

# **Library Undergoing Major Renovations**

Temporary Move to Sadowski Parkway

Press Release 3/4/13 PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz announces Phase 1 of the \$10 million library restoration project, as the main library has temporarily relocated to the Brighton Avenue Community Center.

The main library (upper level) located on 196 Jefferson Street has moved to the newly completed 3,200 square foot waterfront community center at 56 Brighton Avenue, as it prepares for interior construction until the summer months. The \$1.6+ million construction project will restore many of the original features and details to the main level of the building. The project overview is stated below.

- The main entrance: New interior, enclosed vestibule area that was part of the original construction. In addition, a large central skylight in the library will be returned to its original function highlighting the new main desk area.
- The interior work: New flooring, wall finishes and ceiling finishes. All new lighting will be provided with an appropriate upgrade to the electrical service. The mechanical heating units will also be replaced. • The exterior work: Construction of a small addition to the rear of the building for an ADA Compliant public facility and an appropriate inter-

connecting stair between the main and lower level.

Additionally, funding provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders of \$325,000 supported the replacement of the entire roof last year and energy efficient windows, including the replacement of the monumental front windows. This facade update improves energy efficiency by reducing heating costs. The new windows improve conditions for public reading spaces such as reducing glare and improving acoustic conditions, as well as beautifying the downtown area. The window replacement will be completed this week.

The Main Library is expected to return to the renovated main level during the summer of 2013. The Lower Level which includes the Children's Library will remain in full operation on Jefferson Street during the duration of the project after mid-March.

Due to the relocation and space availability, resources are limited. Library card holders are encouraged to utilize inter-library loan services during the renovation. Winter hours will remain the same. The following services will be available to the public:

- Full on-site staff
- Copier, printer and computer









PERTH AMBOY - Photo 1- Exterior view of new windows being installed in the Library on Jefferson Street. Photo 2 - Interior view - workers replace the windows. Photo 3 - One of the librarians enjoys a moment in the new satellite library on Sadowski Parkway and Brighton Avenue. Photo 4 - The interior of the satellite library.

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang

- Daily news prints and magazine section
- The Jefferson Street book drop will remain in use

The Middlesex County Free-

brary, Celebrate Perth Amboy: Save Our Carnegies Library Committee, corporate/personal donations, school fundraisers and capital improvement holders, Library Board of funds have all contributed to Trustees, Friends of the Li- this effort. Funding is still be-

ing identified for the future project phases and donations are being accepted. For additional information, please contact the Perth Amboy Pub-

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# City Parks Need to Be Updated

"I would like to fix what is broken now." - Kenny Ortiz

PERTH AMBOY - At the February 25, 2013 Caucus Meeting Dept. of Recreation Director Kenny Ortiz went before the Council with a list of repairs needed in various City Parks.

Ortiz said that Girls Softball. Football and Soccer are growing in Perth Amboy. "Tennis is making a huge comeback again. We are diligently looking for grants and even going to Washington D.C. to advocate for funding for urban parks. We are also working with soccer leagues. At the tennis courts we are removing surface, fencing and lighting. Councilman Bill Petrick said that when you go out for bids sometimes when certain lighting is requested only certain companies can provide for those specifications. Water Stadium is heavily used and we need a second venue."

"At the Francis Street Park

the Jewish Renaissance Foundation gets funding to replace equipment, courts and fencing," Ortiz continued.

Councilman Bill Petrick encouraged Ortiz to reach out to businesses and corporate sponsors for funding for parks.

Ortiz responded, "We're not only looking to corporations for funding but I am also asking them to send volunteers for park cleanups."

"The Jewish Renaissance

reaches out to corporate sponsors for equipment and maintenance. We also need to provide synthetic turf for the youth field," Ortiz continued.

Public works director Frank Dann said that Caledonia's playground surface has been patched several times and is beyond re-patching. "A new surface needs to be installed.



Dir. Dept. of Recreation **Kenny Ortiz** 

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### Open House Raritan Yacht Club



Approximately 60-70 people attended this years open house



Membership Committee Chairman Eli Blumenthal addresses the crowd

PERTH AMBOY - On Sun-

By: Joe Bayona



Some of the damage done by Sandy \*Photos by Joe Bayona

day March 3rd the Raritan Yacht Club held its annual open house. The purpose of the open house, according to membership committee chairman Ed Blumenthal, is to introduce the community to the yacht club and to attract new members. The clubs purpose is to introduce people to sailing and boating. Most people

think you have to own a boat to join, but the truth is that 60% to 70 % of members actually own boats, 30% to 40 % do not. "When I first joined, I didn't own a boat," said Rear Commodore Bob Wardlow, "I spent my first two years as a mate on another members boat

learning sailing techniques".

The Raritan Yacht Club also has two programs for juniors. The Junior Program for the sons and daughters of members and the Summer Sailing Program which is open to the community. The programs are run by Gary Myer. The junior and summer sailing programs

are designed to introduce the kids to sailing, the sea, and most of all safety, safety being first and foremost. "When I tell a kid to jump in the water they do, they have no idea that I want them to know what to do if they fall off the boat, and how to get back in" said Myer. "They are just having fun." Which is what the programs are mostly about, kids having fun. The club also sponsors 10 community children for the SSP. These 10 children attend the program absolutely free.

The Raritan Yacht Club took a hit from Super Storm Sandy. Although the building itself only suffered a broken door and destruction of an outdoor spiral staircase, Sandy caused 1.4 million dollars worth of damage out in the "yard" where 30+ boats were destroyed along with three buildings, one of which stored the gear and paraphernalia used on the boats. All of the boats for the youth programs were destroyed. Approximately 100 member boats that were moored at other marinas throughout the area were also destroyed according to Greg Gaydos, a member of the board of governors. The club had three launches used to ferry members to their boats mooring, one was completely destroyed and two suffered significant damage. Some, but not all, of the damage will be covered by insurance and they are still waiting for a response from FEMA.

Despite the damage the club intends to make repairs and be up and running by May 1st in time for the Junior Programs.

For people who want to know if sailing is for them or have always wanted to sail, the Raritan Yacht Club is sponsoring an "Introduction to Sailing" on June 15th and 29th that is open to the public, adults 21 or older, and is free.

For more information about the Raritan Yacht Club and its programs you can go to their website at www.ryc.org.

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or visit the Brighton Avenue Community Center located on 56 Brighton Avenue.

Visit the Perth Amboy Pub-

lic Library Facebook page at: http://www.facebook.com/ pages/Perth-Amboy-Public-Library/420891164669525. For additional information about the Perth Amboy Public Library or the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: www. ci.perthamboy.nj.us.

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# Library

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#### Correction Automatic Trash Collection

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# LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

#### **EDITORIAL**

### Putting Our Heads on the **Chopping Block**

own a television so I listen to a lot of talk radio. Recently, I heard a discussion about the Cardinals gathering to choose a new Pope. I know a lot of people were upset about the Pope stepping down, since he was the first Pope to do this in 600 years. When Pope Benedict XVI gave his reasons for retiring, I understood. In essence he said, "I did not have the strength of mind and body to adequately fulfill the ministry entrusted to me."

I salute Pope Benedict XVI for his wisdom to recognize that the needs of the people supersedes the needs of himself.

There are people who walk away from careers that they were forced into because of family tradition and what was expected of them (carry on family business for example.)

Age is not always a factor when someone walks away from a career or vocation. You can become burned out at any age at any time.

To all of the reports circulating about sex scandals in the church. All I can say is that there have been scandals in all religions. You can probably come up with names of well known religious leaders and perhaps some in your own congregation.

Getting into another subject in regards to religion. When Superstorm Sandy hit, there were a lot of places of worship who also sustained damage. There were Bills pending in the legislature as to whether or not these houses of worship should be awarded funds to help in rebuilding. My answer is positively, "yes."

Long before Hurricane Sandy,

As I've stated before, I don't houses of worship (the parishioners) were there to feed, and clothe less fortunate. Many times, houses of worship were there before the government became involved. So the argument about houses of worship being tax exempt does not fall into the equation. Because of their importance to the community in times of great need makes them (to me) automatically eligible to receive funding to get them operational as quickly as possible.

When a person comes into a soup kitchen that is run by a house of worship, they are not asked to fill out a form revealing their religious affiliation or financial situation. All the parishioners are worried about is that the person coming in for help is taken care of.

Some houses of worship had food pantries that were destroyed in Superstorm Sandy. Clients depend on food pantries on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Where did these clients go when those food pantries were destroyed?

Sometimes common sense is needed instead of political upmanship.

#### *C.M.*

Even if you are a politician (elected or appointed) if you cannot perform your duties then it is your obligation to step down and make room for someone who is capable.

If houses of worship were damaged in Superstorm Sandy they should be eligible for funding like anyone else. They did not turn anyone away after the storm hit. They did not ask these people their political or religious affiliations or financial situation.

P.W.





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# Gun Laws in Other **Countries**

In response t the letter of Joseph A. Lypowy of 2/23/2013. I am not a member of any "leftist band which immediately wants to immediately ban guns to individuals." I am just an average American who served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam as a civilian crew member of Civil Reserve Air Fleet with Air Lift International ferrying troops from the U.S. and Vietnam. One of our aircraft was among the last to leave Saigon just barely escaping the Communist forces taking over. I was trained in the use of firearms. I was issued a .45 caliber pistol called a "hawg laig" by my buddies. However what good would it do me on a combat mission at 30,000 feet? I was happy I did not have to use it while on the ground.

The Second Amendment. which by the way was first ratified in Perth Amboy in 1789

states, "a well regulated Militia," and does not include individuals. Just about every human activity is regulated, for the safety and security of society. Oliver Wendell Holmes, renowned Supreme Court Justice stated that free speech does not give one the right to shout, "Fire!" in a crowded theatre. The same goes for firearms!

Another factor to be considered is the role of females. I wonder how many are included in the roster of the National Rifle Association. The fair sex has more common sense and keenness of survival than the more impetuous and violence prone male. And more courageous! Who starts the wars of the wars of the world if not the males. And who is more likely to possess firearms? Methinks possessing guns is a poor bolstering of the male spirit. It ill defines the concept of a man. Or is it the reliance on firearms a sign of fading virility?

When I was England, Ireland and Japan, albeit a few years ago, I felt safe walking the streets of London, Limerick or Tokyo - or any other city in Europe or the Far East. Except for Angeles City in the Philippines, near Clark Field, where everyone seemed to be packing a rod, and there were shootings almost every night. Now ain't that a hell of a name for the "City of Angels?" Firearms are forbidden in the above named countries. Even the Bobbies in London do not carry guns. Shooting s are reported almost daily in Newark, Camden, Chicago and other American cities. The only solution is for guns and firearms to be banned for everybody except police, law enforcement authorities and licensed individuals. Are these gun lovers going to volunteer for active duty in the Middle East or other hot spots where the targets shoot back?

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# Keep Those Letters Coming We Love to Hear From You!

#### Union defeats Perth Amboy in Hard Fought Battle Girls Basketball

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - It was a hard fought battle for the Lady Panthers vs. the Union Farmers in the NJSIAA Tournament, First Round, North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 - Girls Basketball on Monday, February 25, 2013. The first point in the game was scored by Union with 5:50 minutes left on the clock in the first period. By halftime, Perth Amboy was ahead with a score of 25 - 22. By the 3rd period it was Perth Amboy 33, Union 36. With 3:33 minutes left on the clock, Perth Amboy put on a full court press. The score was tied 49-49 at the end of the fourth period. The game went into overtime with 4:00 minutes left on the clock. Union outscored Perth Amboy in overtime with a final score of Perth Amboy 60, Union 61. The Union Farmers advanced in the state tournament.

The Perth Amboy Panthers finished the season with a record of 17-4.





The Perth Amboy Panthers play the Union Farmers in the NJSIAA Tournament, First Round Photo 1 - Nadirah Wilson takes a foul shot. Photo 2 - Dribbling down the court.

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

# **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.

# 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.

# Kearny Cottage Open

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

# **Community Calendar**

Perth Amboy

MON. Mar. 11 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

TUES. Mar. 12 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.

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### Aetna Foundation Gives \$24,000 To JRMC To Help Local Latino Kids Get Healthy



Aetna Representatives present check to JRMC



(L to R) Dr. A. Goldsmith of JRMC with Tanya Hall, & Michelle Maitland, of the AETNA Foundation \*Photos Submitted

News Release February 28, 2013

PERTH AMBOY - At a ceremony today at the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center (JRMC), representatives of the Hartford, Conn.- based Aetna Foundation presented a \$24,000 check to support a new JRMC program aimed at helping local young people from the Latino community improve their health.

The funding supports "Proyecto Muevete Junto" ("Let's Move Together"), a program designed to address rising rates of obesity in the Latino community in Perth Amboy and surrounding towns. The program is working with 120 Latino boys and girls who are at risk of diabetes or other health problems arising from being overweight or obese. "Proyecto Muevete Junto" combines fun physical activities with lessons on nutrition and healthy eating.

Speaking on behalf of the Aetna Foundation was Tanya Hall, community relations director of Aetna's Northeast and Mid-Atlantic Region. "Teaching kids healthy habits in a fun way is a great way to make the lessons stick," said Hall. "That's why the Aetna Foundation found 'Proyecto Muevete Junto' to be a good fit. It's the kind of program that can help kids get healthier now and stay healthier in the future. The Aetna Foundation's mission is to promote health and wellness, especially to underserved communities."

"As community leaders in health education, it was natu-

ral for us to build on our existing nutrition and wellness programs to develop one that would be culturally appropriate for Latino kids and their families in our area," said Alan Goldsmith, Ph.D., JRMC's founder and president, who accepted the donation at today's event. "We believe that 'Proyecto Muevete Junto' will act as a support system to nurture healthier lives for the young people in the program. We are grateful for the Aetna Foundation's support."

When participants start "Proyecto Muevete Junto," they will be given an individualized fitness plan for diet and exercise, based on their body mass index, cholesterol and blood sugar levels, blood pressure and other clinical screenings. Then they will take part in two eight-week sessions run by the Boys & Girls Club of Perth Amboy, where they will enjoy fun physical activities, cooking lessons, healthy eating tips and an array of games designed to boost their social skills. Parents will be encouraged to attend special workshops on health and wellness to help them become better advocates for healthier living for their children and themselves. In addition, Spanish-speaking staff members, aged 18 to 24, will serve as mentors and advocates for the participants.

Besides the Boys & Girls Club of Perth Amboy, St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J., also is collaborating with JRMC to implement "Proyecto Muevete Junto."

# Reviving the Raritan Part Two

PERTH AMBOY - Last year, we presented the documentary Rescuing the River. This year, come see the new movie by Rutgers: "Re-Imagining Our Watershed: Renaissance on the Raritan," Wednesday, March 27- Doors open 6:30 p.m. Film 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. -Free with Introduction by Dr. Judy Shaw, Director, Raritan River Initiative and John Jengo, Principal Hydrologist. RSVP tracyjord@gmail.com. Learn more at http://blueraritan.org/campaigns/

# Sumo Wrestling Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 is hosting a 'Sumo Wrestling' Fundraiser on Saturday, March 23rd from 7 PM - 11 PM at the lodge located at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy. Cost is \$5 admission which includes a hot dog bar with all the fixings; \$10 to wrestle; \$5 for additional matches. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to sponsor local students to attend the New Jersey State Elks Peer Leadership Conference which is held at the Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch, NJ. The NJ Elks Peer Leadership Conference is open to all New Jersey students who are in grades 9 through 12 and are proud to be alcohol, tobacco and drug free. The purpose of the conference is to increase participants' ability to make healthy decisions for themselves and others around them, specifically related to drugs and alcohol; to increase leadership abilities to effectively create positive change in their schools and communities; to provide tools and resources to implement action plans in their communities; and to create a network of peer leaders with the ability to educate their groups, schools, and communities on the skills presented at the conference. The conference includes keynote addresses, interactive workshops and fun events for the students. For additional information on the Sumo Wrestling Fundraiser, please call the South Amboy Lodge at 732-727-7170 and leave a message for Jeanine.

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\*Photo Submitted

# Provident Bank Names Diaz Banking Center Manager

News Release - March 1, 2013

PERTH AMBOY - Provident Bank has named Perth Amboy resident Margie Diaz banking center manager of the bank's Perth Amboy branch, where she will lead and manage a team of sales and service professionals, and oversee daily branch operations. Diaz has 15 years of banking industry experience. Before joining Provident, she held various positions at Wells Fargo, including teller manager, customer service specialist and branch manager.

Diaz attended Rio de Janeiro State University in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She is fluent in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

In addition, Diaz teaches financial literacy in Perth Amboy schools and is active with various non-profit organizations, including Women Aware in New Brunswick, the Puerto Rican Action Board, the American Cancer Society and the CUP Food Pantry at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Spotswood.

More information about Provident is available at www.ProvidentNJ.com. Visit www.Facebook.com/ProvidentNJ and www.Twitter.com/ProvidentBankNJ to join the conversations.

About The Provident Bank: With \$5.4 billion in deposits, The Provident Bank (www.ProvidentNJ.com) serves its customers via a network of full-service branches throughout northern and central New Jersey. Provident Bank is the wholly owned subsidiary of Provident Financial Services, Inc. (NYSE:PFS), which reported assets of \$7.3 billion as of December 31, 2012.

We have a new email address!

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Focus Group

**Meeting**PERTH AMBOY- Focus

Group Meeting to provide in-

sight and a more diverse approach on the concerns of our current parks system as well as the improvements that need to be made. The information received from this Focus Group meeting will be used by the New Jersey Local Planning

Services, which will be analyzed and refined for the development of the City's Rec-

In order for this upcoming project to be successful, complete participation is not only needed but essential. Your in-

put on the topics that will be presented will be an integral

component to the overall success of this project. Please join the City of Perth Amboy for the Focus Group Meeting on

Saturday, March 9 at the Alexander F. Jankowski Communi-

ty Center. Residents interested in attending, please contact Raquel Gonzalez at: 732-826-1690 ext. 4306 or rgonzalez@

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reation Plan.



# THE HONORABLE WILDA DIAZ MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

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For more information please visit, www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

#### Tool Time

WOODBRIDGE - Tooling Around the Township is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to fix up residences of senior citizens and disabled residents unable to afford home repairs. You and your organization or business can be an important part of this annual 1-day community effort by volunteering a few hours of labor donating supplies. We need: volunteers, both skilled and unskilled in home repair, donations of materials, especially paint, paint brushes, smoke alarms & roofing material. To volunteer, donate or be a Business Sponsors - call Kelly Reidy at 732-634-6494 or email tooling@ twp.woodbridge.nj.us. to learn how you can support this project with dollars, in-kind donations and employee volunteers & contributions. This year's Tooling Around the Township

date Saturday, April 27, 2013.

### Public Service Announcement

PERTH AMBOY - The City has recently experienced a rash of burglaries, 13 of which occurred during the daytime. One of the tactics being used is where the suspect rings or knocks on the front door and if it is answered by the home owner the suspect will ask random questions in an attempt to divert the owner's attention so that the burglary can be com-

We are requesting that any citizens that notice strangers around their homes, their neighbors' homes, or their area to please call the police so we may follow up.

The department is addressing this matter and is requesting your assistance.

Contact Information: Lt Phil Terranova, Support Services,732-442-4400, pter-

ranova@perthamboynjpd.org

# Neighborhood **Business** Meeting PERTH AMBOY - Wednes-

day, March 6 at 12 noon. at La Plaza Restaurant, 134 Smith St., Perth Amboy. Come join Mayor Diaz with a one-on-one dialogue with business owners. Topics for discussion are: Security, Recycling, Outdoor Dining and Economic Development Updates. For more info call Roxana at 732-442-6421. Sponsored by the UEZ/ BID and City of Perth Amboy.

# Republican Convention

EDISON - The Middlesex County Republican Organization (MCRO) is holding its convention on Saturday, March 23rd, 2012, at the Royal Albert's Palace, 1050 King Georges Post Road in Edison with featured speaker: Governor Chris Christie.

If someone is interested in registering, contact Sharon at 732-442-3162 or 877-203-3599. There is a \$10 registration fee and this fee is nonrefundable and not transferable. Registration deadline March 9th, 2013.

Please note, you must be a registered Republican in Middlesex County by February 22, 2013 to vote at the convention as a Delegate. All registrations for the convention are due on March 9th by 2 p.m.



Verizon Presents \$20,000 to PRAHD - Perth Amboy



Verizon presents a \$20,000 check to PRAHD. Pictured above are representatives from PRAHD, Verizon and Mayor Diaz.

\*Photo by Bob Ned

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# Happy St. Patrick's Day

# St. Patrick's Day Celebration

PERTH AMBOY-Blessed John Paul II Parish will have a St. Patrick's Day Mass at 12 Noon at St. Mary's Church followed by a luncheon to be held at St. Stephen's gym on Saturday, March 16. Corned beef and cabbage will be served along with a chicken pasta dish, beverage, Irish soda bread, coffee and dessert. For tickets please contact Millie at 732-826-0282.

# St. Patrick's Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 16, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville. The price is Adults:\$10, Seniors/Students/Children under 12: \$8. The menu consists of Corned Beef or Spaghetti & Meatball, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Bread, Beverage and Dessert. For questions and tickets please contact Christine at (732)613-8768.

### Celtic Woman **Performance**

NEWARK - The Celtic Women will be performing at the New Jersey Performing Art Center, 1 Center St. Newark at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 14. Celtic Woman is an all-female Irish musical ensemble that have been performing since 2004. The group consists of four Irish female musicians perform music featuring Celtic, Folk, New Age, Adult Contemporary and Classical Music. They have released seven albums. They have toured worldwide.







# **OLV Knights** To Hold Irish Nite

Extravaganza

SAYREVILLE - An Irish Nite Dinner Dance and Show is being run by the OLV Knights of Columbus on March 16 th from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight. This dance is being held at St Stan's hall located on Mc Arthur Ave in Sayreville. The price is \$35 pp and includes a corned beef meal, open bar and incredible entertainment with live music, a bag piper presentation, and an amazing step dance show. For more info call Joe O' Campbell @ 732-727-7178







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# Happy St. Patrick's Day





# 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. Patrick's Day Parade

WOODBRIDGE - Sunday, March 10 will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary St. Patrick's Day Parade. Stepping off from Woodbridge High School 1:30 p.m.

# St. Patrick's Parade Route

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy St. Patrick's Parade step off at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 9 on South Pine Ave. The parade will proceed down Bordentown Ave., South Stevens Ave., Main St., then North Broadway. The reviewing stand is on Broadway.

# Irish Tenors Performing

NEW BRUNSWICK - The Irish Tenors will be performing at the State Theater, 15 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick on Saturday, March 16 at 8 p.m. For tickets or more info call the box office (732) 246-7469.

Wright, Kearns, and Tynan are back! Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a performance by The Irish Tenors. The Irish Tenors, as honorary ambassadors of Ireland and its legendary music, invite you to indulge yourself, family, and friends with a richly orchestrated performance of the greatest music of all time with three of the finest tenors of all time.



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#### Ten strange names for Irish food for St. Patrick's Day First Published on www.irishcentral.com

By: FRANK GALLAGHER | Published Friday, March 12, 2010, 11:21 PM | Updated Sunday, March 14, 2010, 3:19 AM

- 1. **Champ**: a type of mashed potato that is whipped up with milk and butter.
- 2. **Back Rashers:** No not some tropical disease but the Irish name for bacon. Sizzling rashers on the pan, sweet Irish tea and soda bread ah, the perfect breakfast.
- 3. **Drisheen**: no, not some obscure Irish town but beautiful black pudding made from cows or pigs blood a rare delicacy.
- 4. **Crubeens**: no, not some swear word, but wonderful pigs feet or trotters. Perfect in a sandwich
- 5. **Tripe**: No, not some nonsense someone is talking to you but edible offal from the stomachs of some animals
- 6. **Colcannon**: not your distant American relative but a form of mashed potato mixed with cabbage, not unlike champ.
- 7. Irish trifle: actually a beautiful desert made with fresh cream, jello and custard
- 8. **Boxty**: no, not someone who wants to box you but yet another variation on the humble potato—which proves that the Irish still love the spud
- 9. **Dublin Coddle**: a dish made of sausage and bacon delicious
- 10. **Fish fingers**: No, not fish that can count, but fish in finger shape cooked in deep batter delicious.



Happy St. Patrick's
Day!
From the
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# Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

# Edison AARP Chapter #3446 EDISON - A trip to the Brown-

EDISON - A trip to the Brownstone will take place on March 20. Call Angie at 732-738-0759 for more information.

Reservations are being taken for a trip to Indian Head Resort in New Hampshire on June 24-28. Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for details.

Canned food for M.C.F.O.O.D. and misc. items for veterans, nursing homes, & hospitals will be collected at the meeting

# Meet 'N Greet



**Milton Paris** 

PERTH AMBOY - Milton Paris, President is a Management Coach, Business Development, Sales and Marketing Consultant who brings a wealth of experience to the table as a result of building businesses for the past 40 years. He has coached/consulted CEO's, Presidents, entrepreneurs and start-up businesses.

Getting Ahead in Business, founded by Milton J.Paris, works closely with individuals, and all size companies, providing insight and training on how to improve their process and increase competitiveness and sales. With a client base of over 60 distinct industries, Getting Ahead in Business helps you not only survive but thrive in the current economy. Milton's motto has always been: "Nothing is Impossible"

Milton Paris will present to the Meet 'N Greet at The Barge on March 14 a powerful seminar on Writing A Business Plan. Materials will be handed out. This is seminar is for business people only.

# Soup Kitchen & Clothing

Giveaway
PERTH AMBOY: Soup Kitch-

PERTH AMBOY: Soup Kitchen at the Faith Community Worship Center, 310 Sutton St., Perth Amboy. March 27, April 24, May 29 and June 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info call 732-376-1711.

### Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 Motorcycle Committee is proud to announce the 'Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party', which will be held on Friday, May 3rd, from 7:00 P.M. – 12:00 A.M. at the lodge located at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy. All net proceeds from this event will help

with mounting medical costs for 5 year old Alise Strawhand who at 17 months old fell into a shallow goldfish pond and nearly drowned. Cost is \$20 per person and includes food, drinks, live entertainment and more. The New Jersey State Elks Association is a 501(c)3, not for profit organization whose sole purpose is charity.

The Elks Motorcycle Committee strictly rides for charity. Handicapped children are the New Jersey State Elks Association major project. If you would like to make a donation, please mail it to: South Amboy Elks #784 MC, 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879, ATTN: 'Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party'

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# Pierogi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having a pierogi sale on Monday, February 25th to Friday, March 1st. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to place your order. All gourmet items. Handmade. Therefore call early before maximum sales quota is reached. Potato pierogi price - \$7. Pick up your orders Tuesday, March 5th and Wednesday, March 6th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thank you for your order!!!

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# Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public

**Library Meeting**PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be meeting on Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Discussed will be library renovations, plans for a new website and future plans for the library. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-293-1090.



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# SPRING INTO ACTION

Spring Programs begin March 24th

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**Boot Camp** 

Swimming Lessons

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Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - The Women of the Moose Lodge Chapter 1247 on Convery Blvd. will be having a Tricky Tray on Sunday, March 24 at 12 noon. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more info call Michelle at 732-921-7830.

### Free Training

EDISON - You may qualify for FREE TRAINING. Includes FREE Public Transportation, Books, Childcare, Uniforms (Scrubs) and Medical Kit. Programs throughout the year. Phlebotomy Technician, EKG Technician, Medical Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Computerized Medical Office Program. Success starts here. For more info call 732-906-7735 or email NNJHPC@ middlesexcc.edu

#### Cake Sale

WOODBRIDGE - Woodbridge Calvin Hungarian Reformed church, School Street will be having a cake sale. Nut, poppy, and prune rolls @ \$15 ea. Order by Saturday, Mar. 10 & pick up is Friday, Mar. 22 between 12 noon and 5.00 p.m. For more info Call Flo at 732-636-2868.

#### Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - Join the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) Health Oriented Youth (HOY) Program as we commemorate National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day with an afternoon of style on Saturday, March 9th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD), 100 First Street. Perth Amboy. Tickets: \$5. At the door \$7. For more info contact Samarie Rivera at (732) 442-1081. Sponsored by PRAHD, Sense of Style Botique and Dots.

# Colombian Club Fitness Classes

SOUTH AMBOY - Colombian Club Fitness Classes, Mondays: Booty Camp 7:20 p.m. - 8:20 p.m., Light weights and mat required, Tuesdays: Yoga 6:30 p.m. -7:20 p.m. Mat required, Thursdays: Zumba Fitness 7:20 p.m.- 8:20 p.m. Mat required. Price: \$60 for 8 classes. Part of the proceeds benefit the Colombian Club Council No. 426. Location: Knights of Columbus council No. 426, 308 Fourth Street, South Amboy. If you have questions or for registration information please email zumbasayreville@gmail.com or call Denise 732-525-9536.



# Historic Perth Amboy

lic Library and The Kearny Cottage Historical Society have teamed up to create Historical Calendars with never before seen photos of Historic Perth Amboy. Calendars are \$10 each and are available at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company at the Historic Train Station, Perth Amboy City Hall, High Street, Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave, and the Reo

### **Board Vacancies:** Volunteer Opportunities

PERTH AMBOY - The Following Vacancies Currently Exist For The Following City Boards: Board of Adjustment 1 Regular Positions, 2 Alternate Positions; Planning Board 1 (Class II) Position, 2 Alternate Positions; Rent Levelling Board 2 Regular Positions, Business Improvement District 2 Regular Positions. Some key responsibilities include: consistent attendance at regular board meetings; participation at the meetings as an active member, participation in the general activities of the organization and preparation in advance before regular board meetings by reading and studying materials regarding key actions

the board may take at the official meeting. Please be advised that these are strictly voluntary positions. Residents interested in becoming members of a specific board must complete and return the Citizen Service Application to the Office of the Municipal Clerk, City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy. The application is available on the city's website: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us. To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of each board, refer to the Administrative Code (E-Code/ Ordinances) of the City of Perth Amboy which is also available on the city's website. Applications Are Due: Monday, March 18, 2013.



PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Pub-Diner, Woodbridge. For more info call 732-293-1090.



# MARCH EVENTS

#### An Introduction to Reiki

Learn about this gentle healing practice, used to reduce stress, manage pain and improve sleep.

Tuesday, March 5 - 7 to 8 p.m. Division of Integrative Medicine RBMC Old Bridge, 3 Hospital Plaza, off of Ferry Rd. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

#### Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?

Monday, March 11 - 7 to 8 p.m.

with Dr. Seun A. Sowemimo

Wednesday, March 27 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

with Dr. Ayotunde Adeyeri Institute for Weight Loss

3 Hospital Plaza, off of Ferry Rd., Old Bridge Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME.

#### "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement

**Education** Sessions provided by a clinical specialist from the medical center's Human Motion Institute.

Wednesday, March 13 - 8 to 11 a.m. RBMC Old Bridge, 3 Hospital Plaza, off of Ferry Rd.

Friday, March 15 - 9 a.m. to 12 noon

RBMC Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 732-535-4746.

#### One-day Childbirth Education Class

Facilitated by a registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare. Cost is \$125 per couple.

Saturday, March 16 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Raritan Bay Area YMCA - 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

#### "Not Sugar Coated" Facts about Diabetes

Free discussion group

**Thursday, March 28 - 2** to 3 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. Raritan Bay Area YMCA - 357 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.



Visit **rbmc.org/events** for a complete schedule of events.



# 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.

# Atlantic City

HOPELAWN - Bus trip to Trump Plaza sponsored by Hopelawn V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary every second Tuesday of every month. Bus leaves Hopelawn at 12:30 p.m., arrives at Trump Plaza between 2 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Bus leaves Trump Plaza at 8:30 p.m. Arrives home approximately 10 p.m. For more info call Yolanda at 732-826-1595

#### Zumba Class

PERTH AMBOY - Here is what you have been waiting for... We have started a brand new Zumba class every Monday at 7 p.m. and will be taught by one of the best Zumba instructors in our area. So, we invite you and all your friends to come work-out with us every Monday night. There is no better way to start of the week than burning some calories, losing weight and eliminating stress while having fun! Admission: \$5 per person. Address: 189 Fayette St., Perth Amboy (Entrance by the Administration building). For questions call: (732) 709-0129

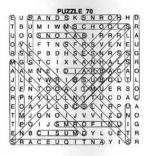
### Picnic Park Rental Requests

SAYREVILLE - Beginning January 2, 2013 requests will be accepted at the Recreation Office for picnic park rentals at Burkes, Jackson & Bailey Parks. The office is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. More info at www.sayreville.com. Picnics are on a first come, first served basis and take about 4 weeks to get approvals. Please submit all paperwork to the Recreation Office on time. Picnics are rain or shine - no rain dates. Picnic grounds are available from April to September.

### Easter **Festival**

WOODBRIDGE - Get ready for a fun-filled Easter Celebration Saturday, March 30 at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Egg Hunt 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Easter Parade & Pictures with the Easter Bunny from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wear your pretty Bonnet, dress up in your Fancy Clothes and join us at the Park. Prizes will be given. Pictures sponsored by Walgreens. We hope to see you there. For more info call the Woodbridge Recreation Dept. at 732-596-4048. For weather updates call 732-602-6045.

**Answers** From Puzzle On Page 15



### Story Time with Emily

SEWAREN Mark your calendars for Fall 2012 - Spring 2013 Children ages 3- 7 and their accompanying adult can enjoy a story, crafts, games, snack, and so much more on the second Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. at the Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave. in Sewaren. Our Story Time sessions will be held on: March 9th. Sign up is required for each month. Stop by or call the library at 732-634-7571. This FREE event and all Sewaren Library activities and usage is open to families of all towns, not just Sewaren

# Royal Garden Club Open

House PERTH AMBOY - Come on Wed. March 6, 2013 at 7:30 pm St. Peter's Rectory, 188 Rector St. Perth Amboy. An official civic consultant of the City of Perth Amboy St. Peter's Rectory at 183 Rector St. Perth Amboy. This meeting is to learn all about the activities of the Royal Garden Club. We are a very different gardening club as we design, plant and maintain several large public gardens throughout our city. Come learn all our work - no prior gardening experience necessary. We welcome all. For more information, post a question to our page: Royal Garden Club Open House on

Facebook.

# **Senior Scene**

# **Happenings**

#### Perth Amboy

WED. Mar. 6 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.
  - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

THURS. Mar. 7 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Mar. 11 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Mar. 12 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

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

WED. Mar. 13 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.

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> Family Life Center, Madison Ave. Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Ukr. Assumption Church Bsmt, Alta Vista Pl.

**South Amboy** 

South Amboy Seniors, noon, WED. Mar. 13

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave. St. Mary's Seniors, noon, MON. Apr. 1 Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays Please give us two weeks notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610

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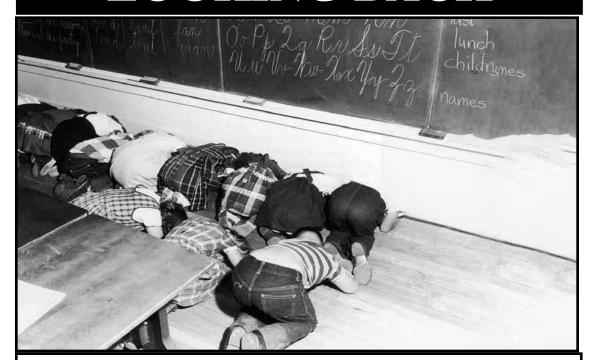
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# **LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - Duck and Cover in school circa 1960's

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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). **K.M.** 

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

#### Saint Jude Novena

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - (make your request here) - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

B.R.

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Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - (make your request here) - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. *M.S.K.* 

## Friday Lenten Dinners

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### Council Passes Ordinance Banning Smoking in Public Parks



PERTH AMBOY - Council Meeting 2/27/13 - (L to R) Council Pres. Joel Pabon, PAHS Students and YCLA Members Luciana Furias, Brianna Batista, Ichrak Faida and Mayor Wilda Diaz. The girls thanked the Council for passing the ordinance. Councilman Bill Petrick was absent. \*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

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