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Rep. Pallone Calls For Expansion of Body-Camera Program for Cops and Issues Concerning New Jersey

7/1/15 Press Meeting For Local Newspapers at the International House of Pancakes, Keyport



Congressman Frank Pallone addresses representatives of Local Newspapers at a Meeting on 7/1/15 at IHOP, Keyport

*Photos by Ron Miskoff

By Ron Miskoff

KEYPORT - It would be a better America if police routinely wore video body cameras as part of their uniforms, said Rep. Frank Pallone, D-6th Dist., during a meeting with members of the media on July 1. Responding to a question about the shooting death of a Perth Amboy man in 2013, Pallone noted that a pilot program mandating body cameras already exists, but it is too small to have much meaningful effect nationally. "I would like to see it expanded," Pallone said of the program.

The program only affects a fraction of cops at present, said Pallone.

The program, according to the Washington Post, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and has been put into effect only this year.

"These cameras are meant to help local and tribal law enforcement agencies improve relationships with the public, a goal that follows a year of protests across the country aimed at the way police officers use lethal force, particularly toward black men and boys," the Post said in an article written by Mark Berman on May 1.

Pallone said he recently "did a ride around" with the North Brunswick police and asked officers their view of using body cameras.

"The cops say they would like them [cameras] because someone may accuse them and they would have a record too," said Pallone.

A Perth Amboy resident, Dixon Rodriguez, was shot and killed by Perth Amboy police in December 2013 during an incident in the city. A security camera across the street happened to catch some of the action, but most observers say the video — only recently released by attorney Walter Luers of Clinton through an Open Public Records Act request — is too grainy and difficult to determine exactly what happened.

Shortly after the shooting, representatives of the Rodriguez family approached the Perth Amboy city council to demand that the video be released. That did not happen until last month.

As for having body cameras provided to police, Pallone said, "I think it's something we could try to do."

In a wide-ranging discussion with representatives of weekly newspapers and websites, Pallone discussed several areas that affect his work as a congressman.

"The weeklies are more important than the dailies in getting out the news," Pallone said as he noted his work on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Pallone met with reporters at the International House of Pancakes restaurant in Keyport in a session arranged by his staff.

As the ranking Democrat on the committee, Pallone said he has been "pretty successful" in getting legislation moved through the House. In fact, he noted, the well-publicized acrimony between Conservatives and Democrats only surrounds certain issues. Others, he said, are being mutually discussed across the aisle and are moving toward enactment. He was pleased that the Supreme Court recently upheld the Affordable Care Act because, in part, the ACA is "accepted now."

"It's almost absurd that I have people come up to me and say they are thankful for the Affordable Care Act but hate Obamacare," said Pallone.

Obamacare, in fact, is the Affordable Care Act.

"In the next few years, we can go back and see if there are ways to improve it," Pallone said. "In drafting the act, the intention was to go back and make changes — income eligibility, for example, how generous should it be."

Asked about the work to rebuild following Hurricane Sandy, Pallone noted that Perth Amboy is "pretty complete around the marina," but

that work is being done in the Port Reading section of Woodbridge, as well as authorization to begin work along the South River and in Sayreville. He said there is wide-spread frustration over the lack of progress following Sandy.

"With regard to homeowners and individual businesses, it's been a disaster," he said. He said one problem is that the funding is federal, but it is administered by the state.

"I would have primary responsibility with the federal government," he said. "Each level blames the other."

Pallone also spoke about:

- Needed changes in federal drug laws, particularly a program he sponsored but has not been funded to assure that senior citizens "are not overprescribed."
- The need for the federal government to allow each state to decide if it wants to change its marijuana laws, not to threaten states with crime charges if the state allows medical marijuana to be sold, for instance. This has been a point of disagreement between medical marijuana advocates and Gov. Chris Christie.
- Laws to reduce the use of assault weapons. Following ever more frequent mass shootings, beginning with the one in Columbine, Col., Pallone said he was surprised to see Colorado legislators talking about arm-



Congressman Frank Pallone

ing teachers. "The public reaction is the opposite" of what he thinks should be done, he said.
• His work on the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate, a proposed piece of legislation that would control spending.
• 21st Century Cures, a bill that would vastly improve medical care by authorizing personalized medicines, molecular medicine and other major advances that the medical community feels is long overdue.
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Garbage and Zoning Ordinance Voted Upon, Cleanup of C-Town Fire Debris Addressed City Council Meeting 7/15/15



Animal Lover Amy Dundee



Councilwoman Zusette Dato speaks to Foodtown Property Owners (C-Town Property Site) Edmund J. Paczkowski (Center) after the meeting.
 *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

By: Katherine Massopust
 SOUTH AMBOY – Council President Mickey Gross was not present at the 7/15/15 Council Meeting so Vice President Christine Noble conducted the meeting. The bill list for payment dated July 9, 2015 was passed by a motion by Councilwoman Zusette Dato and seconded by Donald Applegate.

The Council presented 2 ordinances at the 7/15/15 Council Meeting: Ordinance# 10-2015 - An Ordinance to Amend City Code Chapter 79, Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse Article I Collection. The Ordinance was read twice and twice moved by Councilwoman Zusette Dato and Seconded by Councilman Donald Applegate.

Ordinance #11-2015: An Ordinance amending South Amboy City Code Chapter 53, Article XIX "Zoning Regulations" to address construction after Superstorm Sandy and Bulk Standards. The Ordinance was read twice and both moved by Councilwoman Zusette Dato and Seconded by Councilman Thomas Reilly.

Both ordinances were voted upon unanimously. There were no public comments made on these items.

During the Council comments, Mayor Fred Henry thanked the Police, Fire Department, First Aid Squad and everyone who organized things for the July 2, 2015 Fireworks. "They helped make things a very pleasurable night."

Mayor Henry commented on the passing of John "Skeets" Scarzinski who served as an Umpire in the South Amboy Little League for years. Councilman Thomas Reilly also added condolences for the passing of "Skeets." "He took time out to teach kids how to play. I hope to talk to somebody in the Little League and get a field named after him."

Mayor Henry also welcomed back Business Administrator Camille Tooker and thanked her for her dedication. "Even though she was out, she worked from home."

Henry commented on the progress of cleaning up the

debris from the C-Town Fire which occurred on April 13, 2015. "The owners have to submit a price to the Insurance Company. As soon as a quote is submitted, a cleanup (of the fire debris) will begin on Bordentown Avenue."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato added, "We feel your pain. Now there's announcement for some movement."

After the meeting, former Foodtown owners (who still own the property that C-Town was located on) Edmund J. Paczkowski said, "We closed after being open for 84 years after Sandy. The Insurance Company is supposed to deposit money in New Brunswick Court. We'll have to go to the court to receive the money. They are still investigating. The Prosecutor's Office cleared the property back to us. We are getting quotes now to send to the court."

When asked what their plans for the property were, the owners answered, "We don't know yet. We have to settle debts. We have no money coming in. Once this is taken care of, we would like to rebuild. We hope and pray we make the right decision."

During the public portion Animal Lover Amy Dundee came up to speak. She had handed out information packets and introduced herself. She asked if there were any questions on the information she handed out.

Mayor Henry answered, "The Council did not get a chance to examine the packets. I looked at it and think there's some merit to it. At the next business meeting we'll look into it."

Dundee also asked about some safety issues going on in South Amboy. "There were some incidents involving Police with individuals jumping fences in my neighborhood. (Police were chasing suspects on two separate incidents.) I'm a little concerned."

Mayor Henry stated, "I think it's just a coincidence. I'm glad the police are doing their job."

"We'd like to know more," Dundee added.

After the meeting, Amy Dundee explained about her interest in animal advocacy. "There was a dog "Butch" that was found in a junkyard. According to state law, there was nothing that animal control could do to help Butch," said Dundee. "That's how I became interested (in the Animal Advocacy Facebook Group (Snows Law) Lets Change NJ Animal cruelty law S495) - when I heard about this neglected dog. I want to promote responsible ownership of animals." The letter (about tethering dogs) which was sent to Mayor Henry and the South Amboy City Council is published in the Community Voice section in this issue of the Amboy Guardian.

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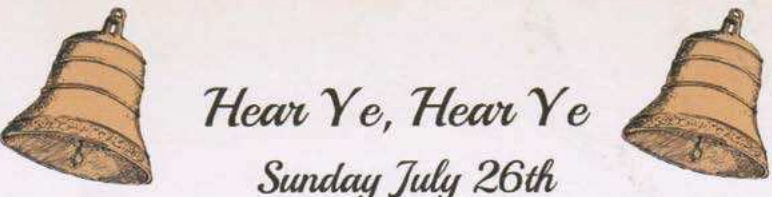
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EDITORIAL

The Wimpy Nation

In the past few decades children no longer can play dodgeball, bombardment or similar games in school. Parent's groups feel that these games promote bullying and create a situation where tougher kids pick on the weaker ones. As a former geek, skinny and puny kid, I played dodgeball in school while I was growing up. Like in the animal kingdom, if you are weak and puny, if something is chasing you - you will learn to survive very quickly. I got hit many times in my face with that big red rubber ball. The only thing I have to say is, "It hurts. Get over it! You will learn to 'dodge it,' and be all the better for it."

Are we becoming a society that is totally complacent and submissive? For example, if you play a competitive sport in little league - nowadays everyone walks home with a little trophy or medal saying what a great job they did. The theory behind this is not to make any of the children feel left out. But the bottom line is - this trophy means nothing but a token of participation.

In the British Television Series, *The Prisoner*, in the episode, "The Dance of the Dead," No. 6 (Patrick McGeehan) said defiantly, "No game is worth playing if you can't win."

Isn't the idea of a competitive sport for a team to work together and learn to win? In sports such as football or baseball one has to work as a team with their teammates to effectively compete. Our children are not learning these basic rules of survival. There are hard rough roads ahead of them.

Some colleges are now having trigger warnings when students read their assigned literature. These warnings are that they may find offensive, upsetting or violent material in upcoming chapters. I bet you that

many of these students have played violent video games or have seen violent movies growing up. I can't imagine going to a lecture class in college or picking up a mystery novel and being warned of violent content in upcoming chapters. It takes the fun out of reading.

Some European countries are now not allowing children to have a best friend in school because the teachers and school administrators don't want the other students to be left out.

Like in many science fiction movies and novels, our humanity and everything that makes us human (passion, compassion, friendship, etc.) are being taken away. Many parents don't want their children to experience pain, hardship or any discomfort in life. Guess what? - Life is full of these things - That's why it's called life. What are these children going to do when they're grown and no one is there to fight their battles for them? This type of mentality is going to make it very easy for militant foreign countries to come rolling in and take over or destroy this country one way or the other.

Present day society is becoming a very scary place: you can't compete; you can't have a best friend in school and you can't read a book without a warning label.

To quote from the movie, *Fahrenheit 451*, screenplay by Ray Bradbury: Montag (Oskar Werner) was asked by the Captain of the Fire Department (Cyril Cusack), "Montag, what would you do if cutting grass becomes forbidden?"

Montag's answer to him was, "Just sit there and watch the grass grow."

If it ever comes to this, let's hope there will be someone with the courage to think for him or herself and mow that lawn.

P.W.W.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Home Ownership - A Blessing or a Curse?

There was a time, long ago, when owning a home was a source of pride and interestingly, it was profitable. A family that owned their own home was the envy of the climbers in the ladder of success. Nothing could be more impressing upon a kid growing up in an apartment than to have a friend whose parents owned a home. "Gee, I wish my parents had their own home like my friend

Freddie. Those people have so much money, they own a house!" And so it seemed.

Today, it's a different story, in my opinion. You own a home and you will be hunted down by city taxes, insurance, utilities and the inevitable day when your furnace, roof, sidewalk or basement needs repairs, even replacement. And, don't forget, you have to get a permit. Check with the city offices to see if you're allowed to move a finger. God forbid you make repairs without obtaining a permit. I know we need to comply with regulations but there are so many that after a while you'll begin to wonder,

gosh I thought I was king in my home. Not anymore. Big daddy comes first. And what about those restoration companies: the landscapers, the roofers, the plumbers, the electricians. When you own a home, you will find that you have many followers. Everyone seems to be looking to make a buck on you. It's nice to have a roof over your head but isn't the aggravation a little overwhelming? Personally, I say it's gotten out of control. Blessing? Maybe. Curse? Many will say it is.

Eralides E. Cabrera, Esq.

Anti-Tethering and Extreme Temperature Ordinance

This letter was presented to Mayor Henry and the South Amboy City Council on 7/9/15

Dear Mayor Henry and Council,

My name is Amy Dundee and I am a resident of South Amboy. I am writing to ask you and your council to consider imposing an anti-tethering and extreme temperature ordinance. Regulating the tethering of dogs and upgrading care standards will give animal control and law enforcement officers an important opportunity to educate dog owners on proper care, and provide law enforcement with more consistent and enforceable minimum care standards.

A dog on a chain is lonely and isolated and must live in a cruelly confined space, eating, sleeping and eliminating all in one small worn down spot. They are forced to live in a backyard, forgotten, forced to endure the elements, attacks by animals or people, often go

unfed and are denied the most basic veterinary care. They frequently die from heatstroke in the summer and freeze to death in the winter.

Statistics show that chained dogs are much more likely to bite than unchained dogs. Chained dogs can become a community danger. Increases in territorial behavior, fearfulness and poor socialization make them more prone to aggression and likely to attack those who enter their space. There are many documented cases of chained dogs biting children or getting loose from their chains to attack passing people and pets.

Furthermore, chained dogs are often a nuisance because they tend to bark incessantly. It brings down the property value and causes stress among the neighbors. It is also well known that dog fighters keep their dogs tethered, often on heavy logging chains, to help spur aggression. Often times, unattended dogs are stolen to be used as "bait dogs."

The laws in NJ are archaic and provide very minimal provisions for animals. I cannot begin to tell you the countless reports I see on various Facebook pages of dogs chained up or confined to a yard with

no water or food and a torn tarp for a shelter, with law enforcement not being able to help because the owner wasn't breaking any "laws". It is gut wrenching.

I am not asking that tethering be banned all together, the ordinance can certainly allow for the use of tethers to restrain dogs for brief periods of time ie. getting fresh air, elimination, spending time outdoors with the family. The goal of the ordinance would be to promote responsible, compassionate care. Such regulation will provide a tool to prevent neglect, help in the battle against dog fighting, help make a safer more responsible community and ensure that our pets receive the care they deserve.

I will be dropping off information packets tomorrow 7/10 for your review, it includes information on the topic as well as copies of some of the ordinances already passed in other NJ towns such as Helmetta, Plainfield and Toms River. I would like the opportunity to speak in more detail at the next council meeting on July 15th.

Sincerely,
Amy Dundee

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HIV Support

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

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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

Vet's Coffee House

PERTH AMBOY - Attention area vets of our Armed Forces. The Salvation Army Vet's Coffee House meets once a month, every 2nd Thursday for coffee, donuts and conversation. Time is 19:00 - 21:00 located at the corner of Washington Street and State Street, Perth Amboy. We can be reached at the Salvation Army 732-826-7040. We look forward to meeting you.

Food Stamps Assistance

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday there will be a Food Stamps Assistance Program 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.: JRF's Family Success Center families to come in and meet with a representative from the Community Food Bank of NJ to assist with food stamps application and eligibility guidelines. For additional information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Rear of Proprietary House).

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

Community Calendar

- Perth Amboy**
THURS. Jul. 23 Board of Education, 6 p.m.
Wilentz School, First St.
THURS. Jul. 23 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
SAT., July 25 Special Historic Preservation Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
Terrazza Restaurant, High St.
MON. Aug. 5 Planning Board, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
- South Amboy**
MON. Jul. 27 Board of Education,
Business/Public, 6 p.m.
SA Middle/High School,
Harold Hoffman Pl.
WED. Aug. 5 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Aug. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

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**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

*Thank you, Perth Amboy
Twice now I've experienced devastating hardship while living in Perth Amboy. First when my home had a serious fire in 1976 and last week when I lost my loving wife Betty. Both times the people of Perth Amboy responded with an outpouring of generosity and sincere friendship. I could never consider living anywhere but this unique historic city.*

- Thomas P. Ward -

Minecraft

SOUTH AMBOY - Free Drop-in Minecraft Tuesdays at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Teens & Adults. For more info call 732-721-6060.

X-Box

SOUTH AMBOY - X-Box Fridays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

2015 Summer Lunch Program

PERTH AMBOY - Free Lunch for Children and Teenagers Up to 18 years of age. FREE organized activities, such as whiffle ball & board games. City of Perth Amboy Counselors on-site. July 1st through August 28. Serving time at 12 noon. No registration required: Caledonia/Roessler Park - 65 High St.; Francis Street Park - 966-972 Francis St.; Patten Park - 339 Reade St.; Stanley P. Rudyk Park - 820 State St.; Washington Park - 660 New Brunswick Ave.; Columbus Park - 679 Columbus Circle. Children under the age of 10 years MUST be accompanied by an adult or legal guardian. For more info call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 ext. 4306. The Summer Food Service Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Services, US Dept. of Agriculture. This program provides all children 18 years of age and under the free lunch meal during the summer months in accordance with a menu proved by the state agency regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age.

Day of Fun

PERTH AMBOY - Radiance Church Explosion 2015. Perth Amboy "Come Join Our Family of Faith For a Day of Fun" Enjoy a summer cook out with fun, games, activities, live music, free prizes and more that you won't want to miss. Sunday, July 26th at 11 a.m. in parking lot next to Radiance Church, 446 Market Street, Perth Amboy

Plays in the Park

EDISON - All Summer Performances Begin at 8:30 p.m. No Performances on Sunday Adults - \$7.00, Senior Citizens - \$5.00, Children 12 and Under Free. Shows play every night of the week at 8:30, except for Sundays. Tickets are sold on the day of performance only. No advance sales. CASH ONLY at the box office for summer shows. Plays-in-the-Park is located 1 block south of the Menlo Park Mall off of Route 1, in Edison, N.J. The turn off is called Grandview Avenue. At the top of the short hill make your first right on to Pine Drive and the Park Rangers will guide you to a parking spot. Fax:732-548-1484 • Phone: 732-548-2884. Please bring a non-perishable food item to benefit less fortunate residents through M.C.C.F.O.O.D.S. This program is funded in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept of State. Jesus Christ Superstar - Wednesday, Jul. 29 through Saturday, Aug. 8. No Sundays. Show time: 8:30 p.m.

The NAACP Perth Amboy Area Branch Loses a Freedom Fighter Ms. Louise Garrison

News Release 7/12/15
PERTH AMBOY, NJ – The NAACP Perth Amboy Area Branch lost a devoted social justice soldier and freedom fighter Ms. Louise Garrison, 3rd Vice President on Thursday, July 9, 2015. Ms. Garrison is a true pillar in the community that was dedicated to the mission of the NAACP and worked with youth for decades to attain equity and justice. Ms. Garrison was instrumental in recruiting membership, organizing youth civic protest to attain equity in employment in the school district, and leading youth in the March on Washington in 1963. Her legacy of leadership will continue to inspire us all as we realize this work of the NAACP is just as important today as it was more than hundred years ago.

"With the recent tragedies in Charleston and deaths of unarmed black males we must work together to make sure that everyone values the lives of our children. There is definitely a greater sense of urgency and increased momentum nationwide to tackle injustice in America," says Elizabeth Williams-Riley, Branch President.

Elizabeth is joined by Melvinia Knight, 1st Vice Chair; Angelene Fleming, 2nd Vice Chair; Janice Clark, Secretary; Brenda Gumbs, Assistant Secretary; Angelo Adkins, Treasurer; and Inez Adkins, Assistant Treasurer and members of the NAACP in expressing our sincere condolences to the family of our

beloved Ms. Louise Garrison. Funeral Services were held Thursday, July 16, 11 a.m. at Cathedral International, 277 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy.

To honor her rich legacy and great work the family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the NAACP Perth Amboy Branch, P.O. Box 1219, Perth Amboy, N.J. 08862-1219.

The greatest act of kindness that we can do is to make sure that the torch she carried is passed on and not extinguished. Join the NAACP today and make a difference tomorrow. www.naacp-perth-amboyarea.org

Headquartered in a demographically changing region of New Jersey, the work of the NAACP Perth Amboy Area Branch is critical to developing members who can join forces to champion what's right and just. We encourage individuals from our outreach areas to join us, renew your memberships, and be a part of the revolution of change that is happening nationwide and globally.

About the NAACP Perth Amboy Area Branch:

The NAACP Perth Amboy branch was organized on September 8, 1941 in response to increasing discrimination, racial prejudice and unjust policy. In response to heightened violence and hostility during the 1940's through the 1970's, members of the branch joined forces with 2 students and civil rights/labor activ-



Louise Garrison

ists from Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy and Woodbridge Township to conduct mass demonstrations such as boycotts, walkouts, sit-ins, protest marches and picket lines.

For nearly 75 years, the branch built and grew on the collective courage of men, women and young adults who decided to stand firm and strong to champion what's right and just. People of all races, nationalities and faiths united on one premise—that "all men and women are created equal"; thus changing America's history. Despite violence, intimidation and hostile government policies, the NAACP and its grass-roots membership persevered. We pushed and continue to push America to fulfill its promise of equal rights for all. For more information and to become a member, please visit www.naacp-perthamboyarea.org or contact us via email at infor@naacp-perthamboyarea.org.

DVD & Recorded Media Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Your spring cleaning is done and you're wondering what to do with all of those unwanted DVDS, CDs, and Video games. How about donating them to South Amboy's Sadie Pope Dowdell Library? The Library Foundation DVD and Media drive is on-going, with collection boxes at Madura Pharmacy, and the library.

This is an on-going program and your generous contributions enable the library to increase its resources for the residents of South Amboy. All donations are fully tax deductible and the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Please call (732)721-6060 for library hours. To schedule a pick-up for larger collections, please contact Grace at 732-721-6592. Your support is greatly appreciated.

New York Mets Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Friday August 14; \$55 pp. (Money Orders ONLY) Food voucher & transportation included. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. For more info call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 xt. 4305.

Point Pleasant Beach Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, August 15 from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$20 Adults; \$15 Children under 11. (Money Orders ONLY) Includes Beach Pass, Aquarium Tour & Miniature Golf. Transportation is included. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. For more info call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 xt. 4305.

Trip to Bronx Zoo

PERTH AMBOY - Wednesday, July 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$15 pp (Money Orders ONLY) Lunch not provided. Transportation is included. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. For more info call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 xt. 4305.

Yoga Classes

SOUTH AMBOY - Yoga classes at the Knights of Columbus in South Amboy, 308 fourth street, are ongoing. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. A mat is required. Part of the proceeds benefit the Colombian Club council No. 426. Drop in rate is \$10. Packages available at a reduced rate. Pre-registration required. Please call Denise 732-525-9536 or email healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com

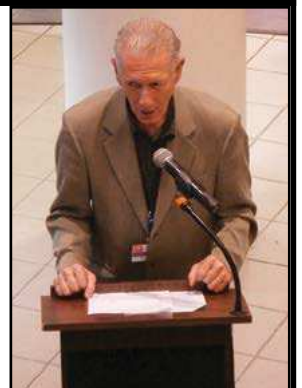
Educational Awards, The Cathedral International, Perth Amboy 7/16/15

**Photos by Eric Salvary*



RBMC Learning Garden, Perth Amboy 7/16/15

**Photos by Joe Bayona*



Raritan Bay Medical Center Kicks-off The Learning Garden

News Release 6/11/15

PERTH AMBOY - Across the street from Raritan Bay Medical Center’s main entrance in Perth Amboy, volunteers, children and medical center engineering department staff constructed a container garden during the spring. This new ‘Learning Garden’ will be used during the summer to educate children and adults, including hospital staff and their families, about the basics of gardening, and the importance of healthy produce and proper nutrition.

“Our department has for a long time wanted to make this type of experiential education available for our community, especially children. Access and availability of healthy, nutritious and fresh produce; what we eat, is such an essential part of our overall health and well-being,” says Nina K. Regevik, MD, FACP, ABIHM, co-director of RBMC’s Integrative Health Services. “The Learning Garden serves many purposes. It will provide an opportunity for everyone to not only learn the basics of gardening and nutrition but also get some exercise, socialize and empower them to create their own gardens at home.”

The Integrative Health team’s idea for a garden education program became a reality after Dr. Regevik discussed the plan with her peers at the hospital, leading to the hospital’s medical staff donating funds to create the garden. At about the same time, Master Gardener Connie Elek, wife of RBMC Foundation Board Treasurer James J. Elek, pledged her help with setting up the garden and providing education. “Without the medical staff’s generous donation and Connie’s expertise and time, The Learning Garden would not be possible,” explained Dr. Regevik. Dr. Regevik will also provide education about the nutritional and medicinal values of healthy and fresh produce.

Notice: Due to the large number of requests for our staff to take photos of local events we are unable to cover them all. Please inform us and we will let you know if coverage is available. Submitted Photos are always welcome.

Mayor's Summer

Concert Series

WOODBIDGE - Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" or "On the Lawn." Bring out your lawn chair and relax with the Mayor's Summer Concert Series. Showtime at 7:30 p.m. at Woodbridge High School. FREE ADMISSION with a donation of a non-perishable food item for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Bank." Mondays, July 27 - The Fabulous Greaseband; August 8 - Jersey Sound; August 10 - The 1910 Fruitgum Company. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

Rockin Tuesdays

WOODBIDGE - LET'S ROCK! Tribute Bands Come To Woodbridge 2015 at Woodbridge High School, 25 Samuel Lupo Pl, Woodbridge. SHOW TIME at 7:30 p.m. FREE ADMISSION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks." July 21 - Scarborough Fair - Simon and Garfunkle Tribute; July 28 - Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles; August 4 - Back to the Garden - Woodstock Tribute. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

Woodbridge Wednesdays

WOODBIDGE - Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" or "On the Lawn". Bring out your lawn chair and relax with live music every Wednesday. Showtime at 7:30 p.m. at Parker Press Park. FREE ADMISSION with a donation of a non-perishable food item for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Bank." Free parking at NJT Parking Lot. For inclement weather call the hotline at 732-602-6045. July 22 - Yarn; July 29 - Brother Sun; August 5 - Guy Davis.

Local Band Thursdays

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Bands take the stage at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge. FREE Parking at NJT Parking Lot. Live Entertainment Featuring LOCAL Bands and Musicians. Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" and "On the Lawn." SHOW TIME at 7:30 p.m. FREE ADMISSION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks." Beer & Wine for sale by Riffy's; July 23 - 9 South; July 30 - Smokehouse; August 6 - Smoke n Mirrors. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

Lego Toddlers

SOUTH AMBOY - Ages 2-3 yrs. old. Mondays at 2 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060. Come build with us!

Zumba

PERTH AMBOY - FSC is bringing Zumba back to our center. Every 1st and 4th Wednesday from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Recreation center located at 1 Olive St. Perth Amboy. For further information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy.

Country Sundays

WOODBIDGE - At Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge; Show Time at 6:00 p.m. FREE ADMISSION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks" - July 26 - Front Country; August 2 - Amy Helm; August 8 - "A Tribute to Patsy Cline" - Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045.

Soles 4 Souls

PERTH AMBOY - Wearing Out Poverty - Soles 4 Souls at Sneaker Ferry & Love Only Veins Eternity 1st Annual Shoe Drive to help fight against global poverty. Donate any new or used shoes for our shoe drive. Drop off location: Sneaker Ferry 154-156 Smith Street Perth Amboy N.J. 08861. All participants who donate will be entered in to win a raffle of \$100 towards next purchase at Sneaker Ferry. For additional information about our Shoe Drive, follow us on Instagram @spreadlove_3 & @sneakerferry.

South Amboy Summer Concerts

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Concerts are FREE. Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, O'Leary Boulevard, South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front. Concerts will take place rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather, you will be directed to the South Amboy Middle/High School Auditorium by Park Rangers. Shuttle bus service will be available every week courtesy of Middlesex County Area Transit. Call 732-745-3936 for more info. July 22 - The Cameos - New Jersey's Favorite Oldies Group; July 29 - Bernie Goydish's Jersey Polka Stars - Polka and Variety Music; August 5 - The Tim Gillis Band (The Greatest in Country Music)

Superhero Buttons

SOUTH AMBOY - Thursdays at 4 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE - Starting on Tuesdays, May 12 - Sept. 29 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Weather Permitting, Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge, (Wal-Mart Parking Lot). Trophy's Awarded. For More Info Call 732-585-7365

Warren Park Mini-Theater

WOODBIDGE - Sundays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Concerts are FREE. Florida Grove Road, Woodbridge. Call 732-745-3936 for more info. July 26 - Mark Heter and His Band - Merry Melodies - music of classic Warner Brothers cartoons by Raymond Scott; August 2 - 2 - The Broadway Pops Big Band - Classics from The Great White Way, Greg Giannascoli, Leader

MIY Thursdays

SOUTH AMBOY - MIY Thursdays - SADIE'S STUDIO Programs at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Come and join us as we Make, Create, Innovate! Ages 7-17 Enjoy fun hands-on electronic projects! Recycled Bead Bracelets Doodling Robots Kinect Remote Control Cars Learn Coding- RPG Combat Coding & Frozen Coding Little bits, Smoothies and MUCH MORE! For more info call 732-721-6060.

Trip to Rocking

Horse Ranch

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Spirit Seniors in Perth Amboy is sponsoring a trip to Rocking Horse Ranch Resort in N.Y. Mon. Sept. 28 to Fri. Oct. 2, 2015. All are welcome! Price is \$615 each person for double occupancy, \$605 each for triple occupancy and \$715 each for single. Initial deposit of \$100 is due now. Final payment is due Aug. 15, 2015. Price includes: all meals, activities, indoor pool, horseback rides, taxes, tips and bus. For more info, please contact: Sue Shevchenko 732-442-1976

Mayor's Summer

Concert Series

PERTH AMBOY - Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - July 23 - Brian Kirk and the Jirks; July 30 - Victor Quezada & His Latin Jazz Band. Bayview Park, 250 Water St., Free of Charge.

Classic Car Show

SAYREVILLE - Blast from the Past Classic Car Show: Saturday, September 12, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., located in Kennedy Park on Washington Road. Refreshments available at the Food court. Admission is free to spectators. To enter a classic car, please provide 2 non-perishable food items for the Sayreville Food Bank at the registration table. For Info call: 732-390-7092 / 7096.

PAHS Class of 1970 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - P.A.H.S. CLASS OF 1970, "45th Class Reunion," October 3, 2015, The Forge, Route 9, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, 6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m., Gourmet Buffet-5hr open bar-DJ, \$80 Per person. Payment due in full by August 1, 2015 -(sorry no refunds). Accommodations: Hampton Inn, Route 9, Woodbridge, NJ 07095. Mention PAHS REUNION & receive special rates (732-855-6900). Contacts: PAHS1970@aol.com, Tom:732-583-3527. Mail & Address checks to: PAHS CLASS OF 70, 10 Hamble Rd. Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!

PAHS Class of 1960 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The PAHS Class of 1960 will be holding their 55 year reunion at the Hotel Woodbridge at Metropark in Iselin, NJ the weekend of September 18th, 19th and 20th. We have a Friday get together, Saturday dinner dance and Sunday brunch. You are able to come to any or all of the events. We have accommodation arrangements with the hotel for the weekend. For any further information, please contact Linda at 732-826-6794.

We are looking forward to a great reunion. Your being there will certainly add to the enjoyment!!! It's always great to revisit with you every five years, but we're also anxious to visit with those of you we haven't seen in a longer time - some not since 1960! Let this be the year you make the commitment to join us. Please don't let another reunion pass you by.

Ladies

Auxiliary #4699

SAYREVILLE - On Tuesday, July 28 at Sayreville Ladies Auxiliary #4699 will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at Jernee Road. All Members are invited to attend. Light refreshments served. Call 732-264-3031 for more info.

Trip to Medieval Times

PERTH AMBOY - Dinner & Jousting Tournament; Saturday, August 22; \$35 pp. Show starts at 8 p.m. Transportation is included. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. For more info call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 xt. 4305.

Tiki Night

SOUTH AMBOY - Come out and spend a beautiful "Tiki Night" with the South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy on Saturday, July 25 at 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. Music by DJ, Prizes and Delicious Food Included. Donation - \$20. Cash Bar. Contact: Donna @732-754-7180 or drop in to the Lodge for tickets.

Job

Announcement for Firefighters

PERTH AMBOY - Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Are you between the ages of 18 and 35? Are you a resident of Perth Amboy? Do you have a High School Diploma or GED?

If you answered YES to all these questions a career with the Perth Amboy Fire Department can be rewarding while proudly serving the citizens of Perth Amboy with honor, tradition and excellence. Our department has a strong culture based on service, respect, leadership, unity, character, and moral courage.

The Perth Amboy Fire Department will be conducting an open house/career information day on July 21, 2015 at 7 p.m. and on August 8, 2015 at 9 a.m. to provide information on the application, testing and hiring process and about being a fire fighter.

Applications available online from JULY 1, 2015 to AUGUST 31, 2015. Visit the Civil Service Commission website at www.state.nj.us/csc Select "Fire Fighter Announcement" to view the announcement. Scroll to the Bottom and "Click here to apply via the Online Application System" to access the application. Only online applications will be accepted. Application Deadline AUGUST 31, 2015.

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.

Prayer to St. Joseph for Employment

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen. *A.F.H.*

Addiction Awareness Event

SAYREVILLE - Fed UP! is going Local ! United We C.A.N Present for International Overdose Awareness Day. Monday, August 31st from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Kennedy Park, N. Ernston & Washington Rd., Sayreville. Speakers on Substance use awareness/educational information and a Candlelight Vigil. Calling for an end to our nation's epidemic of addiction and overdose deaths attributed to opioids (including heroin) and other prescription drugs.

Little Scientists

SOUTH AMBOY - Little Scientists Fridays at 1 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Ages 3-5 yrs. For more info call 732-721-6060.

AC Bus Trip

PERTHAMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino, AC will be on Thursday, August 6. Bus leaves 12 Noon from KOC, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost: \$30pp. Receive \$30 slot play. For additional info call Joe: 732-826-0819.

Atlantic City Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a bus trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday, August 9. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 Noon for a 6 hour stay at the Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$27.00 per person. You will receive \$25 in slot play. Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726 . Payment due ASAP.

FREE Family Fun Fest

PERTH AMBOY - FREE Family Fun Fest in celebration of National Health Center Week, on Thursday, August 13th at the JRMC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JRMC 275 Hobart Street, Perth Amboy. We are Looking for Vendors and Donations! If you would like to promote your business, make a donation, or provide a fun activity... please contact us: Sorangie Castillo, Planning & Development; Email: scastillo@jrmc.us; Call: (732) 376-6638

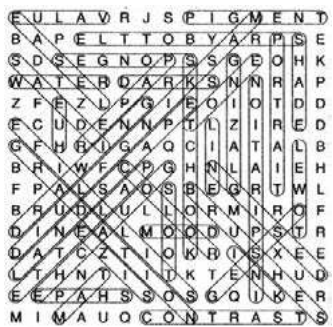
Senior Scene

Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
 WED. Jul. 22 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 • St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 THURS. Jul. 23 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 MON. Jul. 27 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
 TUES. Jun. 28 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 • Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
 WED. Jul. 29 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. Jul. 30 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**
 MON. Jul. 27 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
 MON. Aug. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
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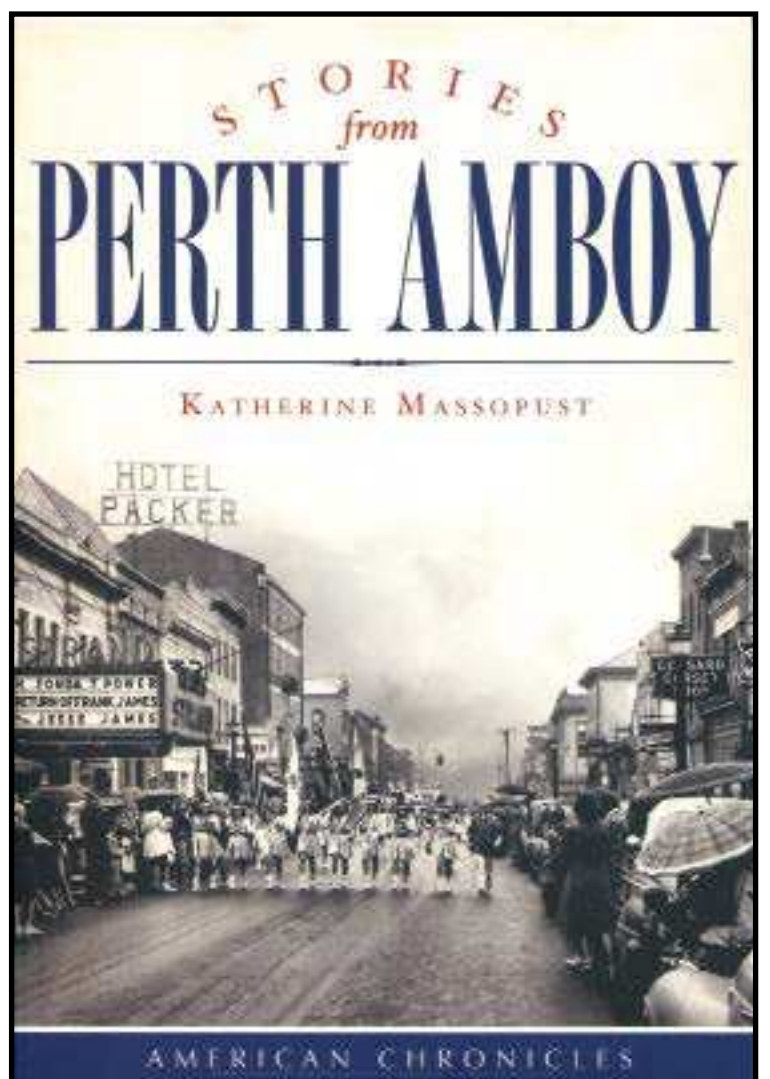
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