Perth Amboy

\$90 Million Agreement Signed

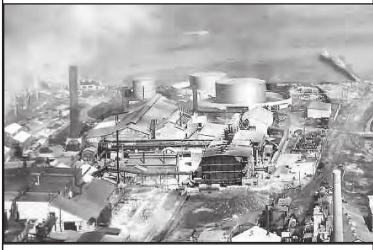
Vacant Property to be Developed



Agreement Signed in City Hall

PERTH AMBOY - On February 22, 2012 an agreement was signed by the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency approveing Viridian Partners, a Brownfield Development Company as a developer for the e-port site. *Photo:* (L to R)Anderson Brewer- PARA attorney, Joseph Maraziti- PARA attorney, PARA Members Allan Jacobs, Thomas J. Haborak, Helga van Eckert, Mayor Wilda Diaz (seated), Geri Barcheski, Tate Goss, President of Viridian Partners, Erik Zitek, Development Manager of Viridian Partners, City Clerk Elaine M. Jasko (also PARA Board Member), Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez (also PARA Board Member)

photo by Paul W. Wang



The prime 100+ acre site is bound by the Arthur Kill, Crane Creek, 440 Bridge and the High Street Extention. Viridian made an approximantly a \$90 million investment and will begin Phase I with its nearly 18 month remediation process.

The Construction of 3 buildings for logistical such as fabrication and warehouse distribution and office space and light manufactoring will be included in Phase II.

Photo of Illustration by Paul W. Wang

Photos from Black History Month See Pages 8, 10 - 11

It's Not a Pretty Sight/Site

2/22/12 Caucus Meeting - Dir. of Public Works Frank Dann Details Problems: Decaying Equipment, Parks & Ball Fields, Roof Repairs, Waterfront Lights & City Streets to Name a Few

PERTH AMBOY - With the aid of a visual slide show, DPW Director Frank Dann was able to show the Council at all in attendance what was needed to improve conditions in the City. Mr. Dann said when he first came into Perth Amboy it was an emergency situation and he was not able to fully examine all of the inventory in his department.

Mr. Dann first came to the City in late December 2010 \ Mr. Dann said, "Now that I have been here for a while I have been able along with my staff to do a full inventory of all of our eqipment to see what could be salvaged and what needs to be replaced."

He started off by staying, "Public Works needs software for tracking repair work." The software would provide information such as who called and the date and time the call came in, who took the call, theh nature of the call, what kind of repair was being made and where, how long it took to do the repairs, when it was repaired, when the work was finished, how much manpower was used to do the repair, materials used and the final cost of the repair. The estimated cost of the software would be approximately between \$30,000 to \$40,000. "Our department is the only one lacking this kind of tracking systyem."

As far as the parks he started off with Washington Park on New Brunswick Ave. "Drainage is a very big problem especially afer a very hard rain. The dirt goes into the playground and sometimes onto the sidewalk. If the fields are used on a Friday and Saturday after heavy rain, we sometimes



Repairs are being made to the Roof and Cupola at Perth Amboy City Hall photo by Paul W. Wang

have to work on weekends to repair the divots. Drains are needed underground to make this a permanent fix for this problem." The estimated cost is approximately \$147,000 which includes engineering.

For the Youth Complex Parking Lot (Located behind Wendy's on Convery Blvd.) top course is needed on top of the pavement to cover up the mud holes. "This would remedy the problem for at least twenty years. We can talk to Woodbridge Township and the County to see which entitiy can supply this material at a cost-effective rate."

The Department of Public Works Building (Located on Fayette St.) has a problem with the roof which needs to be replaced. In the slide show you could actually see plants coming in through the roof. Mr. Dann said after a heavy rain he has to watch where he walks. "When the water leaks from the roof you actually get brown stains on your clothing if the water hits you."

Some of the vehicles that were shown in the slides included were a 1993 Chevy Blazer, a 1985 Stump Grinder (which is eligible for historical license plates), a 1993 Ford Mason Dump Truck and a 1996 Kenworth Tractor -Trailer with 163,825 miles on it. This particular piece of equipment had \$15,000 of repairs in two years.

All of these vehicles have severe rust and oxidation. The Chevy Blazer is used by a lot of different departments. It is a 4-Wheel Drive Vehicle which is needed because it transports materials, equipment and people plus a hitch can be put on it. The Stump Grinder needs to have a wheel & bearing system replaced which would cost about \$5000. "We only have one in stock and we use it to do tree jobs."

The Kenworth Tractor -Trailer has severe oxidation caused by the contaminants from the landfill. Two Tractor-Trailers are used every day. "This equipment is essential to transfer garbage from the City to the landfill."

The Waterfront Walkway Lighting: PSE&G will no longer replace the damaged lights. "We are looking at (8) twelve

Continued on Page 2

IF IT'S LOCAL IT'S HERE!



That Often Reaches \$500 a Night!!!!! 732-826-154

LAW OFFICES OF

Kenneth L. Gonzalez & Associates

- Auto Accidents
- Fall-Down Cases
- Municipal Court Cases
- Traffic Tickets
- Residential Real Estate
- Divorces
- Family Law Matters

133 New Brunswick Ave., Ste. 203 **Perth Amboy**

(Located at The Five Corners, between Smith & State Sts.)

(732) 442-2500

Attn: Walgreens Customers: We Are Now Accepting Express Script Ins. Plans



nd Parish Programs.

LUDWIG'S PHARMACY

FREE Rx Pickup & Delivery WE ACCEPT ALL PLANS Including Medicare Part "D"

Fernando Oliveira, Proprietor

475 Brace Ave., Perth Amboy Tel: 732-442-6442 • Fax: 732-442-5784 M-F 9:30am-6:30pm • Sat 9am-1pm • Sun Closed





Assumption

Catholic School Meredith and Jacques Streets Perth Amboy

Middle States Accredited

NOW REGISTERING

PRE-K (4 YR OLD) KINDERGARTEN, GRADES 1 -8

NOW REGISTERING FOR 2013

732-826-8721

ACSSCHOOLOFFICE@GMAIL.COM WWW.ASSUMPTIONCATHOLICSCHOOL.NET

Family Foot Care DR. ELAINE MARIOLIS, DPM 732-826-5400



- **•BUNIONS**
- •HAMMERTOES •CORNS & CALLUSES •HEEL PAIN
- •DIABETIC FOOT CARE •INGROWN TOENAILS
- •FRACTURES •FUNGUS NAILS
- •ULCERS/FOOT WOUNDS •WARTS

COME RELAX IN OUR WHIRLPOOL!

Se Habla Espanol 252 SMITH ST., PERTH AMBOY

Department of Public Works

foot poles to replace the smaller lights which are constantly being vandalized."

When examining the illustration of the proposed new lights Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez questioned if the bulbs hanging from the poles were exposed. Mr. Dann was not sure about that. Councilman Bill Petrick believed there might be a weather shield protecting the bulbs from expo-

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said he would like to see the community involved in the decision about what kind of lights should be placed on the Waterfront Walkway (which goes underneath the Raritan Yacht Club).

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said that he and Mr. Dann talked about going to the homeowners about six months ago, and they both thought it was a good idea.

Mr. Dann went on to describe

some of the worst deteriorating streets in the City. Some of the Streets mentioned for road paving and reconstruction included Market Street, Smith Street, Division Street, City Hall Circle, Fayette Street, Watson Avenue and Madison

Some of the work that he discussed included milling the surfaces, doing base repair, curb replacement where needed to make it handicap accessible. The estimated cost for some of these projects depending on the condition of the street would run approximately \$34,750 (Madison Ave.) and \$88,369 (for work on Market St.). Because of some roads being patched several times this caused severe water damage mentioning. Mr. Dann mentioned Division Street as an example of this.

A hotbox machine was to be delivered to begin repair work on some of the streets in Perth (Continued from Page 1)

Amboy on 2/27/12.

City Hall: The work on the roof and cupola should be completed in about 2 weeks. When the work was first started it was discovered that there was more damage than originally thought.

Another problem that was discussed had to do with the disposal of solid and bulk waste. Mr. Dann explained that there is a log kept of people who come in and what they are bringing into the Departmet of Public Works to dispolse of their bulk items.

According to the City Ordinance: when a call comes in for a curbside pick-up at a residence, there is a limit of four items that they can put out. "Unfortunately other people will throw their stuff onto the pile. We average 8 to 10 bulk curb pickups a day. There are certain neighborhoods that have excess dumping and we are monitoring them."

Lenten

Breakfast

Buffet

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy

Name Society of Ukrainian As-

sumption Church will sponsor

a Breakfast Buffet in the As-

sumption Catholic School Caf-

eteria, Meredith and Jacques

Streets | Perth Amboy, Sunday,

March 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

in the school cafeteria. Menu

includes French Toast, Scram-

bled Eggs, made-to-order Om-

elets, Hash Browns, Egg Souf-

fle, Pancakes, Waffles, Rolls,

and juice/coffee/tea. Donation

is \$10 per adult, \$5 for teens

12-17, and free for children

under 12. Tickets are available

in advance after liturgies or by

Atlantic City Trip

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Historical Society will have an Bus Trip to Atlantic City to Showboat Casino on Sunday, March 26. \$30 Slot Cash Back, Bingo, 50/50 and snacks on the bus - movie on trip home. Bus leaves Sayreville Senior Center Parking Lot at 10:45 a.m. Returns approximately 8:30 p.m. Cost \$35 (A \$10 Deposit required by 3/17/12). To sign up contact Art at 732-525-3208 or leave a message at the museum 732-390-7048.

ADS SELL! Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

St. Pat's Story Time

SEWAREN - St. Pat's Story Time will take place at the Sewaren Public Library, 546 West Ave., Sewaren from on Friday, March 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Enjoy games, crafts, story & snack. Ages 2 to 9 appropriate. Families from all towns welcome. Registration required. 732-634-7571.

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party

SEWAREN - Come celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday at the Sewaren Free Public Library on Sat. March 10 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will be snacks, games activities & a chance to meet the Cat in the Hat! The event is free but sign-up is required. Please call 732-634-7571 or stop by the Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave., Sewaren. Geared for 3 to 8 yr olds and their families. Participants from all towns welcome.

calling 732-254-3966. Annual Fish

& Chicken

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Spirit Rosary Altar Society is holding their annual fish & Chicken Fry Dinner on Wednesday, March 21 at the Holy Spirit Church Basement on Hazel and Brace Ave., Perth Amboy. Back by popular demand from our previous years Thistle Catering. Take out time: 4:30 p.m. Open for enjoyment of dinner atmosphere socializing 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$15 Adults, \$7 for Children under 10 yrs. Advanced tickets are sold at weekend mass or rectory during the week. For more info call 832-826-4859. Price at the Door \$16 Adults, \$7 Children under 10 yrs.

Do you or someone you know have **Old Photographs or Documents?**

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area)

> For an Archiving Project For more info please call 732-293-1090

We are on the Web! www.AmboyGuardian.com

LAW OFFICES OF **ERALDES E. CABRERA**



Specializing In

- Civil Litigation
- Matrimonial
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy
- Real Estate

Offices Located At: 708 Carson Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 (732)826-5020 1201 E. Grand St., Unit 3A, Elizabeth, NJ 07201 (908)351-0957

Learn About Balancing Hormones Naturally and Rapid Weight Loss



Do You Suffer From.



Trouble Sleeping High Blood Pressure Digestive Problems Low Sex Drive Hot Flasbes

Do you want to get rid of these symptoms? Do you want to Lose Weight Rapidly Safely and Naturally?



Call 732-324-4300 788 Convery Blvd. Perth Amboy NJ 08861

Comedy Night

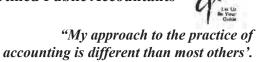
PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Comedy Night featuring Otto & George and Johnny O. to benefit the Perth Amboy Happy Home Shelter on Friday, March 9, 2012. at the Knights of Columbus, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Buffet at 8 p.m. Show at 9 p.m. Cash Bar Available \$25 per person. Adult Themed Entertainment. No one under 18 admitted. For more info call 732-826-1124. Come Show Your Love!

Massage for Couples Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Massage for Couples Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Participants will learn massage techniques to relax, decrease their stress level and improve their quality time together. Presented by Anna Biteye, CMT. Cost is \$95 per couple for two-night class. For more information and to register, call 1-800-362-8677.

COMPLETE ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Thomas M. Ploskonka & Company, P.A. **Certified Public Accountants**



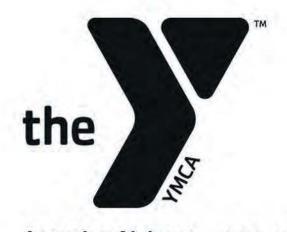
Accountants normally respond to their clients' requests and needs. I go beyond that." Visit my Web page for a Free Consultation!

Web: www.ploskonka-cpa.com

1149 Green Street Iselin. New Jersey 08830 E-mail: tploskonka@comcast.net

Phone (732) 283-0114 Fax: (732) 283-3329





MAKING MEMORIES

Let the Y host your next Birthday Party! The Birthday Party Program offers kids the option of spending their special day with us as we make that day a fun filled experience. Our Birthday Parties are very popular, so please book in advance! The Y staff members will host activities and entertain your quest.

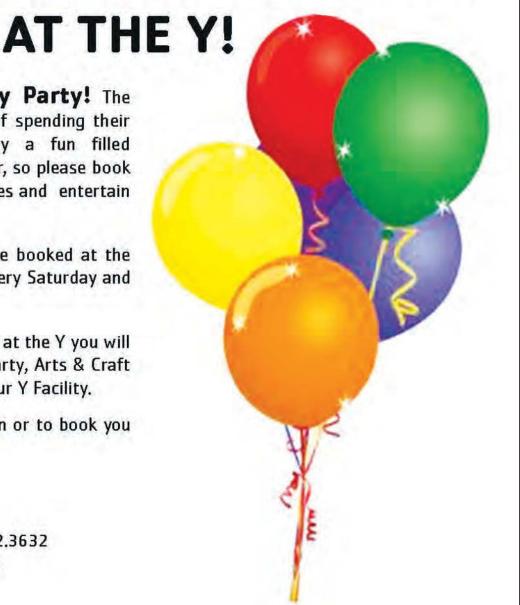
Booking a Party: Birthday parties must be booked at the Member Services Desk. Parties are for 2 hours every Saturday and Sunday and are available for all age groups.

Activities: When booking your child's birthday at the Y you will have the option between a Swim Party, Sports Party, Arts & Craft Party or Theater Party. Parties will be hosted in our Y Facility.

Please call or STOP by the Y for more information or to book you next PARTY AT THE Y!

RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA

357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy NJ 732.442.3632 333 Cheesequake Road, Sayreville NJ 732.317.0333 www.rbaymca.org



LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Setting Off a Firestorm

Discussion between Carolyn & Katherine

I was discussing with my co-worker, Katherine about the upcoming industries opening up in the Amboy's: Vopak, Viridian (in Perth Amboy) and Woodmont Properties (South Amboy). In this ever changing tech world you may have to decide if you want to pursue a career that would make you happy or financially secure. What set off this firestorm is when I said to Katherine, "I don't know if a Master's Degree in Philosophy will cut it in this day and age." I cannot think any of any area right now where that type of degree would have a great demand in our local job market.

Katherine's answer was to quote her father who stated that Thomas Jefferson wanted "an educated society - not a trained society." The purpose of going to College is to learn how to think. If you choose a degree in philosophy it can be preparation for the Seminary and other fields."

We Googled "Careers in Philosophy" and among one of the examples that came up was it could be used for preparation for a career in Journalism.

So I gave Katherine one point for that. My argument was referring to the specific job skills and education that the above industries are looking for. Vopak and Viridian are industries that would attract those individuals with a technological and science background. Woodmont Properties will develop a 15 Acre Parcel Area that will include the Venetian Care Center. This skilled Nursing Facility in South Amboy will attract those who went to school to become home health aides. I assume there will be in great demand for this service.

Of course all of these projects will need Construction workers but that is only for a specific amount of time until the project is completed. The jobs I am talking about are positions that will be needed long term. There are a lot of

temp agencies in Perth Amboy and I see that the vans are loaded taking workers to jobs in other towns. I venture to say that they are probably going to Edison (Raritan Center), Piscataway and wherever else there are factories.

At one time I was going to this one particular temp agency and they actually had a client in Lakewood, NJ which was a Pharmaceutical Company. That company at the time was so successful that they had three shifts. It was not unusual to get tons of overtime during the week and weekends. Unfortunately that company shut its doors about five years ago.

I don't know how long unskilled labor jobs will be around with more and more automation taking place. We need to bring more manufacturing jobs back to our local area. This will stimulate the town's economy.

Katherine's Comments:

How many unskilled jobs are available in the United States today? Many of our Country's factories have moved overseas not to return to the United States.

The U.S. is becoming more of a technological society and less of an industrial society. We are becoming increasingly dependent on the technology created by the industry on foreign soil.

Carolyn agreed with this last sentence.

Katherine & Carolyn:

Don't close your eyes to an industry that you think you would have no interest in. Companies have openings in all different departments. I suggest you look at a company's profile. There might be something there for you.

Neither of us ever thought we would be publishing a newspaper. That was not in either of our plans. It's not always easy but we'll say this, It gives us an outlet to express our views. Please send us yours.

C.M. & K.M.

AMBOY CUARDIAN

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 - KMASS14@GMAIL.COM

Carolyn Maxwell
Acting Editor, Publisher & Advertising Manager

Katherine Massopust Layout & Asst. Writer Publisher & Advertis
Paul W. Wang
Staff Photographer

Aanager

Lori Miskoff

Website Manager

The Amboy Guardian will not be liable for advertising errors beyond the cost of the space of the copy. Notification must be made of errors in ads within one week of publication. Pictures may be claimed up to 3 weeks after publication, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with submission.

Printed on 100% recycled paper

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

When School Was School

What has happened to our school system? It used to be for the students to get an education and the teachers where there for the students behalf and the parents were pleased with the system.

I remember back in the 60's, 70's and 80's when school was school. The parents and teachers worked together with the school board and administration to help in many ways to improve the school. The board meetings were for the public to express concerns and the board members gave their best to the community. Also,

the city council members and the Mayor put their concerns forward, too. Back then, it was for the school, students and community. Let's remember one thing: students have futures; let's give them a new world.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Adult Themed Entertainment

According to "The Amboy Guardian" "Comedy Night" to benefit the Perth Amboy Happy Home Shelter will be held at the Knights of Columbus on High Street. It will be "Adult Themed Entertainment" and no one under 18 will be admitted. When I

called for information about what that meant, I was told that profanity was used during the performances. The person who answered me was vague as to whether that also included crude, immoral jokes. I have to question why a Catholic fraternal organization such as the Knights of Columbus would allow their hall to be used for such an event. The Knights do many good, chari-

table works that benefit the community, but this is not in keeping with their traditional Catholic values. Surely a fundraiser with a buffet and some other acceptable form of entertainment would better suit The Knights of Columbus if it is to be held there.

Marianne Zanko Komek

The Socialist Republic of America

Obama now has a new name. He is now called the Anti-Progress President. He relies on the fact that people will follow aim down the primrose path. How foolish these people are - you are the ones that march to the maniacal leader's drum beat. If he were the leader during the early 1900's we probably would not have oil production, trains, cars or even telephones. He would put a stop on inventions and discoveries because it could cause stress.

Take a look at the school lunch programs. He now has supervisors that check the lunch boxes of pre-schoolers to make sure the parents are giving their children the proper diet. Thanks Michele. Dodgeball is banned in school. It could cause harm to some children. He is turning our children into woosies. Many little leagues are not given credit for wins - it may make them feel inferior if they are losers.

You dogooders and you know who you are. I feel sorry for you. When the day comes and you finally see the light - you'll wonder aloud how this come about and you didn't see it coming. Like the frog in a pot of warm water and the water is heated and they are boiled alive. Yes, many of you are sheep and you don't know it. Our freedom is slowly being taken away.

What Obama does now has nothing to do with Bush: His agenda is Socialism. He has succeeded in everything he has attempted. At this rate given 4 more years we will be called the Socialist Republic of America.

Even our trust in God is now being put to the test. He has infringed upon our religious institutions. When will he tell the Muslims they must eat pork. He wouldn't dare do that. This man will stop at nothing to bring this country to its knees.

Everyone says, "Oh, he is such a nice person." We are past that. We need a leader who will provide us with the tools we need to care for our families, uphold the law and to be proud of our status in the world. I don't hate everyone. I hate injustice and those who attempt to thrust it upon us. I feel sorry for those who do not see it.

Barbara Skokan

A Job Well Done

I think it is time that citizens of Perth Amboy take the time to think about how dedicated our Parks Department and Sanitation Department employees are in taking care of our City.

We have Danny Cleaver at the Parks Department, thank you Danny for having the flag they replaced, with his dependable men continually at our parks cleaning and repairing and don't forget the outstanding job they do on the holidays and of course, let us remember, John, the man who takes care of our streets week after week. The only time we don't see the sweeper is in bad weather. Then there is the great job that Police Of-

ficer Harry Scheman is doing getting cars to move so John can sweep. When Harry is not available, most of the time the cars stay there and the sweeper has to go around.

Let us not forget the City Garage. When and if anyone calls in for information, e have people that answer the phone but the two who stand out in my mind are Elena Rosario and Geri Barcheski who are both very knowledgeable and accommodating.

Last but not least, the outstanding job that the sanitation crew does, rain or shine, collecting our garbage week after week. At times, I see a driver and one man picking up garbage. Does anyone realize how hard that it is? The only time we don't see these dedicated Perth Amboy employees

is when we have a snow storm and then they are there getting the City back to normal and they do a great job.

I think a lot of people will say that's their job and I agree. But when the job is done so well I don't think it would be too much to ask if once in awhile when we see them, to open the door or window or go outside and say thank you for a job well done.

I've been a resident of Perth Amboy since 1954 and only out of the City for three and one-half years I spent in the United States Marine Corp. I want to say thank you for a job well done. Keep up the good work and keep punching.

Yours truly, Rocky DeNardo



L CUARDIAN

Where to Find Us...

In cliffwood:	
A&P FOOD MARKETIN CLIFFWOOD BEACH:	325 ROUTE 35
7-ELEVEN	196 ROUTE 35
IN FORDS: COLONIAL RESTAURANT	366 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE
LIBERTY BAGEL CAFE	326 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
METROPOLITAN CAFE ORIGINAL PAT'S DELI	
PUBLIC LIBRARYSUPER DUPER DELI III	211 FORD AVE.
IN HOPELAWN:	
KRAUSZER'S PABLO'S HAIR SALON	
SOVEREIGN BANKIN ISELIN	571 FLORIDA GROVE RD
THOMAS PLOSKONKA C.P.A	1149 GREEN ST.
IN LAURENCE HARBOR: HOFFMAN'S DELI	5 LAURENCE PKWY
KRAUSZER'S	
IN MORGAN: SOUTHPINE LIQUORS	467 S. PINE AVE.
IN PARLIN: DAD'S ROYAL BAKERY	3290 WASHINGTON RD
IN PERTH AMBOY:	
ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTER . ALAMEDA CENTER	
AMBOY CHECK X-CHANGEAMBOY EYE CARE 94 SMITH ST.	321 MAPLE ST.
BANCO POPULAR	
BANK OF AMERICA THE BARGE	
C-TOWN	272 MAPLE ST
CAPITAL ONE BANK	400 STATE ST
CITY HALL COPA DE ORO	
CRISPY CHICKEN	223 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE
EASTSIDE DRY CLEANERSELIZABETH CORNER	
FINK'S DEPT. STOREFLOWERS 'N THINGS	
FU LIN	79 SMITH ST
JANKOWSKI COMMUNITY CENTER JEWISH RENAISSANCE MEDICAL CENTER	
KIM'S DRY CLEANERSLAUNDRY FACTORY	73 SMITH ST
LAUNDRY ON MADISON	285 MADISON AVE
LAW OFFICESLEE'S MARKET	708 CARSON AVE 77 SMITH ST.
LEONARDO DAVINCI'S LUDWIG'S PHARMACY	71 SMITH ST.
LUIGI'S RISTORANTE	93 SMITH ST
MITRUSKA CHIROPRACTIC PETRA BEST REALTY	
PIZZARELI. PIZZA PHO ZONE	
POLICE HEADQUARTERS	365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE
PORTUGUESE MANOR PROVIDENT BANK	
PUBLIC LIBRARY PUERTO RICAN ASSOCIATION	196 JEFFERSON ST
RARITAN BAY AREA Y.M.C.A.	365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE
RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTERSANTIBANA TRAVEL	
7-ELEVEN 553SHOP-RITE	
SIPOS BAKERY	
SOVEREIGN BANKSUPERIOR DINER	464 SMITH ST.
SUPREMO SUPERMARKET TOWN DRUGS & SURGICAL	
UNITECH AUTOBODY	284 BERTRAND AVE
WELLS FARGOIN SAYREVILLE:	
BOROUGH HALL CHINESE DELITE	
SENIOR CENTER	423 MAIN ST
SUNNYSIDE RESTAURANT VENICE PIZZERIA	
IN SEWAREN: MOBY DICK'S	251 WEST AVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY	546 WEST AVE
SEWAREN CORNER DELIIN SOUTH AMBOY:	514 WEST AVE
AMBOY NATIONAL BANK	
BROADWAY BAGELS BROADWAY BISTRO	126 N. BROADWAY
CENTER DELICITY HALL	
COLLEEN'S KITCHEN	132 S. PINE ST
COMMUNITY CENTERFOODTOWN	611 BORDENTOWN AVE
KRAUSZER'SKRAUSZER'S	
NEW DELUXE DELI	528 RIDGEWAY AVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY SCIORTINO'S HARBOR LIGHTS 132	S. BROADWAY
SOUTH AMBOY MEDICAL CENTER WELLS FARGO BANK	
IN WOODBRIDGE:	
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MAIN ST. FARM 107 MAIN ST.	52 MAIN ST
NEWS & TREATS	
REO DINER	392 AMBOY AVE
ST. JOSEPH'S SENIORS RESIDENCE WOODBRIDGE VETERINARY GROUP	
3334	

Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

Tea Room Open

PERTH AMBOY — The Tea Room at the historic Proprietary House, Kearny Avenue, is open on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

For \$7 per person, visitors can enjoy assorted teas and delicious homemade desserts served by hostesses Helen, Dorothy and Kathy. Take a tour of the only remaining Royal Governor's Mansion in the U.S.

The Proprietary House, which was built between 1762 and 1764, and is on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, is owned by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Parks & Forestry.

For more information or group reservations, call (732) 826-5527.

Kearny Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-675-8826.

ADS SELL! CALL CAROLYN 732-896-4446

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

SAT. Mar. 3

WED. Mar 7

TODAY Feb. 29 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

> Special Budget Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

THURS. Mar. 1 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.,

Court House, New Brunswick Ave. Board of Ed. Forum, 10 a.m.

James J. Flynn School, Chamberlain Ave. TUES. Mar 6 Municipal Court. 9 a.m. and 6 p.m..

Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House,

New Brunswick Ave.

THURS. Mar 8 Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

Board of Education, 7 p.m.

Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave.

MON. Mar 12 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.

TUES. Mar 13 Board of Ed. Forum, 6:30 p.m.

McGinnis School, State St.
WED. Mar 14 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House,

New Brunswick Ave.

City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

THURS Mar 15 Board of Ed. Forum, 6:30 p.m.

Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave.

South Amboy

MON. Mar 5 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

WED. Mar 7 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

WOODBRIDGE VETERINARY GROUP AND HOSPITAL 424 AMBOY AVE., WOODBRIDGE • 732-636-5520

Hours: Monday-Thursday 8 am-7:30 pm Friday 8 am-6 pm • Saturday 8 am-Noon www.woodbridgevetgroup.com

WE'VE LOWERED OUR PRICES! WHY TRAVEL OUT-OF-COUNTY?

WE'RE MAKING SPAYING AND NEUTERING
YOUR PET MORE-AFFORDABLE DURING
THESE TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES!
Tired of long wait times?
Is your "Wellness Plan"
Not meeting your pet's needs?

Try Our Hospital

We are committed to the highest standards of practice

Dr. Barry Adler
Dr. Gene Fink Dr. Karen Radano
Dr. Courtney Lesnick Dr. Brian Civatte

STAY INFORMED! ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

Amboy Guardian
Subscriptions are only \$65
per year for 50 issues mailed
to anywhere
in the U.S.A.
For more info
Contact Carolyn at
732-896-4446

Ads Sell Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Fridays Ages (Ages 6+) at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Civil War Round Table

WOODBRIDGE - The next meeting of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will be held on at 7 p.m. in the Woodbridge Public Library, George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. All are welcome! The upcoming speaker schedule is: March 5, Dick Simpson, "Battle of Pea Ridge" April 2, John Hoptak, "Battle of South Mountain" May 7, John Quarstein, "Battle of Williamsburg" June 4, Steve Laird, "Lee & Jackson at Chancellorsville" July 2, David Koch, "Lincoln, the Gettysburg Address & Transformation of the Civil War" August 6, Gail Stephens, "Lew Wallace at Shiloh"

Save Money This Tax Season Get your Taxes Done for FREE!

PERTH AMBOY - Avoid using a paid tax preparer and save up to \$300. If you made less than \$60,000 in 2011, you can get your taxes done for free by IRS-certified volunteers at locations through out the community. The free tax sites also help eligible taxpayers claim important tax credits and increase their income. Some of the credits include: 1 The Earned Income Tax Credit, l Energy Credit, l Childcare Credit. Get your tax return prepared at the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, Schedule an appointment for free tax preparation. Call Tania 732 324-2180 Sponsored by the United Way of Central Jersey and the Jewish Renaissance Foundation.

Storytime with Mia

SEWAREN - Storytime with Mia is a fun, free event for children ages 3-7 and their accompanying adult & siblings. Families get to enjoy story, snack, games, crafts and more on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. from October through March. The remaining dates is 3/10. This event is free but requires a sign up by calling the library at 732-634-7571 or emailing sewarenlibrary@ gmail.com. The Sewaren Library welcomes patrons from all towns, not just Sewaren and has a large variety of free events every month. Check out our website at http://sewarenlibrarynj.com/Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave, in the Sewaren section of Woodbridge Twp.

Titanic: The Latest Chapters

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a program on the Titanic: The Latest Chapters at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library on Monday, March 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. This interesting program will be highlighted by author Charles Haas - who will takes us aboard the lost liner to discuss the 1985 discovery to the present day. Find out about the artifacts that were recovered on recent expeditions, the identification of the unknown child, and the last survivors. April 2012 will be the 100th Anniversary of Titanic's sinking. Commemorative events are planned around the world. For more Info call 732-721comments@dowdell. 6060 org. The Dowdell Library is located adjacent to the South Amboy High School. Sponsored by the Friends of the Dowdell Library

OLV Seniors Trip to American

Music Theater Featuring Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons SAYREVILLE - The OLV Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to the American Music Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The date of the trip is Thursday, May 17. The price of the trip is \$150 which includes: the price of the show ticket, bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at Shady Maple, and snacks on the bus. The bus will leave OLV lower parking lot at 2 p.m. and return approximately at 12:30 a.m. For further information or to make a reservation, please contact (732) 727-7639.

Movie Time

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a movie "The Muppets" Rated PG at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 26 at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Family Communion Breakfast

HOPELAWN - The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Most Holy Rosary Church is having its annual Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday March 25, after 8:30 a.m. mass in the Holy Rosary Auditorium on Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn. Donation for adults is \$8, Children under 12 are \$4. For tickets please call 732-826-9466.

South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - Preparations for the 2012 South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade are underway. This year's parade will be held on Saturday March 10th and will step off at 2 p.m. The rain date is scheduled for March 24th. This event is one of the city's highlights each year. The parade continues to be a success because of donations received from local businesses and corporations covering the cost of the numerous marching bands that participate every year. Along with the bands, there will be many floats and thousands of marchers.

The South Amboy Parade Committee has announced that Rob McQuade and Ed O'Connor will be serving as Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Marshal respectively and Owner of Main Liquors Hershey Patel has been named the Honorary Grand Marshal.

Several fund raisers will be held in the New Year, including Grand Marshals' night celebrating the parade's honorees being held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday Feb 3rd, , Sunday Feb 19th "Hoist a Pint afternoon" at the Landmark Inn and Thursday, March 8th "Hoist a Pint Nite" at the Munck-ee Bar in South Amboy.

If you have a group interested in being a part of this great event or for additional information, please visits the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade website at southamboyparade.com or you can contact the parade committee chairperson, Betty Sturgis at 732-261-7350 or rbsturgis@optonline.net.

The Wedding & Event Expo Show at Seabra's Armory

Photos by Katherine Massopust



The Expo Show



Evelyn and Joe Cundari



Display from Flowers 'n Things



The Love Your City Committee



A Dancer Entertains

Dominican Independence Day Celebration Photos by Bob Ned











Public Meeting for Tennis Interest

PERTH AMBOY— Mayor Wilda Diaz invites you to attend our first Community Tennis Interest meeting in recent past on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street. There will be a discussion on the restitution of the City's tennis program as well as mention of future recreational plans and goals.

We look forward to all our residents of Perth Amboy attending. Now that we're building the new community center are welcome to join the discussion.

"Whether you have never picked up a racquet or have been playing for years, the sport of tennis provides more than just physical benefits. Tennis helps to instill core values such as, respect, sportsmanship and responsibility in players of all ages," said Kenneth Ortiz, Director of Recreation

Your attendance and feedback are appreciated. For more information, please contact the Office of Recreation at: (732) 826-1690 or recleader@perthamboynj.org.

For additional information about the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: www. ci.perthamboy.nj.us.

APPRAISER SUSAN BATISTA

Real Estate-Tax Appeals
File Now!

Bankruptcy, Divorce & Estate Appraisals

(732) 423-2639



HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, Mar 5 at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

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

Employment Forum

PERTH AMBOY - The NAACP Perth Amboy Branch in collaboration with The City of Perth Amboy, Dept. of Human Services presents an Employment Forum, "Searching for Employment", "Resume Writing", "Interview Readiness" on Saturday, March 31 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Raritan Bay YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. *Vendors Welcome* For more info contact Sandette -908-305-8519 or access www. naacp-perthamboyarea.org

We are on the Web!

www.AmboyGuardian.com

Happy Hour Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Happy Hour Wednesdays, March 14 and 28, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Join Denise Reisert, EMP/RCP and Robin Matteo, EMP for an hour of positivity, transformation, and connection with like-minded souls that will leave you feeling more open, uplifted and lighter of spirit. Each individual workshop will be filled with activities and thoughtful conversation. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information and to register, call 1-800-362-

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Housing assistance programs are available for Perth Amboy residents who meet HUD-CDBG or HOME income eligibility and program criteria.

Walk-ins welcome. No appointments necessary.

Please be advised that this assistance is <u>NOT</u> available for

Public Housing or Section 8 programs.

For applications and more information contact:

Department of Human Services | Office of Housing & Social Services

1 Olive Street 2nd Floor

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Office: (732)-826-4300 | Fax: (732)-826-6192

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- For <u>ALL</u> owner-occupied residents.
- Home insurance policy must be current.
- Municipal taxes, water and sewer bills must be paid to date.
- Maximum assistance per recipient is up to \$24,999 for qualified homeowners.

FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- First-time homebuyer only.
- Must occupy the property as a principal residence and whose family qualifies as a low/moderate income family at the time of purchase.
- Down payment assistance \$8,000.

EXTERIOR PAINT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

- For ALL owner-occupied residents.
- Municipal taxes, water and sewer bills must be paid-To-date.
- Program available from March 1st- September 30th
- Maximum reimbursement is \$400.

ADS SELL! CALL CAROLYN 732-896-4446

Rescuing the River

PERTH AMBOY -There will be a film and discussion about the decline of the Raritan River and the efforts to restore it followed by a Q&A with producer Eric Schultz, Riverkeeper Raritan Schultz, and Bob Spiegel of the Edison Wetlands Association on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Perth Amboy YMCA Theater, 357 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy. FREE Parking at the Municipal C:omplex Parking Lot. DON'T MISS IT! Admission is free, but space is limited. To reserve a seat, send an email to pethamboykayak@hotmail. com or RescuingRiver@aol. com by March 18.

"The Case That Never Dies The Lindberg Kidnapping" PERTH AMBOY - The Perth

Amboy Ferry Slip Museum is pleased to announce that Lloyd C. Gardner, Ph.D., Professor of History at Rutgers University, distinguished lecturer, American historian and author and editor of 16 books, will be guest speaker on March 4, at 2 P.M.. To comfortably accommodate attendees, this event will be held off site. The theater of the new Perth Amboy YMCA located at 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 will be the venue. A minimum \$5. donation is requested and Vopak Terminal is sponsoring refreshments following the lecture.

Professor Gardner will speak on the subject of his book by the same name, printed by Rutgers Press:

Gardner will describe the case, built mostly with circumstantial evidence. Learn the importance of the role Perth Amboy resident David T. Wilentz, then Attorney General of New Jersey and Chief Prosecutor at the 1935 Lindbergh kidnapping trial, played in the often-disputed execution of Bruno Hauptmann in the electric chair, April 3, 1936. For many years David T. Wilentz and his distinguished family resided in the grand and impeccably restored 1908 Colonial Revival house at the corner of High Street and Harrison Place.

NAACP Celebrates Black History Month at Olive St., Perth AmBoy Photos by Bob Ned



Joycelyn Alsup (NAACP Branch Pres.)with Marie Bruckman



Rev. Lester (Officer of NAACP) with Mayor Diaz



Glorified Praise Dancers, First Baptist Church in Sewaren

Send Your Events
to Carolyn at
Crlynmxwll@aol.com and
to Katherine at
KMass514@gmail.com



PERTH AMBOY - VFW Post 663 presented a donation of \$2500 to the Salvation Army (L to R) Major Robert Watson, Cmdr. Stanley E. Lease, Lt. Anita Watson, Enest Stowkas, Peter Book, Ed Devish

photo by Bob Ned

Military Families at Employment Fair Photos submitted by Debra DePinho

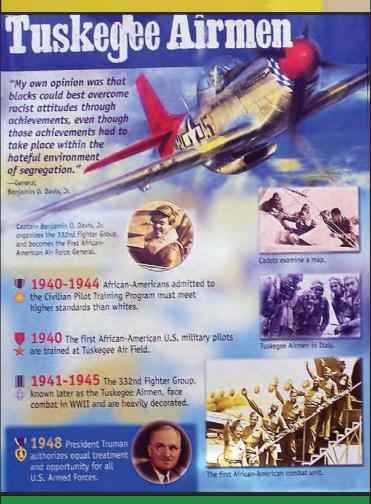




PISCATAWAY - The NJFCCPA (New Jersey Family Child Care Providers Association), Community Child Care Solutions, Resource and Referral Agency and The New Jersey National Guard are held a Resources fair in January. The project originated with Nancy Lopez in the Perth Amboy area. Most of the deployment of soldiers took place from Middlesex County.

Displays for Black History Month photos of Illustratiions by Carolyn Maxwell





Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High Schools

Admissions Open House

Saturday, March 10, 2012 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

East Brunswick Campus 112 Rues Lane 732-254-8700 Ext. 1821 Perth Amboy Campus 457 High Street 732-376-6300 Ext. 6335/6350

Piscataway Campus 21 Suttons Lane 732-985-0717 Ext. 2207/2208



Free High School Tuition for County Residents
Free Transportation for High School Students

www.mcvts.net

A Legacy of Resilience

PERTH AMBOY - On Sunday February 26, 2012 at the YMCA the Kearny Cottage Historical Society presented a program on Black History titled "A Legacy of Resilience." Chaired by Dorothy Daniel, the program featured readings from quotes from famous historical figures throughout history. Dennis Nanton and the Choir from Concord Baptist Church, Pulaski Ave. in Perth Amboy performed Gospel Music. Participants in the event included Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Chief Benjamin Ruiz, YMCA President and CEO Steve Jobin, his sons, Shawn and Roland Jobin, and various clergy, representatives from church groups, and Perth Amboy's youth.

The program was dedicated to the late LeRoy Nanton who recently passed away.

The crowded audience included local Councilmen from Perth Amboy and Woodbridge and their families. Also present was Middlesex County Sheriff Mildred Scott.

Volunteers from Americorps helped to serve refreshments.

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the Kearny Cottage located at 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. If you are interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please call 1-908-812-4549. Help keep this important part of Perth Amboy History alive.

A Legacy of Resilience Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Society Photos by Paul W. Wang, Katherine Massopust & Carolyn Maxwell













Shared Services VS. Consolidation

Seminar

NEW BRUNSWICK - The Citizen's Campaign will offer a seminar Shared Services

vs. Consolidation on Monday, March 5th, from 7 p.m. to 8:30pm . What's best for your community? As part of our ongoing training series for reporters and citizen journalists, we are bringing in some of the brightest experts in shared services and consolidation. Should your town share services with neighbors or the school district or the county? Or should your town merge with another municipality. This event is open to the public, come hear from elected officials who have delved into these issues. This session will be at the Rutgers Student Center in New Brunswick. Register at www.TheCitizensCampaign.com

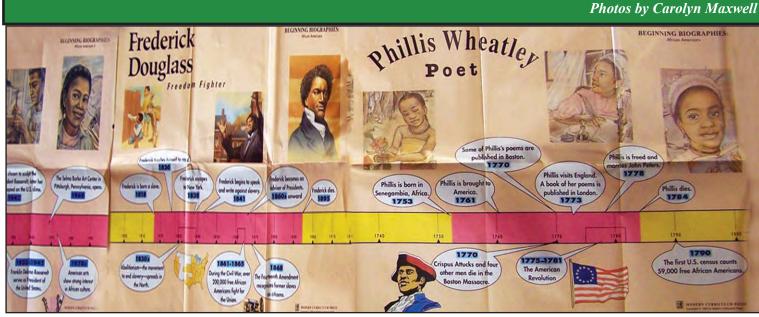








Black History Month in Perth Amboy - Celebration at Olive Street



















Ads Sell Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

Veteran **Employment** Services

MILLTOWN - The Jewish Family and Vocational Service Of Middlesex County is offering Veteran Employment Services. Qualifications - You must be a Military Veteran between the ages of 18 to 64 and a Resident of Central NJ and have Documentation of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) (Defined as an injury to the brain, caused by external physical force such as a fall, physical violence, car accident or sports injury). For more info call Phone: 732-777-1940 or Fax: 732-777-1889 Email: office@jfvs.org. The Jewish Family and Vocational Service Of Middlesex County, 32 Ford Avenue, Second Floor, Milltown, New Jersey 08850 or go to WWW.JFVS.ORG. This program is funded by a grant from the Kessler foundation

Central N.J **Prom & Sweet** 16 Expo 2012

SOUTH AMBOY - Central NJ - MCS Productions, JerseyFashionista, and Club Pure have collaborated to bring New Jersey residents their first Central NJ Prom & Sweet 16 Expo. The event will be held on March 18 from one o'clock in the afternoon and end at eight o'clock in the evening at Club Pure, 1970 US Highway 35, South Amboy. (732) 952-2628. Admission is free and open to the public.

The expo will feature the very best New Jersey has to offer in first class transportation, baked goods, fine and international cuisine, designer gowns and party dresses, accessories, top notch salon services and much more.

For info on showcasing in the fashion show or on the red carpet, please contact Lillie Morales-Torres at 908-279-9125 or info@jerseyfashionista. The fashion shows will be hosted by Miss National Miss American Coed NJ, Kayla Marie. Special guests include Quinceanera Magazine and Vinny Buzzetta of WeTV's 'Staten Island Cakes'.

For more information on the event visit www.MyMCSEvent.com. To become a vendor or sponsor contact Cassandra Alvelo at 732-925-4935 or plan@mymcsevent.com

Knitting Circle at Dowdell Library Photo by Aaron Beers

SOUTH AMBOY - The Knitting Circle meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome to drop in! The Dowdell Library is on O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy and is adjacent to the South Amboy High School. For more information, contact the library at 732.721.6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Walmart Foundation Supports South Amboy Library and Early Literacy

SOUTH AMBOY - The Walmart Foundation has made a \$1,000 grant to the Dowdell Library Foundation to support the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library of South Amboy. The Walmart Foundation contribution will be used to purchase two computers and early literacy software for the library's children's room.

Mimi Pichey, President of the Dowdell Library Foundation, noted, "The Walmart Foundation's generous gift

will provide opportunities for South Amboy children to develop reading skills at an early age. Studies show that encouraging reading at a young age increases success in school and in life. We are very grateful to the Walmart Foundation for its support."

The Dowdell Library Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. more information, visit www. DowdellFoundation.org call (732)316-1078.

Robbery

PERTH AMBOY - On Friday, 17 February 2012 at approximately 11:00 pm police officers Jesus Martinez and Luis Corro were flagged down by a concerned citizen in the area of Fayette Street and Stanford Street. It was reported that a Hispanic male abruptly started to yell out in Spanish that another Hispanic male was being robbed by four young Hispanic males. Officer Martinez immediately ran towards that area of Watson Avenue where the citizen was pointing. Officer Martinez observed a large group of individuals involved in some type of altercation in the area of 310 Watson Avenue.

After a police investigation four individuals were taken into custody and charged with robbery and two were charges with eluding police. All four were juveniles, names held due to age. A set of brass knuckles and the victim's wallet were recovered. The wallet was returned to the victim a short time later. The victim was taken to Raritan Bay Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries.

All four males were transported to the Middlesex County Juvenile Detention Center.

News Release

Amboy Guardian Subscriptions are only \$65 per year for 50 issues mailed to anywhere in the U.S.A. For more info Contact Carolyn at 732-896-4446

Burglary Suspect

PERTH AMBOY - On Monday, 13 February 2012 11:16am police responded to 642 Franklin Drive on a report of a burglary that had occurred. Victim reported that she had just gotten home from the store and found someone inside her home. When the victim opened her front door and walked into her house she heard noises coming from upstairs and yelled "who's up there". A male subject then came downstairs and confronted the victim. Subject did not say any-

thing but tried to get out the north side sliding door that was locked he then ran past the victim and out the front south side door onto Franklin Drive. Victim states she punched the subject in the arm. The subject then ran west on Franklin Drive where the victim lost sight of him.

The subject entered the house through a rear north side basement window. Once inside the subject entered the first floor by kicking out the door that leads to the basement. He then entered the second floor bedrooms and removed some

jewelry and change that was on the dressers of both bed-

Suspect is described as a Hispanic or white male around six feet tall thin build. Same was wearing a blue colored coat with white or grey colored sweatpants. Same was wearing a black wool hat.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact the Detective Bureau at 732-324-3829.

News Release

Burglary Suspects Arrested

PERTH AMBOY - On Tuesday, 21 February 2012 at 11:53 am police responded to 753 Columbus Drive on a report of a burglary in progress. The reporting witness stated that she heard the doorbell ring; she looked out the window and saw a young looking Hispanic male at the door. The doorbell rang several more times. At this point in time the subject, who was looking back and forth as if to see if anyone was watching, walked to the south side of the house, at that time the witness called the police. The male subject then opened a rear screen door which was unlocked, but didn't gain entry because the next door was locked. Wit- custody. ness then stated that the subject made a phone call on his 1) Josue Miguel Valdez of cell phone and walked back Johnstone Street, Perth Amto the front of the house. The subject was then seen walking north on Columbus Drive and get into a beige colored vehicle. That vehicle was occupied by another male and a female. That vehicle then turned around and headed south on Columbus Drive.

Police Sergeant Andy Montalvo who was checking the area found a beige colored vehicle containing two males and a female in front of 689 Columbus Circle. They were immediately detained until they could be identified. After a police investigation the three subjects were taken into

Arrested were:

boy, NJ

2) Fernando Antonio Colon, of First Street, Perth Amboy,

3) Lesly Gamarra of 451 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ

All are being charged with Conspiracy to Commit Bur-Valdez and Colon glary. are also being charged with Attempt to Commit Burglary. Bail was set by Honorable Judge Maria Del Valle at \$50,000 no 10%. Lesly Gamarra was ROR.

News Release







New Officers Graduate From Police Academy

PERTH AMBOY - Acting Chief of Police Benjamin Ruiz is proud to announce three new Officers from the City of Perth Amboy have graduated the Ocean County Police Academy in the 93rd Basic Police Recruit Class, 16 February 2012. These three new Officers serve to fill positions that have been vacated by recent retirements. All three Officers have been assigned to the Departmental eight week Field Training Program and bring with them a dedication and work ethic second to none. The Perth Amboy Police Department is proud

to welcome our newest mem-

Officer Davis Salazar has previously served our Country in the United States Navy as a Navy Seal. He received numerous awards, decorations as well as commendations during his tenure with the Navy. He attained a perfect score in one or more of the three qualifying firearms rounds.

Officer Andrew Hadjioannou serves in the Marine Corps Reserve and previously worked as a peer counselor for adults with autism. He has earned an Associate's Degree in Marketing as well as is currently pursuing his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from City College of New York. He received numerous decorations in the course of his Marine Reserve career.

Officer Stephen Hedberg served as a Military Police Officer in the United States Marine Corps Reserve receiving numerous awards and decorations. He attained a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice from Thomas Edison State College. Officer Hedberg received the 93rd Basic Recruit Class Award for High Marksman-

News Release

St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Luncheon

PERTH AMBOY- St. Mary's Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring its annual St. Patrick's Day celebration with a Mass at 12 NOON followed by a Corned Beef and Cabbage and Pasta with Chicken luncheon Saturday, March 17 in the Church Hall at 104 Center Street. Monsignor John Gordon is being honored as the "Irishman of the Year." The price is \$25 per person. For information and reservations, contact Millie at 732-826-0282 or Eleanor at 732-261-7462.

Wellness Retreat: Calling your Spirit Home

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is holding a Wellness Retreat: Calling your Spirit Home Saturday, March 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Join Reiki Vivian Lynch, Reiki practitioner and Integrative Imagery Practitioner and providers form the Division of Integrative medicine for a day or renew, relax, breathe, and connect. Open your heart and lighten your spirit though mediation, music, movement and energy practices. Cost is \$60 per person. To register or more information, call 1-800-362-8677.

Ads Sell Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

Perth Amboy Happy Home Shelter in Need of Volunteers. **Donations &** Fosters

PERTH AMBOY - The Happy Home Shelter (Not affiliated with the Perth Amboy City Shelter) is a 501C-3 Non-Profit Organization and is in need of volunteers, donations and fosters. Please donate PET SUPPLIES, FOOD, CHECKS or GIFT CARDS. SEND to: 362 State Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 or DROP OFF DONATIONS at PetSmart on Adoption Days. ADOPT precious KITTIES & DOGGIES @ Woodbridge PetsSmart on Sundays 12-5pm. OPEN YOUR HEART to a homeless animal and SAVE A LIFE! Make a Difference! HOST A PET FOOD DRIVE For more information, email vmoralespps@yahoo.com or call 1-732-486-6382 or 732-277-7650 or 732-826-1124 or email PAHHS2010@aol.com. Visit and LIKE our FACE-BOOK page @ Perth Amboy Happy Home Shelter. Perth Amboy happy home shelter needs a lot of help for the animals. Perth Amboy's animals are suffering. Help us raise the money to rescue, spay and neuter more kitties so they don't suffer on the streets and have a chance to be adopted. Adopt, spay, neuter, love...

We are on the Web! www.AmboyGuardian.com

"Hiring Our Heroes" Employment Fair Scheduled for March 9 in Iselin

TRENTON - The American Legion has joined forces with the U.S. and N.J. Chambers of Commerce in support of the Hiring Our Heroes program, a nationwide effort, blossoming here in New Jersey, to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment.

Veterans and their spouses are encouraged to take advantage of the Hiring Our Heroes event, cosponsored by the American Legion and the NJ Coalition of Automotive Retailers (NJCAR) on Friday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at American Legion T. Nulty Post 471, 25 Brown Ave., Iselin.

With the U.S. auto industry looking to add some 30,000 jobs during 2012, many of New Jersey's 530 auto dealerships and other non-dealer service centers will be looking to fill positions. "With veteran unemployment high and rising, this is the type of event that can bring veterans into a career field, which can match their education and skills in a variety of positions," said Rich Liebler, one of the organizers from the Sansone Auto Group. "Many jobseekers aren't familiar with the type of jobs available in this industry. This event will address that." The event is automotive specific and will explain in detail the types of jobs available within the industry, including sales representatives, technicians, service writers, parts stockers, accountants, clerks, receptionists, internet sales, finance and insurance specialists. Experts will be at the event to explain the jobs and answer questions. In addition to approximately 20 auto dealers, industry related suppliers such as Sears, Pep Boys, STS, Jiffy Lube, Midas and Goodyear, will be participating.

Representatives from the NJ State Library will be on hand to explain and demonstrate all the resources veterans have available to search for jobs, design and write resumes, and apply for jobs. With technology assistance from Verizon, computer stations will be set up for attendees to practice using those resources. Counselors will also be available from Vet2Vet, U.S. Veterans Administration and NJ Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) to provide veterans with additional information regarding their state and federal entitlements.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their resumes, which will be posted on the NJCAR website. Auto dealers are prepared to hire qualified veterans or offer internships to individuals who may want to explore one of the job possibilities.

The American Legion has

hosted two successful Hiring Our Heroes job fairs in Toms River and Florence, and plans others in all sections of NJ.

The U.S. Chamber started the program in partnership with the Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service, to improve public-private sector coordination in local communities, where veterans and their families are returning every day. Working with an extensive network of state and local chambers and agencies, including NBCUniversal, DMAVA, the NJ State Parole Board, Seton Hall University and other strategic partners, a better job is being done of matching veteran and military spouse talent with career opportunities in the private sector.

Since the launch of the Hiring Our Heroes program in March 2011, more than 7,300 veterans and military spouses, and 60 wounded warriors have found employment. Twenty-five were hired at the Toms River event.

Please go to HoH.GreatJob. net to register as a veteran job seeker, or auto-industry related employer.

News Release



AMBOY Simply Better Bank Reverse Mortgage

save 60 % on upfront costs flexible line of credit or monthly payments we're here with you from start to finish voted best bank 14 years in a row

If you're 62 or older, find out how much cash you can get Call 1.800.942.6269



"My Reverse Mortgage gave me monthly income to cover my expenses"

Kielbasa Sandwich Sale

PERTH AMBOY - A Kielbasa (Kolbas) Sandwich Sale with homemade sauerkraut is being held at Holy Trinity Church on the corner of Lawrie and Johnstone Streets in Perth Amboy on Saturday, March 10 at 6 p.m. in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$8 and all tickets are sold at the door. Takeouts are also available from 5:30 pm. Included with the sandwich is coffee/soda and dessert.

Cruise Inn Show at Alameda Care Center

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a One Night Only Cruise Inn Show on Tuesday, May 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Alameda Care Center, 303 Elm St., Perth Amboy. Come and enjoy the best music from the '50's '60's & '70's. Everyone is welcome at our Cruise Night! Trophies, Good Food and Family Fun. For more info call Richie at 732-525-0412 or 732-442-9540.

Ghost Tours at the Proprietary House

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House Museum announces that it will have a Ghost Tour on-site with renowned Psychic Jane Doherty, located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy. The Proprietary House is the only official Royal Governor's residence still standing from the thirteen Colonies.

Jane Doherty, a widely acclaimed psychic for over 20 years, is a leading authority on such experiences. Widely recognized and respected for her extraordinary skill and sensitivity, she has been featured on the FOX network news, CNN, The Today Show, Sightings, WB 11, and numerous publications, including the N.Y. Times.

The evening will be held on Friday, March 9. Jane will have tours every hour on the hour from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There is a \$10 per person suggested donation for adults and children over 12 years of age. Refreshments will be sold. For directions look on our website www.proprietaryhouse.org or call 732 826-5527.

Ads Sell Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

Songwriting Class

WOODBRIDGE - There will be a songwriting class in the Barron Art's Center, Rahway Ave., Woodbridge taught by Veteran Music Instructor and Recording Artist Jeff Saxon. The Class starts on Saturday, March 10 and will run for 6 consecutive Saturday afternoons. The class is appropriate for songwriters of all levels as well as those who simply are curious how songs are written. Saxon has taught songwriting classes at music schools, colleges and universities from coast to coast. His video of his latest single, "High Time for a Hero" is a finalist in the 2012 NJ Film Festival for best music video. Class cost is \$120 which includes a 35 page songwriting booklet written by the instructor. For more info and the class registration form email Mr. Saxon at info@jeffsaxonmusic.com or call the Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0413. or email Barron-Arts@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

Send Your Events
to Carolyn at
Crlynmxwll@aol.com and to
Katherine at
KMass514@gmail.com

South Amboy Y Offers School Aged Child Care Starting March 5

SOUTH AMBOY - Good News for Parents: the South Amboy Branch YMCA will be starting School Aged Child Care (SACC) on Monday, March 5th! We will be offering Before and AfterSchool Care for children in grades K-6. Our School Aged Child Care Program will be held at the South Amboy Y, located at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy.

Students at South Amboy Elementary School will be walked from the Y to school by YMCA staff in the morning, and walked from school to the Y in the afternoon. Students at Sayreville Schools are invited to join us, but will need a ride to and from school.

While at the Y, children enrolled in SACC will en-

joy swimming, crafts, gym games, cooking, watching movies, and have time to do their homework. Before-School Care starts at 7am, and AfterSchool Care runs until 6:30pm. AfterCare includes Holidays, Early Dismissals, and Snow Days. Stay tuned: more information will be available about School Aged Child Care for the 2012-13 school year in April.

Please visit our website www.ymcaofmewsa.org for pricing information. Registration is now open at the South Amboy Y's Welcome Desk. For more information, contact Mike Tonzola at 732-316-8205 or mike.tonzola@ymcaofmewsa.org.

news release



MAURICE "MOE" DAY
Realtor/Associate

NJAR Circle of Excellence Sales Award 2009-2010 Petra Best Realty Top Agent 2011 Cell: 717-222-9069

mday@petrabestrealty.com

Call for an appointment today!

WWW.PETRABESTREALTY.COM



PERTH AMBOY - Great investment, own a income producing bar with a 3 bdrm apartment to boot. Not bad - huh! Call me or let your agent know you are interested. Financials are available to serious buyers only. License Included. \$350,000.



PERTH AMBOY - Nice cozy cape, perfect for a family wanting to downsize. Lovely back yard with cement patio. Not a short sale. \$165,000



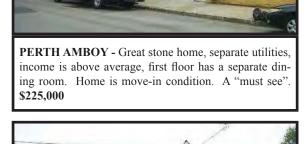
329 SMITH STREET • PERTH AMBOY (732) 442-1400 • (732) 442-1480 fax



PERTH AMBOY - Check out this great 5 yr old home. Better than new. Nice layout, great neighborhood. Granite, stainless steel appliances. Master bedroom has an on suite. A MUST SEE. More pics to come in the near future. \$275,000



PERTH AMBOY - Great 2 family, everything separate down to the water & sewage. \$278,000





PERTH AMBOY - Nice cozy home, looking for a loving family for some TLC, huge double lot (50 x 100), 2 detached garages. New piping throughout the home. Don't wait will go quickly!!! \$99,900



AMBOY SPOTLIGHT: BARBARA WALKER

Remembrance of Husband Leads to Groundbreaking Youth Scholarship and Cotillion

Legacy and remembrance can be handled different ways, especially for those who served in the United States military.

During the Vietnam War, Johnnie A. Walker was wounded in battle but continued to serve his country for a total of 18 years. Despite his bravery and heroism, Walker never received a Purple Heart due to a fire that destroyed all records of his injury.

In 1988, Walker suddenly died after completing a physical fitness test in Kentucky, leaving his wife Barbara to mourn his death and find answers for her deceased childhood sweetheart. However, after sending letters to President Obama and the United States Congress, she never got the recognition her husband undoubtedly deserved.

After a number of failed attempts, Barbara Walker decided to honor her husband in a new way. She founded the Multicultural Grand Cotillion Scholarship Society, a non-profit organization that will host cotillions for young girls and boys and fund scholarships for future college students.

"I had helped with a cotillion in May 2011 for The Cathedral International Church, but I told myself it was time to do my own," Walker said. "I found this as a way to not only help the children but honor the my husband and his platoon that served in Vietnam."

Walker's passion for cotillions dates back to her child-hood in Jersey City, when the NAACP used to be in charge of the exquisite dances and made them one of the biggest social events in the area. However, Walker noted that there were strict educational requirements to partake in the cotillion, and she was unable to formally attend.

"Back then, you could only be 16 years old and a junior in high school to take part in these cotillions, and I was always held back because I didn't have the grades to qualify," Walker said. "Education never meant much back then and we kind of went with the times, but that's not the case anymore. You need an education to succeed."

Walker remembered her grandmother would take her to the cotillions and help her get dressed up and experience the moment. "Grandma Watkins" helped her see the beauty of the event and guided her to future success.

"Grandma Watkins, as we called her, would always take me to the cotillion, even if she knew I didn't qualify to go," a teary-eyed Walker said. "She always told me that regardless of the times, I would always do well in life and succeed, and God was good to me and helped me get to where I am today."

Now, more than 50 years after attending her first cotillion, Walker is holding dance rehearsals and etiquette classes to teach young boys and girls the proper way to behave in society and become ladies and gentlemen. With help from Director Maritz Rodriguez, these classes and workshops will be held at the Puerto Rican Association Building for 12 weeks until the May cotillion.

"These workshops and classes will teach the kids how to dance properly and behave in upscale places, but it will also prepare them for the real world and ultimately will serve as a coming out," Walker said. "They will learn how to write resumes and complete book reports, and we hope that after this they will start their preparation for college."

Students who partake in these workshops will raise money to support the cotillion and start a college fund that they will be able to keep. According to Walker, 75 percent of the money raised during the 12-week program will go back to the students once the Cotillion is completed.

"For those students who are age five to 16, the money they raise will go into a college saving fund that they can add to until they are old enough for college," Walker said. "The 17 year old students who raise extra money will get it right away and hopefully allow them to get a college education."

Walker also began the Missy S.T.E.M. Scholarship, a fund that will go to 24 girls across 12 high schools in New Jersey that are going into the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. All the money gathered through ticket sales and donations at the Cotillion will go into the scholarship and will further contribute to their education.

Walker's program and foundation has received support

from a number of well-known people in Perth Amboy, including Mayor Wilda Diaz and Cathedral International Church Bishop Donald Hill-ard. Community organizations like the YMCA and P.R.I.D.E. have also helped Walker get the word out and have hosted her rehearsals and registrations in the past year.

"The city of Perth Amboy has been great to me in the past year, and Mayor Diaz has given me the support and help I need to get this foundation going," Walker said. "Even after I started my own organization, Bishop Hillard was nothing but supportive and has trusted me through the years to take on this responsibility. He is the one who gave me my start."

Walker noted that her etiquette classes were inspired by Rachel's challenge, a movement that helps teach students kindness and start a chain reaction to help establish passion in schools. The memorial was named after Rachel Scott, who was the first teenager to die in the Columbine shootings.

"I heard about this program and knew that this was something that could be taught to our children," Walker said. "They teach kindness and politeness and help students reach their goals, and I have begun to collaborate with them and the rest of New Jersey to improve the children in our area."

Currently the program has 17 registered boys and girls, but Walker will continue to take applications until she reaches her goal of 44. She hopes that



Younger girls working on their dancing



Barbara speaking with older boys and girls about fundraising photos by Joseph L. Kuchie

the first year of these workshops will be a stepping-stone for years to come.

"We hope that after this year that the foundation will continue to move forward and get better," Walker said. "As the cotillion grows to become something great, more girls [and boys] will look to and get involved, and it will open a horizon for the future of education."

The Grand Debutant Cotillion will be held May 20th, 2012 at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel in Iselin. The Sayreville High School Jazz Ensemble will serve as the evening's entertainment, and Julie Gonzalez and her dance group will choreograph the dancing.

Registration is still open for boys and girls looking to take part in the special event. For more information please contact Barbara Walker at mgcotillion@graduate.org.

by Joseph L. Kuchie

Pierogi/Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church is having a bake/pierogi sale Pick up your orders at: 404 Division St. Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861. Call 732-826-7067 to place your order between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. ALL ITEMS ARE HANDMADE!

Pierogi - Potato, Cake - Poppy seed/nut/apricot/raspberry/prune - \$10. The order date is February 27 to March 2 for pierogi and cake. The pick-up date is March 6 and March 7. Thank you for your orders

Charity Chili
Cook-off
WOODBRIDGE - There will

be a Charity Chili Cook-off on Sunday, March 4 from Noon to 2 p.m. at the J.J. Bitting Brewing Co.33 Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ. There is a \$20 participation fee to enter the competition and show off your chili skills! Get applications to participate at JJ Bittings or Woodbridge Town Hall. \$8 admission fee to sample some of the best chili our contestants have to offer! Entertainment and Door Prizes! Questions? Contact Kelly Reidy at 732-634-4500 x6494

Gift Auction
PERTH AMBOY - The An-

nual Gift Auction sponsored by St. Ann's Society will be held at Assumption Catholic School auditorium on Sunday, March 4. The auditorium It is located at the corner of Jacques and Meredith Streets on the block between the Samuel E. Shull School and Perth Amboy High School. The doors will open at 12 noon with the auction starting at 2 p.m. Coffee and cake will be served and luncheon food items will be available for purchase. Admission is \$5. Welcome in an early spring with your friends and family in our large and comfortable facility!

A.A.R.P. Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Chapter #4853 of A.A.R.P. Meetings are held at the Sayreville Senior Center (Main St.) on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 12 NOON. There are different informative speakers at each meeting. Food and coffee are offered at reasonable prices. Membership is \$5 per year. New members are welcomed at every meeting. Come and make some new friends.

Vatican Replica Shroud of Turin Exhibit

PERTH AMBOY - During the first 2 weeks of Great Lent, Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church, 684 Alta Vista Place will host an exhibition of an authentic replica of The Shroud of Turin. This is the 9th replica of the Turin Shroud sanctioned by the Vatican. The exhibit will be from Saturday, February 18 (after 5 p.m. Liturgy) through Saturday, March 3. The Church and Exhibit will be open on Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call 732-826-0767 or visit www.philashroud.org

Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

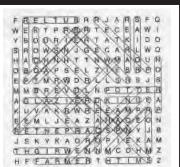
Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - There is an ongoing book sale at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Fill a bag for \$5. Book Dealers Welcome. For more info call 732-826-2600. There are also books for sale at Raritan Bay Coffee Company (at the Historic Train Station)

Kid's Bingo

SEWAREN - The Sewaren Free Public Library welcomes kids in grades K-5 and their accompanying adults & siblings for a fun night of BIN-GO! This event will be on the 1st Friday of every month at 7 p.m. from October through The remaining dates are: 3/2, 4/6 & 5/4. Come one, come all, but sign up is required every time. For more info or to register call 732-634-7571. Sewaren Library welcomes patrons from all towns, not just Sewaren. The Sewaren Free Public Library is located at 546 West Ave., Sewaren.

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



Open Mic

PERTH AMBOY - There will be an Poetry and Music Open Mic Night every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Come show off your talent. For more information contact 732-826-1690 ext. 4325.

Rolling Stones Lecture

WOODBRIDGE - There will be a lecture: "On the Road and at Home with The Rolling Stones" given by author Bill German A Multimedia Lecture on The Rolling Stones' Rise to Superstardom. Q&A and exclusive book signing Wednesday Evening March 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Art's Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Admission Free, Reservation Required. For more info call 732-634-0143.

Medieval Castles Lecture

WOODBRIDGE - There will be a lecture: "Medieval Castles of England and Wales " given by Ian C. Burrow Ph.D. An introduction to castles as represented by the many surviving examples in England and Wales. A chronological survey emphasizing changes through time, and what to look for when visiting a castle. Wednesday Evening February 29, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Art's Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Admission Free, Reservation Required. For more info call 732-634-0143.

LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Above is the undefeated St. Mary's High School Football Eleven which met the undefeated Woodbridge in a Thanksgiving Day Game at City Stadium in 1930. In the Line - (L to R) "Slim' Reager, "Red" Martin, "Shorty" Hrehowsik, Bud Harrington, John Ivan, Vince McDonnell and Russ Mason.

Photo courtesy of Thomas Francis Clark

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

TODAY, Feb 29 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.

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

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

THURS., Mar 1 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center Madison Ave

Family Life Center, Madison Ave. MON., Mar. 5 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES., Mar 6 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

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

WED. Mar 7 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.

> Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

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

• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone Sts.

THURS., Mar 8 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 noon Alta Vista Pl

South Amboy MON., Mar 5

WED Mar 14

Aar 5

St. Mary's Seniors, noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave. South Amboy Seniors, noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

SEND US YOUR CLUB NEWS



The Barge

On The Waterfront in Historical Perth Amboy

Featuring the Finest

Seafood • Steaks Live Maine Lobster

Long Island Steamers, Clams on the Half Shell, Oysters, Softshell Crabs, and so much more!

Have Your Next Party on The Waterfront
The Barge has a second-floor



he Barge has a second-floo dining room Great for parties luncheons, dinners retirement parties, busines

meetings, christenings, engagement and bridal showers.

We accommodate up to 100 people. Let's work together and plan the perfect party for you!



EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

EVERY DAY IN MARCHNOT VALID ON HOLIDAYS

Buy 1 Dinner & Get 2nd Entree 1/2 Price*

*Equal or less value, with this ad. Discount up to \$10 Cannot be combined with any other offer. Not valid on Early Bird Specials.

The Barge

732-442-3000 / 201 Front Street, Perth Amboy VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.thebarge.com

Prayer to St. Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of. Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (Here make your request) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. A.L.

Lent Fish Frys

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Lent Fish Fries every Friday at the South Amboy ELKS, 601 Washington Ave. from 2/24/12 to 4/4/12 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost ranges from \$8 to \$15. Dinners offered from Haddock sandwich to Fried Seafood Combo. Chicken Fingers and Kids Meals also available. Eat in or Take out. Call 732-727-7170 for more info or to place an order.

Veteran's Memorial

Application
PERTH AMBOY - "HON-**ORING** YESTERDAY'S AND TODAY'S VETERANS WHO SERVED OUR COUN-TRY." Any eligible veteran honoree that is not included on the memorial on Sadowski Parkway at this time, may request to have their name placed on the memorial by filling out the form available at City Hall or can be downloaded on the City of Perth Amboy's Website and submitting it to the City Clerk's office along with a copy of Form DD214. SUBMISSION DEADLINE OF ELIGIBLE VETERAN is MARCH 31, 2012. For more information call 732-826-0290.

Royal Garden Club March **Meeting**PERTH AMBOY - There will

be a Royal Garden Club Meeting with Guest Lecturer Pat Tratebas, Landscape Designer on Wed., March 7 at 7:30 pm at St. Peter's Rectory, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy NJ 08861. The topic will be Historic Gardens and Heirloom Plants. Donation are Appreciated. For more info visit the site of Ms. Tratebas: cottagegardenslandscapedesign.com or email asilmo08861@hotmail.com. The 2012 season work schedule for the Royal Garden Club will be available soon. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. No experience necessary. You can increase your knowledge of gardening by assisting the Club in its design, planting and maintenance of eleven public gardens.

BARGAIN WAREHOUSE

BLOWOUT SALE!

DRASTICALLY **REDUCED PRICES!**

MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING!

"RECESSION SPECIALS!!!"

Located at 5 Paddock Street, Avenel, NJ 07001 (Next to Woodbridge Child Diagnostic & Treatment Center) 732-855-1400, Ext. 242

OPEN FRIDAY 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M. VISA, MC, AMEX and DISCOVER

Tell Our Advertisers YOU SAW IT IN



CUARDIAN

To Place Your Classified: First 10 Words \$6.50 5 Weeks for \$30 Each additional word over 10 words 30¢

Send check or money order (no cash), include your name and telephone, to: THE AMBOY GUARDIAN. P.O. Box 127 • PERTH AMBOY • NJ 08862



CUARDIAN

How to Publish a Novena

If you wish to publish a Novena in The Amboy Guardian, you may use this coupon.

A Petition to St. Joseph

Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of His mother Mary, I confidently place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. I ask that, through your powerful intercession with God, you obtain for me all the help and graces that I need for my spiritual and temporal welfare and in particular, the Phone (special favor I now ask there mention or think of your home sale or any other petition, especially family needs. Good St. Joseph, I know with confidence, that your prayers on my behalf will be heard by God and that He will grant my request, if it be for His glory and my greater good. Thank you St. Joseph, for having responded to my call. Amen. *G.T.A.*

Prayer To St. Claire

Prayer To Blessed Mother

Prayer To Blessed Virgin

St. Jude Novena

Cost \$10. Pre-payment required.

Address Initials at end of prayer

A Petition to St. Jude

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

Thank you, St. Jude F.M.J.

Please circle one prayer, and return form with check or money order to:

> The Amboy Guardian P.O. Box 127 Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

For Employment

Prayer To Holy Spirit

Thanksgiving Novena

Pray The Rosary

Prayer To St. Jude

Novena To St. Anthony

Novena To St. Joseph

OTHER

Classified Ads

Send to P.O. Box 127, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

The Amboy Guardian Classifieds Work!

FREE CLASSIFIED AD *FOR ITEMS \$75 & UNDER*

Use this space for 10 words or less to sell your small household items that are too inexpensive to advertise. The Amboy Guardian will print your classified and help you sell ■ those items. Merchandise must be used and not new items for sale items. Please send one ad per family per week.

SERVICE DIRECTORY

Call Carolyn (a) 732-896-4446

Auto Repair/Service

JOHN AUTO CENTER, INC.



Complete Automotive Repairs (732)Foreign & Domestic 727-All Repairs 100% Guaranteed 8500 **Emission Repair Facility**

N.J. State Inspections 272 North Stevens Ave., South Amboy

Oil Change

\$24.95 (most cars)

Your Ad Here

Your Ad Can

Go Here for

\$10

a week

10 Week

Minimum

Required

WINTER SPECIAL INCLUDES: • Oil Change (up to 5 Qts 10W30, Synthetic Oil Extra)
• Change Oil Filter Complete Chassis

Home Improvement

BOB HOME

IMPROVEMENTS Reasonable!!!

(Free Estimate • Ceilings · Roofing

Floors

 Baths · Doors

· Windows

Phone: 732-669-7435

Basements

 Sheetrock Painting

Your Ad Here

Your Ad Can Go Here

For \$18 a

week

10 Week Minimum Required

Dry Cleaning

KIMBER DRY CLEANING

732-721-1915

- All Work Done On Premises
 - Same Day Cleaning

 - Expert Tailoring & Alterations

106 S. Broadway, South Amboy

Lawnmower Repair

GAP'S LAWNMOWER





Mediation Consulting

R.T. McCRAY ASSOCIATES

Mediation Consulting 81 Main Street Woodbridge, NJ 07095 732-855-9177, Facsimile 732-855-9171

> website http://www.mccrayassocs.com Richard T. McCray, JD, PIA, CPM

Court Approved Mediator Business to Business * Insurance Employer/Employee * Family Matters

SETTLEMENT BY MEDIATION helps the parties facilitate a mediated settlement with less cost and time. Family Quarrel * Breach of Contract * Less Standard of Customary Care

Child Care

Affordable Childcare in my South Amboy home. Excellent references 732-553-9443 3/28

For Sale

Oueen Tempar Pedic Pi low - Never Used - Excellent \$75 - 732-238-8439

New \$75 call 732-486-

Vintage Remington Rand Typewriter - Great Condition \$50 - 732-826-6359

Heavy Duty Bench Vice Robots - Forbidden Planet, Lost in Space MIB's \$25 each 732-727-8417

> Sears Treadmill works fine - \$50 Weedner Ski Exercise - \$20 - 732-257-

8062 Oil Stock Certificates -\$20, Coffee Maker in box Chinese Rhinos - U.S. Confederate Currency 1930- 1970 Comic Books

> Electric Snow Shovel \$20, Kerosene Winter Heater \$45 - 732-887-

732-713-0536

For Sale

Seasoned Oak Firewood -Not Split - Delivery Extra - \$50 - 732-636-5584

Sony AM-FM Sterio 3 CD & Tape w/speakers - \$50 732-977-7924

Rugs - Burgundy 4 x 7 -\$50 Ivory Runner with 3 x 5 \$75 - 732-675-6989

Center \$50, Treadmill \$75 -732-634-0239

Wooden Coffee & End Tables \$30 Used Conditon - Solid - 732-997-9077

Wheelchair ramp - Aluminum Fold-up - \$75 - 732-738-6550

Computer Chairs - Two -Good Condition - Swivel - Tilt, Grey \$35 Each. 732-636-3345

Dyson Vacuum Cleaner - Uprite Model DC07 -Mint Condition \$75 - 732-721-4477

Walmart Reusable Quilt -Queen \$10 - 732-535-

1. BAKER

2. BARBER

3. BARKER

4. BISHOP

5. BREWER

6. BUTLER

8. CARVER

9. COOK

10. DEACON

12. FARMER

13. GLAZIER

14. KING

15. MAJOR

16. MASON

18. MILLER

19. MINER

20. PARSON

22. PORTER

21. POPE

17. MERCHANT

11. DEAN

7. CARPENTER

Send to: The Amboy Guardian, P.O. Box 127, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

OCCUPATION OR NAME?

FRELTUBRRJARSFQ

WEKTPRBRTECEAWI

YBOURIERTATKIDO

SROWSNJGECARLWQ

HACHNHTTNWMAOUN

OBOAPSELZIEBRPO

EPTMRWDRLLSRSJS

MMBREVDLNPOTTER

AGLAZIERDKINGEA

KUVAKRWREEAMPRP

EEMLJEAZAHAOEON

RETNEPRACSPNYJB

J S K Y K A O R O P I E K A M

THGIRWENNMCOHMZ

HFFARMERTHTIMSZ

23. POTTER

24. SAILOR

25. SHEPHERD

26. SHOEMAKER

27. SINGER

28. SMITH

29. TANNER

30. USHER

31. WEAVER

32. WRIGHT

Catering



For Sale

2 - Piece Ski Boots - Poles and Skis - 4 Pairs \$45 Each or B.O. 732-721-

White Crib/Toddler Bed -Excellent Condition with Mattress \$75 - 732-826-

Bumper Pool Table, Formerly From Billiards Par-

Samsung AM-FM Stereo CD and Tape with Speakers - \$25 - 732-826-6324

Weslo Treadmill \$60 Sayreville - 732-718-

ables - boxes - certificates at \$35 each. 732-855-

BTU \$40 - Excellent Running Condition - Sayreville -732-254-1329

Siding - Fiber Cement 12" x 24" Panels 35 Pieces \$75 732-977-7924

Chandelier - Bronze Patina with 15 Crystals - \$75 Excellent - 732-238-8439

www.MsLeesQuisine.com atering - Convenience 9

lor \$75 - 732-727-4575

Porcelain Dolls - Collect-6898

Oster Juice Extractor -Perfect Condition \$20 Hoover Floormate Like Dark Wood Entertainment 732-826-6359

Air Conditioner 5,000

5" Jaws - Opens to 12" \$45 - 732-725-1772

Med./Suitcase w/wheels \$7 Coach Flats New/5.6 pink//\$30 732-535-8142



ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ
Broker/Owner



BEST REALTY

329 SMITH STREET • PERTH AMBOY

(732) 442-1400 • (732) 442-1480 fax

The Real Estate Team With Dedication, Vision and Results!

FOR MORE OF OUR FEATURED LISTINGS, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE: WWW.PETRABESTREALTY.COM

YOU HAVE OPTIONS! LET PETRA BEST REALTY FIND THE RIGHT SOLUTION FOR YOU!

AVOID FORECLOSURE!

CONSULT A SHORT SALE EXPERT. CALL TODAY! LET OUR EXPERTS HELP YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SELLING YOUR PROPERTY! IN THIS CHANGING MARKET, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU WONDERED HOW MUCH *YOUR* PROPERTY IS WORTH?

CALL FOR FREE MARKET ANALYSIS!



SOMERSET - Good income. Property has one 3 fam. building and 1 fam. detached house. Plenty of parking space. Please give 24 hrs. notice to show. Weekdays after 5 p.m. and weekends all day. Sold "as is". Buyer is resp. for C/O and any repairs. If Comm. change by bank, it will be 50% of approved comm. **\$240,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Wow, 2 for the price of 1. 2 buildings w/4 car garages & restaurant. 1st features restaurant w/4 bdrm apt. on top. 2nd features 2 fam house w/2 bdrms each. All sep. utilities, rentals. Restaurant \$1653 w/ 5% increase per year, lease ends 5/13. 4brs apt. \$1,200, 2brs apt - 1st \$840 & 2nd apt. \$875. Mo/Mo. Garages \$50 ea. \$339,000



PERTH AMBOY - This beautiful cape comes with 3 bdrm, 2 car garage, great location corner lot and much more. \$199,000



PERTH AMBOY - Work and live in the same location, great opportunity for a medical professional office with a single family attached. 3 bdrm, living room, dining room, kitchen, off street parking, 3 private rooms with separated entrance, hospital section. Buyer is resp. for C/O, termite Cert. and all repairs. Short Sale. **\$179,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Very good 2 fam., close to parks and public transportation. It is being sold in "as is" condition. Buyer is resp. for C/O, Termite Cert. and all repairs. \$159,000



PERTH AMBOY - A turn operation for Doctor, Dentist, Lawyer or any office use. This building comes with 5 exam rooms, 2 doctor suites, station for patient registration, reception area, great locations. **\$219,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great investment, own a income producing bar with a 3 bdrm apartment to boot. Not bad - huh! Call me or let your agent know you are interested. Financials are available to serious buyers only. License Included. \$350,000.



PERTH AMBOY - Two family finished basement, needs some TLC great potential. **\$129,000**



NORTH PLAINFIELD - This is the potential that you are looking for in business. Huge net income that can be verified by yourself. Low rent and a huge inventory. Includes lottery, money transfer and kitchen. \$150,000.