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Perth Amboy is My Home *Perth Amboy State of the City 3/19/14*



Irving Daniel Lozada sings the National Anthem
*Photos by Eric Salvary



Barbara Johnson Executive Director of the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy of Thomas Edison State College



Mayor Wilda Diaz delivers the State of the City



Abraham Pitre
To be Promoted to Fire Chief

By: Carolyn Maxwell & Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – Mayor Wilda Diaz delivered the State of the City Address on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at the Perth Amboy Public Safety Complex Auditorium at the YMCA at 7 p.m. The Master of Ceremonies was Chief of Staff Lissette Martinez.

Martinez thanked local officials and City employees. Congressman Frank Pallone Jr. from the 6th Congressional District was the first speaker. Pallone started of his remarks by stating, “How proud we are of Mayor Diaz. I remember walking down Smith Street with the Mayor and everyone knew Wilda Diaz. I’ve never met anyone more proud of our City. She is the ultimate salesperson for the City. She is always calling me about something whether it be dredging, the train station or funding for the library. She is not cheap, but very thrifty. She looks out for the City and knows what to do to put the City in financial shape. I am very proud of her. Diaz was recently elected President of the NJ Urban Mayors Association and is promoting Perth Amboy. She wants you not to worry how your tax dollars are being spent. It is rare that you have all that combined in one person.”

Barbara Johnson, Executive

Director of the John S. Watson Institute for Public Safety at Thomas Edison State College was called upon to introduce the Mayor. Before she did so, Johnson wanted to give a brief overview of what Thomas Edison State College has to offer. “The College was chartered in 1972 and it’s for adults only. The average age of a student is 36. The College has the longest and strongest nursing program in the Country and the highest pass rate for the CPA exam. It is one of eleven state schools in New Jersey. The College does public service in urban and rural communities.”

Johnson explained how a think tank which is part of that policy ties into the Mayor’s position as President of NJUMA. “This think tank has resources for residents, nonprofits and government agencies. We keep an eye on Trenton to make sure policies and laws that they initiate answer the urban community’s needs. Thomas Edison has been committed to the NJ Urban Mayor Association for 26 years. We provide training for the Mayors. Perth Amboy is one of nineteen communities receiving a \$320,000 grant.”

“Wilda Diaz is the first Woman Leader in the NJUMA.” Johnson quoted the late New York Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, “We need strong women leaders. Being a leader

is hard work and Mayor Diaz is the one who is up to the task. Diaz supported the Dream Act. She takes chances and moves forward. I was invited by Mayor Diaz to take a tour of the City. I’m impressed. Urban communities are the backbone of the state. Looking at the Bloustein Study, young people want to live in a city – not the suburbs. They want to come to a place where they can live, work and play.”

Just before Johnson introduced the Mayor, she said, “I look forward to working with her (Wilda Diaz) for the next two years. She has a passion in what she sees. We will do great things.”

When Mayor Diaz came to the podium, she thanked everyone, “As we reflect on our accomplishments. It’s not about building political agenda’s but our goal is to build a firm foundation. Public safety is important. There was a two level upgrade from A- to A+ in stability. This represents the community of property owners. In 2013 \$71 million was cut from the annual budget. We will reduce the budget from \$250 million to \$199 million by the end of 2014.”

“We secured \$17.1 million in funds to repair the Perth Amboy Waterfront. By this summer the Waterfront will be free of fencing. \$3.4 million in FEMA money will be utilized

to repair the Waterfront.”
“We are planning NJ design and value of residents. We will soon hold a ribbon cutting for the Phase II of the recreation facility. The Middlesex County Board of Freeholders approved this State of the Art County Park (across the street

from the Vocational School). Last week we were approved for a future dog park. The Harbor will have dining, concerts, fishing and boating. We will have waterway access to the Arthur Kil. Perth Amboy

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South Amboy Excited About Walkway Construction

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry shared his excitement for the beginning of the Waterfront Walkway construction at a relatively short city council meeting last week.

The construction, which began this past Monday, will bring life the popular walkway that was destroyed by Hurricane Sandy over a year ago. Mayor Henry explained that this was the beginning of an exciting three-month process.

“We will have work beginning on the beachfront walkway and it should take approximately three months to complete,” Henry said in his opening remarks. “We are looking to getting our beautiful walkway back and in walking shape.”

The city received more than \$2 million from FEMA

back in January to complete the project. According to the city’s website, some of the repairs will include re-vestment (sloping structures placed on banks or cliffs in such a way as to absorb the energy of incoming water) replacement, new fencing, roadway repair at the overlook, and partial replacement of the pedestrian bridge.

D&S Land Development, LLC was awarded the contract for the Waterfront Walkway in February at \$1,592,580. Barring any setbacks due to weather, Mayor Henry believes the project can be completed in time for fireworks in July.

The council also adopted an ordinance that will add handicapped parking to 253 Main Street in South Amboy. The next city council meeting will be held on April 16th.

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Perth Amboy State of the City

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A packed house!



Rev. Milton Lester
 New Hope Baptist Church



Mayor Diaz receives a round of applause



Congressman Frank Pallone



Rabbi Ari Saks
 Congregation Beth Mordecai



Lisette Martinez
 Chief of Staff

will be using under utilized land. Buckeye and Veridian are taking advantage of this. Buckeye purchased all of the Hess Site and is improving the landscape of the Perth Amboy community."

Diaz met with labor union leader Kevin Duncan and thanked him for his help. She lauded the small business owners and mentioned that there are 42 blocks that encompass the business district. "We're looking to develop the Celatex property."

"The train station needs to be enhanced to increase ridership. NJ Transit awarded us \$2 million. Increasing the accessibility of the train station is necessary for the City's revitalization. We're taking advantage of the buildings in the downtown area that will increase our value."

"Perth Amboy is a growing community. Historic buildings are being modernized to make them ADA compliant. The Delaney Homes is being developed to highlight that neighborhood which is one of the gateways to the City."

"The Gerdaue Ameristeel

productivity has increased."

Diaz thanked the BID for beautifying the downtown, "American Express used Perth Amboy as their model to promote Small Business Saturday."

Diaz spoke about the Capital Improvement Program replacing outdated overused equipment in the Department Of Public Works. "Automatic garbage collection saved \$300,000 in labor expenses and the automated garbage collection will be expanded to the downtown area." She mentioned the Street resurfacing (including curb replacements). She thanked the Dept. of Public Works for cleaning up in this harsh winter.

Other Departments that she thanked included the Fire Department and noted that Abraham Pitre will be sworn in as a permanent Chief at the end of March. She also thanked retired Chief Dave Volk for his years of service. "Our crime rate is down 12% from last year," thanking Police Chief Ben Ruiz and our First Responders." There was a round of applause.

"New jobs being created in Perth Amboy. I supported the Sandy Bill of Rights, and the Affordable Health Care Act. This Bill has given some people health insurance for the first time in their lives. We are one of two cities in New Jersey that are offered assistance with applications."

Diaz mentioned the Mayor's Wellness Campaign and No Smoking Ordinance.

A recent shooting in Perth Amboy was mentioned. She felt sympathy for the family of the victim and the police officers involved. She also mentioned the late Roland Jenkins, Eddie Felbles Jr. and Gertrude Lincoln who passed away recently and how they contributed to the community.

"I supported the Dream Act which gives students a fair shot at a college education. PAHS is my alma mater." She thanked PAAFT Union Leaders Diane Crawford and Pam Campbell.

The fireworks will return on Thursday, July 3, 2014. "We will again partner with South

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FRIDAY NIGHT FISH/CHICKEN FRY
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Fish and Chicken Fry

PERTH AMBOY - Good Shepherd - Rosary Altar Society will sponsor their Annual Fish and Chicken Fry dinner at our Good Shepherd Holy Spirit church at the corner of Brace and Hazel Avenues, in Perth Amboy on Wednesday, March 26 from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Take out 4:30 p.m. Sit down and socializing dinner 5 p.m.- 7 p.m. Adults \$15 At the Door \$16. Children under age 10 \$7. To acquire more information and tickets call Parish Center 732-826-4859 or Carol 732-826-2153.

Vendor Fair

SAYREVILLE - Golden Rule Christian Center, of Trinity United Methodist Church, 825 Bordentown Ave. will be holding a Vendor Fair on Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beat the winter blues, come shop with us for Easter, Mother's Day, birthdays, graduation, many gifts to choose from. The Fair will also feature a bake sale, all to benefit the playground for the pre-school.

Coffee and rolls will be served in the morning and a hot dog lunch will be available. For further information, please contact Marie at 732-721-3050. Spaces are still available.

Lenten Dinners

PERTH AMBOY - Lenten Dinners Every Friday During Lent Served From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Magyar Reformed Church Center, Corner of Fayette Street and Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, Dessert, Coffee and Tea will be served with each meal. Dinners are as follows: Friday, March 28 - Spaghetti and Cheese Balls, April 4 - Breaded Flounder, April 11 - Cabbage Noodles. Donation - \$13 per dinner. 6 Dinners for \$70 (One dinner for each week). Children 12 and under - \$6 Reservations Required - No tickets sold at the door. For More Info and Reservations Please Call: Pat - 732-442-0224, Pam - 732-257-7182 or Rev. Szasz - 732-442-7799.

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 Refreshments will be provided

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 41-47 Verona Street & Satorom Place

please visit www.celebratetheamboys.com for updates.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Trade Off *Revisiting the College Issue*

As most of the readers know by now, I don't have a television and often when I go to sleep I have the radio on. When I wake up in the middle of night I may hear the middle or the end of a specific issue being discussed on the program.

The last time this happened what perked up my ears was a discussion about welders. One of the participants taught at a school for welders. He said that there were a lot of positions open and not enough workers to fill the jobs. At his particular school, they were graduating 300 students a year and had a six month waiting list.

It was not unusual for welders in their early twenties to be earning six figure salaries.

This made me very curious so I immediately started to Google welding jobs. Was I in for a surprise!

The first information started out with the salary range of \$50,000 to \$200,000 a year. It also listed the different categories, positions and industries where welders are in demand. The most striking information was the fact that a lot of our infrastructures are very old. There is a high demand of people needed to inspect, repair or replace structures.

I was also interested in one particular website where people told how they started out welding. One person said they started welding alongside his dad at the age of seven. His father was a highly skilled welder and this peaked his interest.

The training needed will depend on the materials that you will be working with and the field dealing with welding that you choose.

What it boils down to a traditional college may not always suit a child or young adult's needs. You really need to observe and talk to your children about what their interests are - not yours.

It would be akin to having a family business and assuming that your children will want to follow in your footsteps. The reality is that it may not always be true.

I decided to look at websites to see what courses local vocational schools offered. Again I was surprised!

Would your child be better served going to a vocational school? Look at your children and see what they really enjoy. Talk to them about their options. You may find that a vocational school has a course that appeals to them. Talk to an administrator or attend an open house.

Remember vocational schools share the some of the basic important criteria as the public schools as far as days attended and certain curriculum requirements.

Whether they prefer to attend a traditional public, parochial or charter school, it doesn't hurt to examine all options. Your child should not be stigmatized over a school that they attended as long as that school gives them the education they need. *C.M.*

At one Board of Ed meeting it was said by Board Member Ken Puccio that not everyone is a computer technician. What is important is that a student becomes a productive member of society. That includes all fields of employment - not just technology.

I can't stress enough how important the guidance department is in high school. How many at the age of fourteen know what they want to do with their life?

Education has become so complicated over the years and to pick a career at age fourteen is hard for a teenager. It is important to explore the career they want while that opportunity is there. Time goes by quickly. *K.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Flight *Recording*

The recent loss of an airliner over the ocean points out the need for an upgraded re-

ording system. If they could connect the flight recorder to a cellular telephone the data could be sent when a serious problem occurred, not after the flight recorder was retrieved.

Why were passengers with

false passports allowed on the airliner (as reported)? There seems to be a problem in document inspection.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

BID Failure

Past Roy's Men Shop, Reynolds Department Store, Paramount, Boston Shoes, Jags Sporting Goods Handerhan's Fish Market, Pride & Joy, E&B

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Now Dirty Sidewalks, secu-

rity gated storefronts, nail and hair salons, bail bonds and empty store.

Where would you shop?

E.F. Jennings

Old Time *Crusades*

When I was a kid in Depression era Perth Amboy I was greatly impressed by religious services exemplified by the priest. He looked so spiritual as he conducted the services in Carpatho-Russian and was accompanied by a first class acapella choir. I was further astounded when four men with baskets collected donations. In those days the folks contributed mostly coins. The only paper money was placed by businesses or professional people, the local numbers runner and the saloon keeper. Boy! Priesthood was the future for me! I memorized the church services. However, I wondered who this guy Pappa Pius was who mentioned. I learned that he was Pope Pious XII the head of the Church. At that time we were under the jurisdiction of Rome by reason of a centuries

old treaty. We were allowed to conduct our services in our own language, our priests were allowed to be married and the parishes conducted their own financial affairs. One priest in New York had nine beautiful daughters!

In the 1920s Rome decried that all of our priests had to be celibate, that our services were to be conducted in Latin and the bishop would control the local parish's financial affairs. As young as I was I could not accept celibacy. I instinctively knew I wanted a family when I grew up!

He did not have time to establish religions as we know them. After all his ministry of earth consisted of only a few years. All these religions were founded long after his death by humans with all their faults and virtues. This has led to more religious strife than many other causes. Including the present one in the Middle

East which is the modern version of the Crusades of the Christian West against the Muslim East. It is a no win situation as were the old time Crusades!

On January 5, 1964 Pope Paul VI and Patriarch Benedictos of Jerusalem met in the Holy Land on the Mount of Olives. The first meeting in five centuries between a Roman Catholic Pope and an Eastern Orthodox Church Patriarch. It is also the first papal pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Hopefully the present actions of Pope Francis will lead to reform and an eventual reunion of the West and the East similar to the local St. John's Parish before we won our freedom in the 1930s!

God Bless us all! God Bless America! It certainly needs it!

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Peter Book a.k.a. Pedro Libro

Yesterday or *Today*

I've been fortunate to live at both ends of the stick.

Today we now have new homes, new cars, washers, dryers, television in every room, cell phones and all kinds of conveniences. Wow!!! We have it all.

Let's turn the clock back to yesterday. Some may recommend and others God has taken upstairs.

Once upon a time people would say, "Please and Thank you."

Men and Women wore hats. People wore socks and shoes. Mom used a scrubbing board to clean clothes and then hung them on the clothes line to dry.

A man would give up his seat to let a lady sit if she was standing. Sunday was a day of rest. Some readers may recall the saying, "Come day, go day, God sends Sunday."

Kids walked to school. I didn't even know what a school bus was or looked like. We had roller skates to skate in the street and I got a bike when I was about 12 years old. It was fun climbing trees and catching lightening bugs and putting them in a jar. There were games called, "Hide and Seek" and "Kick the Can." Drugstores had soda fountains in them and you could get an ice cream soda for a nickel and a double dip for a dime.

Mom would call you in for supper when it started to get dark outside.

We had radio programs in the evening. My favorites were Tom Mix, Captain Midnight and The Green Hornet and if you drank enough Ovaltine, you could get a secret decoder.

That was yesterday and the new people say, "You had nothing," or "What did you have?"

My answer to the new guys is this. Yesterday we had happiness and we were United and strong enough to win World War II.

I have nothing against our young and new era and I wish them the best. But I have a message for all of my friends out there. "The new is not always the better or best."

Thomas Francis Clark

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SAYREVILLE - Please be advised that there will be an Unmet Needs Meeting this coming Wednesday, March 26th, at 3:00PM. We are meeting in the conference room on the 2nd Floor of the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main Street, Sayreville. As always, for any questions please contact Candace Crane at candace@middlesexltrg.org, or call the office at 732-390-7074.

Kearny

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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. 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

HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday's at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430 or 732-324-3505.

Monthly Book Club

SEWAREN - There will be a monthly book club at the Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave, Sewaren. For more info call 732-634-7571 or email sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. We are looking for adults to join a book club starting in November. Please fill out the attached form if you are interested in joining us. Day and time will be determined by interest. The first Book will be Defending Jacob by William Landay.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

- WED. Mar. 26 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
- THURS. Mar. 27 Board of Education, 6 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
- THURS. Apr. 3 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
- TUES. Apr. 8 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
- UEZ, 6 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
- BID, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

- WED. Apr. 2 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
- WED. Apr. 16 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
- MON. Apr. 28 Board of Education, Business Public Budget Hearing, 6 p.m.
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Free Blood Pressure Screenings

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing free blood pressure screenings Tuesday, April 1, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. High blood pressure is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of this free screening to know your pressure levels and basic steps to regulate and maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

Lego Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library of South Amboy is looking for donations of LEGO's for future programs! We are asking that anyone that wishes to donate any regular model making size pieces to please drop them off at the library during our regular business hours. The library is located at 100 Harold G Hoffman Plaza off of O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to the High/Middle school. For hours and directions please visit our website at www.dowdell.org.

Easter Bunny Party

SOUTH AMBOY - Hippity Hoppity Children's Easter Party at South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy on Sunday, April 13, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Dancing with DJ Bobby; Children \$5 (4 years and under Free) Adults \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. Call Michele 732-718-3125. All are asked to bring 2 cans of non-perishable food items for our local community Food Pantry. Bring your cameras for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

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PUSHM Art Show - Raritan Bay Coffee Company Perth Amboy 3/21/14

**Photo by Linda Blomquest*



PERTH AMBOY - On Friday, March 21 there was an opening for People United for Self Help and More. There are famous and celebrated artists donating their time and efforts for this association. A portion of the proceeds will go to PUSHM. The displays will run daily (when orders can be taken) and ending each night at 9 p.m. On Sat. March 29th there will be a closing celebration from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. when the artists will meet, greet and if expressed receive offers for their work. The opening was very successful with about 50 people there.

Diverse media such as photo's watercolor, acrylics, computer generated pix's and more will show. One of the artists is Marianne Campolongo who has had work appear in magazines and newspapers in the United States and London. The event is free, and donations are appreciated. It will be hosted at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company at 249 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at the Perth Amboy train station. Free ample parking after 6 p.m. For more info call 732 406-3574.

Shown in the photo are Dorothy Schwartz from Piscataway and Dottie Ji from East Brunswick.

Mother Goose

SOUTH AMBOY - Mother Goose from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Spring Auction

EDISON - Our Lady of Peace School's Annual Spring Auction: "40 and Fabulous" will be held Saturday, March 29. Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, 656 Amboy avenue, Edison. Doors open at 4:00 p.m...Calling starts at 6:00 p.m. Admission Tickets \$15in Advance and \$20 at the Door. Admission includes 1 sheet (25) small prize tickets, unlimited coffee and desserts. Bring your own food & drink. (soda & water available for purchase) NO ONE UNDER 18 WILL BE ADMITTED. Seating is reserved...tables seat 10. Prizes include Disney Hopper Passes, theater tickets, NY Skyride, and a whole lot more!!! For tickets and more information call Meaghan Di-Carlo 732-343-4372 or email meaghandicarlo@gmail.com

Beth Mordecai's Homecoming Weekend - 3/14 - 3/16/14

**Photo Submitted*



PERTH AMBOY - Rabbi Ari Saks (center) of Congregation Beth Mordecai, Perth Amboy, poses with past rabbis Melinda Zalma (L) (2006-2012) and Barry Dov Schwartz (R) (1967-1973) during a Purim holiday brunch at the synagogue March 16. The nearly 120-year-old organization held a "homecoming weekend" March 14-16 that attracted past and present members scattered across several states.

Our Lady of Peace School Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

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FORDS - The Prek4 students in Mrs. Lisa Kelly's class at OLP School celebrated St. Patrick's Day in search of the "pot of gold."

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Diaz thanked the YMCA, BOE, PRAHD, JRF, RBMC and the Royal Garden Club and all the Houses of Worship and the faith based community.

Jillian Barrack will be replacing B.A. Greg Fehrenbach. Diaz gave a special thank you to Fehrenbach for his service in getting the City of Perth Amboy back on track. "He helped remove the fiscal corruption. We are indebted to you. (Fehrenbach)."

After again thanking the City Council, City Employees and the residents, Diaz ended her speech with these final remarks. "I thank everyone for the privilege of being your Mayor."

The full speech is on our website: www.amboyguardian.com

Her Art Show

PERTH AMBOY – In honor of International Women's Day there will be a group art exhibition: Through Her Eyes, By Her Hand Art Show will run March 20th thru April 10th at the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Gallery Hours are Mon. - Wed. 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and by appointment. Free and Open to the Public. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4325.

Home Repair & Advocacy Program

PERTH AMBOY - Attention: Seniors and People with Disabilities. If your home still has damage from Superstorm Sandy, help is available. The Home Repair and Advocacy Program can help you: Replace interior wall boards, remediate mold, restore heating and cooling systems, fix electrical, patch roofs, cut or remove trees, dispose of debris, refurbish major home appliances. Eligible households can receive up to \$5,000 in assistance. Home Repair Coordinators will be assigned to individuals who apply. Call 1-877-222-3737 to apply or visit your local Area Agency on Aging or Call 732-390-7074. This program is sponsored by the NJ Department of Human Services with \$8.2 million in federal Social Services Block Grant funds.

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Conference Empowering Perth Amboy Parents & Students Announced

News Release 3/18/14

PERTH AMBOY - Are you the parent or family member of a student in Perth Amboy's public schools? Do you care about the standards of behavior set by the school district for your child and the other students? Do you know your legal rights to review and contribute to the Perth Amboy School District Student Code of Conduct?

The Citizens Campaign is hosting a free conference to address these questions and more on Saturday, March 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA in Perth Amboy.

"Empowering Perth Amboy Parents & Students" will feature leading education and legal experts who will share their experiences engaging parents and their insights on setting proven standards of behavior and effective responses to misbehavior for Perth Amboy students.

Speakers include former assistant commissioner at the New Jersey Department of Education & current superintendent of New Brunswick Public Schools, Richard Kaplan; President and CEO of the Newark Trust for Education, Ross Danis; and The Citizens Campaign Chairman and legal rights expert Harry Pozycki; Georgette Gonzalez who has generated exceptional parental participation; and Kimberly Vanderhoef, co-coordinator of The Citizens Campaign's Law & Policy Task Force.

"The goal of this conference is to empower parents and students to better navigate the school system and to know their legal rights to improve our school district's Student Code of Conduct," said The Citizens Campaign Chairman, and Perth Amboy resident, Harry Pozycki.

For example, since the

1970s student suspension rates across the country have escalated dramatically, putting children at a disadvantage in the classroom and increasing the risk of drop outs or expulsion. Despite evidence-based research that shows there are more effective ways of disciplining and helping students, many school districts still rely on these outdated methods. But, few parents realize they have a legal right to provide input on this policy, and the power to help chart a new course for challenged youth in their city.

This conference is the result of months of discussion and collaboration among community leaders in Perth Amboy as part of The Citizens Campaign's Impact Perth Amboy initiative. During monthly "Bay City Conversations," residents identified issues they would like to work together on and helping Perth Amboy's challenged youth was chosen as a top priority.

Impact Perth Amboy stakeholder and Perth Amboy PTO President Donna Stewart said, "When our students do better, our City does better."

The Empowering Perth Amboy Parents & Students conference is free and open to the public. Free bagels and coffee will be provided. The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 29 at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ.

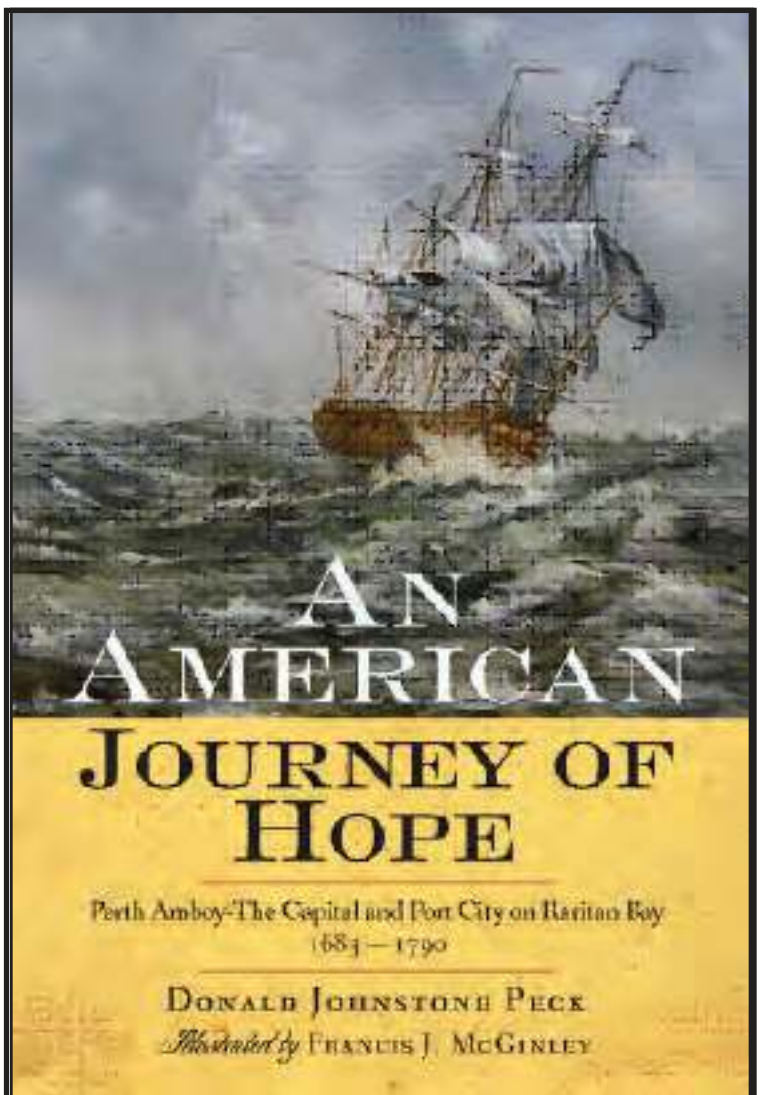
The Citizens Campaign is a non-profit non-partisan organization dedicated to fixing our democracy from the bottom up by training citizens in "no blame" politics and evidence-based problem solving, while empowering citizens to change the political climate and become a new force for answering our hometowns, state and nation's challenges.

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Kerry Dyke Selected for 2014 Indoor Track Team **Photos Submitted*



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy's Kerry Dyke has been selected by the Courier News for their 2014 All Area All Star Indoor Track Team, for the 1600 meter. During this track season, Kerry won the New Jersey State Preps Championship for both the 1600 meter & 3200 meter. For the latter, Kerry lapped most of the field, setting a new meet record. This along with all of her other indoor track victories were the reasons for Kerry's Courier News honors. Kerry is a junior at the Mount St. Mary Academy & resides in Perth Amboy.



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY – An American Journey of Hope: Perth Amboy – The Capital and Port City on Raritan Bay 1683-1790 by Donald Johnstone Peck With illustrations by Francis J. McGinley

An American Journey of Hope is a vivid chronicle of how the original Scottish colonists of Perth Amboy, New Jersey transformed the city into a center of political and religious force that held forth the promise of a way of life that emphasized freedom, opportunity and plenty for all.

The initial vision of the twenty-four Proprietors of East Jersey in the seventeenth century was to establish a colony for persecuted Scottish Quakers. Their intent was to help those who were oppressed and suffering, and to rescue prisoners and exiles. In this way Perth Amboy became the port of entry for both the Quaker and Calvinist Non-conformist Presbyterian Covenanters who would subsequently establish the Presbyterian Church in America. The author details the events that accompanied these changes, and continues with a precise chronology of the incidents in the city that led up to the American Revolution.

As the narrative continues, it reveals the story of the conflict between a stronghold of prominent Loyalists and their engagement with many of America's leading patriots in the struggle for American religious and political independence.

The story of Perth Amboy provides a unique lens through which to observe the upheaval that overturned the old order and established the basis for the freedom that we enjoy today.

St. Patrick's Day Party - Olive St. Community Center - 3/17/14

**Photos by Bob Ned*



A Shamrock Hat!



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A Good Time was had by all



Seniors enjoying the party



Having some cake



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Hibernians Irish Flag Raising 3/17/14 - City Hall Circle - Perth Amboy

**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



Eating Well Doesn't Have to be Expensive

By: Kristin Carlino, RD

You may hear people say they can't afford to eat healthy, but as it turns out, some of the healthiest foods aren't the most expensive.

Eating at restaurants or buying packaged, processed food can add up quickly. A person can eat much healthier and for less or the same cost by buying fresh whole foods, buying locally and seasonally, and cooking them at home.

These small changes in the way we shop, cook and feed our families can help us find a balance between being mindful of our budgets and keeping ourselves and our families happy and healthy.

Buy Whole Foods. Unprocessed foods are cheaper and more nutritious than processed foods. They also give you total control over the ingredients. Avoid anything that comes from a box 90 percent of the time. Buy easy to pre-

pare ground beef and chicken breasts, low-fat cottage cheese, plain yogurt, whole grain pasta, brown rice, fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables.

Buy Cheap Proteins. Keep the steaks and salmon for special occasions. Buy eggs, milk, whey, mackerel, tuna, calves liver, frozen chicken breasts, cottage cheese, and natural nut butters.

Buy Frozen Fruits and Veggies. If frozen when picked, frozen fruits and veggies can contain more nutrients than fresh ones. Since they are pre-washed and pre-cut, you'll save preparation time, making you more inclined to eat your vegetables!

Buy Generic Food. And try store brands for raw foods like rice, pasta, eggs, milk, cottage cheese, and frozen fruits/veggies.

Buy in Bulk. Especially when your favorites are on sale. Foods like pasta, brown

rice and steel-cut oatmeal are easy to stockpile.

Buy In Season Fruits and Veggies. Food grown in season tastes better and is cheaper. Root vegetables in the winter. Apples and squash in the Fall. Tomatoes and berries in the summer.

Buy Calorie Dense Foods. Whole milk, eggs, potatoes, rice, pasta and oats are filling, healthy and easy to stockpile. They'll help you get your daily caloric needs fast and inexpensively.

Drink Tap Water. Get a filtered pitcher and filter your tap water. It's cheaper than bottled water, better for the environment, and healthier than drinking soda or orange juice.

Get The Customer Card. Many grocery stores hold sales for customer card holders only. Signing up takes 5 minutes and is free.

Avoid Impulse Buying. The best way to avoid impulse



buying is to plan your meals ahead, make a shopping list, and stick to it. Eat before you go food shopping.

Stop Buying Food Outside. Preparing your own food gives you total control over the ingredients and is cheaper than buying food at work or school.

Prepare Your Own Food. Cook all your meals for the day on waking up or before going to bed, or use a weekend day and have the family pitch in to help. It saves you stress about what's for lunch or dinner, and you can all plan to eat more healthily.

Registered dietician Kristin Carlino is part of the Institute for Weight Loss at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Old Bridge, NJ. The Institute provides individualized medical and surgical solutions and support for individuals seeking weight loss, who have been unable to lose weight through conventional dieting, exercise or weight loss medication. To attend a seminar or make an appointment, call 855.TIME.4.ME.

Friday Lenten Dinners

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Friday Lenten Dinners every Friday starting March 7th and Running Through April 19th at South Amboy Elks #784 at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Takeout orders are available For more info call the Lodge at 732-727-7170.

Polish Night

PARLIN - Our Lady of Victories Knights of Columbus Council # 2061 will be holding a Polish Night Celebration on Saturday, April 26 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Councils Victorian Hall located at 775 Washington Rd across from the Parlin post office. Tickets are \$ 35 pp. and include a buffet dinner, open bar and music by "The Polka Family Band" from Pennsylvania. If interested, please contact Joe Halmi @ 732-721-4563 or Jim Poltrictzky @ 732-254-8896 to reserve your spot or a table today.

Summer Camp Fair

News Release

BRANCHBURG - Community Child Care Solutions is sponsoring a Summer Camp Fair at the Conference Center at Raritan Valley Community College, 118 Lamington Road, Branchburg, New Jersey, on April 12, 2014, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Families are invited to learn about summer programs near you, including Day Camps, Specialty Camps, and Overnight Camps. Find out if you may qualify for tuition assistance for summer camp.

Participating Camps will be offering incentives for families participating on April 12th. Our goal is to connect families in Somerset and Middlesex Counties to summer programs that meet their needs and provide a safe environment and enrichment activities.

Community Child Care Solutions is contracted by the State of New Jersey to be the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency in Middlesex and Somerset Counties. Many communities know us as the agency that assists families who qualify for financial assistance to help pay for child care. However, one of our important tasks is to help all families, regardless of income to understand and find quality child care programs. We will work with any families that may qualify for financial assistance in paying for summer camp.

For more info, please contact Community Child Care Solutions at 732-324-4357.

JRF Celebration of Service in Partnership with Johnson & Johnson - The Barge 3/20/14

*Photos by Eric Salvary



"Celebration of Service" in Partnership with Johnson & Johnson

PERTH AMBOY - An acknowledgement to JRF's partnership and contributions of J&J. An acknowledgement to JRF's partnership with Wells Fargo Regional Foundation, NJDCA and the NRTC program. Award contributions of 6 PAAC leaders and volunteers for their outstanding service and impact on the Greater Budapest neighborhood. Provide current update on PAAC's progress to stakeholders, including new prospective funding and investment interests. An introduction of a new PAAC mini-grant program where we will be competitively dispersing 3 mini-grants totaling \$1,500 to local PAAC residents for approved community service projects within the PAAC neighborhood.

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Knitting Circle
 SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-72 1-6060.

Food Pantry
 SEWAREN - The First Baptist Church of Woodbridge is offering a free food program for families in need of food assistance. To register, please complete the application form on the day of distribution and present one form of identification. Acceptable forms of ID are: Driver License, Non-Driver ID, Photo ID, Other ID. Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday's 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. For More Info Call: Deacon Jones 347-930-4764 or Trustee Jones 732-442-3629. The First Baptist Church of Woodbridge is located at 130 Sewaren Ave., Sewaren, Rev. Neva Lawson, Pastor www.firstbaptistwoodbridge.org. If you need - we feed.

Waiting List Update Deadline
 PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Housing Authority is updating its public housing and section 8 waiting lists. A 2nd notice has been mailed to active applicants and all updates must be received by postal mail by Friday, March 28, 2014. There will be no further extensions. If you have an active application and have not received your update request call Judy Matias-Ortiz at (732) 826-3110 ext. 632. Please be advised that applications that were inactivated in a prior year's update cycle will not be re-activated. Kristi Penta Duffy, Asset Manager, Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy.

PERTH AMBOY - La Autoridad de Viviendas de Perth Amboy esta actualizando la lista de espera de la Sección 8 y de las Viviendas Publicas. Se ha enviado un 2^{do} aviso a los que tienen aplicaciones activas, recordándoles que las aplicaciones actualizadas deben de ser enviadas y marcadas por el servicio postal antes del viernes, 28 de marzo del 2014. No habrá otra extensión. Si usted tiene una aplicación activa y no ha recibido su actualización por favor contacte a Judy Matias-Ortiz al 732-826-3110 ext. 632. Por favor sepan que las aplicaciones de años anteriores que ya no están activas, no serán reactivadas durante el ciclo de actualización de este año 2014.

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Diabetes Discussion Group
 PERTH AMBOY - The Institute for Weight Loss at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free Diabetes Discussion Group meeting Wednesday, April 2, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Clinical specialists will lead an open discussion about diabetes and a question and answer session in both English and Spanish. Registration is required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

We Keep You Moving
 OLD BRIDGE - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Wednesday, April 2, 8 to 11 a.m., at the medical center's Old Bridge location, 3 Hospital Plaza. Sessions will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732.535.4746.

Tax Facts

Deadline Approaching For Nonprofit Organizations

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka
 A different sort of tax return deadline is fast approaching: Nonprofit groups claiming tax-exempt status have until May 15, 2014, to file returns for the 2013 tax year. Here are the answers to several common questions on this issue.

Q. Does every organization have to file a return?
 A. No. There are certain exceptions in the law. For example, the following nonprofits are exempt from the filing requirements:

- Most religious organizations, religious schools and missionary organizations.
- Subsidiaries of nonprofits that may be covered under a group return filed by the parent organization.
- Certain government corporations and state institutions providing essential services.

Q. What form do you have to file?
 A. It depends on the size and nature of the organization. Nonprofits with gross receipts of more than \$50,000 must file Form 990 or 990-EZ, those with gross receipts that don't exceed \$50,000 file Form 990-N (the "e-Postcard"), and private foundations file Form 990-PF.

Q. What happens if you fail to file?
 A. It could result in monetary penalties. Even worse, if an organization fails to file Form 990 three years in a row, the IRS will automatically revoke its tax-exempt status and it can no longer receive tax-deductible contributions. There's no appeal process for this harsh result.

Q. Are there any other potential taxes?
 A. Yes. Significantly, a tax-exempt organization may owe an "unrelated business income tax" (UBIT) for regular business activities unrelated to its charitable function. For example, if a nonprofit charges advertising in its publications, the income may be subject to UBIT.

If you need more information about nonprofits and taxes, contact us.

Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?
The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area)
For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.
For more info please call 732-293-1090



A Legacy of Resilience 2
PERTH AMBOY - This has been postponed to Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. Perth Amboy YMCA Theater, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Program by Kearny Cottage Historical Association. A Legacy of Resilience 2: Celebrating Ethnic Diversity and Heritage. Dinner will be served after program.

Kidz Wii Club
SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday at 3 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Easter Bake Sale
PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having an Easter Bake Sale. Order Monday, March 31st to Friday, April 4th between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 732-826-7067. All gourmet items are handmade: cake - nut, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry and prune - \$11. Pickup dates are April 8th, 9th & 10th between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Civil War Round Table
WOODBIDGE - The Robert E Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 7th at The Woodbridge Public Library at 7:00 p.m. This month's speaker is Malcolm Gross and his topic will be "The Trial & Execution of John Brown." The meeting is open to the public and all are invited.

Fish & Chicken Fry
SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on April 4th, 2014. Tickets are \$13 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door for \$15. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5 p.m. and dining room seating will be from 5:30 p.m. -7 p.m. For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

Xbox Galaxy
SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox Galaxy at 3 p.m. on Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Perth Amboy Catholic Schools Reunion
PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Catholic Schools will be holding its first Alumni Reunion on Saturday May 17, 2014. A special Alumni Mass will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the Most Holy Rosary Church on 625 Florida Grove Road, Perth Amboy. Immediately following the Mass, a Cocktail Reunion Reception will be held downstairs from the church in the Msgr. Gambino Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For ticket information, please contact Karen Ninehan at 732-266-8706 or email ks9n@msn.com. Please RSVP before April 25th.
 The graduating classes of 1988 through 2007 will be honored. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

26th Anniversary of the Feast in Honor of Lady of the Martyrs
PERTH AMBOY - Blessed John Paul II Parish is celebrating the 26th Anniversary of the feast in honor of Our Lady of the Martyrs on Saturday, April 26 and Sunday April 27 at Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Church, 188 Wayne St., Perth Amboy. There will be traditional homemade pastries, BBQ food, raffles and many more surprises. The parking lot will be covered by a tent for better comfort. All are welcome.

Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz and Nut Roll Sale
WOODBIDGE - There will be a Hungarian Kolbasz Sale at the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge. Place orders with Audrey Marciniak - 732-494-1431. Price: \$5 per lb.

There also will be a Homemade Nut Roll sale. Each nut roll weighs 1 lb 8oz. Nut Rolls are available in: English Walnut, Poppy Seed and Prune (Lekvar). Price \$15 each. Place orders with Mrs. Florette, Pastor - 732-636-2868.
 If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your order for Kolbasz at the same time.
 Deadline for orders: April 1. Pick-up orders on Friday, April 11 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Use Ross Street Entrance.

E-Book Classes
SOUTH AMBOY - There are free E-Book Classes on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Free Adult ESL Classes
PERTH AMBOY - Register now for The JRF ESL Program. This program will help individuals 18 years or older to speak English with more confidence & ease. Class Instruction, materials, and Individualized Tutoring will be provided. FREE Adult ESL Classes. Tuesdays- Basic Level from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays- Intermediate Level from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the JRF, 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy, (Proprietary House). Space is limited and will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. For more information please call: 732-638-5063.

Vendors Wanted
SAYREVILLE - looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. The Flea Market will be held on June 7th. The time is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15 for one space, \$25.00 for two. A limited amount of tables will be available for \$5 extra. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

Annual Fish Fry Dinners
PARLIN - OLV Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes will begin their annual Fish Fry Dinners on Friday, March 14, and then every Friday thru April 18 from 4:30 till 7:00 pm. The menu will consist of baked or fried flounder, fried shrimp, or combo platters, mac and cheese, pierogies, soup, pizza by the slice, roasted potato's and a fabulous salad bar. Soda, beer and wine will also be available for separate purchase. Take out orders accepted by walk in or call in beginning at 4:30pm. The OLV Council home is located at 775 Washington Rd in the Parlin section of Sayreville, directly across from the Parlin Post Office. For more info, or to place phone orders, please call our council home @ 732-257-2061.

Spring Tea
SAYREVILLE - Golden Rule Christian Center of Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave. will be holding its sixth annual Spring Tea on Sunday, May 18 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All monies raised will help defray costs for the new playground for the pre-school.
 The program will feature a fashion show of Victoria era fashions. The tea will include tea sandwiches, homemade desserts, sweets and of course, tea. Reservations are a must. Tickets are \$15. Please call Nancy at 732-727-1935 for reservations.

Trip to Ocean City MD
SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club presents a 4 day/3 night trip to Ocean City, MD on May 12 - 15, 2014. There is a \$50 pp deposit due with reservation. Non-members welcome. Price: \$409 pp double occupancy; single supplement: \$85 additional. For further info and reservations contact: Jack & Ann Floersch 732-254-7263. Note: Festive Holidays recommends trip cancellation insurance for cancellation due to medical or legal reasons. Insurance payment should be submitted directly to insurance company.

Murder Mystery Dinner
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Fire Dept. 125th Anniversary Committee presents Whodunit at the Disco? An Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner! A night for thrills, chills and laughs! 70's Attire Optional and VERY WELCOME! Saturday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Sacred Heart Annex; Washington Ave., South Amboy. Cost: \$40 pp. Seating is limited. Ticket includes Hot Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Beer, Wine, Soda, Interactive Theater Performance. Tickets on sale now! Contact Anne Marie Trapp: 732-207-2848 or Mike Geraltowski 848-250-9903 or email: SAFD125th@gmail.com or visit www.southamboyfd125thanniversary.com

Get Your Taxes Done for Free
PERTH AMBOY - Get your taxes done for free. Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. from Jan. 27 to Apr. 15 at the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy. (Proprietary House). To make an appointment call now - 732-638-5063. You can also do your taxes online for by visiting MyFreeTaxes.com. "It's your money - Keep it!"

Poet's Wednesday
WOODBIDGE - April 9 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Workshop 7 p.m. Marcia Ivans, Bob Rosenbloom & Linda Johnston Muhlhausen at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For more info call 732-634-0413.

Communion Breakfast
HOPELAWN - The Good Shepherd Family Communion Breakfast is on Sunday, April 6, 2014 after 8 a.m. mass, at the Most Holy Rosary Auditorium. Tickets are \$10, children under 12, \$5. For tickets please call Bob at 732-826-9466, Walter at 732-442-7258, or John at 732-442-5252.

KOC Membership Drive
FORDS - The Knights of Columbus Council 9199 is currently holding an open membership drive. The Knights of Columbus Council at Our Lady of Peace in Fords was chartered in 1986 and ever since has been a supporter of our parish, church, school, ministries and other groups within. With over 200 members already listed, they are a very active council and run a variety of fund raisers to help support these endeavors. They are always looking for new members to join and share their ideas to make our parish stronger. Contact our Membership Chairman Tom Robinson PGK at 908-510-9653 or Grand Knight Mike Chundak PGK at 732-221-0976

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.
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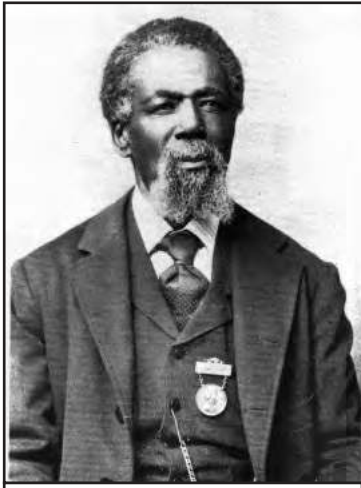
Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)
 O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee *(3 times)*.

Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands *(3 times)*.
Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.
T.D.

Morgan Lions Club 60th Anniv. Charter Night

MORGAN – The Morgan Lions Club has planned a gala celebration for their 60th Anniversary in Lionism. A Dinner-Dance will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at the VFW, Jernee Mill Road, Sayreville from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. \$45 pp.



Thomas Mundy Peterson

Thomas Mundy Peterson Day

PERTH AMBOY - A tribute to the Legacy of Thomas Mundy Peterson, the First Black Voter in the United States. Please join Senator Joseph Vitale and Mayor Wilda Diaz on Sunday, March 30 at 3 p.m. Dinner will be served after program. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy. For more info contact Senator Vitale's Office at 732-855-7441 or St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rev. Anne Marie Jeffrey at 732-826-1594. Not paid for with tax dollars.

Grand Centennial Celebration

SOUTH AMBOY - You are cordially invited to Sadie Pope Dowdell Library Grand Centennial Celebration on Friday, April 11 at the YMCA of South Amboy, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a silent auction, music and catered fare. Tickets available now! Only \$20 pp.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – The Car Barn circa early 1900's. Upper Smith Street.
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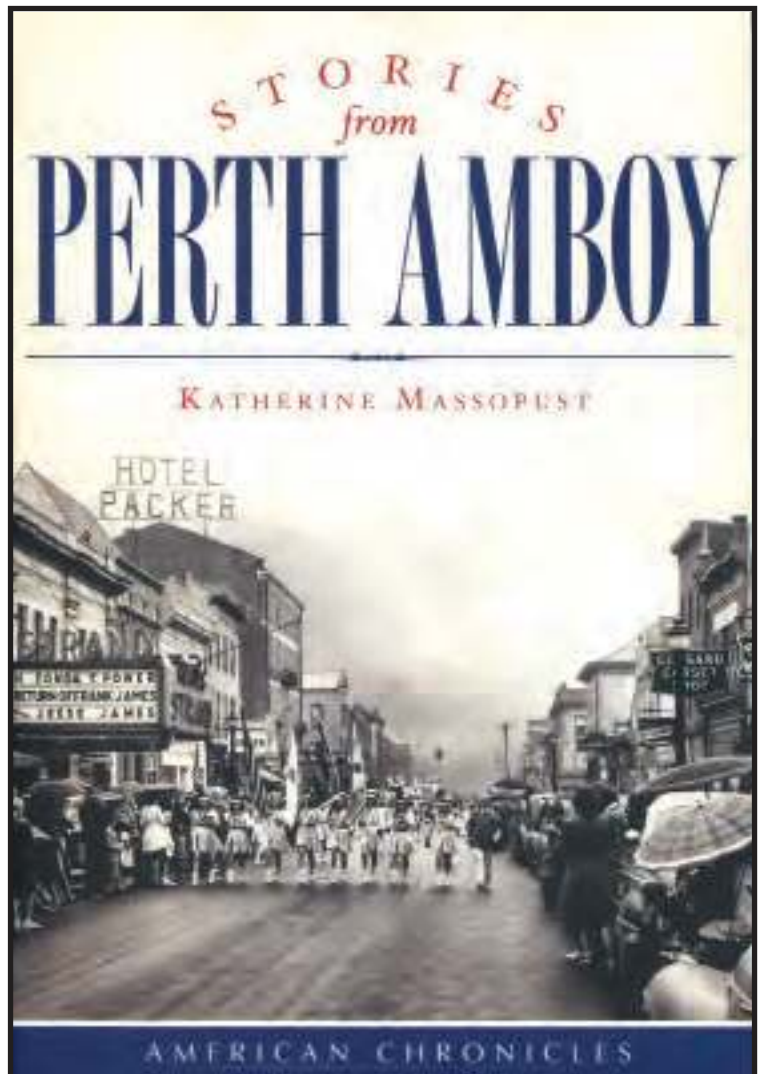
- WED. Mar. 26 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Mar. 27 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Mar. 31 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Apr. 1 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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- 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. Apr. 3 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Apr. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Apr. 9 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave

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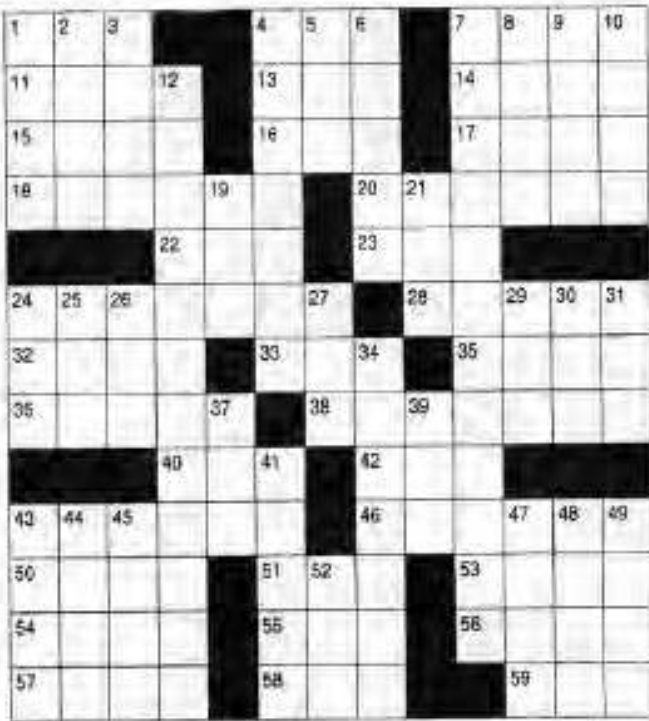
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15. _____ Sides
16. 66, on TV (abbr.)
17. Traduce
18. Rappaport of NYPD Blue
20. Designing Women role for Judith Ivey: B.J. _____
22. Actor's hint
23. Neighbor of Isr.
24. A _____ Affair
28. Speaks like Sylvester
32. _____ many words (2 words)
33. Murray, on Mad About You
35. Then _____ Bronson
36. Emulate Mr. Novak
38. _____ Link
40. While You Were _____
42. Monday Night Football gp.
43. Peter Benchley's Amazon actress Margot
46. Virgil Paris on Somerset
50. King of I'm a Big Girl Now
51. _____-Star Golf
53. Mayberry's locale (abbr.)
54. Emphatic type (abbr.)
55. Grade for Bart Simpson
56. Steve Allen Show regular Gabe
57. Fill completely
58. Lamb Chop's mom
59. Handy home repairs cable channel



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