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Perth Amboy

Transitional Aid Denied

Budget Hearing 6 p.m. 7/18/12 City Hall

PERTH AMBOY - "We are being commended for cutting interest rates in half and for the approved fiscal stability of the City. This was the main reason that Perth Amboy was denied Transitional Aid by the Department of Community Services." Mayor Wilda Diaz made these comments while seated next to Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach at the July 9, 2012 Caucus Meeting. Diaz further stated that there are cities in worse shape that we are. "We are grateful to the state that we are being recognized."

Council President Kenneth

Balut noted that the sad part of this is that the local finance board denied us this money (Transitional Aid). "The fact is that they were the ones that were responsible for getting us in such bad financial shape to begin with."

Chief Financial Officer/Comptroller Jill Goldy was also recognized during the meeting by Councilman Fernando Gonzalez for all the hard work she did working on the budget. (see page 2 for the full content of the letter sent to the Mayor's office from the Department of Consumer Affairs)

Crackdown on Illegal Housing/Conversions

Stiffer Fines Discussed During Public Portion of July 9, 2012 Caucus Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The City Council was taken to task by local residents who wanted them to look at what surrounding communities are doing in regards to illegal housing. Frequent Council Attendee Stanley Sierakowski said, "Our Council should look into what Carteret and Woodbridge have done. Not only are those towns fines much stiffer than what Perth Amboy is doing but the violators also are subject to jail terms." Sierakowski also said, "Certified letters are sent to the landlords when violations are found and the landlords are also required to pay for the relocation of their tenants. Woodbridge Township is doing this town by town. Follow up is done within 48 hours to make sure the violation is cleared up."

Resident Alan Silber wanted to know if the landlord of an illegal property has to pay his tenant any fees for up to six months when they are forced to relocate. "Landlords should

be aware of the consequences they're faced with for illegal conversions." Silber also questioned the legal responsibilities of landlords if the tenants are not in this country legally. He referenced some of the apartments that had to be destroyed in the recent fires.

9+++++ Code Enforcement Director Ed Scala addressed some of these concerns. "A Certificate of Code Compliance is issued when a property is sold. If a property doesn't meet the compliance then no certificate is issued. We issue about 400 certificates a year and are meticulous when we do inspections. Sometimes we have to get special permission to enter owner occupied single or two family homes. We found two properties on Cortlandt Street that had illegal units and the property owners have to appear in court."

Council President Kenneth Balut who is also a retired

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Community Development Block Grants

Good for the City - But Can They be Used for Other Purposes?

Hiring of More Code Enforcement Officers & Fire Prevention Programs Discussed as a Possibility

PERTH AMBOY - The Community Development Block Grant Program has helped residents in many ways. Rehabbing their existing homes or releasing money to those who wish to purchase homes that are earmarked for certain neighborhoods in the City.

At the July 9, 2012 Caucus Meeting Annie Hindenlang who is the Senior Planner for the City of Perth Amboy appeared before the City Council in regards to resolutions dealing with any funding from the Department of Urban Development.

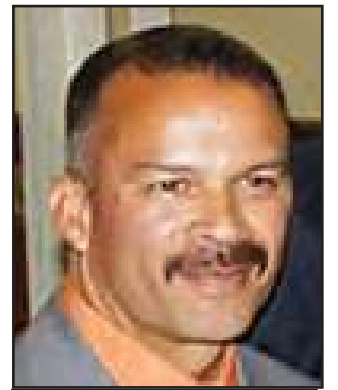
Council President Kenneth Balut wanted to know if it was possible to have participants who benefited from these programs speak at a future Council Meeting.

Dave Benyola who is part of the Housing Assistance Program said, "I will be glad to ask some of the occupants who were living in these properties. If all participants were pre-qualified and are happy with the programs and where they are living."

Councilman Joel Pabon was concerned for the senior citizens who are living in town. Many may be qualified do not apply because they have pride and think that they are getting welfare but it is their money that is being used for these programs.



**Council President
Ken Balut**



**Councilman
Joel Pabon**

Due to the recent fires in the City, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez questioned whether or not CDBG can be used to educate residents in regards to fire prevention.

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach replied that he could look into this possibility but some of this money is earmarked for certain projects only.

Councilman Fernando G. also said this money could also be used to hire more code enforcement inspectors. Fehrenbach also said, "This may be politically incorrect but people know they are violating illegal housing laws but they don't care. They are looking at it as a strictly economic situation."

Councilman Joel Pabon also brought up the fact that illegal dumping is a big problem and the dumping always seems to be concentrated in certain areas all the time. "In

other towns residents call the proper authorities when they suspect illegal housing." He named Carteret and Woodbridge as samples. "They follow through and their fines are very steep. Some towns even have hotlines where you don't even have to leave your name."

Fehrenbach said, "When our residents who sometimes call anonymously when they suspect illegal housing we always follow through on those calls. Sometimes when we show up on these suspected illegal housing projects no violations are found and sometimes violations are found. Sometimes when we find violations on properties we have a hard time locating the owners."

Council President Ken Balut said, "Illegal housing is causing the taxes to go up in the City."

The Legality of Taping Public Meetings - Council Meeting 7/11/12

PERTH AMBOY - There was tension at the Council Meeting when two audience members asked City Attorney Mark Blunda what is the proper procedure in regards to anyone taping public meetings.

Residents Alan Silber and Stanley Sierakowski were concerned when resident Israel Varela spoke before the Council.

Varela felt that there was a delay in a police report that he needed for a case he was involved with in his position as a School Board Member. Silber and Sierakowski both remarked that while Varela was speaking he was being taped. The person taping Varela had a stake in the outcome of the suit that Varela is involved in.

While addressing the Council resident Ricky Aviles said it was perfectly legal to have any public meetings taped.

When Sierakowski took issue with Aviles' statement, Aviles turned around and told Sierakowski he needs to be quiet. "No one interrupts you while you are speaking."

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Illegal Housing

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Perth Amboy Police Officer requested to have information on how many illegal summons were issued for illegal conversion of properties from the years 2000 to present. Balut said when he was active on the force he always reported any illegal housing that he found.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez who is also a realtor said, "Pictures are always taken at property closings, and I know that code enforcement officers work very hard, but sometimes changes are done after the property is sold."

Councilman F. Gonzalez also brought up an incident that happened a few years ago when a child died at a private home day-care center. "Something is going wrong. What can we do to alleviate this situation with illegal housing? And what has been done since that unfortunate situation where that young child died? Has anything been done to make sure this does not happen again? We have good minds in this town but someone is going to die in a fire. We've had three major fires and what can be done?"

Code Enforcement Director Ed Scala said, "My department is always open to suggestions."

Fernando Gonzalez sounding very frustrated said, "The City has to come up with a plan to address these fires."

Resident Ricky Aviles made some statements that he said would probably be very unpopular but true. Aviles stated, "Some of these fires were not caused by illegal housing. With Perth Amboy being a Latino Community there are many times where multiple generations will be residing in single family homes." He used Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez as an example having his wife, himself, two kids and one in-law residing under one roof. Then he said, "Now Fernando Gonzalez, your house is too big for just you and your wife. You can probably take in a couple extra people. A large number of people coming into the City of Perth Amboy are single men who are working at more than one job and just need a single room - not a whole apartment. There were near riots when housing inspectors wanted to check for illegal housing because many of these people come from oppressed countries. A lot of churches are doing more than anyone to help the homeless."

To these statements Fernando Gonzalez said, "Maybe what the City needs is more rooming houses."

Councilman Joel Pabon in response to Aviles remarks said,

"In Woodbridge Township it is not a Latino population that is being fined for illegal housing." Several members in the audience nodded in agreement.

Mayor Diaz made comments in regards to the illegal housing situation. She first and foremost thanked the different departments for battling the series of fires in the City. She mentioned Harbortown, which occurred in December 2010, the Cortlandt Street fire in early June 2012 and ended with the State Street fire which occurred on July 5, 2012. She stated that she knows that Code Enforcement is doing their jobs because people have come to her asking for help with summons that they were issued. "My first question to them are: "Were there any violations?" And if they say: "Yes," then tell them I cannot help them."

In responding to what Mr. Aviles said about extended families living under one roof, Diaz related, "There were six of us girls in our family and sometimes other relatives stayed with us. With these fires that occurred adjacent properties were affected and sometimes residents have to be evacuated temporarily. If anyone suspects there is illegal housing, please call us."


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July 6, 2012

Honorable: Wilma Diaz, Mayor
City of Perth Amboy City Hall
200 High Street
Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861

RE: Transitional Aid Award

Dear Mayor Diaz:

Please be advised that the Division of Local Government Services will be unable to provide Transitional Aid to support of the City's 2012 Budget. Regrettably, limited State funding dictates that funds can only be made available to municipalities with budgets that contain large structural deficiencies or that are otherwise distressed to the point of not being able to support critical payments such as debt service payments and other obligations.


I do want to take this opportunity to commend you and key members of your budget team (with special thanks to Mr. Greg Feltenbach) for working so hard to make the tough decisions that have placed Perth Amboy in a greatly improved financial position. In particular, your efforts at fiscal restraint and restructuring debt, in a manner that almost cut interest rates in half, have saved the taxpayers scarce resources and otherwise restored the trust of the private market place, which is so critical to Perth Amboy's continued progress.

The Division will continue to make its staff available to help you to help the residents as you need us. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 609-292-6613 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Neff
Director, Division of Local Government Services

cc: Greg Feltenbach


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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Remembering Carlos Martins



Carlos Martins



Christmas Tie



At the Perth Amboy Pier

I wish I had taken a ride and about that Christmas Tie

The last time I saw Carlos was on Saturday June 23, 2012 when we were at a reception for the Tall Ship Unicorn for the Sisters Under Sail Program. He appeared more relaxed than usual. And so the next day when I received an email from one of his friends that he had suffered a heart-attack, it was a shock. Last September Carlos suffered a heart-attack while driving and was not expected to live. I remember each time when people would give me updates about his condition each report was worse than the last one. To say he had a miraculous recovery would be an understatement. When Carlos would talk to me about the first time he was hospitalized he said he had no memory of the episode that brought him to the hospital. My colleague also told me that Carlos said that the hospital staff thought that he was a politician because so many people came to visit him in the hospital. Carlos had cheated death last September but this time it was not meant to be. Maybe he was given more time to put his affairs in order. When I first met Carlos he was a branch manager of Provident Bank in Perth Amboy and also a member a of Perth Amboy Chamber of Commerce.

When I drop off the newspaper at Provident Bank I had to specifically hand him his

own personal copy of the paper when he was in the office. If there was someone else in his office when I was bringing the paper in, he would always wave me in anyway to make sure he got his copy. Carlos was not happy when he was made floating branch manager but I still had to make sure to give someone in the Perth Amboy Branch a copy of the paper to send in interoffice mail to Carlos. This was one of his ways to stay connected to Perth Amboy on a weekly basis.

Whenever I ran into Carlos on his visits to Perth Amboy and he would see me walking he would offer me a ride in his red car to my destination. Unfortunately whenever he saw me I was already near where I was going. In hindsight I wished I would have just jumped in his car and said, "Carlos, let's take a ride to the Waterfront."

In the summertime, Slavko's Harborside Walk was one of Carlos' favorite places to have a quick bite. You could always find a diverse group of people having lunch and engaging in very lively conversations. When you intended to have a ten minute break could very easily turn into a half-hour conversation. I know that for a fact because it has happened to me several times.

Sometimes I would get into a slight disagreement with

Carlos. But he always had a way of disarming me with this mischievous little smirk on his face. I hated you for that, Carlos. (Just joking!) But then I loved to joke with Carlos.

If there is one thing that annoyed me about Carlos (And I'll probably get in trouble for this) is that he always had a cigarette dangling from his mouth (except when he was eating). When I would see him with that cigarette I used to think of one my Dad's favorite sayings: "The best way to break a bad habit is not to start it." But Carlos loved his cigarettes and they gave him joy.

As a member of the Perth Amboy Chamber of Commerce he made his feelings known about what direction the Chamber should be going in. As the years went by, I know he was very upset that the Waterfront Festival that the Chamber had for many years had to fall on the wayside.

A Taste of Perth Amboy was a project that Carlos helped initiate in its first year. It proved so successful that they had no choice but to make it an annual event. He was Chairman of The First Annual Taste of Perth Amboy and Cochairman of the Second Annual Taste of Perth Amboy. I remember saying to Carlos, "The first year was so successful maybe you should think about having this event twice a year." He said an emphatic, "No way!" And that it was too much work.

P. S. About that tie - Carlos was at a ribbon cutting of a downtown business in mid-December 2010. When I saw him wearing that tie I took a picture of it and told Bill George that it was going to be to showcased in the Amboy Beacon Holiday Greeting Issue. A couple days after that issue came out I ran into Carlos. He told me about the number of people that came up to him when he would wear that tie and said, "Was that the tie

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Pleasant Melodies

Concerts by the Bay started its umpteenth summer season this past Sunday under ideal conditions. A steady breeze from the Bay tempered the heat and made the music lovers in their beach chairs relaxed and comfortable. The view was magnificent. The Bay waters were dotted with small boats darting to and fro. Occasionally an ocean going cargo ship, probably an oil tanker, would be escorted by tugboats through the channels.

The Garden State Band led by the inimitable and naturally witty Chris Pedersen stared the program with a rousing Star Spangled Banner. Patriotic numbers dominated the program. The lusty baritone voice of Rick Bossman in booming George M. Cohan's Yankee Doodle Dandy hand this elderly ex GI Volunteering to reenlist in the armed services forgetting that the armed services

no longer use bow and arrows. No hoses either! Plainly this old timer is an anachronism to the modern army. (Note - I often toss in a big word like this to show I graduated the 8th grade) But his spirit is never out of time. Meanwhile the effervescent Penny Rocker kept things lively, in tune and inspiring us music lovers!

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2 Arrested in Theft of Valuables from State Street Fire Victims

PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, July 9, 2012 at 3:50 pm Police arrested Leroy Williams age 69 of Center Street, Landing, NJ for theft and Robert Bace age 63 of Shannin Mountain Lane, Port Murray, NJ for theft and conspiracy to commit theft. The pair were demolition workers at 485 State Street, which was being demolished due to a fire earlier in the week.

Sergeant Andy Montalvo and Officer Rick Zaleski were alerted to the wrongdoing by Luis Huertas, a victim of the fire. Mr. Huertas observed Williams coming out of a first floor window with numerous wallets as Bace instructed "get the money, get the money" Mr. Huertas not only took photos of the crime he also vid-

eotaped what was going on with his cell phone. In addition the witness advised Sgt Montalvo he observed Leroy Williams remove a black case and place it in a Red Ford Pick-Up truck that was parked across the street from the fire scene. Inside the vehicle was a Sony Handi-Cam Video Camera located within the black case.

Both Williams and Bace were placed under arrest and all the properties confiscated. Three separate victims were located and their property identified, in addition to the items they reported a total of \$900 in cash was missing from within the wallets.

Both Williams and Bace were charged and released pending court appearance by the Honorable Judge Emery Toth, and have been prohibited from returning to the worksite.

we saw in the Amboy Beacon Paper?"

So in essence I made a local mini-celebrity out of Carlos.

Although Carlos did not reside in Perth Amboy, his heart always did. To those who knew Carlos they also knew that his heart was here and always will be.

C.M.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy
 TODAY. July 18 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
 City Council Budget Meeting, 6 p.m.
 City Hall, High Street
 Board of Ed Special Meeting 6 p.m.
 PAHS, Eagle Ave.
 THURS. July 19 Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
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Perth Amboy Board Of Ed Slate of Candidates Announce Intention To Challenge Incumbents

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - 4 people are running together as a slate in the Perth Amboy Board of Education election on Nov. 6. Using the banner of "A New Vision, A New Voice ..." Jeannette Gonzalez, Nina Perkins-Nieves and Benjamin Salerno are seeking election to the three year positions, and Maria Garcia is pursuing the unexpired two year position created by a previous resignation to the board.

All four candidates say they are parents of students who are either currently enrolled or have recently graduated from Perth Amboy Public Schools and share the belief that the current leadership of the board has failed to guide the school district in a professional manner and has become so bogged down in infighting that the district is failing to meet the needs of its students, their parents and educators employed by the district.

Secretary Of Agriculture Kick Off for 2012 Summer Food Service Program Visit to Highlight Availability of Free Summer Meals for Low Income Students

News Release

PERTH AMBOY – New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture Douglas H. Fisher helped serve lunch to 150 students participating in the Department of Agriculture’s Summer Food Service Program at Robert N. Wilentz Elementary School in Perth Amboy on Tuesday, July 10.

The Summer Food Service program helps ensure children who receive free or reduced price lunch during the school year continue getting healthy meals during the summer. Secretary Fisher wants to call attention to these programs to increase the number of children accessing these vital resources.

The federally-funded program reimburses participating organizations for meals served to children who live in areas in which at least 50 percent of the children qualify for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program.

Most participating organizations may be reimbursed for up to two meals a day – lunch and either breakfast or a snack.

Fisher noted that most Summer Food Service sponsors have begun their programs for the year and are available to students in their areas.

(see first two top photos on right)

A Puro Bolero

PERTH AMBOY - The Love Your City Committee presents Una Noche A Pure Bolero on Saturday, August 25 at 8 p.m. at Las Palmeras, Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy. There will be a band, DJ, buffet and desert bar. \$40 per person/cash bar. For more info and tickets call 732-293-0707.

Summer Lunch Program
*photos by Paul W. Wang



Perth Amboy’s Youth Travel Soccer Team Honored
*photos by Carolyn Maxwell



The P.A. Youth Soccer Travel Team along with Kenny Ortiz with the Perth Amboy Recreation Dept. and the Soccer Team Coaches were recognized by the Mayor and Council for a successful season.

Bob McCoy Announces his Candidacy for Mayor July 11, 2012



News Release

PERTH AMBOY - Bob McCoy officially kicked off his candidacy for mayor last night along with his running mates for the City Council, Dave Szilagyi and Damaris Ramirez. The announcement was made at the Portuguese Manor. Their campaign slogan is "Vision for a better Perth Amboy."

McCoy said he was encouraged by enthusiastic members of the business community and local residents to run for mayor.

With more than 13 years experience in municipal government, McCoy believes that he has the experience to lead with focused determination and knowledge to provide solutions that will work for the betterment of the city of Perth Amboy.

He said he has agreed to "accept and confront the challenges facing the city, including the critical issues of high property taxes that contribute to the city having the highest foreclosure rate in Middlesex county, and the city having the highest unemployment rate in the county."

He stated, "As Mayor, I will offer new ideas for the challenges that face the city, and propose to repackage some of the previous construction projects that had the potential to expand our city's tax base."

He also indicated that he plans to develop partnerships with neighborhoods and business owners, and to include resident participation in his administration with the creation of neighborhood councils.

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**Jewish Renaissance Foundation receives NRTC contribution from Johnson & Johnson for \$300,000,
*photos by Joe Bayona**



Mayor Diaz and JRF President Alan Goldsmith with a motorcycle donated by JRF to the Perth Amboy Police Department



Music provided by Manny Caraballo of Infinite Celebrations

JRF receives NRTC contribution from Johnson & Johnson for \$297,000,

News Release
 PERTH AMBOY - Announcement of \$297,000 Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit investment supporting economic development initiatives in the city of Perth Amboy led by the Jewish Renaissance Foundation. Programs supported include small business assistance and workforce training, as well as park renovations for Francis Street Park. Thursday, July 12, 2012 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Francis Street Park Corner of Ashley & Francis Streets, Perth Amboy. This is the 4th year of the PAAC program's "Thursday Nights at the Park" summer series where we organize different community events, such as themed block parties, basketball tournaments, movie nights, dance contests, Zumba, etc. These events serve as great opportunities for neighbors to meet one another and get involved with other aspects of the PAAC neighborhood revitalization initiative.



Tent at entrance to park



Enjoying the park

Perth Amboy Jefferson Street Parking Deck Gets a Facelift

**photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



(L to R) B.A. Greg Fehrenbach, Councilmen Kenny Gonzalez & Joel Pabon, Mayor Diaz, Lizzette Martinez, Office of Aging, Jeanette Rios, Parking Authority, David Caba, Parking Authority & James Zullo of the Tim Haahs Engineering & Architect Group



The renovations of the top floor of the parking deck gets started.

This summer kickoff event is unique because we will be announcing the NRTC contribution from Johnson & Johnson in the amount of \$297,000, part of which will go toward the renovation of Francis Street Park. City government officials, representatives from the JRF, Johnson & Johnson, & NJDCA will be on hand to make the announcement and answer questions

Civil War Living History Weekend

WOODBIDGE - There will be a Civil War Living History Weekend on August 4 and 5 at Parker Press Park, Rahway Avenue (Rte. 514) Just off Main Street Woodbridge. Each day see soldiers drill, weapon's demonstration, battlefield skirmish, military demonstration, period living historians, military camp life, period civilian life, Civil War displays and activities. Visit participating Sutlers selling goods, Period photographer, Civil War library book sale. Chance for camp prize. Book Publishers and Authors. Camps are open to the public on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special Civil War 150th Anniversary Ceremony starting at 8 p.m. Saturday Evening in the Park. Saturday Evening Candle-Light Tour of the Soldiers' Camps and Civilian Areas - 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Rain or Shine - Free Parking - Free Admission.

Local Heros Honored

**photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



PERTH AMBOY - Family members and friends of Hector and Ja-Shwa Hernandez show their support and pride when the two were commended for their bravery. They along with Jose Pagan (not present) successfully rescued two youngsters who were drowning in the Raritan Bay. One of the youngsters had to be resuscitated. They were instrumental of pulling them out of the water without hesitation putting their own lives in jeopardy. (in the photo top right) They are joined by (left) Acting Deputy Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz and (right) Mayor Diaz and Councilman Joel Pabon surround the Hernandez family.

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Record Collection

PARILIN - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will continue its program of record donations. The records must be either 45's or 33 1/3. We do not accept 78's. Please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for further information or if you have large record donations.

Wedding & Events Expo

Show Preview

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a preview of the Wedding & Events Expo Show on Sunday, July 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at D'Elegance Hair Salon, 112 Smith St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-293-0707.

Artfest & Street Fair

SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy Artfest & Street Fair will be on Sunday, Sept. 23 11a.m. until 4 p.m. Rain Date: Sunday Sept. 30. Crafters, artists, food vendors. Free Hands on activities. Free Entertainment on Broadway! Free admission and parking. For vendor info call 732-316-8213.

PAHS All

Alumni Picnic

PERTH AMBOY - The 3rd annual PAHS Alumni Picnic, Sponsored by class of 75' and 76' on Saturday, August 11 @ Warren Park, Woodbridge from 12 noon until 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Contact the following for tickets. Randi Fleischman - rfleischman@remn.com, Candy Pyzik - cp-pookie@yahoo.com, Donna Pryga,- Dpryga65@comcast.net

Accepting Registrations

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic School is accepting registrations.

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66th Annual Red Grant Regatta at the Raritan Bay Yacht Club - Perth Amboy - July 13 -15, 2012

**photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



Junior racers get instruction before going out



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Young sailors



Getting ready to sail



Finally there!



Could I get a little help?



Seeing the Juniors off



Family members head out to watch the Junior Racers

Raritan Bay Angler's Club 22nd Annual Charity Fluke Tournament - July 14, 2012

**photos by Bob Ned*



The Winners!



Raritan Bay Angler's Club T-Shirt

66th Annual Red Grant Regatta at the Raritan Bay Yacht Club - July 13-15, 2012
**photos by Paul W. Wang*



Free Concert
 WOODBRIDGE - Woodbridge Wednesdays presents The Tom Chapin Family Show, Wednesday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge. For more info call 732-596-4048 or go to www.WoodbridgeArtsNJ.org

Adult Summer Club

SOUTH AMBOY - Join the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library's Annual Adult Summer Club. Choose 3 books, DVD's, Magazines, Audio Books or Music to read, listen or view each week. Just fill out a quick pick ticket each time you check out. Enter for a chance to win a weekly prize! At the end of the summer, participants will be eligible to win a \$25 Gift Certificate to O'ireland Irish & Celtic & Imports Jacqueline's Florist. Sponsored by the Friends of the Dowdell Library. Adults must have a valid library card. Materials must be checked out at the same time. Weekly drawings! Library patrons who enter each week will be eligible to participate in the Grand Prize Drawings. For more info call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org



Just Us Cruisers

SAYREVILLE/SOUTH AMBOY - Come join us at Cruisin The Peterpank Diner With The Just Us Cruisers Car Club, DJ Richie, The Flash & Crew from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting Jun 01 (Clubs & Organizations) every Friday night until Sept. 21. In The Parking Lot Of The Peterpank Diner at 967 Route 9 North In Sayreville/South Amboy . This year we will make Donations To, The Camp Dill Foundation, Sayreville Brain Injured Children. We Welcome Everyone At Our Cruise Nights Classic Cars, Customs, Trucks & Custom Motorcycles, If You Drive It. You Can Bring It. For Info Call: Richie @ 732-525-0412. For Info The Night Of The Show Call The Diner @ 732-721-2850 Live DJ Music From The 50's,60's,70's,80's, Kids Games, Trophies Every Night & It's FREE Door Prizes, 50/50 ,Food, and More. Come And Enjoy A Great Night Of Fun...We Are A Member Of The Central NJ Car Club Association.Com.

PERTH AMBOY - From July 13 - 15 the 66th Annual Red Grant Regatta took place at the Raritan Yacht Club. Junior Racing was on Friday, July 13. It consisted of junior members not only of the Yacht Club in Perth Amboy but of other clubs around the Bay. These races were open to all Junior races and participants of the summer sailing program - ages 8 - 18 years. (Opposite Page - Junior Racers)
 Adult racing was on Saturday, July 14 and Sunday July 15. (Winners Pictured Above). Various awards were handed out to the winners on Sunday, July 15 at the Yacht Club Dining area. Congratulations to all!

Inauguration Celebration Of New Parish Most Holy Name Of Jesus

News Release
 PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, July 14, the Inauguration Celebration was held to commemorate the new Roman Catholic Parish of Most Holy Name of Jesus, or Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesus, which was created by Bishop Paul Bootkoski on July 1, 2012, from the merger of three Parishes, Holy Trinity, La Asuncion and Our Lady of Hungary. While the merger does legally dissolve the three separate Parish entities, nevertheless, all three Church buildings – Holy Trinity, La Asuncion and Our Lady of Hungary, will retain their current names and remain open year-round as active Worship Sites for the celebration of Masses and the Sacraments. Holy Trinity is located on the corner of Lawrie and Johnstone; La Asuncion is located at 777 Cortlandt Street and Our Lady of Hungary is located on 697 Cortlandt Street.

This momentous celebration started at 3 p.m. with a procession, prayers and singing through the streets surrounding each Church, culminating at a Mass celebrated at 5 p.m., with Receptions following. The Procession began at La Asuncion Church, continuing in Procession to Our Lady of Hungary and then marching down Hall Ave onto Penn Street to Holy Trinity Pastoral Center and then onto Holy Trinity Church, where a bi-lingual Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Rev. Msgr. John B. Gordon, Pastor Delegate of the Most Holy Name of Jesus for blessings on the new Parish Most Holy Name of Jesus and its congregation.

Raritan Bay Cruisers

WOODBRIIDGE - Raritan Bay Cruisers Cruise Nights Are Back For 2012. 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting Jun 12 (General) The Raritan Bay Cruisers At The Pizza Hut 320 Route 9 North In Woodbridge, NJ 07095 EVERY Tuesday Night Starting May 8, 2012 to Sept 25, From 6-9 p.m. Rock & Roll Music, Trophies, Kids Games, And Just Family . For Any Info On This Cruise Night FOR ANY Info about this Cruise Night CALL Danny 1-732-921-0113 or Sonny @ 732-585-7365. We Are A Member Of The Central NJ Car Club Assoc.Com (CNJC-CA.COM)

Inauguration Celebration Of New Parish Most Holy Name Of Jesus - July 14, 2012

**photos by Bob Ned*



Father Gordon leads the service



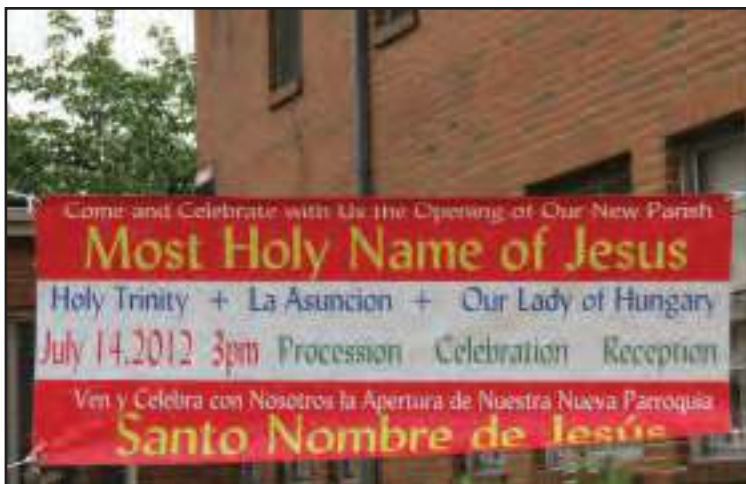
Praying outside the church



Leading the Procession



The procession



Most Holy Name of Jesus Church



La Asuncion



Church

Peruvian Flag Raising - July 13, 2012

**photos by Paul W. Wang*



Raising the Peruvian Flag



A crowd by City Hall



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Art Reception

PERTH AMBOY - Art Reception for local portrait artist, Carlos Rosario, USA Graphics, Thursday July 19th at 6:30 pm. Come and see the stunning work of this young, local artist. Followed by a free performance of the local Latin jazz quartet Tequila Bamboo. Free parking. Raritan Bay Coffee Co., inside the Perth Amboy train station, 233 Smith St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861, ph 848-203-3432

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QuickChek NJ Festival of Balloons

READINGTON - There 30th Anniversary of the annual balloon festival will take place from Friday, July 27 to Sunday, July 29 at the Solberg Airport, Readington, NJ. Appearing will be Bret Michaels, Smokey Robinson, Eddie Money, R5 Featuring Ross Lynch and the Iconic Boyz. Come to any QuickChek and receive up to 33% savings when you purchase your ticket (up to July 26) For more info call 1-800-HOT-AIR-9 or go to www.balloonfestival.com. Sponsored QuickChek in association with PNCBank.

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The Fisherman's Corner

PERTH AMBOY - Great fishing all over this week. We saw a shift in the fluke fishing. They're on the move as water temps rise. Bigger fish need more oxygen which warmer water lacks.

Deeper waters 40 to 65 feet are ideal during the hot season for those larger fish. For example, Ambros under the bridges the navel pier. Well, you get the idea. Sand Spikers are enjoying some nice fluking. Crabbing: snapper and cocktail blue action with a occasional striper during the night shift. Peanut bunker have been making there runs along the beaches. Snappers: hot on their tail snapper fishing is a great way to introduce a child to fishing. All that is required is a small investment: a pole and a snapper popper. This setup will keep the child entertained because it's cast and retrieve and you need no bait. The popper has a little worm like tube attached to it which to the forever hungry bluefish looks like a easy snack. Along the beachside is the best place to give it a go. To spend some time with the kids and get them ready for the annual kids tournament in September.

Question: Are soft shell crabs the magic striper bait?

Answer: Yes and no. It has its

pros and cons. Yes, fish in general like them but at the same time a con due to that fact so every fish and crab will take their piece. Chances are before a striper will find it not easy to come by. You have to catch it or buy it. It is not cheep and can run up to \$8 each. - Big con!

In short it's risky. We all hear about the striper caught on soft-shell crab but what about the other side of the coin that we don't hear. I much rather fry up them bad boys and eat 'em. Try my (tasty recipe)!

This week I had a guest show me a pic and ask me what kind of fish it was ?

It was a northern king fish - a very tasty 'lil fish doesn't grow much. I think the record is 3lbs. It's a common fish here around this time. Many people don't fish for them in this area. More people know about them to the south and fish for them. I myself have caught them down by Second Streete and under the Rte. Thirty Five Bridge. Light tackle: a small long shank hook and a small piece of sandworm and that's all folks! I believe the more people know they are a edible fish they will start fishing for them in this area. When I opened up shop there were similar questions about fluke,



porgys and searobbins. Most locals at the time just fished bass and blues. This little guy is one worth giving a shot they also are feisty great fun.

Tasty Recipes by Eddy Gonzalez

Fried Soft-shell Crab (Easy Style)

Start with 6 soft shells

- 1 c Milk
- 1 x Pepper to taste
- 1 x Vegetable oil
- 1 x Parsley, minced, fresh
- 1 ea Egg, beaten
- 1 x Salt to taste
- 1 x Flour
- 1 x Lemon slices

1. Wash cleaned crabs well.
 2. Mix egg, milk, salt and pepper; soak crabs in mixture.
 3. Coat crabs with flour, then deep-fry in hot oil until brown.
 4. Drain on paper towels; garnish with lemon slices and sprinkle with minced parsley.
- NOTE: Wonderful to serve at a picnic or backyard supper or while reading The Amboy Guardian - Enjoy everyone!



Steve the magnet, the fluke slayer, pirate of the kill show off his catch and shows Ron how it's done



A father and son team showing off the day's catch off of the Morning Dew. Captain Vinny keeping the catch streak going and his charters happy



Who Benefits from Shiva Nata?

By: Anna Lawrence

PERTH AMBOY - Previously we discussed the basics behind Shiva nata (Dance of Shiva) and how waving your arms around in specific patterns can help you to create new neural connections in your brain that will allow it to function better. There are a multitude of benefits and side effects to a faster functioning brain, and some of them may surprise you. Most of the benefits of Shiva nata are mental benefits. But first, a metaphor.

The first time you are driving through a town, you will probably stick to the main roads. It will get you from point A to point B, but you may hit traffic, and it may not be the most direct route. In time, as you learn more about the layout of the town, your day to day driving involves more of the secondary roads, back ways, and short cuts that make getting around town so much faster. You rarely hit traffic on any of your commutes around town, and if you do, you know the best detour to get around the backup.

Creating new neural connections is a lot like learning the

back roads of your own mind. It doesn't magically teach you new things, and there is no higher being to download new information and insights from, but what it does, is it helps you make the connection between point A and point B within your brain a lot more quickly. With new neural connections popping up amongst all the things you already know in your own brain, there is the potential to become more creative and be a better problem solver, as you are thinking about all of your old things in a new way. You can also improve your memory, focus and concentration, in addition to being able to think faster and more clearly.

Anyone who has a job or a hobby that requires brain function can benefit from Shiva nata. Much in the same way that all athletes work out regularly at a gym, creative types - artists, musicians, dancers, writers, photographers - can all benefit from a brain workout with Shiva nata. Also, anyone whose job involves a lot of problem solving and critical thinking - anyone from engineers to teachers - can

benefit as well.

A side effect of the mechanics of learning Shiva nata, and not really a direct benefit of new neural connections, is that you learn a lot about yourself in the process. You learn about the ways you learn best - learning Shiva nata involves a variety of visual, auditory and kinesthetic techniques - and some people naturally learn better one way or the other. If you don't already know what kind of learner you are, you may come to the realization while learning Shiva nata, and will additionally strengthen your abilities to learn in other ways as well, which can come in handy for those of you who may still be in elementary school, high school or college. Shiva nata can also potentially change the way you interact with things like mistakes, challenges and new situations. You may be the kind of person who is afraid of making mistakes, or who approaches new situations with trepidation, but once you realize that in Shiva nata, making mistakes is the only way you get better, your view of mistakes in other

parts of your life may change. Shiva nata can also help if you have attention or focus issues. Sitting still and quieting your mind may be a great way to focus and quietly meditate, but when your life is too hectic that you can't even manage that, remember that Shiva nata is never more hectic than you can manage, demands 100% of your attention and actually bring you to a very focused state of being. Finding peace while you are frenetically waving your arms around can help you to stay calm while in the midst of your busy work day.

Children love doing Shiva nata because it is just so silly, and looks cool, but is really hard (this is an actual paraphrase of feedback from children who have done Shiva nata). Sometimes, while it is still a challenge, children actually pick it up faster than adults do (this could be attested to the fact that children are constantly in learning mode, and between sports and dance, are much more active than adults are). In a world where adults are generally better at every-

thing than children are, Shiva nata is a very level playing field where children and adults can grow and learn together. Besides the mental benefits, Shiva nata can also strengthen and tone your arm, leg and core muscles. You won't see results overnight, but in time, you will start to feel the effects of better balance and coordination, which comes from strengthening all these muscles together. It is a gentle and generally sweat-free workout that is great for young and old bodies alike. If you participate in sports that require super fast coordination and reaction times, adding a little bit of Shiva nata (with legs waving around in the air as much as the arms are) can be a great addition to your regular workout routine.

If your interest is piqued enough in all the ways Shiva nata can improve your life, be sure to visit <http://www.missannalawrence.com/shivanata> for more on upcoming events.



Music at Saint Mary's Summer Series

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a concert series at Saint Mary's Church, 256 Augusta St., South Amboy on Sunday, August 5 at 11:05 a.m. - Victoria Griswold, piano Critically acclaimed international recitalist Victoria Griswold makes her third recital appearance at Saint Mary's by performing works for the piano composed by women composers of the past two centuries. Free-will offering.

Carnival

PERTH AMBOY - Come Join Us and Have Some Fun at St. Stephen's R. C. Church, 490 State Street, Perth Amboy on July 18,19,20,21, & 22 - Wednesday & Thursday - 6 to 10 p.m., Friday - 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday - 3 to 11 p.m., Sunday - 12 to 6 p.m., rides, games, food & beverages, entertainment. Bracelet nights: Wednesday & Thursday - \$20 discount tickets for rides on sale until Tuesday, July 17. Ticket Sales: Rectory, Before/After Saturday & Sunday Mass. For info call the Rectory @ 732-826-1395. Web address: www.st-stephens-church.com

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)

2012 Farmer's Market

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Wednesdays! There will be a Farmer's Market Every Wednesday from June 20 to Sept. 26 from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Rain or Shine! at Parker Press Park, Rahway Ave. Free Parking. Looking for local specialty vendors, crafters and artists to set up tables and booths! Contact Kelly Reidy at the Mayors Office for more details. 732-634-4500 ext. 6494.

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.

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 jnandonley@ccdcom.org.

Open Air Open Jam!

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy's only! Open air open jam is back for season two at American Pride Bait & Tackle starting in June at 211 Front St., Perth Amboy starting from June 17 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with tables and umbrellas. It's a nice place to sit, relax and listen to some tunes. Offering coffee, soda, and snacks also Italian frozen sorbet to cool off for the evening. Everyone is welcome to participate - from beginner to pro. Extra seats available Drums amps, mic supplied. On rainy days call before 5 p.m. Single instrument call 732 486-8396 - ask for Eddy.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TODAY, July 18 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., July 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON., July 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES., July 24 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. July 25 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 St
- THURS., July 26 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Aug 6 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED Aug 8 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - 1938 Smith Street downtown. One of Perth Amboy's known restaurants of its time: The Crystal *Photo courtesy of Dale Morris

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Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

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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 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. **Z.K.**

Free Concert

WOODBRIDGE - Woodbridge Wednesdays presents Runa, Wednesday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge. For more info call 732-596-4048 or go to www.WoodbridgeArtsNJ.org

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

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ACROSS

- 1 Pet rescue org.
- 5 Goalie's goal
- 9 Compass pt.
- 12 Untidy pile
- 13 Stiffly proper
- 14 Hurry
- 15 Coincidence (2 wds.)
- 18 "___ It Be" (Beatles song)
- 19 Parts of a chain
- 20 It's got Seoul
- 23 Feds (hyph.)
- 25 Spherical body
- 26 "No problem!"
- 28 Like a Bohemian

DOWN

- 32 "JAG" spin-off
- 34 ___ de plume
- 35 "___ goes nothing!"
- 36 Rough cut
- 37 Twosomes
- 39 None whatsoever
- 40 On
- 42 TV oldie: "F ___"
- 44 Glove leather
- 47 ___ Paulo (Brazilian city)
- 48 Crude thing, said in a nice way
- 54 Not bright

ACROSS

- 55 Oodles
- 56 Doe
- 57 Pig's place
- 58 Fountain treat
- 59 Was in glee club

DOWN

- 8 Novelist Zola
- 9 "Where or ___"
- 10 Soap's spot
- 11 Hoses down
- 16 Pro votes
- 17 Entertainer Shore
- 20 King of the jungle?
- 21 Killer whale
- 22 Sluggers' successes (abbr.)
- 23 Collection
- 24 Brief note
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- 29 Divorce town
- 30 The Kingston ___
- 31 Bark shrilly
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- 38 Comedian Laurel
- 41 Portable shelters
- 43 Streets
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