

ATTENTION  
TAX, BUDGET & DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION  
A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Once again, I am providing you with an update on the City’s financial condition. While the goal for this budget was to stabilize municipal taxes, we were in fact able to slightly reduce the municipal tax rate, by cutting the cost of governmental services. We’ve reduced the budget for the second year in a row, and for the first time in 14 years we’ve reduced the property tax levy.

These past four years have enabled the City to recover from fiscal collapse, even with the threat of bankruptcy with \$250 million in debt. As a result of positive changes and fiscal responsibility, Perth Amboy has progressed. Listed below are the 2012 budgetary and public improvement highlights.

2012 BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

- Vopak, Viridian Partners and Buckeye Partners, three major corporations, welcomed to Perth Amboy with an investment totaling over \$600 million.
- By the end of this year, the overall inherited debt of \$250 million will be reduced by \$54 million.
- Since 2010, the budget has been reduced by \$4.4 million.
- Standard & Poor’s, a financial services rating agency, gave a positive outlook to the City’s credit rating, resulting in lower interest and bond rates.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Waterfront Community Center-** completed and constructed with insurance funds and a CDBG grant
- **Tennis Court Restoration-** a \$400,000 project funded by the Middlesex County Open Space/Recreation Trust.
- **Waterfront 2010 Storm Damage-** project funded by a \$1.7 million Coastal Protection Grant and \$1.1 million FEMA for bulkhead replacement and repairs to the waterfront walkway.
- **Perth Amboy Train Station-** preliminary design completed by NJ Transit for an ADA compliant train station and facility enhancements, including new elevator shaft, stairway, stairwell and elevator landing, will lead to the new high-level island platform and canopy that service Eastbound and Westbound trains.
- **Capital Improvement Program-** established to better serve residents by replacing outdated and overused City equipment, such as for pothole repairs, garbage collection and other facility improvements.
- **Street Paving Project-** \$1 million in road reconstructions and resurfacing, about one-third funded by grants.
- **Jefferson Street Parking Deck Improvements-** to be completed in November, estimating a total of \$1.25 million.
- **Ambassadors Program-** established in the Business District to maintain the central business area and assist visitors and shoppers.
- **Perth Amboy Public Library-** repairs including a new roof, replacement of all windows, barrier-free access, restrooms, and general interior improvements. The contract was just awarded.
- **Wayfinding Signage Project-** installation of over 100 directional, parking and historical markers throughout Perth Amboy.

It is through the efforts of every single resident in Perth Amboy that we have been able to accomplish these highlights. I want to thank you for your cooperation during these difficult economic times. The commitment of my administration has been to build a secure foundation for the City of Perth Amboy.





Maria Vareal, Sharon Hubberman & young supporters

Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Tricky Tray at Blessed John Paul II Parish, 500 State Street, Perth Amboy on Sunday, October 7. Doors Open Noon Drawings Starts 2 p.m. Polish and American Food Sold. Entrance at Rear of School. No one Under 18 Admitted. Prizes - 42" TV, Luggage Set, Nintendo 3DS, Over 300 More Prizes! Donation \$8, For Tickets, Call Carol at 732-826-5362. License RL-2998

Chocolate Tasting Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - Sample delicious chocolate treats and help the South Amboy library purchase new computers. On Sunday, October 21 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the South Amboy Y, the Dowdell Library Foundation will host a Chocolate Tasting and Silent Auction. Advance tickets that include admission plus four tastes are on sale now at the Dowdell Library for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Tickets will also available at the door for \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind chocolate tasting experience and support the Library.

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.assumptioncatholic-school.net](http://www.assumptioncatholic-school.net) or call the school at 732-826-8721. Our Principal will give you a tour and answer any questions.

Autumn Grillen for Sharon Hubberman - 9/29/12

\*Photos by Joe Bayona



Gracious hosts Victor and Esther Ortega



Supporters enjoying the gathering

Local Women Support Billy Delgado - 9/27/12

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Billy Delgado Speaks at City Hall Circle with his wife, Marilyn mother, Rita & daughter, Ariana looking on



Leslie Dominguez pins an ovarian cancer ribbon on Billy Delgado

Rally for Billy Delgado - Seabra's Armory , Perth Amboy - 9/27/12

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Katherine Massopust



Ana Mascenik, Billy Delgado & Jose Santos



Billy Delgado's daughter sings



Getting into the Groove



Comedian Ron Snipes offers some political humor



The candidates and their families



The crowd applauds



**Bob McCoy Rally - Perth Amboy - 9/30/12**

*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Carolyn Maxwell*



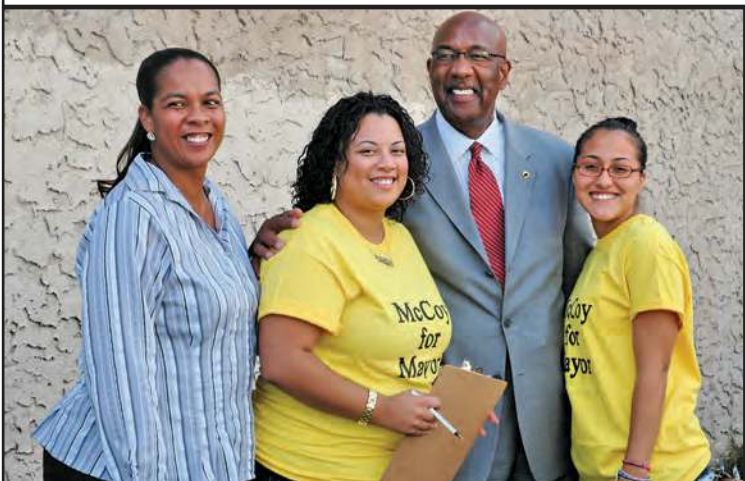
Bob McCoy speaks to a supporter



Unveiling new plans for an entertainment center



McCoy Supporters man call voters to support Obama



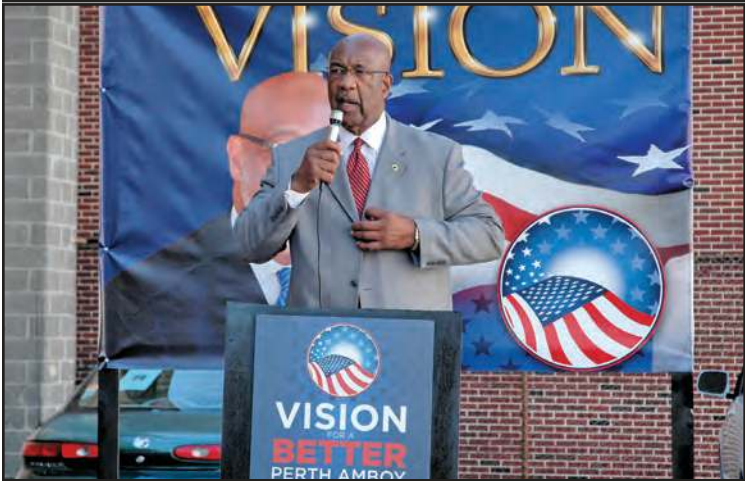
Smiles of Confidence



Supporters listen to Bob McCoy



Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez speaks to the crowd



Bob McCoy speaks



Charlie Anderson & Bob McCoy

## 210<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The First Presbyterian Church

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a 210<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the first Presbyterian Church on Market Square, 45 Market St. Perth Amboy. Oct 21, the church service is at 10 a.m. followed by a brunch at 11:30 a.m. For more info call the church office at 732-826-2132.

## Animal Shelter Temporarily Closed

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY - The shelter was notified that one of the sheltered dogs that had been taken to an Animal Hospital had contracted Parvovirus. Parvo, or CPV as it is more commonly known, is a highly contagious viral disease that is one of the most common causes of diarrhea in dogs and is now one of the most common serious dog disease problems encountered in animal shelters.

Dr. Faith Perrin, the shelter's

veterinarian, has instructed that the shelter be closed for two weeks so that animal control personnel can clean and disinfect the shelter property. The doctor will also start a vaccination protocol for the other dogs at the shelter starting next week.

The shelter will remain closed and no animals will be accepted until the cleaning process is completed. It is important to note that this virus is only harmful to dogs and not humans.



## Halloween Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Halloween Bingo at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy at 3:30 p.m. All ages welcome. For more info call 732-721-6060.

**Raritan Bay  
Paddlers Club**  
PERTH AMBOY - MON. OCT. 15th at 6:30 pm: Raritan Bay Paddlers Club meeting at Raritan Bay Coffee, 233 Smith St., inside the Perth Amboy train station. We had a good first year! Come and learn about our kayaking activities, hear our future plans and join the club. All welcome Visit [www.raritanbaypaddlingclub.org](http://www.raritanbaypaddlingclub.org). Free event and free parking.

## Historic Perth Amboy Calendars For Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library and The Kearny Cottage Historical Society have teamed up to create Historical Calendars with never before seen photos of Historic Perth Amboy. Calendars are \$10 each and are available now at The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Taste of Perth Amboy and at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front Street, Perth Amboy and at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company at the Historic Train Station. For more info call 732-293-1090.

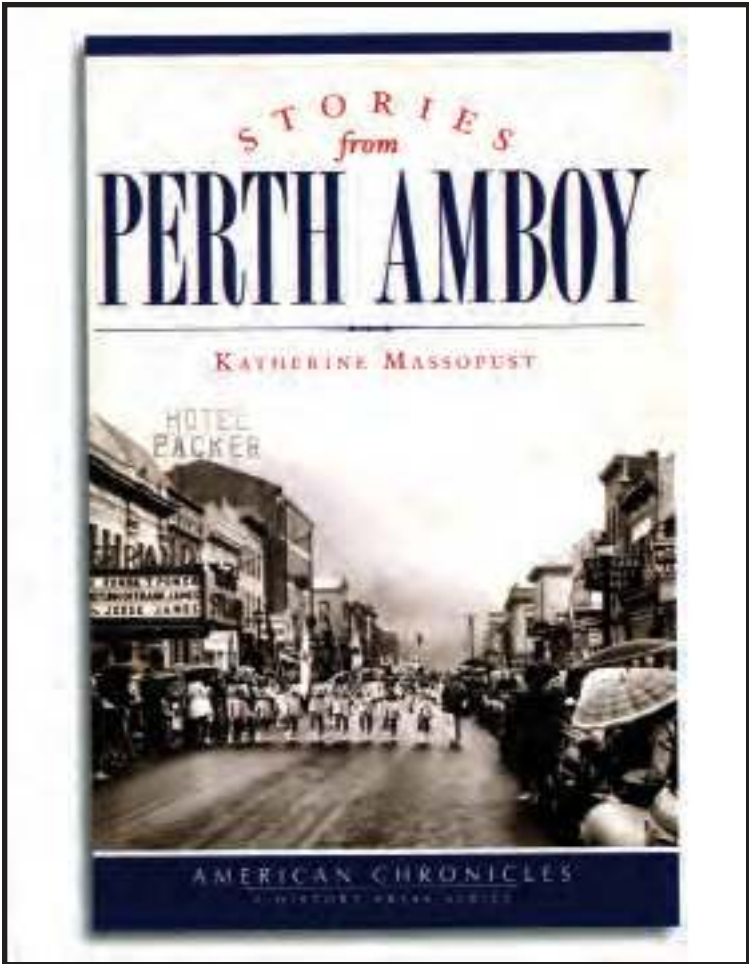
## Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally

SOUTH AMBOY- There will be a Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 13th from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Location: The Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. (between South Pine Ave. & Stevens Ave. South Amboy) All are invited to attend the rally. It is part of a nationwide rally to Our Lady of Fatima by the Faith Sharing Group and friends of St. Mary's R.C. Church in South Amboy. In this time of trouble in our land we need more prayer. For more info call 732-588-5272.

## Royal Garden Club by the Bay Monthly Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Royal Garden Club by the Bay monthly meeting: Wed. Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Peter's Rectory, 188 Rector St., Perth Amboy. Learn about our activities and how to participate. We welcome new members. This month, there will be a slide show on the Floriade, which is the 2012 World Horticultural Expo, Venlo - The Netherlands. It is the largest flower show in the world held once every ten years and ends Oct. 7. Photos by Nona Henderson, who attended in April 2012.





**PINK RIBBON JOURNEY**

On my journey I found the most peaceful place where women come to heal and just be themselves while living with or recovering from cancer. Once you have been touched with cancer your life changes. Many women continue to work, take care of their families and their responsibilities while going through treatment without a chance to take time for themselves.

Mary's Place By The Sea in Ocean Grove, New Jersey is a wonderful respite home where you can be yourself, remove your wig, laugh, cry or just be still while your surrounding make it possible to heal your inner self. Tranquil rooms and settings rejuvenate ones inner person. This beautiful Victorian home is filled with everything you need to relax and heal. There are oncological massages, reiki sessions, nutritional counseling, friendly faces and warm hearts, plus much more to make your stay special. Whether you're walking on the boardwalk, beach, around the lake or the neighborhood the quiet setting is relaxing.

Owners Michele and Maria had a vision and with the help of a staff of volunteers and the funds they raised, they offer this service free to all their guests. This non-profit organization can ensure that our mothers, sisters, friends and coworkers have a place to heal and regain their self-esteem.

This October in lieu of a "walk for the cure" I would like to raise money for Mary's Place By The Sea where you can see how the magic of healing can help your loved one regain a new aspect on life.

Please HELP me by making the next woman feel as special as I did at this wonderful place

"A Home away from Home"

Sincerely,  
Junel Hutchinson  
Director of Admissions  
Aristatara @Alameda  
303 Elm St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08862  
732-442-3540 ext 7280

Please make checks payable to:  
*Mary's Place*

For more info on Mary's Place: [info@marysplacebythesea.org](mailto:info@marysplacebythesea.org)

## Sayreville Police Swear in Two New Officers

Press Release  
SAYREVILLE - On 9/24/2012 Sayreville swore in two new officers. They are Matthew Atlak and Walter Arway, whom both previously served as police officers in Old Bridge, which laid off 10 officers earlier this year due to budget issues.

"Unfortunately, there were economic issues [in Old Bridge] that meant these officers could no longer stay in Old Bridge," Police Chief John Zebrowski said. "Their chief was very adamant about how great they were and about how reluctant he was to lose them, but it becomes our good fortune." Zebrowski said that hiring police officers with some experience is advantageous for Sayreville.

"They had been police officers for almost six years before they came to us," Zebrowski said. "Today, you're seeing officers with experience, hard work and effort already in place."

Zebrowski also praised the officers for their enthusiasm and eagerness to get to work. "They came to us open-eyed...ready to go, prepared, and ready to do the job," Zebrowski said. "You're seeing two officers who did not come from the ranks of the academy, but coming from the ranks of those who were doing the job for a long time." The two officers take the place of officers who retired in 2011. The police force has 87 officers, down from 93 a few years ago, he said.

Ads Sell  
Call Carolyn  
732-896-4446

PERTH AMBOY - "Stories From Perth Amboy" Available at Raritan Bay Coffee Company at the Historic Train Station, M-F, 6 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Also available at the Barge Restaurant 201 Front St. Perth Amboy. Mon.-Thu. 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fri. 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sat. 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sun. 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. - \$20

## Fatal Motorcycle Accident

Press Release  
SAYREVILLE - A Sayreville man was killed and a South River woman critically injured early today when the motorcycle they were riding struck a curb on Route 9, sending the couple skidding off the vehicle, police said.

Nicholas Karcich, 26, was pronounced dead at the scene of the 12:31 a.m. crash.

Karcich was driving south on Route 9 when he lost control of the motorcycle about 500 feet north of Bordentown Avenue. The 2012 blue Harley Davidson skidded about 225 down the highway, and Karcich and his passenger, Angela Bongiovi, 28, of South River, slid 175 feet.

Both victims were wearing helmets, but they were not state Department of Transportation-approved headgear.

Bongiovi was taken to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick where she was admitted for treatment. Her current medical condition is unknown at this time

The cause of the crash is still under investigation. Police ask anybody with information about the accident to call traffic safety officers at (732) 525-5431.

## Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays 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.

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PERTH AMBOY - Katherine Massopust had a book signing at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy on Sunday, September 23, 2012. There was discussion on Perth Amboy History.

## Cathedral International, the Historic Second Baptist Church Celebrates 108 Years of Ministry

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY- "108 years of reputable ministry in the community of Perth Amboy is a milestone worth celebrating," said Bishop Donald Hilliard, II, senior pastor at Cathedral International, the historic Second Baptist Church. This year marks 108 years since a group of 35 African Americans started church services in the basement of the predominately white congregation at First Baptist Church in Perth Amboy. This founding group was forced to establish a separate church in a different location. Today that church is Cathedral International, formally the historic Second Baptist Church. Over its 108 - year history, 13 pastors have navigated the course of this progressive body of Christian believers. In 1901, members moved to their first mission at 315 Front Street; 1904, they purchased a building on Gordon Street and officially dedicated it as the Second Baptist Church which marked the beginning of the 108 year existence; 1957, they purchased a red-brick church at 101 Broad St; 1990, the former Majestic Theater was purchased, renovated and in 1992 services began (277 Madison Avenue) where Cathedral International is located today. When Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., became the pastor, October 1983, the church had

a membership of 125. Under his visionary leadership, unprecedented growth occurred and today it is a 5,000-member, multigenerational, multicultural church serving the communities of Perth Amboy, Asbury Park and Plainfield. American Baptist Churches, USA, a mainline Baptist Christian denomination, designated Cathedral International as a model for church growth.

"Serving the needs of the congregation and the community was the focus of this great church in its inception," said Bishop Hilliard. "And today in the throes of this economic downturn, with the help of Almighty God, we forge forward, to continue that same focus of serving people."

A festive celebration which includes multi-generations of members will take place at both 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Sunday worship services, October 7, 2012, at 277 Madison Avenue. Everyone is invited to the 108 year church anniversary celebration.

Additional information about the anniversary is available by calling (732)826-5293. Cathedral's website provides details of the 108 year journey, its mission, ministries and its current vision. Follow this link to Cathedral International's website: [www.cathedralinternational.org](http://www.cathedralinternational.org)