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# Memorial **Day 2012**

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## PATV Programming & New City Planner Discussed at 5-16-12 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - "We can't pick and choose what we videotape for news on the public television station," stated resident Alan Silber at the 5/16/12 Council Meeting. He made reference to an event earlier that day to announce the joint fireworks between the Amboy's which he thought was also being used for political purposes. "You have to eliminate some of these political programs," he stated. "I see other programming on Channel 34 not nearly as important as some other meetings that would benefit the community."

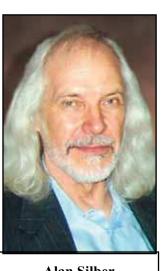
Stanley Sierokowski said the present administration made the decision not to televise meetings that had been televised before.

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez wanted to know if all meetings are being videotaped now. B.A. Greg Fehrenbach said, "Yes they are."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "It should be a requirement by the State for all meetings to be televised for all to see. He also mentioned that most meetings were previously televised so that the public could see what is going on." He mentioned particularly PARA (Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency), Zoning, and Planning Board. B.A. Fehrenbach said, "There is also an additional cost and personnel needed to tape all of these meetings. They are having a hard time replacing two part-timers who are gone that used to tape meetings.

Councilman Bill Petrick also interjected that there were funds appropriated for new video equipment which should make editing the programs easier. Cameraman George nodded his head, Bonilla "Yes."

Mayor Wilda Diaz rose from her seat to address the Council and those in attendance in regards to the lack of videotaping for all public meetings. "We will have to show every single meeting because we cannot discriminate. The Historic Preservation Meetings and Library Meetings are not recorded and they are very important. We will have to hire additional personnel. A lot of money is being poured into the Library. I don't object to



Alan Silber

meetings being shown. This is the most ethical administration. A lot of Board Members are volunteers." Some she mentioned were PARA, UEZ,/ BID, MOPA and the Port Authority - "Should I go on? I believe in open government. Our administration is working for the entire community. You never hear people come to the mic to say how the Council recognizes our youth."

Local resident Rickey Aviles said that Channel 34 is a public access channel that is not just showing municipal meetings. If an individual wants to



Mayor Wilda Diaz

put on a show that is not offensive, they should be able to utilize Channel 34 to show it. It is appropriate to show ribbon cuttings to show that businesses are coming into the town."

Some residents questioned the appointment of Leigh Ann Hindenlang as the City Senior Planner. Stanley Sierokowski wanted to know her certification for this position, who appointed her and where is she currently residing? He also wanted to know the terms of her appointment.

B.A. Fehrenbach replied,



Councilman Fernado Gonzalez

"Ms. Hindenlang has a Master's Degree and has 24 months of prior experience in urban studies in Middlesex County and Virginia. She was recommended by other City employees who were familiar with her work experience. She will be appointed as a Senior Planner which is one level below what she is qualified for." Leslie Dominguez welcomed the appointment of Hindenlang who will be moving into the City. Hindenlang met the requirements that the City

posted for this position.

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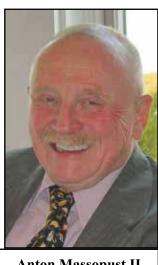


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**Anton Massopust II** 

PERTH AMBOY - "My family has paid over \$4000 in parking fines." (Referring to before resident sticker permits) stated Anton Massopust II. He spoke before the Council at the May 14, 2012 Caucus Meeting. Massopust brought up the fact that there were many unjustified markings of parking spaces which he considers should be free spaces. He specifically mentioned spaces on Market and Hobart Streets that had yellow lines which indicate loading zones that no one uses.

"You are taking away parking spots from people in those neighborhoods. There are yellow lines on curbs that should not be there. Sometimes there is no parking. I've had to park 5 blocks away from my house and I had to make several trips back and forth to carry items from my vehicle." Massopust questioned the number of cars he sees parked per house. B.A. Greg Fehrenbach suggested to Massopust that he should speak to Ed Scala of Code Enforcement if he suspects there is any illegal housing.

Councilman Ken Balut said, "They base parking on about 2.5 cars for each house," which he believes is not nearly enough parking spaces per household.

Massopust also questioned a report given by representatives from HR & A Associates who talked about the Perth Amboy Economic Growth Strategy. The report mentioned that 16,000 people leave Perth Amboy daily to go to work. Massopust went up to the mic and said, "No way!" Referring to the 16,000 number. He stated that, "A lot of City residents work in the school system and Raritan Bay Medical Center." Personally he doesn't see that number of people taking public transportation or that many vehicles leaving town to go to

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4th Grade Teachers from the Richardson, Wilentz, & Flynn Schools

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### **EDITORIAL**

### Remembering ...

Memorial Day is originally known as 'Decoration Day', the day is observed every year on the last Monday of May and unofficially marks the beginning of summer. A federal holiday, Memorial Day was first enacted to honor the lives of the soldiers of the Civil War but was later extended to include all the soldiers who died while in service of the U.S. Army. This day has now come to be a Day of Remembrance for all American Citizens in memory of those who have died. It is no longer limited to remembering soldiers who served America.

I could be wrong, but I think most people think of Memorial Day as remembering the men and women in the armed forces who died serving our country. Let's not forget those who also put their lives in danger by reporting from war zones. I will never forget Correspondent Daniel Pearl who was brutally murdered while on assignment in Karachi, Pakistan in 2007. The reason I bring up Daniel Pearl is every so often I listen to Journalist Geraldo Rivera who has a talk show on the radio and who recently came back from an assignment in Iraq. Before he left to go to Iraq a woman called his radio show to try to talk him out of going. "You have a young child and why would you risk your life when you don't have to?"

Rivera answered, "Even though it's a crazy thing to do and my wife has misgivings about me going, it's something I have to do."

The reporters who are given assignments in war zones are awarded heavy security by our soldiers or our allies in the foreign countries, they also are at risk of being killed.

Wars affect everyone including other members of the military including dogs, horses, dolphins and many other animals used in combat. Over 4000 dogs served in Vietnam and saved over 10,000 lives of servicemen - a fact often unknown to people.

When we were doing research on Memorial Day we came across a story about a soldier from one of our allied countries who died along with his record breaking sniffer dog. The dog whose specialty was sniffing out explosives was responsible for helping the soldier discover 14 finds in 5 months. This team was so successful at uncovering so many explosives that their tour of duty was extended by a month. The soldier was shot dead in the war zone and his dog stayed by the body until medics arrived. The dog was so heartbroken by his master's demise that the dog died shortly afterward from a seizure. The body of the soldier and his dogs ashes were returned home together.

The United States has a strictly all volunteer armed services which is why so many servicemen and women have to do numerous tours of duty. Some of these tours are in very volatile parts of the world. Although we pray for all of our military personnel, let's say a special prayer for those who are serving in hostile environments. Every time they leave their loved ones to serve their country they know they may not come back whole - mentally or physically. The saddest part is when some of them do come back for one last time in a casket.

On this Memorial Day we will be remembering all who lost their lives serving their country. Let's also say a special prayer for those families whose loved ones are missing in action and have no idea what happened to them. Hopefully one day their loved ones will be found so they could have peace of mind. C.M.



#### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

#### South Amboy's Passing Parade Give my regards to Broadway, remember me in South Amboy

It is hard for me to write on this subject because I think too much and get too sentimental. If you are a new timer in South Amboy, let me give you a glimpse of how an old timer see's South Amboy through my eyes. My grandfather's name was Frank Monahan. He was a cop in South Amboy. The homestead was on the corner of Bordentown and Stevens Avenue so GrandPop could walk to work each day because the Police Headquarters was next to Hoffman High School. We were all born up on the hill in South Amboy Hospital. The Raritan River Railroad ran right next to our house. When I got a little older I could watch the trains turn around at the roundhouse across the street. Briggs Chevrolet was on Main Street and our one bank was on Broadway. Pizza was called tomato pie and you could get a large one on a cold night at the Hillcrest on Stevens Avenue for twenty cents.

On a hot summer day you could go to the Mini Ditch which was a tiny beach on the Raritan River and on a hot night you could get a chocolate frosted at Maduras Drug Store for a nickel. Yum! Yum! Time moves along and we came to the end of the 1930's. My cousin Tommy was a Senior at St. Mary's High School. He played basketball. His friend was a Senior at St. Mary's and he played baseball. His name was Alfie Clark. It didn't mean anything to me because these kids were eight years older than me and I was still playing with my toys. At the age of eleven, I became obsessed with the game of baseball. The first time I ever saw Alfie Clark play baseball was with the Newark Bears. He hit a home run that night over

the Ruppert Beer sign in leftcenter field. That ball went out into the night somewhere. No one and I mean no one ever hit a ball over that sign and out of the park. Alfie lost time like all the other ballplayers during World War II and he was up with the N.Y. Yankees in 1947. It was the Fall of that year that I got to meet Alfie. Our C.Y.O. Baseball Team was honored at a banquet in Metuchen. The Master of Ceremonies was Jim Holton and the guest speaker was Allie Clark (No longer Alfie). The Voice of the Yankees (Mel Allen) coined him with Allie. At the end of Alfie's speech, Jim Holton said, "There is a player on our C.Y.O. team that will be playing with the Yankees someday and his name is Tom Clark." I was asked to stand up and I think I stopped breathing. Alfie spoke to me for about five minutes and I had no idea what he said. I was speechless. I was without speech. I wasn't that good of a baseball player but at that point in my life my confidence level was so high that I believed that I could play baseball would anyone. Why? Because Alfie Clark told me

I played a couple of years at St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick. I can remember telling Alfie about a home run I hit when we played in back of St. Mary's High School in South Amboy. Alfie said, "That is a short porch in right field and you might break a window in one of those houses." I asked him about his homers to the right. He said, "I didn't have to worry because my balls went over those houses."

I didn't get to the talk to Alfie for many years. He got traded to Cleveland and then to the Philadelphia Athletics. Korean War took me away for a couple of years, then the Crimson Tide Alabama and four years in Tampa, Florida. Alfie gave me some baseball cards when I was a little kid. Those cards were off limits



Alfie "Allie" Clark

and were kept in a strong box. I only played with my new cards. You could get five in a pack of bubble gum for one cent. I told Alfie that these cards were stolen. He said, "Those cards were worth big bucks. I told him that I still had his card which I still carry in my wallet. "

He said, "You could probably get a nickel or a dime for my card."

Alfred Allie Clark died on April 2, 2012. Alfie and I talked a lot of baseball since we both loved the game. We talked about the great left handed pitcher Smokin Joe Page and his best and last living friend, Yogi Berra. He was never too busy to talk to me and his wife Fran was the same way.

Alfie would always want to hear about me and how I was doing or what I did. Here was a Major League Baseball Player interested in a guy across the River. Think about this. How many people and I don't care who they are that came on are interested in you? This was the lesson that Alfie taught me. The last time I spoke to Alfie, I wasn't feeling to good. He said, "When I go to St. Mary's Church on Sunday I'll say a prayer for you."

Like I said before, this was a tough subject to write on. My All Star Team has to be Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and in the cleanup spot Alfie Allie Clark. May God Bless You Alfie.

Thomas Francis Clark Metuchen



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#### 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.

# 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 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

# 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.

ADS SELL! CALL CAROLYN 732-896-4446

# **Community Calendar**

**Perth Amboy** 

WED. May 30 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,

Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

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

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

THURS. May 31 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.,

Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

Board of Education, 6 p.m.

Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave.

MON. June 4 PAHS PTO, 6 p.m.

PAHS Library, Eagle Ave.

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

WED June 6 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,

Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

South Amboy

TUES. June 5

MON. June 4 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.

City Hall, N. Broadway

WED. June 6 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.

For more info please call 732-293-1090



# Music at St. Mary's

# Concert Series

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta St, South Amboy . Joseph Puglia, violinist. An encore performance! Come experience an enchanting evening of music written for violin and piano, performed by a masterfully virtuosic young violinist! Suggested Donation \$15. Please call with any questions: Chris at 732-721-0179 or Ester at 732-213-0989

# Franklin D. English Scholarship

SOUTH AMBOY - A \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded by lottery to a

South Amboy resident graduating in June. Interested High School seniors can register for the drawing by mailing a copy of their acceptance from an institute of higher learning, College, or Technical Institute to the address below. Please submit your acceptance letter by June 6, 2012. The drawing will held on June 8th at 3 p.m. at the Dowdell Library. All applicants are welcome to witness the drawing. Franklin D.. English Scholarship, c/o Robert P. Pawlik, 511 Augusta Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879.

# Hunger Games

**SOUTH AMBOY** -The Dowdell Library Proudly Presents its First Annual Hunger Games- Every Thursday In May at 6 p.m.!! You've read the book! You've seen the movie! Now put yourself to the test!! Jeopardy challenge, Cornucopia challenge, Nerf Gun challenge & more! Winning team gets a prize!! "Happy Hunger Games, and may the odds be ever in your favor!" Must Sign Up to participate!! Comments@ dowdell.org For more info call 732-721-6060. Ages 10

#### Proceeds Day

SOUTH AMBOY - Sciortino's Harbor Lights and the South Amboy YMCA are proud to announce 'Proceeds Day' on Thursday, May 31st benefitting the Y's "Send a Kid to Camp" Program. Sciortino's has generously offered to donate 15% of all lunch and dinner bills to the Y in support of camp scholarships to children.

As an extra special treat, entertainment will be provided by talented strolling magician Will Fern from 6-8pm. Will Fern has been performing magic for over 20 years and is most locally known for his strolling magic at restaurants like the Stagehouse and the Frog & the Peach. In 2011, he was named the International Champion of Strolling Magic.

# City Wide Yard Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - Sponsored by the city of South Amboy, Saturday, June 23rd 2012, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. All South Amboy residents can participate at no cost just by Flying blue and white balloons at their home to alert shoppers! No registration necessary!

#### **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)

# 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: 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"

## 2012 Jam Fest Concert

SOUTH AMBOY - Brian O'Connor's All Star Band 2012 Jam Fest Concert will be on Sunday, June 3 at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.) at the Charles Hoffman Senior Center, 108 So. Stevens Ave. South Amboy. Come and hear Brian perform with all of his top students in a great show for all, with a wide variety of music from Rock to Country and Jazz. Come and hear the real American Pickers. Free Admission For additional information, call 732-721-909.

# Vegas Trip PARLIN - come join us on

Oct. 8 to Oct. 12 on an all inclusive trip to Las Vegas. Leaving from Knights of Columbus Council home, Parlin, to Newark Liberty Airport for a 8:55 a.m. non-stop flight to Las Vegas. Transported to Harrah's Hotel Casino for 5 days 4 nights of fun. Coming home we catch 3:15 p.m. nonstop flight home. Transported by coach back to Knights of Columbus Council in Parlin. All for \$766 per person. Interested? Call Ellie at Main Street Travel 732-828-8800 or Bill 732-721-5436.

Woodbridge American Legion Post 4410 Swearing In of New Officers \*Photos by Joe Bayona



(L to R) Chaplain: Don Walz and District 8 Commander: Stephen Fodor



(L to R) 2 Yr Trustee Frank De Fina, Quarter Master Matt Donovan, Sr. Vice President Frank Castro, Commander Al Jankowski



(L to R) - President Carl Kavejon, Secretary - Jeff Lamal, 3 Yr Trustee Bill Halsey, 2 Yr Trustee Michael Powers



The American Legion post 4410



The American Legion Post 4410 with the Castro Family

## 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.

# Shiva Nata Class

PERTH AMBOY - There is presently a Shiva Nata Class now through June 16th on all Saturdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Shiva Nata is a mental, physical and spiritual exercise class. Teacher Anna Lawrence.

What exactly is Shiva Nata? Shiva Nata is like yoga for your brain. It is a body-mind exercise that increases your coordination and flexibility – for your physical body – while actually doing similar things for your brain function, through the fascinating idea of neuroplasticity. For more, visit http://missannalawrence.com/shivanata/about-shivanata/

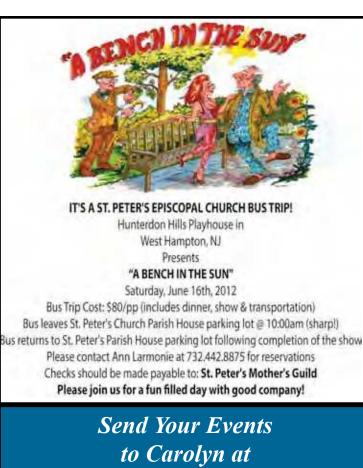
# Crystal Skull Lecture

PERTH AMBOY - Jane Doherty will discuss the power of the ancient crystal skulls. The Proprietary House Association/Museum will hold this program on June 8th, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 per person. For reservations please call 732 826-5527.

The Crystal Skulls information and strange powers have captured the intrigue of many. The Skulls, often thought of as ancient computers- were used by the Maya as Oracles. Many powers appear to surround them. Unusual phenomena such as healings, psychic ability, photographs of images not seen by the naked eye-especially UFO images have happened. Also, there have been clouds of energy emanating from them, along with pulsating vibrations which have also occurred from Jane Doherty's small crystal skull artifact "purportedly" found in Mayan ruins.

The program will include a photo with a UFO image. Jane will include examples of healings and send such energy to the attendees in a group exercise. She will answer any questions you might have.

Jane's has been on CNN, The Today Show, My Ghost Story, N.Y. Times and Women's World Weekly. Her Ghost tours at the House will be held around Halloween. Her website is www.Janedoherty.com



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# St. Stephen's 120 yr. Jubilee

PERTH AMBOY - St. Stephen's Church in Perth Amboy is celebrating their 120 years of existence. For this reason we will be releasing a Book of Remembrance. There is a place for everyone, for every family, institution or organization. Prices for the book are: Gold Page \$400, Silver Page \$200, Whole Page \$100, Half Page \$75 and 1/4 Page \$50. Also offered is a \$600 color cover if you wish. Please make checks payable to St. Stephen's Church. Thank you for your generosity. All proceeds received will be donated to the renovation (painting) of the church.

On July 1st St. Stephen's Parish will officially be joined with St. Mary's and Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary. From this point on we will be called Blessed Pope John II Parish, which is one of the first parishes in the U.S. to be dedicated to him.

Celebrations connected to this 120th anniversary will take place on June 2 at 4 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and continued with dinner at the ZPA, Perth Amboy.

# Captain James Lawrence And the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812

PERTH AMBOY - The Rar-

itan-Millstone Heritage Alliance is pleased to announce its Spring Sunday Luncheon & Lecture Program on June 10 at The Armory restaurant, foot of Gordon and Front Streets, Perth Amboy, between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Re-enactor Jeffrey Macechak, education director for the Burlington County Historical Society, will present the program, "Don't Give Up the Ship" featuring the first-person character of Captain James Lawrence. Lawrence, who commanded the ship U.S.S. Chesapeake, is best known for his dying command, "Don't give up the ship!" Capt. Lawrence and his half sister Elizabeth Lawrence Kearny were both born in Burlington, NJ in the house that later became the residence of the fourth governor of New Jersey, Joseph Bloomfield, who was born in Woodbridge. Elizabeth married Michael Kearny and lived in Perth Amboy's Kearny Cottage where she helped raise her younger half brother James. Elizabeth and Michael's son, Lieutenant Lawrence Kearny, also served in the War of 1812. To reserve a place, please call Elyce Jennings at 732-463-0767. The cost for a buffet luncheon is

\$30.

# St. Peter's Fashion Show - Raritan Yacht Club Perth Amboy - May 17, 2012 \*Photos by Katherine Massopust



The models walk down the stairs



Chef Slavko enjoyed the show



Picking raffle winners



The St. Peter's Fashion Show Committee



A pleasant evening



Debbie Leiter (Far Left) and the Models



Elaine Leiter, Chair, 50/50 winner & Rev. Ann Marie Jeffrey



Enjoying the show

#### YCLA Painting Duffy Park, Perth Amboy

\*Photos by Bob Ned



Painting a fence



We all pitched in



# 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 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.

# Family Night Buffet PERTH AMBOY -

The Knights of Columbus San Salvador Council #299 in Perth Amboy will be hosting a Family Night Buffet on Friday, June 1 at 6 p.m., at their Council at 228 High Street. Donation-\$12, Seniors and Children (under 10)-\$6. Includes: Rice, Meats, Pastas, Fish and Salads. Proceeds go to Knights of Columbus Charities. For more Info, call Jimmy at 732-762-1425.

# **Volunteers** Needed

PERTH AMBOY - Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen Connections Program is looking for both men and women to participate in one-to-one activities and become a mentor to the youth of Middlesex County and Franklin Township. For more info call Jeanette at 732-738-1323 or email jnadonley@ccdom.org.

# Dress for Success

PERTH AMBOY - The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy is having a Dress for Success Workshop on Thursday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy. Learn how to make a good first impression and obtain the job you want. Call Delilah to reserve your seat. 732-826-3110 ext. 624.

#### Independence Day Celebration

PERTH AMBOY & SOUTH AMBOY - The tugboat and barge were donated by John Brown of K. T. Marine and the Raritan Yacht Club will be the control site for the fireworks. There will be a live feed of music programing on WCTC 1450 AM or WMGQ Magic 98.3 FM. This event will be entirely funded by non-city tax dollars and at no expense to the residents.

#### American Pride Bait & Tackle Presents: The Fisherman's Corner

PERTH AMBOY - The less than favorable weather is still upon us. True to the sport many anglers are still hitting the piers and beaches and having great success. With bunker still moving up and down the bay, kill and river blue fish action is great following the bass which are hitting whole big chunks of bunker. Bunker heads have been working the late shift crew and the early birds before sunrise boaters also been trolling with shad umbrella rigs stretch 25 and 30s'. This week we've had more anglers going out for fluke come by the shop gulp minnows, squid strips and xl spearing live killies are the top seller of the week. Boaters are doing well with squid strips, the Peruvian spearing, the 6"gulp minnow and spro teaser setup as well as bucktails.

Captain Vinny of the Morning Dew caught some nice fluke and blues this week hitting the right spots for the right fish on his trips. Bob Wood of the Mary Ellen weighed in a 21 pounder at the shop. This week he's having great success. This season he has many catches on fresh bunker - "Great job!"

Having the freshest bait and the most expensive equipment is not the only thing that lands the fish. It's to keep your line fresh and your hooks sharp I favor ga-



makatsu 8/0 and up.

I recommend strip some line, check your guides and hooks before your each trip. These few tips can help you land the monster you always hear about that got away.

Remember American Bait and Tackle next time you go fishing. Open early and closed late check out our website @americanpride. com or email me with info or comments at americanprdebt@gmail.com the shop is fully stocked with bait live

#### Tasty Fish Recipes By Eddy Fluke Flavors

Start with 2lbs of fresh fluke or flounder. Coat some heavy duty foil with butter. Place fillets and brush with lemon juice crimp foil edges. Lay open on med- hot grill. Don't cover for 4 min. Combine 2 table spoons of lemon juice, 1/2 of cup grated parmesan, 1/4 cup of melted butter, 3 tablespoons of mayo, 3 tablespoons of chopped green onions and 1/4 tablespoon of salt. Brush on fillets. Cook 3 - 4 min. or until fish flakes with fork.





Morning Dew Charter out of Perth Amboy Marina



Morning Dew Charter out of Perth Amboy Marina



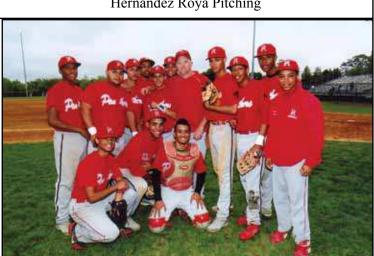
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#### **Bob Ned's Sport's Pics**

\*Photos by Bob Ned



Hernandez Roya Pitching



The Perth Amboy High 2012 Baseball Team



Hernandez Roya at bat



Yasel Corforan (Top - PAHS) wrestles Carl Buttita (Bot. JFK)

Wreath Ceremony Flotilla Coast Guard Memorial Day - Sewaren - May 28, 2012

\*Photos by Joe Bayona









SEWAREN BRIDGE TWP) - Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla lay a wreath in the water to honor the deceased. Brad Williams - Assistant Staff Officer District Communications, David TenBroeck - Past District Commander, Wilson Santiago - Past Flotilla Commander, John Eberharet - Vice Flotilla Commander/bugler, Larry Petrillo - Member, Tom Urban - Member, Sal Ruggiero - Past Division Commander, Dee Thompson - Member, George Reilly - D.S.O. Operations, Bob Bunten -Member, Tom Drzewinski



Flotilla Commander. Politicians - Mayor – John Mc-Cormac, Council President
Greg Ficarra, Freeholder
Deputy Director – Ron Rios

## Test Prep Service

SOUTH AMBOY - Free college and career test prep service at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, Starting June 1st. For more info call 732-721-6060 or Email: egaber@dowdell.org

#### Job Fair

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Job Fair sponsored by the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy on Thursday, June 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy. Please bring your resume and a positive attitude. Everyone is welcome! RSVP by calling Delilah at 732-826-3110 ext. 624.

## Perth Amboy Open Mic All Tuesdays in June

PERTH AMBOY - Come to Open Mic at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company, inside the Perth Amboy Train Station, 233 Smith St. Perth Amboy,. This event is really taking on momentum! Amp and mikes provided, with guest band Los Huevos. Music, song, spoken word. All welcome. Doors open and free parking after 6 p.m. June 5, 12, 19, 26 For more info, call 848-203-3432.

# The Royal Garden Club by the Bay's June Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a meeting of the Royal Garden Club on Wed. June 6th at the St. Peter's Rectory at 7:30 pm. All are welcome; no gardening experience is necessary. Learn about how this club designs, plants and maintains 11 public gardens in Perth Amboy. Questions: email asilmo08861@hotmail. com.

# The Gathering by Occupy Central Jersey and Occupy New Brunswick

HIGHLAND PARK - There will be a six-workshop conference on Saturday, June 9th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join/visit the events page on Facebook to see the topics. Email baperryman@aol.com to RSVP for a workshop. No cost - location The Reformed Church of Highland Park 19-21 South Second Ave., Highland Park NJ



# Not a Field of Dreams



Joel Pabon

PERTH AMBOY - Salazar who represents the Continental Soccer League spoke before the Council at the May 14,2012 Caucus Meeting. The League represents 26 teams with over 500 players. Many of the participants are kept away from drugs and alcohol by being active participants in soccer playing. They met with Kenny Ortiz who is the Director of Human Resources and Recreation to plan for using the various fields for their soccer tournaments. Because of Dalton Field needing to be fixed they cannot use that field which puts a hardship on the league.

Salazar said there are two soccer divisions and six games are played on each field every Sunday. Salazar said that twelve years ago the Continental Soccer League donated money to the Board of Ed for the field at Flynn School that the league has never used.

The Continental League has contacted the Board of Education about using the Flynn Field for a 3 week period while the Dalton Field is being fixed and the Board of Ed has not gotten back to them yet.

Councilman Joel Pabon suggested that maybe Water Stadium be used for some of the



soccer matches to rest the ball fields that have heavy usage. Pabon also said that Water Stadium would be a great place for a girls' softball league to play there.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez suggested that the Continental Soccer League utilize the County Parks whereas Kenneth Ortiz replied that the County does provide fields from time to time for that purpose.

August is a busy month where the fields are used 7 days a week. "Dalton Park needs to rotate the fields to save the grass, etc. amongst other things," Ortiz continued.

Salazar also said that the Continental Soccer League has provided College Scholarships for the players and some have become professionals. He personally has been in Amboy for 25 years. Salazar also plans to bring professional players to Perth Amboy to run soccer clinics.

Councilman Bill Petrick was concerned about any trash left over the games. "The large leagues need to have a clean-up crew after the games."

Ken Ortiz replied, "The soccer leagues are very good at cleaning up after their games."

# **AMBOY SPOTLIGHT: NATHAN FISHMAN**

#### Who is Nathan Fishman?

By Tracy Jordan

At the Perth Amboy train station, a young man walked into Raritan Bay Coffee one day and asked if he could put out some Occupy Central Jersey flyers. I got talking with him and thought he was a unique resident of Perth Amboy. (He lives in Harbortown). Here is an interview about the work, values and views of Nathan Fishman.

AG: Can you tell me something about Occupy Central Jersey (OCJ) that you think the six o'clock news or estab*lished press will not mention?* NF: The one thing I would say is that we are such regular people; however, we have different perspectives and come from different backgrounds - business owners, church goers, ex-Peace Corps volunteers, bicycle riders, you name it. We are not people who were waiting around for something to protest to bring us together. We are average people whose talents come together in order to support what we feel is a very important moment in history.

AG: What is that very important moment?

NF: A moment when there is a severe and intimidating problem but we are effectively confronting it. That severe problem sounds cliché, but it's not: the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. How true that is; how many people are affected. OCJ acknowledges that the money is more and more concentrated and also political power is more and more concentrated. This is not representative of average people but the OCJ movement is.

The small get-togethers we

hold are critical – there's so much knowledge there. This is how we motivate ourselves. The movement has just started. This (OCJ) is my social life now! It's not going away. AG: So, if I wanted to get involved, what do I do?

NF: Get on OCJ's email list send your request to baperryman@gmail.com. That's Beverly Perryman. She initiated OCJ after Occupy Wall Street began. Then, come to our conference on June 9th at The Reformed Church of Highland Park starting at 10 am. It's on Facebook as an event: The Gathering by Occupy Central Jersey and Occupy New Brunswick. There will be six workshops. Also, friend us on Facebook - Occupy Central Jersey.

AG: When and how did you come to be involved?

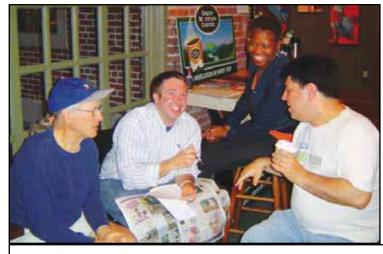
NF: It was about six months ago. I got my professor at Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work to use one of our class periods to take us to attend a teach-in by OCJ at the First Baptist Church in the New Market area of Piscataway. I was hooked ever since. A lot of people are joining through a current feeling, not through a lifetime of being an activist. They are reacting to what they see and feel around them. You don't have to be a professional, a "pro". There are some celebrity protesters, like Naomi Wolfe (who just got arrested and she wasn't even breaking the law). You just need to be someone who wants to create change through mutual cooperation. At Occupy, people say we need to learn how to cooperate, not just always compete. But then, some AG: Okay. would say, "So why all of the tents and drums and marching that blocks traffic? It's causing chaos."

NF: I heard it best described by Robert Reich (UC Berkeley professor and former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich under Clinton). His advice to the movement is to not worry so much. Don't worry that we aren't as organized as people might want us to be because all successful movements for social justice come out of a feeling of injustice, followed by peaceful assembly and building solidarity. Do that and the rest will take flight.

AG: Talk a little about Perth Amboy and yourself.

NF: I enjoy Perth Amboy very much. There's a lot of spirit in Perth Amboy that you don't find in other communities. The exchanges are genuine. Often, in more economically advanced towns, shall we say, wealthier towns, a lot of realness and community character is sacrificed when outside corporate investment to take hold. I came here in a very personal way. I grew up in Woodbridge but moved here through a program called SERV-Center of NJ. It's a program that provided housing and support at a time when I needed it. I was offered a chance to be a resident in one of their apartments three years ago and I jumped at the chance to live near my hometown.

My full-time job is Community Support Specialist Case Manager at Triple C Housing. I never would have started down the path of working full-time and doing a four-year part-time master's degree in social work if I weren't already feeling comfortable and



Central Jersey Occupiers holding a work meeting At Raritan Bay Coffee Company (L to R) Sid Madison, Nathan Fishman (holding the Guardian), Beverly Perryman and Richard Katz. \*photo by Tracy Jordan

happy. You have to feel that to keep up a schedule like this for four years.

AG: It's a hot political year.

NF: My thoughts are constantly changing about that. From the Occupy perspective, President Obama is no less influenced by banks and corporate money than his opponent. I always struggle when I vote. What am I saying when I vote? Does it represent my beliefs? Usually the choices are nowhere near the kind of representation I want! If I vote for Obama, it'll be out of fear of what the Republicans will do with some of the legislation he's passed. For example, it is now a federal offense to protest near a political person - did you know that? I fear the conservative lack of respect for civil liberties more than I fear Obama's lack of respect for civil liberties! That practice: "Vote for the lesser of two evils". That is an omission that we have no power already; the system is rigged and that the conversation is already starting from a point

with no representation.

With many people, it's easy to agree on the facts. However, I find people who believe change is impossible and outcomes are inevitable. I don't believe that. For example, I'm a big fan of the militant hip hop group Dead Prez. I've been sharing a new solo album put out by one of their members, the artist Stic Man. The album title is The Workout and it is exclusively about health, fitness, martial arts, yoga, healthy mind-body connection and self-improvement, without a single curse word or political statement in the whole thing! He raps about these ideas in as cool and exciting a way as you could want. Communities who might have a hard time accessing this info can get it and appreciate it. What a contribution to society that is! The point is, change is happening all the time.

If you would like more information about OCJ, you can contact Nathan at nfishman-NJ@yahoo.com.

# Tax Facts

# Tax Credits Can Help Pay For College And Job Training

Courtesy of Tom Ploskonka

If you, your spouse, or your dependents are paying for college or job training, two federal tax credits may help offset the costs.

The American Opportunity Credit provides up to \$2,500 a year to an eligible student for the first four years of higher education. To qualify, the student must be pursuing a degree or other recognized credential and must be enrolled at least

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# General Meeting for Friends of the Library

PERTH AMBOY - Interested in helping out your community? There will be a general meeting for Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library on Thursday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at the Perth Amboy YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Discussed will be the renovations of the library, future programs for Friends and how you can help make a difference with our public library.

# Pierogi & Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church is having a pierogi & cake sale. Pick-up you order at: 404 Division St, Perth Amboy. Call 732-826-7067 to place you order between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All items are handmade!!! Pierogi - potato - \$7. cake - poppy seed, nut, apricot, raspberry and prune - \$10. The order date is May 29th to June 1st. Pick-up date is June 5th & 6th. Thank you for your order!!!

#### Loan Scam & Mortgage Fraud Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Loan Scam & Mortgage Fraud Workshop on Wednesday, May 30, at 6 p.m. at the Housing Authority, 881 Amboy Ave. For more info call Martha at 732-826-3110 ext. 627. Sponsored by the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy.

#### Art Exhibit

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Association will feature the artwork of local award-winning artist Sharee Daniel at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Avenue, Perth Amboy.

Ms. Daniel, winner of the Expressions of Courage art contest sponsored by Ortho McNeil Neurologics, Inc., in partnership with the Epilepsy Foundation.

Ms. Daniel has never let epilepsy stop her from pursuing her quest to express herself through art. She graduated from Gibbs College with an Associate's Degree in Visual Communications. Her works are multi-media: computergenerated graphic design, sculpture, pencil sketch and oil paint. Some of her works will be on display at Kearny Cottage during the month of May.

# **Volunteers**

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.

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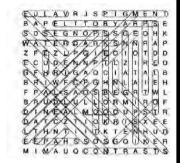
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# **LOOKING BACK**



METUCHEN - Circa 18940's - Memorial Day Parade down Main Street. Marching is the Perth Amboy Lion's Club.

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This photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission

# **Senior Scene**

# **Happenings**

#### Perth Amboy

TODAY, May 30 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., May 31 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON., June 4 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES., June 5 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

Church Hall, Brace Ave. Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. June 6 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., June 7 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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#### **Prayer To The Blessed Virgin**

(Never known to fail) O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). **K.M.** 

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# Health & Wellness Day Event

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Health and Wellness Day Event on Wednesday, June 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Knights Of Columbus, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. \*For more information please contact: Ramos Foot and Ankle Center at (732)442-6444. Sponsored by Ramos Foot and Ankle Center and The Knights of Columbus.

# Archaeology Lecture

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House Association/ Museum, located at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861, will be hosting an event entitled "History Underfoot: Unearthing the Archaeology of Colonial Perth Amboy". It will be held on Sunday, June 3, at 2 p.m. Don't miss this fascinating talk by Dr. Richard F. Veit, Associate Professor of Anthropology at Monmouth University. Suggested Donation \$5 Light refreshments. No reservations needed. Children under 12 years free. No RSVP's needed. Dr. Veit's many publications include his award-winning book "Digging New Jersey's Past: Historical Archaeology in the Garden State." You may phone 732-826-5527 or email us at info@ proprietaryhouse.org for further info. The Proprietary House Museum is owned by the State of NJ, Administered by the DEP, Dept. of Parks & Forestry and Operated by the Proprietary House Association.

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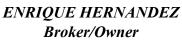
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