

THE
Weekly Newspaper

COMPLIMENTARY
UP TO 10 COPIES/\$1 EACH ADDITIONAL

AMBOY GUARDIAN

• VOL. 2 NO. 37 • 732-896-4446 • P.O. BOX 127 • PERTH AMBOY • NJ • 08862 • WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012 •

Perth Amboy Holds Business Recovery Forum



Representatives from FEMA, the City and District Representatives with Mayor Diaz



Perth Amboy Business owners came out in force
*Photos by Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY - Those in the business community affected by Hurricane Sandy took advantage of a Business Forum held on December 6, at the Fire Department Training Center.

Representatives from FEMA, SBA, UEZ Authority and the Local BID were present to explain what programs the busi-

ness may qualify for. Those in the BID district were all offered special Facade Grants up to \$5000. Those grants were to businesses who lost signs, awnings and storefronts that were damaged by the storm.

For more eligibility criteria please call BID Manager Roxana Troche - 732-442-6421.

Reduced Cost To City

PERTH AMBOY - The City had been in contract negotiations for the last two years with certain units of public employees. Some of the negotiations included out-of-network reduced benefits which included eliminating three holidays and longevity eliminated for new hires. Salaries

for supervisors will increase 5.5% over 4.5 years. Effective December 1, 2012, there will be a 2% increase. In 2013 there will be a 3.5% increase.

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, "The City is appreciative of concessions made by these employees."

Shore-Aid Telethon A Success 12/9/12 Raises Funds for Sandy Victims



An Artist Performs

The towns of Old Bridge, Sayreville and South Amboy combined to hold a fundraiser to aid the victims of Hurricane Sandy. \$36,500 was raised during the event



Volunteers man the phones at Old Bridge High School
*Photos by Aaron Beers

which was from 12 noon to 5 p.m. (or as long as the phones kept ringing.)

There was a live broadcast on Channel 118 in Old Bridge and Channel 15 in

Sayreville. Frank Cipolla was the host. The funds will be equally divided among the three towns.

Resident Voices Concern about Health Hazard South Amboy Rosewell & John Streets

SOUTH AMBOY - A Local Resident called the Amboy Guardian early last week in regards to the story about progress on Rosewell and John Streets. This resident's son was walking home from school and as he passed the garbage pile he saw a large rat. The resident also said that he would definitely be at the next Council meeting on December 19 to voice his concerns and make sure they are addressed.

The Amboy Guardian contacted Councilman Mickey Gross to alert him to the concerns of this resident.

Councilman Gross said that the owner of the apartment building (Photo Right) in question was being heavily fined by the City.

When questioned as to whether or not the City could collect the heavy amount of trash and send the bill to the owner, Gross said that it is up to the Mayor to do that. Gross also said, "If that resident called



Garbage being collected slowly - Photo Taken 12/4/12 - According to a resident - this has since been cleaned up

*Photo by Joe Bayona

the Guardian back, he should immediately feel free to contact me."

Another resident that the Amboy Guardian spoke to said, "There have been dumpsters at the apartment building in question but the dumpsters were not being emptied readily."

The Amboy Guardian spoke to another resident on 12/10/12 who said that most of the gar-

bage on Rosewell and John Streets were picked up and removed.

This resident also owns a home located near the corner of Augusta and John Streets. His home was heavily damaged during the hurricane. The resident stated that most of the garbage in front of his house and the neighboring homes were removed.

IF IT'S LOCAL IT'S HERE!

BINGO

EVERY Wednesday & Friday Night From 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
The Door is Open at 6:30 p.m.
Ukrainian Catholic Assumption School Auditorium,
Meredith & Jacques Sts, Perth Amboy

There is no smoking in the hall during Bingo Games. Bingo is operated on a cash basis. No checks or credit/debit cards are accepted. Our Bingo proceeds support School and Parish Programs.

(kitchen is also open during bingo)

We have a POWER BALL GAME!!! **Bingo Office**
That Often Reaches \$500 a Night!!!!!! **732-826-1546**

LAW OFFICES OF Kenneth L. Gonzalez & Associates



- Auto Accidents
- Fall-Down Cases
- Municipal Court Cases
- Traffic Tickets
- Residential Real Estate
- Divorces
- Family Law Matters

133 New Brunswick Ave., Ste. 203
Perth Amboy
(Located at The Five Corners, between Smith & State Sts.)
(732) 442-2500

Attn: Walgreens Customers:
We Are Now Accepting Express Script Ins. Plans



LUDWIG'S PHARMACY

FREE Rx Pickup & Delivery
WE ACCEPT ALL PLANS
Including Medicare Part "D"

Fernando Oliveira, Proprietor

475 Brace Ave., Perth Amboy
Tel: 732-442-6442 • Fax: 732-442-5784
M-F 9:30am-6:30pm • Sat 9am-1pm • Sun Closed



Assumption Catholic School

Meredith and Jacques Streets
Perth Amboy

Middle States Accredited

NOW REGISTERING
PRE-K (4 YR OLD) KINDERGARTEN, GRADES 1 -8

NOW REGISTERING FOR 2012 - 2013

732-826-8721
ACSSCHOOLOFFICE@GMAIL.COM
WWW.ASSUMPTIONCATHOLICSCHOOL.NET

Family Foot Care

DR. ELAINE MARIOLIS, DPM

732-826-5400



- BUNIONS
- CORNS & CALLUSES
- DIABETIC FOOT CARE
- FRACTURES
- FUNGUS NAILS
- HAMMERTOES
- HEEL PAIN
- INGROWN TOENAILS
- ULCERS/FOOT WOUNDS
- WARTS

COME RELAX IN OUR WHIRLPOOL!
Se Habla Espanol
252 SMITH ST., PERTH AMBOY

Special Perth Amboy Board of Education Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - On Dec. 3, 2012 there was a special meeting called at McGinnis School. The meeting was held because of the resignation of Board Member Kurt Rebovich. Rebovich accepted a position on the State Board of Education in Trenton.

A resolution to accept the letter was moved by Obi Gonzalez and seconded by Milady Tejada.

Board Members present at this meeting were: Board President Sam Lebreault, Board Members: Milady Tejada, Obi Gonzalez, Janelle Rodriguez, Israel Varela. Absent was Kurt Rebovich, Dianne Roman, Vice President Kenneth Puccio, Mark Carvajal. Also not in attendance were the Board Secretary Derek Jess, Asst. Superintendent Vivian Rodriguez and Superintendent Janine Walker Caffrey.

During the public portion of the meeting newly elected Board Member Maria Garcia spoke. She will be sworn in this January. Garcia criticized

the Sitting Board for holding this special meeting which she felt was a waste of taxpayers money.

Garcia stated that the agenda for this special meeting was not published on the Board's website and the information was incomplete. She said, "This Board has sixteen special meetings in the past year. I would like to know the rules and regulations that you've had in the past to replace resigning Board Members."

Jeanette Gonzalez who has children in the school system said that she did not have a problem with special meetings being held. The advertisement about the meeting did not say that legal action will be taken. Gonzalez also said that there were meetings that were cancelled which caused tutoring for students to also be canceled.

This was due to the fact that there were programs on the agenda of canceled meetings and those programs couldn't be implemented because they

could not be voted on.

Board Member Israel Varela said "I'm glad that Ms. Gonzalez brought up this problem." Varela said, "In the past phone calls have been made to Board Members to vote on agenda items that were on meetings that were cancelled. This was necessary, especially when it pertained to programs benefiting the students."

Gonzalez said, "There are some things that cannot be voted on by phone."

Local Resident Stanley Sierakowski commended the Board Members who followed the stature of the law. "It's important to have special meetings to take care of issues relating to students or personnel." Sierakowski also wanted to know when did Kurt Rebovich start negotiating with the State for this job? Did they approach him or did he initiate seeking the position for this job? If he approached the State for the job, did he have a conflict when voting on agenda items?

Holiday of Fun at JRMC - 12/6/12

**Photos by Bob Ned*



LAW OFFICES OF ERALDES E. CABRERA



Specializing In

- Civil Litigation
- Matrimonial
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy
- Real Estate

Offices Located At:

708 Carson Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 (732)826-5020
1201 E. Grand St., Unit 3A, Elizabeth, NJ 07201 (908)351-0957

Edison

AARP #3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will meet on Monday, Dec. 17th, 2012, 12 noon for our annual holiday luncheon at the Rosewood, 2863 Woodbridge Ave., Edison,. Music and entertainment will be provided by singing DJ Ray Andercik.

Holiday gifts for the local nursing homes and veterans home will be collected at the luncheon.

Dec. 31 - New Years Eve Day trip to Doolans in Spring Lake, NJ. For reservations, call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659.

Trips are open to non-members.



COMPLETE ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Thomas M. Ploskonka & Company, P.A.

Certified Public Accountants



Thomas M. Ploskonka



"My approach to the practice of accounting is different than most others'. Accountants normally respond to their clients' requests and needs. I go beyond that."

Visit my Web page for a Free Consultation!

Web: www.ploskonka-cpa.com

1149 Green Street

Iselin, New Jersey 08830

E-mail: tploskonka@comcast.net

Phone (732) 283-0114 Fax: (732) 283-3329

Hurricane Sandy Information Session

SAYREVILLE - Information Session on Hurricane Sandy Storm - Related Issues - Tuesday, December 11 at Sayreville War Memorial High School, 820 Washington Road Parlin, at 6 p.m. Invited Participants - Federal Emergency Management Agency, NJ Office of Emergency Management, NJ Department of Banking and Insurance, NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management, Borough of Sayreville Municipal Officials

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.

Learn About Balancing Hormones Naturally and Rapid Weight Loss



Do You Suffer From.



High Blood Pressure Trouble Sleeping
Digestive Problems Low Sex Drive
Hot Flashes

Do you want to get rid of these symptoms?
Do you want to Lose Weight Rapidly Safely and Naturally?



Call 732-324-4300
788 Convery Blvd.
Perth Amboy NJ 08861

Resolution Accepting The Resignation Of Kurk Rebovich As A Member Of The Board Of Education For The Perth Amboy School District And Authorizing The Advertisement Of A Vacancy On The Perth Amboy School District

PERTH AMBOY - WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Board of Education received correspondence on November 16, 2012 from Kurt Rebovich, Board of Education Member, Perth Amboy School District, resigning his position as a Board Member; and the Secretary notified the Board through its legal counsel on November 27, 2012 of said resignation; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Perth Amboy Board of Education, that the resignation of Kurt Rebovich is hereby accepted effective immediately; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advertisement of the vacancy is hereby authorized pursuant to the Perth Amboy Board of Education Policy # 0143; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is hereby directed

to advertise the vacancy as follows:
The Board of Education for the city of Perth Amboy is accepting recommendations for qualified candidates to fill a vacancy on the Board of Education.
LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: To become a member of a local board of education in New Jersey you must:
_ Be able to read and write;
_ Hold U.S. citizenship and one year's residency in Perth Amboy;
_ Have no interest in any contract with, or claim against, the Board;
_ Not hold office as mayor or member of the municipal governing body;
_ Be registered to vote and not be disqualified as a voter under N.J.S.A. 19:4-1; and
_ Satisfy a criminal history background check pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.
Interested parties are requested to submit a Letter of

Interest and Resume to: Perth Amboy Public Schools c/o Derek Jess, Board Secretary/Business Administrator 178 Barrack Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
Letters may also be hand delivered to the Perth Amboy Public Schools Administration Building, located at 178 Barracks Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The letter of interest and resume must be received by December 18, 2012. Candidates for the vacancy will be interviewed at a Meeting of the Board to be held at 6:00 P.M. on December 20, 2012 at the Perth Amboy High School Auditorium. The Board intends to take action to fill the vacancy.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is hereby directed to ensure publication of this advertisement is submitted

to the two designated newspapers, El Diario/La Prensa and the Home News Tribune no later than Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary is hereby directed to advise this Board, via email to the President, immediately after the publication has been submitted of the dates of publication for the vacancy advertisement, and confirmation that the directives in this Resolution have been followed.
CERTIFICATION OF THE BOARD SECRETARY
IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Perth Amboy Board of Education, by the vote below indicated, at the Special Meeting Public Hearing held on Monday, December 3, 2012 in the New Jersey.



Disaster Recovery Center open in Woodbridge

Press Release
MIDDLESEX COUNTY - a new disaster recovery center is open in Middlesex county. Visit from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat. If you were affected by hurricane sandy, meet with disaster recovery officials at the Woodbridge health center, 2 George Frederick Plaza, in Woodbridge
A second DRC is open in Middlesex county at the Sayreville senior center.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Giving Special Thanks Making Sure that Most Proceeds go to Where They are Supposed to

In the mist of all of the fund-raising and events pertaining to Superstorm Sandy I forgot to thank a couple of special people who helped me with the October 31, 2012 issue. Shortly after the hurricane passed over I ran into a brother and sister, Bill and Mary Ellen Pavlovsky. They were standing on the corner of Gordon and Rector Streets and we decided we would try and go down to Front Street by the Barge Restaurant. There was a Police Car and barricades there because of the severe damage that occurred to that part of the Waterfront.

I told the officer that I was the owner of the Amboy Guardian and if I would be allowed to take pictures. The officer told me that there were photographers there with a police escort. When the police officer brings them back up then we would be escorted down.

Bill, Mary Ellen and myself were escorted down to Front Street to take photos. Afterwards Bill and Mary Ellen invited me to their house to take pictures from their backyard looking down at the Yacht Club.

Because of their kindness I was able to take some great shots of the wreckage of the boats at the Yacht Club Boat Basin.

The next day I took the paper down to the printer on a flash drive. That drive contained 32 pages. As I was talking to the printer I remembered the pictures that I took with my little android cell phone camera.

I asked the printer, "Is it possible that you can do a 4 page special section for me with the pictures off of my cell phone. They said, "Sure, no problem."

Quite a few people remarked about that four page special section showing the damage on Front Street in Perth Amboy.

There was one mistake that

Bill pointed out after that section was already out. Instead of saying, "The Wrath of Hurricane Sandy," I left off the "W" and had "Rath." So I decided to Google "Rath" and it did come up that it could be loosely interchanged with "Wrath" but technically it should be, "Wrath." I'll give Bill that one.

To Bill, Mary Ellen, and Webographics, I say thank you for making that issue very special.

Now onto my next subject matter. This has to do with the benefit concerts to aid the Hurricane Sandy victims. The concerts I am talking about have to do with multimillion dollar entertainers.

No matter what you think about Lady Gaga, there is one thing I give her credit for. She wrote out a generous check out of her own personal account to contribute to the hurricane victims. I think that most entertainers who are very wealthy should do the same.

A lot of times when you have these benefit concerts, a lot of the tickets fall into the hands of scalpers. How much of the proceeds actually go to where they are supposed to go?

Many of these multimillion dollar performers should just write out a personal check out to a reputable organization. The Salvation Army or American Red Cross are examples to disburse the funds during emergencies or natural disasters.

\$5 million is pocket change to many of these performers.

One examples of funds being misused would be the terrible earthquake in Haiti a few years ago. If you go to Haiti now, there are still people living in horrible conditions. Where did that donated money go to? A lot went to the corrupt government officials in Haiti.

If you are a star and want to shine brightly, just dip into your deep pockets and give.
C.M.

Wake Up Call From Sandy

Most of us remember a hurricane called Irene in September of 2011 but thirteen months later came Sandy. I remember the weather stations downgrading it to a tropical storm. I went to bed as usual around midnight and nothing out there except of few drops of rain and a slight breeze. Yes, my friends, Sandy let us know that she was no tropical storm the next day. Those that survived Sandy will not only remember this hurricane but will be talking about it for the rest of their lives.

Let's turn the clock back to the 1940ies. We had blackout England had constant blackouts almost every night because of the air raids. A popular song during WWII was, "When the Lights go on again all over the world." We had gas rationing, food rationing and we just learned to do without. That lasted for four years.

That 'Merit System'

The newspapers say the teachers in Newark have accepted a contract that awards "merit pay" so teachers will get more money for being good at their job. Should the Governor and the Legislature get "merit pay" for better performance? What about other state, country, and municipal employees? Should the President and Congress get "merit pay" as well? Are there any limits to this concept?

I think the so-called "merit pay" is just a scam to attack teachers in the public school system. Big corporations want

Many like myself got involved in the Korean War which came in the early fifties. We trained under all kinds of conditions. We learned to wait, be patient, do without. I would rather have a slice of pizza but c-rations can be mighty taste when you are hungry. Yes my friends, we learned to work as a team.

Let's jump to the 1970ies because more readers will remember how happy you were when you finally got to the pump? If the attendant said, "I'll fill it up but cash only," you might have answered, "Yes, sir and I'll throw in the wife and kids, too."

My Mother and Father used to tell me about a furious hurricane called Vagabond. It hit New Jersey in 1903. My Dad lived on Bordentown Avenue in South Amboy. The convenience of electricity hadn't come along yet so their oil lamp and ice box in the pantry did the job. Sandy hit us hard this year but we are playing in a different ball park.

I've been hitting this ball game for a long time, in fact I've been in extra innings for a long time.

Sandy hit us real hard but so did WWII and the Vagabond back in 1903, but in 2012 we had all these modern conveniences such as TV, I Phones, Cell Phones, Facebooks, etc. Overall, I think we did a good job but I also saw the Me, Myself and I few. Patience was not one of their virtues.

Yes, my friends, Sandy has put additional knowledge into this old man's head. I did everything that I could do to help others and I had friends that I didn't even know I had.

Rudyard Kipling said, "If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs. Sandy hit us hard but also taught us a lesson. I believe we will come back and even stronger this time.

Thomas Francis Clark
Metuchen

to take over the public education system and profit through higher taxes and lower pay for teachers. If they can force the firing of 5% to 10% of teachers each year they can soon fill their education factories with experienced teachers dropped from the public schools.

Years ago I read a newspaper report that said the more time a child spends watching TV the poorer they do in schools. Just common sense? Parents can restrict their children's TV viewing so they can spend time outdoors or reading the classic books that may no longer used in the public school system. In the 1940s the "Dick and Jane"

picture books replaced the eclectic readers that provided education to earlier generations. In the 1950s a new reading system was introduced and was followed by the book "Why Johnny Can't Read". In the 1960s a new mathematics was introduced and was followed by the book "Why Johnny Can't Add". Beware of new techniques whose only purpose is to shovel tax dollars into the pockets of big corporations.

Ronald A. Sobieraj
Perth Amboy

Some Areas Will Not Be Reduced

PERTH AMBOY - At the November 26 Caucus Meeting, B.A. Greg Fehrenbach discussed issues pertaining to property tax assessments. He brought up the fact that the assessor (Joanne Jimenez) had appeared before the Council several times, especially to answer questions from Councilman Fernando Gonzalez.

Fehrenbach explained that the sales or adjustments are

made by the county Board of Taxation. "This stopped our assessor from reducing evaluations in some neighborhoods. The Board of Taxation assessed \$160 million of reduced value. Our assessor figure was \$180 million of reduced value. Some of the areas will be reduced this year. There are some areas we thought would be reduced but will not be."



Greg Fehrenbach

THE AMBOY GUARDIAN

Published by Amboy Guardian LLC
P. O. Box 127 • Perth Amboy • New Jersey 08862
(732) 896-4446 Email - CRLYNMXWLL@AOL.COM
(732) 261-2610 Email - KMASS514@GMAIL.COM

Carolyn Maxwell
Acting Editor, Publisher & Advertising Manager
Katherine Massopust Paul W. Wang Lori Miskoff
Layout & Asst. Writer Staff Photographer Website Manager

The Amboy Guardian will not be liable for advertising errors beyond the cost of the space of the copy. Notification must be made of errors in ads within one week of publication. Pictures may be claimed up to 3 weeks after publication, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with submission.

Printed on 100% recycled paper

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



Where to Find Us . . .

- IN CLIFFWOOD:**
A&P FOOD MARKET 325 ROUTE 35
- IN CLIFFWOOD BEACH:**
7-ELEVEN.....196 ROUTE 35
- IN FORDS:**
COLONIAL RESTAURANT.....366 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
LIBERTY BAGEL CAFE.....326 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
METROPOLITAN CAFE 747 KING GEORGE'S RD.
PUBLIC LIBRARY.....211 FORD AVE.
ROOSEVELT'S DELI684 KING GEORGE'S RD.
SUPER DUPER DELI III 650 KING GEORGE'S RD.
- IN HOPELAWN:**
KRAUSZER'S.....683 FLORIDA GROVE RD.
SOVEREIGN BANK 571 FLORIDA GROVE RD
- IN ISELIN**
THOMAS PLOSKONKA C.P.A.....1149 GREEN ST.
- IN LAURENCE HARBOR:**
HOFFMAN'S DELI 5 LAURENCE PKWY.
KRAUSZER'S.....9 LAURENCE PKWY.
- IN MORGAN:**
SOUTHPINE LIQUORS467 S. PINE AVE.
- IN PARLIN:**
DAD'S ROYAL BAKERY.....3290 WASHINGTON RD.
- IN PERTH AMBOY:**
ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTER 178 BARRACKS ST.
ALAMEDA CENTER 303 ELM ST.
AMBOY CHECK X-CHANGE 321 MAPLE ST.
AMBOY EYE CAR 94 SMITH ST.
ANITA'S CORNER664 BRACE AVE.
THE BARGE201 FRONT ST.
C-TOWN272 MAPLE ST.
CAPITAL ONE BANK 313 STATE ST.
CEDENO'S PHARMACY 400 STATE ST.
CITY HALL260 HIGH ST.
COPA DE ORO 306 SMITH ST.
CRISPY CHICKEN 223 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
EASTSIDE DRY CLEANERS 87 SMITH ST.
ELIZABETH CORNER 175 HALL AVE.
FLOWERS 'N THINGS 69 SMITH ST.
FU LIN 79 SMITH ST.
JANKOWSKI COMMUNITY CENTER 1 OLIVE ST.
JEWISH RENAISSANCE MEDICAL CENTER 272A HOBART ST.
KIM'S DRY CLEANERS 73 SMITH ST.
LAUNDRY FACTORY 162 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
LAUNDRY ON MADISON285 MADISON AVE.
LAW OFFICES 708 CARSON AVE.
LEE'S MARKET 77 SMITH ST.
LUDWIG'S PHARMACY75 BRACE AVE.
LUIGI'S RISTORANTE 93 SMITH ST.
MITRUSKA CHIROPRACTIC788 CONVERY BLVD.
PETRA BEST REALTY..... 329 SMITH ST.
PIZZARELI PIZZA232 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
PHO ZONE 182A SMITH ST.
POLICE HEADQUARTERS 365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
PORTUGUESE MANOR 310 ELM ST.
PROVIDENT BANK 339 STATE ST.
PUBLIC LIBRARY196 JEFFERSON ST.
PUERTO RICAN ASSOCIATION 100 FIRST ST.
RARITAN BAY AREA Y.M.C.A.365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER530 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.
SALVATION ARMYSTATE & WASHINGTON ST.
SANTIBANA TRAVEL 362 STATE ST.
7-ELEVEN 553SAYRE AVE.
SHOP-RITE365 CONVERY BLVD.
SIPOS BAKERY 365 SMITH ST.
SOVEREIGN BANK 365 CONVERY BLVD.
SUPERIOR DINER.....464 SMITH ST.
SUPREMO SUPERMARKET270 KING ST.
TOWN DRUGS & SURGICAL 238 SMITH ST.
UNITECH AUTOBODY 284 BERTRAND AVE.
VIDA CHURCH 189 FAYETTE ST.
WELLS FARGO 214 SMITH ST.
YO DELIGHT 456B SMITH ST.
- IN SAYREVILLE:**
BOROUGH HALL 167 MAIN ST.
CHINESE DELITE 59 MAIN ST.
SENIOR CENTER423 MAIN ST.
SUNNYSIDE RESTAURANT 111 MAIN ST.
VENICE PIZZERIA 881 MAIN ST.
- IN SEWAREN:**
MOBY DICK'S351 WEST AVE.
PUBLIC LIBRARY546 WEST AVE.
SEWAREN CORNER DELI514 WEST AVE.
- IN SOUTH AMBOY:**
AMBOY NATIONAL BANK100 N. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BAGELS105 S. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BISTRO126 N. BROADWAY
CENTER DELI250 N. STEVENS AVE.
CITY HALL140 N. BROADWAY
COLLEEN'S KITCHEN 132 S. PINE ST.
COMMUNITY CENTER 200 O'LEARY BLVD.
KRAUSZER'S200 N. BROADWAY
KRAUSZER'S717 BORDENTOWN AVE.
MS. LEE'S CUISINE 2087 HIGHWAY 35
PUBLIC LIBRARY100 HOFFMAN PLAZA
SCIORTINO'S HARBOR LIGHTS 132S. BROADWAY
SOUTH AMBOY MEDICAL CENTER.....540 BORDENTOWN AVE.
WELLS FARGO BANK.....116 N. BROADWAY
- IN WOODBRIDGE:**
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE52 MAIN ST.
MAIN ST. FARM107 MAIN ST.
NEWS & TREATS 99 MAIN ST.
114 MAIN BAGELS 114 MAIN ST.
REO DINER392 AMBOY AVE.
ST. JOSEPH'S SENIORS RESIDENCE1 ST. JOSEPH'S TERR.
WOODBRIDGE VETERINARY GROUP424 AMBOY AVE.

**Ads Sell
Call Carolyn
732-896-4446**

**Volunteer
Firefighters
Needed**

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430.

HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday's at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue. To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

**Kearny
Cottage Open**

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

**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.

Community Calendar

- Perth Amboy**
WED. Dec. 12 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
TUES. Dec. 18 Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Dec. 20 Board of Education, 6 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
THURS. Dec. 27 Special City Council, TBA
City Hall, High St.
- South Amboy**
MON. Dec. 17 City Council, Business 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Dec. 19 City Council, Regular 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

**STAY
INFORMED!
ATTEND
PUBLIC
MEETINGS**

**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.

**Open House
Sundays at the
Proprietary
House
Museum**

PERTH AMBOY - Come see the Proprietary House Museum beautifully decorated for the holidays! The Museum will be open to the public on Sunday, December 16 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is a FREE event. On December 9, there will be a choir from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and an outdoor tree lighting at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave, Perth Amboy. Off street parking available next to the Museum. For more info call 732-826-5527.



ATTENTION!
**Due to Inflation and Rising Costs
In 2013 The Amboy Guardian
will be having a
price increase for advertising
Lock in your 2012
Rates Now!
Call Carolyn at
732-896-4446
for more information
Call for our special monthly
Holiday Rates!**

*We have a new email address!
AmboyGuardian@gmail.com*

How To Move Forward After Your FEMA Letter Arrives

Press Release

TRENTON – Hurricane Sandy survivors have many options for obtaining disaster assistance even if they receive a letter stating they have insufficient damage.

The survivor has three key options after receiving an “ineligible insufficient damage” letter from

the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):

- Appeal. Filing an appeal of an inspector’s decision on habitability requires verifiable documentation to show there was disaster-caused damage that rendered the house uninhabitable. Appeal letters must be postmarked within 60 days after the date of the decision letter.

- Apply for a low-interest, long term disaster loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Loans are the main form of disaster assistance to households, and SBA representatives will work with survivors to find affordable terms. Applying for an SBA loan also preserves a survivor’s potential eligibility for other forms of assistance, such as grants for replacing personal property losses.

- Get volunteer help. The path forward can also lead to the dozens of private, non-profit groups that have pitched in to help out in the response to and recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

Some groups provide volunteers to help out with minor repairs to real estate.

The “insufficient damage” determination is made by a housing inspector under contract with FEMA. After making an appointment with the survivor, the inspector views the property and assesses the impact of Hurricane Sandy on essential living areas.

The inspector is required to determine whether the home is safe, sanitary and functional. That is the definition of habitability.

After the inspection, FEMA makes a determination about eligibility, and the disaster survivor receives

a letter from FEMA concerning the status of the application. The letter is a starting point about whether or not the applicant will receive disaster assistance.

A letter stating that the structure is “ineligible” due to “insufficient damage” means that the inspector found that the home or property did not sustain sufficient damage to essential living areas to qualify for disaster assistance. Essential living areas include one living room, one kitchen, one dining room, and bedrooms sufficient to accommodate the number of persons occupying the house.

Although the disaster may have caused damage, the inspector found it reasonable to expect that the applicant or the applicant’s landlord would make the repairs.

Always read the FEMA letter carefully and follow the instructions. If there are any questions, call the FEMA Helpline 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585. The Helpline is open

24 hours a day, seven days a week, or visit a Disaster Recovery Center for one-on-one assistance.

Survivors should also refer to pages 20-26 of the booklet, “Help after a Disaster: Applicant’s Guide to the Individuals and Households Program,” which is mailed to everyone who registers with FEMA.

This guide explains all possible reasons for denial of assistance.

FEMA assistance is designed to cover disaster damage and losses not covered by insurance. If an insurance settlement does not cover all losses, contact the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-FEMA (3362), or TTY, 800-462-7585.

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.

Disaster Recovery Relief Forum

EDISON - The business community is encouraged to attend a Disaster Recovery Relief Forum on Thursday, December 13, 2013, to learn what services and loans are available to the business community as a result of a disaster. The forum will be hosted by the NJ Convention & Expo Center at 97 Sunfield Avenue, Raritan Center, Edison, NJ. The forum will be 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Business representatives should come to hear and ask questions about the resources available for business loss or closure due to physical and monetary losses. Be informed about payroll and unemployment procedures. Become familiar with how to file for free services and where to go for local, state and federal resources.

The presenters will include representatives from FEMA, SBA, Army Corps of Engineers, NJ Business Action Center and Office of Emergency Management. The forum lends itself to sharing best practices learned among those impacted businesses from Hurricane Sandy whether from water damage or electric outages or road closures.

The forum is sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Middlesex County Department of Business Development & Education and Edison Township Mayor’s Office and the Edison Chamber of Commerce. There is no admission cost however advance registration is required. The Expo Center is located at 97 Sunfield Avenue, Raritan Center, Edison,. Enter under the Conference Center blue awning. To RSVP, call the Edison Chamber of Commerce - 732-738-9482 or email president@edisonchamber.com.

Teachers Rally at the ZPA 12/4/12

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Perth Amboy Educators Rally For Strong Public Schools and to Celebrate Teacher Excellence. Attendees: Donna Chiera, Sen. Vitale. Assm. Wisniewski and Coughlin & educator activist Chris Rampolla



Teacher of the Year: Lauren Marrocco

FEMA Assistance Denial Still Offers Option For Appeal

TRENTON - Survivors have the right to appeal the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s decision about what assistance they can receive.

You may ask for another review to appeal the amount or type of help provided or any other decision about federal disaster assistance.

Before asking for an appeal, it is important to review the “Help After a Disaster” applicant’s guide. The booklet explains the different types of assistance that may be available to survivors and could answer some questions you have about the appeal process. Each applicant receives a copy and it is available online at www.fema.gov/help-after-disaster.

When appealing, explain in writing why you disagree with a decision. Include any new or additional documents that would support the appeal. Be as specific as possible in the letter. Include materials such as itemized receipts and contractor estimates.

When sending an appeal letter for Hurricane Sandy, remember to include:

- On all pages of all documents:
 - o Federal disaster declaration number 4086-DR-NJ.
 - o Nine-digit FEMA application number.
- Applicant’s name, place and date of birth, and the address of the damaged dwelling.

dress of the damaged dwelling.

- Copies of documentation that supports the appeal. All receipts, bills and estimates must include contact information for the service provider. Keep all originals for your records.

- A copy of a state-issued identification card, unless the letter is notarized or includes the following statement: “I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.”
- The applicant’s signature.

Appeal letters must be postmarked within 60 days of the date on the decision letter.

Survivors may send the appeal letter to FEMA by:

- o Fax: (800) 827-8112 Attention:FEMA
- o Mail: National Processing Service Center P.O. Box 10055 Hyattsville, MD 20782-8055
- o Visiting a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC). Find the nearest Disaster Recovery Center here.

If you would like to speak with a specialist who will listen and help you with the appeal process, you can visit a local Disaster Recovery Center or call the FEMA helpline.

Data as of Close of Business 12/6/12

Press Release

TRENTON- IA funds disbursed \$282.8 million
33 DRCs

TSA Program number of hotels 287 TSA (Hotel)

Program individuals in hotels/motels: 2,646

Home inspections completed 106,225

SBA loan dollars approved (home) \$44.5 million

SBA loan dollars approved (business) \$4.2 million

Registering For FEMA Email Bulletins

Stay up to date with the most relevant information for survivors of Hurricane Sandy

by signing up for New Jersey recovery bulletins. To get news and information directly

from FEMA, register online at <http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4086> and look for the link to receive NJ recovery bulletins.

The 100th Anniversary of the Perth Amboy YMCA - 12/8/12 *Photos by Katherine Massopust



Making Snowflakes



Good food and fun



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: 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



A Magician entertains



YMCA CEO Steve Jobin with Santa and friends



The Electric Slide



Face painting

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 cleanup, 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 cleanup 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.

PRAHD Senior Christmas Luncheon - Perth Amboy 12/7/12

**Photos by Bob Ned*



Seniors enjoy the luncheon



Entertaining the Crowd



PRAHD celebrates Christmas



Flamingo Dancers entertain



*You are Cordially Invited to Attend
The Swearing In Ceremony of
Hon. Wilda Diaz, Mayor
Council Member Fernando Irizarry
Council Member Lisa Nanton*

*On Thursday, January the Third Two Thousand and Thirteen
At Six O'clock in the Evening
Perth Amboy High School Auditorium
300 Eagle Avenue, Perth Amboy, New Jersey*

Reorganization Meeting will Immediately Follow

*Light Refreshments will be served
Perth Amboy High School Cafeteria*



Major Betzann Carroll and Kevin Searight of the Salvation Army of Perth Amboy examining donations at the Joint Legislative Office in Woodbridge. *Photos submitted

**Senator Vitale & Assemblyman Coughlin
Applaud BASF Corporation Employees
And Colonia AARP For Participating In
Sandy Relief Collection Drive**

News Release

19th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT – Senator Joseph F. Vitale and Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin wish to applaud Metropark-based BASF Corporation employees and members of the Colonia AARP for participating in the Joint Legislative Office’s post-Hurricane Sandy Relief Drive where both organizations donated hundreds of non-perishable food items, diapers, blankets, flashlights, batteries, toiletries, and toys for families affected by Hurricane Sandy. On Friday, November 30, the Salvation Army, located in Perth Amboy retrieved the donated items and will distribute to needy families in Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville, South Amboy and Woodbridge, among other area municipalities hard hit by the storm.

“The generosity of both organizations, BASF Corporation and Colonia AARP, was incredible. They truly went above and beyond in deliver-

ing a helping hand to those families still struggling for a sense of normalcy,” said Senator Vitale, who added, “The Salvation Army continues to be a stalwart in the public service community and has been a tremendous partner throughout my term in office. I commend them for stepping up to the plate for area families.”

“I toured the unprecedented devastation in all corners of the 19th District, and without question, dozens, if not hundreds, of families will be grateful for the donated items. All of the credit belongs to BASF and Colonia AARP for their generosity. Our office simply served as a designated drop off location,” said Assemblyman Coughlin. “While the response has been remarkable, the need to help our neighbors remains ever present. Senator Vitale and I remind our constituents that our office will continue to serve as a collection site throughout the holiday season.”



PERTH AMBOY -A community dinner was held at the AristaCare at Alameda Center. Representatives from Alameda, the City and invited guests enjoyed a good meal and fellowship.

*Photo by Paul W. Wang

Hurricane Relief

SAYREVILLE - Advisory: Hurricane Relief Assistance - SayreWoods Bible Church, 2290 Rt. 9 South Old Bridge Hotline - 732-679-7736

Advisory: Kidnapping Scam

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Police Department is currently investigating suspicious caller who report a kidnapping of a family members and request ransom for their safe return.

The caller is demanding that ransom money be sent through Western Union or MoneyGram. Suspects are requesting that the victims of the scam stay on the phone while they go to fill out the MoneyGram transfer form.

We have been able to determine that all the calls were received from the same phone number (347) 891 –1626.

All of the victims’ phone numbers at this point begin with (732) 423 9XXX. These are the only numbers that have been targeted at this time. It appears as if the suspects are calling victims who have similar phone numbers changing the last two/three digits.

Anyone receiving this type of call should contact the Police Department immediately at 732 442-4400.

Public Notice

PERTH AMBOY - A vacancy for the Perth Amboy Board of Education exists due to the resignation of one of the current Board Members.

The legal requirements to become a member of the Board of Education are as follows:

- He/she is a registered voter in the district.
- He/she is a citizen of the United States of America.
- He/she must be at least eighteen (18) years of age to qualify for office.
- He/she must be able to read and write.
- He/she has been a resident of Perth Amboy for at least one (1) year preceding the date of the election.
- He/she shall not be directly/indirectly interested in any contract with or claim against the Board.
- He/she shall not hold office as Mayor or a member of the municipal governing body.
- He/she is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4-1.
- He/she shall satisfy a criminal history background check pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.
- The proposed candidates must fulfill the requirements of the New Jersey Ethics Act.

The appointment will be effective until the Organization Meeting following the November 2013 annual school election.

The Board intends to appoint a qualified resident to this vacancy according to the following time schedule:

- A letter of application which includes the candidate’s qualifications, resume, and reasons for wanting to become a Board member should be received by Mr. Derek J. Jess, Board Secretary, no later than 3:00 p.m. on December 18, 2012 at the Administration Building, 178 Barracks Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861.
- The Board will interview qualified candidates at the next Board Meeting which is scheduled to be held on December 20, 2012.
- Following deliberations, the Board will appoint and seat the replacement Board member at the meeting scheduled for December 20, 2012.

Derek J. Jess

for banking right around the corner.

Visit our new PNC Perth Amboy Branch.

When you need a bank you can rely on, we're happy to be where you need us. Stop in and talk to us about our special offers, extended hours and our environmentally friendly Green Branch[®] locations — we're right in your neighborhood! And with FREE PNC Bank ATMs, we're here to help wherever your journey takes you.

Be sure to stop by.

PNC Perth Amboy Branch
284 State Street
(across from Supremo Supermarket)
Perth Amboy

Call: 732-293-4970

Great Hours

M-W 8:30-5 • Th 8:30-6
F 8:30-7 • Sat 9-1



©2012 The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. All rights reserved. PNC Bank, National Association. Member FDIC. 1/34938/

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Dec. 12 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. Dec. 13 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Dec. 17 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Dec. 18 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Dec. 19 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., Dec. 21 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- WED. Dec. 12 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Jan. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

SEND US YOUR CLUB NEWS

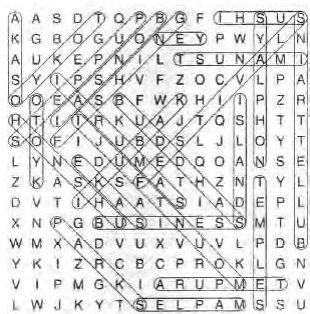
www.amboyguardian.com

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.

Answers
From Puzzle
On Page 11



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Raising of the Ukrainian Flag in City Hall Circle circa 1950's

**Photo courtesy of Helen Tullys*

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

WOW!

BARGAIN WAREHOUSE

STORE
BLOWOUT SALE!

DRASTICALLY
REDUCED PRICES!

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING!

"RECESSION SPECIALS!!!"

Located at 5 Paddock Street, Avenel, NJ 07001
(Next to Woodbridge Child Diagnostic & Treatment Center)
732-855-1400, Ext. 242

OPEN FRIDAY 8 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
VISA, MC, AMEX and DISCOVER

Amboy Guardian
Subscriptions are only \$65 per year
for 50 issues mailed to anywhere
in the U.S.A.
For more info
Contact Carolyn at
732-896-4446

Prayer To The Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). **K.M.**

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

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.

David's Touch Benefit Night

WOODBIDGE - David's Touch's Third Annual Benefit Night will be on Thursday, December 13, 2012 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at The Shannon Rose in Woodbridge.

Sayreville Auxiliary Police Looking for New Members

SAYREVILLE/SOUTH AMBOY - Attention Sayreville / South Amboy Residents: The Sayreville Auxiliary Police are seeking new members to join its volunteer force. Interested applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be able to pass a criminal background check and possess a valid New Jersey driver's license. Interested applicants can download an application from: www.sayrevillepoliceaux.org, or send a letter of interest to: Sayreville Police Department, Attn: Auxiliary Police, 1000 Main St., Sayreville, NJ 08872. Include your full legal name, address, phone number and a brief summary about yourself. Thank you.

Tell Our Advertisers YOU SAW IT IN



**To Place Your Classified:
First 10 Words ... \$6.50
5 Weeks for ... \$30**

Each additional word over 10 words 30¢

Tel: _____

Send check or money order (no cash), include your name and telephone, to: THE AMBOY GUARDIAN, P.O. Box 127 • PERTH AMBOY • NJ 08862



How to Publish a Novena

If you wish to publish a Novena in The Amboy Guardian, you may use this coupon.

A Petition to St. Joseph

Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of His mother Mary, I confidently place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. I ask that, through your powerful intercession with God, you obtain for me all the help and graces that I need for my spiritual and temporal welfare and in particular, the special favor I now ask there mention or think of your home sale or any other petition, especially family needs. Good St. Joseph, I know with confidence, that your prayers on my behalf will be heard by God and that He will grant my request, if it be for His glory and my greater good. Thank you St. Joseph, for having responded to my call. Amen. **G.T.A.**

**Cost \$10.
Pre-payment required.**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone_(____)_____

Initials at end of prayer _____

Please circle one prayer, and return form with check or money order to:

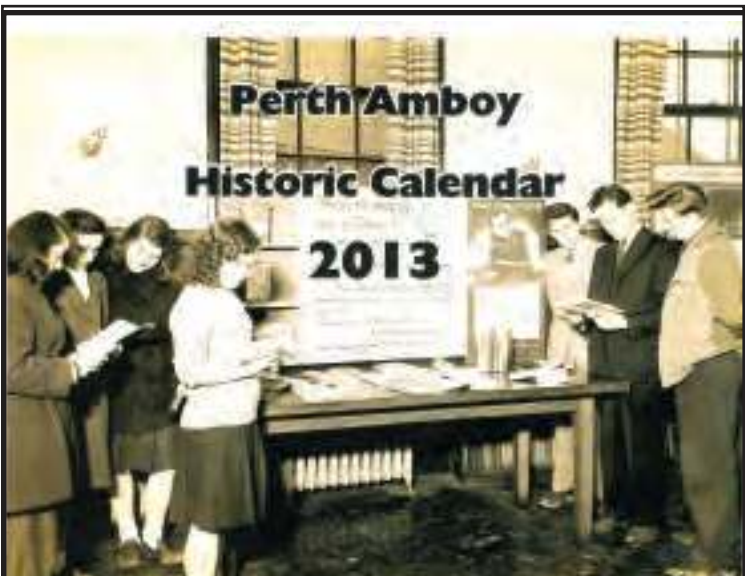
**The Amboy Guardian
P.O. Box 127
Perth Amboy, NJ
08862**

A Petition to St. Jude

May the sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

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

- | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Prayer To St. Claire | For Employment | Prayer To St. Jude |
| Prayer To Blessed Mother | Prayer To Holy Spirit | Novena To St. Anthony |
| Prayer To Blessed Virgin | Thanksgiving Novena | Novena To St. Joseph |
| St. Jude Novena | Pray The Rosary | OTHER _____ |



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 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.

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

Classified Ads

Send to P.O. Box 127, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

The Amboy Guardian
Classifieds Work!

**FREE CLASSIFIED AD
FOR ITEMS \$75 & UNDER**

Use this space for 10 words or less to sell your small household items that are too inexpensive to advertise. The Amboy Guardian will print your classified and help you sell those items. Merchandise must be used and not new items for sale items. Please send one ad per family per week.

Tele: _____

Send to: The Amboy Guardian, P.O. Box 127, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

SERVICE DIRECTORY

Call Carolyn @ 732-896-4446

Auto Repair/Service

JOHN AUTO CENTER, INC.



Complete Automotive Repairs (732)
Foreign & Domestic 727-
All Repairs 100% Guaranteed 8500
Emission Repair Facility
N.J. State Inspections
272 North Stevens Ave., South Amboy

FALL SPECIAL
Oil Change **\$24.95**
(most cars)
INCLUDES:
• Oil Change (up to 5 Qts 10W30, Synthetic Oil Extra)
• Change Oil Filter
• Complete Chassis Lubrication

Banquet and Catering Facilities

ZPA BAR AND GRILL

Now Serving Lunches from 11 a.m.
*Our Chef Will Delight You
With A Variety of Foods
Cold Beer and Drinks*
Happy Hour Mon - Fri 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
281 Grace St., Perth Amboy, NJ
732-442-2660
www.ZPabanquethallsnj.com

Drain Cleaning Services

A-DEPENDABLE DRAIN & SEWER CLEANING SERVICES

Drains Electrically Snaked Out!
Sewer, Kitchen Sinks & Bathroom Basins
Laundry Tubs, Storm Drains to Curbs
All Work Guaranteed

Summer Special
\$75 - \$95 -
Mon - Sat - Day Rates 732-442-1836
(Residential) 732-583-0591
Nights & Sundays Extra 732-382-2220



Dry Cleaning

KIMBER DRY CLEANING

732-721-1915
• All Work Done On Premises
• Same Day Cleaning
• Expert Tailoring
& Alterations
106 S. Broadway, South Amboy

Lawn & Garden

David's Lawn & Garden

Snow & Leaf Removal

(732)-742-6709

Help Wanted

Hall For Rent

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS San Salvador Council 299



HALL FOR RENT
Weddings, Sweet 16's, Parties, Meetings
732-442-2998
228 High Street, Perth Amboy

Landscaping



FALL CLEAN UP SPECIALS
Bulk Material Delivery • Topsoil • Stone • Mulch
Grass Cutting • Shrub Removal & Trimming
Pavers • Masonry Repair • Powerwashing
Gutter Cleaning
FREE ESTIMATES 732.494.4144

Music Instruction

**Brian O'Connor's
School of Music**
Guitar, Bass, Sax, Flute & Drum Lessons

South Amboy, N.J.
732-721-9093
brianoconnormusic.com

Room for Rent

Room for Rent in Private Home - Single Person Only - No over night guest or people hanging out \$600 - 732-566-2945 1/9

For Sale

Gray Jordan TC - worn once, sz. 10 pd. \$115 asking \$60 - 732-881-8337

Ski Boots sz. 10 1/2 - Poles & Skis - asking \$60 732-634-3589

Chain saw 16" Echo model CS345 Gas Mint Condition \$70 732-721-4477

Furniture

Wall Unit - Stanley Furniture 3 piece solid wood wall unit in great condition. Paid over \$2000 asking \$700 - Nancy - 908-338-8832 12/12

Sharpening

Make dull stuff sharp "Cheap" - knives, scissors, garden tools - 732-442-3430

Moving Sale

Furniture and Accessories - Sat. Dec. 15th 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 76 South Shore Dr., South Amboy

JAPAN

A A S D T Q P B G F I H S U S
K G B O G U O N E Y P W Y L N
A U K E P N I L T S U N A M I
S Y I P S H V F Z O C V L P A
O O E A S B F W K H I I P Z R
H T I I R K U A J T Q S H T T
S O F I J U B D S L J L O Y T
L Y N E D U M E D Q O A N S E
Z K A S K S F A T H Z N T Y L
D V T I H A A T S I A D E P L
X N P G B U S I N E S S M T U
W M X A D V U X V U V L P D B
Y K I Z R C B C P R O K L G N
V I P M G K I A R U P M E T V
L W J K Y T S E L P A M S S U

- 8. ISLANDS
- 9. KABUKI
- 10. KYOTO
- 11. MAPLES
- 12. MOUNT FUJI
- 13. NOH PLAYS
- 14. OSAKA
- 15. PARKS
- 16. PUPPETS
- 17. SAKE
- 18. SAMURAI
- 19. SUSHI
- 20. TEMPLES
- 21. TEMPURA
- 22. TOKYO
- 23. TSUNAMI
- 24. YEN

- 1. BONSAI
- 2. BUDDHAS
- 3. BULLET
- 4. BUSINESS
- 5. FESTIVALS
- 6. FISHING
- 7. HONSHU





JAVIER HERRERA
Sales Associate

***Congratulations to
Javier Herrera for
being the #1 Agent
for the Month of
November***



329 SMITH STREET • PERTH AMBOY
(732) 442-1400 • (732) 442-1480 fax

***The Real Estate Team With
Dedication, Vision and Results!***

**FOR MORE OF OUR FEATURED LISTINGS, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE:
WWW.PETRABESTREALTY.COM**

**YOU HAVE OPTIONS!
LET PETRA BEST REALTY
FIND THE RIGHT SOLUTION FOR YOU!
AVOID FORECLOSURE!**

**CONSULT A SHORT SALE EXPERT. CALL TODAY!
LET OUR EXPERTS HELP YOU THROUGH
THE PROCESS OF SELLING YOUR PROPERTY!**

**IN THIS CHANGING MARKET,
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU WONDERED
HOW MUCH YOUR PROPERTY IS WORTH?**

CALL FOR FREE MARKET ANALYSIS!



AVENEL - House is beautiful has big yard, all windows, kitchen, 2 bathroom, boiler, water heater all new, fresh painted, big back deck and more. **MAKE OFFER -SELLER IS MOTIVATED TO NEGOTIATE.** Agent has new num. 732-535-3869. **\$199,000**



SOMERSET - If you want to become your own boss, this is the opportunity. Take a look at this productive business and present offer. Owner willing to negotiate. Look for L'affaire Bakery. **\$185,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Well kept property by family for generations. Come and see this nice house where only one family proudly occupied. This is in estate sale. Sold "as is" no questions asked. Buyer resp. for any repair, C/O and Smoke Cert. Show and bring offers. Seller willing to negotiate. Fully insulated attic. **\$189,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Perfect Auto Part retail store in the heart of Perth Amboy. A turnkey operation hard to find a prime location on Smith Street, 2nd fl. apt. rented for \$1,000. Lease ends 4/30/12. Hurry - it will not last. **\$274,900.**



PERTH AMBOY - Water, water and more water - stunning water view. This townhouse styled features 3 bdrs., 1.5 bath., 2 car garage, beautiful deck overlooking a terrific ocean view. A/C, fire place. Great potential - needs some TLC. It will not last. **\$249,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Brand new 4 bdrs. colonial with gleaming hardwood flrs. modern kitchen with granite counter-tops. master suite with a huge custom closet, full bsmt with high ceilings. A "must see." **\$259,000**



WOODBIDGE PROPER - Hardwood flrs. "move-in" condition. Close to Metro Park. All major hwys and shopping center if commission is reduced will split 50/50. **\$109,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Very nice "move-in" condition property. This is a short sale transaction and commission will be half of bank approval if there is any changes on it. **\$199,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Charming well kept home in very good moving in condition. Nice backyard. Do not miss this one. Short sale. Price and commission subject to bank approval. **\$115,000**



Home for the Holidays *GIFT GUIDE 2012*



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

GIVE THE GIFT OF GOOD HEALTH

Gift Cards Available!

For more information
visit us!

RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA
357 New Brunswick Avenue
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
732.442.3632

www.rbaymca.org





Santa Fly-in

Press Release

PRINCETON - Thirty-seven years ago someone suggested that Santa fly into the airport for the area children watch. Over the years this event has evolved into a wonderful annual event for families and those less fortunate.

The tradition will continue on Christmas Eve day when the Nierenberg family, owners of Princeton Airport, will open the hangar doors to area children while they await Santa's arrival. The event began at a neighboring airport and the Nierenbergs brought the tradition to the Princeton Airport in 1985. This year the event will be held on Monday, December 24th. Airport Manager Kenneth Nierenberg (a.k.a. Santa) has confirmed Santa's arrival time to be 11:00 A.M.

Participants come from far and wide for this happening. If you wish to have your children participate in the event, please bring a wrapped gift

for each child with the name in large print to the lobby of the airport. If you have several children, wrap the gifts in the same paper and tie them together to expedite the distribution. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa.

On the day of the event adults are advised to bring the children prior to 11:00 A.M. and wait in the Maintenance Hangar. While waiting, members of the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies. Ms. Pat McKinley, a local folk singer, will lead the audience in a variety of holiday songs. Chris Maslanka will provide the sound system. Santa will call in on the airplane's radio to confirm his ETA (estimated time of arrival).

Once contact has been made with Santa, everyone will proceed outside onto the ramp in front of the hangar where they can watch Santa fly low over the runway. After he lands, Santa and everyone else will go into the hangar and Santa will distribute each gift individually.

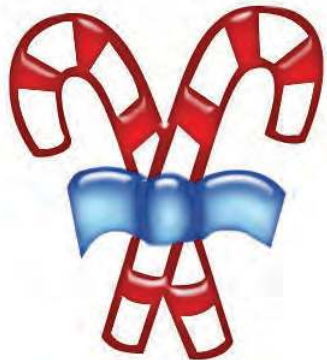
The event will be held regardless of the weather conditions. Parents will have the opportunity to take pictures of

their children on Santa's lap. Typically the distribution lasts about an hour and a half.

The most important feature of this event is the collection of gifts for needy children. If you plan to participate, you are required to bring new unwrapped gifts of clothing, books, or toys. These gifts are being collected and distributed through the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Although toys are a common donation, items such as scarves, mittens, and other articles of clothing are welcome. Personal checks made out to the "FoodBank Network of Somerset County" will also be collected. The airport will have a container for the public to donate canned or boxed food to help the local food banks in this particularly difficult year. The public is asked to be extra generous this year in light of the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. The airport will gladly accept contributions from non-participants also.

The airport will begin the collection the day after Thanksgiving and it has set a deadline for the collection of both the gifts for area children and the needy of December 16th in order to enable county workers to arrange for the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby at the airport between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Usually the distribution of the gifts is completed by 1:00 P.M. when Santa will continue his journey.

There is no charge for the event. Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 mile north of Princeton on Route 206. For further information, call 609-921-3100 or www.princetonairport.com.



Christmas Tea

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is sponsoring a Christmas Tea at the Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., on Sunday, December 16 at 1 p.m.

Join the Society members for tea and pastries, with Dennis Nanton on the keyboard.

Donations are appreciated. Please bring a nonperishable food item for the Salvation Army.

For more information call 732-293-1090.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BLAST
MUSIC FOR DANCING BY
DJ ROB D

\$85 Per Person Includes Everything
Children 12 and under-\$50
Reservations Required* Reserve Early
Limited Space* Pay In Person*No Refunds

OPEN BAR ALL EVENING

Cocktail - 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.
SHRIMP IN GARLIC SAUCE.
CLAMS PORTUGUESE MANOR. LOBSTER.
FRIED SQUID. OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER.
SCALLOPS WITH BACON. MUCH, MUCH MORE
MAIN COURSE:
Filet Mignon with Two Lobster Tails

VIENNESE TABLE
Extraordinary Desserts

Main Dining Room Open 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. for Dinner Only
Special New Year's Eve Menu 3 p.m. - 11 p.m. Reservations Suggested
Closed Christmas Day & New year's Day



Portuguese Manor
310 Elm Street, Perth Amboy
(732)-826-2233
Fax: (732) 826-8957
www.portuguesemanorrestaurant.com
GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE



Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee

will be holding their 3rd Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

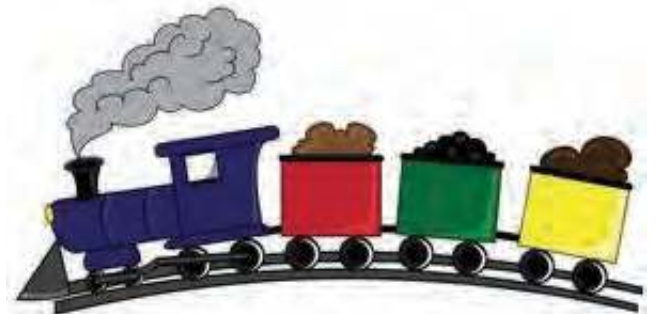
Saturday, January 12, 2013 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

228 High St., Perth Amboy

Adults \$8 Children under 5 - Free

Come out and support your local heroes!







PERTH AMBOY SIDEWALK SALE

December 14, 15, & 16

FOR PARTICIPATING STORES,
CALL FOR MORE INFO 732-324-0678
ASK FOR YOCASTA

- Flower Arrangements
- Plants • Balloons • Gifts
- Teddy Bears • Candles
- Baskets for All Occasions




Order Your Christmas Basket TODAY!!!!

732-442-3559

710 Pfeiffer Blvd., Perth Amboy



Christmas Tea

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House invites you to its annual Christmas Tea Saturday, December 15, from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person. There will be a high tea menu! Come hear the Choir sing beautiful holiday songs during the Christmas Tea! Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please call (732) 500-2081 to reserve your table. Want to Volunteer, bring a dessert and/or have any ideas to make the Christmas Tea extra special? Please contact hosts, John and Laura Bermingham at the number provided above.



PANTAGIS DINER Home of Nick's Famous Cheesecakes

Time to Order Your Holiday Cakes & Pies! *The Tradition Continues*

Pantagis Diner is located between Raritan Center and Woodbridge Mall.
 3126 Woodbridge Avenue
 Edison, NJ 08837
 732-709-3555
 Open 24 hours, 7 days a week!
 www.pantagisdiner.com

\$5.00 OFF \$25.00 OR MORE Expires 12/31/12 AG	FREE BREAKFAST UP TO \$ 5.00 WHEN YOU BUY ONE Expires 12/31/12 AG	\$2.00 OFF \$10.00 OR MORE Expires 12/31/12 AG	CHILD EATS FREE WITH PURCHASE OF AN ADULT MEAL Expires 12/31/12 AG
---	--	---	---

Sciortina's HARBOR LIGHTS 132 South Broadway South Amboy, NJ 732-721-8788

APPETIZERS:
 ANTIPASTO PLATTER: *AVAILABLE IN SMALL OR LARGE
 1/2 TRAY \$60 SERVES 6-8 PEOPLE
 TRAY \$90 SERVES 8-15 PEOPLE

SALADS
 ANTI PASTA SALAD \$50
 INSALATA SALAD \$45
 CAESAR SALAD \$45

ENTREES:
 *AVAILABLE IN 1/2 TRAY PORTIONS ONLY
 1/2 TRAY SERVES 6-8 PERSONS

BAKED ZITI	\$45
PENNE VODKA	\$45
ITALIAN SAUSAGE & PEPPERS	\$45
ITALIAN SAUSAGE & ROASTED POTATOES	\$45
HOMEMADE MEATBALLS	\$50
ITALIAN ROASTED SAUSAGE	\$45
CALAMARI FRITTI	\$45
MANICOTTI WITH RED SAUCE	\$50
VEAL PARMIGIANA, MARSALA, OR FRANCHISE	\$70
CHICKEN PARMIGIANA, MARSALA, OR FRANCHISE	\$60
OVEN ROASTED CHICKEN	\$50
PENNE PASTA WITH RED SAUCE	\$45
EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA	\$55

PIZZA AND/OR DESSERTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE
*DELIVERY AND SET-UP CHARGE IS ADDITIONAL

Having a Party? Call us about our Catering Packages

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

OPEN Christmas Eve 11:30am-6pm
CLOSED Christmas Day
OPEN New Year's Eve 11:30am-8pm
OPEN New Year's Day 4pm

Salvation Army

PERTH AMBOY - The Salvation Army's Perth Amboy Corps. is making an urgent plea for food donations as the Holiday Season is upon us.

The Corps' Food pantry has been struggling to meet a significantly-greater need throughout the year, and is now faced with providing holiday food distributions to over 500 needy families. Non perishable food donations, cash donations or food vouchers may be dropped off at the Corps Headquarters State And Washington Streets between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

For more information call 732-826-7040.



CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE With CORNUCOPIA CRUISE LINE

NEW YEAR'S EVE
 SAILING OUT OF PERTH AMBOY
 CORNUCOPIA PRINCESS
 BOARDING: 8:00 PM SAILING: 9:00 PM RETURNING: APPRX. 3:00 AM
 OPEN PREMIUM BAR
 CHAMPAGNE TOAST
 PLATED STYLE HORS D'OEUVRES
 APPEALING APPETIZER
 SALAD
 ENTREE
CORNUCOPIA COMBO MEDLEY
 Consist of U.S. Choice Black Angus Boneless Short Ribs, Salmon with Dill Sauce & Chicken D.J., PARTY FAVORS
FIREWORKS & CRUISING TO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY
 (Fireworks Weather Permitting)
 Party of 2 - \$169 per person • Party of 3-8 - \$159 per person
 Party of 9 or more - \$149 per person • Party of 20 or more - \$139 per person (plus tax and gratuity)

GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 1-800-924-8477 OR 732-697-9500 to RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!!!
 Sailing From Perth Amboy, NJ
OFFICE: 401 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, PERTH AMBOY RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW!!!

Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church Hall, 404 Division St. is sponsoring a Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Walk through a maze of homemade Holiday Cookies, fill a bag, and pay \$10 per pound.

For more information, call 732-826-4442.



WOW!

BARGAIN WAREHOUSE
STORE BLOWOUT SALE!

DRASTICALLY REDUCED PRICES!

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING!

"LOTS OF WINTER COATS!!!"

Located at 5 Paddock Street, Avenel, NJ 07001
(Next to Woodbridge Child Diagnostic & Treatment Center)
732-855-1400, Ext. 242

OPEN FRIDAY 8AM TO 3PM
VISA, MC, AMEX and DISCOVER



Kiddie Keep Well Christmas Donation

WOODBIDGE - Since 1924, the camp has been providing a residential camping experience for about 600 children between the ages of 6 and 13 who would not normally be able to go to a sleep-away camp each summer. Approximately 60 to 80 of those children are from Woodbridge Township. Many of the campers live with physical, emotional, drug or alcohol abuse, or special health problems.

Every year they hold a Christmas party for the kids, this year Kiddie Keep Well would like to help by collecting new, unused coats, gloves, hats, and scarves. If you would like to contribute, please drop your donation off at the Health Center in the Environmental Department, 35 Roosevelt Dr., Edison by November 21. Any donation would be greatly appreciated. For more information call Erica at (732) 548-6542 Ext. 5027.



Sugar Plum Palace

Does holiday shopping have you stressed out? Unsure what to buy your boss, neighbor, sister or mother? We have something for everyone: old fashioned candies, superb chocolates, sugar free items and much more that will tantalize your taste buds!

146 Pulaski Ave.
Perth Amboy, NJ
732-826-2949

Call for days and hours
Open Dec.9 thru Dec.24
7 Days a Week
Sun - 12 Noon to 5 p.m.
Mon - Sat - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Holiday Party
SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a kids Holiday Party on Friday, December 14 from 3 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.

Holiday Bingo
SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Holiday Bingo for all ages on Wednesday, December 19 from 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.



The owners of Superior Diner wish everyone a very happy holiday season!



Superior Diner
464 Smith Street
Perth Amboy
Phone: 732-442-3772
A Tradition up held

Since 1945 of perfection and Service!

SPECTACULAR SENIOR SPECIALS LUNCH Complete \$7.75
Dinner Complete \$9.95

Convenient Location and Ample
Exceptional food at reasonable prices

Mon.-Sat 5:30 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday-7:00 am to 4:00 pm
Daily Specials 7 Days A Week

Gift Certificates Available!

The Superior Diner wishes everyone Very Happy Holidays

WiFi Available

\$2 OFF 15.00 or MORE Cannot be combined with any other offers Expires: 12-25-12

\$5 OFF 25.00 or MORE Cannot be combined with any other offers Expires: 12-25-12



Trip to Radio City Music Hall, New York

WOODBIDGE - There will be a trip to Radio Christmas Spectacular on Thursday, December 13. Bus leaves from Woodbridge Community Center at 4 p.m. sharp! Tickets are \$75 per person. To register for more info call the Recreation Dept. at 732-596-4048. Register early! Space is limited on a first come first serve basis. Payment must be received to reserve tickets. No refunds once payment is received.

Holiday Train Show Exhibit

WOODBIDGE - The 21st Annual Holiday Train Show Exhibit at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave. will be from December 1 to 28. M-F 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sat & Sun 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Closed December 25) Opening Reception, November 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. featuring Santa, Mrs. Claus and many other surprises. For more info call 732-634-0413. Sponsored by The Club at Woodbridge.

Toys for Tots

RED BANK - Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public charity is the fund raising, funding and support organization for the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation was created at the behest of the U. S. Marine Corps and provides support in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, who directs the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The Foundation has supported Toys for Tots since 1991.

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. Cash donations are also accepted. For more information contact Toys for Tots Coordinator GySgt. Jack Santelli at 732-530-4500 x549.

Handel's Messiah

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."

"This is my 7th year in a row attending Messiah, and I'll never miss it!" Come join the rest of the South Amboy area community for the Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra and Choral Society's presentation of George Frederik Handel's timeless oratorio. Under the direction of Maestro Christopher M. C. Deibert, conductor, the Advent/Christmas portion of this work will be performed in its entirety, along with excerpts from the second and third parts. Don't miss this delightful candlelit concert, set in beautiful Victorian-gothic architectural surroundings. This concert is guaranteed to put you in the Christmas spirit! \$15 Suggested Donation Cheerfully Accepted! DVD's of performance on sale. The performance will be at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta St, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-0179 or 732-213-0989.





A Tribute to Gary, The Spirit of Christmas

A man of renown dwells in our town,
His capers are wondrous to see,
Charming and graceful in all that he does,
He is pleasing to the likes of you and me!

He's in a business prone to sadness and gloom,
That may lead many t depths of despair.
But our dear Gary brings sunshine and joy,
That in his profession is extremely rare.

The first part of "funeral" is the word "fun"
Gary has 'em laughing by the cemetery gate,
Tears turn to smiles once they have learned,
That the deceased has left 'em a great big estate!

Let us salute those stalwart pall bearers,
Who carry the casket with grace, dignity and pride,
Think of the hell that would be raised,
If ever a jolt would awaken the dead guy inside!

Eat, drink, and make merry! At the joint of Ed and Mary!
So, cheer up, me hearty lads and lassies,
Genial Hosts Gary and Joan bid welcome to this Christmas Brawl!
With greetings and best wishes from the swell guys ,
Smilin' Gary, Wife Jaon, Pal Joey and the party goers one and all!

Here's a special toast to dear friends no longer here,
We mourn their passing as we approach the New Year.
Their youthful spirits enriched our lives by far,
Gus Novak, Geoge Huber and 100 year young Charlie's Uzar!

Respectfully submitted with Best Wishes for Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May God Bless us all! God Bless America! It sure needs it!

Peter Book, a.k.a. Pedro Libro



Volunteers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Salvation Army's Perth Amboy Corps. State Street, is looking for a few good men and women.

Through Monday, Dec. 24 the Salvation Army's 2012 Red Kettle Christmas Campaign will be conducted to raise the funds needed for its various charitable programs.

The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Christmas Campaign one of the oldest charity fundraisers in the U.S. began in 1891 in San Francisco, CA. The Campaign raises over \$130 Million each year through the efforts of over 25,000 volunteers ringing bells to solicit loose-change donations from Holiday shoppers, which in turn provide clothing, food, toys, and more to almost 30 million needy Americans.

This year the Perth Amboy Corps has fewer volunteers to staff its Kettle locations throughout its service area of Perth Amboy, Edison, South Amboy and Woodbridge Township.

Anyone interested in volunteering for this important work should call 732-826-7040.

Merry Christmas

Yo Delight
Delicious Frozen Yogurt

456B Smith St Perth Amboy NJ 08861
**Family Sunday - Buy 3
Get 1 FREE**

"Plenty Of FREE Parking"

20% OFF with Ad
Expires: on December 7, 2012

**GIFT CARDS
&
LOYALTY CARDS
AVAILABLE**

Phone 732-486-8461
Email: info@yodelightfroyo.com

Christmas Bake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church is having a Christmas Bake Sale for Dec. 10th through Dec. 14th. Pick up your order at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy. "All Gourmet Items Handmade." Call 732-826-7067 to place your order between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Therefore, call early, before the maximum sales quota is reached. Cakes are nut, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry and prune. Price is \$10 Pick up dates are Dec. 18th through Dec. 20th. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thank you for your orders!!!

Meet Santa

SEWAREN - Meet Santa at the Sewaren Library! The Sewaren Free Public Library wants you to join us for a special holiday storytime as we welcome our special guest: Santa Claus! Saturday, December 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. At the Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave., Sewaren. Enjoy story, craft, songs and a special visit from Santa Claus! For more info call 732-634-7571. This is a free event. As always all Sewaren Library activities and usage is open to families of all towns - not just Sewaren. Registration is limited. Sign up required. Call or stop by Monday, December 10.

'Tis The Season For

Carhartt

Free Gift Box With Purchase
MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
VISA MasterCard Discover
SE HABLA ESPANOL

CELEBRATING OUR 93rd YEAR!

SANDSTONE ARCTIC TRADITIONAL JACKET
\$92.00

SANDSTONE ARCTIC TRADITIONAL COAT
\$109.00

SANDSTONE QUILT LINED BIB OVERALL
\$100.00

LINED JEANS
DENIM&CANVAS WORK JEANS
HATS

ALSO FEATURING A FULL LINE OF CARHARTT COLD WEATHER GEAR

- 100% Nylon quilted to polyester Arctic weight or mid weight linings
- All zippers with protective wind flaps
- Under collar snaps for optional hoods
- Triple-stitched main seams
- Most items available in wide range of sizes and colors

Open Mon.,-Fri., 9:30-6 Sat., 9-5:30 Sun., 11-4

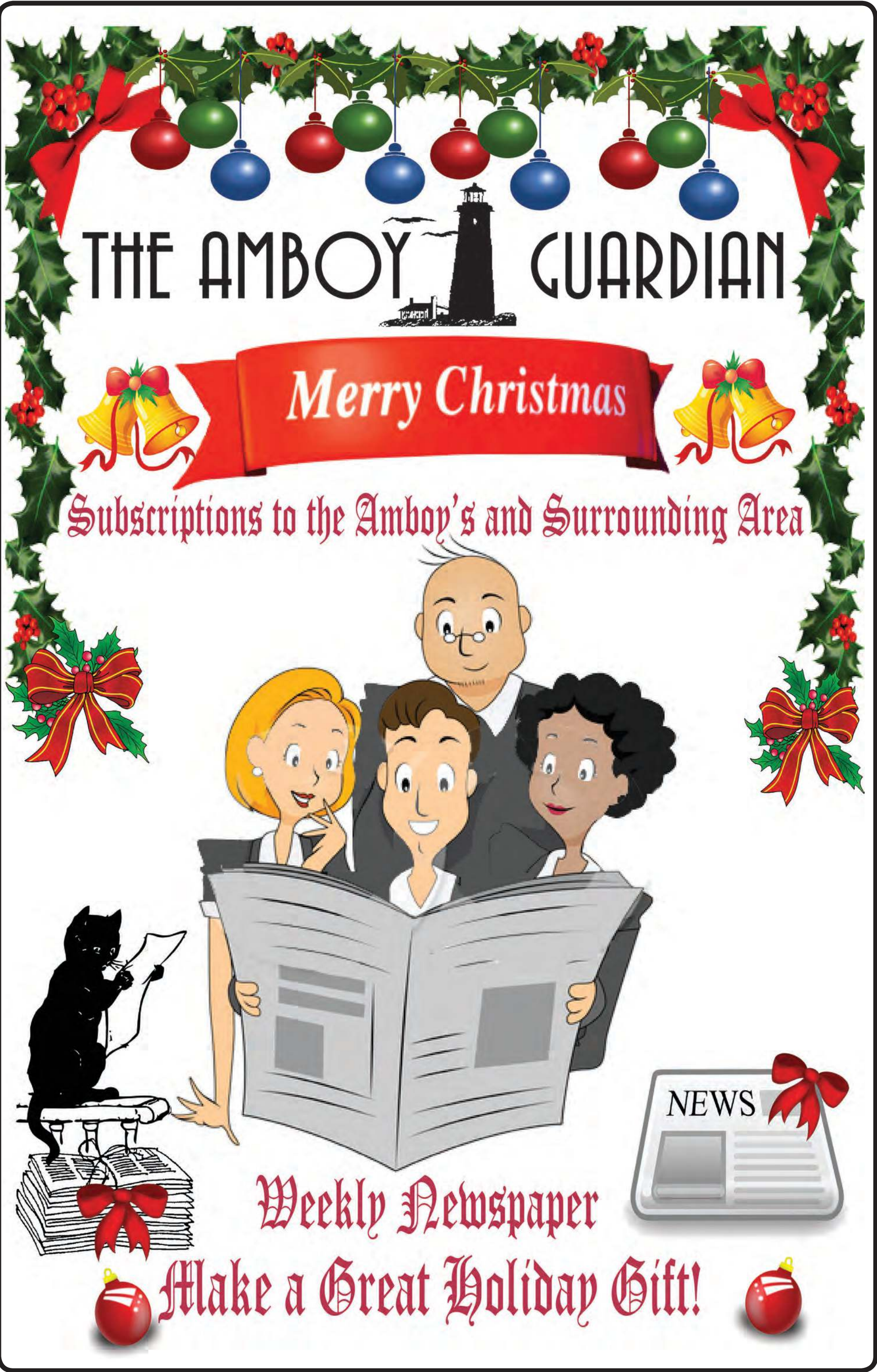
195 New Brunswick Ave. • Perth Amboy • (732) 442-1079
(194 Fayette St. Entrance Open)

FERNANDO'S UNISEX HAIRSTYLING LLC
639 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
732-324-0283

In Appreciation Of Your Continued Patronage
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
From Our Family to Yours!

FOR YOUR STYLING NEEDS • WE SPECIALIZE IN
HAIR REPLACEMENT • SALON SERVICE FOR THE
ENTIRE FAMILY

Gift Certificates Available



THE AMBOY GUARDIAN

Merry Christmas

Subscriptions to the Amboy's and Surrounding Area



Weekly Newspaper

Make a Great Holiday Gift!



Historic Church Offers Special Service Of Lessons And Carols

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Offering some of the most beautiful music of the season, the choir of historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy will perform a Service of Lessons & Carols on December 16, 2012 at 10:30 AM. Led by R. Douglas Sheldon, Music Director at St. Peter's since 1976, this service, now a fixture in the community, will be the church's 37th Lessons & Carols. Featuring a mixed chorus of thirty-six voices, works will include music for antiphonal choruses by Benjamin Britten and Jacob Handl, a major anthem Welcome all Wonders by Richard Dirksen (formerly Music Director of the National Cathedral in DC), arrangements of carols by Norman Luboff, G. Darlington Richards, F. Melius Christiansen, and Leo Nestor, plus Hodie Christus natus est, by Tuillio Visioli, Two Kings

LESSONS AND CAROLS
37th Annual
A service of readings and musical offerings

Sunday, December 16, 2012
10:30 A.M.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
183 Rector Street
Perth Amboy, NJ

Forty voice choir directed by
R. Douglas Sheldon
Jon Tyillian, Organist

Free admission, donations welcome
Reception follows

by Joseph Clokely, and a jazz arrangement of Go Tell it on the Mountain.

In addition to Mr. Sheldon, Winston Hughes, Jeff Smith and Patrick Murphy will share conducting honors. Winston Hughes is a retired and much celebrated choral conductor, well known for his work with the Edison High School Chorus. Jeff Smith and Patrick Murphy, graduates of Rutgers University and alumni of the Rutgers Glee Club, are now public school music teachers in Edison, and Old Bridge respectively. Jon Tyillian, St. Peter's organist and a graduate of Duquesne University, will accompany all carols, anthems and hymns and will perform

a prelude and a postlude by Sigfrid Karg-Elert and Keith Chapman respectively. Soloists include Ashley Curling, Alix Sheldon, Asa Vaughn, Jeff Smith, Elizabeth Moran and Elena Gisler. Participating in the antiphonal choruses are Emily Kwan, Amanda Weiss, Cedric Richardson, Patrick Murphy and Cherisse Williams, Joyce Richardson, Jonathan Gonzalez, and Asa Vaughn.

Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church is located at 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

For further information, please call the Parish Office (732) 826-1594

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



The City of Perth Amboy and Mayor Wilda Diaz cordially invite you to share a special evening in **Celebration of Chanukah**

-- ALL ARE WELCOME --

Come share the richness of the Jewish culture

as the Menorah candles are lit and the

story of Chanukah is told.

Please join us on

Thursday, December 13, 2012

6:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.

City Hall Council Chambers, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy
Refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact Herschel Chomsky at 732-826-2600 or

Lissette Martinez at 732-826-1690 ext. 4307

Christmas Parade and Perth Amboy City Hall Tree Lighting 12/8/12

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Marching in the Parade



Roxana Troche, The Litter Critter, Barry Rosengarden and McGruff the Crime Dog



A Holiday Dog



Mayor Diaz lights the Christmas Tree



Santa and Mrs. Claus



Merry Christmas GIFT GUIDE 2012



PRESENTS

2012

CELEBRATION
MONDAY DEC 31st

273 High Street Perth Amboy NJ.
\$20 Cover Charge Without Reservations



8pm

Gourmet Buffet
+ Champagne toast & Afterhours Snacks



Open Bar
Top Shelf Not Included

\$75

Tax & Gratuity
NOT Included

DJ SHADE

House, Club, & Party Music by the Bar

GRUPO WARACHANDO

Band playing Salsa & Merengue on the Havana Stage

Call For Reservations 732•442•8100 www.TerrazzaNJ.com

*Book Your Holiday Party Today.
Gift Certificates Available*