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## Perth Amboy Board of Education Debates Sandy Make-Up Dates

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

**PERTH AMBOY** - The Perth Amboy Board of Education made an attempt to approve an alternate school schedule as the city continues to recover from Hurricane Sandy. Schools were closed for a week after the city was hit with one of the worst storms in history, causing the Board to find alternative days to reschedule classes. Superintendent Janine Caffrey originally recommended six dates: January 21 (Martin Luther King Day), February 18 (Presidents' Day), March 28 (change from half day to full day), March 29 (Good Friday, half day), June 27 and June 28.

Donna Chiera praised Superintendent Caffrey's work during the storm and was happy that she made the dates available for teachers so quickly. However, she did suggest that the board take the selection a date further to prepare for an unpredictable winter.

"We have three days to make up. We have five days for spring break and we also have Memorial Day," Chiera said. "When you consider this, I suggest you put in Memorial Day and spring break but prioritize it so people have a sense of where we are going with this. This was an unusual



**The Board of Education had its first post election day meeting** \*Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

event and we don't know what winter is going to bring. I'm concerned that if we get hit we will be playing the guessing game."

Linda Nagy, a teacher from Richardson School, was concerned about the idea of having school on Good Friday. Although it was only scheduled as a half-day, she noted that 75-80 percent of the district is Roman Catholic and it should be considered a solemn day.

"One of those days is Good Friday. It's the most solemn day of the Roman Catholic calendar and I just ask you to reconsider it," Nagy said. "To me, even if you did Memorial Day or the Friday from the end of spring break that would be good, I just have an issue with Good Friday and I know many

students have the same denomination as me."

When the discussion was brought to the Board, the priority was to find a replacement day for Good Friday. Milady Tejada and Diane Roman brought the date up to debate, and suggested that something be done to honor the religious holiday.

"I recommend that this Board look at an alternative date for Good Friday. I think we should respect the wishes of the community," Roman said. "I've talked to the Superintendent and I believe we should eliminate that day and observe it."

Dr. Caffrey made the suggestion to replace Good Friday with Memorial Day on May 27 to work with the teachers

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## South Amboy Mayor, City Council on Hot Seat Following Hurricane Sandy



**Mayor Fred Henry and Council President Joe Connors**

*\*Photo by Jennifer Lilonsky*

By: Jennifer Lilonsky

**SOUTH AMBOY** - Disappointed and troubled residents want to know where Mayor Fred Henry and City Council members were after Hurricane Sandy wreaked havoc on South Amboy but received little explanation at the special council meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

The only council member that residents actually saw while coping with the aftermath of the storm was Councilwoman Christine Noble who most thanked at some point during the meeting.

But for residents like Nancy McLaughlin, and many others in attendance who only saw one City Council member while South Amboy was with-

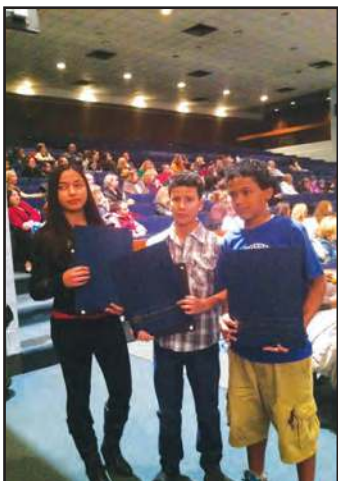
out power and some residents without homes, the response was unacceptable.

"I'd like to commend the police, the fire department and the first aid. They did a marvelous job during this disaster," McLaughlin said to the council. "But where were you guys?"

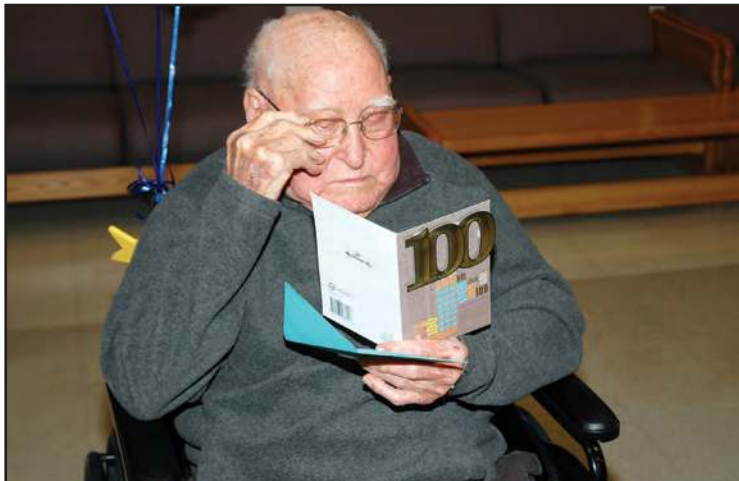
Councilman Michael Gross jumped in to respond before the Council President and said that he was working with the county as a member of the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management before and after the storm.

And when McLaughlin asked whether his priority is the county or South Amboy,

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**PERTH AMBOY** - 3 students were honored at Perth Amboy BOE Meeting for saving a toddler \*Photo by J. Kuchie



**BOONTON** - Arthur Brown celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday, November 18, 2012. He is an Ex-Chief of the Perth Amboy Fire Dept. and former Head Custodian at PAHS. He received a Resolution from the City of Perth Amboy, Senate & Assembly, the NJ State Fireman's Association and the NJ State Exempt Fire Association.



**SAYREVILLE** - South Carolina 8th Grade Students from Greenville Middle Academy, Greenville, South Carolina distribute supplies to hurricane victims to the Sayreville Storm Relief Donation Center. This was suggested by Steve Sulligan, President of Blue Ridge Tours, the company conducting the student trip. Sulligan is a retired South Carolina State Trooper and a former resident of Sayreville. \*Photo by Aaron Beers



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**Board of Ed**

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wishes and preserve spring break. She noted that she would prioritize that day so it could be put back as a holiday if the district didn't need to use it.

"In talking and hearing Ms. Nagy's comments, It seems to me that May 27, Memorial Day, would be an alternative so we preserve spring break," Caffrey said. "By putting five days on the calendar we are preserving two snow days. If we don't need the snow days we can put May 27 date we

put back into the calendar for a holiday."

However, the Board attorney warned Dr. Caffrey that there may be legal litigation that would prevent the district from having school on a Memorial Day, so she would have to look into it before officially passing the new dates. The Board tentatively approved the change, but it will be up to further discussion once the legal changes are made.

Student representative Jonathan Parris also sat with the board to discuss the recently cancelled Spirit Week. Although the hurricane forced the high school to close, the

student body has changed the dates of Spirit Week and announced the dates for Homecoming 2012.

"Spirit Week was postponed because of Hurricane Sandy, but we have come up with three dates next week to replace it," Parris said. "Monday will be 'Amboy Pride', Tuesday will be 'the blackout', and Wednesday will be 'college / sports t-shirt or jersey day'. Homecoming will be held on November 20th and the Homecoming football game will be on Thanksgiving."

For more information on the school district, visit paps.net.

**South Amboy**

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**Ken Feeley addresses the Council**

Gross said that his obligation was to everyone and claimed to be working 'around-the-clock' for both the county and the city.

Mayor Henry said that McLaughlin's question was unfair.

"Nancy, do you really think we weren't doing anything? Come on," Henry said. "If anybody was around here they would know that I was up at the first aid building everyday and at the senior center almost everyday."

No other council members commented on where they were and what they were doing after the storm.

But resident Barbara Pasternak was more concerned with the lack of communication following the storm after she looked at the city's website only to find notices about the Halloween parade being canceled and the senior citizen party suspended.

"We were essentially stranded," Pasternak said. "I think there was a big lack of communication on the part of the government here. Not just where you were but you didn't say anything. You left people hanging and this is what happens."

Connors agreed with her assessment while the mayor blamed the problem on not being able to get in contact with the person who maintains the city's website and claiming his computer crashed.



**Mary Bouchard addresses the Council**

The mayor also blamed the storm.

"This is a once in 500 year storm. We know that there was a problem. I admitted that there was a problem with those things," Henry said. "There are definitely things we need to look at."

But the city council has not had a meeting since the storm hit the city to discuss what went wrong and how they were going to improve, according to Connors.

Resident and first responder Tom Kross is alarmed that there is only one generator for the whole city.

"I spent many hours in the firehouse that had no electricity, no generator, we were having heat from a stove," Kross said. "In this day in age when you have first responders that are working out of prehistoric times there is absolutely no need for it."

Connors did not let Kross finish the rest of his statement and cut him off mid-sentence because the timer rang.

The audience immediately responded to Connors' behavior with disdain, gasping in shock.

Kross's father later addressed the council regarding this issue suggesting that time limits for residents to speak be waived in situations like these.

"These people have concerns. Legitimate concerns and they can't speak their mind,"

Kross said. "Think about that please."

And to make matters even worse, Connors tried to adjourn the meeting about 30 minutes into it while residents clearly had their hands raised throughout the room waiting to address the council. Connors tried three times to close the meeting, each time raising his voice over the sounds from the audience who were in disbelief.

It was only after the emotional response from residents that Connors kept the meeting open, letting people finish their statements.

"They want to be here. Let's go," Connors said.

Resident Ken Feeley expressed strong feelings about what happened during and after the storm and received applause from the audience after saying that he did not see First Ward Councilman Donald Applegate for nine days following the storm.

Feeley went on to criticize the behavior of the city government, excluding Councilwoman Noble.

"What I just saw, especially from you Mr. Connors, raising your voice over these people," Feeley said. "Go home tonight and I'm serious. I want you all to really think about that because the only people we were able to rely on were the police department, our fire department and our EMS."





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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Pleasant Surprise  
Much More than We Expected



Katherine Massopust, Francis McGinley and Carolyn Maxwell  
\*Photo by Paul W. Wang

It was supposed to be just a book signing by artist and author Francis McGinley. McGinley wrote a book entitled, “Let Us Never Forget: Stories and Paintings of WW II.” Each painting in the book had a story connected to it. McGinley beguiled those present with his childhood memories during the Great Depression and World War II. As a student at St. Paul’s Catholic School he had to borrow crayons in order to draw a picture to enter in a nationwide art competition. He stated that all three of the contestants from St. Paul’s won the top three prizes out of 15,000 entries. Cardinal Spellman personally came to their graduation ceremony to tell them that they won. Unfortunately to this day no one knows which St. Paul’s student placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. Someone in the audience asked McGinley, “Was there prize money attached to winning?” He answered with surprise, “This was grade school and during the Depression.” He spoke of stories about the Holocaust and also of the famous Tuskegee Airmen, the first black military airmen. McGinley mentioned the movie “Red Tails” and said it missed the mark. McGinley talked fondly of one particular Tuskegee member by the name of George Watson Sr. who is now 91 years old. Watson told McGin-

ley of his many experiences during the war which were not mentioned in the movie “Red Tails.” Watson also said at the next social gathering he wants to do a special dance with Mrs. McGinley. During the question and answer period McGinley asked those in attendance if any of them remembered the bombing of Pearl Harbor. When one woman raised her hand and said when she was born, he responded, “Oh, you were just a baby.” He wanted to know who remembered what they were doing when they heard about the attack on Pearl Harbor. McGinley said he was home doing his homework. His father was playing cards and when the announcement of the attack on Pearl Harbor came on the radio. His father, angry said an explicative and flung his beer spilling some on McGinley’s schoolbook. He said to his father, “How do you expect me to finish my homework?” “That was my introduction to World War II,” McGinley remembers. These were just a few of the stories that Francis McGinley told during the presentation at the Kearny Cottage. All we can go on for a very long time. We were pleasantly surprised by McGinley’s wit and urge everyone to purchase his book. It is worth every cent. C.M. & K.M.

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rest to History. The very best to the Diaz team and the staff. The people of Perth Amboy have spoken loud and clear, Wilda, Wilda, Wilda. Russell J. O’Reilly  
Perth Amboy

Sandy’s Wrath

Sandy arrived at our house at 7 p.m. on October 29th and created problems that were new and challenging. Trees down, power lines down in the front yard, no electric for lights or to run the heating system. October 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>th</sup> were the same. November 1<sup>st</sup> we decided to move to a safer location because of health and safety concerns. We stayed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey from the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup>. On the 5<sup>th</sup> we came back to Edison and found the same situation we left on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Phone calls

to friends solved the problem. Senator Sam Thompson offered his assistance and suggested I call Freeholder Jim Polos. I also called Assemblyman Peter Barnes. All expressed concern and offered their assistance. Soon I got a call from Assemblyman Barnes directing me to an address in North Edison to pick up a generator. That solved the problem. At 9:50 a.m. on November 7<sup>th</sup> the power came back on. Lights and heating were back and we were able to resume life as we have known it for over fifty-four years in our

home. Elected Officials worked across party lines to help us resume our lives. Many people would not believe the effort put forth to assist citizens. Jim Polos knocked on our front door on the 6<sup>th</sup> to deliver five gallons of gasoline which he poured into the generator. The next time someone has anything bad to say about people in politics tell them to call me. I will set them straight. Respectfully,  
Robert A. Brown  
Edison

A Warm  
Thank You

I would like to say thank you to the men and women of the Perth Amboy Police Depart-

ment, Fire Department and Department of Public Works for a job well done in getting our City back to normal. All of you are a credit to your profession. Keep up the good work

and thank you again. Rocky DeNardo  
USMC Veteran

Disputing  
MoPA

I would like to address a full page advertisement which had been placed in the Amboy Guardian by MOPA and the significant number of inaccuracies which it contained. First I must point out that several months ago I addressed the City Council about the smear campaign being waged by MOPA against the members of the Proprietary House Association in an effort to take control of that group. Mrs. Depow wrote a letter to the paper which stated that they had no such intention; clearly that statement was not true. This is a fairly complicated story and for the sake of time and space I will touch on the highlights. If anyone is interested in more details or supporting documentation please contact me. I am not hard to find. First some background, Museums of Perth Amboy (MOPA) was formed by Mayor Diaz to coordinate and promote the historical groups in the city of which there are four, The Kearney Cottage and the Ferry Slip Museum, a third is under construction in the

Surveyor Generals Office and the Proprietary House which has agreed to take part in the cross promotion of events at the other locations. The Proprietary House Association is a chartered non-profit founded in the 1970’s to promote and preserve the Proprietary House. It operates the Proprietary House Museum under a lease agreement with the State of New Jersey which owns the building. This group in the past has not been part of city government but has always made the building available to the city when they had requested it. Why then is there a conflict now? Some time ago a past president of the association was removed for cause and he and some of his associates joined and became active in MOPA. These people are bitter and seek to lash out at and hopefully remove those who are currently in charge of the association. You may think that this is a lot of energy being expended over who is going to run a small museum, this leads us to the question of the elephant in the room, Assembly Bill A1581 and Senate Bill 1820, these bills state that they would grant \$3,279,459 to the Proprietary House As-

sociation. It’s about the money folks; the problem is there isn’t any money. Some more back round. In 2009 the \$3,279,459 represented all on the money in the State Historic Trust Fund, that is all of the money that the state had available for historic preservation for the entire state. The money in this fund is provided when a question is placed on the ballot and the voters agree to sell bonds to fund historic preservation in the state. This question appeared several years ago and \$12,000,000 was approved for the fund, by 2009 only \$3,279,459 was left. I know a little about the political process and do not think it is very likely that you could get enough votes in the legislature to give very last dime of this fund to a small group in Perth Amboy. These bills were reintroduced earlier this year and had been in committee ever since, the only sponsors are the legislators for the 19th district. I would thank them for their concern and efforts, but the people who approached them about these bills mislead them as to how best to pro-

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TUES. Nov. 20	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
WED. Nov. 21	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
MON. Nov. 26	City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Nov. 27	Special Meeting, 2 p.m. City Hall, High Street
WED. Nov. 28	Special Meeting 9 a.m. City Hall, High Street Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

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TUES. Nov. 20	City Council Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway.
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**Edison AARP #3446**

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will meet on Monday, November 19th, 2012, 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 167 Bower Avenue, Edison.

Featured actress and Broadway singer, Karen Luschar will present her concert, "Songs of World War II Era". The chapter has scheduled the following trips that are open to the public:

December 13 - Papermill Playhouse "The Sound of Music" Call Claire for tickets at 732-549-5316. December 31 - New Years Eve Day trip to Doolans in Spring Lake, NJ. For reservations, call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. Canned food for MCFOOD, and misc. items for the nursing homes + hospitals will be collected at the meeting.

**URGENT Food Donation Request**

PERTH AMBOY - Attention Business Owners and Residents - Please be our partners! 100+ Perth Amboy Families - Victims of Hurricane Sandy need your help immediately. Please donate canned food, bread, ready to eat beans, water, peanut butter, jelly, bananas, apples and/or food vouchers. Please drop off at Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy. For more info call the BID Office at 732-442-6421.



**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.

**Assistance From FEMA.**

PERTH AMBOY - The application process for the New Jersey Homekeeper program of assistance to distressed homeowners can now be reached easily.

C2SOH has been advised that applicants must respond immediately to instructions to contact counseling. The application process is very time-sensitive, so there must be no delay.

Apply at <https://www.njhomekeeper.com/> TIME IS OF ESSENCE: applicants must respond immediately.

The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development is assisting residents to complete FEMA applications. Please contact them at (732) 442-1081.




PERTH AMBOY - Kerry Dyke, a Perth Amboy resident, takes first place Division A in the New Jersey State Prep Cross Country Championship Race. Kerry's Mount Saint Mary Academy Cross-Country Team also walked away with the first place Division A team trophy. Kerry is a sophomore at MSMA. \*Photos Submitted



SAYREVILLE - Pictured is a Donation Drive Held in Conjunction with Greenville, South Carolina Middle Academy School Trip .Steve Sulligan (pictured with Assemblyman John Wisniewski) from Greenville South Carolina, a former Sayreville resident who owns a bus company in South Carolina and organized the event after he heard of the devastation in his home town. Arriving were two buses packed with supplies for the people who suffered hardships due to the storm. He brought along students from Greenville Middle Academy to help at the event. \*Photos by Aaron Beers


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Sandy Aftermath - Homes on Weber Ave., Sayreville

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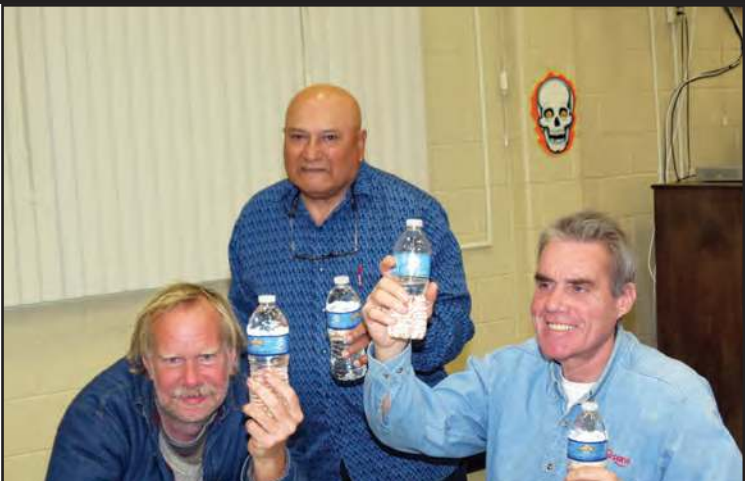
Water damage



A man carries his dog to safety

Senior Thanksgiving Dinner at Olive Street, Perth Amboy

\*Photos by Bob Ned



Enjoying a nice time



Serving the meal

Teachers of the Year Honored at Perth Amboy High School

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Board of Education honored the 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year last Thursday at Perth Amboy High School. 12 teachers including New Jersey Teacher of the Year Lauren Marrocco were honored in front of family, friends, colleagues, and students during Thursday's board meeting. Superintendent Janine Caffrey read biographies of each teacher and presented them with a gift and their award. Marrocco, a ten-year teacher, was named the Perth Amboy school district's Teacher of the Year, the Middlesex County Teacher of the Year, and the New Jersey Teacher of the Year. She received a standing ovation from the audience as she came up to say a few

words. "There is something about being home in Perth Amboy with my family that makes this so meaningful. I am so lucky to be the mirror that gets to reflect all the amazing educators that work in this district," Marrocco said. "I am so blessed to have learned from and worked with the best of the best. Although my ambition has helped me get to where I am, it is because of the people that I have worked within in the district that helped me grow as an educator." Here is the list of all the recipients of the 2012-2013 Teachers of the Year awards. The Amboy Guardian congratulates all the winners for their hard work this school year. Ms. Lauren Marrocco, Edward Patten School, Ms. Eva Kuca-ba, Samuel E. Schull School



Superintendent Janine Walker Caffrey with the Teachers of the Year  
\*Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

Mr. Rolando Rosa, James Flynn School, Ms. Nayda Alvarez, Herbert Richardson School, Ms. Carla Ditrolio, William C. McGinnis School Mr. Isai Acevdo, Perth Amboy High School, Ms. Michelle McEnerney, Igancio Cruz Early Childhood Center, Ms. Lau-

ren Jaenchen, School Seven Ms. Ivonne Lorenzo, Edmund Hmiesleski Jr E.C.C., Mr. Jose F. Lugo-Velez, Adult Education Center, Ms. Mariela Freay, Robert N. Wientz School, Ms. Victoria Pullaro, Anthony V. Ceres School.

**Music at Saint Mary's**  
SOUTH AMBOY - Saturday, December 15 2012 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a performance of Handel's Messiah " It's just not Christmas for me without hearing Handel's Messiah."

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**County is Hiring Sandy Cleanup Workers**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Applicants should contact the One Stop Career Center in Perth Amboy and New Brunswick. Need a job? You may be able to get temporary employment to help mitigate the destruction of Hurricane Sandy. Temporary jobs are available to the unemployed to assist with Hurricane Sandy clean-up, and can be obtained by going to the One Stop Career Center in Perth Amboy and New Brunswick. Middlesex County has received funding from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development to assist in the recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

The funds are to be used to hire temp workers to assist with the restoration and clean-up from Hurricane Sandy. The only people eligible to be hired with these funds are people who are unemployed and not receiving any government assistance or individuals unemployed for more than six months and not receiving government assistance, or those who have lost their jobs due to Hurricane Sandy. Individuals who may qualify should contact the One Stop Career Centers in New Brunswick and Perth Amboy at (732) 826-3200 to be certified as eligible.



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Hurricane Sandy Recovery Efforts

**A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR WILDA DIAZ**

*I would like to sincerely thank all the organizations and individuals for their support, donations and volunteerism in an effort to recover from Hurricane Sandy. Volunteer Day was a complete success with over 1,000 participants that gathered for a major waterfront area clean-up. I also want to thank our residents for their patience and cooperation during the difficulty caused by the storms. On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy and the City Council, I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are appreciative of your generosity in giving back to our community. May God bless you, your families and your homes.*

Office of Emergency Management ▪ First Responders/Perth Amboy Fire and Police Departments ▪ FEMA ▪ Raritan Bay Medical Center ▪ PSE&G and out-of-state employees ▪ Elizabethtown Gas ▪ USA-PA ▪ Middlesex County Sheriff's Office /Prosecutor's Office/Dept. of Correction's/DEM ▪ Department of Human Services ▪ Perth Amboy Parking Utility ▪ Department of Code Enforcement ▪ Perth Amboy Housing Authority ▪ Perth Amboy Port Authority ▪ Harbortown ▪ City of Milltown/City Council ▪ Jewish Renaissance Foundation ▪ PRAHD ▪ American Red Cross ▪ Perth Amboy Board of Education/School Staff ▪ Raritan Bay Area YMCA ▪ Police Chaplain Corps. ▪ Abundant Life Worship Center ▪ Cathedral International Church ▪ Faith Fellowship Ministries ▪ Salvation Army ▪ St. Vincent DePaul ▪ AristaCare at Alameda Center ▪ Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce ▪ Kushner Companies ▪ Ist Constitution Bank ▪ Sovereign Bank ▪ U.S. FOODSERVICE ▪ Tropical Cheese ▪ Shop-Rite of Perth Amboy ▪ Supremo Supermarket ▪ C-Town Supermarket ▪ Tropical Supermarket ▪ Coutros Bros Bananas ▪ American Industrial Supply ▪ Pikalonga ▪ Bonao Restaurant ▪ Coney Island ▪ Dominos Pizza ▪ Taco Loco ▪ Abreu Food Market & Brothers Supermarket ▪ Wegmans ▪ Wal-Mart ▪ Veterans ▪ Perth Amboy Students ▪ Volunteer Day Volunteers Local Bodegas ▪ Perth Amboy Food Banks ▪ Local Business, Churches & Organizations ▪ Participating City Employees



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**Ladies  
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**Women’s Bible  
Study Group**

PERTH AMBOY - New Christian women’s bible study group in private home weekly on Tuesdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 p.m. Interested in joining, email churchinvitation@gmail.com

**Civil War  
Roundtable**

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table will host a guest speaker on Monday, November 19 at the Woodbridge Public Library. Steve Glazer will be speaking on “New Jersey in the first year of the Civil War.” All those interested are invited to attend.

**Monthly  
Book Club**

SEWAREN - There will be a monthly book club at the Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave, Sewaren. For more info call 732-634-7571 or email sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. We are looking for adults to join a book club starting in November. Please fill out the attached form if you are interested in joining us. Day and time will be determined by interest. The first Book will be *Defending Jacob* by William Landay.

**Story Time  
with Emily**

SEWAREN Mark your calendars for Fall 2012 - Spring 2013 Children ages 3- 7 and their accompanying adult can enjoy a story, crafts, games, snack, and so much more on the second Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. at the Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave. in Sewaren. Our Story Time sessions will be held on: December 8th, January 12th, February 9th and March 9th. Sign up is required for each month. Stop by or call the library at 732-634-7571. This FREE event and all Sewaren Library activities and usage is open to families of all towns, not just Sewaren

Trujillo Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Demetrios Church Hall - Perth Amboy - November 17, 2012  
*\*Photos by Bob Ned*



Waiting for the prizes to be called



Eddie Trujillo with a helper



Eddie Trujillo and Jerry Yaros (top right) with a lucky winner



Serving Dinner



The young volunteers were happy to be there

Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Dinner Perth Amboy - November 18, 2012  
*\*Photos by Bob Ned*



The Knights of Columbus



In the kitchen preparing food



Volunteers pose for a group shot



Manning the dessert table



Turkey with all the trimmings



The Community Voice  
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ceed to help the Proprietary House. If these funds were by some chance to be granted they would be administered by the Historic Trust which has both funding limits \$50,000 for programs and \$700,000 for construction and guidelines for how to qualify for funding. Lastly there are two other issues which would be issues under this funding, the Proprietary House is in need of extensive repair but the association is only a tenant on the first two floors of a building owned by the state. If you want to repair and restore the house you should increase the State Parks Department maintenance budget and have them fix the building. Secondly the Historic Trust has announced a new round of grants for this year in the amount of \$1,100,000. This leaves \$2,179,459, it seems no one told them they going to be giving all of their funding away.

Several months ago in anticipation of receiving this money MOPA drew up a wish list. In addition to making repairs to a building owned by the state, they had a plan to buy and demolish all of the homes around the House in order to create a park and parking spaces. The first question is, if you were to

spend the money to purchase and demolish the homes and then landscape the property, who is going to pay to maintain it and in a City with the financial problems of Perth Amboy do we really want to wipe out tens of thousands of dollars in ratables to create a parking lot?

In this wish list presented by MOPA there was also to be funding provided for their three other projects. I had stated to the City Council that if this bill were to pass and the funds were provided to the Association, any money that was passed to either MOPA or their projects they would be violating 2C:27-12, Crime of corruption of public resources, which in this case would be a crime of the second degree.

It should be clear that those in charge of the promotion of the historic nature of the city have little understanding of historic preservation, the funding of preservation or of the needs of a city such as Perth Amboy; they seek only to gain control of what they believe to be a large sum of money.

I will now turn to the restoration work that has been done in the House. It is true the Mr. Hogan spent a lot of time and a lot of money redecorating the

first floor. It is also true that the house was toured by the 19th district legislators who admired the work that was done. That does not mean that they approved the work that was done. The lease in effect for the use of the House states that any work done in the House must reflect the historical aspects of the house and be approved before work starts by the Office of New Jersey Heritage and the New Jersey Historical Sites Council. There had been an extensive study done to develop a historically accurate plan for the painting and decorating of the House. Mr. Hogan was advised by a local historian that what he was doing was not in accord with that plan and did not reflect the history of the House. He chose to ignore this advice and continued as he wished.

The current leadership of the Association brought in a professional contractor who is associated with a local home improvement center. The opinion of this contractor and other people associated with the home improvement center was that not only was the work not done in accordance with the prior study, but that the work was of substandard quality and in fact structural

damage had been to the house during the redecoration process. They recommended that the damage be repaired and the entire process be redone. The Association then with the cooperation of the home improvement center agreed to underwrite the entire restoration program. If you were to visit the Museum today you will see the historically correct work done by this contractor with materials donated by the improvement center at no cost the Association or the state. The Proprietary House Museum stands in the best shape that it has ever been in since it was designated a historical site and the Association is attempting to put on a series of programs that will be of interest to the entire community. The Association is working hard to fulfill its mission to preserve and promote the Museum and are more than willing to work with the city in an effort to promote the history of our community. They should not be the subject to continued attacks by MOPA and members of the city administration.

David Szilagyi  
Perth Amboy

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New Beginnings Church	80 Jefferson Blvd.	Edison	Nov. 17	1pm-3pm
Elijah's Promise	18 Neilson St.	New Brunswick	Nov. 22	12pm-2pm
Renovation House	Community Center, 1 Olive Street	Perth Amboy	Nov. 22	11am-1pm For seniors
Renovation House	Community Center, 1 Olive Street	Perth Amboy	Nov. 22	1pm-5pm for anyone
Salvation Army	433 State Street	Perth Amboy	Nov. 22	12:30
St. Mary's Catholic School for So Amboy residents affected by storm	301 Second Street	South Amboy	Nov. 22	2pm
Heaven's Helpers at the VFW Post 4410 RSVP by Tuesday evening 5:00pm to 732-742-8942	393 Pearl St	Woodbridge	Nov. 22	1pm-3pm
Woodbridge Township Women of Faith and Interfaith Clergy Council serving at First Congregational Church	539 Barron Ave	Woodbridge	Nov. 22	1pm-3pm
Woodbridge Knights of Columbus	Corner Main St. and Amboy Ave	Woodbridge	Nov. 22	1pm-3pm

Remembering Bayview Park

Listening to the chorus  
of birds chirping  
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hour at Bayview Park  
Realizing how much peace and  
serenity these moments can bring.  
Seeing an elderly couple  
walking hand in hand.  
With a beautiful panorama of the bay  
I feel like I'm sailing on  
one of the boats that are passing by.  
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on a Spring Day.  
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Contemplating God's majestic masterpiece.  
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# Weddings & Anniversaries



PERTH AMBOY - We honestly believe if you love something set it free, if it comes back, it was meant to be and here we stand Mr. and Mrs. Danny Soto united in Marriage on November 14, 2012 in our hometown, Perth Amboy. (L to R) Evelyn Soto, Danny Soto, Hon. Maria Del Valle Koch.  
*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*



## Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary Celebration

EDISON - Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Brown of Edison celebrated their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on the 5th of October in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Brown and the former Janet E. Peterson of Perth Amboy were married October 5, 1952 at the First Presbyterian Church of Perth Amboy. Brown was in the security business in Somerset prior to his retirement in 1994. He also served in the U.S. Navy from 1949 to 1953. He has served as a Republican County Committeeman in Edison since 1967. He is a member and former Deacon at the First Presbyterian Church of Perth Amboy. Mr. Brown is also the President of the Senior Republican Club of Middlesex County. An avid golfer Bob has been a member of The Cranbury Golf Club since 1977. Brown is also a former Life insurance General Agent and graduate of the American College of Charter Life Underwriters. He also is retired from the Middlesex County Board of Elections as Commissioner and Board President in 2000, having served for 13 years.

Mrs. Brown worked as an office temp in Edison until her retirement in 1994. She is a member and current Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Perth Amboy, member and secretary of the Senior Republican Club of Middlesex County. Mrs. Brown has served as a Republican county Committeewoman in Edison for 41 years. They are the parents of Douglas R. Brown of Edison and Mrs. Kathi Fancher of Levittown, Pennsylvania. *\*Photos and Article Submitted*

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# More Community Events

## Need Your Votes

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School sailing team coach Bruce Bertucci has a chance to win a national unsung sailing heroes award - but we all must spread the word and vote on line for him. This is a contest by Old Pulteney Whisky. Please share this link far and wide <http://www.maritimeheroes.com/>. Vote for this man who has given thousands of both paid and unpaid hours (and his own funds) creating and running a free competitive sailing team based at Perth Amboy High School for the past several years, It is open to all students there. If you wish to join or learn more about the PAHS Sailing Team, contact [pahsst@hotmail.com](mailto:pahsst@hotmail.com).



## 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: 732-486-8590.

## 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

## Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

## Record Collection

PARLIN - 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.

## Public Notice

PERTH AMBOY - The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy is no longer accepting new applications for senior/disabled housing effective Tuesday, September 4, 2012. New applications will only be accepted for the public housing program from Perth Amboy residents displaced by a natural disaster. Contact (732) 826-3110 for further information or questions.

## 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.



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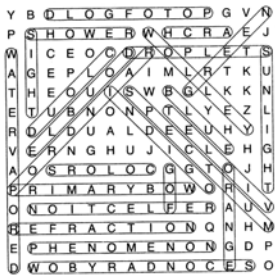
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## LOOKING BACK



WOODBIDGE - Holiday Parade in Woodbridge circa 1920's  
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## Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**  
WED. Nov. 21 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. Nov. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,  
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON. Nov. 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,  
Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES. Nov. 27 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,  
Church Hall, Brace Ave.  
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,  
Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
WED. Nov. 28 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., Nov. 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,  
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**  
MON. Dec. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, noon,  
Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
WED. Dec. 5 South Amboy Seniors, noon,  
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*(Never known to fail)*  
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to suc- cor 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 consecu- tive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.*

**Book Sale**  
PERTH AMBOY - There is an ongoing book sale at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Am- boy. 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 Com- pany (at the Historic Train Station)

5th Annual Holiday Stroll Down Main Street

WOODBIDGE - Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association and Woodbridge Township, Saturday, Novem- ber 24 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Main Street, Woodbridge. 2 horse drawn carriage rides, holiday carolers, live perfor- mances, crafts and vendors. D.J. entertainment, Live visit from Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Bring canned goods and new toys t those in need! For more info call 732-634-4500 ext. 6494

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PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Pub- lic 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 at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company at the Historic Train Station, Perth Amboy City Hall, High Street and the Reo Diner, Woodbridge. For more info call 732-293-1090.

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