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Perth Amboy - Pier Pressure

Cost of South Pier Repairs Disputed



PERTH AMBOY - Photo 1 - Chairman of Port Authority Michael George displays the differences in bolts, The bolt featured on the left are the ones that the Port Authority used which George stated are superior to the ones that are being used by Hatch Mott McDonald Engineers (bolt on the right) - Photo 2 Pier next to Armory is closed to the public, Photo 3 - The portion of the pier that jettied off to the right side is no longer there, Photo 4 - Note the damage next to the Armory, Photo 5 (page 2) - Part of the walkway that still in need of repair. All pier photos taken 7/30/12 *Photo of Michael George by Carolyn Maxwell *Pier Photos by Paul W. Wang - To Repair or Replace what would be most cost effective? Mr. Mainberger from Hatch Mott McDonald Engineers went before the Council to discuss the condition of the South Pier that was heavily damaged during storms from the last two years. The piers in question are located from the Armory Restaurant on Front Street to the Marina. According to Mainberger 35 piles were in such poor condition that it was not cost effective to do repairs. He recommended demolishing the piers and the cost involved which would be in the range of about \$160,000. He also argued the case that it was not cheap to get rid of the stuff because it was not reusable referring to the piling and timber.



The first contract that his firm presented to the Council was for \$120,000 based on a FEMA evaluation. FEMA required an evaluation/documentation on the condition of the piers before they were damaged. He also said that the City will receive some monetary credit from the first contract.

Chairman of the Port Authority
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Danger Ahead!

Deputy Chief Ruiz Responds to Councilman's Concern about High Street and Buckingham Avenue



Deputy Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz

PERTH AMBOY - At the July 9, 2012 Council Caucus meeting, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated people near the Harbortown entrance are concerned about speeding cars. Some parked cars have been hit.

Deputy Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz stated, "Radars have been placed in that area and enforcement is limited. 4-way stops are not viable and state law determines where stop signs are placed. Every intersection on High Street has been

looked at. Many of the homes on High Street are multi-family. We have regulations that must be followed as far as stop signs are concerned."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was also concerned about how many accidents have occurred on the intersections of High Street and Buckingham Avenue.

Another Hot Spot

Opinion



Intersection of Maple and Fayette Streets

*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - This is not the only dangerous intersection in Perth Amboy. There are many such examples of intersections that need to be closely examined.

On August 6, 2012 at approximately 3:40 p.m. as I was walking down Maple Street. While approaching Fayette

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Pier Pressure

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thority Michael George went before the Council carrying a duffel bag with him that contained bolts and stakes to show the Councilmen what the Authority used to repair their pier. He stated that money was spent from the Port Authority Budget and not the City's for their repairs. "The group that the Authority hired went underwater to inspect our pier. We have better bolts and only made a \$5 profit on each bolt." Chairman George said, "The City is being overcharged for repairs by the engineers. I think the pier should be rebuilt by using different materials. Inspect the South Pier thoroughly before demolishing it first."

Developer Barry Rosengarten said, "The pier was elevated to protect it from severe weather elements. Some of the piles were used in 1929 when the new piers were constructed. In the years 2010 through 2011 the piers were constructed correctly. I agree with Mr. George's evaluation."

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, "The cost and longevity of the pier is in question."

To that Mainberger replied, "The extra \$100,000 that the

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Council approved was because the piling materials required have changed and are more expensive. Our bolts will be able to support more weight."

Fehrenbach also told the

Council, that Mainberger is indicating that the City should be looking for funding (grants) to offset the cost of the South Pier work.

Hot Spots

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ette Street (Which have stop signs) a car on Fayette Street sped right through the stop sign without slowing down or looking. A car that had the right away on Maple Street had to screech to a halting stop to avoid a collision with the car that sped through the stop sign. Unfortunately, I have witnessed this happening numerous times. What makes it the more frightening is when it happens in broad daylight.

I don't know how many actual accidents have occurred at the intersection of Fayette and Maple Street. I cross that intersection several times a week and there are just too many near misses. Perhaps data should be submitted not only about the two intersections mentioned in this article but many other intersections as well. The public should attend more Council meetings to voice their concerns about what they consider intersections that are dangerous to pedestrians and drivers. Perhaps the State will step in when more voices are heard.

Civil War Weekend Parker Press Park August 4, 2012 - Woodbridge, NJ

*photos by Joe Bayona



Commemoration of the Battle of 1862, laying of the wreath at Soldiers Monumnet, Woodbridge - Mira Form, Karen Kulga



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Upsetting the Apple Cart

Every so often the Sadie Dowdell Library in South Amboy will send the Amboy Guardian pictures and press releases where Amboy Bank has sent them either monetary donations to defray the cost of the library. The reason I bring this up is to compare the library in South Amboy to the Carnegie Library in Perth Amboy. The South Amboy Library which is newer than Perth Amboy's Library is connected to the High School on the left hand side and the middle school which is on the right hand side. Since the facility in South Amboy is newer, it is in much better condition than the Perth Amboy library built in 1901.

We think it is wonderful when financial institutions hand out scholarships or have programs to help students in the school system but you also have to remember that the schools are not the only educational institutions in town. Where do you think that students go if they need to do additional research and they may not have computers available at home?

If you haven't gone to the Perth Amboy Library lately, I suggest you pay a visit there ASAP. To have students go to a library that is in need of a great deal of repair with mold on the walls, paint peeling, overcrowded shelves and a roof that leaked for years is not that conducive to learning.

The roof was finally repaired this year and the conditions we described are on the main level. The children's library which is located on the lower level is in a little better condition. Unfortunately a lot of the books located on that level are deteriorating and it is a very sad situation. We are asking local banks to contact their corporate headquarters to make financial investments to local libraries because that is where students go to do more extensive research.

Remember not all families can afford to have computers,

I-phones, I-pads and the like.

People use computers in the library to do research, job searches, and it may be the only communications they have to keep in touch with their relatives, friends and other loved ones overseas. Yes, we know that there are people that will abuse the system but let's not punish those who use the resources in the library to better their lives. These are just a few of the reasons why we are calling on the local banks to help defray the cost of repairs to the library.

We have noticed that some agencies have received large donations over and over again. We think the library trustees should go after those corporations for donations, too.

A video showing dire conditions of the Perth Amboy Library was filmed last year before the 2nd Annual Taste of Perth Amboy. Due to a programming glitch it was only shown on PA-TV twice. (And that was one day before the Taste of Perth Amboy). This 2011 video showed the conditions that existed at that time. Not much has changed. (The roof doesn't leak anymore).

You don't need special permission to go to the library. Take a look and see for yourself at the conditions.

We are going to piggyback off of the Ambassador Program that Dot Daniel spoke about at the Council Meeting recently. This summer program was to introduce students to historic sites in New Jersey hopefully starting with Perth Amboy. With the Perth Amboy Library being a original Carnegie, it only makes sense that it should be on the list for students to visit. The library also should be in the forefront as an educational institution that should be slated for repairs as soon as possible.

C.M. & K.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Correction to 7-18-12 article

In the July 18, 2012 edition of The Amboy Guardian the front page had a story headlined "Crackdown on Illegal Housing/conversion". This story was based on a discussion during the public portion of the July 9, 2012 Caucus Meeting. In the second paragraph appears a sentence in QUOTES attributed to me. So far no problem. The next sentence, which is not in quotes, reads Silber also questioned the legal responsibilities of landlords if the tenants are not in this country legally. This is very troubling to me because not only did I not say this, I do not believe landlords should have the responsibility

or the right to question tenants on their immigration status. Landlords should concern themselves with the legality of the "residence" and not the "resident".

Because of my interest in government transparency and making as much information as possible available to the Perth Amboy public anyone can go to the Perth Amboy website <http://ci.perthamboy.nj.us/> where you will have to click unto Perth Amboy Schools. Next click on PATV on demand and you can watch the City Council July 9th Caucus Meeting. You can also go to <http://patv.pegcentral.com/>. It is possible to go directly to 1:12:50 for my accurate statements but I would appreciate The Amboy Guardian also ac-

knowledging the error with a correction statement.

Alan Silber
Perth Amboy

Amboy Guardian Response to Mr. Silber.

Mr. Silber is indeed correct. The quote attributed to Mr. Silber in the July 18, 2012 issue of the Amboy Guardian should where we quoted him as saying, "He questioned the legal responsibilities of landlords if the tenants are not in this country legally." was not said by Mr. Silber. We regret this error. What Mr. Silber made reference to was what is the responsibility of landlords to tenants who are in illegal units.

Misinformation

It's a shame Dave Szilagyi didn't check his information with reliable people before he began his GRAND PRONOUNCMENTS. ('Battle Royale' Amboy Guardian Aug 1st). A quick check with any of the Legislatures, the City Administration, MOPA, etc. would have explained the status of the efforts to secure funding for the historic sites

of Perth Amboy. Yes, the State did open the 'Royal Governor's Mansion' to the public on July 4th. They had every right to, just as they had every right to remove locks from the building for which they never were supplied duplicate keys for, a long-standing requirement. However, to say that the collections were ever in jeopardy is totally false. Two PHA trustees were on duty the entire time the house was

open. This fact fulfills the Association's own requirements to secure the contents. I question why Dave feels he should be the spokesman for the Proprietary House Association? A check of the past records reveals that Dave has never been a paid member of this House.

Thomas P. Ward
Past President,
Proprietary House Association

Big Time Football

I have never played too much football but I follow sports closely especially baseball at any level. I like basketball and football but on the college level.

I graduated from Alabama so I was seeing big time college football.

Frank Burns died on July 14th. He was 84 years old. Just a few years older than me.

My brother went to Rutgers after World War II so we would go over to New Brunswick on Saturday to see a Rutgers Football game. A guy named Frank Burns was quarterback. The Stadium held about 12,000 and it was half empty so you didn't have to worry about getting a seat. Thirty years later I got to meet Frank and become a friend of his.

I became a Guidance Counselor in a small Jr. High School in East Brunswick. The name

of that school was Hammarskjold (which no one could even spell). My principal's name was Joe Joesefowicz. He was a quarterback for Richmard. We decided to start a sports club and give some extra interest to these boys and girls. We had many different kinds of clubs and we met every Thursday afternoon. My club was for kids that didn't necessarily play sports but liked sports. Some people might remember a game called U.Pic, EmTry and Pick the winners of all the college football games each weekend. That spread like wildfire. We also had meetings each Thursday. We would talk about sports or show a film. This became a bore. I should add at this point that if you belonged to this sports club, you had a beautiful membership card. You were a H.A.C. (Hamman-skjold Athletic Club). Adults all over East Brunswick had a membership card to H.A.C. It

was right next to your driver's license in case a cop stopped you. This gave me an idea and I started to think about sending membership cards to sports figures. Hey! I could ask them to speak on a Thursday afternoon and they might come and they did come. Our meetings were no longer a bore and we needed the auditorium to listen and see Wes Bogle from the Home News and Jersey Joe Walcott, the most famous boxer from New Jersey. The year was 1973 and our club had really flourished. That same year Frank Burns became Head Football Coach at Rutgers. I started to pay attention to Rutgers Football in 75 and 76. They went 9 and 2 and then 11 and 0 in 76. Big time Bowls passed them up because of their weak schedule. Burns mad that weak schedule tougher and the follow-

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3. Raritan Bay Area YMCA gymnasium located on 357 New Brunswick Avenue; open M-F 5:30 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

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THURS. Aug 9	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
MON. Aug. 13	City Council Caucus., 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High Street
TUES. Aug 14	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
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PERTH AMBOY - The Class of 1987 P.A.H.S. Reunion will be on Aug. 25, 2012. We are in need of a head count and payment ASAP. Please contact any one of the following fellow classmates; Kenny Gonzalez at Kgonzalezathome@aol.com....Lourdes Rodriguez-Soto at traces077@msn.com 732-331-4380, Miguel "Mike" Cruz at samdrew022@yahoo.com 732-672-7270, Santos "Saqui" Rivera at saqui1969@gmail.com 732-910-8980.

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Kenneth Gonzalez. While there are many classmates on Facebook there are also a handful who do not have access to Facebook..... such as our very own co-chair Lourdes Rodriguez Soto. We are asking that you please reach out to those individuals who are not privy to this information on Facebook and give them our contact info. If you thought our 20th was a blast.....just wait until our 25th! "Let's get together eat, dance, drink, and celebrate"! Looking forward to seeing you ALL there!

Date: August 25, 2012 time: 7:00 p.m. -12:00 a.m. Location: ZPA lounge 281 Grace St Perth Amboy, NJ 732-442-2660. Price: \$75 (due no later than August 4, 2012) includes 1 hour cocktail hour followed by a cash bar

JRMC

Casino Night

PERTH AMBOY - The Jewish Renaissance Medical Center is hosting a Casino Night on Thursday, August 16 at 6 p.m. at Seabra's Armory. All pricing includes Open Bar and Buffet!!! Admission Price is \$75 & receive \$25 Casino Chips. Early Registration by July 27th - \$70 & receive \$50 Casino Chips. Admission @ Door - \$85 & receive \$20 Casino Chips. Black Jack.... Roulette... Three Card Poker!!! Texas Hold'em Tournament!!! Admission Price. \$125 & receive \$7500 Casino Chips. ***Must register by August 3rd. ***Tournament begins promptly at 6:30pm!! Plenty of chances to win great prizes!!! For further details and/or registration please contact: Jennifer @ 732-376-6611 email jcrutchfield@jrmc.us Jacqueline @ 732-732-956-7971 email jquiles@jrmc.us ***For all those paying by Visa, Master card, AMEX we do ask that you call us directly to register***For Checks: please make payable to: Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, 275 Hobart Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

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

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area) For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.
For more info please call 732-293-1090

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Former Perth Amboy Youth Pastor Charged with Sex Assaults

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan and Benjamin Ruiz, Acting Chief of the Perth Amboy Police Department, announced today that a former youth pastor has been arrested and charged with sexually assaulting a 12-year-old boy on numerous occasions more than a decade ago.

Jeffrey Mackintosh (DOB 8/11/1965) of Dinah Drive, Phillipsburg, was arrested at his home on July 19, 2012, at 9:15 p.m. on charges of aggravated sexual assault, sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child.

Mackintosh, who works as a computer technician, is being held at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in North Brunswick in lieu of \$150,000.00 bail. He must post the full amount before he can be released.

He was arrested during an

investigation by Investigator Gregory Morris of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office and Detective Pete Boulieris of the Perth Amboy Police Department.

The investigation began on July 5, 2012, after the 12-year-old boy, now an adult, contacted the Perth Amboy Police Department.

The investigation determined that Mackintosh, while serving as youth pastor at the Glad Tidings Assembly of God Church, repeatedly sexually assaulted the boy between January 1, 2000, and December 31, 2000.

The investigation further showed that the sex assaults occurred in a private room in the church, which at that time was located at 282 King Street in Perth Amboy. The church since has relocated in Perth Amboy, and the building on King Street was demolished years ago.

Mackintosh, who served as

youth pastor between 1993 and 2004, was responsible for church-sponsored youth activities such as sporting events and trips to shopping malls.

He was not affiliated with the church when it relocated.

He since has been a member of churches in Woodbridge and Cranford, but has not served in any official or volunteer capacities with those churches.

The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call Investigator Morris of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office at (732) 745-3600, or Detective Boulieris of the Perth Amboy Police Department at (732) 324-3868.

As is the case with all criminal defendants, the charges against Mackintosh are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

**3rd Annual
Taste of Perth Amboy**

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Tuesday, October 2, 2012

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St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church (Auditorium)

For further information call: Barbara (732-826-9466) Rozellie (973-763-4273)
Para información en español, llame a: Ana Mascanik (732-442-9363)
or email us at: friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

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.

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.

James Bond Festival

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a James Bond Film Festival at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Thursday mornings at the movies. Take refuge from hot summer days! June 28 - August 30 10:30 a.m.

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

Send Your Events to Carolyn at
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On the dates listed below, workshops will be held in the cafeteria of Perth Amboy High School at 300 Eagle Avenue.

The workshops are designed to assist you in completing your Reduced/Free Meal Applications.

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Please attend the workshop on the date scheduled for the school that your child attends. (Letter available in Spanish.)



Art Lessons

PERTH AMBOY - Have you always dreamed of becoming an artist? Well here is your chance to learn from one of Perth Amboy's greatest artists. People of all ages are welcome to join, classes for beginners to experienced artists. Come check it out at the Picture Gallery, 397 Smith St., Perth Amboy. Contact Robert Roman at Cell: 732-977-3203 or at the Shop: 732-486-8950.

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Long-Time Jiffy Lube Employees Sign Development Agreement For First Center - Partners Become Owners of Location in Woodbridge, New Jersey -

News Release

HOUSTON, TX (July 19, 2012) – Jiffy Lube® International, the company that pioneered the quick lube industry, announced today that it has signed an agreement with longtime employees and now first-time franchisees, Andre Harrison and Ramel Diaz. The partners took over the operations of the existing Jiffy Lube service center at 424 King George Highway in Woodbridge, New Jersey earlier this month. Together, they have approximately 27 years of combined experience working for the quick service leader.

Harrison and Diaz met almost 13 years ago at the Jiffy Lube Floral Park center on Long Island, New York, where they began their careers cleaning cars as courtesy technicians. As they both advanced in their careers from upper to district management, the two always had entrepreneurial plans for their future with the company.

"We are thrilled to have

opened our first location in Woodbridge, New Jersey," said Ramel Diaz. "Our shared passion and dedication for the brand has allowed Andre and myself to live out our dream of business ownership."

With a network of more than 2,000 independently owned franchises in North America, Jiffy Lube has a long history within the automotive service industry. Franchisees have an average of 13 years in the system.

"We are honored to welcome Andre Harrison and Ramel Diaz into our system," said Barry Wood, Jiffy Lube director, market optimization. "Their commitment and persistence to succeed is admirable and we are so proud of all their hard work now as business owners."

Jiffy Lube is seeking qualified franchisee candidates to join its network of service centers. To learn more about our program and requirements, visit www.franchise.jiffylube.com or call (800) 327-9532.

Raritan Bay Medical Center's Board of Directors Elects New Members

News Release

PERTH AMBOY, - July 30, 2012... Kumar Dasmahapatra, MD, of Bernardsville, NJ; Jit Renjen, of Edison, NJ; Gregory Shypula, MD, FACCS, of Avenel, NJ, and James A. Woller, Esq., of Perth Amboy, NJ, were elected to the Board of Directors of Raritan Bay Medical Center (RBMC) at the board's annual business meeting.

Longtime member of RBMC's medical staff, Dr. Dasmahapatra is the current president of the medical staff and chair of the department of surgery.

Renjen is president of Hard Rock Marble & Granite in Roselle, NJ, Ruby Imports, Hard Rock Realty and other ventures in Edison, NJ. He was a Roselle Urban Economic Development Zone board member and is vice president of the Roselle Chamber of Commerce and lifetime member of the Asian Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Another longtime member of RBMC's medical staff, Dr. Shypula is immediate past president of the medical staff and director, department of medicine, hematology and oncology. He is a clinical assistant professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ.

Woller is president of Pfaltz & Woller, P.A., in Summit, NJ. He is a member of the American, New Jersey and Middlesex, Union and Summit County Bar Associations.

The board serves many purposes, including: overseeing the purpose, plans and policies of the medical center and establishing those overall plans and policies, supervising RBMC's leadership team, ensuring that the medical center has sufficient resources and is compliant with rules and regulations. The board also advocates for the medical center to ex-

ternal stakeholders and the community at large.

In recent years RBMC has improved amenities, adding private patient rooms, a new Center for Women at its Perth Amboy location and opened new outpatient facilities as part of its patient-focused and comprehensive renewal program. RBMC launched the Human Motion Institute in 2010, a unique program offering a comprehensive continuum of musculoskeletal care and delivering high-quality patient outcomes. The medical center also added the Institute for Weight Loss at its Old Bridge location, providing a variety of surgical and medical options for successful weight loss and support services to help patients maintain a healthy lifestyle to keep the weight off.

For more information about the medical center, visit www.rbmc.org. For a free physician referral call 1-800-DOCTORS.

We are on the web!!!! www.amboyguardian.com

Free Concert

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Wednesdays presents Lipbone Redding & the Lipbone Orchestra, Wednesday, August 1 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

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.

Recovery Walks! 2012 - Transportation from Rutgers University, New Brunswick

PHILADELPHIA PA- Recovery Walks! 2012 will be on September 22. At the Great Plaza of Penn's Landing on the Delaware River waterfront in Philadelphia.

Last year over 15,000 individuals, kids, grandparents, veterans, families, strollers, and professionals walking side by side, laughing and smiling, created the largest Walk ever assembled in support of addiction recovery. We will also be joined by national and local officials, celebrities, and prominent names in the fields of addiction and recovery. Middlesex County participants will be able to board busses from Rutgers University. Additional departure points are being planned throughout New Jersey. More details and registration information coming.

Perth Amboy Family Day, August 4, 2012

*photos by Paul Wang



Playing Games on a fun filled day



Everyone enjoyed the afternoon



Grabbing a bite for Family Day



Petting the Llama



Kayaking on Family Day



A clown makes a balloon figure



Face Painting



The Friends of the Library

Jewish Renaissance Block Party August 5, 2012

*photos by Paul W. Wang



The JRF at their Block Party



Deputy Chief Benjamin Ruiz inspects the Police Motorcycles that are on display

Movie Time

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a movie "Dr. Seuss The Lorax" at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28 at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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.

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. non-stop 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.

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.

Accepting Registrations

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic School is accepting registrations.

Consider a Catholic Education for your child at Assumption Catholic School that next year will celebrate a milestone - 50 years of excellence in education!

Our school has an Open Enrollment Policy accepting applicants at any time. ACS summer office hours are from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday. We have openings for the 2012-2013 school year in grades: Pre-K (age 4), K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & 8. Visit us at www.assumptioncatholicsschool.net or call the school at 732-826-8721. Our Principal will give you a tour and answer any questions.

Pirate School

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Pirate School on Thursday, August 23 at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info on Dragons & Dreams call 732-721-6060.

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

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Annual Golden Rule Tea

SAYREVILLE/SOUTH AMBOY - The Annual Golden Rule Tea will be held on Sunday, September 16th at Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave, Sayreville/ South Amboy from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Tea will include a fashion show from the Titanic era as well as a display of Titanic memorabilia. Various teas will be served together with homemade sandwiches and desserts. Tickets are \$15. Reservations are a must. Call 732-727-1935 or the Golden Rule Preschool at 732-721-3887 for further info and reservations.

Zumba Class

PERTH AMBOY - Here is what you have been waiting for... we have started a brand new Zumba class every Monday at 7 p.m. and will be taught by one of the best Zumba instructors in our area. So, we invite you and all your friends to come work-out with us every Monday night. There is no better way to start of the week than burning some calories, losing weight and eliminating stress while having fun! Admission: \$5 per person. Address: 189 Fayette St., Perth Amboy (Entrance by the Administration building). For questions call: (732) 709-0129

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Classic Car Show to Benefit Deborah Hospital

PERTH AMBOY - The First Annual Classic Car Show to support the Heart and Lung Center at Deborah Hospital is being sponsored by the local Colonia Chapter of the Deborah Hospital Foundation on Sunday, August 26 from Noon to 6 p.m. in the streets at the corner of Washington and High Streets in Perth Amboy, NJ. Admission is free; although donations will be raised through the sale of food. There will be music all afternoon, while you stroll around and admire the cars. The show will close with an award ceremony for several classes of cars.

If any owners of classic cars are interested in registering, you may call 732-442-7923. Advance registration for the cars is \$7 and \$10 on the day of the show. All checks are to be made payable to Deborah Hospital Foundation. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help this effort, please also call. There is some room for additional vendors, and information will be supplied upon request.

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.

Ghost Walk

WOODBIDGE - The annual Woodbridge Historic Ghost-Walk presents a Haunted History tour through downtown Woodbridge that reveals the supernatural side of New Jersey's oldest municipality on Friday, Oct. 5th and Saturday, Oct. 6th. First tour starts at 6:30 p.m. Last tour takes off at 9:30 p.m. Admission is first come, first served. Walk is \$5 per person for all walkers. (children in strollers are free.) Free Cookie & Hot Chocolate for all walkers (courtesy of our sponsor QuickChek). We accept group reservations of 10 or more paid in advance; call European School of Dance at (732) 738-6022 for reservations. For A Look at Last Year's Ghost Photos visit: www.hauntedhistoryproductions.com

Music at St. Mary's, South Amboy - August 5, 2012

*photos by Aaron Beers



Critically acclaimed international recitalist Victoria Griswold makes her third recital appearance at Saint Mary's South Amboy, by performing works for the piano composed by woman composers of the past two centuries.



The crowd listens to the concert

Car Show - Flea Market, South Amboy, August 5, 2012

*photos by Aaron Beers



Truly a Classic!



A Classic Motorcycle and a Hearse



Military Vehicle



Nice hot rod!



The South Amboy Fire Dept. pose for a picture



Vendors filled the streets



A Volkswagen!



Classic Cars lined the street

The Community Voice
Continued from Page 4

ing year opened against Penn State. Rutgers lost that game 45-7 but they had an 8 and 3 season. The following year Burns took them to their first Bowl against a good Arizona State team. This was the Garden State Bowl. Rutgers could have easily won that game but came up short 34-18. The following year impressed me the most. Burns took a Rutgers Team to play Tennessee before a homecoming crowd of about 85,000 in Knoxville. Rutgers won that game 13-7 and went 8 and 3 that year. I received my 1980 football schedule from Alabama and Rutgers was on it for the last game. I got membership cards out for our Athletic Club quickly to Paul Bryant and Frank Burns. They both responded with a thank you note and agreed to speak at our club. The game was played at the Meadowlands. I still have Bear Bryant's note. It says, "Thanks for the membership card and I'll see you at the game. Hope Frank doesn't

upset me." Alabama won that game 17-13. Frank Burns spoke at my club after that game and I received a wine from Paul Bryant. It read, "I'm sorry that I can't speak at your club because I have to prepare for a Bowl Game. Say hello to Frank for me and give him my best regards." Frank Burns had a 7 and 4 record that year. He was fired in 1983 after a 3 and 8 season. His record at Rutgers in eleven years was 78-43-1. He did all this with no equipment or tools to work with. Frank Burns was the greatest football coach that Rutgers ever had and they gave him the short end of the stick. He is upstairs now and has the tools and equipment he needs. He is with all the famous coaches up there and they have a beautiful home overlooking a huge and spacious stadium. God Bless you, Frank and I'll never forget you.

Thomas Francis Clark
Metuchen

One Vote for "Yes"

Hi, my name is Tammy Gunnell. I read your article in the P.A. Guardian. I vote YES on The America On Wheels rebuilding idea! My fiancé, Daniel Velez (raised in Perth Amboy) showed me the story and I voted YES right away! Currently my friends and I currently

skate in South Amboy, but seek a bigger and better rink with great music from 70's, 80's +90's would be great!

Thanks for reading my message! I think this new rink would be a great and positive addition to the community of Perth Amboy, Thanks again.

Tammy Gunnell
Keansburg

MoPA Misconceptions

The Board of M.o.P.A. (Museums of Perth Amboy) is concerned about misconceptions created by an individual at the last Perth Amboy City Council meeting. Our mission is to co-ordinate events among the various museums of the City, aid in the development of joint programs, help obtain grants and provide publicity for co-ordinated events.

We do not exist as a ruling entity nor shall we ever. Each of the museums maintains their own autonomy, has their own By-laws, etc. We have no desire nor any ability to "take over" any museum or their funding.

I cannot imagine anyone attacking our motives unless, of course, they are running for office and are desperately seeking attention. I am greatly disturbed that this individual attacked Councilman Balut who has been a true supporter of the history community. In every case the man's facts were incorrect and the Councilman was factual.

I am not using this individual's name intentionally as it would be wrong to give him the publicity that he so callously seeks. Please continue your support for M.o.P.A. and join us for our many worthwhile programs.

Thank you,
Kathleen Manning-DePow
MoPA President

The Fisherman's Corner



Catch of the Week!

By: Eddy Gonzalez
PERTH AMBOY - Tough fishing this week with water temps still high the larger fish seek deeper cooler water. For example, Bob Woods of the Marry Ann limited out in no time off of Coney Island in 80 feet of water as well as with Frank Cabonilas bringing in a beautiful 6lb 1oz fluke and Jerry Kubu with a 5lb 9oz in the deep cool waters along the Verrazano .

So guys 60 to 80 feet of water is where they are.

Surf fishing has been productive with snappers, cocktails, porgy, spots, kingfish and with a occasional fluke been keeping the boys on the beach and piers entertained. Sandworms, spearing, zappers and poppers cut spot all have been working nicely. Before you know it, there will be a chill in the air and the leaves will turn and the big boys will return fall



fishing. Perth Amboy is great but I must say it takes a certain kind of individual in the later months to go out and bring in a 30+ pounder when the wind is blowing its 30 plus the wind chill and it's just you and your pole. Everything inside you is telling you to go home to a warm bed but no, just a little longer. That little longer is what brings home the fish and what separates the fair weather fisherman from the hardcore fisherman. Every year I have a tournament. It's called "only for the hardcore." In November stay tuned for dates so once again don't forget to come by American Pride Bait and Tackle before your next fishing trip. Open 7 days just for you!



BRONX ZOO - The Perth Amboy Senior Citizens ran a trip to the Bronx Zoo. *photo by Bob Ned

KEEP THOSE LETTERS COMING



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Amboy Spotlight: Fu Lin Chinese Restaurant Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary

PERTH AMBOY - Fu Lin Chinese Restaurant is located at 79 Smith Street in Perth Amboy. They are celebrating their 10th anniversary in Perth Amboy. Su Miao, the daughter of the family who owns Fu Lin, discusses the success of the restaurant.

AG: Congratulations in your 10th Anniversary in the Perth Amboy Location, but did the restaurant originate in Perth Amboy or did you start somewhere else? If so, where?

FL: Our family owned Chinese buffets in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, New York was the most recent location prior to Perth Amboy.

AG: What does Fu Lin mean in English and why did you choose that name?

FL: Fu in Chinese means Good Fortune and Lin means to arrive and/or land. So it embodied my family's desire to sink our roots into Amboy and meet good fortune.

AG: Who originated the family business? Do you come from a long line of restaurateurs or does the family have other business interests, if so, what are they?

FL: Our family originated from Fujian Province, China, which boasts a long history of entrepreneurship throughout history. Many Chinese descendants from Latin America, Europe, South East Asia and even Africa are from Fujian roots. Restaurant business is a popular "entry level" because it does not demand educational expertise but do require due diligence and long hard hours, but those who don't mind the sweat and effort will usually find a comfortable living through their hard work. And those who know our family throughout the years know that we work HARD.

AG: What made you decide to open up a restaurant and why Perth Amboy?

FL: A family friend owns some investment properties in NJ and my father was invited to scope them out for possible business locations and he was instantly attracted to the gorgeous waterfront. It was also a good size with a healthy number of competition, then Perth Amboy had 14 Chinese restaurants and the number has grown since. But my father did not worry, he believes in providing the best and the customers will come.

AG: How many employees do you have and are they all family?

FL: The whole family works in the restaurant and my baby brother practically grew up in the restaurant. I also clock in my fair share of hours. But I think it helped me build char-

acter and a great work habit. Since graduating from Boston College, I have been working in media advertising in firms across Morristown, New York, and now Shanghai, China. But I always make sure I come home during my breaks to do some more "character building".

AG: What differentiates you from other Chinese restaurants?

FL: The belief in providing nothing but the best. It is evident from decor, food, and service that we spare none to make sure our customers are satisfied. We are the first and still only Chinese restaurant in town with a full dining area complete with chandeliers and cherry wood furniture. We are the first Chinese restaurant to pack our take outs in microwavable and reusable containers so if our customers want to take their food home, it can be convenient heat up in an instant. And we might not be the first in this arena but we are set to keep it that way, our produce comes everyday of the week besides Sunday (food companies close on Sundays) to insure our food is the freshest. And we always cook to order and Nothing is pre-made to guarantee freshness. Last but not least, all the sauces are made according to my father's recipes he accumulated over 30 years in the business.

AG: My favorite item on the menu is your mother's special honeysuckle tea which she only allows you to drink in house - not take out. Why is that?

FL: It is not fresh taken out.

AG: What is the most popular menu item?

FL: General Tso's Chicken

and Shrimp Lo Mein are our most ordered item. The General Tso's is succulent pieces of boneless chicken battered and deep fried once and then again for crispness. Then the crunchy fried pieces goes into the wok with a generous dose of our house special garlic sauce for only few seconds before serving to avoid compromising the crispiness. It is usually serve over a bed of steam broccoli accompany by white rice. But the most popular and economic way it's sold is in a combination platter with pork fried rice and an egg roll.

The shrimp Lo Mein is my favorite because it's delicious and very healthy too. Fresh vegetables sauteed accompanied with a generous portion of shrimps and stir fried with egg noodles. It is a great balance of vegetable, good protein, and carbs that leaves me satisfy but not too groggy after a meal.

AG: Do you have any other locations besides in Perth Amboy? Any plans for expansion in Perth Amboy or in other locations outside of Perth Amboy?

FL: We thought about it but didn't want to pursue it because it would mean separating the family as Fu Lin is a strictly family-run business. And also we think that if we spread ourselves too thin, we would compromise our quality and we definitely would not risk that. Therefore, there's no expansion plans in the immediate business.

AG: What do you find the easiest and the most difficult part of being in the restaurant business?

FL: The most difficult part is the hours, hours, and long



Fu Lin Chinese Restaurant *photo by Paul W. Wang



Interior of Fu Lin *photo submitted by Su Miao

hours. Our restaurant is open 12 hours a day and seven days a week. We have only had two Whole family trips in the past decade, one for my uncle's wedding, and one for my college graduation. But knowing that we are doing good business and serving great food does make it worthwhile. The easiest part? It's nice to have the family together.

AG: Do you plan on adding any new items that may be unusual that you do not expect to find at a Chinese Restaurant?

FL: We don't know, yet. That's why I am in the process of creating a new website and also a Facebook page. We want our clients to tell us what we can do better. There are already a

dozen posts online and we are rank #1 on Google and Yahoo for Chinese food in Amboy. The new website will offer a more interactive platform for us to hear from our customers and become better in serving their needs. So please keep your eyes and mouse ready to browse our new website launching this month.

AG: What do you attribute to your success?

FL: We cook food the way we like to eat. Fresh, clean, delicious. In an environment that we want to eat in, clean and inviting. And with service that makes us feel at home, family-oriented and friendly. So far, I think we have been living up to our standards but we are always looking to exceed them.

Tax Facts

Supreme Court Upholds Health Care Law

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka

In a landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court generally upheld the constitutionality of the controversial 2010 health care law. In addition to preserving mandates for health insurance coverage, certain tax provisions will take effect as scheduled in 2013, barring any subsequent legislation. Here's a summary of the main tax changes for 2013.

Medicare surtaxes: The health care law includes the following two Medicare surtaxes that could affect individual taxpayers:

- A 3.8% surtax on the lesser of annual net investment income or the amount by which modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) exceeds \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples). "Net investment income" includes interest, dividends, royalties, rents, gains from dispositions of property and income from passive activities, but not tax-free interest or distributions from qualified retirement plans and IRAs.

- A 0.9% surtax on earned income (e.g., wages) exceeding \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married couples).

Flexible spending accounts: Currently, there's a \$5,000 limit on pre-tax contributions to a flexible spending account (FSA) used for dependent care expenses, but there's no such limit on health care FSAs. The law caps health care FSA contributions at \$2,500 starting in 2013.

Medical deductions: For 2012, you may deduct unreimbursed medical expenses in excess of 7.5% of your adjusted gross income (AGI). The law raises this AGI floor in 2013 to 10% for taxpayers under age 65. Other tax-related provisions

in the law were also upheld by the Supreme Court. For instance, an individual will generally have to obtain "minimum essential health insurance coverage" or pay a nondeductible penalty, beginning in 2014. Another provision, which took effect in 2010, allows a qualified small business to claim a tax credit for part or all of the cost of providing health insurance.

This remains a complex area of the tax law. Contact us regarding your personal circumstances and the effect the Supreme Court ruling could have on your taxes.

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)

Free Concert

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Wednesdays presents Delta Rae, Wednesday, August 8 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Art Reception for Tom Ward

PERTH AMBOY - On Thurs., Aug. 16th there will be an Art Reception for oil painting artist Tom Ward at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company. Come and see his lovely exhibit "Romance in the City". Ask Tom questions and learn about his long history of producing art. Free event and free parking. To be followed by our third Thursday open mic - all welcome. 6:30 pm. Raritan Bay Coffee is located at 233 Smith St. at the Historic Train Station.

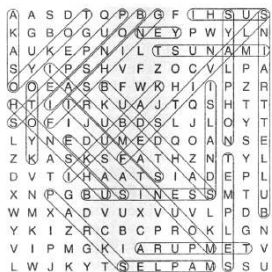
HG Hoffman High School Reunion

SOUTH AMBOY - The 14th annual HG Hoffman High School Alumni Reunion will be held on Sunday, September 9, 2012 At the Atlantic Standard Restaurant at 3602 Route 35 No.- corner of Catherine Street- in South Amboy (formerly Fiamma's.) The price is \$50 per person. Please send checks payable to Susan Mattsson, 241 Cindy Street, Old Bridge NJ 08857. All alumni and friends of HHS are welcome at the multi-year reunion, regardless of your years of attendance or graduation. Susan may be contacted at Smatts4@aol.com for further information.

Build-Your Robot

SOUTH AMBOY - Hey Kids ! There will be a Build-Your Robot contest at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Teams must sign up with a group of 4 people. Give your robot a Name and Identity. The Best Robot will win a prize! You must sign up in groups. Contest runs August 1st to 27th. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Circa 1940's Maidenform Bra Company located on New Brunswick Avenue. This photo was taken around the Christmas Season.

*Photo courtesy of Perth Amboy Free Public Library

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

MON., Aug. 13 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES., Aug. 14 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 • Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. Aug. 15 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., Aug 16 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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Prayer To The Blessed Virgin

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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.**

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

Raritan Bay Cruisers

WOODBIDGE - 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)

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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.

Free Concert

PERTH AMBOY - On Tues., Aug. 21th - Free performance by new singer/songwriter/guitarist Dean Harlem of San Francisco at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company Come enjoy blues, country, bluegrass and ballads. Free - all welcome. 6:30 pm. Raritan Bay Coffee is located at 233 Smith St. at the Historic Train Station.

Breakfast with Film Crew

PERTH AMBOY - Wed., Aug. 15th, Are you busy for breakfast? The film crew of "Little Girl Blue", including film star Oydea Rush, will be having breakfast at Raritan Bay Coffee and then working along the Perth Amboy Waterfront! Time TBD. Like Raritan Bay Coffee on Facebook to receive updates on this exciting Touch of Hollywood in our town! (See Odeya in "The Odd Life Of Timothy Green" released in theaters this August 15th and watch for local ads for extras, aged 14-17 years old in local media!) Raritan Bay Coffee is located at 233 Smith St. at the Historic Train Station.

Garden Club By The Bay

Photo Contest

PERTH AMBOY - We will be having a photo contest with three categories: Public Gardens of Perth Amboy, Private Gardens of Perth Amboy, Out of the box (Get creative with a garden image!). There will be prizes awarded and the winners will be on the cover of our 2013 calendar. The Garden Club will be selling the calendars for a fundraiser. ANY Perth Amboy resident can enter, including our members that live in Perth Amboy. *All images must be taken in Perth Amboy. RULES: Anyone can enter, including our club members. All images must be taken in Perth Amboy. Deadline will be September 15th. You may submit up to three images. One per category. Images may be emailed to royalgc@yahoo.com. Please include your name, address and telephone number with each submission. If you have any questions please email me, Noelle Zaleski at royalgc@yahoo.com. Get out and get creative gardeners and photographers!!!

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