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Topics on Tap: RFP's, IT, Code Enforcement & Financial Disclosures

6/12/17 Caucus Meeting



Council President
William Petrick



City Clerk
Elaine Jasko



Councilman
Joel Pabon

PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Fernando Gonzalez questioned RFP's (Request For Proposals). He wanted to know, "Are we looking for ways to spend our money? The City Engineer is supposed to be the planner, yet we are looking to hire a planner. I'm looking at some of the resumes of these candidates. They have good plans and ideas and we're looking at a salary of \$90,000 to hire them. In previous years, the City Engineer was listed as the Planner for RFP's."

After Gonzlaez made this statement, City Engineer Jeffrey Rauch came up to speak. He stated, "In previous years, Ernest Feist, who was the previous Engineer was the Planner. He had the credentials. I'm an Engineer."

Gonzalez came back and stated, "In the past, the RFP's said that you (Rauch) are 1 of 4 planners. I'm putting this before you guys to review."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke next, "I was hoping the Business Administrator would be here. Whether the amount is \$95,000, \$10,000 or whatever - How did this end up happening (Getting a Planner at a cost of \$90,000)."

Gonzalez then added, "We don't always have to get the lowest bidder. It has to do what in includes. One of the Planners listed as Topology had been here in the past and look

where we are. Why bring them back?"

Council President Bill Petrick then suggested that they bring back Feist to answer questions because he is familiar with the town.

Rauch answered, "He's (Feist) back and he can appear before the Council."

The Council had a question regarding R-234-6/17 - Authorizing a contract with RJ Twitchell & Company, Inc. for extensive repairs to the Transfer Station Push Pit in an amount not to exceed \$45,505.17.

DPW Director Frank Hoffmann came up to answer this, "We needed to raise the bidding price. 4 bids went out and Twitchell is the only one who responded and he's worked with us before. We will have to bid for hydraulics, too."

The next topic for discussion was an IT update.

Council President Bill Petrick had questions about e-mail monitoring. City IT Technician John Alleman came up and stated, "I was asked about one specific suspicious e-mail. It was research in response to an OPRA request. I do not question what my superior asks of me."

Councilman Gonzalez wanted to know, "Who has the jurisdiction to ask you to look up an e-mail?"

Alleman responded, "The

Administration." He also reminded the Council that they signed a policy stating that e-mails could be OPRA'd under certain circumstances."

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned Alleman, "How are you protected if a request comes in verbally if there's no paperwork to back up a request."

Alleman responded, "IT's have access to many government databases."

Councilman Gonzalez said, "I want to see the document that Alleman referenced that the Council Members have to sign stating that our e-mails can be looked at."

Council President Petrick stated, "A simple OPRA request can blossom into something bigger. I'm concerned about unethical practices. There are ethical challenges when I've talked to other IT people. Maybe we need an outside auditor. I've talked to Woodbridge about their IT operations. Woodbridge has shared services with us. We just need an assessment of our IT services."

Alleman answered, "I don't have a problem with this, but we should have an outside auditor with no connection to the City. I've given you (the Council) information about updated services."

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Passing of Fire Chief Abraham Pitre

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy family regrets to inform you of the sudden passing of Fire Chief Abraham Pitre on Saturday, June 17, 2017. The circumstances of the incident remain under investigation by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office. Additional information is not available at this time.

"We ask that you keep Abraham Pitre's loved ones and co-workers in your thoughts and prayers as we mourn this devastating loss," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Viewing will be at Novak Funeral Home, 419 Barclay



Abraham Pitre

St., Perth Amboy on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 - 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Updates at amboyguardian.com



Bunting is hung on the Perth Amboy Firehouse in honor of the passing of Fire Chief Abraham Pitre *Photo by Paul W. Wang

Verizon Looking to Install Equipment on Stevens Avenue Node Would Improve Cellular Signal Within Small Distance

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
SOUTH AMBOY - A Verizon representative presented a plan to install a small cellular 'node' near Stevens Avenue during last week's South Amboy business meeting.

The node is a two-and-a-half foot antenna with a small radio box that would be installed on a pre-existing utility pole near the Cardinal McCarrick High School building. It works in conjunction with Verizon's wireless network to cover a small dead spot found in the area.

According to the representative, the box will provide more

reliable service and better upload and download speeds for wireless networks within an 1800 feet radius of the pole. Verizon installs these boxes where it is deemed necessary but it is not meant to provide significant coverage to a large area.

These boxes have been proposed to several municipalities in New Jersey and, per the representative, Verizon has received roughly 180 approvals to install. Verizon is only requesting to install one node in the city of South Amboy for now and would have to come

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 Destitute NJ and I4 on July 8.

**K of C
 100th Anniversary
 Dinner**
 SOUTH AMBOY - On Sunday, June 25, 2017 Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly 676 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus celebrate their 100th anniversary Sunday June 25 with a 12 Noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by dinner at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost of dinner is \$30. Reservation deadline is June 9, 2017. For more information, call Les at 732-721-0812.

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**Ukrainian
 Cultural
 Festival**
 PERTH AMBOY - The 5th Annual Ukrainian Cultural Festival will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. on the parish grounds of Assumption Catholic Church at 686 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ. The festival will feature church tours, entertainment, dance shows of traditional Ukrainian dances at 2:00 and 4:00 pm, money and baskets raffles, vendors, traditional Ukrainian food/beer and delicious desserts. The live music band, "Anna Maria Entertainment" will play outdoors from 5-9 p.m. Admission to the festival is FREE. For more information, call 732-826-0767 or visit us at www.assumption-catholicchurch.net

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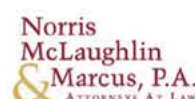
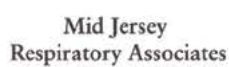
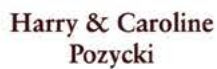
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Dioris Louis Arlequin "The Poet"

Another contributor to the Amboy Guardian has left us too soon. He now joins Peter Book a.k.a. Pedro Libro, and Thomas Francis Clark who were prolific letter-writers or submitted poetry.

Dioris was a classmate and friend of Stanley Jaremczak a.k.a. the Garden Guru who passed away a short time ago. Dioris immortalized Stanley in the poem titled: "Garden Guru."

In the letter section of the paper, Attorney Eralides E. Cabrera talked about how Louis captured the essence of well-known characters of Perth Amboy and gave them the recognition that they deserved. Some of Dioris' poems appeared in some of Cabrera's books.

We wish to add that Dioris was very astute in capturing the beauty that is nature, be it land, sea or sky. He would take a butterfly or other insects and the way he would describe them would be as if they were humans. He also loved to write poetry about family and friends. He was proud to write a poem about his daughter titled, "The Runner."

It was not unusual for the Amboy Guardian to receive mail 2 or 3 times a week with poems written by Dioris. This was much appreciated because they dealt with such a vast variety of



Dioris Louis Arlequin
July 3, 1954 - June 10, 2017
*Facebook Photo

subjects that could be placed in the Voice of the People. Sometimes I would ask him to write a poem on a particular subject and he would always come through.

We will be showcasing his poems until the end of the year.

Here is a poem I wrote:
To Dioris Arlequin, who always shined bright, whose smile could light even the darkest of nights, whose bear-hugs were ones that were tender, yet tight.

You wrote about people that you often saw, but the person who was the most special was the person you were.

We know you are at peace with some of those that you wrote about. *C.M.*



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Dioris Louis Arlequin - "The Poet"

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

"The Poet"

It is sad to report the loss of a friend who was so devoted to Perth Amboy. Dioris Louis Arlequin, "the poet," as he liked to be called, passed away at Raritan Bay Health Center last

week. Louis was proud of his naval service and loved Perth Amboy. Much of his poetry had to do with real characters who lived in Perth Amboy and that if linked in a chain would tell a story about this city, the city Louis and I came to know

as kids. We were boys once who walked the streets daily and saw those personalities Louis talked about in print. I am going to miss my friend a lot.

Eralides E. Cabrera

Political and Shameful Cesspool

I am a twice combat wounded Marine Corps (that's pronounced "core" Mr. Obama) Veteran of the Vietnam War. My second wound was nearly fatal from mortar fragments shattering my left shoulder blade and crushing three ribs. The hole blasted was large enough to put a football into my chest. I will carry that massive scar and the mortar fragments in my chest to my grave.

During the infamous Tet Offensive of 1968, I was a 19 year old Marine Pfc. (Private First Class) one of 2,500 Marines sent to liberate the ancient Imperial City of Hue, held by 11,000 North Vietnamese trained, disciplined, combat hardened troops, plus an unknown number of Vietcong. Of the 27 Marines in my platoon, 11 were killed and the rest of us suffered 2, 3, and 4 wounds. I lasted 9 days be-

fore I was air lifted.

On day 12, Valentine's Day, there was not even one of my platoon left. Not a one!! All gone. All gave some, some gave all.

On February 6, 1968, Frank Thomas, Alan McDonald, and I struck the enemies flag flying in the courtyard of the Provincial Capital Building which was the headquarters for all the NVA (North Vietnamese Army) in Hue. The enemy fire was intense from soldiers dug in around the courtyard wall. We raised the stars and stripes! This action made the front page of every newspaper in the free world. It can be viewed in at least 6 different documentaries.

I have been honored to have been elected State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans 1993-1994, State Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart 1995-1996, 2014, 2015, 2016, and am now the National Executive Committee of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. I love my country and have spent my life serving other

veterans.

I was not only appalled but sickened to read how Congressmen Frank Pallone, Democratic candidate for Governor Phil Murphy, and Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz disgracefully use Memorial Day weekend to verbally attack our President and turn it into a campaign event. Absolutely despicable!!!

At a meeting sponsored by DAV Chapter 29 of Tinton Falls, held at a nursing home billed as a day to meet your Congressman. I asked about Andrew Tamarossi, a Marine Sergeant who made a wrong turn and accidentally crossed the border into Mexico. He was physically beaten, chained to a wall, and held in inhumane conditions. President Obama, Secretary of State Kerry and Congress did nothing! Congressman Pallone didn't even know who Tamarossi was. His Aide, a Marine veteran died.

Walter Kaczmarek
USMC

Combat wounded Veteran and Patriot

Dead Men Don't Talk

U.S. Congressman Steve Scalise (R- Louisiana) was shot and wounded at a Congressional baseball practice in Alexandria, VA. and five others were wounded, too. The shooter, James T. Hodgkinson age 66 from Belleville, Ill. used a rifle on them and died at the hospital (dead men don't talk). Here's the wacky part about this the congressman: he has a YouTube channel and

was talking about human trafficking and how it's being used for sex crimes and more. He was supporting a bill in congress H.R. 436 by the 115th January 11, 2017 congress to enforce human trafficking laws in America. There's more to this: a Republican Congresswoman name Claudia Tenney from Upstate NY got an e-mail saying: "One down and 266 to go!" This came from a newspaper report. It's just so odd when President Trump got into office and there

have been many arrests from those doing human trafficking for illegal activity. What is the real deal about this shooting? The shooter was a Bernie Sanders supporter?

This is crazy and like a movie from Hollywood. In fact, consider this yourself - do your homework. Was it brainwashing or a setup? I know what you are thinking - the Russians planned this.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Feast of Santos Populares

PERTH AMBOY – St. John Paul II Parish Presents Feast of Santos Populares at Our Lady of the Rosary Fatima Church, 188 Wayne St., Perth Amboy. Sunday, June 25, 2017. Begins at 12 noon. Come join in the festivities! There will be music for dancing as well as food & beverages for sale. Musical Presentation by NRG Band. Don't miss the homemade traditional desserts, traditional Portuguese foods, games and more. Hope to see you there! Bring a friend! Thank you for your patronage!

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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.

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. by appointment. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

Proprietary House Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel. 732-826-5527 E-mail: info@proprietaryhouse.org. Follow us on our website, www.theproprietaryhouse.org and or/Facebook.

Community Calendar

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THURS. Jun. 22	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Jun. 26	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Jun. 28	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
South Amboy	
WED. Jun. 21	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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Italian Festival 6/10/17 Holy Rosary Church, Hopelawn

**Photos by Paul W. Wang & Toni Gianfrancesco*



Flag Raising, International Park, Sadowski Parkway, Perth Amboy 6/10/17

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - 12 new flags were raised on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at International Park on Sadowski Parkway. These flags represent countries and cultures of the City of Perth Amboy

Topics on Tap: RFP's, IT, Code Enforcement, Financial Disclosures

6/12/17 Caucus Meeting

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Next was Code Enforcement Update. Director Jamie Rios came forward. He let the Council know that at the address at Colfax Place, "There's no indication that there was a business there or illegal housing."

Councilman Gonzalez had a question regarding River Drive when coming in from Grant Street. "I almost ran over a kid playing basketball in the street. There's a net set up with a pole. We need to look at recreation for that area. If I recall, they are building a 400 unit apartment building there."

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came forward, "I've

received complaints from Councilman Pabon about this problem. I've spoken to the children in that area and I've also sent our Community Services Police there to speak to them. I've also spoken to the Mayor's Office about this problem."

Councilman Pabon spoke, "I know that a park is part of the builder's plan but recreation should be put in place first. I also want to congratulate Code Enforcement for quickly getting rid of garbage that was on a building's rooftop."

Johan Delgado, Perth Amboy Department of Public Works Supervisor came up to speak. "We are getting complaints and people are now cleaning up. The person that

had the dumping on their roof had been in the hospital."

Financial Disclosure Statements - Failure to file - City Clerk Elaine Jasko wanted to give the Council an update on why she needed to have this on the Agenda. She told the Council that they have a list of people who have not submitted their financial statements. "They've missed the deadline or are suspended. They have 30 days left and I told them I could help them in filing. If they still haven't filed after the 30 days, I will ask them to come before the Council for you to remove them from the Board. I've have helped many people before in filling out their financial disclosure forms."

Council Updates

6/12/17 Caucus Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Council President Bill Petrick was happy to report that the Board of Education Member and City Historian Anton J. Masopust was putting together a meeting of interested parties regarding the planned Water Stadium renovations. "There is a feasibility of saving the facade of the Water Stadium Entrance. Per the request of the HPC, they want to get an expert to look into this."

Next, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke in regards into entering Harbortown from High Street, "Is this a private or a public road?"

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came forward to speak, "This will be under Title 49 Enforcement. You would have to go to Harbortown Management. They have off-duty Officers patrolling at night."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke about the same problem, "From the intersection of

Buckingham Avenue and High Street when vehicles approach Harbortown is when they start speeding."

Fernando Gonzalez then added another complaint, "Harbortown people complain about the drug activity taking place in their complex."

Cattano answered, "Public Works has put in additional lighting."

"Petrick spoke again and suggested, "LED lights should be placed in the City because they are more efficient."

There was a question regarding R-236-6/17 which awarded a back payment of \$15,863.09 to a Perth Amboy Firefighter."

Acting Law Director Peter King told the Council that this firefighter, Robert Wisneski was passed over for training and filed a grievance and won.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was astonished because the City hired someone else who was paid and because the

original firefighter (Wisneski) was passed over, he was awarded back pay and he is no longer here. "What are we doing?"

Council President Bill Petrick had a question about R-237-6/17 - An Application for the FEMA for Security Grant Program used for maintenance and sustainment of Marine 5 for 3 years and Dive Rescue and Recovery Equipment and training in the amount of \$400,000."

Fire Chief Abraham Pitre gave the breakdown, "\$150,000 of that money would be for equipment and \$250,000 would be for training for the firefighters for scuba diving."

No one came up to speak during the public comments portion of the Meeting.

Councilmen Fernando Irizarry and Jelmin Caba were absent at the 6/12/17 Caucus. Also absent was B.A. Adam Cruz.

Bids Questioned. Who Should Pay? 90 Day Extension Granted 6/14/17 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - During the Public Comments, Resident Stanley Sierakowski had a question about Communication No. 9 dealing with services being provided by Berkley Insurance that Council President Bill Petrick had asked B.A. Cruz that the Council be provided with copies of 5 other proposals submitted.

Sierakowski was puzzled and asked if the Attorney reviews contracts before they are presented to the Council. "Was Fairview an RFP? I don't understand the same amount of proposals from 5 different contractors. Sierakowski also questioned R-243 extending the

contract of Peter King for an additional 90 days. "Is this the final 90 days? Or will it be perpetual? Is the Attorney encouraging the Administration to look for permanent attorney?"

Acting Law Director Peter King responded, "I was not requested to review contracts." Sierakowski responded, "I find that incredible."

King continued, "I had no involvement with Fairview. I've review some of the contracts, but not all of them."

Councilman Bill Petrick asked King, "You didn't review any of these contracts? You are the Attorney."

King responded, "I haven't

been asked to review contracts."

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up to speak and asked King, "Do you review OPRA requests?"

King responded, "Yes, I do." Jeremy then questioned, "Who then reviews the contracts?"

King responded, "Usually a broker will review and I don't know the information the broker gets."

Baratta then said, "This is why the Council suggested they get a full time Attorney. This way a full time Attorney would have all the resources and departments at hand to get information. We need to stop doing these 90 day wonders. The Council sets the laws and controls the



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El Dorado, Mobile Mural Project

**Photo Submitted*



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - This project is a community art concept created by students of Art teacher Olga Bautista from the Perth Amboy Education Center to display large scale conceptual works on six panel boards representing four interpretations of "A Hunger-Artist" essay by Franz Kafka and by a well-known Japanese print "The Great Wave off Kanazawa" by Katsushika Hokusai. The project was completed in collaboration with the Board of Education and the Office of Recreation of the City of Perth Amboy. It's at view at a property located on Smith Street at the corner of Herbert Street El Dorado Mural Project was born out of a desire to improve, rehabilitate, and encourage love for the arts in our community.

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Sneaker Ferry Collecting New and Gently Used Shoes to Help Soles4Souls Fight Global Poverty

Press Release 6/12/17

PERTH AMBOY – Your gently used shoes you no longer want, can help create meaningful opportunities many in developing nations need!

That's the message being delivered by Sneaker Ferry, which has launched a drive to collect to help those less fortunate around the globe. New and used and new shoes can be dropped off between June 15th and August 31st at 154 Smith St, Perth Amboy, NJ 08863.

The shoes that Sneaker Ferry collects will be delivered to Soles4Souls—a non-profit social enterprise that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world. Founded in 2006, the organization has distributed more than 30 million pairs of new and used shoes in 127 countries.

"Sneaker Ferry is a strong supporter of Soles4Souls' mission, and we hope to take a big step in providing the organization with the new and gently used shoes they require to disrupt the cycle of poverty around the globe," said Melvin Smith of Sneaker Ferry.

Soles4Souls will convert every used pair of shoes collected from the community into a value-added social currency to achieve positive change, both humanitarian and economic. Gently used shoes will be distributed to micro-enterprise programs that create jobs in Haiti, Honduras and other developing

nations. The resulting revenue will help fund the free distribution of new shoes in the U.S., Canada and developing nations around the world.

The World Bank estimates that approximately 900 million people live on less than \$1.90 per day. 400 million are children. Millions of these children don't have access to adequate footwear resulting in significant ramifications for their health and well-being. Tens of millions are at risk of infection from soil-transmitted parasitic diseases like hookworm that can cause lasting suffering and lifelong debilitation. Meanwhile many adults don't have access to sustainable employment. In Haiti for example, more than two-thirds of the labor force don't have jobs.

"The simple truth is that almost anyone with a closet has shoes they don't wear, or an old pair that will just end up in a landfill," said Smith. "Give those to us, and know that you are taking a step to making the world a better place for all of us."

Sneaker Ferry used shoe drive for Soles4Souls information:

- Between June 15th and August 31st, bring your used shoes of any kind to:
- Sneaker Ferry-154 Smith St, Perth Amboy, NJ 08863.
- For more information, please contact Melvin Smith at Sneaker Ferry: Phone 732-423-7916 Email: sneakerferry@gmail.com

From Middle School to Mars: Students Win National Competition to Design Spacecraft to Take Astronauts to The Red Planet

Students Win Opportunity to Pitch Their Ideas to Panel of Space Experts. - All Part of New Lockheed Martin Initiative to Prepare Students for Space-related Careers

Press Release 6/6/17

BETHESDA, Md. – With NASA planning to send the first crew to Mars in the 2030s, today's students will grow up to create the spacecraft and science to get them there. Middle school students in California and New Jersey have already begun, winning a national Lockheed Martin (NYSE:LMT) video challenge competition to design the living quarters for astronauts' six-month journey to the red planet. The challenge is part of the company's Generation Beyond program, which has reached 1.5 million students with the goal of igniting their interest in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The video challenge attracted hundreds of entries from across the country and students could submit as a team or individually. The individual winner is from D. Russell Parks Jr. High School in Fullerton, CA; and the group winners attend John Adams and Woodrow Wilson middle schools in Edison, NJ. In addition to winning \$10,000, the winners will also have the opportunity to tour NASA's Kennedy Space Center and to pitch their ideas to a panel of experts in space exploration later this year. Winning entries are available for viewing here.

Lockheed Martin employs about 40,000 scientists and en-



gineers. Generation Beyond is part of the company's effort to help build the next generation of innovators, engineers and scientists who will lead tomorrow's great achievements and discoveries.

According to a national survey of 1,000 teachers (conducted by Morar Consulting from April 5 – 11, ± 3.1% MOE), while just 38 percent of teachers report that a majority of students seem naturally interested in STEM learning, 83 percent see discussing space-related careers as a potential way to increase student focus on STEM. Lockheed Martin created a space-focused curriculum for the Generation Beyond program in partnership with Discovery Education to give teachers tools and resources they can use in the classroom to spark student interest in STEM.

"Our Generation Beyond resources help make STEM learning fun and inspiring," said Rick Ambrose, executive vice president for Lockheed Martin Space Systems. "Humanity's next giant leaps in space deeply depend on students at the K-12 level pursuing careers in science and engineering."

The Generation Beyond curriculum is used in classrooms around the country and Lockheed Martin has integrated new lesson plans into the curriculum to further engage students. The company also created a new app that simulates what it's like to explore the surface of Mars. Classroom resources are available at generationbeyonddiscovery.com and the Mars Walk app is available for download on iPhone or Android.

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the name of Justin M. Spivey who believes that it will be in the best interest to restore the gateway. It is of historic and sentimental value."

Aviles went on to state, "This was a WPA Project which put local people back to work. This wall has lasted 80 years and it might last another 80. This Historic Architect (Spivey) was hired by the Board and Superintendent. The Board of Education Secretary, Derek Jess will reject all bids of this \$800,000 project. The ball is now in the City's court. Who will pay after the estimate for the restoration? The City? Or will the cost be split with the Board of Education?"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez addressed this situation. He was adamant that the Board of Education, "Since they are the main user of the facility - they should pay for the cost of \$800,000. A letter should be written on our behalf stating this."

Council President Bill Petrick had a different view. "The City needs to consider hiring Spivey (Historical Architect) for an esti-

mate."

Gonzalez retorted, "The local taxpayers should not have pay."

Petrick stated, "It will get bounced back and forth."

Aviles interjected, "I got the impression at the end of the Meeting (between the Board of Education, Superintendent, etc.) that everyone agreed that the City should have the final word."

Gonzalez spoke up again, "Let the Board of Education do it." Petrick still insisted, "The City should work with a standard point of knowledge."

Aviles suggested, "If the City comes up with part of the money, then the HPC can budget part of our money for the cost."

Councilman Jelmin Caba agreed with Fernando Gonzalez.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "It's in our best interest to look at this."

Gonzalez then mentioned, "We have a lease agreement."

Petrick came back and stated, "Unless we get an expert opinion, the Board will make all the decisions."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry suggested, "Let's get an estimate first, then make a decision. I don't know if the lease agree-

ment is still in effect. The Board of Ed did a lot of improvements without a cost from us."

After Irizarry spoke, Renee Skelton Vice-Chair of the HPC came up to speak and said, "I agree with Councilmen Pabon, Petrick and Irizarry. The HPC's mission is to preserve history. Our expert is good, but we need more information."

Fernando Gonzalez still had more to say, "In my business (real estate), I have put together a lot of contracts where tenants will take care of a lot of things. The Board of Education has \$200 million budget, most of which comes from the State. If we don't ask the Board of Education to pay, then we may have to pay. A lot of the Board of Ed Members have an interest in this."

Joel Pabon then spoke, "The ball is in our court. That's their answer."

Fernando Gonzalez still pleaded and said to the City Attorney, "Please submit the letter to the Board of Ed (about paying the cost of the estimate) and let's see their answer."

Councilman Irizarry finished off the conversation with, "Let's

not waste time. You know the answer will be no. We should just do a resolution to allocate funding for an estimate."

Acting City Attorney Peter King wanted to let the Council know, "Former Law Director Mark Blunda is working on one other case with the Public Safety Complex Appeal."

R-243-6/17 - Consenting to the extension of the appointment of Peter J. King as Acting Director of the Department of Law for a period no longer than 90 days from July 4, 2017.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez agreed that King has done a good job since he's been with the City. "Sometimes when I call him, he's in court and I may not get a call back from him for a few days later. I'm pleased that the billing is less with him."

Councilman Pabon wanted to know, "Can they (the administration) bring you back (after the 90 days?)"

King responded, "Yes, there is a third time."

Pabon asked, "Have you ever considered full time?"

King responded, "I think the City wants to see how I work out. I would like to be full time."

Pabon said, "This our guy." R-243 passed with Councilman Fernando Gonzalez with the only "No" vote.

South Amboy

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back to the city council for additional requests.

City Attorney John Lanza said he would look into the paperwork and get back to the council before a decision can be made.

After a mandatory vote on a bond ordinance and two closed sessions, the business meeting was cut short due to a lack of quorum. Councilman Brian McLaughlin was not in attendance, Councilman Tom Reilly had to leave city hall early to make a presentation at a Friends of South Amboy event, and Councilwoman Christine Noble had to leave early for a family emergency.

The council will hold their next monthly city council meeting on June 21st at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.



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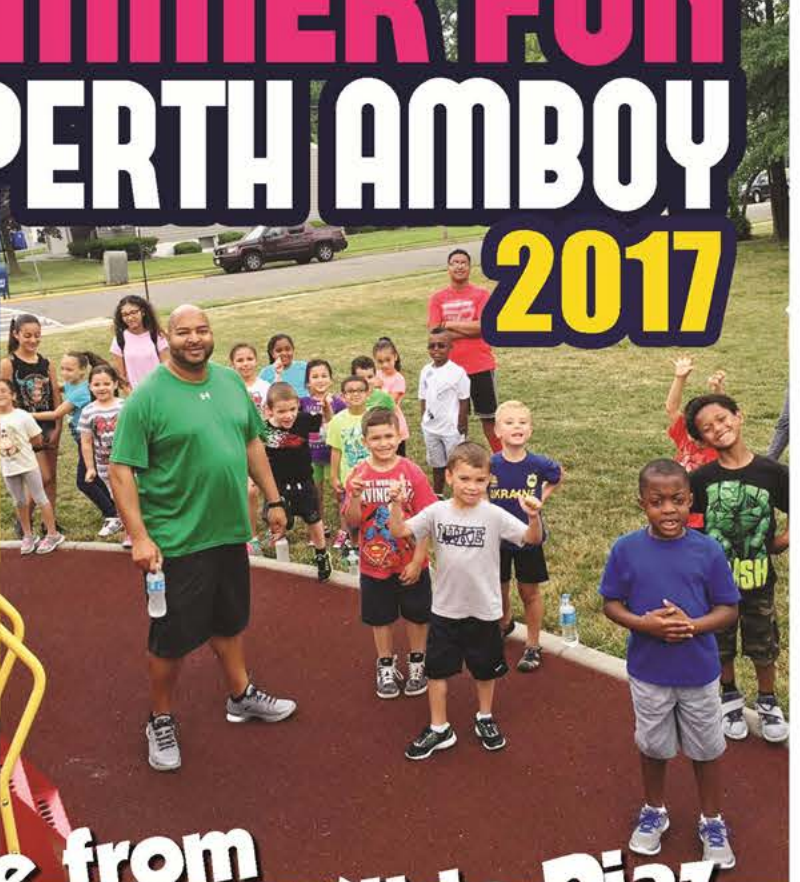
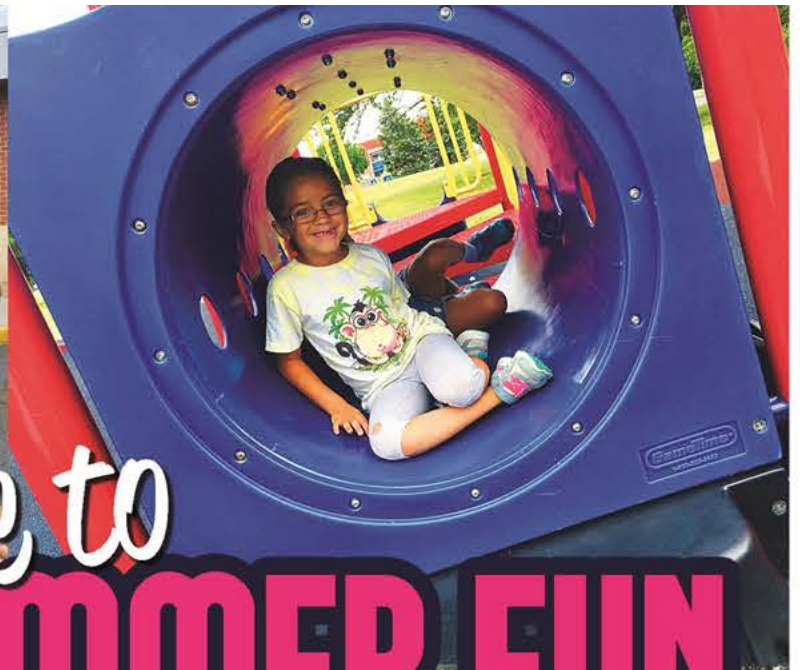
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- Francis Street Park (972 Francis St.)
- Patten Center Park (339 Reade St.)
- Washington Park (660 New Brunswick Ave.)
- Harbortown Clubhouse
- Green Village Apartments

BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL CLINIC

Ages: 5 & 6 - Starting: July 6th
Thursdays, 5:45 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages: 7 & 8 - Starting: July 11th
Tuesdays, 5:45 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages: 9 – 12 - Starting: July 5th
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Starting: July 6th
Ages: 5 – 17
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Robert N. Wilentz School, 51 First Street
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YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC

Starting: July 8th
Saturdays
3 - 4 years old: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
5 - 6 years old: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
FREE OF CHARGE, LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

YOUTH TENNIS LEAGUE

Sponsored by the United States Tennis Association
Starting: July 10th
Ages: 7 – 12
Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Waterfront tennis courts, 56 Brighton Avenue
Registration fee: \$10.00 per participant
MONEY ORDER ONLY

PERTH AMBOY STEP TEAM

Starting: July 10th
Ages: 13 - 18
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Brighton Avenue Community Center, 56 Brighton Avenue
FREE OF CHARGE

FISHING CLINIC

Starting: July 12th
Ages: 10 - 14: Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Starting: July 15th
Ages: 5 - 9: Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
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Friday, July 21st, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday, July 22nd, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Family Day (Sadowski Pkwy) Saturday, August 5th 2017 - 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Rain date: August 19th)
Non-refundable Registration Fee: \$100 per participant (CASH OR MONEY ORDER ONLY)
Register online: www.htosports.com/parr
For additional info, please call: Shoan Coaxum (201-206-6788) or Wanda Velasquez (732-925-0155)

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Starting: July 5th
Ages: 5 - 18
Mondays & Wednesdays
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Perth Amboy High School (Lower gym)
300 Eagle Avenue
FREE OF CHARGE
Children to be placed in groups of equal size and age.

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

Starting: August 8th
Ages: 5 – 12
Game schedule to be announced
Practice 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Veteran’s Memorial Youth Complex (Behind Wendy’s)
Registration fee: \$35 per participant
MONEY ORDER ONLY
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)

ZUMBA FOR KIDS

Starting: July 11th
Ages: 5 – 9
Tuesdays, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Brighton Avenue Comm. Center, 56 Brighton Avenue
FREE OF CHARGE

TEEN SWIM

Starting: July 13th
Ages: 13 – 18
Thursdays, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Public Safety Complex-YMCA pool
Raritan Bay Area YMCA
357 New Brunswick Avenue
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INTRO TO PERCUSSION

Starting: July 5th
Ages: 7 – 10
Mondays & Wednesdays
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
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339 Reade Street
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DRUMMING

Starting: July 5th
Ages: 11 - 14
Mondays & Wednesdays
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Gallery Center for the Arts
339 Reade Street
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Starting: July 6th
Ages: 13 - 18
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Starting July 10th - August 4th
Monday through Friday
Ages: 8 - 12: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Ages: 13 - 18: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Washington Park
Lunch included
Registration Fee: \$25 per participant
MONEY ORDER ONLY
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)

CHILDREN’S TENNIS CAMP

Session 1: August 7th - 11th (Ages: 5 – 8)
Session 2: August 14th - 18th (Ages: 9 – 12)
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Waterfront Tennis Courts, 56 Brighton Avenue
\$30 per participant, T-Shirt and lunch included
MONEY ORDER ONLY
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)

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Ages: 18 & up
Starting: July 6th
Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Perth Amboy Gallery, 339 Reade St.
FREE OF CHARGE

ADVANCED ADOBE PHOTOSHOP/DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Ages: 18 & up
Starting: July 6th
Tues. & Thurs., 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Perth Amboy Gallery, 339 Reade St.
FREE OF CHARGE

BOOTCAMP WORKOUT

Ages: 18 & up
Starting July 6th
Tues. & Thurs., 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Herbert N. Richardson School (Cafeteria), 318 Stockton Street
FREE OF CHARGE

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Ages: 18 & up
Starting: July 5th
Mons & Weds, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Herbert N. Richardson School (Cafeteria), 318 Stockton Street
FREE OF CHARGE

ADULT SAILING & KAYAKING

Ages: 18 & up
Starting: July 6th
Mons, Tues, Thurs & Fri., 6-8:00 pm
Waterfront (South Second Street)
Kayaks, paddles, and life vests provided
FREE OF CHARGE

ADULT TENNIS

Ages: 18 & up
Starting: July 6th
Tues. & Thurs., 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Waterfront Tennis Courts, 56 Brighton Ave
FREE OF CHARGE

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Ages: 18 & up
Starting: July 10th
Mons. & Weds., Games start @ 6:45 pm
Veteran's Memorial Youth Complex (Behind Wendy's)
Registration Fee: \$45 per participant
MONEY ORDER ONLY
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)

MEN'S SOFTBALL

Ages: 18 & up
Starting: July 19th
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays
Washington Park & Dalton Park
Registration Fee: \$200 per team
MONEY ORDER ONLY

NEW: WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

Ages: 18 & up
Starting in August 2017
Veteran's Memorial Youth Complex (Behind Wendy's)
Registration Fee: \$40 per participant
MONEY ORDER ONLY
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)

SENIORS

JUNE

- 6/21 Trip to Staten Island Zoo (Lunch on your own)
- 6/23 Night trip to Keansburg Amusement Park & Boardwalk
- 6/27 Birthday Celebration & Rita's Ice Cream
- 6/29 Columbus Flea Market

JULY

- 7/3 Seniors Independence Day Celebration
- 7/6 Farmer's Market Sign up for vouchers
- 7/14 Spanish classes begin
- 7/18 Sands Casino
- 7/25 Somerset Patriots Baseball game (night game)
- 7/25 Birthday Celebration
- 7/28 Trip to IHOP and Jersey Gardens

AUGUST

- DATES TBA: Office on Aging visits the Farmer's Market
- 8/15 Medieval Times
- 8/18 Lunch on your own at the Old Country Buffet
- 8/22 Birthday Celebration
- 8/23 End of the Summer Bash
- 8/31 Columbus Flea Market

Office on Aging offers the following monthly programs:
Every Tuesday: Exercise class
Every Wednesday: Arts & Crafts
Every Thursday: Tai Chi
Every Friday: Flea Market
Every day: Bingo @ 1:00 pm
Monthly Educational programs and activities

For additional information and times of events please contact the Office on Aging at (732) 826-1690 Ext. 4307, 4325 or 4326.

2017 LATINO FILM MAKER FESTIVAL

OPEN CALL

GUIDELINES:
Filmmakers

1. Filmmakers must be of high school or college age
 - Priority given to Middlesex County residents
 - Include contact information including email and phone number
2. Filmmakers selected to exhibit English language films. Spanish language films will have English sub-titles for English-only speaking audience
 - Types of films: Feature films, Short films, Documentaries, Web-series, Pilots, Music videos and Animation
 - Subject Matter: Films that portray the culture of the Latino community
3. Quicktime files or dvd only

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 14th

MAIL TO: La Casa de Cultura y Educacion
315 Smith Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

This program is made possible in part by funds from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders/ Office of Culture & Heritage and the NJ State Council on the Arts/Department of State.

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Perth Amboy Artworks Presents

LIVE AT THE FERRY SLIP

ORIGINAL MUSIC SERIES 2017

July 8th August 5th
September 9th October 7th

FREE 7-9 PM
All Ages Welcome

Perth Amboy Ferry Slip Museum
300 Front Street
Perth Amboy, NJ

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ
PERTH AMBOY ARTWORKS
JERSEY ARTS
NEW JERSEY STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant provided by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts /Department of State.

WWW.PERTHAMBOYARTWORKS.ORG

The City of Perth Amboy and P.A.R.T.N.E.R. present...

MOVIE NIGHT

PATTEN PARK
339 Reade Street

Light Refreshments and snacks provided
Learn about the plan for the Gateway Neighborhood
Connect with your Community

Free
Open to the Public
All ages welcome

Dates: 7/21 y 8/25
6-8pm

OFFICE OF RECREATION

1 Olive Street | Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
732.826.1690 x 4305 | www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us



FAMILY TRIPS

BRONX ZOO

Wednesday, July 26th
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
\$20.00 per person
Transportation included
(Lunch not provided)
MONEY ORDER ONLY
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)

NY METS BASEBALL GAME

Tuesday, August 8th
\$65.00 per person
NY Mets vs. Texas Rangers @ 7:10 pm
Transportation & Food Voucher included
MONEY ORDER ONLY
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)

POINT PLEASANT BEACH TRIP

Friday, August 18th
8:15 am – 5:00 pm
\$25.00 - Adults
\$20.00 - Children under 11
*Includes Transportation, Beach Pass, Aquarium Tour, Miniature Golf, and Ice Cream
Rides not included
MONEY ORDER ONLY
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)

DORNEY PARK & WILDWATER KINGDOM

Friday, August 25th
8:00 am – 6:00 pm
\$35.00 - per person
MONEY ORDER ONLY
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
Non-resident fee applies (25 % upcharge)

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Perth Amboy Free Public Library
196 Jefferson Street, (732) 826-2600
www.perthamboypubliclibrary.org

CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICKOFF

Follow the Sun to Your Library!
Celebrate the astronomical event of the century—the Great American Solar Eclipse at the library! Ages: 2 -8, **Starting: July 11th** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11 am – 12:00 pm To register please contact Miss Melanie

BUILD A BETTER WORLD YOUNG SUMMER READING PROGRAM KICK OFF

Make new friends, learn to make your world better, earn points by reading books, attending programs and earn prizes. Registration for events is required. **Starting: July 18th**, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- 7/25 *DIY Cat and Book Planters*
- 7/27 *Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle: T Shirt into a Tote Bag*
- 8/01 *Globally, Act Locally: Project Linus*
- 8/03 *Think Globally, Act Locally: For the Love of Cats and Dogs*
- 8/08 *Reading Rainbow: Build A Little Free Public Library*
- 8/10 *Build a Little Free Public Library*
- 8/15 *Keep It Going*
- 8/18 *Keep It Going Finale.*

GIRLS CAN CODE MOBILE APP

(3 Day Programming Workshop)
Girls ages 10+ will learn the basics of MIT App inventor and gain hands on experience developing their own mobile app. Registration is required, space is limited. B.Y.O.D. (Bring your own Device is encouraged) Ages: Girls 10 & up, **Starting: August 9th – August 11th**, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT HELP

Stop by the library these two weeks and get help on your summer reading assignments. Ages: 5 - 18
Starting: August 21st – September 1st, Monday - Friday, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS JULY

FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR
"Celebrate Our Stars & Stripes Fireworks Spectacular"

Monday, July 3rd (Rain Date: 7/4/17)
7:00 pm to 10:00pm
Waterfront (Sadowski Parkway)
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

4TH OF JULY RINGING OF THE BELL CEREMONY

Tuesday, July 4th
12:30 p.m. Procession
Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Ave
2:00 p.m. Ceremony
City Hall Circle, 260 High Street

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

Friday, July 7th
Activities begin at 7:00 pm
Movie time: 8:30 pm
P.A. Waterfront, Sadowski Parkway
Bonfire, beach activities & more!
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Perth Amboy Artworks Presents: LIVE AT THE FERRY SLIP MUSIC SERIES

FEATURING DESTITUTE NJ & 14
Saturday, July 8th
Show time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Ferry Slip (Front Street)
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CONCERTS BY THE BAY

Garden State Symphonic Band
Sundays, July 9, 16, 23, 30
3:00 pm – 5:30 pm
Bayview Park

MAYOR'S CONCERT SERIES:

Show times: 6:30 pm
Bayview Park, 250 Water Street
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THE ROLLBACKS LATIN JAZZ & ROCK & ROLL

Thursday, July 6th
GRUPO WARACHANDO SALSA, MERENGUE & BACHATA
Thursday, July 20th
BRANDYWINE ROAD
Thursday, July 27th
SHAMAN SANTANA TRIBUTE BAND

BUDAPEST SUMMER BBQ

Thursday, July 13th, 6:00 pm
Francis Street Park (Corner of Francis Street and Ashley Street)
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
If you have any questions, please contact us at (732) 324-2114, ext. 114.

RE-ENTRY/SECOND CHANCE EXPUNGEMENT WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 18th, 6:00 pm
A. F. Jankowski Community Center
1 Olive Street
For more information to register you may contact the Office of Housing & Social Services at (732)-826-4300
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PARTNER MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, July 21st
Movie time: 8:00 pm
Patten Center Park
339 Reade Street
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

XTREME JEEP SHOW

Saturday, July 22nd
Rain date: July 29th
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Perth Amboy City Hall Circle
260 High Street
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PAAC MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PARK

Thursday, July 27th, 8:00 pm
Francis Street Park
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
If you have any questions, please contact us at (732) 324-2114, ext. 114.

AUGUST

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Tuesday, August 1st
6:00pm – 9:00pm
Albert G. Waters Stadium
(High School)
FREE OF CHARGE



MAYOR'S CONCERT SERIES:

Show times: 6:30 pm
Bayview Park, 250 Water Street
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursday, August 3rd VICTOR QUEZADA & HIS LATIN JAZZ BAND

Thursday, August 10th
PRINCESSA POP ROCK
Thursday, August 17th
THE CATHEDRAL INTL GOSPEL SINGERS

Thursday, August 24th KARAOKE NIGHT—PRIZES FOR BEST PERFORMER

Perth Amboy Artworks Presents: LIVE AT THE FERRY SLIP MUSIC SERIES

FEATURING SAN SIMON AND GMJ GROOVE
Saturday, August 5th
Show time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Ferry Slip (Front Street)
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FAMILY DAY

Saturday, Aug. 5th (Rain Date 8/19)
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Sadowski Parkway (La Playita)
FREE TO ALL CITY RESIDENTS
Rides * Games * Food * Entertainment

CONCERTS BY THE BAY

Garden State Symphonic Band
Sundays, August 6, 13, 20, 27
3:00pm – 5:30pm
Bayview Park

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

Friday, August 11th
Activities begin at: 6:30 pm
Movie time: 8:30 pm
Washington Park
660 New Brunswick Avenue
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FAMILY GREEN BONANZA

Thursday, August 24th
6:00 pm
Rain date: August 25th
Francis Street Park
(Corner of Francis St and Ashley St)
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
If you have any questions, please contact us at (732) 324-2114, ext. 114.

AUGUST (CONTINUED)

PARTNER MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, August 25th
Movie time: 8:00 pm
Patten Center Park, 339 Reade Street
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SUMMER FINALE DANCE MARATHON

Thursday, August 31st, 6:00 pm
Francis Street Park
(Corner of Francis St and Ashley St)
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
If you have any questions, please contact us at 732-324-2114 ext. 114.

SEPTEMBER

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT "PRAISE IN THE PARK"

Saturday, September 9th
Ages: 10 & up
Team Registration: 9:00 am
Games start: 10:00 am
Stanley P. Rudyk Park
Families Welcome - Prizes*Rides*Food*
PRE-REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ANY TIME BEFORE SEPTEMBER 9th FROM 10 AM – 5 PM AT 200 JEFFERSON ST. OR 200 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT (732) 826-4604 OR 732-826-1261.
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ANNUAL BAY CITY CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Sponsored by the Business Improvement District
Saturday, September 9th
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Perth Amboy City Hall Circle
260 High Street
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY AND CASTING CONTEST

Ages: 5 - 14
Sat., Sept 9th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Harborside Marina (Front Street)
Limited amount of fishing poles and bait provided
FREE OF CHARGE

Perth Amboy Artworks Presents:

LIVE AT THE FERRY SLIP MUSIC SERIES FEATURING PROPER AND JOSEPH FRAME
Saturday, September 9th
Show time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Ferry Slip (Front Street)
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PERTH AMBOY BUSINESS EXPO

Thursday, September 21st
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
ZPA Banquet Hall
281 Grace Street
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CALLING ALL PERFORMERS!

NOW ACCEPTING STREET PERFORMER APPLICATIONS

- **Are you an aspiring artist?**
 - **Have you been looking for a venue to display your talents?**
- If so, your opportunity has arrived!**

CATEGORIES:

- MUSIC
- DANCE
- POETRY
- SINGING
- VISUAL ART

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY:

City of Perth Amboy
Office of Recreation
reclleader@perthamboynj.org
(732) 826-1690 ext. 4305



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

Breaking Records And Winning Medals Two Perth Amboy Swim Teams That are Making Waves



Press Release 6/12/17

PERTH AMBOY – This past weekend, two swim teams based out of the Raritan Bay Area YMCA put everything they had into their competitions. The RBAY Masters swim team and the Perth Amboy Piranhas, a Special Olympics swim team, both took home gold and gave everything they had. While the Masters Swim team competed in the Senior Games in Birmingham, Alabama, the Perth Amboy Piranhas swam their hearts out during the 2017 Special Olympics Summer Games at the College of New Jersey. Both teams did exceptionally well, and one even broke a record.

During the 2017 Senior National Games, four swimmers from the RBAY Masters team competed and made personal best times. One, Sue Freeman-Patterson, won 3 ribbons in the 65-69 age group while also breaking the New Jersey State Record for the 50 meter Freestyle. Freeman-Patterson is a long time member of the Raritan Bay Area YMCA and Masters swim team.

Closer to home, the Perth Amboy Piranhas entered 23 athletes in this years 2017 Special Olympics Summer Games. While official times have not been released yet, all swimmers



received medals and many placed in first, second or third for their divisions. All coaches and family members are extremely proud of each athlete and many speculate that two swimmers may have a chance to go to the 2018 USA Games.

“All teams have worked so hard to get to where they are now. We could not be more proud of each swimmer and look forward to their continued success” says CEO Steve Job of the Raritan Bay Area YMCA.

Summer Fun @ Dowdell Library

Press Release – 6/1/17

SOUTH AMBOY – Summer has arrived at the Dowdell Library with fantastic programs for all ages including the annual Adult International Tea Party, Astronomy Dome Planetarium, Someday Far Rock Band Concert and Summer Clubs.

On Monday, June 26 from 6:30-8 pm, stop by for our Adult Tea Party sponsored by Jacqueline’s Florist and Soul Sisters Cakery Café. Mingle with your neighbors and library friends as you drink your way around the world.

Come join us on Monday, July 10 from 6-8 pm for a

night under the stars and enter our 16’ high planetarium dome as we view constellations and learn facts about the upcoming solar eclipse! Fun for all ages!

Teens! Drop in for live music as we present Someday Far Rock Band on Monday, July 17 from 7-8:30 pm. This pop/punk band consists of Leo, Bryan, Pepi and Matty. Straight Outta Jersey. We’ll also have some BBQ treats for club members, so don’t forget to join before the event!

Our Summer Clubs for Kids, Teens & Adults will start at the end of June. Stop by to sign up and see how you can win weekly prizes. At the end of

the summer, club members will have a chance to win a grand prize awarded at our End of Summer Party in August.

To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

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

National Winner in the Triarco Art Contest. *Photo Submitted

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Katarina Koziotova of Perth Amboy Catholic School is a National Winner in the Triarco Art Contest.

Only 16 entries are chosen every year from the United States to win this contest. Katarina won 4th Place Honorable Mention and received a beautiful set of Art supplies from the Triarco Company. Her Art teacher, Rose Lavin Pennyfeather, received a \$50.00 Gift Card from Triarco and bought Art supplies for Katarina’s 6th Grade Class. Her artwork may be seen at <https://www.etriarco.com/page/ArtContestWinner-2017>.

Katarina was a winner in three contests this year: Triarco National Art Contest, Be Smart About Medicine County Art Contest and also the Diocesan Respect Life Art



Contest.

For further information, please contact Rose Pennyfeather at Perth Amboy Catholic School (732) 826-1598.

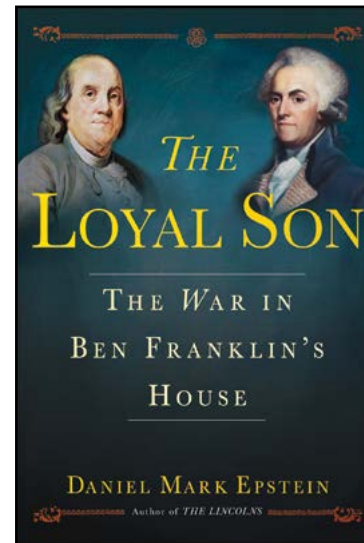
New Book on the Franklins to be Discussed at “The Scene of The Crime”

Press Release 6/17

PERTH AMBOY - Proprietary House in Perth Amboy will present “An Evening with Daniel Mark Epstein,” at 7 PM on Friday, June 30th. Mr. Epstein’s new book, “The Loyal Son, the War in Ben Franklin’s House,” examines the complex relationship between Ben Franklin and his son, William, New Jersey’s last royal governor. A fresh take on the combustible politics of the times, “The Loyal Son” is a gripping account of how the Revolution devastated one of America’s most distinguished families.

Proprietary House’s June 30th book reading/signing with the award-winning author will take place at “the scene of the crime,” so to speak. Mr. Epstein is set to discuss aspects of his new book in the drawing room of the historic royal governor’s mansion – the very place where the Founding Father and his Loyalist son tragically parted ways over the question of American independence. It also was the scene of the royal governor’s arrest as a traitor by Patriot forces on June 19th, 1776. That marked the loss of King George III’s last toehold for governing in his 13 American colonies – two weeks before independence was officially declared in Philadelphia!

Proprietary House and other Perth Amboy historic sites witnessed some milestone events in the lives of the Franklins. But the one-time colonial capital of New Jersey also has some contemporary connections to “The Loyal Son.” Appearing on the book’s jacket cover is Proprietary



House’s portrait of William Franklin. The museum’s oil-on-canvas portrait was painted and donated by Perth Amboy artist Danuta Wyszynski and is a copy of the c. 1790 original, which is attributed to Mather Brown.

ADMISSION IS FREE, but attendees are asked to register in advance to ensure seating. Light refreshments will be served. Following his readings and discussion, Mr. Epstein will meet members of the audience and sign copies of “The Loyal Son,” which will be available for purchase. Proceeds of the evening’s book sales will go toward restoration of Proprietary House and operation of its museum.

Proprietary House is owned by the State of New Jersey, and its museum is operated by the Proprietary House Association. The museum is located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861. To register for this event, contact Proprietary House Association - by phone at (732) 826-5527; or by E-mail at info@theproprietaryhouse.org.

Send Your Events to: AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

The Arrest of Royal Governor William Franklin & Military Encampment, Proprietary House, Perth Amboy 6/11/17
**Photos by Mary Ellen Pavlovsky & Marcella Massopust*



Herb Specialist Gertrude Coleman Speaks at the Kearny Cottage
**Photo by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - Herb Specialist Gertrude Coleman gave a lecture on herbs and their uses at the Kearny Cottage on Sunday, June 11, 2017

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - Wednesdays, 12 noon - 1 p.m. at the Food Court in Menlo Park Mall (between Chik-fil-A and Panera) Have a question? Have a seat! Bring your lunch and ask Rabbi Ari Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai ANY question you'd like about Judaism, life, spirituality...anything! First person to come will get a FREE drink from the rabbi. For more information please contact Rabbi Saks at ari.saks@gmail.com

Thanksgiving Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks will be holding a Thanksgiving Dinner in July on Thursday, July 27th from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Lodge is located at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy. Dinner also includes salad, coffee, tea and desert. Cash bar will be available. Tickets for this dinner must be purchased in advance at the lodge or by calling 732-727-7170 or contact Joanne Kopik at 732- 668-3166. Cost \$12 pp. All proceeds go towards lodge charities.

Book Sale

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E. Lee CWRT and Research Center will be having a book sale on Saturday, July 1, 2017. Dozens of top quality books will be priced to sell. Some topics available will be personalities, battles, medicine and weapons, just to name a few. The library is located in the Mercatili Building on 94 Green Street in Woodbridge. Enter through the side doors which are off the driveway, and look for room 104. The sale will run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you! Stop by, peruse, chat and while you're there, enjoy our light refreshments.

City Wide Yard Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - All South Amboy Residents can participate at no cost just by displaying balloons at their home to alert shoppers! No Registration Necessary! Please contact events@southamboynj.gov Or Jaclyn Kelly at 732-525-5965 with any questions. Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Patient Appreciation Day

PERTH AMBOY- You're Initiated! Ramos Foot and Ankle Center - 1st Annual Patient Appreciation Day, Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (in our parking lot) Just our way of saying... Thank You! Refreshments and food will be available! Face Painting for Kids! Free Raffle Tickets!

St. Stan's 2017 Carnival Factsheet

Press Release

SAYREVILLE - St. Stan's Annual Carnival will be held at the parish carnival grounds on Main St. & MacArthur Ave. in Sayreville. Dates are Wed, Jun 21 & Thu, Jun 22 from 6-10 pm and Fri, Jun 23 & Sat, Jun 24 from 5-11 pm.

There will be at least 14 rides for kiddies through adults. Pre-sale ride tickets and Super 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold prior to the carnival at the following locations: Sat, Jun 3 Behind Sayreville Boro Hall 8-1pm, Sat, Jun 10 in front of St. Stan's School at the Knights of Columbus Flag Day Ceremony from 10-11:30 am; Fri, Jun 16 in front of Sayreville Seafood & Deli, 141 Main St., from 4-7 pm; Sat Jun 17, 10 am-12 pm in front of St. Stan's School; before Bingo at St. Stan's School from 6-7:30 pm on Thu, Jun 1, 8 & 15; before Bingo at St. Stan's School from 12-1:30 pm on Sun, Jun 4, 11 & 18 and at the parish office (Mon-Fri, 9 am-3 pm and Tue evenings, 6-9 pm). Tickets are available in the church lobby before and after all Sun Masses.

The Carnival will feature games of chance with fabulous prizes for all ages. Some of the games - Las Vegas "Money" Wheel for adults; nightly 50/50s, our Super 50/50 and a special eight grade parent's fundraiser.

FOOD: Fabulous food tent, featuring a wide variety of Polish-ethnic and American homemade foods, including a mouth-watering seafood area; Spezzi's Main Street Cafe; B&T's Barbecue Ribs; Friday fish fry; scrumptious desserts and our beer garden, featuring domestic and imported beers, along with wine.

ENTERTAINMENT: Wed, Jun 21 - Thunder 106.3 FM Country Radio Station from 6-8 pm followed by Magic 98.3 Radio Station from 8-10 pm; Thu, Jun 22 - DJ Bob Cherney from 6-8 pm; 8 - band to be announced. Fri, Jun 23 - "Alumni Night", East Brunswick School of Rock, live music from 6-8 pm followed by All in One, live music from 8-11 p.m.; Sat, Jun 24 - Time After Time, live music from 6-8 pm followed by The FOG, live music from 8-11 pm.

Kearny Cottage Historical Association Berry Festival

Saturday, July 15th
 Flea Market - \$10 per space
 (Bring Your Own Table)
 Civil War Re-enactors
 Black Powder Demonstration
 Berry Refreshments Available
 Rain Date July 22nd



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

DVRT Seeks Volunteers

PERTH AMBOY - The Domestic Violence Response Team is looking for volunteers. Open Registration Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact: Detective Liza Capo, Perth Amboy Police Department at: 732-324-3815 or DVRT Coordinator Damaris Ramirez at 732-500-5758 or Pastor Bernadette Lopez at 732-213-1537. Pick up an application at the Perth Amboy Police Department.

The Best Summer Ever is Happening at the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA



Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE- Tuesdays from May 16th - Sept. 26th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Walmart Parking Lot) Weather Permitting. Rock & Roll Music, Trophies, Kids Games, and Just Family Fun. For more info about Cruise Night Call 1-732-407-2396.

Cruise Nights on Broadway

SOUTH AMBOY - Come join DJ Richie, The Flash and Crew for great cruise nights the third Wednesday of every month from June to October from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Music from the 50's to the 80's Trophies will be awarded - Bring the Family! For additional information please contact carshowsRus@gmail.com or Mike Toth at mtoth1@optonline.net or 908-930-3497. Sponsored by the City of South Amboy.

Press Release 5/30/17

PERTH AMBOY - School is nearly out, and while kids typically burst into summer with a zealous energy, most parents can tell you it doesn't take long for summer boredom to set in.

But boredom is banished at the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, where children can have their best summer ever thanks to a variety of programs and activities that stimulate both mind and body. "Children need an outlet to play and learn throughout the summer," says Steve Jobin, President and CEO of the Y. "From summer day camp to swim lessons, the Y supports all children in the community and helps them discover their potential."

The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA in partnership with the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development Inc. provide a safe, affordable, and fun

day camp for preschool, elementary school, and middle school youth. The camp experience is one of wonder and exploration. Camp is packed with activities that fill summer days and offer independence and adventure. At camp, kids live and learn the values of caring, honesty, faith, respect and responsibility.

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Student Plays Violin at Carnegie Hall

**Photo & Story Submitted by Karen and Josh Margolin*



PERTH AMBOY - Kamaria Goodwin-Omari is a 7-year-old first grade Dual Language student at Edward J. Patten School. Kamaria was invited to play violin at Carnegie Hall where she performed Andantino by Suzuki at The Golden Key Music Festival this past Sunday, June 11, after earning Gold in The Golden Key competition in Princeton in March.

Kamaria has been playing violin since she was five. But, she also has many other interests including reading, swimming, and playing with her guinea pig, Leo. Kamaria is also a Daisy member of Perth Amboy's Girl Scout Troop 80814 and looks forward to becoming a Brownie in the fall. This summer, Kamaria wants to devote time to working on ideas that she has for a series of children's books.

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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

In the U.S. on June 19, the Second Washington Conference begins. Led by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, U.S. and U.K. military staffs discuss how the Allies could best aid the Soviet Union. In Russia, a small German aircraft crash-lands behind Soviet lines. On one of the crash victims are found papers outlining German plans for the upcoming summer offensive, "Operation Case Blue." The German High Command frantically debates how much the plans will need to be revised to accommodate this disastrous security breach. Unbeknownst to them, Stalin believes the papers have been planted by the Germans as a ruse, and he orders that they be ignored.

At the Second Washington Conference, the U.S. on June 20 proposes opening a second European fighting front, in France, to relieve the pressure on the Soviet Union. The British, however, feel that this is not feasible. Churchill instead suggests, with Roosevelt's agreement, the development of a joint Mediterranean operation leading to an invasion of Italy — "the soft underbelly of the Axis." The Allies agree to begin preparing for "Operation Torch" — an invasion of the North African colonies of Vichy France. In the U.S. the song "Sleepy Lagoon" by Harry James & His Orchestra hits #1 on Billboard Magazine's singles chart.

With the assistance of Luftwaffe aerial attacks, Rommel's Afrika Korps on June 21 captures the contested Libyan port of Tobruk, taking over 35,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers prisoner and bringing the Gazala Campaign to an end. The road to Egypt is now open to the Germans as the Allied forces retreat deep into the interior of that country. During the night, Japanese submarine I-25 surfaces at the mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon and fires 17 shells from her deck gun at the Fort Stevens army base, located there at Point Adams. The attack causes no damage to the fort itself, but destroys the backstop on the installation's baseball field.

On June 22, Gen. Erwin Rommel is promoted to the rank of Field Marshal as a reward for winning the Battle of Gazala.

The Auschwitz concentration camp, operated by the Germans in Poland, on June 23 begins the systematic murder of Jews by use of the gas chamber. In Berlin, Albert Speer, Reich Minister for Armaments and Munitions, informs Hitler that a nuclear "superbomb" cannot be developed in time to affect the outcome of the war. Based on this information, the German military decides to deprioritize further serious nuclear-weapons research.

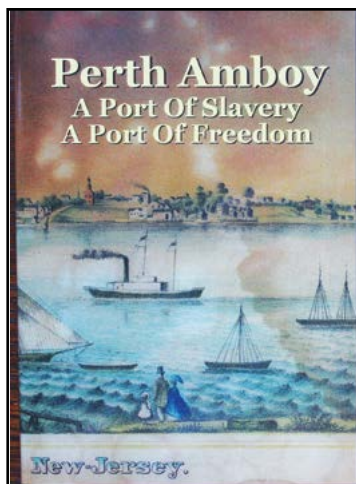
German and Italian forces cross into Egypt from Libya on June 24.

Having arrived in London from the U.S. the day before, Maj. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on June 25 assumes responsibility as Commander, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army. In North Africa, Gen. Claude Auchinleck, losing confidence in his subordinate, sacks Gen. Neil Ritchie and takes direct command of the British Eighth Army. In Washington, Adm. Ernest King — Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations — deems Gen. MacArthur's suggestion of June 8 to invade New Britain, New Ireland and New Guinea as "too ambitious." King instead proposes that the Solomon Islands and the Santa Cruz Islands be taken first.

Free Perth Amboy History DVD

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - At the May 27th Waterfront Arts Festival, visit the 1683 Society table & get your FREE Perth Amboy History DVD. Yes, it is free! This hour long documentary is entitled "Perth Amboy: A Port of Slavery, A Port of Freedom," produced by John Kerry Dyke. And it is the first time this new documentary is available on DVD. The 1683 Society is a Perth Amboy nonprofit organization. Find



out what they've done & what they intend to do.

A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, July 6, 2017. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors sponsoring a bus trip to Mount Airy Casino on Tuesday, June 20 2017. Includes a 3:30 PM show "The Music of Mamma Mia," lunch buffet, \$10 slot play and bus. Cost is \$70 a person. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. For more details please call Ronnie 732-442-5252

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

PERTH AMBOY - There is a Trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. The next trip will be held on Wed. Jun. 28, 2017. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:45 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Tuesday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.



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PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ...or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Presently due to lack of shelf space we are NOT accepting any donations of books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule is as follows: Saturday June 24. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

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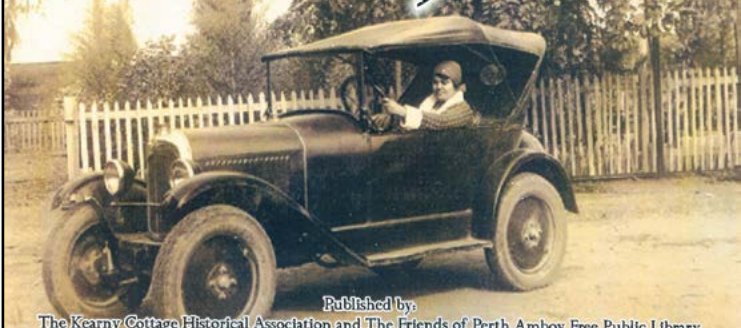
PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering a five session Dog Therapy Training Course Fridays, June 23 through July 21, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. This course will teach you to be a safe handler and train your dog to provide therapy for patients. The cost is \$120.00, testing fees are additional. Please contact Marie at mcolasanti@comcast.net for more information and to register.

Newborn Care Class for Grandparents

PERTH AMBOY- Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center, is providing a Newborn Care Class for Grandparents Wednesday, June 28, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. The class is about learning to help in your grandbaby's growth and development. The latest techniques in baby care will be discussed. Cost is \$50 per couple. Make checks payable to RBMC. Registration required, call 1 . 8 0 0 . D O C T O R S (1.800.362.8677).

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Novena to St. Rita

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

Petition to St. Jude

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

Yard Sale

SOUTH AMBOY – Sacred Heart Church on 531 Washington Ave. South Amboy is having a big yard sale in conjunction with the South Amboy City-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday June 24, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or Shine. Household and kitchen items, lamps, framed pictures, purses, toys, baby items, books, CD's video games, sports equipment will be accepted. Donations will be taken on the following days before and after all Masses: June 3 & 4, June 10 & 11, June 17 & 18. Donations can be dropped off at Memorial Hall. Clothing, shoes, bedding, food, and furniture WILL NOT be accepted, Volunteers will be needed to set up, clean up, and man the tables. For more information, call the Parish Office at 732-721-0040.

Live Music

PERTH AMBOY - Live Music every Saturday Night at 8 p.m. at Al Cibelli's Night Club, 1096 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy. Dark Harvest - July 1st; Mikell's Plot - July 15th. Music in the downstairs lounge. Must be 21 to enter and drink. Extra parking across the street.

World War II: When All Americans Went to War

PERTH AMBOY - Noted journalist Charles Wiley will speak at The Ferry Slip Museum, 300 Front St, on the gorgeous Perth Amboy waterfront on June 22 at 7 p.m. His topic will cover the intensity of the home front involvement in every facet of life for Americans. You will be captivated by his tales of life in the United States as war was part of the everyday life of every man, woman and child.

Mr. Wiley attempted to enlist in the Marines at the tender age of 15 on the very next morning after Pearl Harbor was attacked. This failed attempt led to his becoming one of our earliest USO performers. He left Broadway at 17 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. His military experience is vast and his research on the war both abroad and here at home has spanned 3/4ths of a century.

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Perth Amboy

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 - Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Jun. 21 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Jun. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Jun. 26 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
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- MON. Jul. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
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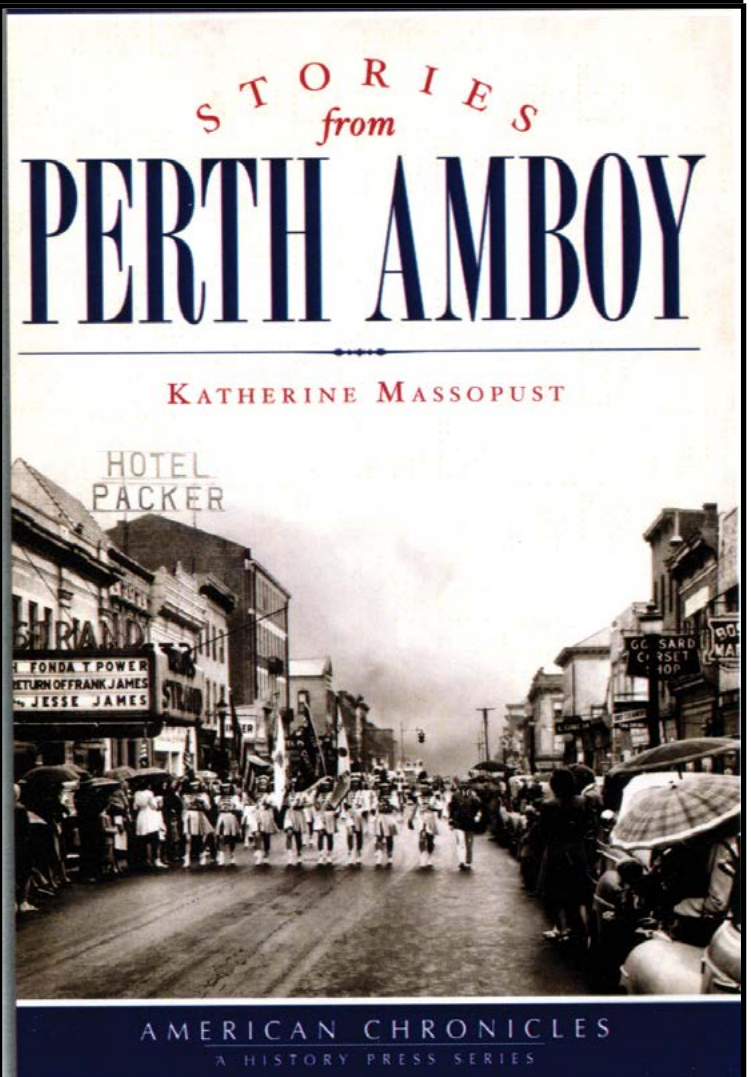
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Shell Gas Station on the corner of Convery Boulevard and New Brunswick Avenue. **Photo Courtesy of Mike Keller This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.*



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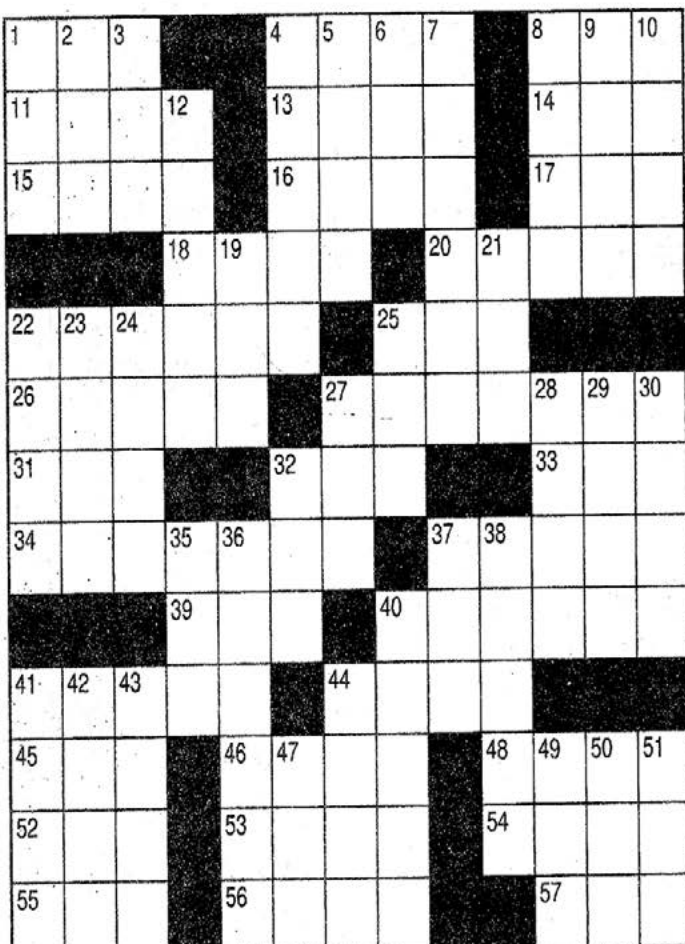
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