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Perth Amboy

Citizens Challenge Perth Amboy City Council and B.A.

PERTH AMBOY - Local resident and frequent Council attendee Stanley Sierakowski continued to disagree with Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach about when Perth Amboy could have applied for transitional aid and the amount of money they should have requested. Sierakowski waved a printout that he retrieved from the NJ Department of Community Affairs website where several towns asked for millions in aid and received about two-thirds of what they requested. Sierakowski wondered why Perth Amboy only asked for \$2 million when the City should have requested three times the amount and maybe would have gotten \$4 million instead.

As in the past Business Administrator Fehrenbach told Sierakowski that because of Perth Amboy changing from a fiscal to a calendar year we received a certain amount of money last year. This year we were only eligible to apply for \$2 million in transitional aid to help offset property taxes.

Sierakowski still was not satisfied with the B.A.'s response. But despite the differences about when and how much aid Perth Amboy received, Sierakowski concluded by saying, "You should always ask for twice as much as what you need. Then maybe you would have received more than enough to stabilize taxes.

Several residents from Hidden Village II also appeared before the Council as they did at the March 14th meeting. Although they expressed the same concerns, about their water bills being very high, they were also upset this time about the excessive garbage littering their street and the loud music. Some residents wondered, "Why should we have to go around several times a week to pick up all the trash accumulating on Johnstone and Wash-

ington Streets.

One resident in Hidden Village II who relocated from one of the boroughs in New York said when she came to Perth Amboy, she fell in love with the town and especially the residents but never realized that her quality of life would be lowered. She loves the people she has to think about possibly moving out of town. It was also brought to the Council's attention that in Hidden Village II of the 48 Units, 8 are foreclosure as of now and there are probably more to come.

Another resident of Hidden Village II also stated that it would not look good for Perth Amboy to have so many abandoned properties situated in one area. "We are asking the Council to put yourselves in our shoes and maybe we can work together to find a solution to this problem."

Local Musician Jeff Saxon sympathized with the Hidden Village residents and he made a proposal to the Council that he would be glad to help compose a song or perhaps draft up some kind of campaign to make the citizens aware that we should all work together to make sure our town is as litter free as possible. This would only enhance the town's image.

It was noted at a previous Council meeting by B.A. Fehrenbach that the City hired a firm who will be distributing recycling containers throughout the business district which would help greatly in reducing litter. The company supplying those containers would not only maintain and empty them but there will also be space available for those who like to advertise on the receptacles. The City would also generate a small amount of revenue from the receptacles.

President of the Board of Trustees of the Perth Amboy

Free Public Library Barbara Sottilaro read the following statement at the 3/28 meeting:

I'm very happy that the library roof has been done and that the city is finally moving forward on a renovation, albeit much more minimal than what the trustees, the director and many in the community had hoped for.

I would like to know if this renovation project, as it stands now, precludes the planned renovation and expansion that the library trustees have worked on and hoped for and that the city, especially the children, so desperately needs.

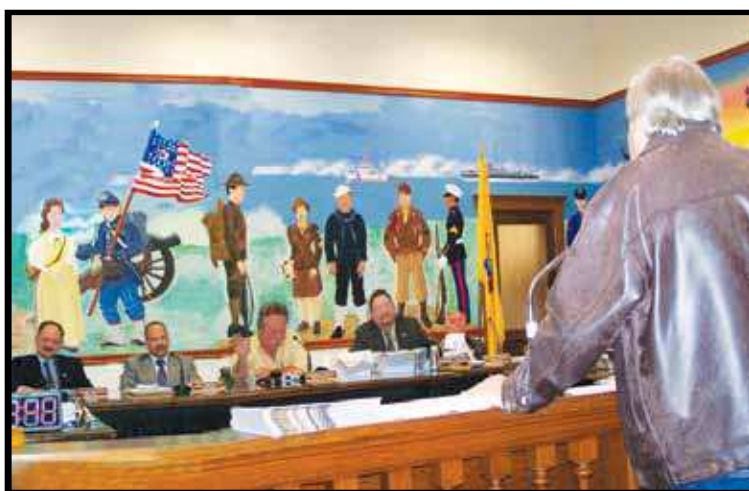
The recently formed Friends of the Library are planning another Taste of Perth Amboy, most likely in October and I am still looking for that "angel investor" that Mr. Fehrenbach says we need.

B.A. Fehrenbach answered, "No, this would not preclude the proposed expansion to the library."

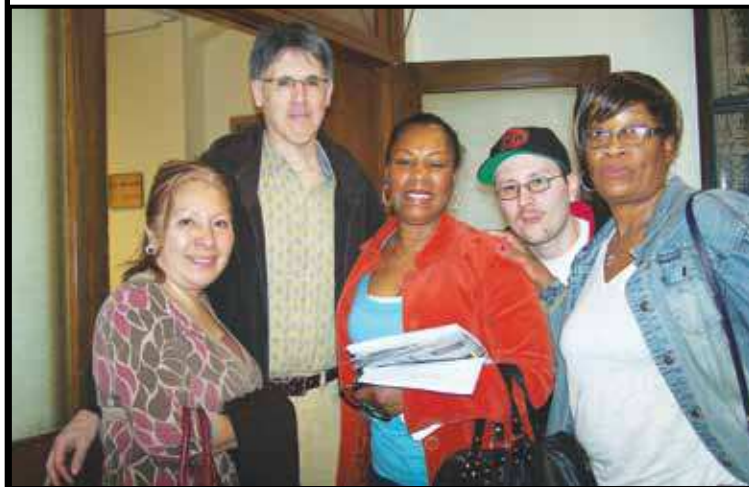
Friends of the Library member Renee Skelton wanted an explanation as to why the City did not apply for the library to be put on the Historic Registry. "There are two different sets of standards," B.A. Fehrenbach replied, "One is for historic preservation and one is for historic restoration. To restore a building to its original structure may be more expensive."

"Preservation work is time consuming, very costly and a very specialized field," stated Orlando Perez. Perez has worked on buildings that were under restoration.

The Morristown Library was offered as an example of expansion. B.A. Fehrenbach said, "I will reach out to entities in Morristown who helped to get grants for their library. I will see what kind of funding they received and how they went about applying for it."



PERTH AMBOY - Stanley Sierakowski questions the Council and Business Administrator about Transitional Aid



PERTH AMBOY - Maritza Criado, Jeff Saxon, Annora Poole, Jose Custodio and Carolyn Dantzler. Resident and Musician Jeff Saxon showed his concern along with these residents of Hidden Village II about issues dealing with garbage removal in their neighborhoods and surrounding areas.



PERTH AMBOY - Council President Ken Balut speaks to Renee Skelton and Toni Gianfrancesco of Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library as Councilman Bill Petrick converses with President of the Board of Library Trustees Barbara Sottilaro

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Perth Amboy Board of Education 2012/2013 Budget
Presented by Board Secretary Derek Jess at 3/29/12 Board of Education Meeting

Components of the Budget

Revenue - Anticipated monies that are used to run the daily operations of the District:

- State & Federal Aid
- Local Taxes
- Miscellaneous Revenue
- Surplus

Appropriations - Allocated resources designated for the expenditures incurred for the District’s daily operations:

- Salaries/Benefits
- Textbooks/Supplies/Equipment
- Maintenance of Facilities/Special Education

Distribution of Revenue - FY13

State Aid	\$184,119,666	81.88%
Local Taxes	\$ 24,012,099	10.68%
Surplus	\$ 12,640,903	5.62%
Federal Aid	\$ 3,974,010	1.77%
Misc. Revenues	\$ 125,346	0.05%
Total Revenues: \$224,872,024 100.00%		

Sources of Budgeted Revenue

	2012/2013	2011/2012	Inc/(Dec)
Local Property Taxes	\$ 21,762,553	\$ 21,762,553	\$ -0-
Property Taxes - Debt	\$ 2,249,546	\$ 2,268,830	\$ (19,284)
State Aid	\$157,355,943	\$159,698,059	\$ (2,342,116)
State Aid - Debt. Svc.	\$ 3,032,589	\$ 3,045,581	\$ (12,992)
Education Jobs Funds	\$ -0-	\$ 4,267,110	\$ (4,267,110)
Federal Aid	\$ 3,974,010	\$ 3,995,735	\$ (21,725)
Surplus	\$ 12,640,903	\$ 10,220,038	\$ 2,420,865
Misc. Revenue	\$ 125,346	\$ 500,000	\$ (374,654)
Total Operating Rev:	\$201,140,890	\$205,757,906	\$ (4,617,016)
Pre-K Expansion Aid	\$ 20,411,838	\$ 20,217,042	\$ 194,796
Pre-K Carryover Funds	\$ 3,319,296	\$ 542,646	\$ 2,277,650
Total FY13 Budget	\$224,872,024	\$226,517,594	\$ (1,645,570)



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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.

Dinner with our Menlo

Park Veterans

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784 Annual Dinner with our Menlo Park Veterans will be on Friday April 27 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy. Spaghetti and Meatballs will be served. \$12 Adults \$6 Kids Children under 5 Free. Takeout Available. Proceeds to benefit the programs of the veteran committee. For more info call 732-727-7170.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Beautiful Minds



The Perth Amboy High School Debate Team

Look at the photo above. You may be looking at future business leaders, lawyers, politicians but most of all you are looking at some of the brightest, articulate, ambitious and motivated young women and men. A lot of athletes are looked upon for their extraordinary ability on the field or court. You have to remember that with sports eventually your physical abilities will eventually diminish over time. Have you ever had a strong opinion about a particular subject and someone came along and was able to make an argument to change your mind on that particular matter?

The PAHS Debate Team has placed ahead of teams that were favored to win in competition. So impressive was the was the Perth Amboy Debate Team that they have been invited to appear at the United Nations in New York by the Dominican Republic Delegation.

They have nowhere to go but up. The students and their mentors were recognized with citations from the Mayor and City Council at the 3/28 Council Meeting. Their mentors/parents/guardians and supporters were also recognized as a driving forces in helping them achieve their goals.

Personally, I love hearing people who are very articulate, especially teenagers. It is very pleasing to my ear when listening to conversations that

are not constantly sprinkled with profanity in every other sentence. Profanity is used so often that the shock value of it is lost.

The command of the English language is very important skill that should be emphasized more in the school system. My father who had to leave school in the eighth grade to help out the family financially never stopped learning. I may have mentioned in a previous editorial that he had three successful businesses which were: a car wash, gas station and a taxi service throughout the years. I remember him telling me that people would often ask him, “What college did you graduate from?” Because of his command of the English language because and he was always very articulate. He loved reading the Bible and daily newspapers and was always up on what was happening locally and around the world. Whenever he was in a room full of people he was never at a loss for words or how to get his point across. As a matter of fact I would say he was a great debater himself. I did not always agree with his point of view but trust me he made some very good arguments.

So to the Perth Amboy Debate Team, I say, “Kudos to you! And to those who support you (teachers, mentors, parents/guardians, family and friends) - My hat is off to you for a job well done!” **C.M.**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Million Dollar View

I think it’s time for the city to start looking into the waterfront how they can make it more attractive for the community . Many out-of-towners visit the water front and walk down just about every morning. It has some things that everyone wants to see - a so-called million dollar view. So now the warmer weather is

coming. Where does the administration want to start?

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Fair Tax Hoax

The so-called ‘Fair Tax’ is just a clever fraud. It promises benefits that it can’t deliver.

1) It claims a National Sales Tax will result in more money for employees (no income tax), and, the prices of goods will drop. But the price of goods can only drop if their costs also drop. This is simple economics. For prices to drop 23% the costs will have to drop by a lot more (mark-up). This cannot happen.

2) The Federal Constitution was adopted to give the general government its own taxing powers so it would not depend on payments from the states. The ‘Fair Tax’ should be ruled

unconstitutional because of this. Note how they tried to sneak this past their readers!

3) The ‘Fair Tax’ was rejected by President Bush’s economic advisors in 2005 and will never be passed. The candidates who favored this tax were rejected in the presidential primaries.

4) The US never had a National Sales Tax. One proposal for this was rejected in the 1930s. The Supreme Court could strike it down based on the Federalist Papers (articles 15 to 22).

5) The ‘Fair Tax’ book distorts the historical record in arguing for its flawed proposal.

6) The ‘Fair Tax’ is a swindle

to raise taxes on 80% of the people to benefit the super-rich. This would create another Great Depression where most people are impoverished from high taxes. Lower wages and fewer jobs created today’s “Great Recession”.

7) You can search the Internet for “Bruce Barlett Fair Tax” to find more criticisms. But Bartlett favors another high and regressive national sales tax (the Value Added Tax). The VAT does not place taxes on top of taxes like the ‘Fair Tax’ does. You may visit the FairTaxFraud.com site for more information.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

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OLV Senior Group April Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The OLV Senior Group will hold Meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 1 p.m. in Monsignor Dalton Hall on Main Street in Sayreville. There will be an author presentation by Renee Gatz who wrote Wise Words & Witty Expressions. Our group invites any senior who is 55 years and older to join our group. You do not need to be a member of OLV. Any questions please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Green Your Neighborhood

JERSEY CITY - Local community group, Sustainable Jersey City has scheduled a series of educational workshops for the community. Join us for the first installment, “Citizen Journalism Tools & Working With The Media To Green Your Neighborhood” where we’ll be speaking about how to use citizen journalism to report news and promote the issues you care about. Mon. April 9 at 7:00 p.m. (HCCC, Jersey City) The Green Mapping process will also be discussed.

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Clarification

In the letter in the March 21, 2012 issue of the Guardian titled “Who Cares? . . . I do” It was brought to our attention that there was some information reported that was incorrect. In reference to a segment of the letter refering to drug dealing. We have no evidence to indicate that it was based on fact. We regret not having removed this portion of the letter at the time.



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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED Apr 4	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Apr 5	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
MON. Apr 9	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Apr 10	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. UEZ, 6 p.m., Ctiy Hall High St. BID, 7 p.m.
WED Apr 11	City Hall, High St. Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Apr 12	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

South Amboy

TODAY Apr 4	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Apr 16	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED Apr 18	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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A.C. Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - The Office on Aging is offering a trip to Caesar's A.C. on Friday, May 18. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. from the A.J. Center returning about 7 p.m. Cost is \$19 pp. Cash back \$25. Money Orders Only. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4307 & 4326.

Gluten Free Seminar

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a free Gluten-Free Everyday: Living Life without Gluten seminar Thursday, April 5, 7 to 8 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Join Heather Cunningham, RD, CNSC, and Kaitlyn McGowan, RD, RBMC Food and Nutrition Services as they discuss the connection between omitting gluten, weigh and wellness. Your questions about what gluten really is, eating and cooking gluten free will be answered. For more information and to register, call 1-800-362-8677 or 732-324-5300.

Board Vacancies: Volunteer Opportunities

PERTH AMBOY - The following boards are seeking members: Business Improvement District (BID), Library Board of Trustees , Planning Board , Rent Levelling Board, Urban Enterprise Zone, Historic Preservation Commission

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Please be advised that this is strictly a voluntary position. Residents interested in becoming members of a specific board may complete and return the Citizen Service application to Office of the Municipal Clerk in City Hall located on 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861 for consideration. To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of each board refer to the Administrative Code (E-Code/Ordinances) of the City of Perth Amboy available on the City's website. Applications are due: Monday, April 16, 2012

Eyes of Greed at Raritan Bay Coffee Company - March 27, 2012
photos by Tracy Jordan



Author Beverly Samuelson speaks about her new book - *Eyes of Greed*



Arlene Fogarty of Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, Alice Kidney and Author Beverly Samuelson

Color Me Crazy at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company March 29, 2012 - photos by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMOBY - Kikki D'Erricco, the author from Thursday's book event at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company. "Her book Color Him Crazy comes from her dating experiences and story telling to her clients at her salon Babooshkas"

Steak Night at the Colonia American Legion #248
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Easter Parade

WOODBIDGE - There will be an Easter Parade on Saturday, April 7 at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge at 1 p.m. Prizes will be given. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local pantry. For more info call 732-596-4048.

Easter Pageant

PERTH AMBOY - The Annual Easter Pageant will be on Easter Sunday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Raritan Bay Area “Y”, 357 New Brunswick Ave. “Come out and join u s in your Sunday’s Best” Infant - 3 yrs, 4 - 5 yrs, 6-7 yrs, 8-10 yrs old. For additional information, please call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 ext. 4306.

Breakfast with the

Easter Bunny

SOUTH AMBOY - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at South Amboy ELKS, 601 Washington Ave on Sat. April 7th from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Includes Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausages, Hash Browns, Pancakes and More. Adults \$8, Children 8-12 \$3, under 8-Free. All Proceeds to benefit lodge charities. For more info-call the lodge 732-727-7170.

Massage Class

PERTHAMBOY... RBMC’s Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Massage class Tuesday, April 10, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 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 \$50 per couple and \$30 per person. For more information and to register, call 1-800-362-8677 or 732-324-5300.

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Qigong

PERTH AMBOY-RBMC's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Qigong for Health class Mondays, April 11 through April 30, 7 to 8 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Instructor Rich Lund presents four sessions, including Qigong exercises to promote a healthy spine and back and Qigong exercises to help cleanse the liver and strengthen the spleen and stomach. Cost is \$50 for four classes. Walk-ins \$15 per class. To register or for more info call 1-800-362-8677 or 732-324-5300.

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Hatha Yoga

PERTH AMBOY- RBMC's Division of Integrative Medicine is holding a Hatha Yoga for Stress Management class Tuesdays, April 3 through April 24, 4 to 5 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Learn to relax, improve flexibility and avoid osteoporosis. Program is presented by Certified Yoga Instructor Helen Hsaio. Cost is \$54 for four classes. Walk-in is \$16 per class. To register or for more info call 1-800-362-8677 or 732-324-5300.

Music on Main Street

WOODBIDGE - There will be a concert of Stephen Wrembel on Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 532 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. The guitarists of Little Feat playing the music of Little Feat & more. Tickets: \$22 advance \$25 at door.

NAACP Perth Amboy Branch 34th Annual Funds Awards Banquet

EDISON - The 34th Annual Funds Awards Banquet will be on Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Pines Manor, 2085 Rte 27, Edison. Honorees: Michael G. Blackwell, Nina Nieves and Deputy Chief Benjamin Ruiz. Price \$75 - Adults, \$50 (ages 20 and under) - Tables \$750. Limited seating available. Purchase your tickets today! Call Brenda: 732-826-5284 or go to www.naacp-perthamboyarea.org

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Civil War Round Table

WOODBIDGE - 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: 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"

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Free Rabies Clinic

SOUTH AMBOY - Tuesday, April 10th at Mechanicsville Firehouse, 400 Raritan St. 6 to 6:30 p.m. - cats, 6:30 to 9 p.m. - dogs. Saturday, April 14th at Independence Firehouse, 140 North Broadway, 9 to 9:30 a.m. - cats, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - dogs.

Bridal Showcase

WOODBIDGE - There will be the Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce Bridal Showcase on Sunday April 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 US. Highway 1 South Iselin NJ. ADMISSION IS FREE. Brides, grooms, families are all welcome. To register contact the Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce at 52 Main Street Woodbridge NJ. 07095 or call 732-636-4040 or e-mail woodbridgechamber@comcast.net.

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Beach Sweep

SOUTH AMBOY - Let's make our beach something to be proud of again! Come on Saturday, April 21 at 9 a.m. to South Amboy Fishing Beach! Rain or Shine! Bring your own rake if possible. Work off your community service hours. Eagle Scout Branden Lenahan, South Amboy Troop #91. Any Questions? Email imlenahan16@gmail.com.

Tool Time

WOODBIDGE - Tooling Around the Township will be on Saturday, April 28. To nominate a house for repair or to be a volunteer or business sponsor call 732-634-2750 xt 105. Tooling Around the Township is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to fix up residences of senior citizens and disabled residents unable to afford home repairs. You and your organization or business can be an important part of this annual 1-day community event by volunteering a few hours of labor or donating supplies. Needed are Volunteers, both skilled and unskilled in home repair and Donations of Materials, especially paint, paint brushes, smoke alarms & roofing material.

Volunteers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Domestic Violence Response Team needs volunteers! Team members work in conjunction with the police to provide victim support, information and referral at the time of a domestic violence crisis. Training will be provided at no charge by the Perth Amboy Police Department. For more info contact Det. Liza Capo, Perth Amboy Police Dept. at 732-324-3815 or Det. Sgt. Joseph Breyta, Perth Amboy Police Dept. at 732-324-3819.

Dog Walk & Pet Fair

WOODBIDGE - The Woodbridge Animal Shelter is sponsoring the 5th Annual Dog Walk & Pet Fair on Sunday, May 20 Registration starts at 10 a.m. Rain or Shine! All leashed pets welcome! Walk Starts 11 a.m. Walk starts at Alvin P. Williams Park, Cliff Road, Sewaren and ends at the Woodbridge Animal Shelter, 195 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge. There will be raffles, food, vendors, dog contests, live music. Meet adoptable animals and more! For more info email krisehlers@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit the Woodbridge Township Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center.

Sring Easter Fashion Show - McGuinnis School -
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Computer
Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Computer running slow? Learn the art of computer maintenance at the Kearny Cottage. Classes will be on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning April 12. Cost \$60 for eight weeks. For more info call 732-293-1090.

“Re-Gift”
Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - To Benefit Alise Strawhand and Family, South Amboy Elks #784 Presents: “RE-GIFT” BINGO. You must bring “One Wrapped Gift” to enter. DATE: Friday April 20th TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy cost is \$1 per Bingo Sheet. Here is your chance to get rid of those unwanted gifts you have laying around the house. Outside Food Permitted. Refreshments and Cash Bar Available. For more info call 732-727-7170.

HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, Apr 9 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.

PERTH AMBOY - Local Businessman Frank Salado pictured with his wife, Lourdes formally announces his candidacy to run as Mayor of Perth Amboy. His announcement was made at the ZPA Hall on March 31, 2012 with his family and a large number of supporters in attendance.

photo (right) by
Katherine Massopust

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The cost for the dinner and entertainment will be \$80. per person. The cost for an ad will be \$100 For ticket information contact Adam at 732-794-9004 and for Commemorative Journal Ad information contact Tony at 732-928-6130.

Childbirth
Education
Class

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education class Saturday, April 14, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. It will be held at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-362-8677 or 732-324-5300.



Neighborhood Business Meetings

PERTH AMBOY - The Urban Enterprise Zone Program and the Business Improvement District, are once again coordinating a series of meetings with business owners in various parts of our city.

As in previous years, the objective of these meetings is to bring government into the neighborhoods. The agenda consists of a 3-5 minute presentation by City Directors about department operations and services available to the community. The main purpose

is to provide small settings and hear business owners’ comments and input that will help us improve the delivery of services. For more info call Roxana Troche at 732-442-6421. The 2012 Neighborhood Business Meetings schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Wednesday, Apr. 11	12 noon	Karini II Restaurant	299 New Brunswick Ave.
Wednesday, Apr. 18	5:00 p.m.	Latin Grill	586 Amboy Avenue
Wednesday, Apr. 25	5:00 p.m.	El Taco Loco	308 State St.

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. New books have arrived! Mystery, Classics, Popular Authors! 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)

Meditation: A Pathway to Peace & Happiness

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a free program on Wednesday, April 4 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Jim Rose, M.Ed. - Meditation: A Pathway to Peace & Happiness at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company, 233 Smith St., Perth Amboy (Inside the Historic Train Station, northbound NYC platform - Free parking after 6 p.m.) RSVP raritanbaycoffee@gmail.com or 848-203-3432.

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 BINGO! This event will be on the 1st Friday of every month at 7 p.m. from October through May. The remaining dates are: 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.

15th Annual Inspirations Spring Art Show

PERTH AMBOY - The 15th Annual Inspirations Art Show will be on Thursday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Concourse Gallery, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. \$50 per person. Please RSVP by Monday, April 9. Sponsorship available. Call for more details. 732-324-5374 or email. foundation@rbmc.org. Register online at www.rbmcfoundation.org. Honoring the Past . . . Illuminating the Future. Proceeds to benefit the Wilentz Patient Care Center at Raritan Bay Medical Center.

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.

Scholarship Available

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy ELKS :Elks Care, Elks Share Scholarship applications are now available. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving senior from each of the five area high schools: South Amboy, Sayreville, Perth Amboy, South River and Cardnial McCarrick. For more information visit www.elks.org and refer to Lodge #784 website or email susanapeterson@aol.com. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2012.

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.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - One of the lost Perth Amboy Churches - probably was located on High Street. From a Glass Negative.

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

TODAY Apr. 4 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., Apr. 5 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 MON., Apr. 9 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
 TUES., Apr. 10 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 • Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
 WED., Apr. 11 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., Apr. 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Alta Vista Pl.,

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 MON., May 7 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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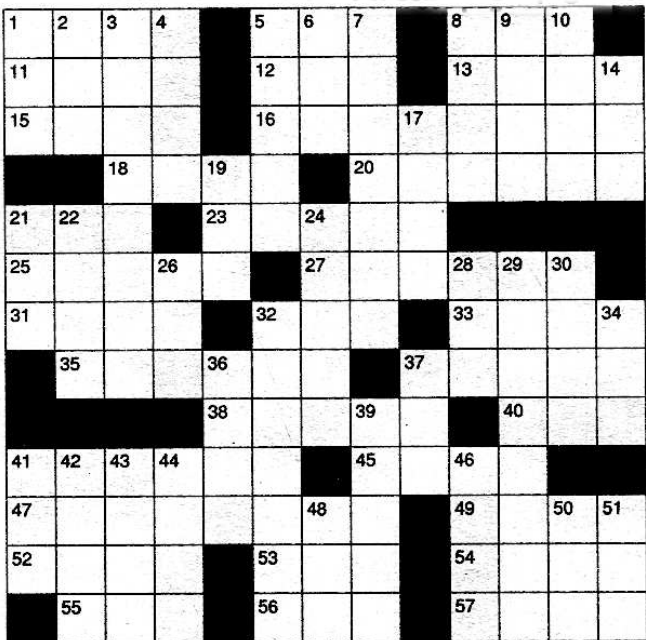
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5. Plant seeds
8. Tarzan's cont.
11. Has bills
12. Gp. for Petrocelli
13. Liner letters
15. Benson role for
Ethan Phillips
16. _____ the Stars
(2 words)
18. "Hell _____ no fury..."
20. Features of The
Dean Martin Show
21. Equipment for
the Monkees
23. John Cleese's
Faulty Towers role
25. America's Got
Talent judge Morgan
27. Clint Walker
police drama
31. Alvin and the
Chipmunks, e.g.
32. Rabbit's coat
33. Pace
35. Free Spirit actress
Hannigan
37. This Week
moderator Roberts
38. Mork, for one
40. _____ Big Girl Now
(2 words)
41. Little laugh
45. Sharing a secret
(2 words)
47. _____ Miami
(2 words)
49. West Point (abbr.)
52. Actress Lee of
General Hospital
53. Plumb of
Little Women
54. PBS kids' show of
the '70s
55. Ready... _____ Cook!
56. Walking Tall
actor Daly
57. HGTV's Sleep _____
(2 words)



Down

1. Baby _____ of Barney
& Friends
2. Stun
3. Mary _____ of
Dawson's Creek
(2 words)
4. Aboard the "Pacific
Princess"
5. Judson Scott's role
on The Colbys
6. Japanese sash
7. Xena: _____ Princess
8. Kiely Williams' role
on The Cheetah
Girls 2
9. Actor Parker
10. Cops problem
14. Preconditions
17. _____ Case
19. Channel with
Hunter reruns
21. Seinfeld's home,
e.g. (abbr.)
22. Moment of Truth
actress Pawluk
24. Pepe le Pew, for one
26. Bonanza sheriff
28. Start for bar or late
29. Rowan of
Blackadder
30. The Deputy actress
Betty Lou
32. _____ Fernwood
34. Pod vegetable
36. Fictional Napoleon
37. Moneyline's network
39. Divulged
41. A.M. TV show,
informally
42. Charged particles
43. "_____ with the Wind"
44. Midge
46. Liqueur from Greece
48. A Gabor
50. Pronoun for
Miss Piggy
51. Quantity (abbr.)

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