

#### **New Controversial Public Participation Rules Proposed** 7/23/15 Board of Education Meeting



By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - There was a First Reading of new controversial Public Portion rules at the 7/23/15 Board of Education Meeting. The proposal of these rules generated large amounts of controversy. At the 7/23/15 Meeting there was even a sign-up sheet already for perspective speakers from the public. The sheet asked for the speaker's name and address (which is supposed to be spoken by the individual when he/she comes up to the mic to speak.) Some speakers refused to sign it.

Many of the public found these proposed rules to be restrictive and a violation of the Sunshine Laws. The new proposed restrictions are as follows as posted in the 7 23 15 Board of Education Meeting Agenda (to see in its entirety go to pp. 135-138): 1. A member of the public wishing to speak must sign-up 15 to 45 minutes prior to the start of the Board meeting by indicating his/her name, place of residence, and contact information on the designated form, which will be available at the meeting location an hour prior to the meeting. Additionally, members of the public who wish to speak at the board meeting can sign-up at the District's administration office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the day prior to a board meeting: provided it is a nor-



Mel Knight

mal work day for the district administration offices.

2. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate;

3. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration.

4. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;

5. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually;

discouraged from speaking negatively about an employee or a student. The Board bears no responsibility for comments made by the public. Comments regarding employees or students cannot be legally responded to by the Board. 7. Comments made by the public may be responded to under "new business" or at subsequent meetings under "old business." 8. The presiding officer may: a. Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;



#### Sharon Hubberman

leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;

c. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;

d. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and e. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business. N.1.S.A 2C:33-8; N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; Revised 23 July 2015

During the public portion 6. Members of the public are Resident Stanley Sierakowski brought up the fact that around three years ago the former Superintendent proposed similar restrictions on the public portion. The then President of the Board of Education Mark Carvajal shot it down. "People have to speak without any conditions. You're trying to limit the public's right to speak. I'm not going to sign in. I'll determine what's said. This is America. Things just don't fall out of the sky. The Board of Education in Jersey City tried to do something like it. The Board of Education withdrew. The idea was off the wall." Resident Mel Knight spoke

### **Promotion Ceremony Police & Fire Departments**



Sammy Arroyo, Fire Battalion Chief



Carlos L. Gonzalez, Jr. Fire Captain



b. Request any individual to

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Denise Sosulski, Police Captain

PERTH AMBOY - On Tuesday, July 7 there was a promotion ceremony in City Hall Council Chambers of two Firefighters and one Police Officer.

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The Board listens as the public express their disdain with the newly proposed regulations on public speaking at BOE Meetings. (L to R) Assistant Superintendant Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Vice President Israel Varela, President Sam Lebrealt, Newly Hired Superintendant Dr. David Roman, Board Member Obi Gonzalez and Board Attorney Isabel Machado. \*Photo by Katherine Massopust

very strongly against these restrictions, "It's not fair to limit my ability to speak. I'm praying you give your due diligence."

Resident and Business Owner Sharon Hubberman stated, "I find the particulars – the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. hours limiting whether it's their opinion or others that can't be here. There's an area (in the Sunshine Laws) stating that the public has the right to speak, depending on various issues. There may be one particular issue that I may want to talk about. I find it limits the public. I'm here to defend freedom of expression engaging the public in both the positive and the negative. This is America. It's very limiting, especially for new members of the community. Please listen to our feedback. I know you want to engage people."

During the Council Comments, Board Member Obi

Gonzalez stated, "This is a first reading. We gather community input. Meetings are going to take place."

Newly hired Superintendent David Roman stated his feelings, "We've heard a lot about that we want to limit the public. We believe in due diligence."

Board Member Ken Puccio stated, "I want to go on the record right now: This is the United States of America. We cannot limit people's coming up to the microphone. I personally would be offended. As to what I read in that policy. We get a lot of money (in the budget) and not all of it is from the City."

Board President Sam Lebreault said, "We serve the public. We are fighting for your rights. If you took it like that, then it wasn't our intention. Based on input, the policy will get looked at."

Board Vice President Israel Varela said, "We are here as a Public School System. It is my responsibility as an elected official that you get the best. You do have the right to voice your opinion."

The "Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act," also known as the Sunshine Law (found at https://www. njsba.org/legal 02/opma2010. pdf) states that it is the right of the public to be informed when and where public meetings take place.

Board Member Jose Rodriguez was not present due to a death in the family. Board Member William Ortiz attended the beginning of the Meeting, but left early. Board Member Anthony Bermudez came in a little after the Meeting was in progress. The next Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20 at Perth Amboy High School.

#### **You Gotta Be Blind!** 6/24/15 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Bruck Avenue Resident Ken Balut said he was still waiting for his Residential Parking Sticker. "People are parked on my street illegally and some may have been political contributors." Business Administrator Jillian Barrick told Balut, "The Traffic Department did a study on Bruck Avenue and determined that there was ample parking. Balut retorted, "I will take pictures at night so they could see all the parking that is illegal. You've gotta be blind not to see it."

**Parking Meters Close to Yellow Lines & Another Follow up on Angled Parking** 7/6/15 Caucus Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Resident Alan Silber questioned the amount of yellow lines being painted on the curbs on Market Street.



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"A couple years ago, there was a ticket blitz that happened in the middle of the night." Silber encouraged the Council Members to take a ride down Market Street so they could see for themselves. "You can park at a meter and still get a ticket. Take a look at all those yellow lines and where they're placed."

Acting Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano commented later during the meeting that he would check on the yellow lines on Market Street.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry thanked Cattano for eliminating some of the angled parking on High Street. "The parking is better - safety and

Acting Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano

otherwise."

Cattano stated, "They're also looking at additional stop signs (possibly 4-Way) at the intersection of Buckingham Avenue and High Street.

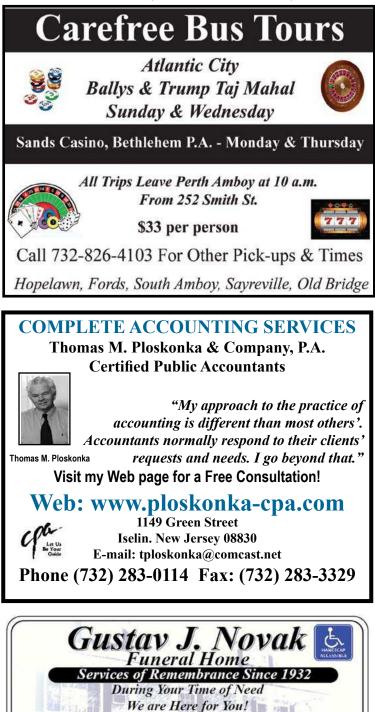


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Camps are open to the public Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On Saturday evening beginning at 8:00 p.m., there will be a special 150th Civil War Commemoration Ceremony





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Adolph Hitler in 1938 and

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ed France. As a high school

student I cringed when I fol-

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#### **EDITORIAL**

#### **Education:** The Equalizer

We recently had an interview with the new Superintendent. The interview took place at the conference room in his office at the Barracks Street Administration Building. There were a couple of things that struck a chord with us in conversation.

Dr. Roman told us about his background and how he had dropped out of High School. Of course, his parents were upset, as any parents should be. He also mentioned that his mother was very educated while his father had very little formal education. Yet, he stated that his father was one of the most intelligent people he knew. Roman himself worked while he was out of school. After two years of hard work, he realized how important an education was, went back to school and received his GED. From there he went on to college, graduate school and earned various degrees including a Ed.D. He taught in various teaching positions with a culmination of being appointed Assistant Superintendent in the Hazlet School System.

Unfortunately, Perth Amboy has a high dropout rate. Roman stated that he saw himself in these students. When Roman was talking about his father, I mentioned to him how my father, (Rockwell Maxwell) had to drop out of school. In that era that my father was growing up (1920's - 1930's) especially in the South, it was not uncommon to drop out of school to help out the family. In spite of this, my Dad had three successful businesses and supported his family. My mother was also a partner with him in these businesses and together they were a perfect team. This of course, was an entirely different era. Today, most companies won't even let you through the door unless you posses at least a high school diploma.

Dr. Roman learned the hard way the importance of a good education. His story should inspire those who are thinking of dropping and out the importance of staying in school. from you. C.M. & K.M. Going back to school is a lot tougher after vou've been 7.4ke CUARDIAN AMBC Published by Amboy Guardian LLC P. O. Box 127 • Perth Amboy • New Jersey 08862 (732) 896-4446 Email - CRLYNMXWLL@AOL.COM (732) 261-2610 Email - KMASS514@GMAIL.COM Carolyn Maxwell



Dr. David A. Roman Superintendent

away for a few years.

Dr. Roman emphasized that he would like to connect to the students. Perhaps by telling his story it would encourage those who were thinking of dropping out that it's worth it for them to tough it out and stay in school. He was very approachable, a type of person that you would feel comfortable to give vou encouragement.

That High School diploma is your ticket to success. It's important that you have an education so that you can support yourself and be a contributing member of society. With a High School diploma you can further your education in a field of your choice.

We realize there are extenuating circumstances where a student may drop out before they complete High School. Each individual has their own story, but dropping out of school should not make you feel that there is no hope. This is why it's important that Roman's story is told. He can give you his perspective from both sides because he's been there.

Roman emphasized how important it was for the students to know him. This is a good thing. He talked about how the community, the staff, the students and the Board of Education should come together. You can have disagreements, but respectful disagreements.

The bottom line: A quality

#### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

#### lowed this NEWS!

It is uncanny how President Obama resembles Chamberlain in today's news conference carried on all the major news channels. Quite a few of our legislators do not go along with his proposals. Israel Prime Minister Netanyahou resembles Winston Churchill in his total defiance of any Iran Deal which threatens the existence of Israel. As far as the United Nations this body of nations is a feckless and useless as the old League of Nations back in 1938!

Back in the 1970's as Flight Navigator for Airlift International Airways, we made a few trips into Teheran. We carried all kinds of supplies to modernize the culture and bring it up to date. The Shah was a benevolent despot! Our last flight was in 1979 just before the present regime seized power and the country regressed to the old repressive culture. Women were covered with the burka or whatever the face veil is called. And we have had trouble with Iran. Now the fear is nuclear power in the hands of a rogue regime. As Hall Avenue Joe, the friendly bartender would say, "Obama ain't no Churchill!"

Very Truly Yours,

Peter Book a.k.a. Pedro Libro

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#### Meet the New Superintendent An Interview with Dr. David Roman

As Submitted by Dr. David Roman

AG: I usually start by asking the proper spelling of one's name.

DR: The spelling of my name: David Roman

AG: What town were you born in and where did you grow up? DR: I was born & raised in Brooklyn, NY.

AG: What made you interested in education?

DR: I wanted to provide opportunities for children to successfully achieve their personal and professional aspirations.

AG: What made you go back to school after dropping out?

DR: Both of my parents instilled in me a love for humanity and they always told me "Go to school! Go to school!" My parents valued education, and I recognized that they were correct!

AG: What degrees do you have?

DR: I have a Bachelor's (BA) degree, three Master Degrees DR: I was Assistant Principal in NY/NJ for several years, as well as, a Middle School Principal, High School Principal, and Assistant Superintendent in New Jersey for numerous Years.

AG: What made you decide to come to Perth Amboy?

DR: To contribute in helping children to recognize that they are successful and valuable to this world, and that they (students) can achieve anything they want to do.

AG: How can you stress the importance of education to the public?

DR: I believe that all individuals of the school community should have an opportunity to respectfully express their hopes and dreams for the children of this community.

AG: Perth Amboy has a diverse population. How do you plan to incorporate everyone's needs and concerns?

DR: We must consider the educational needs of each individual student. Once this teachers, and staff of this dynamic school district.

AG: As the new Superintendent what are your plans to help the community?

DR: My goal is to develop relationships with as many partners as I can within the district to support students within our school community.

AG: The previous Superintendent banged heads (to say the least) with the BOE. How do you plan to have a positive rapport with the BOE?

DR: Working respectfully to develop a dynamic and professional strategic action plan that can successfully achieve progressive and attainable goals which support student achievement.

AG: What are your plans to work with the BOE on building a much needed new High School?

DR: Together as a united community, I'm confident, that we can come together to achieve the desired results needed for our children.

education is the most important thing that a school should provide. Once one earns a degree, nobody can take it away

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(Ms.Ed., Ms.Ed., Ed.M) and a Doctorate Degree (Ed.D). AG: What was your first job in the field of education?

DR: I was a Teacher, Teacher-Leader and a HS Assistant Football Coach. I taught Special Education, Social Studies and Conflict Mediation and Resolution.

AG: How long have you been an administrator and where did you serve?

is established we must cooperatively determine what is equitable for "all children" to receive appropriate opportunities to be successful.

AG: Perth Amboy Public Schools have been criticized for having a low graduation rate. Do you have a plan to fix this?

DR: By working collaboratively with the Board of Education and the existing leaders, AG: Anything you wish to add?

DR: Yes, I work for the children of this community and I will always advocate on their behalf. Let's agree to disagree, but let us also agree, to do so respectfully and with children at the forefront of our entire decision making so that we achieve a school district of "distinction".

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	City Hall, High St.						
MON. Aug. 10	City Council, Caucus, 6 p.m.						
	City Hall, High St.						
TUES. Aug. 11	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.						
-	City Hall, High St.						
•	UEZ, 6 p.m.						
	City Hall, High St.						
•	BID, 7 p.m.						
	City Hall, High St.						
WED. Aug. 12	City Council, Regular, 4:30 p.m.						
	City Hall, High St.						
South Amboy							
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						
MON. Aug. 24	Board of Education,						
	Business/Public, 6 p.m.						
	SA Middle/High School,						
	Harold Hoffman Pl.						

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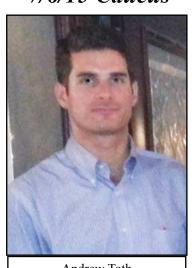
#### *Will Showers be an Encouragement?* 7/6/15 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - R-318 -7/15 - Accepting a Neighborhood Community Revitalization Grant from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority in the amount of \$1,993,310.00

Andew Toth, Senior Planner, Office of Economic an Community Development gave a more detailed explanation of what this grant entails. "It will be used for recreational utilities for the Waterfront. This will include items such as rest rooms, wash-down shower stations, etc.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry commented that he was concerned that these showers are going to encourage people to go swimming.

Business Administrator Jillian Barrick replied to Irizarry's concerns. "People will go swimming regardless if we have showers or not.



Andrew Toth Senior Planner, Office of Economic and Community Development

One of the Councilmen commented about the hoses that have been use by boaters to wash down their boats an equipment.

The then Director of Public Works commented, "The pumps have been stolen or



Councilman Fernando Irizarry

vandalized for the copper inside. Because of this, the water supply for the boat owners are no longer there."

B.A. Barrick also said, "We are trying to build in funds for the Waterfront to provide for some sort of security patrols."



Rainbow

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#### Weinberg-Vitale Bill Expanding Prescription Monitoring Program Signed Into Law

#### News Release 7/20/15

TRENTON – Legislation sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg and Senate Health Chairman Joseph F. Vitale to update, expand and improve the state's Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) to protect against patient abuse of addictive prescription medications was signed into law today.

"Expanding the monitoring program will begin the process of proactively addressing the growing problem of heroin addiction, which often starts with the use of prescription pills, at its source," said Senator Weinberg, D-Bergen. "As doctors regularly monitor their patients' prescription drug use and pharmacies step up their role in identifying potential issues as they arise, we can help curb the abuse or diversion of addictive medications."

"The heroin and prescription drug epidemic is claiming healthcare practitioners authorized by the state to prescribe or dispense CDS medications.

Currently, 85 percent of New Jersey's physicians are registered to access the PMP, according to recent data from the Division of Consumer Affairs; however, registration with the PMP does not necessarily mean that a practitioner or pharmacist is regularly referencing the database.

The law (a substitute for S1998 and S2119) would require the Division of Consumer Affairs to automatically register pharmacists and practitioners to participate in the PMP as part of their registration to dispense controlled dangerous substances. Doctors would be required to consult the online database the first time they prescribe a medication of an addictive nature (Schedule II CDS) to a patient for acute and chronic pain, and at least quarterly for patients that continue to receive

in a manner that violates state law or regulations, and to respond appropriately.

"It's not enough for doctors and pharmacists to be registered to access the PMP. It serves no good purpose if they aren't using the system and cross-checking the database when prescribing or dispensing medications that are addictive in nature," added Weinberg. "It will take a responsible and concerted effort to realize the PMP's full potential, and to combat the misuse of prescription drugs by people who are seeking a high or those who are simply not aware of how dangerous these drugs can be. This puts us on the right path to achieve that goal."

Recent data reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that New Jersey's heroin overdose death rate is triple the national rate. In 2013, there were 8.3 heroin-related deaths per 100,000 people in New Jersey, compared to 2.7 nationally, totaling 741 deaths in the state. "The numbers from the latest available data are serious and alarming, and we simply cannot ignore the problem. It affects everyone," said Senator Vitale. "As prescription painkillers often serve as the gateway to heroin, increased vigilance and active participation by prescribers and dispensers will prove critical in tackling the problem at its source." The Senate approved the law by a vote of 34-0. The Assembly approved it 74-0. The law takes effect on November 1, 2015.

#### Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation Names New Executive Director

News Release 7/17/15

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation, a private, non-profit organization that has raised millions of dollars to support various healthcare services at Raritan Bay Medical Center (RBMC), has appointed Linda M. Hill, PharmD, as its new Executive Director.

"I am delighted that Linda will be leading the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation. Given her leadership abilities and her fundraising knowledge and experience, we are fortunate to have her," said Russell Azzarello, chairman of the foundation's board of directors. "In partnership with our board members, to realize our vision, Linda will play a key role in moving our philanthropic plan forward."

Hill, of Princeton, NJ, previously served as Senior Director of Development for Major Gifts for the Princeton Healthcare System Foundation. She also served as Director of Development for the Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, NJ, and was a Principal and founder of WriteChoice, Inc., a medical communication business. Hill received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science, and Bachelor's Degree of Science from Rutgers College of Pharmacy, Piscataway, NJ.

Healthcare System Foundation, partnering with physicians and gaining the support of businesses and the community to increase annual giving and number of donors. This includes leading fundraising events and campaigns surrounding the construction of a new hospital," said Raritan Bay Medical Center President and CEO Michael R. D'Agnes. "I'm confident she will also find success here and continue to raise the level of philanthropic giving for Raritan Bay Medical Center."

"It is with great excitement that I join the RBMC family. I look forward to engaging with our community, board, local businesses, physicians, and employees to provide the resources RBMC needs to deliver outstanding care," said Hill.

Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation was established in 1985. Its mission is to raise funds in support of RBMC by working closely with community groups, the business sector and individuals. In today's challenging economic climate, fundraising is critical to the medical center's continued investments in state-of-the-art technology, clinical innovations, facility modernizations, community outreach and other vital programs that enrich the health of the community. Thanks to continued philanthropic support, the RBMC Foundation has funded many important projects.

the lives of too many young people in our communities, and this bill is one part of the multifaceted solution to a very complex problem plaguing our state," said Senator Vitale, D-Middlesex. "Strengthening an already-successful program will serve as a protective measure against addiction and more effectively put an end to pill shopping for those already misusing opiates and pill mills operated by unscrupulous prescribers."

The New Jersey Prescription Monitoring Program is an electronic system operated by the state to monitor controlled dangerous substances dispensed in outpatient settings. It is available to all licensed prescriptions for this type of medication.

Pharmacists would have to check the database before dispensing a Schedule II controlled dangerous substance if there is a reasonable belief the patient may be seeking the prescription for any reason other than the treatment of a medical condition. The law would also require pharmacy permit holders to submit prescription information to the division every seven days, rather than the current requirement of every 30 days. The Division of Consumer Affairs would be required to evaluate whether any person is obtaining a prescription in a manner indicative of misuse, abuse or diversion, or

"Linda enjoyed a successful career with the Princeton



#### Salt Water Day

#### Press Release

SAYREVILLE - Our annual Salt Water Day festival is being held on Saturday August 8, 201 2PM till the fireworks. This year we are bringing back the Horseshoe Tournament long a staple of the day's event but was eliminated several years back. It's back now. Sign up and win that cash prize.

This year's entertainment will consist of Shining Star (a R&B group with a great horn section playing a lot of Earth Wind and Fire music) playing from 5p to 7p then Asbury Fever (Springsteen and Jersey Shore party music) from 730PM right up to the fireworks show.

Salt Water Day is a family fun filled day with rides for the kids, a food court with an eclectic array of fair foods led by the Laurence Harbor Fire Departments Clams and Shrimp bar. There will be an array of crafts and private vendors along the beachfront walkway.

The event is held in conjunction with the Laurence Harbor First Aid Squad, the Township

of Old Bridge and the Middlesex County Board of Freeholders for the past 13 years only missing SWD 2013 because of the damage to the beachfront from Super Storm Sandy and the year that Floyd hit because we had changed the date that year.

All eyes will be on the end of the night though, when the annual Fireworks show lights the sky. This is the only sanctioned fireworks show in Old Bridge Township and attracts about 10k people to the waterfront park area. It also attracts hundreds of boaters who get to have front row seats on the comfort of their boats big and small. The local resident's on Shoreland Circle have their annual picnics knowing that it's safe because the neighborhood is shut down to vehicular traffic and they have a great time going back and forth to the festival and then having the comforts of their home for the show.

Parking is always tough in the area and there is a shuttle bus that goes all day along Matawan Rd/ Laurence Pkwy from Cheesequake Village to the beachfront and from Cliffwood Beach, Whale Creek Bridge along Ocean Blvd to the 7-11 on Rt 35 to the LH beachfront. There is parking at Exit 120 and the surrounding area and at St. Lawrence RC Church after the 430P mass. Please use the shuttle since it alleviates the traffic at the circle by the beachfront and allows an orderly exit at the end of the night

Compounding the problem this year is the closing of the westbound lane of the GSP bridge, which we hope, we are able to overcome for that day only. We will keep you posted.

The fireworks show is funded by donations of local businesses and through donations made by the local residents. At present we are about \$5-6k short of our goal but we have people out shaking the trees and hopefully we will reach the expected goal by the day of the show. Donations can be made to the LHFAS PO Box 1146, Laurence Harbor, NJ 08879 mark fireworks in the memo field.

#### Help Wanted **CAD** Operator

Architectural Metal Company specializing is nonferrous railings since 1985 has an opening for an experienced CAD Operator. Company is 30 years old, with 35 employees in 45,000 sq. ft. facility in Middlesex County, NJ. Minimum 3 years' experience preferred. Must be ambitious, reliable, professional and well organized. Excellent growth opportunity. Salary commensurate with experience. Medical, dental, life insurance and 401K match & profit sharing. Paid Vacation, Personal Days and Holidays.

#### **Qualifications for CAD Operator include:**

1. Through working knowledge of Auto CAD 2014. 2. Prepare working shop drawings from architectural drawings.

3. Set up and maintain CAD files for new projects from commencement to completion.

Email resume and salary requirements to jesse@handrails.com

#### New Jersey Utilities Association **Presents College Scholarships** to Three Deserving New Jersey **Students**

#### Press Release 7/21/15

TRENTON - The New Jersey Utilities Association (NJUA) is pleased to announce the 2015 recipients of the Association's James R. Leva Scholarship, Excellence in Diversity Scholarship and Trade and Vocational School Scholarship Awards. NJUA's scholarship review committee selected three promising New Jersey students to award scholarship funds made possible through financial support by NJUA's member companies.

The James R. Leva Scholarship Award is awarded to assist one NJUA member company employee who is employed in New Jersey or a member of their family in pursuing their higher education goals. The scholarship is named in honor of James R. Leva, a former Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) executive and NJUA President from 1990-1991. Leva's professional achievements serve as a model for those who seek to advance themselves professionally through continuing education. A one-time award of \$4000 was given to: • Nicole Higginbotham, Burlington, NJ, daughter of Russell Jordan, Customer Service Representative at Verizon New Jersey

dent with a disability pursuing a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. The scholarship award is valued at \$1500 per academic year and was given to:

• Subha Karim, Ventnor, NJ

The Trade and Vocational School Scholarship is awarded to a qualified student who will be pursuing a trade or vocational degree at an accredited school. The scholarship, valued at up to a total of \$6000 depending on the total cost of the vocational program, was given to:

• Rose Wood, South Amboy, NJ

"The backbone of a strong economy is a talented and educated workforce. NJUA and New Jersey's investor-owned utilities recognize the value of higher education and are please to support these three exceptional students further their education," said Andrew Hendry, NJUA President and

## American Conference on Diversity

#### Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - How to talk about the recent racially charged incidents that are in the headlines with children? Do you feel that you have enough insight on diversity and inclusion issues?

On August 25, the American Conference on Diversity will empower early childhood educators with the skills to build more inclusive learning environments where all students, parents, and teachers feel welcome. Early childhood educators, anti-bullying specialists, service providers,

administrators, counselors, and early childhood students: This is an excellent opportunity to enhance and refresh professional-development skills before the new school year starts. Thanks to funding from the PNC Foundation, this session will address current issues related to diversity and inclusion in schools.

Open to educators and youth service professionals throughout Middlesex County, the event will be held at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA (365 New Brunswick Ave. in Perth Amboy, NJ) on Tuesday, August 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 am). Would you be able to share

our announcement with your readers? For more information: please visit: http://americanconferenceondiversity. org/2015/07/19/back-by-popular-demand-attitudes-arecontagious-early-childhoodeducators-institute/.

If you have any questions, would like images or to arrange an interview with our CEO (also president of the Perth Amboy Area NAACP), please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 732-236-6694.

#### Perth Amboy, NJ Native Graduates from the U.S. Naval Academy

Press Release Md. Christopher Michael Troche of Perth Amboy, N.J. successfully completed four years of challenging academic, physical and professional military U.S. Naval Academy, May 22, 2015 with a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Commission as a U.S. Marine Corps 2nd Lt. He is a 2011 Graduate of St. Joseph High School, Metuchen, NJ. Spring and Winter Track Var- and sity Team. prestigious four-year Service Academy that prepares Midshipmen Morally, Mentally

PERTH AMBOY - Annapolis, sional Officers in The Naval elor of Science Degree in a Service. More Than 4,400 Men and Women representing every state in the U.S. and several Foreign Countries make up the student body, known training, graduating from The as The Brigade of Midshipmen. U.S. News and World Report has recognized The Naval Academy as a Top Five Undergraduate Engineering School and a Top 20 Best Liberal Arts College. Midshipmen learn from military and civil-At the Academy Troche Was ian instructors and participate A Member of the U.S. Navy in intercollegiate varsity sports extracurricular activities. They also study subjects Founded In 1845, The U.S. like Leadership, Ethics, Small Naval Academy Today is a Arms, Drill, Seamanship and Navigation, Tactics, Naval Engineering and Weapons, And Military Law. Upon Gradua-

and Physically to be Profes- tion, Midshipmen earn a Bach-

choice of 25 Different Subject Majors and go on to serve at least five years of Exciting and Rewarding Service as Commissioned Officers in The U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

The Brigade of Midshipmen Is Comprised of Approximately 4,400 Students from every State in the Union. Each year, approximately 1,200 young men and women are admitted to The Naval Academy's Incoming Class.

The Academy's more than 81,000 Alumni include: One President, 21 Members of Congress, Five Governors, 73 Medal of Honor Recipients, Two Nobel Prize Winners, 52 Astronauts and 4,000 Admirals and Generals.

The Excellence in Diversity Scholarship Award is awarded to one minority, female or stuChief Executive Officer.

Recipients were chosen from among 13 James R. Leva Scholarship Award applicants, 249 Excellence in Diversity applicants and 18 Trade and Vocational School Scholarship Award applicants.

NJUA scholarship applications for 2016 will be made available on NJUA's website in January. To learn more about NJUA's Scholarships, please visitwww.njua.com.

Send Your Events to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com



#### Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Edison 6/20/15













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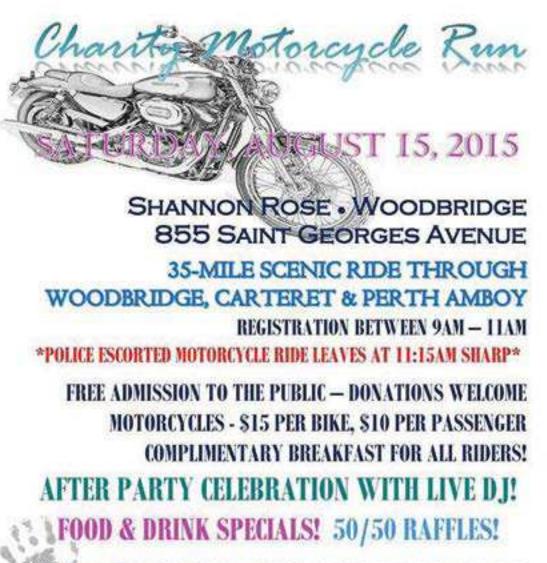
boy" (with husband Paul W. Wang)



EDISON - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Library in participation with the Perth Amboy Schools held a bookfair at Barnes & Noble, Menlo Park Mall, Edison on Saturday, June 20. The schedule of events were: Read Alouds by Perth Amboy Educators, "Annie" performance by Kimberly Gonzalez, Story and Arts & Crafts, Sing Along with Queen Elsa from "Frozen", Crafts & Give-Aways, Teen Time: Intro the latest teen novels, reading of Teen poetry, Karaoke and dance to Pop music, sketch Percy Jackson and Meet the Perth Amboy Authors: Stan Lee: "The Garden Guru," and Katherine Massopust: "Stories from Perth Amboy" and "Then and Now-Perth Amboy." The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library thank everyone who made this event successful.

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## David's Touch Foundation "Touching Lives... One Child at a Time"



CALL 732.896.0656 OR EMAIL INFO@DAVIDSTOUCH.ORG

#### 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 AU-GUST 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.

#### Cooling Centers in Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - The Office of Emergency Management has designated cooling centers for the public in two Perth Amboy facilities due to high temperatures.

1. Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center located on 1 Olive Street; Open M-F from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

2. Raritan Bay Area YMCA gymnasium located on 357 New Brunswick Avenue; Open M-F from 5:30 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

If anyone sees a person who needs help, they are urged to call the Perth Amboy Police Department at 732-442-4400. If needed, transportation will be provided by local emergency responders.



# **RIDES, FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT & MUSIC**

# FREE TO ALL CITY RESIDENTS

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.

Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - Tricky Tray Auction September 20. Doors open at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Parish House 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. Admission is \$5.

## Warren Park Mini-Theater

WOODBRIDGE - 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 - The Broadway Pops Big Band - Classics from The Great White Way, Greg Giannascoli, Leader; August 9 -Bernie Goydish's Jersey Polka Stars - Polka and Variety Music.

## South Amboy Summer **Concerts**

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednes-

#### 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.

#### Health Fair

PERTH AMBOY - Thursday, August 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JRMC, 275 Hobart St., Perth Amboy. Medical & Dental Screenings, Farmer's Market, Giveaways, Nutrition Demonstrations, Fun Games, Live Entertainment, Refreshments, & Much More. FREE to the public. For more info call 732-376-6638.

## Mayor's Summer **Concert Series**

WOODBRIDGE - Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" or "On the Lawn." Bring out your lawn chair and relax with the Mayor's Summer Concert Series. Show Time 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, August 8 - Jersey Sound; August 10 - The 1910 Fruitgum Company; August 17 - Cameos - Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

#### Rockin **Tuesdays**

WOODBRIDGE - 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 AD-MISSION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks." July 28 - Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles; August 4 - Back to the Garden - Woodstock Tribute.; August 11 - The Glimmer Twins - "Rolling Stones Cover." Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

## MIY **Thursdays**

SOUTH AMBOY - MIY Thursdays - SADIE'S STU-DIO 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.

## Local Band **Thursdays**

WOODBRIDGE · 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 30 - Smokehouse; August 6 - Smoke n Mirrors; August 13 - The Kickback Band. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

## 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-inthe-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.

# 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!

## **Country Sundays**

WOODBRIDGE - 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" -August 2 - Amy Helm; August 8 - "A Tribute to Patsy Cline"; August 16 - Cricket Tell the Weather - Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045.

#### 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.

## **Addiction** Awareness Event

SAYREVILLE - Fed UP! is going Local ! United We C.A.N Present for International Overdose Awareness Day. Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Garage Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Garage Sale August 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Parish House, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## 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

#### 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.

days, 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 29 - Bernie Goydish's Jersey Polka Stars - Polka and Variety Music; August 5 - The Tim Gillis Band (The Greatest in Country Music); August 12 - Irish Night featuring The Perry Brothers Irish Band

# Woodbridge

Wednesdays WOODBRIDGE - 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 AD-MISSION 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 29 - Brother Sun; August 5 - Guy Davis; August 12 - Ari Heist.

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 Ferrv. For additional information about our Shoe Drive, follow us on Instagram @spreadlove 3 & @sneakerferry.

PRAHD Hosts Luncheon for 2015 Roberto Clemente Honorees, Raritan Yacht Club, Perth Amboy 6/18/15

\*Photos by Al Jackson





PERTH AMBOY - (Left Top) Honorees, some family members and PRAHD Board of Directors. Photo (Above) PRAHD Bd of Dir. stand behind the honorees. The 29th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala will be held on Friday, October 23, 2015 at the Woodbridge Renaissance Hotel, 515 Route 1 South, Iselin. For more information contact: 732-442-1081

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Venetian Grand Opening, South Amboy

\*Photos by Joe Bayona

























#### Venetian Care and Rehabilitation Center Hosts Housewarming at its Grand Opening

News Release 6/10/15

SOUTH AMBOY - Windsor Healthcare Communities has combined modern design and beautiful surroundings with a progressive approach to elder care in the Venetian Care & Rehabilitation Center, which celebrated its grand opening today with a housewarming party that included tours and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Hyman Jacobs, CEO of Windsor Healthcare, welcomed local officials and community leaders, members of the medical community, Venetian residents and staff, family members and other guests to the new, state-of-the-art skilled nursing and short-term rehabilitation center. "This is a very special day for the Windsor Healthcare family," said Jacobs. "In the Venetian we've built the home we would want our own parents to have, and we are thrilled to be part of the South Amboy community."

The staff, known as "care partners" at the Venetian, practice person-directed care, a forward-thinking approach to nursing home life based on the idea that the later stages of one's life are just as valuable and meaningful as any of the earlier ones. Person-directed care stresses choice, autonomy and growth, tailoring daily life and activities to individual needs and preferences under the guidance of a consistent, interdisciplinary team of care partners. "At the Venetian we do things like we would do them at home. You can get a snack when you want, and you can choose your bath time and your bedtime. Because care partners remain the same for individual residents, you're always going to be around people you know," said Batsheva Katz, vice president at Windsor Healthcare. In attendance were Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, Senator Joe Vitale and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry along with Members of the South Amboy City Council. They offered comments on the new facility and how much they appreciate Venetian locating in town.

The new home replaces the existing Briarwood Care & Rehabilitation Center, also located in South Amboy about five miles away from the new Venetian. Jacobs said that while Briarwood was always known for its excellent care, the 1960's building architecture fell short of current thinking on how building design can actually enable best practices and improve quality of life for residents. They also saw the Venetian's rehabilitation gym, managed by highly regarded Kessler. Core, and its RehabPark<sup>TM</sup>, which is both a tranquil setting for relaxation and a physical therapy course for residents transitioning from hospital to home after illness or surgery. The Venetian is part the South Amboy waterfront neighborhood close to the YMCA and within walking distance of downtown, the train station and two parks on the waterfront promenade, all providing opportunities for residents of the home to take in entertainment and participate in the community.

#### **PAHS Class of** Ladies Auxiliary #4699 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Writers Group

WOODBRIDGE - In cooperation with The Barron Arts Center, the Woodbridge Writers Group is a forum for writers of all levels to share ideas, voice opinions, and develop skills. We are aiming to cultivate an environment of trust and positivity designed to help local writers reach their goals, large or small. The door is open to all participants, whether you write as a hobby or have an eye toward publication, and we host a wide variety of genres. There is no entry fee or long term commitment to join this is an ongoing program with new topics and material each session. Our group is an open forum, so we invite you to bring any work you'd like to share. For more information, please email Brooke and Beth at woodbridgewritersnj@ gmail.com

# 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.

## **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.

# New York **Mets Trip** PERTH AMBOY - Friday Au-

gust 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.

## Trip to Medieval Times

PERTH AMBOY - Dinner & Jousting Tournament; Saturday, August 22; \$35 pp. (MONEY ORDERS ONLY) 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.

#### Raritan Bay **Cruisers** Car Show

WOODBRIDGE - 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

## 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.

### 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.

#### 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



The Learning Garden Hands-on education about the basics of gardening, healthy produce and proper nutrition - children, adults & summer camp groups welcome. Tuesdays, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25 – 4 p.m. Groom St., Perth Amboy | Registration required, call 732-324-5257.

Healthy Eating Lecture & Cooking Demonstration Presented by Whole Foods Market Marlboro and the Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at RBMC Wed., Aug. 5 - 5:30 to 7 p.m. Suite 420, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge Registration required, call 732-360-4070.



Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me? Mon., Aug. 10 - 7 to 8 p.m. Institute for Weight Loss, Old Bridge Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME.

#### Babysitter Safety Class

Interactive class for ages 10 to 16, focuses on fundamentals of childcare

Wed., Aug. 26 - 4 to 7 p.m. \$35 per student, includes safety manual. Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Perth Amboy Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.



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



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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.** 

#### Novena to St. Joseph

Glorious St. Joseph, fosterfather and protector of Jesus Christ! To you do I raise my heart and hands to implore your powerful intercession. Please obtain for me from the kind Heart of Jesus the help and graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare. I ask particularly for the grace of a happy death, and the special favor I now implore (*name it*).

Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel animated with confidence that your prayers in my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

O glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name.

Hear my prayers and obtain my petitions.

*R.G.H.* 

#### Healing Mass

SOUTH AMBOY - Christ Episcopal Church, Main Street at Broadway, South Amboy. A Healing Mass is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, August 8th at Christ Church. The service, which follows an order for Public Hearing is open to any within the communities who desire prayers and or anointing for themselves or others. An opportunity to offer intentions is included within the Prayers of the People. FREE Family Fun Fest PERTH AMBOY - FREE

Family Fun Fest in celebration of National Health Center Week, on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 2015 Summer Lunch Program PERTH AMBOY - Free Lunch

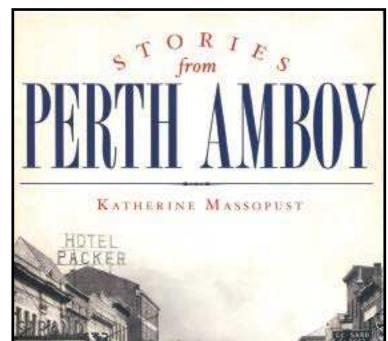
for Children and Teenagers Up to 18 years of age. FREE organized activities, such as whiffle ball & board games. City of Perth Amboy Counselors on-site. July 1st through August 28. Serving time at 12 noon. No registration required: Caledonia/Roessler Park - 65 High St.; Francis Street Park - 966-972 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.

# **Senior Scene**

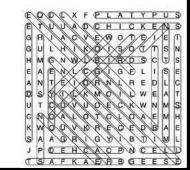
#### Happenings

Perth Amboy							
WED. Jul. 29	Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium,						
	Florida Grove Rd.						
•	St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.						
THURS. Jul. 30	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.						
MON. Aug. 3	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,						
	Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.						
TUES. Aug. 4	Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,						
e	Church Hall, Brace Ave.						
•	Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,						
	Presbyterian Center, Market St.						
WED. Aug. 5	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. Aug. 6	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,						
	Family Life Center, Madison Ave.						
South Amboy							
MON. Aug. 3	St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,						
-	Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.						
WED. Aug. 12	South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.						
MON. Aug. 31	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon						
	Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.						

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com



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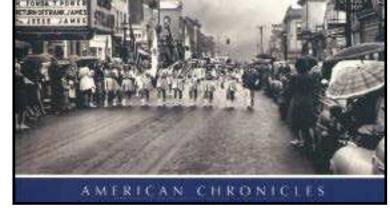
# LOOKING BACK

PERTH AMBOY - Dry Docks 9/16/97.

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#### Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig's Department Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig's at 732-442-1079 - A Great Gift!







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