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Estimated Cost From Hurricane Sandy Over \$9 Million

Perth Amboy 11/26/12 Caucus Meeting



PERTH AMBOY - B.A. Greg Fehrenbach gave a breakdown of some of the cost associated with Hurricane Sandy. Some of the estimates came from the Department of Public Works - estimated damage around \$1 million.

Hatchmont & McDonald who were in charge of doing the Waterfront repairs from previous storms gave an estimate damage of \$4.5 million, \$100,000 worth of damage to the building contents of the Harbor Master building.

Overtime by the City \$700,000. Damage to the towers in the Parking Utility: in the east tower of the Parking Utility 15 panels blew out, stairwells are unusable. There is buckling in the west tower. Estimated cost about \$25,000 to repair. \$65,000 to replace.

The water treatment plants: no electricity from about 7 to 8 days. Estimated cost: over \$1 million.

Water had to be purchased from the Middlesex Water Company. The Second Street Pump Station was under 8 feet of water and it affected a lot of their functions. Insurance will cover some cost.

"We are looking for FEMA funds. It is possible to get 75% of the cost covered," Fehrenbach stated.

Fehrenbach also said that the Department and Division heads, City employees, laborers all worked outside of the normal working hours for the welfare of the City. "There is a dedication and love people have for the City and their neighbors. To see the extent that this community came back, with coordination, and Larry Cattano was unshakable. The people of this City came back faster than Cities who were still looking for the light switch."

Progress Continues in South Amboy Cleanup

Rosewell & John Streets

Photos Taken 11/27/12 & 12/2/12

SOUTH AMBOY - The Department of Public Works have made several pickups of garbage from devastation due to Hurricane Sandy. One of the hardest hit sections in South Amboy was parts of John and Rosewell Streets. As you can see in the top photo that was taken on 11/27/12 this property was inundated with garbage that was posing a health hazard to the surrounding area.

The second photo taken a few days later shows the same area cleaned up.

A resident who is on the Board of the Raritan Harbor Village Raritan Reach Association called up Councilman Mickey Gross to voice her concerns about the Rosewell/John Streets section of town. She also called the Middlesex County Health Department.

Councilman Gross called her several times and within an hour assured her that section of town would be cleaned up by Friday (11/30/12).

The building that still has a lot of garbage in front of it is privately owned and they are being fined by the City of South Amboy. (See Photo Page 2)

The resident who contacted Councilman Gross was also told that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints voluntarily helped homeowners remove debris from their residences.

The numerous garbage bags were the results from garbage that was collected from contractors and the Church Members who assisted the residents in the cleanup.

The cost for the disposal will come under the FEMA grant.

*Photos (R) by Joe Bayona
*Photos (L) by Joe Bayona and Paul W. Wang



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PERTH AMBOY - Trees uprooted in the Waterfront. Walkway damaged.
*Photo by Joe Bayona



SOUTH AMBOY - Privately owned building still has a significant amount of garbage in front of the complex. The City of South Amboy is fining the owner. *Photo by Joe Bayona

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Landings Residents Go Before Council to Outline Lawsuit Filed Against Developer Kushner

PERTH AMBOY - At the November 28th City Council Meeting Landings Resident Tracy Jordan went before the Council as she has done in the past. She presented the most pressing issues in the lawsuit filed by the Landings homeowners against developer Charles Kushner on October 31, 2012.

The causes of action asserted in this Complaint include (a) violations of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act; (b) negligence; (c) rescission; (d) breach of contract; (e) breach of the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing; (f) breach of warranty; (g) breach of implied warranty of habitability; (h) fraud and misrepresentation; (i) promissory estoppel; and (j) unjust enrichment.

Some of the amenities that the plaintiffs were promised were: the building of three parks, community center, Waterfront Esplanade as well as other recreational improvements.

They were led to believe that this would be an upscale neighborhood.

All of this was to be completed by 2012. Out of the 17 luxury buildings promised in the project only 2 buildings have been built.

Other amenities promised were a marina with boat slips, retail shopping, restaurants, a hotel, a 6000 sq. ft. state of the art health club. Discrete and secure underground parking, a cultural center, a high speed ferry service to New York City, especially the Wall Street Area. They also were promised a security system and owners' cable television at all the luxury buildings.

The buildings were supposed to have been built with high grade quality construction materials and the contractors hired would only perform high end workmanship.

The defendants promised to build up and fix Washington Street which is adjacent to the Admiral and Bayview Buildings.

There was a high pressure sales pitch for potential homeowners to buy quickly since all 17 buildings would be filling up rapidly.

This was supposed to be a \$600 million development project. Of the promises and representations that the defendants made to the plaintiffs none were kept.


Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez suggested maybe the City of Perth Amboy can join in with the Landings residents in the lawsuit.

The entire 36 page document is available for viewing at www.amboyguardian.com.

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High Water Bills Questioned 11/28/12 Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Fernando Gonzalez brought before the Council complaints from Seniors who were paying over \$100 for their water bills. Many Seniors wanted to know why their bills were so high especially those who were living alone.

Councilman Joel Pabon also brought up the fact that 698 Cortlandt St. and 173-175 Smith St. also had residents having high water bills. Councilman Bill Petrick wondered if it was difficult for a City to know if tenants were paying their bills late or maybe they were keeping their water running. Are pipes being shared between units?

Councilman Petrick also thanked three employees from Elizabethtown Gas for a fast response time during the recent hurricane.

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In the Dark

PERTH AMBOY - Resident Alice Kidney who lives in an apartment complex on Sheridan Street spoke before the City Council at the 11/28/12 meeting.

She voiced her frustration at not knowing there was a state of emergency in the City in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

She thought that the communication should have been better.

Council President Kenneth Balut said, "No one was prepared for this. Even New Jersey 101.5 Radio Station was off the air," he told Kidney that the building that she was in should have their own security in place. "There were some things that could have been done better, but we did a lot better than other towns."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez said, "We have all these electronic devices plus Channel 34, websites and the Mayor's Facebook. The Police, Chaplain Corps, etc. had to go door to door to alert citizens. Ms. Kidney's point is well taken and this storm was a wake-up call to amend our emergency plans. I commend the City overall and PSE&G did a good job."

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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.

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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

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

When you area newly elected politician, you inherit from the previous administration the good, the bad and the ugly.

Case in point. Under the tutelage of former Mayor and Assemblyman Joseph Vas, the good that was inherited was Best Buy, Geek Squad, U.S. Food Services and other corporations on the outer Amboy Avenue section of Perth Amboy. Some of the other good included the renovations of some of the recreational parks baring Bayview (which in my opinion was better off before with band shell located close to Rector Street.

The way Bayview Park was redesigned makes it difficult for all sitting in the park to see the performers and band. To get the best view of the performance you have to stand on the sidewalk of Rector Street or if you are sitting you must sit on an incline - and those stairs are murder on your knees!) With the old design, wherever you sat you had a good view of the performers and the band. The concept of the new design of Bayview Park was so that the audience was looking out over the water while the concert was going on.

The water will always be there but most people came to the concerts to watch limited engagement of first class performances during the summer.

Everyone knows about the bad and the ugly of Joe Vas. The bad was a \$250 million debt which turned into something very ugly during the recent municipal election.

Joe Vas sold Runyan and made that a very ugly underhanded deal with the Middlesex Water Company.

Although many people said that the \$250 million debt was being overplayed, personally I don't know how I would have gotten it down myself. Think about this scenerio.

Suppose you were told you inherited a beautiful mansion. When you saw the mansion from the outside, it was gorgeous. When you opened

the door, the previous owner took a sledge hammer to the walls, ripped out the insulation, electric wiring and really trashed the place. Maybe there were termites you didn't know about. There are leaky pipes and a leaky roof.

So what looked so beautiful from the outside was covering up the ugliness of the inside.

The latest legacy of Joe Vas is the Landings. Vas brought Kushner to Perth Amboy to build a \$600 utopia. They marketed these luxury apartments with amenities so desirable that it attracted people who were looking to retire or relocate to a smaller, less congested area that was still close to New York City.

The Waterfront of Perth Amboy was always known as its gem. The amenities promised at Landings because of the Waterfront area at the time seemed feasible to the potential buyers. But as we said before the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray. In this case it went way astray.

The Landings is not the only development with broken promises. If you look at the original plans of Harbortown you can see how those plans also went astray. Hidden Village on New Brunswick Avenue was supposed to have a community center and swimming pool. Neither ever came to fruition and some of the land was taken away when they re-did the railroad bridge to build the Municipal Complex.

Remember the original cost of the Municipal Complex ballooned from \$35 million to \$90 million.

This is a lot to inherit and to put on your plate. Anyone can come voice their complaints at Council Meetings. My father used to always say, "If you make a complaint, you should also offer some sort of solution to the problem."

To all elected officials - Do well to all of the residents whether they voted for you or not. **C.M., K.M.**

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Thankful

Name withheld upon request.

Landings

Lawsuit

This letter was read at the Perth Amboy City Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 28, 2012

We have all suffered dearly from the latest blow nature has unleashed on our city. As all residents, we are most interested in supporting the plan for recovery from Sandy. We urge the City Council to continue to inform and elicit residents to participate fully in recovery efforts.

The Landings saw our sea wall breached and significant flooding occurred in vulnerable parts of the two buildings in the Landings. We are currently wroking with our insurance and FEMA/SBA to restore our already weakened buildings to their former working order and where possible mitigate the areas that could prevent this disaster from re-occurring.

The sea wall is of special concern. The developer, Kushner Industries was required to build the sea wall which was not sufficient to hold back Sandy's surge. We do not

know what specifications were met, but one thing is certain is that it will need repair and mitigation in the future. I am sure Perth Amboy in general is looking at the needs for sea walls to defend all its low lying areas and we urge you not to forget our portion. We have not heard from the developer either about the sea wall or the nearly destroyed community room and fitness center that is still their responsibility under our Master Condo regulations. We ask your help to reach out to the developer to determine their intentions. If they are seeking FEMA/SBA low interest loans my understanding is they have to file by December 31.

As fate would have it, twenty homeowners from both Bayview and the Admiral, including myself, have filed a complaint in the Middlesex County Court principally against Kushner Industries, just before Sandy struck. We are represented by Patrick Whalen, esq. This is clearly a David vs. Goliath case. We have often offered testimony to the Council about our struggles with Kushner's represen-

tatives. After several months of work, we have concluded we have to challenge the deceitful and misleading actions of the developer and others that led us to invest our savings and in my case my retirement money in the Landings. Personally, what particularly attracted me was the stated idea that Landings would be a key factor in the Renaissance of Perth Amboy. We also expected we would be getting a quality construction to establish a home in what promised to be a beautiful development. Instead greed seems to have gotten in the way and Kushner seems to believe that he can treat both the residents and the city with disdain and will challenge the idea that we are helpless in the face of his billions.

We know Patrick Whalen is interested din addressing PARA if the December 4 meeting will occur. He has urged us to share the Complaint so we will send it by e-mail to as many of you who share our goals.

Daniel Santo Pietro
Landings Owner

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 9 & 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.

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.

Shore Aid

Telethon

OLD BRIDGE - SAYREVILLE - SOUTH AMBOY - December 9 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. (or as long as the phones keep ringing) Old Bridge High School, Route 516 Old Bridge. Stop by with a donation or watch live: Old Bridge: Channel 118: Sayreville: Channel 15: South Amboy: TBD. 1-855-97SANDY. Host Frank Cipolla, Entertainment, auction and more, www.facebook.com/shoreaid. Share Your Story or Large Donations. Share pictures, stories or to present a large donation or auction item email us at shoreaid@gmail.com. Monetary donations only. Shore Aid funds collected in partnership with the Alumni Path Foundations Inc., a NJ 501(c)(3) and endorsed by the Old Bridge, Sayreville and South Amboy Chamber of Commerce. Donations are tax-exempt.



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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.

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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

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. Dec. 5	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
MON. Dec. 10	City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Dec. 11	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
WED. Dec. 12	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Dec. 20	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.

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

Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education class Saturday, December 8, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. It will be held at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 732-324-5300

Melt Away Stress

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a and educational session Melt Away Holiday Stress Wednesday, December 5, 7 to 8 p.m., at the hospital's Old Bridge location in Auxiliary Hall C, located on the lower level of the Medical Arts Building, adjacent to the hospital on Ferry Rd. between Routes 9 & 18. Learn simple massage techniques to relax your muscles and feel your best throughout the holidays. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information and to register, call 732-442-3700, ext. 5861, or email integrative-medicine@rbmc.org.



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Congratulations to Sr. Yosaphata



PERTH AMBOY - Congratulations to Sister Yosaphata Litvenczuk on celebrating 50 years of religious life. On January 1, 1963 Sr. Yosaphata took her final vows as a Missionary Sister of the Mother of God. Sr. Yosaphata has served in Assumption Catholic School (formerly Ukrainian Assumption School) for 49 years and is presently the Vice-Principal. (L to R) Deacon Michael Waah, Most. Rev. Stephen Sulyk - Archbishop-Metropolitan Emeritus, Rev. Ivan Turyk, Sister Yosaphata Litvenczuk MSMG, Archbishop Metropolitan Stefan Soroka

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*

Those Registered with FEMA will Receive a Letter From FEMA

Press Release

NEW JERSEY - After registering with FEMA, you will receive a letter from FEMA concerning the status of your application. The letter is a starting point about whether or not you will receive disaster assistance.

Read the letter carefully. Even if the letter says that you are ineligible, the reason might simply be that you have not provided all the information or documentation FEMA needs. It does not necessarily mean "case closed." The letter explains what additional information is needed or how to appeal a decision that you do not qualify for assistance.

Ask for help if you don't understand the letter. Call the helpline at 800-621-FEMA (3362) or

TTY 800-462-7585 OR visit a Disaster Recovery Center where you can talk with a FEMA representative about your particular situation.

To find the nearest disaster recovery center, log on to www.fema.gov/drclocator.

You may not have qualified for financial help right away, but that decision may change if you submit additional documents. Some of the reasons for an initial ineligible decision can be that you:

- You haven't submitted a settlement or denial determination from your insurance

company.

- FEMA needs more information to process your application.
- You have not provided proof of ownership or occupancy.
- You did not provide records that showed the damaged property was your primary residence at the time of the disaster.
- You did not sign essential documents.

FEMA can never duplicate assistance from insurance or other government sources, but FEMA may be able to cover some of your uninsured losses. Providing the requested information or taking the required actions outlined in the letter might change FEMA's determination. The letter also explains how to appeal a determination. Appeals must be filed within 60 days of the date of the ineligible decision.

Remember: the letter from FEMA is a starting point. You should:

- Read the letter carefully.
- Ask questions and ask for help.
- Tell FEMA if you think the decision is incorrect. You have the right to ask FEMA to reconsider the decision.

FEMA has a video that gives more information about how to appeal a FEMA determination. It can be found at: http://www.fema.gov/medialibrary/media_records/6486.

Hurricane Relief

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

Business Recovery Forum

PERTH AMBOY— A Business Recovery Forum to be held on Thursday, December 6th at 10:00 a.m. in an effort to assist businesses impacted by Superstorm Sandy.

The program will include representatives from FEMA, SBA, UEZ Authority and the local BID and is open to all Perth Amboy businesses

"Since the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, Perth Amboy has been working with residents and property owners seeking recovery resources. We know that many businesses suffered financial, physical and inventory losses due to the storm and we need to address these concerns," said Mayor Diaz.

"The City of Perth Amboy Business Improvement District is offering special "Facade Grants up to \$5,000" to businesses that lost signs, awnings and storefronts that were damaged by the storm," said Barry Rosengarten, Chairman of the UEZ and BID Programs. "To receive this benefit, businesses need to be located in the BID area. For eligibility criteria, please call BID Manager Roxana Troche at (732) 442-6421," Rosengarten added. Thursday, December 6th at 10 a.m. at the Perth Amboy Fire Department, Training Room, 375 New Brunswick Avenue.

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.

Is Weight Loss Surgery Right For Me?

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a seminar "Is Weight Loss Surgery Right For Me?" Monday, December 10, 7 to 8 p.m. at its Old Bridge location. The informative event will focus on weight loss surgery including discussion on Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Gastric Sleeve; Dr. Oluseun Sowemimo will lead discussions on the concerns surrounding weight loss surgery as well as its successes. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in Auxiliary Hall B & C located on the lower level of the Medical Arts Building, adjacent to RBMC Old Bridge on Ferry Rd. between Routes 9 & 18. For more information, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME (1-855-846-3463).

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.

Need Help After The Storm? Visit A Disaster Recovery Center

Press Release

NEW JERSEY - When Hurricane Sandy survivors need face-to-face help, the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) is the place to go. From Cumberland to Sussex, customer service representatives are ready to help in many ways and in multiple languages.

Thirty DRCs are now open seven days a week. Hours today until Thanksgiving are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. (except for Bay Head, which is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. while its curfew remains in effect.)

All DRCs will be closed Thanksgiving Day and will reopen Friday, Nov. 23, with new hours: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., except for Bay Head, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Meet face-to-face with repre-

sentatives from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Services (NJOES), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Small Business Administration (SBA) and other government and volunteer agencies to learn about:

- Housing assistance and rental resources.
- The status of an application.
- Letters from FEMA.
- SBA's disaster loan programs and how to complete a loan application.
- Multilingual assistance.
- Strengthening a home.
- Counseling services.
- Other resources that may be available.

FEMA does not distribute cash, checks, debit cards or vouchers at recovery centers.

**Send Your Events to
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Cornucopia Fundraiser for Hurricane Sandy - Perth Amboy 11/17/12

**Photos by Bob Ned*



Ron Rios enjoys the evening



Business owners and Administrators



Wilda Diaz speaks



A young man speaks



Boxer Santos Lopez offers some remarks



Bernie Williams performs



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

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.

Grand Opening Spine and Joint Center

**Photos by Bob Ned*



The Spine & Pain Center



Cutting the Ribbon



A citation is presented



Mayor Diaz with the owners of the Spine & Pain Center & Councilman Kenny Gonzalez

Congratulations!

NEW BRUNSWICK - Congratulations to South Amboy Resident Xavier Tippett !! He plays Travis in A Raisin in the Sun. A Raisin in the Sun* By Lorraine Hansberry, Directed by Leah C. Gardiner With guest artist Tonya Pinkins**, Performances: Saturday December 1, Tuesday December 4, December 5 (matinee), Friday, December 7, at 8 p.m. and Sunday December 9, at 2 p.m. at the Philip J. Levin Theater. General Public \$25 / Rutgers Alumni, Employees, and Seniors \$20 / Students \$15 - Main Ticket Office, Mason Gross Performing Arts Center Main Ticket Office, 85 George Street, New



Xavier and Melissa, the assistant director at the opening night party.

Brunswick, NJ 08901. Rutgers University, Douglas Campus,- For more info call 732-932-7511.

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Tax Facts

Create A Road Map To Retirement

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka
Preparing for your retirement is a journey. And like most journeys, success or failure often hinges on decisions made early in the trip. Consider some of these pointers as you develop your personal road map to retirement. A solid retirement plan begins with an honest assessment of what your golden years will look like. Will they involve exotic travel, special purchases, or carefree living? Or do you plan to live modestly, perhaps working part time? A possible hint might be to consider how you are living right now. Many people assume that their living costs will decline later in life, but they often stay about the same or even increase. Once you know how you want

to live, it's time to take stock of your assets. Are your investments where they should be, or do you have some catching up to do? Keep in mind that those 50 years and older can contribute an extra amount each year into their 401(k) or IRA to help get up to speed. And no matter what career stage you are in, be sure to take full advantage of your employer's plan matching provision. Like any excursion, your path to retirement will need an occasional tweaking to stay on course. As your working years draw to a close, consider shifting your asset allocation from higher risk securities to those with lower market value fluctuations and steadier cash flows. And along the way, take steps to keep your household

budget in check. Think hard before incurring additional debt that might stymie your retirement plans. Analyze your spending to see what you really need to live on. Finally, assemble a team of professionals to help chart your path. You might need to coordinate life and health insurance, estate plans, and tax issues to achieve your retirement goals. If you need assistance, give our office a call.

Review The Pros And Cons Of Drips

Appropriately enough, investors may notice a slow trickle in earnings from "dividend reinvestment plans" (DRIPs). But these investments may end up providing a steady stream of income over the long run.

The concept is relatively simple. More than 1,000 companies and closed-end mutual funds around the country offer DRIPs to their shareholders. These programs enable shareholders to purchase stock directly from the company by automatically reinvesting dividends in additional shares. Many DRIPs also allow you to voluntarily make cash payments directly into the plan to buy even more shares.

Here are some of the main attractions of DRIPs.

- Most DRIPs don't charge any fee, or only a nominal fee, for purchasing shares.
- Participants may be able to purchase stock at a discounted price. The discount usually ranges from 3% to 5% and could be as high as 10%.
- The DRIP may allow you to send optional cash payments (OCPs), often for as little as \$10, directly to the company to buy additional shares. OCPs are often used to purchase fractional shares, thereby enabling investors to acquire blue chip stocks they might not otherwise be able to afford.
- It's easy to join in. Once you've chosen a particular stock, check to see if it has a DRIP. The company will furnish the specifics, including a prospectus and the appropriate application forms.

But that's not to say that investing in DRIPs is without drawbacks. There is a growing trend within the industry to charge a small fee for acquiring shares. Minimum amounts for purchases may be required. Also, the dividends that are reinvested are treated as taxable income, even though you don't currently receive any cash. Consider all of the implications of investments in DRIPs before including DRIPs in your portfolio.



DECEMBER EVENTS



One-day Childbirth Education Class

Facilitated by a registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare. Cost is \$125 per couple.

Saturday, December 8 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Raritan Bay Area YMCA

357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy

Registration required, call 732-324-5300.

Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?

Monday, December 10 - 7 to 8 p.m.

with Dr. Oluseun A. Sowemimo

Wednesday, December 26 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

with Dr. Ayotunde Adeyeri

Institute for Weight Loss

3 Hospital Plaza, off of Ferry Rd., Old Bridge

Registration required, call 855.TIME.4.ME.



Maternity Pavilion Tour and Family Health Open House

Information about child car seat safety, guided imagery and body mechanics for use during labor, how to pick a pediatrician and an infant CPR demonstration.

Wednesday, December 12 - 7 p.m.

RBMC Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave.

Registration suggested, call 732-324-5300.

Annual Public Meeting

Topics include RBMC's contribution to the community and the latest developments in its growth and renewal plan.

Wednesday, December 12 - 4 p.m.

RBMC Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave.

Registration suggested, call 732-324-5300.



The Holiday Weight Creep: Eating Healthy Through the Season

A registered dietician will discuss how to avoid weight gain.

Thursday, December 13 - 7 to 8 p.m.

RBMC Old Bridge, 3 Hospital Plaza, off of Ferry Rd.

Registration required, call 732.442.3700, ext. 5861.



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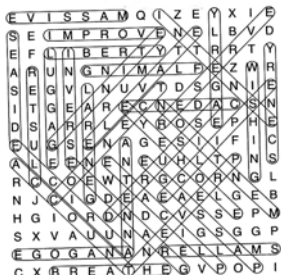
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- WED. Dec. 5 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St
- THURS. Dec. 6 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 noon Assumption Church Basement, Meredith St.
- MON. Dec. 10 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Dec. 11 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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- 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.

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Spaghetti Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - The Knights of Columbus San Salvador Council #299 in Perth Amboy will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, December 7, 6-9pm, at their Council Hall at 228 High St. Donation - \$8, Children (under 5) - Free. Proceeds go to KOC Christmas Fund for Underprivileged Children. For more info, call Jimmy at 732-762-1425 or John at 732-925-3751.

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Prayer To The Blessed Virgin

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

Prayer To St. Joseph For Employment

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen. **Wm.D.**

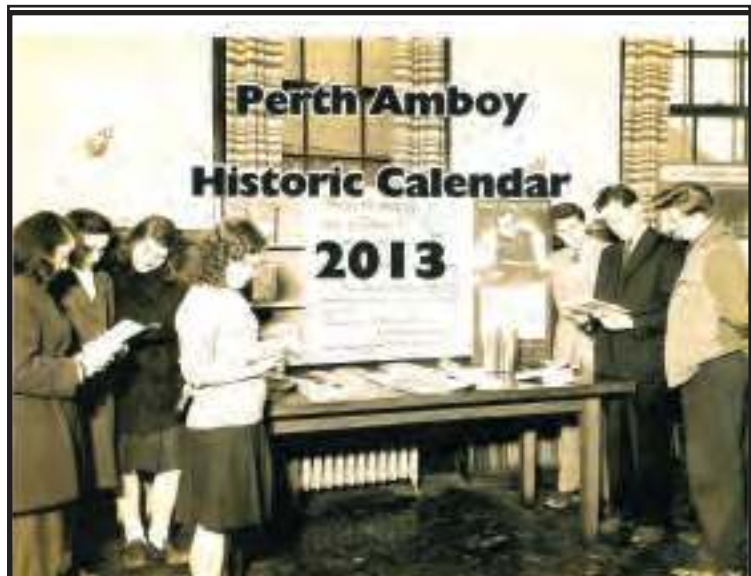
Ladies

Night Out

AVENEL - The CE Committee Presents Ladies Night Out! Please join us for: Desserts, Fellowship and holiday shopping! Friday, December 7, 2012 at 7 p.m. Partial proceeds from vendor sales will help fund Christian Ed Programs! Avenel Presbyterian Church, Jacob Morgan Hall, 621 E. Woodbridge Ave., Avenel.

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

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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 Kearnly 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.

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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.



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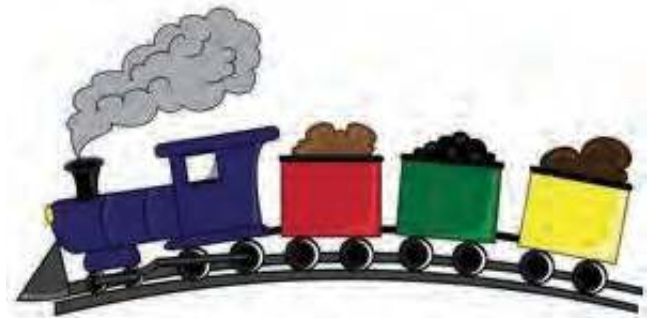
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Pictures with Santa

WOODBIDGE - Bring your child to tell Santa what they want for Christmas. When: Saturday, December 8 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Parker Press (400 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge). The Recreation Department is collecting non-perishable food items at ALL Holiday Events. Please bring a can... or two... or three of non-perishable food items to any of our Holiday events. Let's help our neighbors in need this holiday season. Walgreens (of Woodbridge) will be giving guests a complimentary 4X6 picture. For more info call Woodbridge Township Recreation & Resident Services 732- 596-4048.



A Drive Through

Christmas Story

OLD BRIDGE - A Drive Through The Christmas Story" will be presented again this year by Sayre Woods Bible Church. This is a display of ten life-sized Bible scenes including live characters, animals, holiday music, scripture, and a running storyline by way of a CD which enables you to go on a guided tour both hearing and seeing the Christmas story within the convenience of your own car. The Drive Through The Christmas Story is now also available in Spanish.

Held on the circular grounds of Sayre Woods Bible Church, Route 9 South, Old Bridge, on November 30, and December 1, 2 as well as December 7, 8 and 9 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays, and from 5:00 PM to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

For further information on this free holiday event, please contact our coordinator, Mrs. RoxAnne Tauriello, 1-888-679-4709.



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.

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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.

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.



Holiday

Open House

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Holiday Open House on Monday, December 10 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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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.



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."

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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 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.

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.



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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.



Holiday Of Fun

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Holiday of Fun on December 6 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the 2nd floor Community Room, 275 Hobart St Perth Amboy. In the spirit of the season we are holding our annual event "Holiday Of Fun". We will give away more than 300 toys to families in need. Special presentation by Santa Claus, picture taking, candy, music, face painting, toys and many more surprises. Our honorable guest Wilda Diaz Mayor of the city of Perth Amboy city officials, President, of The JRMC, Dr. Alan Goldsmith and CEO Mack Roberts. This event is sponsor by Healthfirst NJ, the prosecutor from the City of Perth Amboy NJ David Spevack. and many volunteers that donate their time to make "Holiday Of Fun" a very special one. You must register to participate, thank you in advance for your help. Please confirm your participation upon receipt.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest

SOUTH AMBOY - \$100 prize & a photo collage of your home dressed for the holidays! Home must be decorated completely by December 5. For additional information call Recreation at 732-316-8212

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting And Fire Truck Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - On Wednesday, December 5TH at 6 p.m. at Transit Plaza on Broadway "Come Visit Santa at our Christmas Village!" Santa Will Arrive At 6:30 p.m. for the Kids Annual Meet And Greet. There will be free hot chocolate, cookies, candy and holiday entertainment! Don't Miss the Annual Fire/First Aid Holiday Parade! Prize for the best decorated vehicle! This Year, Local Food Banks Need Your Help More Than Ever.... Help Us To Assist Them By Donating A Non-Perishable Food Item At This Event! Sponsored by the City of South Amboy. For additional information please contact the South Amboy Recreation Dept. at 732-316-8212.



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Reservations are required. Seating is limited. Cost \$8 per person (children & adults). For reservations or questions, please call (732) 821-9527

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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.



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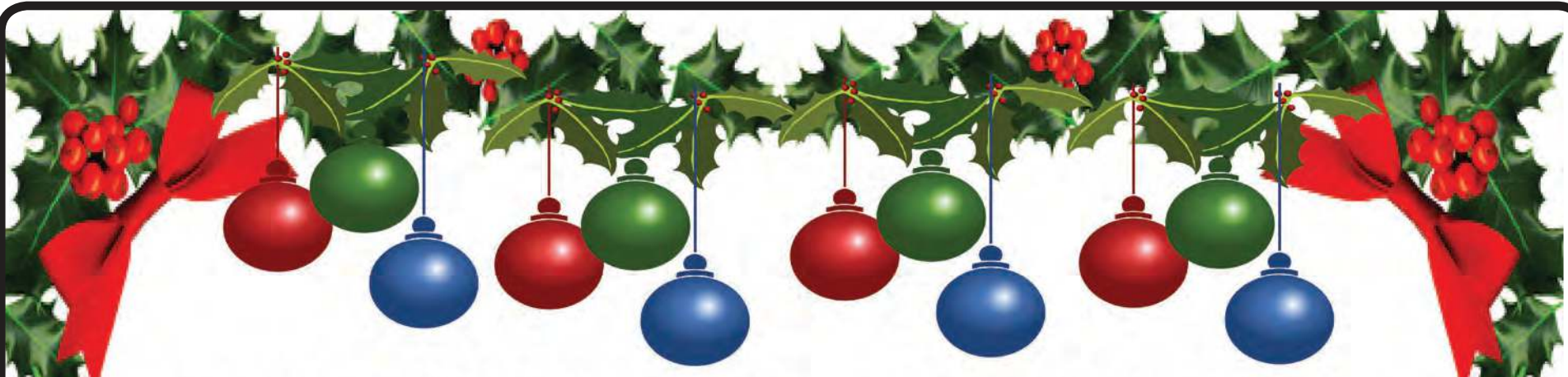
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