NJ211.org on the web) hotline which can be called to help those in need. This hotline helps the homeless access any shelter and/or case management services. The vigil continued with a candlelight procession to AristiCare. Kiaya Jones was in charge of the event. After a brief prayer service, care bags were provided to give to the homeless and light refreshments were given out.

Elks Memorial Service

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks # 784 will conduct Memorial Services for all members who have passed away since our last service was conducted. On Sunday, December 6, 2015, commencing at 5:00 p.m., #784 Lodge Officers will conduct the service this year as per Grand Lodge stature 2.020. It is required that the bar be closed at 5:00 p.m. and reopen upon the conclusion of the Memorial Services. All are invited to attend this moving ceremony. Thank you for your cooperation. Michael Green, Exalted Ruler.

Green Collaborative

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz encourages you to the join the Join the Perth Amboy Green Collaborative to:

- Learn about Green Infrastructure to Guide over \$500K worth of Investment Projects
- Lead Sustainability Efforts to Create a Greener, Healthier City
- Build Partnerships and Make Friends Who are Committed to a Cleaner Future for All Residents
- Receive Training in Brownfield Redevelopment and Reuse
- Help Protect and Enhance the City's Valuable Natural Resource.

Monday, November 16 at 6 p.m., Firehouse Training Room, 357 New Brunswick Ave, 3rd Floor.

Contact: William Kurzenberger, (732) 826 - 0290 Ext. 4048 or email: wkurzenberger@perthamboynj.org

Book Drop/Book Exchange/ Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are establishing a use for the books you have read and would like to recycle!!! Drop off your books. Exchange them for books you have not read 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. Please no text books or reference books.

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 rest of 2015 is as follows: Mondays: Dec. 7 and 21 and on Saturdays: Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. We will be there from 12 noon until 2 pm (weather permitting).

For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGEN-CY FY16 BROWNFIELD CLEANUP GRANT

City of Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Notice is hereby provided that the City of Perth Amboy, NJ has completed its application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FY16 Brownfields Cleanup Grant as well as an Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives for the proposed site of the future Second Street Park. The Office of Economic and Community Development will hold a public hearing for citizens desiring to comment on the full applica-

tion on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6 PM in the

City Council Chambers, City Hall, 260 High Street,

Persons requiring special accommodations to facilitate participation in the public hearing may call the Office of Economic Development at 732-826-0290 ext. 4048

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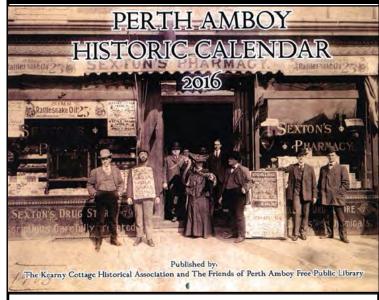
Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, January 16, 2016 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cafeteria of St. Stephen's Church Mechanic Street Entrance, Perth Amboy Adults \$10 Children under 5 - Free Come out and support your local heroes!

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PERTH AMBOY – The Jolin Food box program is designed to provide families with nationally branded food products at wholesale prices. On behalf of the Cathedral's Community Development Corporation, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's AmeriCorps is helping promote the Jolin Food Box. Check out https://jolinfoodbox.com or contact us at 732-324-2114 x103

2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Dept. 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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Novena to St. Rita

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Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Prayer to St. Clare of Assisi

O glorious Saint Clare! God has given you the power of working miracles continually, and the favor of answering the prayers of those who invoke your assistance in misfortune, anxiety, and distress; we beseech you, obtain for us from Jesus, through Mary, His Blessed Mother, what we beg of you so fervently and hopefully, if it be for the greater honor and glory of God and for the good of our souls. Saint Clare Pray For Us Amen. *D.S.*

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.A.P.

Miraculous Invocation to St. Theresa

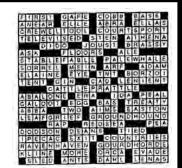
Oh Glorious St. Theresa, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind, I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you in obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "prodigy of miracles. The greatest Saint of modern times." Now I fervently beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses, henceforth Dear Little Flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen.

Say prayer every day for 9 days. By the 4th day ask for a sign if prayer is to be answered between 4th and 9th day you will see a rose in a magazine, TV picture, or receive roses, also can get a strange scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. A.M.A.

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PERTH AMBOY - The JRF Family Assistance Center provides rent, food or utility assistance to qualifying individuals or families in the community. To be eligible you must meet program requirements. For more information, please call 732-324-2180. You can also stop by our office on the 2nd floor! (149 Kearny Ave. – Rear of Proprietary House)

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Rotary Club & WPA distribution of toys and items. The total amount of collected items were 2035. Items included 13 pieces of furniture, 121 games (new), 150 stuffed animals, 75 wooden toys, 50 pairs of underwear, 86 books, 250 mittens, 800 oranges, 300 boxes of candy, 108 mechanical toys, 74 dolls, 8 sleds and wagons. December 23, 1939. Items were distributed to 146 for boys;105 for girls and 54 for families.

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This Photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. Dec. 2 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

THURS. Dec. 3 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Dec. 7 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St. TUES. Dec. 8 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

ΓUES. Dec. 8 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. Dec. 9 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St. THURS. Dec. 10 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon

Reo Diner, Woodbridge Ave.

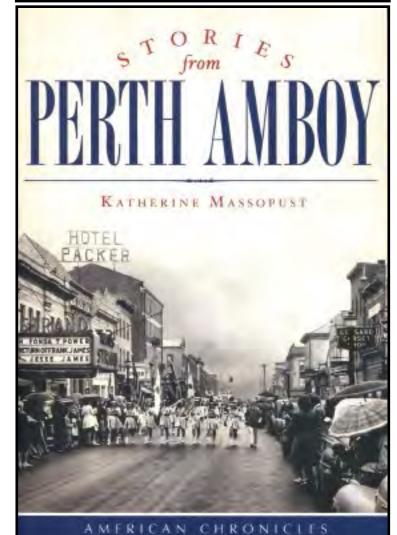
South Amboy

MON. Dec. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave. WED. Dec. 9 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,

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