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# 15 Years in the Making: Closing of the Purchase of the Remainder of Former Delaney Homes Property for the Building of a New State of the Art High School 9/23/16 Press Conference

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY – On Friday, September 23, 2016 New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) Chief Executive Officer Charles McKenna made an announcement at a press conference at the former Delaney Homes Property. The Perth Amboy Board of Education has finalized the purchase of the 11.638 acres of land from the Perth Amboy Housing Authority to be the future site of the new Perth Amboy High School.

At the press conference, McKenna thanked everyone who made this possible. He stated, "Governor Chris Christie made sure that new high schools are being built in New Jersey, especially in Perth Amboy where it's really needed. The new High School will have 535,000 square feet and will accommodate 2800 students. The project will cost \$234 million which is paid for by the SDA."

Douglas G. Dzema, PHM Executive Director of the Housing Authority thanked everyone who made this possible.

Dorothy Carty-Daniel, Chairwoman of Perth Amboy Housing Authority spoke a few words regarding this historic moment, "It is Friday, September 23, 2016 – It's been a 15 year journey. I stand before you as a parent, a grandparent, educator, school administrator, former Board of Education Member and long term Housing Authority Officer. A total of all which brings me to this place today. A free public school education is the right of every child in our country and it is the government's responsibility to provide. The many thoughts that come into my mind as I stand



PERTH AMBOY - New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) Chief Executive Officer Charles McKenna announces the finalization of the purchase of the former Delaney Homes Property for the building of a new High School \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Students from Flynn Elementary School were present during the announcement

before you today are words like: students. education, patience, planning, tenacity, preparation, due diligence, children, honor, thought and responsibility. We would never be at this junction were it not for the steadfast tenacity and due diligence of the SDA and individuals such as Paul Hamilton, Joe Higgins and Charles McKenna. They truly fought the good fight for the children of this district. I thank God for them and our Director, Doug Dzema who never lost his focus. I also thank my Board of Commissioners for allowing me to negotiate on their behalf. May this proposed institution of learning be the catalyst that successful-

ly moves our youngsters into a brilliant future they so richly deserve. May God bless us all."

Some students from James Flynn Elementary School came to the event. Superintendent Dr. David Roman stated, "Here are the stars of the show. Now, there are troubling times. Building a high school for this district is doing something right. Our students that are here are due to arrive at the gate in 5-6 years. Adults see them and they matter. On behalf of Perth Amboy Public Education System, the students should know that they matter in this world."

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# Former Perth Amboy Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz Found Not Guilty On All Counts

NEW BRUNSWICK - Former Perth Amboy Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz was indicted for theft of services in February 2015. Ruiz pleaded not guilty of the charges. His trial began in the courtroom of Superior Court Judge Diane Pincus in New Brunswick on August 30, 2016. The trial ended on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 just before 5 p.m. when the jury came back with a verdict of not guilty on all counts. The Perth Amboy City Administration terminated Benjamin Ruiz as Chief of Police in early June 2016.



Former Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz

# Police Activity on Friday, 9/23/16 Closes Section of Smith Street



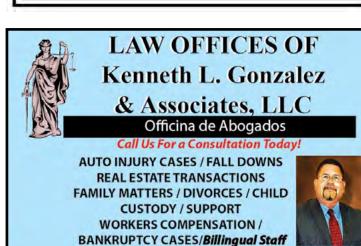


PERTH AMBOY - Smith Street was roped off between Prospect and Oak Streets in the late afternoon and later that evening the area roped up was extended up to Elm Street. The hours this occurred were between 6:30 p.m. to around 9:00 p.m.) According to bystanders, suspicious phone calls and/or packages were supposedly sent to at least one or more local businesses in the area.

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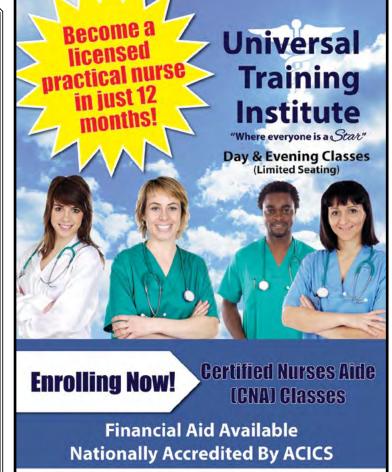
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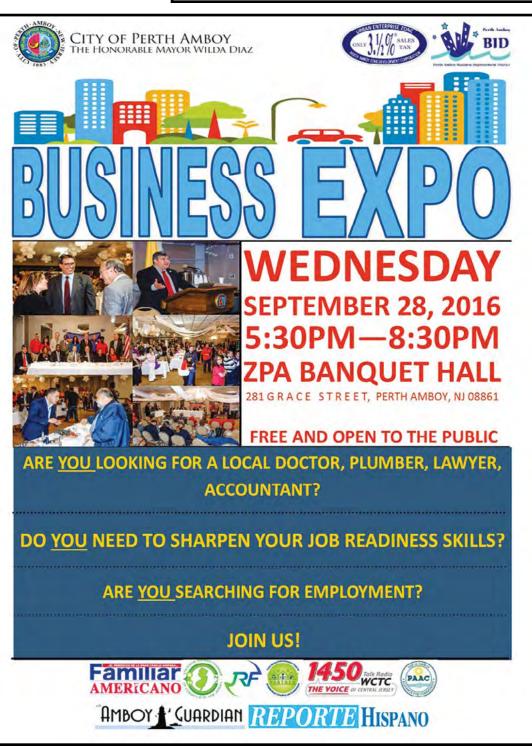


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#### **Historical Cemetery Tour**

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Historical Cemetery Tour will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. (tours leaving every 30 minutes – last tour 6:30 p.m.) at Christ Church Cemetery, South Pine Avenue, South Amboy. Come learn local history where every plot has a story . . . and the Dead tell tales. Donation \$5 for admission. Rain Date: Sunday, October 23, 2016. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight! Event being held in conjunction with the City of South Amboy.







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### LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

#### **EDITORIAL**

# Sometimes Politics Get in the Way



2016 Pink Ribbon Gala Committee \*Photo by Paul W. Wang

There was a movie titled: "A Few Good Men." We are looking for 100 Good Businesses or Individuals for the Pink Ribbon Gala on Saturday, October 15, 2016 (see ad on page 15 for full details). Everyone knows this is an election year, but truthfully politics is the last thing on my mind right now. In this editorial, I am concentrating on the Pink Ribbon Gala which will benefit Mary's Place by the Sea. 2015 was the first year the Gala was run and we were overwhelmed by the response, but this year because of all the candidates running for office, it may have put a dent into ticket sales. There are many different ways you can support a candidate besides making a monetary donation. In essence, I'm asking you to take some of that money and buy a ticket to the Gala. If you own a business, perhaps you can buy a ticket to send one representative to support this very important nonprofit organization that benefits women going through cancer treatments. October is a very tough month because it seems to attract a lot of activities by many organizations. October has traditionally been Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but Mary's Place by the Sea is for women diagnosed and undergoing treat-

ment with all forms of cancer. They accept women not only from New Jersey but also from out of state.

In the past, I have stated that many times people have made political contributions to candidates and in a few short years those candidates have disappointed them. Again I am stating that when you support Mary's Place by the Sea, you don't have to worry about your money going to a good cause; you know it will be. We have a deadline of Friday, September 30, 2016 to get ticket sales up. So, as soon as you read this editorial, I'm asking Businesses or Individuals to call the number listed in the ad on Page 15 to let them know that you will be there with a check before 3 p.m. Friday, September 30, 2016. Let's make this happen and support women who desperately need the peace of mind and complimentary services that Mary's Place by the Sea provides. Relieving stress is a very important element of the healing process, especially for anyone going through treatment for any illness. Just remember Mary's Place by the Sea is a 501c3 who depends on the generosity of donations. All donations are tax deductible as

#### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

# You Can Bet It Was Planned That Way

Well I see a home grown terrorist name Ahman Khan Rahami was putting bombs in New Jersey and his father called the FBI two years ago warning them about his son. Then that's when the FBI put him in their radar. I guess they were watching him carefully

on every move he made. Are we any safer then post 9\11? Your guess is as good as mine. I think there's something wrong going on here. The security system with immigration has failed us at some point. Yes, big brother knows who the bad guy is, but there's a failure in the system or lack of communication somewhere. So far, we have seen so-called home grown terrorists do their thing lately and we wonder

why or how they did it in daylight. Like I said before, right before the election all this terrorist activity is going on and maybe more to come. We hope not. I want you to understand this carefully. I was told by someone who knows the system: "In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way."

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

# Editorial Correction

The editorial that was published in the September 21, 2016 edition erroneously iden-

tified a bomb going off in Seaside Heights, NJ. That is incorrect. The explosive device was located in a garbage can and went off near a scheduled 5K run supporting Marines and

the Navy in Seaside Park, NJ. There were no injuries.

Thank you for correcting the record.

Doug Sabey

Loose Lips

Sink Ships
The term, "Loose Lips Sink Ships," originated in World War Two. It was printed on posters and hung up in defense plants, on the streets, at the docks ...basically everywhere. They were put up to remind people not to talk about things like shipping schedules, types of cargo a ship was carrying, ship destinations... things like that. If the wrong people overheard your conversation you could cause a ship to be sunk, (they were sinking some of them right here off the Jersey coast), and maybe your father, brother, or neighbor could be on that ship. There were a lot of spies loyal to the other side right here in the good old U.S.A. looking for that information. That's not paranoia or fantasy, it's fact.

I think they should bring

these signs back and put them up in every newsroom and news outlet in the country. The reason I say this is because I was watching a news report on one of the many news stations about the recent bombing in New York City. The commentator asked their resident expert a question that made me scratch my head. It seems that every news station has an expert when it comes to anything. A retired F.B.I. or A.T.F. guy, a top terrorism consultant from the firm of Dewey, Scruem, and Howe, the list goes on and on. The question that the commentator asked of this expert was, "What do you think the police are doing right now to find the person or persons that did this"?

Now the question was bad enough but this guy answered her. He told her what he thought the N.Y.P.D. detectives and counter terrorism division was doing now and will be doing. Evidence they are looking for and where they are likely to find it. Why don't we just paint these terrorist nudniks a picture? Give them a handbook of how not to get caught.

The "Public's Right to Know" thing has gotten way out of hand for the sake of ratings. Yes, the public has a right to know a lot of things but not the procedures that law enforcement uses to catch these guys. All "we the public" have to know is, there was a bombing, stay away from a certain area, and we caught the guy. That's it!

It is/was the consensus of many that this latest terrorist was dumb. Maybe, or maybe he was "dumb like a fox." If he and his followers are dumb, let's keep them that way for all our sake.

Joe Bayona

# Pirohi & Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Pirohi and Cake Sale from Oct. 10th. to Oct. 13th. To place your order call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Pick up orders at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. All Gourmet items homemade and handmade. Potato Pirohi- \$8.00 a doz. Cakes-Walnut. Poppy Seed, Prune, Apricot, and Raspberry-\$12.00 each. The order date is Oct. 10th to Oct. 13th. Pick up date is Oct. 18 to Oct. 19th. Pick up will begin at 2:30 p.m. no earlier!

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# Kearny Cottage Closed PERTH AMBOY - The Ke-

arny Cottage is temporarily closed for painting and minor renovations. A notice will be posted on the Amboy Guardian Website when it resumes normal operations. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

# **Proprietary**

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

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

# **Community Calendar**

**Perth Amboy** 

WED. Sept. 29 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St. MON. Oct. 10 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

**South Amboy** 

WED. Oct. 5 City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway WED. Oct. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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### **Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz** Regarding the Recent Incidents in **NYC** and New Jersey:

We understand that some may be concerned by the recent incidents/threats in New York, Seaside, NJ and Elizabeth, NJ. At this time, it has been reported that a suspect was taken into custody in Linden, NJ. We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, and I want to emphasize that it is important that IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOME-THING!!

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#### Author Visit

PERTH AMBOY - Jordan and Joellee Hernandez will be reading their book "Twin Tales: Sasha and Sophie Go to School" on Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 11:00 am at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library Children's Room at 196 Jefferson St. in Perth Amboy.

The book, written by Jordan and Joelle Hernandez and illustrated by Austin Pillar, is the debut book of Happy People Publishing. In collaboration with Infinity Publishing, the children's book takes the reader on a First Day of School adventure with twin girls, Sasha and Sophie. This is the first book in the Twin Tales series. This highly anticipated series is loosely based on the lives of the authors, and is designed to shine a light on the unique bond shared between twins.

This is the first book authored by Jordan and Joelle, identical twins from Hazlet, NJ. They are co-owners of J&J Enterprises, which houses Happy People Publishing and A Double Dose of Entertainment. The twins are sought after radio hosts and speakers specializing in entertainment news and social media and have contributed to numerous publications both in print and online.

Austin Pillar is an illustrator from central New Jersey. He has developed his artistic style through digital art as well as mixed media and collaging. Austin's personal style consists of minimalism combined with surrealism.

This event, sponsored by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Public Library, is free but recommend parents register their intention to attend so they and their children can be accommodated comfortably. The book is geared toward children 4 to 7 years of age. Contact the Friends at (201) 381-1903 or e-mail at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

# **Obituary: Valerie E. Yuhas**

NORTH BRUNSWICK/ PERTH AMBOY - Valerie E Yuhas died Saturday, September 24, 2016 at her home in North Brunswick. She was 59.

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, she had lived in North Brunswick since 2001. Valerie was an administrator in the admitting department at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, beginning in 1982 when it was Middlesex Hospital.



Valerie E. Yuhas

Surviving are brother, John Yuhas of Perth Amboy; sig-

nificant other, David John Redpath Everett of North Brunswick; bird, Nicco and many cousins.

A memorial visitation will be held on Friday, September 30, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Selover Funeral Home, 555 Georges Road, North Brunswick. The Perth Amboy Fire Department will visit as a group at 7:00 PM. A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 11:00 AM at St. John's First Hungarian Wend. Evangelical Lutheran Church, 664 Amboy Avenue, Perth Amboy. Cremation was private.







### **Announcement of New High School**

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Proposed Site for new PAHS

.Board President Sam Lebreault spoke next, "Getting here has not been easy. In 2011, the City was looking to redevelop this property. I went here with Doug Dzema. There were 15.6 acres that could be used for a new High School. They were going to develop the property. After meeting with the State, the SDA stated it will recommend this property to be used if bought by the Board of Education. Last week, I signed a \$7.4 million check to the Housing Authority for the land to be used as a site for the new High School."

Senator Joe Vitale 19th District stated, "Today is a great day. For decades to come - the SDA stated that this is the only

Dot Daniel offers some remarks \*Photos by Paul W. Wang

viable location (to build a High School). All the others did not pass the test. I'm pleased to be a part of the process."

Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski offered a few remarks, "It's 15 years and coming since the first discussions on a new Perth Amboy High School. I want to thank everyone who had roll in making it happen. It's the best thing we can do to preserve our democracy."

Mayor Wilda Diaz spoke next, "I want to thank everyone for making this special day - a historic day for Perth Amboy. It's a long time coming. For years there came rumors on a new high school. By the end of 2018 all brownfields in Perth Amboy will be developed. PAHS is my alma mater. My children also graduated from Perth Amboy High School. I want the day that our children can be proud to say they went to school in Perth Amboy. This is really emotional for me. There finally is going to be a new High School. I want to thank you for putting our children first."

The Amboy Guardian asked Board of Education President Sam Lebreault about some details about the plans for school construction and renovation in Perth Amboy. "After the new High School is built, the old High School on Eagle Avenue will be renovated and remain a



Board of Education Members listen to the Announcement

high school. The BOE had purchased 3 properties by Patten School, Shull School and the Ignacio Cruz Center to build a cul-de-sac for parking and alleviate traffic problems in that area. The present administration building on Barracks Street will be remodeled to be a new Middle School. Shull School and McGinnis School will remain and the town will have 3 Middle Schools. Construction will begin on East Avenue for a new Administration Building. The original proposed bus depot will be located at another site. East Avenue was too centrally located for the proposed bus depot. We are looking at some properties now."

Lebreault continued, "The new high school will accommodate 2800 students and encompass 11.7 acres. Superintendent Dr. David Roman is working corroboratively with the State Department of Education to develop a program that will help design the necessary learning spaces that will be suitable for the new High School. When that is completed, bids will then go out to select a designer. Before any construction takes place, everything first must be demolished at the site and proven environmentally sound. This will be the largest High School ever built by the SDA. The whole project will hopefully be completed by 2022."

# Sandy's Devastation: Inspires Perth Amboy to Rebuild, Be Better, Stronger and Keep Enhancing its Waterfront

See the beautifully restored waterfront, and celebrate the successful completion of Major improvements on Saturday, October 8th at 11 am Rain Date: Saturday, October 15th, 2016; Begin with Pink Ribbon Walk, attend the Celebration at Bay View Promenade and go to Waterfront Harvest Fest with Fun Activities, Food Trucks and Music

Press Release 9/23/16 PERTH AMBOY- Destruction caused by Super Storm Sandy inspired Historic Perth Amboy to rebuild, be stronger and always take action to enhance its beautiful waterfront.

On Saturday, October 8, Mayor Wilda Diaz and honored guests will celebrate the successful completion of major improvements to the City's waterfront. Leaders from government, business and many organizations are honoring the highly motivated people who made the wonderful waterfront recovery a reality. Everyone is invited to "Discover the Perth Amboy Waterfront" during ceremonies held at the new Bay View Park Promenade on Front Street at 11 am.

The Mayor, the Waterfront Redevelopment and Recovery Advisory Committee, and local officials are recognizing the incredible support Perth Amboy received from leaders in Middlesex County, the State of New Jersey, and the United States Government. The Mayor is thanking all of the individuals, local businesses, City employees, resident volunteers and nonprofit organiza-

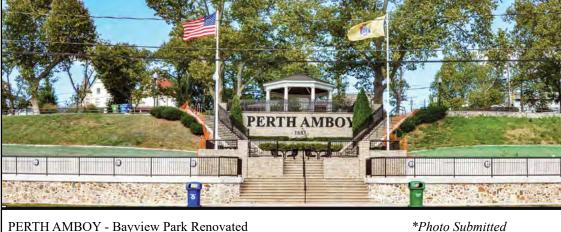
tions that assisted with the rebuilding effort.

Before the ceremonies, Perth Amboy's Recreation Department has scheduled a Pink Ribbon Walk along the waterfront beginning at 10 AM. Everyone is invited to stroll along the Harbor Walk, and the activity is free. Donations are encouraged, and the contributions will go to nonprofits funding breast cancer research or early-detection programs

Immediately following the Mayor's ceremonies, the City will celebrate its milestone achievement by hosting the Waterfront Harvest Fest.

Also, a free event for the entire community and everyone is welcome. The Perth Amboy Recreation Department is organizing activities for children including hay rides, pumpkin picking and painting, colorful face art, pie eating contest, and much more in Bay View Park.

Mayor Diaz said, "We are gathering to celebrate and gratefully acknowledge the people and organizations that helped us achieve an incredible victory – the revival of our incredible waterfront. We in-



PERTH AMBOY - Bayview Park Renovated

far to visit our amazing City -

where they can shop, dine and

transformation of Perth Am-

boy's waterfront. Hundreds of

people worked non-stop for

four years to beautifully re-

store waterfront's marina, har-

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businesses, recreation areas

and parks. The City's employ-

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carpenters, and skilled con-

struction workers rebuilt the

The "Discover the Perth

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The celebration marks the

enjoy themselves."

vite neighbors from near and Amboy Waterfront" event celebrates the efforts of everyone

who contributed their time, talent, materials, or supplies to reconstruct and redevelop the

City's most valuable resource.

In addition, the engineering, modern construction methods and many improvements will help reduce the impact to the waterfront from similar storms.

The Mayor added, "We are unsure of what the future holds, but we have seen the amazing results when people work together to rebuild after a devastating storm."

Throughout the day, activities include:

· Pumpkin picking and paint-

- Custom face art
- Pie eating contest
- Hayride Tours of Historic
- Fireboats with colorful, water displays
- Armada of sailboats & yachts tacking across Raritan Bay
- Music by D.J. and live per-
- Food trucks selling refreshments and a variety of delicious cuisine in the Municipal Marina parking lot

For more information, contact Perth Amboy's Recreation Deby partment 732.826.1690, ext. 4305or by email at recleader@perthamboynj.org

# NJ Transit Resilience Program Raritan River Bridge Replacement Project

Public Meeting Olive Street Community Center 9/20/16



R.J. Palladino, NJ Transit Senior Program Manager \*Photo by Katherine Massopust

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY – On Tuesday, September 20, 2016 there was a public meeting at the Olive Street Community Center regarding the Raritan River Bridge which presently carries over 19,200 commuters daily via the NJ Transit North Jersey Coast Railroad Line along with moving over 2 million tons of freight via Conrail annually.

The presentation was made by R.J. Palladino, NJ Transit Senior Program Manager. He explained the need for this project. "The North Jersey Coast is the third busiest line in New Jersey. It's important to keep operational and needs major work."

The Raritan River Bridge is over 100 years old. The need for a new bridge became necessary after the Raritan River Bridge was damaged by Superstorm Sandy. Although the damage was repaired in order to bring the bridge to safe working order, the trains must still operate at reduced speeds when traversing the bridge. Additional reconstruction was deemed necessary for long



Riverkeeper Bill Schultz speaks with representatives of NJ Transit Raritan River Resilience Program. Cornucopia Cruise Line Owner Mustafa Kilic listens from the back. \*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

term use of the bridge. It was determined that a new bridge was necessary to be able to operate at optimum speeds, be more resilient to storm damage and at the same time increase maritime travel capacity. "We are looking for a long term fix. This will provide adequate service for our train commuters and maritime customers. We are looking to do it in a way that minimizes interference and be implemented in a suitable time frame. Looking at storms (like Sandy) we needed a replacement bridge," Palladino stated.

In 2014, post Sandy grants from the Federal Transit Association were available. These grants are geared to provide funding for repairing the infrastructure of the railroad destroyed or damaged by Sandy. NJ Transit applied for and received a Competitive Resiliency Grant from the Federal Government. This new bridge will be paid for by money from this grant

Presently, the Raritan River Bridge is a swing bridge. It was recommended that the newly proposed bridge will be a Vertical Lift Bridge. (See photos). The proposed vertical lift bridge will be 46 feet high when closed and 110 feet high when open. "This replacement bridge will be constructed alongside the existing which will minimize the impact of the train and maritime vessels. It will be much more resilient to storm damage," stated Palladino.

Because of the age of the bridge, NJ Transit is working with the State NJ Historical Preservation Office. They are also preparing an EA (Environmental Assessment) in accordance with the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act regarding the environmental work involved in constructing the bridge. The plan is for construction to be completed in 7 years.

The Amboy Guardian asked NJ Transit Representative Eddie Bonco why the Perth Amboy Train Station is still not handicapped accessible. Bonco stated that there are plans to renovate the Perth Amboy Train Station and that he was



The Raritan River Bridge between South Amboy and Perth Amboy \*Bridge Photos courtesy of NJ Transit





A Vertical Lift Bridge which will be similar to the one built between South Amboy and Perth Amboy. Bridge

the project manager on this matter. Bonco replied, "The Perth Amboy Train Station will be handicapped equipped (in the near future). There will be a high level platform and 4 elevators. "The project is presently at 30% (Planning Stage) and hopefully will begin building the platform in the summer of 2017. Everything is going to be fixed and brought up to code,"

Bonco stated.

To get involved or offer comments about the Raritan River Bridge Replacement Project email NJ Transit at Riverdraw@njtransitreslienceprogram.com. Public meeting notifications and the latest updates will be listed on the News section of www.njtransitresilienceprogram.com

#### \*\*MUNICIPAL PORTION OF THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT\*\*

### City of Perth Amboy Municipal Election

Tuesday, November 8, 2016, County of Middlesex, New Jersey Voting Machine Sample Ballot Cloine M. Jasko
Elaine M. Jasko
City Clerk

OFFICE TITLE	Nomination by Petition	J	Nomination by Petition	K	Nomination by Petition	L	Nomination by Petition	M	PERSONAL CHOICE
<b>Mayor</b> 4YearTerm VoleforOne	Joel PABON Real Leader ship for Perth Amboy	1J	Miguel A. NUNEZ Serving All People 2016	1K	Sharon D. HUBBERMAN We're Ready	1L	Wilda DIAZ Stronger Together	1M	Write In
Members of the City Council-At-Large 4Year Term Vote for Two	Ken PUCCIO Real Leader ship for Perth Amboy	2J	Virginia LUGO Serving All People 2016	2K	Enid CRESPO We're Ready	2L	Fernando IRIZARRY Stronger Together	2M	Write In
	Angel MOTA-RAMIREZ Real Leadership for Perth Amboy	3J	Miriam QUILES-FIGUERO A Serving All People 2016	3K			Jelmin CABA Stronger Together	3M	Write In

Polls Open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### St. Vincent DePaul Backpack Giveaway, Perth Amboy 9/24/16 \*Photos Courtesy of Jerry Yaros









PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry Volunteers recently gave out over 220 backpacks to the needy Perth Amboy schoolchildren. This is an annual program that is in addition to giving out supplemental groceries every Saturday. The backpacks are donated by area churches in Edison, Avenel, Port Reading, East Brunswick, Colonia, Sayreville and Old Bridge and also individual donors.



# Send Your Events to: AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

### South Amboy "Hole-in-the-Wall" **Evaluated by Mayor Fred Henry** 9/21/16 Council Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie Amboy Mayor Fred Henry redon't do something about it." ported that he and Freeholder The Hole-in-the-Wall con-Director Ronald Rios recently evaluated the famous "Holein-the-Wall".

Resident Pete Kenny asked about the current status of the tunnel at last Wednesday's city council meeting. Mayor Henry explained that a letter had been sent a letter to Conrail with a report of their findings.

"We took a quick walkthrough and [Director Rios] observed that it is obviously in disrepair,"

Mayor Henry said. "They sent [Conrail] a letter saying that something has to be done with it, they gave them some time, they didn't respond. They sent them another letter and [Direc-

tor Rios] told me that they will city." SOUTH AMBOY - South go to court with Conrail if they

> nects Stevens Avenue and Ridgeway Avenue near Route 35. The narrow roadway serves as a tunnel that goes under six to eight railroad tracks.

> The City Council also sent their congratulations to the South Amboy Arts District, which had their grand opening earlier this month.

> "I'd like to congratulate the Arts District for their grand opening which they had last Saturday Night," Councilwoman Zusette Dato said. "There was a lot of good coverage, a lot of people from the arts were there to see what was going on and lend support. I think it's very exciting for our

"I had the opportunity to go over there Saturday and it really was terrific," Councilman Tom Reilly said. "It was music, it was arts, it was everything I thought it would be and more than that. We've got a lot of talented people on this committee and I think there's going to be a lot of good things coming."

Business Administrator Camille Tooker added that will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony at the Arts District's main office on October 27th which will be followed by an open house.

Councilman Donald Applegate was not in attendance for the council meeting. The next city council meeting will be held on October 19th at 7 p.m.

240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Peace Conference, Billop House, Tottenville, Staten Island, NY 9/17/16 \*Photo by John K. Dyke



TOTTENVILLE - On September 11, 1776, John Adams, Ben Franklin & Edward Rutledge ferried from Perth Amboy to the Billop House on Staten Island. There they met with Lord Admiral Howe for peace talks. The British Officer on the far left is portrayed by Perth Amboy's Anton Massopust III, who took part in the 240th reenactment.







**Election Day is** Tuesday, **November 8, 2016 Polls Open** 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Remember to Vote!



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer







# You're Invited to Join

our

# Pink Ribbon Walk

on Saturday October 8th at 10am. (rain date: October 15th)

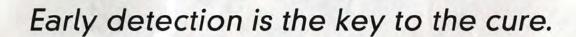
Donations are encouraged.

The walk will begin at "Harborwalk" on South 2nd Street and proceed to the Presentation and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of our beautifully restored waterfront at Bayview Park's Promenade.

Followed by our Citys' annual Harvest Fest at Bayview Park.



I walk so that Little Girls
will grow up
in a world where Pink Ribbons
are for
Ponytails & Prom Dresses



Pink ribbons & t-shirts will be given to each walk participant upon registration.

Please call today to make reservations

2nd Annual Pink Ribbon Gala

In Collaboration with Shades of Pink

Honoring Mary's Place by the Sea

Saturday, October 15, 2016
7:00pm - 11:00pm
Cocktail Hour 6:00pm
Cornucopia Cruise Line - St. Charles
401 Riverview Drive
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Tickets available by calling Raquel Roche (732)586-2799 or at www.pinkribbongala.eventbrite.com

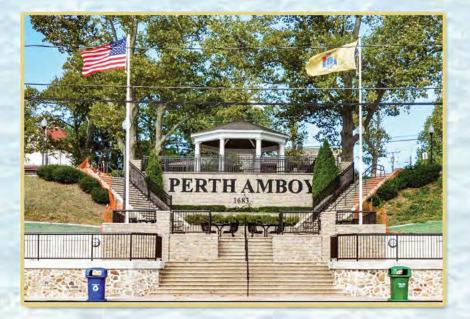
Mary's Place by the Sea, providing a place for women with cancer to heal, during and after treatment.

Tickets: \$125.00 per person (Dinner & Dancing)













Discover

# our Waterfront

Saturday, October 8th, 2016

Rain Date: October 15th, 2016





A source of inspiration...

To rebuild: To be better, To be stronger and
To never take our waterfront for granted.

Mayor Wilda Diaz, cordially invites you to enjoy our beautifully restored Waterfront & celebrate the successful completion of our many major improvements

> 🌞 10:00 am - Pink Ribbon Walk "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" Honoring Mary's Place by the Sea

> > The walk will begin at our newly completed "Harborwalk" on South 2nd Street and proceed to Bayview Park's Promenade. Donations are encouraged

# 11:00 am - Presentation and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Our Waterfront

Bayview Park Promenade

Front Street, across from the newly built Marina

# 12:00 pm - Waterfront Harvest Fest (free event)

Pumpkin picking & painting Face painting Pie eating contest Hayride Tours of the Historic Sites in Perth Amboy Bayview Park

# 12:00 pm - Food Truck Vendors will sell a variety of delicious food and treats

Marina Parking Lot (South)

🏶 The Raritan Yacht Club along with High School sailing teams from Perth Amboy and neighboring municipalities will be participating in our festivities.

Discover Perth Amboy: Our History, Cuisine and Waterfront.

Let us be your first stop on the "Jersey Shore"!

# Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show, High Street, Perth Amboy 9/17/16 \*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Carolyn Maxwell



















































Pink Trophy Raffle

### Follow These Steps for a Healthy Pregnancy

By: Steven C. Goldberg, M.D., **FACOG** 

There aren't words to describe how exciting it is to be preparing for the arrival of your new baby. Or how nervewracking. With an endless stream of advice and recommendations from experts, web sites, magazines, and wellmeaning friends and family, it can be confusing to figure out how to give your child the best start in life. Here are five top tips for a healthy pregnancy, plus two exciting classes to help grandparents, family and caregivers learn how to take the best care of your precious addition.

- Get Up To Date On Vaccinations, Especially The Flu Shot: Getting vaccinated for the flu now, when flu season is beginning, is a must for a healthy pregnancy. If you haven't had the tetanus pertussis vaccination in the past two years, make sure to get this vaccine after 22 weeks of pregnancy. Make sure everyone taking care of your baby is up to date with their vaccinations as well, especially Tdap, which protects against whooping cough, tetanus and diphtheria.
- Eat Well & Don't Forget Your Pre-Natal Vitamins: Have three well-balanced meals daily to nourish yourself and baby too.

Prenatal vitamins balance your loved ones. diet and help to ensure a healthy pregnancy. Folic acid helps protect against birth defects of your baby's brain and spinal cord.

- Take Steps Not To Stress: Though many moms focus on the physical aspects of their pregnancy, having good mental health is crucial for a healthy pregnancy, too. Help reduce stress and clear the mind by making time for self-care, whether that means pre-natal yoga or other gentle exercise, napping, or a daily walk.
- Consider Genetic Testing: Pay special attention to prenatal tests offered to you during pregnancy, including genetic testing. It is important to know if you or your partner's family has a history of genetic problems. Genetic testing can screen your baby for many disorders. Your ob-gyn call tell you if genetic testing might be right for you.
- Ask Your Doctor About Cord Blood Banking: Cord blood banking saves stem cell-rich cord blood for potential use later in your child's life. Families, especially those with a history of some genetic traits, cancer or other disorders should ask their doctor how cord blood banking can be an invaluable resource for their

Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering two classes in October to helpeveryone in your family prepare for the arrival of your newborn. A grandparents newborn care class will be held Thursday, October 6, and a basic newborn care class Wednesday, October 19, both 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. These classes provide helpful information about diapering, feeding, developing sleeping habits and more, are held at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA in Perth Amboy and cost \$50 per couple. Sign up today by calling 1-800-DOC-

Steven C. Goldberg, M.D., FACOG, is part of the Bay Obstetrics and Gynecology practice, affiliated with Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family and is chair of the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Raritan Bay. The Bay physicians are all board certified and provide comprehensive health care services for women of all ages. Office locations include the Medical Pavilion at Woodbridge, 740 Route 1 North, Iselin, NJ, and Suite 314, 3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. To schedule an appointment, call 732.360.4080.

# Experts Now Recommend Weight Loss Surgery as a Standard Treatment for Type 2 Diabetes

By: Ayotunde Adeyeri, M.D., **FASMBS** 

Weight loss surgery not only leads to dramatic weight loss, but it also reverses type 2 diabetes in most people who undergo these stomach-shrinking procedures. According to a joint statement endorsed by 45 international diabetes organizations, published in the June 2016 issue of Diabetes Care, a publication of the American Diabetes Association and the leading source for the latest research in diabetes treatment, care and prevention, experts now say that surgery for weight loss should become a more routine treatment option for people with type 2 diabetes - even those who are only mildly

Many of the estimated 29 million Americans with type 2 diabetes are overweight or obese. Marked by high levels of sugar in the blood, type 2 diabetes increases the risk of heart disease, kidney disease, eye and nerve complications, and other serious health problems. Currently, weight-loss surgery is considered appropriate for two groups of people: those with extreme obesity (a body mass index, or BMI, of 40 or higher)

or those only with moderate obesity (BMI of 35 or higher) who also have an obesity-related health problem, such as type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure or sleep apnea. But this new research recommends that even people with mild obesity (a BMI between 30 and 35) who have trouble controlling their blood sugar levels should be considered candidates weight loss surgery, also known as bariatric surgery.

The two most common weight loss procedures are the gastric bypass procedure and the gastric sleeve. Most are performed through several small belly incisions. Talk with a board certified bariatric surgeon to determine which procedure is recommended for you, based upon your medical history and weight loss goals.

After weight loss surgery, people lose weight partly because they're physically unable to eat as much food, but also because they're far less hungry. The stomach secretes a hunger hormone (ghrelin), so removing most of that organ also shrinks a person's appetite. Weight loss surgery also seems to improve the body's ability to produce and respond to insulin, the hormone that helps regulate blood sugar. Compared to medical and lifestyle treatments (such as diet and exercise), recent studies show that weightloss surgery is far more effective for treating type 2 diabetes.

According to the Diabetes Care statement, fewer than half of adults with type 2 diabetes meet blood sugar goals and other targets that would lower their risk of long-term complications from the disease—yet another argument for including surgery for weight loss in treatment guidelines for type 2 diabetes.

Ayotunde Adeyeri, M.D., FASMBS, is a board-certified and fellowship-trained laparoscopic, bariatric and general surgeon and medical director of the Institute for Weight Loss at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family. The Institute is accredited by the MBSAQIP as a Comprehensive Bariatric Center and provides individualized medical and surgical solutions and support for individuals seeking weight loss, including nutrition and lifestyle counseling. For more information or to attend a free bariatric surgery seminar, call 855. TIME.4.ME.

# Shine a Light on Mental Illness and Let Others Know There is Hope and Understanding

By: Nanditha Krishnamsetty,

Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. October 2 through October 8 is Mental Illness Awareness Week. Each year, the week provides an opportunity to fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for equal care.

One in five adults experience mental illness problems every year and 50 percent of chronic mental illness begins by age 14. Although many people today understand that mental illness is a medical condition, individuals and families affected by mental illness are still often subjected to stigma and discrimination.

Anyone can experience mental health problems. Friends and family can make all the difference in a person's recovery process. You can help by recognizing the signs of mental health problems and connecting your friend or family member to professional help. Supportive friends can play an important role in the mental health recovery process. All too often, people respond negatively or dismissively when an individual discloses their mental health disorder.

This year, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is calling on everyone to shine a light on mental illness and replace stigma with hope. Tuesday, October 4 is the National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding. The prayers and actions of both faith communities

and secular organizations can help to shine a light on mental illness and replace stigma with hope. To learn more, visit www.nami.org.

In addition, as part of Mental Illness Awareness Week, National Depression Screening Day will be held Thursday, October 6. If you or someone you know may need a mental health assessment, a free and anonymous mental health screening is available online at www.helpyourselfhelpothers.org/.

Shine a light on mental illness and replace stigma with hope by taking the pledge to be stigma free. To take the #Stigmafree pledge, visit www.nami. org/stigmafree.

Psychiatrist Nanditha Krishnamsetty, M.D., is part of Bay Behavioral Health at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family. The practice provides comprehensive ascounseling and, sessment, when necessary, medication management for children (age 8) through adults to achieve mind/body wellness. Bay Behavioral Health is located at Raritan Bay - Old Bridge, Suite 302, 3 Hospital Plaza. For more information or to make an appointment, call 732.360.4077.

If you or someone you love is suffering from a serious mental health problem or have mentioned suicide, call Raritan Bay's crisis hotline to speak with an experienced mental health counselor. This free, confidential service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 732.442.3794.

### **Information** Session

PERTH AMBOY - Pillar College will be holding an Information Session on Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Topics will include Completing your Bachelor's Degree One Night a Week – One Class at a time, Prior Learning Assessment Credit, \$6,500 Tuition Grants and Financial Aid Available for those who qualify. Accelerated Degree Programs (Biblical Studies, Organizational Leadership, Psychology and Counseling. For more information, call 973-803-5000.

# Have You **Volunteered** Lately?

PERTH AMBOY - The first and biggest benefit Ameri-Corps VISTA members get is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country. The intangible benefits alone, such as pride, satisfaction and accomplishment are worthwhile reasons to serve. There are other benefits as well including awards, job and education certifications, professional development, and more. For more info call the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, 275 Hobart Street, Perth Amboy.

### Wills & Power of Attorney Seminar

OLD BRIDGE - Wills & Power Planning Council have provided of Attorney Seminar at the Old Bridge Library, 1 Old Bridge Plaza Old Bridge NJ 08857 on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 1 p.m. with Speaker: Kenneth Vercammen, Esq. Edison, NJ (Author-Answers to Questions About Probate) Open to the Public. You do not need to be a resident. For more info call: 732-721-5600 xt.

The NJ Probate Law made a number of substantial changes in Probate and the administration of estates and trusts in New Jersey. Main Topics:

- 1. The New Probate Law and preparation of Wills
- 2. 2016 changes in Federal Estate and Gift Tax
- 3. NJ Inheritance taxes on estates over \$675,000
- 4. Power of Attorney
- 5. Living Will
- 6. Administering the Estate/ Probate/Surrogate
- 7. Questions and Answer

Complimentary Material: Brochures on Wills, "Answers to Questions about Probate" and Administration of an Estate, Power of Attorney, Living Wills, Real Estate Sales for Seniors, and Trusts.

Can't attend? We can email you materials Send email to VercammenLaw@Njlaws.com

Free Will Seminars and Speakers Bureau for Groups.

Speakers Bureau: At the request of senior citizen groups, unions, and Middlesex County companies and organizations, the " Speakers Bureau " is a service designed to educate citizens about how laws affect their lives and how the judicial system operates. We have attorneys available to speak to businesspersons, educational, civic and social organizations on a wide range of topics during business hours. For additional information on the Legal Seminars, contact our Coordinator, Kenneth Vercammen's law office at (732) 572-0500, or fax 732-572-0030.

10 years ago the AARP Network Attorneys of the Edison/ Metuchen/Woodbridge area several years ago established a community Speakers Bureau to provide educational programs to AARP and senior clubs, Unions and Middlesex County companies. Now, volunteer attorneys of the Middlesex County Estate

Legal Rights Seminars to hundreds of seniors, business owners and their employees, unions, clubs and non-profit groups. These quality daytime educational programs will educate and even entertain. Clubs and companies are invited to schedule a free seminar. The following Seminars are now available:

Details on the 2 programs currently offered:

- 1. WILLS & ESTATE ADMIN-ISTRATION- PROTECT YOUR FAMILY AND MAKE PLAN-NING EASY
- 2. POWER OF ATTORNEY to permit family to pay your bills if you are temporarily disabled and permit doctors to talk with family

All instructors are licensed attorneys who have been in practice at least 25 years. All instructors are members of the American Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association, and Middlesex County Bar Association. All programs include free written materials.

You don't have to be wealthy or near death to do some thinking about a Will. Here is your opportunity to listen to an experienced attorney who will discuss how to distribute your property as you wish and avoid many rigid provisions of state law.

Topics discussed include: Who needs a Will?; What if you die without a Will (intestacy)?; Mechanics of a Will; "Living Will"; Powers of Attorney; Selecting an executor, trustee, and guardian; Proper Will execution; Inheritance Taxes, Estate Taxes \$14,000 annual gift tax exclusion, Bequests to charity, Why you need a "Self-Proving" Will and Estate Administration/ Probate.

Sample materials: Hand-outs on Wills, Living Wills/Medical Advance Directive, Power of Attorney, Probate and Administration of an Estate, Real Estate, Working with your Attorney, Consumers Guide to New Jersey Laws, and Senior Citizen Rights.

In today's complex world, few people can function successfully and safely without competent legal advice. In order to insure your estate plans are legally set up, you need to know exactly where you stand so that you can avoid possibly catastrophic mistakes impacting both you and your family.

Casino Night

HOPELAWN – The 3rd Annual Perth Amboy Catholic School Casino Night Fundraiser will take place on Friday, September 30, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Good Shepherd Parish's Msgr. Anthony Gambino Hall (Most Holy Rosary Church), 625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the kitchen will be open. Texas Hold'Em; Blackjack; Roulette; Craps; Money Wheel; Baccarat; Chance Wheel. Tickets: \$30 pp. Each Ticket includes 1 drink ticket, 10 Tricky Tray tickets and 12 50/50 drawing tickets. (\$5 of every ticket sold will be included in the 50/50 raffle drawing) Must be 18 years or older to attend. All proceeds from the evening to benefit Perth Amboy Catholic School. No cash prizes awarded for casino games. For more information, please call 732-826-1598 or email bpolicastro@diometuchen.org or go to www.pacatholicschool.org

#### Citizens Campaign Unveils Package to Empower People to Upgrade Their Neighborhoods Civic Trusts in Perth Amboy, Trenton and Newark to discuss Policies with City Officials

Press Release 9/12/16 PERTH AMBOY - The Citizens Campaign today unveiled a package of policies and tools empowering people to fix-up and upgrade their own neighborhoods. The Citizen Neighborhood Improvement Package provides concrete ways for people to take matters into their own hands and help their communities recover from the wave of foreclosures and abandoned properties triggered by the Great Recession. The Citizen Neighborhood Improvement Package was developed by Civic Trustees in Newark, Trenton and Perth Amboy with expert assistance from The Citizens Campaign's Law and Policy Task Force. It contains a set of citizen-based programs designed to put urban neighborhoods on a path of continuous improvement. Civic Trustees from Perth Amboy, Newark and Trenton will be working with elected officials and neighborhood organizations on implementing the multi-pronged program. According to the Trustees, the Package can be tailored and adapted to each city's' current challenges and to complement each city's current policies in

these areas. The Citizen Neighborhood Improvement Package cludes three essential elements. A foundation for action is established through a citizen-conducted Monthly Main-

tenance Survey of zoning, building and property maintenance code violations, public property maintenance deficiencies, and vacant local abandoned properties. Its purpose is to facilitate the work of code enforcement and public works officials by providing them with a user-friendly list of neighborhood priorities. To enhance accountability, copies of the list will also be provided to the elected officials responsible for supervising these departments and to all neighborhood residents. The list will be made available at a set time each month to better enable planning of staff time.

A funding mechanism is provided through a City Banking Policy to speed the fix up of abandoned properties. It takes advantage of a new state law that gives cities the right, with just 30 days' notice, to go in and fix-up neighborhood eyesores and recoup the costs. The policy provides banks who wish to get city deposits an incentive to lend money to fund the upfront costs of fixing abandoned properties. Based on local laws identified by Civic Trustees as working in Cleveland and Seattle, the policy makes banks compete for city deposit funds on the basis of their willingness to fund socially responsible policies such as advancing abandoned property fix-up funds.

A quality of life boost is of-

fered through a Tree Donation Program that enhances the neighborhoods whose residents take responsibility for public works oversight. gives neighborhoods the ability to place donated mature shade trees in locations the residents identify. Donors provide the cost of a mature shade tree, its planting costs and a year's maintenance to ensure the tree's viability in return for a plaque or marker at the base of the tree dedicating it to a loved one or someone whom the donor respects.

Harry Pozycki, Chair of The Citizens Campaign said, "Our cities were hit hard by the foreclosure crisis leaving abandoned properties in its wake. This package empowers people to take matters into their own hands and come together to fix-up their neighborhoods."

Pozycki added, "Civic Trustees are looking forward to working closely with elected officials, appointed officials and neighborhood organizations to tailor the model Citizen Neighborhood Improvement Package to fit with their specific citys' neighborhood programs. Taken together, the elements of the program give people the tools to bring about achievable and ongoing improvements to their neighborhoods--ones that will boost property values and improve residents' quality of life."

# Music at Saint Mary's

SOUTH AMBOY - Our season opener! Join us at Music at Saint Mary's for the beginning of our 16th concert season! This concert event features one of the finest chamber music ensembles in New Jersey – the Monmouth Winds. All members of this woodwind quintet are performers with the Monmouth Symphony Orchestra. Hailed by critics far and wide, the Monmouth Winds are a Central NJ tourde-force! Don't miss this delightful concert. Sunday-October 16, 2016; 4:00 pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation appreciated) A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.

Ads Sell! Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

# Open Mic

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are resuming their Open Mic series on Friday September 30 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy beginning at 8 p.m. Anyone who plays in a band or wants to sing or play a musical instrument is invited. No cover charge. Refreshments available. For more information, call 732-721-2025.

#### Fitness Class

SOUTH AMBOY - Tabata (Interval) Fitness Classes start on September 17th on Saturday Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. at Christ Church Memorial Hall, 210 Main Street, South Amboy. Price: 10 classes for \$75. \*Donation is nonrefundable. Total body workout. Cardio and Strength training. Get strong, burn fat and gain confidence. Join Certified Personal Trainer Denise Morgan, for a fun filled, 50-minute full body workout. All you need is a set of light weights and a mat. Never forget your water! For registration information please email Denise at healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com or call 732-525-9536. Help Support Christ Church

#### Ghosts: What They Are and How to Investigate Them

WOODBRIDGE - With the arrival of ghosts, goblins and witches for Halloween, join the Woodbridge Historical Association for its monthly meeting to hear about the phenomena of ghosts on Monday, October 24, at the Woodbridge Main Library. Gordon Thomas Ward, a nationally recognized author and paranormal investigator with Haunted New Jersey, will discuss his years of experience with ghostly phenomena especially in historic locations. Mr. Ward is the author of several books including Ghosts of Central New Jersey: Historic Haunts of the Somerset Hills and Tracing Infinity: Bridging the Gap Between Heaven and Earth.

The meeting begins at 7pm in the downstairs meeting room of the Main Library on Amboy Avenue. Light refreshments will follow the program. For further information, contact brendavelasco@ twp.woodbridge. nj.us



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### This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

On September 26, 1941, German Army Group South reaches Sevastopol, in the Crimea. Around the city, 32,000 Soviet Separate Coastal Army soldiers under Maj. Gen. Igor Petrov begin constructing a network of three well-organized rings of defense.

The first liberty ship, SS Patrick Henry, is launched at Baltimore on September 27. Thirteen more of the vessels are also launched today, with 312 more remaining on order. In Europe, Reinhard Heydrich — described even by Adolf Hitler as "the man with the iron heart" and one of the main architects of the Holocaust — is named Acting Reich-Protector of Bohemia and Moravia in Czechoslovakia. Upon his appointment, he tells his aides: "We will Germanize the Czech vermin." The Communist Party of Greece and three other left-wing Greek political parties jointly form the National Liberation Front to oppose the German occupation.

A civilian uprising against the oppressive Bulgarian occupation of northern Greece begins in the city of Drama and surrounding villages on September 28. It is put down brutally, with about 3,000 people executed in reprisals in Drama alone. In the U.S., Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, batting .400 for the year, insists on playing in both games of a doubleheader with the Philadelphia Athletics on the last day of the regular season. He bats 4 for 5 in the first game and 2 for 3 in the nightcap, finishing with a .406 season batting average. (No one has hit .400 or over for a season in major league baseball since.)

The Moscow Conference begins on September 29; Averell Harriman, representing the U.S., and Lord Beaverbrook, for the U.K., meet with Soviet foreign minister Vyacheslav Molotov to arrange urgent assistance for the U.S.S.R. German SS troops, assisted by Ukrainian police and local collaborators, kill over 33,700 Jews at Babi Yar, outside of Kiev, Ukraine. The Germans claim the killings are in response to incidents of sabotage attributable to the local Jewish population. Finnish forces break through to Petrozavodsk on Lake Onega in Karelia, northern Russia. In New York City, Joe Louis defeats Lou Nova by a technical knockout in the 6th round of their fight to retain his heavyweight boxing championship.

On September 30, Gen. Heinz Guderian's Panzer Group 2 is moved north to become the right wing of the German attack on Moscow. German troops break out of Dnepropetrovsk, moving southeast toward Donetsk.

On October 1, 1941, the Nazi Majdanek concentration camp (Konzentrationslager Lublin) opens in Occupied Poland, on the outskirts of the town of Lublin. Between October 1941 and July 1944 at least 200,000 people will be killed in the camp. The New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy is redesignated as the Royal New Zealand Navy

"Operation Typhoon" begins on October 2 as German forces launch an all-out offensive against Moscow. In Paris, six synagogues are dynamited by the SS, the German security and surveillance organization.

#### Ask the Rabbi

with Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy, in the Menlo Park Mall food court, every Wednesday from 12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. All questions will be answered. Everyone is invited to ask.

# Minecraft & Agar.io

SOUTH AMBOY - Minecraft & Agar.io Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, Refreshments! For more info call 732-721-6060.

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#### POW/MIA

**Program**SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary and the Post Commander of #4699 Post will hold a POW/MIA Program on September 27 at 7p.m. at the post home in Sayreville, NJ at Jernee Mill road. POW/MIA is a program for members missing in action during the wars. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more info call 732-264-3041 thank you.

#### A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador **Seniors**

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, October 6, 2016. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

#### **Sands Casino** Trip

#### South Amboy **Columbiettes**

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Columbiettes sponsoring a trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem PA Saturday October 15, 2016. Cost of \$30 includes round trip motorcoach transportation, \$20 slot play, \$5 food voucher, and refreshments. Motorcoach leaves the Knights of Columbus parking lot at 10 AM. For reservations call Cheryl or Steve at 732-727-1707.

# **Sands Casino** Trip

Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors Bus Trip to Sands Casino - Tony Orlando Holiday Show – Thursday, December 1, 2016. Cost: \$60 - Includes \$20 Back In Play, Bus And Tip + The Show At 2:00 p.m. Bus Leaves Church Parking Lot (625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn) At 10:00 a.m. and Arrives Back Approx. 7:00 p.m. Any Questions, Etc. Please Contact Ronnie Dematteo at 732-442-5252

#### Vendor Show

SOUTH AMBOY - Ladies Ancient order of Hibernians, 271 Second St., 2nd Floor South Amboy on Sunday October 23, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Great even to begin your Christmas shopping!!!!

Vendors\*\*\* include: Wild Tree, Thirty One, Tupperware, Premiere Jewelry, Jamberry Nails, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Jewelry in Candles, Younique, Heaven Scent Candles, My Barefoot Sandals and many more.....

Grab your friends & family and join the ladies for an afternoon of shopping and mingling. For more information, contact Jo-Anne @732-586-0074/email applesanni@aol.

#### A.C. Bus Trip CORRECTION OF **DATE**

#### St. John Paul II Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – There is a trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City every fourth Wednesday of the month. The next trip is September 28, 2016. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:45 a.m. Call Bobbi at 732-636-2867 to reserve a seat and for more information.

#### **Book Sale**

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paper backs/\$1 for hard cover) ...or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Book Dealers Welcome.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays, October 8th, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, December 10th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

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#### Pet of the Week



Sasha attended the Fishing Derby event at the Perth Amboy Waterfront after participating in the St. Peter's Hunger Walk with Lissette

#### Have a Special Pet?

E-mail us your Pet Photos to Amboy-Guardian@gmail. com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

### **PAHS** Class of '76 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School Class of 1976 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion will be at the ZPA Banquet Hall, 281 Grace St., Perth Amboy on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Call Joyce for tickets 732-887-7800

### *PAHS* Class of '66 Reunion Update

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Class of 66 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion on October 1st at 7 p.m. The reunion will take place at the Pines Manor, located on Route 27, Edison. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates, share a wonderful milestone and dance the night away! The cost of the reunion is \$85/per person. If interested, mail a check payable to: Paula Paylonnis Moyle; 59 Forrest Street; Metuchen, NJ 08840. The committee has also scheduled a tour of the "Halls of Ivy" on Friday as well as a Sunday Brunch (pay your own tab if you go). We have had a great response and plan to have a terrific weekend. For more information please call Dotty Chiera 732-859-5669.

#### Novena to St. Rita

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

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

#### **Petition to St. Jude**

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

Thank you, St. Jude. M.A.S.

# Remember to Say Your Novenas!

### Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBRIDGE- Tuesdays from May 10<sup>th</sup> - Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot) Weather Permitting. Trophy's Awarded + 1 Cancer Trophy Award. For More info: Call 732-585-7365

### Johnny G Fundraiser



Johnny Garoniak

PERTH AMBOY - Owner of StageRight Studios located in Woodbridge, Johnny Garoniak passed away recently and his family wants to keep StageRight Studios open for business. Local Bands are raising money to hang a plaque in StageRight Studios to honor Johnny G. Come enjoy live music at Al Cibelli's Restaurant and Bar, 1096 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy to help a good cause. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016 at 8 p.m. Bands playing are: The Dana Gaynor Band, Paulus Hook, Mikell's Plot, Honey Trap, The Whiskey Way and more TBA. \$10 pp cover; 21 to enter and drink. StageRight Studios is still open for business: 732-602-1355. For more info call Mike at 732-600-7225.

### Bingo

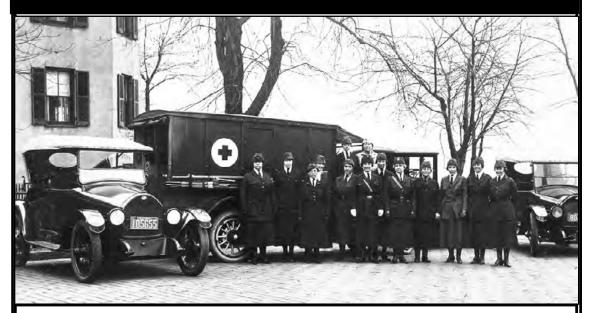
PERTH AMBOY - Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy Will be starting a weekly \$1000 Bingo on Mondays Beginning September 26, 2016. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Kitchen will be open for more info call 732-442-7799.

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# **LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - American Red Cross displaying their vehicle in front of Perth Amboy Hospital circa 1920's

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# Senior Scene

# Happenings

#### **Perth Amboy**

WED. Sept. 28 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

THURS. Sept. 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Family Life Center, Madison Ave. MON. Oct. 3 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St. TUES. Oct. 4 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

Church Hall, Brace Ave.

• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Oct. 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. Oct. 6 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

#### **South Amboy**

WED. Oct. 5 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,

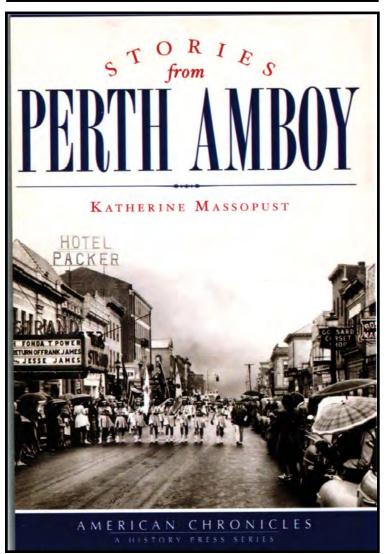
St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

MON. Oct. 10 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

MON. Oct. 24 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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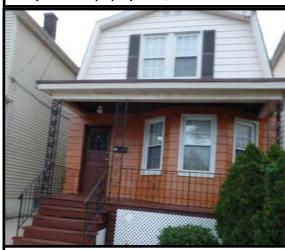
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**EDISON** - This charming property welcomes you with 3 bedrooms, dining room, 1 1/2 bathrooms, hard wood floors, a beautiful kitchen with granite counter tops and stainless steel appliances and designer wood cabinets, designer ceramic on bathrooms, oversized lot... this is a totally renovated property. \$329,000



PERTH AMBOY - THIS CHARMING HOUSE HAS 2 BEDROOMS, 2 BATHROOM, FORMAL DINNING ROOM, LIVING ROOM, FINISHED BASEMENT, LAUNDRY FACILITY AND MORE. SOLD "AS IS" CONDITION. \$174,000



PERTH AMBOY - This delightful property welcomes you with 4 bdrms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, beautiful hardwood floors. new kitchen with stainless steel appliances, designer cabinets and granite floors and counter top. Beautiful backyard with above swimming pool and gazebo. sprinkler system. finished basement and much more! \$399,000



**PERTH AMBOY -** This is a fully rented 3 family, separated utilities, close to most major public transportation and schools. Buyer is resp. for C/O and all repairs.



OLD BRIDGE - House is mint and beautiful in the interior, the 3 bdrms have ceiling fans, lg kitchen, Living Room on 2<sup>nd</sup> level and family room on the 1<sup>st</sup> level with entrance to wooden deck overseeing the large backyard. Shed in the rear of yard. 2 full bthrms. Nice private area. New roof, interior is spotless and move in ready.