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Dissolution of Port Authority?

February 14, 2013 - Will it be a Sweetheart Deal; Utility in the Making?
Harborside Marina Utility Discussed

PERTH AMBOY - At the January 23, 2013 Caucus/Council Meeting there was an ordinance on the agenda (first reading) stating: An ordinance dissolving the Perth Amboy Port Authority and creating the Harborside Marina Utility.

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach addressed some of the pro's and con's of making the Port Authority a Utility. "As it stands now, the Port Authority is a separate corporation which can borrow and bond and even though the Port Authority has the authority to issue bonds - they have NEVER done so. The Authority has their own attorney and can come to the City for assistance. The Authority doesn't have the Government's Section 125 Insurance and Pension Systems nor do they have their own website. The revenue in 2012 was \$375,000. We estimate that will be going

down to \$150,000."

Answering the question before it could be asked, Fehrenbach said, "This drop in revenue is due to the boat slips that were destroyed during the storm so they can't be rented out. The slips accounted for 90% of the Port Authority's revenue. The Port Authority has very little assets. Money that FEMA distributed was paid out to the City and not to the Authority. There was about \$50,000 worth of equipment that the Authority owned prior to the storm. Some of this equipment included generators, special saws and office equipment. There will be a public hearing before the Local Finance Board. If the Board approves to dissolve the Port Authority and for it to become a Utility, the effective date would be February 14, 2013."

Fehrenbach continued, "The



B.A. Greg Fehrenbach

office will remain at the Waterfront and there will be a direct link between that office and the City. There will be a new advisory committee (3 members from the current Port Authority will be placed on this committee)."

"The current Chair and Treasurer will have to sign off to say the Port Authority has no debt."

No Nonsense Approach

Staying Focused; Carvajal Keeps Board Meeting on Track



Board President Mark Carvajal



Board Member William Ortiz

PERTH AMBOY - At the January 24, 2013 Board of Education Meeting, President Mark Carvajal had a mission statement projected on a screen behind the Board Members. There were four points:

- 1.) Makes every decision based on what is best for the kids.
- 2.) Boldly examines data to learn the truth of our progress.
- 3.) Fearlessly implements any and all strategies that have promise to move us towards our goals.
- 4.) Expects all students that graduate from High School be prepared for college and/or careers.

Carvajal planned to have those four items projected on the screen at every Board Meeting.

During his President's report Carvajal thanked his fellow Board Members for being very cooperative.

Board Committee Meetings are private but he suggested having an additional meetings (for the public to be a part of similar to the City Council Caucus Meetings).

Carvajal also addressed Board Members who were head of their prospective committees. To Milady Tejeda he told her, "You are doing a good job, but I want you to reach out more to the PTO's."

To new Board Member, Wil-

liam Ortiz, "Look into Channel 34 and the technology that they are using."

To Dianne Roman, "We need to look at multiple choices and assessments of programs already in place."

To all the Board Members he said, "The selection of the Board Attorney should be open to the public."

Addressing Israel Varela who is the chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Carvajal said, "I have a three page list of repairs that need to be made." Varela said, "I know. The Ceres School just got the windows and roof done, but I am not allowed in school buildings."

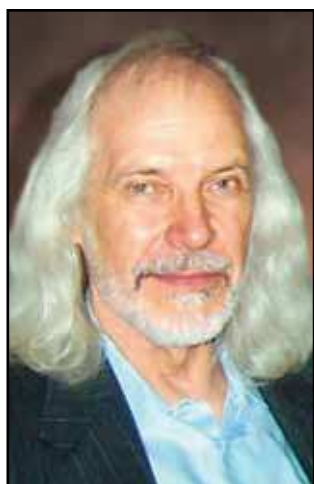
Carvajal responded that he and the Superintendent will have a conversation to get Varela to be able to visit the schools as long as the proper guidelines are followed.

Carvajal also said, "We need to do a lot more with shared services and the chances of getting a new high school are slim to none. But we are in a crisis level and we have to keep trying to do whatever we can. As far as the litigation against the Superintendent, Puccio and I will be working on that."

Carvajal then asked for a motion for full Board Committee

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Looking to Clean Up



Alan Silber



Councilwoman Lisa Nanton



Stanley Sierakowski

PERTH AMBOY - Local resident and frequent attendee of Council Meetings Alan Silber congratulated Joel Pabon for being elected Council President his leadership quality. But Silber was also concerned about the police presence at the Council Meeting. None of the Council Members or any

administrators had an answer to the police presence, and no one spoke up to say they authorized the police being there.

Silber also wanted to know about who has jurisdiction on the waterways between the Ferry Slip to the North Jersey Coastline Bridge. "Will the new advisory Board created

by the Mayor oversee this?"

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach said, "The Advisory Committee will make suggestions on how Brownfields will be used."

Silber also asked questions about the group called, "Love Your City Committee." He wanted to know if that com-

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Clean Up

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mittee utilized City employees.

Fehrenbach stated, "Sometimes the Love Your City Committee will assist the City in putting up holiday decorations."

Mayor Wilda Diaz addressed that issue with the Council and those in attendance, "The Love Your City Committee have fundraisers. They are businesspeople who decorate the City around the holidays to help attract outsiders to come into the City."

The Mayor also mentioned areas within the City where the Love Your City Committee put up holiday decorations.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski

ki was concerned about "A big dump of what appears to be a construction debris near where the Cornucopia is docked. "Maybe the Love Your City Committee can look into that spot."

Who has jurisdiction over that property was unclear.

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton who is also the President of the Royal Garden Club stated that the next cleanup will be Broad and High Streets. She encouraged citizen participation but emphasized that the cleanup will not take place if the temperature falls below 30 degrees.

After the Council Meeting was over, Sierakowski went over to Councilwoman Lisa Nanton to discuss other cleanup plans. Sierakowski has spoken out at other Council Meet-



Mayor Wilda Diaz

ings about having cleanups at other areas within the City where there is a lot of graffiti. One particular area that he has mentioned several times has been near the Outerbridge Crossing.

No Nonsense

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Meetings. Israel Varela moved this motion and it was seconded by Vice President Kenneth Puccio.

Board Member William Ortiz wanted to put to rest a rumor circulating about a confrontation with a student when he was a substitute teacher.

He read a statement (see statement obtained by Amboy Guardian; page 11) to clear up any misunderstandings.

Fellow Board Member Kenneth Puccio who is also on the police force happened to be at the High School when this incident took place with Ortiz. Puccio said, "I was at the school on another matter having nothing to do with what happened with Mr. Ortiz. Ortiz was not handcuffed nor was he arrested."

Also on the agenda was the appointing Karen Moffatt Principal at the Richardson School where she is currently the acting Principal. The motion did not pass.

During the public portion resident Stanley Sierakowski asked about a program that was instituted last year called the Interdistrict Program. This program allows students to attend out of town public schools within a twenty mile radius. He wanted to know if Perth Amboy was looking into that program.

Board Member Maria Garcia said, "Middlesex County does not qualify for intercounty placement of students."

At the end of the meeting, Sierakowski gave a copy of articles about this program to the Amboy Guardian Paper.

Sierakowski also drew ire from Superintendent Janine

Walker Caffrey when he stated, "Family structure is the most important factor in determining a student's success. Not just buildings and money."

Superintendent Caffrey responded to Sierakowski's remarks by saying, "Perth Amboy's Children and families are some of the strongest I have ever known. How dare someone disparage these families by these remarks!"

St. Mary's School was also discussed. A gentleman attending the meeting by the name of Mr. Lincoln said that they are spending a million dollars a year at that school. "And a lot of equipment at that school doesn't work."

Resident Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez agreed with Mr. Lincoln and said, "The Building (St. Mary's) is not equipped for learning."

Accolades to
Teacher in
Girl's Varsity
Basketball Team

PERTH AMBOY - Juan Mendoza who is a music teacher at the William C. McGinnis School was praised by the Vice President Kenneth Puccio. Mendoza was the Grand Prize winner of \$25,000 at the National Drum Off Competition in Los Angeles.

Also drawing praise that evening was the Girls Varsity Basketball Team. Board Member Dianne Roman said, "The girls are the #1 team in the county. They not only play well but are academically healthy."

Fellow Board Member Obi Gonzalez said, "Achievements such as this should be included in the Superintendent's report or placed on the Board agenda."

Superintendent's Report

PERTH AMBOY - "The District is right on track for teachers' evaluations," stated Dr. Janine Waker Caffrey. She presented a graphic presentation highlighting the reading achievement scores for the McGinnis and Shull Schools. The Shull School especially showed improvement in reading achievement. According to the chart an incline from 4.5 to 6.2 indicated a vast improvement from September 2012 to January 2013.

Representatives from the North Brunswick School District visited our schools and were impressed with our physics program. "We send too many students to out of school districts. Any out of district



Dr. Janine Walker-Caffrey

schools not meeting our requirements (especially those students with mental issues) were dropped. This will save our district over a half million dollars."

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Changing of the Guard

Both newly elected Council President Joel Pabon and newly elected Board of Education President Mark Carvajal were not the first choice for their positions. But when they were voted in they jumped in head first. They are both no nonsense leaders and their fellow members plus those who attend the meetings feel very comfortable with them.

There is no jousting or posturing during the meetings and although there are still disagreements, they are not as intense as they were in the past.

I was listening to a radio program called, “Religion on the Line.” This program features a Rabbi and a Deacon. They have their disagreements but they always resolve them in a very respectful way. This past Sunday, they had a guest who spoke about politics in Israel. The United States basically has a two party system and some people are up in arms when people suggest that we need to have a third party.

In 1999 in Israel over 30 different parties vied for the Assemblies’ 120 seats with 15 parties and party blocks being elected. Each elected party had members part of the policy making. No one was excluded.

So it was amusing to me when people were up in arms about the last Mayoral and Council election in Perth Amboy. Some people were saying that there should have been a run-off because the winner did not get the majority of the votes.

I wonder if the same people that were complaining would say the same thing if their candidate had won. Would they be requesting a run-off?

This was a non-partisan elec-

tion and the results were what they were.

Remember, you can go back to partisan elections in a few years. Look back at the low voter turnout in the past elections. A handful of people determined the leadership for a large amount of residents who chose to stay home.

So we had six people running for Mayor and five for Council. Some people were having a fit. What would they do if they had to choose from over 30 political parties? Perish the thought.

You can be political opponents (sometimes in the same party) but you have to hand it to politicians from all different spectrums who have ideas and can sit down and work together for the good of their community.

I would have liked to see some of the candidates who lost serve on different Boards within the City. There seems to be a lot of vacancies.

It’s a disappointment when you run so hard for office and lose after putting so much into your campaign. Even so, that does not mean you should stop participating in government.

You can still come to the Council Meetings and present your criticism or ideas. As a matter of fact, I would like to see some of the residents who frequent the Council Meetings run for office.

It is always easy when your are on the other side of the fence but when you have to cross over it’s a whole different ball game. All of the candidates had some good ideas and perhaps they should think about running again in the future.

C.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

A Letter For Karen

I am writing to you because as a teacher at the Richardson school I feel it is it is time that we have moved forward and hired a permanent principal for our school. Karen Moffatt is an extremely supportive and nurturing administrator. She has been acting principal of the Richardson school, and I for one am extremely pleased with the level of professionalism and leadership she has provided to the school.

I have been teaching for twelve years and I am currently starting my fifth year teaching at Richardson. I started as an intervention teacher, moved into an inclusion classroom as the regular education teacher, and am now the regular education teacher in a collaborative consultation classroom. Because I have always worked closely with the other educators in my classroom because of the special circumstances in my room, I understand how important it is to have a rela-

tionship that is built on mutual respect.

Mrs. Moffatt is asset to our community at Richardson because she is fair, honest, trustworthy, and an active administrator. She is rarely seated behind her desk. Instead she is circulating among the classrooms and into the various crevices of Richardson. The students know her by name and by face. She knows them as well, as she takes the time to acquaint herself with the many students that traverse these halls. She keeps a pulse on the school and what it needs. She is a dedicated professional who takes her craft seriously and asks that all who work in this environment to do the same.

Mrs. Moffatt has asked for a level of professionalism in the staff which I feel is more than justified. We are a professional community. If we would like that respect, we should make sure that each staff member is providing that to each other and to the students that are constantly listening and look-

ing up to us. Mrs. Moffatt has conducted herself with the utmost decorum befitting of an administrator, even when faced with severely unprofessional behaviors.

When I was first hired in this district I was sat down by Mr. Stratton and asked to do one thing – make sure I care for the children of Perth Amboy as if they were my own. In Karen Moffatt I see that level of commitment and fortitude to accomplish that mission. She has put in many long hours and has sacrificed personally to make sure that Richardson school was opened and smoothly run on September 6, 2012 and has continued to do so every day since. I am repeatedly grateful that I have such an administrator in my building and I implore you to recognize the treasure that you have in your midst.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Jennifer C. Poandl

Giving Credit Where Credit is Due

With regard to the photos and short story entitled, “A Friend to the Kearny Cottage,” appearing in this newspaper on 1/16/13, I have to correct and supplement the record. The story begins by stating that Dot Daniel thanked our Business Administrator for appointing her to the Kearny Cottage Historical Commission. I have no idea what that means since no such group exists. In the 37 years I was involved with the Kearny Cottage Historical Association, Inc., which I incorporated and for which I obtained State and Federal tax exempt status, there has never been a Kearny Cottage Historical Commission, and the Business Administrator never appointed a member to the Association. The Association is composed of volunteers who give of their time to maintain, preserve and repair the Kearny Cottage. The members join when they pay annual dues. No one is appointed. The group is separate and apart from the City of Perth Amboy and is apolitical. The Association is a friend to the City.

As far as the porch is concerned, that restoration project could not begin until the porch roof was rebuilt. The roof had to be fixed first since it leaked excessive amounts of water

onto the porch which caused wood rot. It was understood and agreed between the City (Office of Community Development) and the contractor that any wood rot would be replaced after the construction of the roof. It turned out, in this case, that most of the porch had rotted away, and the contractor built a beautiful new porch. Construction of the porch and the timing of that construction had nothing to do with any complaints about the timing of the work. Again, the porch was built in a timely fashion after the roof was built.

Believing in giving credit where credit is due the new roof (which should last 100 years) and the porch construction are the results of hard work of Mr. Michael Keller and his staff at the Office of Community Development before he retired, Danny Cleaver and the Department of Public Works, Bill Pavlovsky, former City Historian and Chairman of the Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Commission and the party who restored the Proprietary House, the contractor, who admittedly got a later start on the roof project for a variety of reasons, and me who observed the damage and pushed for its repair and/or restoration, with the use of community development funds derived from grants.

I would rather have expert work done on a historic struc-

ture on a late or delayed basis rather than shoddy or average work done on the exact day it was to be done. Our contractor was recognized by the State of New Jersey as the best person qualified to do the job, and the results speak for themselves. No one could have done a better or more thorough job.

Very truly yours,
Jack M. Dudas, Esq.
Former Councilman
City of Perth Amboy
Former President
Kearny Cottage

To set several things straight: Mr. Dudas said that he was proactive in pushing for repairs of the Kearny Cottage. The application for the Community Block Grant was given to Mr. Dudas because he was the registered agent for the Cottage. It was his responsibility to fill out these forms. Mr. Dudas passed the forms onto the at the time President of the Cottage, Vilma Novak. Vilma Novak had several meetings with Michael Keller, Danny Cleaver and others that were responsible for obtaining this contract for the work to be done. Mr. Dudas also states that he got the contractor. This is true, but it was not his final decision, nor was it Mr. Pavlovsky. It was the Board of the Kearny Cottage Historical Association that approved the

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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
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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

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MON. Feb. 11	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Feb. 13	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
South Amboy	
WED. Feb. 6	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
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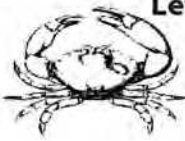
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***African-American History as Immigration History:
Anguillans in Perth Amboy***

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a lecture about the Anguillans in Perth Amboy at the Perth Amboy YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave. in the auditorium on Sunday, Feb. 3rd at 2 p.m. A discussion of African-American immigration from the Caribbean island of Anguilla to Perth Amboy, NJ, from the turn of the century through the 1930s, and the establishment of a black community where so many of America’s immigrants first settled. The speaker explores the adjustment and assimilation of immigrant African-Americans into the mainstream of New Jersey life in the 20th century. The presentation may include slides and guests of Anguillian descent. The speaker will be Lawrence Hogan, Ph.D., Professor of History, Union County College. Made possible by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities’ Horizon Speakers Bureau Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Society.

Medical Center Going Red for Women in February
-RBMC is providing free blood pressure screenings and education events-

Press Release
January 25, 2013
PERTH AMBOY- A stroke occurs every 40 seconds and affects an estimated 800,000 people each year. According to the American Heart Association (AHA), many people, and especially women, are unaware of the warning signs and symptoms of an acute stroke. “Stroke does not discriminate,” says neurologist Rafiya Khakoo, MD, medical director of the Stroke Center at Raritan Bay Medical Center (RBMC). “Stroke comes on suddenly and can affect people of any age. It can be devastating but it does not mean the end.”
As part of the medical center’s community awareness efforts in conjunction with the AHA’s National Go Red for Women campaign, RBMC is providing free blood pressure screenings and heart healthy information on Go Red day Friday, February 1, at eight locations.
“Too many women die or become disabled each year from stroke and heart disease, the number four and number one killers of women,” says registered nurse Mirian Medina, coordinator of RBMC’s stroke center, “As proud supporters of the Go Red movement,

we want to spread the word to women about living heart healthy and getting regular heart screenings.”
The February 1 events will be held 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at local YMCAs; Raritan Bay Area (in Perth Amboy), Woodbridge, South Amboy, East Brunswick and Metuchen, the Sayreville and Old Bridge Borough Halls and Vito Mazza Salon and Day Spa in Woodbridge. Also, as part of Woodbridge Township Mayor John McCormac’s Wellness Campaign, clinicians will do the same at the Woodbridge Center Mall center court that evening 6 to 8 p.m.
“Stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted,” says Medina. “More women than men suffer from stroke. That’s why it’s so crucial for everyone to learn the warning signs of stroke and quickly activate 911. Also keep in mind, if stroke is suspected, note when symptoms begin because the FDA approved medication Tissue Plasminogen Activator (referred to as TPA, a clot busting medication) can only be given three hours from onset of symptoms,” says Medina. “The acronym F.A.S.T. can be a very helpful reminder of how to identify stroke.” F.A.S.T. stands for: F is for fa-

cial drooping. Your face feels numb or frozen, especially on one side.
A is for arm weakness, especially on one side.
S is for speech problems. You can’t speak or understand properly.
T is for time to call 911; the faster you get treatment, the less damage to your brain.
Phone 911 or have someone call an ambulance for you immediately, even if symptoms disappear. “Be aware that women are more likely than men to report unusual stroke symptoms, such as sudden nausea or pain in the face, arm, or leg,” says Medina.
RBMC, with locations in Old Bridge and Perth Amboy, has a strong commitment to promoting stroke awareness and providing optimal care for stroke patients, evidenced by the medical center’s designation as a New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Primary Stroke Center1 and as a recipient of the AHA’s 2012 Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award.
For more information about stroke visit www.rbmc.org/stroke-center, for a free physician referral call 1-800-DOTORS.

Call To Service: Public Hearing
***Waterfront Recovery and
Redevelopment Advisory Committee***

Press Release 1/25/13
PERTH AMBOY - There will be a public forum on the future of the waterfront development on Monday, February 4th at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.
The WRRAC is requesting suggestions and comments from the residents and property owners in order to improve future redevelopment plans after damages caused by Superstorm Sandy and previous storms.
“In my efforts to continue recovery for the waterfront area, I have created a “Waterfront Recovery and Redevelopment Advisory Committee” comprised of appointed community members and business owners. This committee will provide recommendations to the City Council and me, on the renewal of one of the City’s most valued treasures,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.
Lieutenant Larry Cattano, Office of Emergency Manage-

ment Coordinator will provide a presentation including before and after photos of the damages caused by Superstorm Sandy.
About WRRAC
WRRAC a new advisory committee established after Superstorm Sandy to provide recommendations to the governing body on the recovery, repair and renewal of the waterfront that best serve the Perth Amboy community. WRRAC will also consider possible need for mitigation measures to reduce the impact of future storm damage.
Its mission is to seek ways to:
• Recover from the damage inflicted on the Waterfront by Super Storm Sandy,
• Develop appropriate concepts for reuse and redevelopment of the City’s waterfront,
• Make recommendations on maximizing the use of the waterfront to engage its full potential and thereby invigorate the entire community

***Exempt Firemen’s
Assoc. to Host
Annual Spaghetti
Dinner***

AVENEL - The Avenel Exempt Firemen’s Association is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 16 at the Avenel Fire House, Route 1 and Avenel Street, Avenel. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12. Menu consists of spaghetti and meatballs dinner, salad bar, bread, coffee/tea and desserts.

***South Amboy Y
& RBMC
Celebrate Go
Red For
Women Day***

Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY - On Friday, February 1, 2013, nurses from Raritan Bay Medical Center will be at the South Amboy Branch YMCA from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to provide FREE Blood Pressure Screenings and information on healthy living for Go Red for Women Day. The American Heart Association’s National Go Red for Women campaign is supported annually by Raritan Bay Medical Center and other healthcare providers. Please stop by to get checked, and of course, wear Red in support! The South Amboy Y is located at 200 John T. O’Leary Blvd in South Amboy.

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

SOUTH AMBOY - On Sunday, February 3, 3 p.m. Chris Deibert & David McCarthy, Dueling Organ Improvisation will be returning by audience demand for an encore performance, Deibert and McCarthy will once again join forces to battle it out, improvisation-style, on Saint Mary’s historic pipe organ. Come hear these two seasoned performers create on-the-spot improvisations together on material submitted by the audience. McCarthy and Deibert are both well-known solo recitalists who will also perform great masterworks from their repertoire. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear them perform together again! Please join us after the concert for a free reception and a chance to meet the performing artists. Suggested Donation \$ 15 Cheerfully Accepted! Please call with any questions: Eszter at 732-213-0989 or Chris at 732-721-0179, Saint Mary Church 256 Augusta St, South Amboy . If this time is inconvenient: This duo is also appearing on Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Thomas The Apostle Parish, 333 Route 18 South, Old Bridge.

Ribbon Cutting at the Barge 1/22/13

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Monthly Tour of Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of its Dr. Sam. Gordon Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, February 13, at 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to take the tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677)

Happy Hour Sessions

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering Happy Hour sessions twice a month beginning Wednesdays, February 13 and 27 and continuing through May, 7 to 8 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. Join Denise Reisert, EMP/RCP and Robin Matteo, EMP for an hour of positivity, transformation, and connection with like-minded souls that will leave you feeling more open, uplifted and lighter of spirit. Each individual workshop will be filled with activities and thoughtful conversation. Cost is \$40 per four classes. For more information and to register, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677)

Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education class Saturday, February 16, 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., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

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**The YMCA and P.A. Board of Education
Join Efforts in Water Safety
Second Grade Water Safety Learn to Swim Program**

Press Release
January 22, 2013
PERTH AMBOY - The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA and the Perth Amboy Board of Education share a common goal to inspire children to LEARN, GROW, and THRIVE. The organizations have agreed to implement a 2nd Grade Water Safety Learn to Swim Program. The curriculum will educate and protect children in and around water. In this collaboration students will learn basic swimming skills, practice safety habits, help remind parents of the benefits and dangers of water play and the need to constantly supervise children with access to water. "We are thrilled to offer this wonderful program to

our second grade students, thanks to our partnership with the Y. Our hope is that all children in Perth Amboy will become strong, safe swimmers and be able to enjoy sports and recreation in and around the water. This is a great addition to our physical education program that will certainly contribute to creating healthy bodies and minds for all students", stated Dr. Janine Caffrey, Superintendent of Perth Amboy Schools. Each child will be acquainted with the water and provided the basic understanding of water survival through demonstration, instruction and play. Children will watch age appropriate fun videos designed to il-

lustrate drown proof techniques. Each student will complete assignments and have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and water skills. "It is our duty to educate students on the benefits and hazards of water play while developing confident, intellectual, children of character. We will engage young people in physical activity while learning safety skills that can save lives", stated Steve Jobin President & CEO of the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA. For more information please contact Steve Jobin, President & CEO at the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, 732-442-3632 x6501 or Dr. Janine Caffrey, Superintendent of Perth Amboy Schools, 732-376-6201

St. Patrick's Day Parade 2013 Grand Marshal's Night

Press Release
January 2013
SOUTH AMBOY - The smell of corned beef and soda bread will soon be in the air and that can only mean one thing. It's time for the city of South Amboy to start gearing up for its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year, the South Amboy Parade Committee has named James Downey, owner of the legendary Landmark Tavern, to serve as Grand Marshal. Along with James, Middlesex County Freeholder Ronald Rios will serve as the parade's Honorary Grand Marshal. James or "Jamie" hails from Elizabeth New Jersey. In 2000 Jamie and his dad, Joe Jr., purchased the Landmark Tavern. Since coming to town, Jamie continues a tradition that dates back to when he was a little boy, cooking corned beef, with his dad at the Last Call Tavern in Elizabeth. Each year, on St. Patrick's Day, Jamie's is dad, in a Kelly Green shirt and white sweater vest, providing a free St. Patrick's Day dinner to his loyal patrons. While always making his place available for benefits and fundraisers for local charities and causes, Jamie's vision is for the Landmark to continue to be the town's "meeting place" and to carry on with the spirit of hospitality and "giving back". The Landmark Tavern; "where local all-stars and social icons meet".

Beginning his political career in 1982, Ronald (Ron) G. Rios, has been a tireless public servant for the people of Middlesex County. His accomplishments include working with area fire departments,

EMS, Local Police, Port Authority, Veterans Affairs, and the Parks Department to name a few. Ron currently serves as the Freeholder Deputy Director of Middlesex County. A "special honored guest" attending this year's parade is award-winning writer, producer, voice-over artist, and radio personality Bert Baron. Bert is currently the Director of Creative Services for Greater Media's WCTC and WMGQ radio, Program Director and Brand Manager at WCTC and on-air talent at WCTC and WDHA. As tradition mandates, a special event to commemorate this year's parade honorees, is set for Friday, February 1st at the Ancient Order of Hibernians hall. The AOH is located on the corner of Second Street and Stevens Ave. in South Amboy. The festivities are scheduled to take place from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm with food, beer, wine, soda, music, and a special appearance from the award winning Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the AOH, Main Liquors, or the South Amboy Y. This year's St. Patty's Day Parade will be held on Saturday March 9th and will step

off at 2:00 PM. The event, one of the city's highlights each year, continues to be a success because of donations from our local businesses, individuals, and corporations helping to cover the cost of the many terrific marching bands participating each year. Along with the bands, there are lots of beautifully decorated floats and thousands of marchers. In addition to donations, the parade relies on several important fundraisers, "Tip-a-Pint Afternoon" which will be held on Sunday, February 17, from 3-7PM at the Landmark Tavern, and "Tip-A-Pint Night" to be held on Wednesday, March 6th from 7-10PM at the Munckee Bar, 113 S. Feltus Street in South Amboy. Admission for both is \$20.00 and includes food, beer, wine, and soda. There will be no advance ticket sales for "Tip-A-Pint" events. If you have a group interested in being a part of this great St. Patrick's Day tradition or for additional information, please visits the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade website at southamboyparade.com or you can contact the parade committee chairperson, Betty Sturgis at rbsturgis@optonline.net.

**Perth Amboy YMCA to Host
The Greater Middlesex
Conference Swim Meet
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Fri., Feb. 1st**

**FEMA Extends Deadline To
Register For Hurricane Sandy
Assistance**

News Release
January 24, 2013
TRENTON - Survivors of Hurricane Sandy now have until March 1, 2013, to register for disaster assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. People with storm losses in all counties in New Jersey can register online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or via smartphone or tablet at m.fema.gov. Registration is also available by calling 800-621-3362, TTY 800-462-7585 or 711/VRS. The toll-free telephone numbers operate from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. seven days a week. The deadline was extended one month at the request of the state of New Jersey. Through Wednesday, Jan. 23, more than 57,500 storm survivors have been approved for help through

FEMA's Individual Assistance program in New Jersey. The disaster registration process serves as a referral point for FEMA programs and those of partner agencies such as the U.S. Small Business Administration, American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. FEMA disaster assistance for individuals and families can include money for rental assistance, essential home repairs, personal property and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance. The SBA has also set March 1 as the date for homeowners, renters and business owners to complete and return SBA disaster loan applications. Visit www.sba.gov or call 800-659-2955, TTY 800-877-8339 for more information.

**Help Is Available For Building
To A Higher Standard**

Press Release
January 25, 2013
TRENTON - For many New Jersey homeowners, rebuilding after Hurricane Sandy will mean meeting a higher standard – literally. Communities up and down the Jersey coast are reviewing new advisory base flood elevation maps published in December by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The maps show how high buildings should be elevated to minimize damage from future flooding. Building higher means higher costs, but federal resources may be available to help with the additional expense. Flood insurance policyholders in high-risk areas, also known as special flood hazard areas, can get up to \$30,000 to help pay the costs of meeting the requirements of their community's floodplain ordinance. The National Flood Insurance Program includes Increased Cost of Compliance coverage for all new and renewed standard flood insurance policies.

The money can be used to raise your home to, or above, the flood elevation level adopted by your local government or to move your home out of harm's way. The Increased Cost of Compliance coverage can also be used to tear down and remove flood-damaged buildings. Increased Cost of Compliance claims are paid only on flood-damaged homes in a high-risk area that don't already comply with the local flood plain ordinances. The amount of flood damage has to be declared by local authorities as substantial. The coverage can only be used to pay for costs of meeting the floodplain management ordinance in your community. For more information on ICC coverage, call your insurance company or agent, or call the NFIP toll-free at 800-427-4661 or TTY 800-427-5593. Information can also be found online at <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>.

**Edison
AARP #3446**
EDISON - A day trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is scheduled for February 6. Call Angie at 732-738-0759 for information. For information on the Knitting and Crocheting Club, call Kay at 732-548-1976.

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

The Community Voice

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contractor. Neither Mr. Dudas or Mr. Pavlovsky were present at the interview. I could honestly say in the past two plus years as being the President of the Kearny Cottage (formerly a trustee and Vice-President) under the period of this construction, Mr. Dudas never appeared. He may have driven by the Cottage to look at the progress. He was not instrumental in getting the job done. The job honestly took more than two years to replace the tin roof and do other repairs. A number of times I have called Mr. Dudas complaining about the lengthy time that this was taking. The Board decided to give the contractor one last chance to correct the situation or they would terminate him. Then the contractor showed up, worked for a while and did not show up for weeks on end. He had other jobs that required his attention. Several times I contacted Mr. Pavlovsky and Mr. Dudas with my

complaints before the Board acted once again to get rid of the contractor. Mr. Dudas and Mr. Pavlovsky were of no help in this matter. I am not nor is Ms. Daniel taking away from the excellent work the contractor did. We were disgusted by the lengthy time the job took. If the job had taken any longer Superstorm Sandy would have taken its toll on the Kearny Cottage. In defense of Ms. Daniel, she came to the Cottage and saw the condition it was in before and during the repairs. She also disgusted about the length of time these jobs were taking. Ms. Daniel introduced me to the B.A. Greg Fehrenbach and explained the situation. His answer to Dot Daniel and myself was that he would check into it and this job should have not taken this long. I cannot speak for him, but believe he was annoyed at the situation. Dot Daniel was active in getting this job done and deserves the credit as does

the B.A. If it wasn't for Ms. Daniel and the B.A. pushing to get the people who were needed to get the repairs done in a timely fashion, the Cottage would not be standing. Dot Daniel did not take any credit for getting the contractor, the grant or getting the job done. She just wanted to thank Greg Fehrenbach for allowing her to the help the Cottage. She is on the Board of the Trustees to the Cottage and is a great asset. Before anyone makes any remarks or any misjudgments they should know I was around for the duration of the repairs. I know from the word go who, what and where took place. And I could truthfully say Dorothy took the time and spoke up when I couldn't.

Paul W. Wang
President Kearny Cottage
Historical Association

Remarks at the Board Meeting

I would like to address some rumors that I think are on a lot of people's minds here in Perth Amboy. This will be the last time I address this publicly, as rumors have no place in the public discourse and because it is a non-issue and meant to distract. There was an incident here last year involving a student and myself that had the potential for violence towards me. Dr. Caffrey out of an abundance of caution restricted my access to the schools until an investigation was completed. It was, and the matter was closed. I spoke to Jeannine later and we agreed because of the climate here Perth Amboy Against her we decided I could make more of

an impact by running for the board rather than continue as a substitute. Which I did. There was no arrest, the student did not attack me nor I him. I underwent a background check to serve in the Board and passed the check. In my mind case closed.

I'm sure for the public portion the usual suspects will get up to the podium and feign with manufactured outrage and I look forward to it. The bottom line is, this has nothing to do with moving our district forward and helping our kids succeed. This manufactured controversy is about adults that think the Perth Amboy public schools exist merely to supply jobs for friends first and educate second. If it was meant to intimidate me and my family you failed. I actually found the stunt rather amusing. You see I have a medical condi-

tion and it's that I'm severely allergic to bullies and I don't intimidate. Everyone sees the transparency of it all ask themselves why go to such lengths to discredit me? I'll ask again what does this have to do with improving our schools? Nothing. I'm going to reiterate the people of Perth Amboy gave me their votes not the wannabe politicians in this town and I think that's what they find truly frightening that a kid whom they believe should have been a statistic is getting a little too uppity for their liking. So to the usual suspects, you should quit politics because you stink at it but feel free to have at it in the public portion, I need a couple of good laughs.

William Ortiz
Perth Amboy Board of
Education Member

Likely Perth Amboy's Oldest Inhabitant - Our Historic Elm

I write this in high hopes that our city is taking all possible measures to save the historic elm tree that has stood on watch over City Hall for so many years. Over the past few weeks, I have not spoken to one person who was not in favor of taking aggressive steps to "Save the Historic Elm"!

My conversations about Perth Amboy's Elm have often turned to another historic NJ tree - Basking Ridge's Oak. In living memory, that

tree has been known as Basking Ridge's "Revered Oak". But that was not always the case. One hundred years ago, although the Basking Ridge Oak was loved by many, its care was neglected and the ancient tree had become diseased. By the 1920's some thought the sick tree should come down. But a wise group who appreciated the tree's importance took all possible action to save it. Please see the attached article which recounts the Basking Ridge Oak's history. I think that it holds some lessons for us. And it certainly should provide inspiration to preserve Perth Amboy's Elm.

Barbara Booz provided me with a vintage postcard of the Basking Ridge Oak (also see attached). This postcard dates from around the time that aggressive actions were first being taken to save what was a "sick" old oak tree. Now, nearly one hundred years later, after decades of loving care, the Basking Ridge Oak still lives on!

In hopes that Perth Amboy's Historic Elm will also stand for many more years to come,

Regards,
Mary Ellen Pavolvsky
Perth Amboy

Our Historic Elm Tree

Many of us refer to the ancient tree in front of City Hall as "Our Historic Elm Tree". This tree dates to at least the 1840's and may be even older than that.

During one election day in 1870, Thomas Mundy Peterson was walking directly under this tree, and was requested to come into City Hall. Peterson's vote was historic, and in many ways, so is this tree. Throughout the last 170 years, this tree witnessed Solomon Andrews' 1863 flight, USS Constellation Captain Lawrence Kearny as Mayor, and all the happenings at City Hall. In addition, our Historic Elm Tree is one of the oldest elms in the entire State Of New Jersey. It may even be the oldest!

Recently, there has been talk of demolishing our Historic Elm Tree. However, many concerned citizens desire to see this tree preserved & professionally treated by arborists. It is believed that not only will this tree remain stable, but it can even be improved.

Destroying this tree is the easy way out. That would be an over reaction and an irreversible mistake. Instead, let us seek out ways to save our distinctive history for future generations. And make no mistake, our Historic Elm Tree is extremely unique, as well as part of Perth Amboy's rich legacy. It is high time to consider a conservation mind-set, and we can start with our Historic Elm Tree.

John Kerry Dyke
Perth Amboy



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Historic Oak in Basking Ridge Early 1900's
**Photo Courtesy of Barbara Booz*

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Copy Cats Art Exhibit 1/24/13

**Photos by Noellia Colon*



Mayor Diaz and the Copy Cat Artists



Council President Joel Pabon and the Copy Cat Artists

YMCA Flag Football League Starts in March

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy are teaming up with the NFL for the first Association Wide Flag Football League. Teams will be made at each YMCA Branch and given an NFL team name. Games will be played on Sunday afternoons at rotating fields in the community. The League is open to boys and girls ages 8-12 and will go from March 3 to May 19.

Children in the South Amboy and Sayreville communities are encouraged to sign up for the South Amboy Branch Team! Registration is now open at www.ymcaofmews.org or at the South Amboy Y's Welcome Desk. Players that register early will receive a reversible NFL jersey. The 12 week program is \$44 for Full Facility Members and \$66 for Program Members.

For more information, please contact Mike Manfre at mike.manfre@ymcaofmews.org or 732-316-8208.

Assumption Catholic School Open House

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ will host two open houses on Sundays, February 3, from noon to 3:30 p.m., as part of its Catholic Schools Week celebrations. The school, located on 380 Meredith Street, serves students ranging from PreK (4 year old) and Kindergarten to the eighth grade. Light refreshments and school tours will be available for prospective parents and students during the Open House. Assumption Catholic School is accredited by AdvanceED and provides a small school atmosphere with big school goals. Students are afforded a progressive academic program enriched by many extra-curricular activities. Before Care and After Care is available. The school welcomes students and families of any religion, race or nationality to receive a comprehensive learning experience combined with the Christian values of the Catholic Faith. Please contact us at 732-826-8721 or acschooloffice@gmail.com. For more information about the school, registration, or any of the events, please visit us at: www.assumptioncatholic-school.net

Pierogi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church is having a Pierogi Sale. All gourmet items are handmade. Therefore, call early before maximum sales quota is reached. Potato Pierogi Price: \$7. The order date is January 28th to February 1st. Call 732-826-7067 to place your order between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The pickup date is February 5th and 6th. Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pick up your order at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy. Thank you for your order!!!

Free Day of Dental Care

WOODBIDGE - On Friday, February 1, 2013, Eastern Dental® offices will offer FREE DENTAL CARE for children between the ages of 4 and 12 years. Parents/Guardians must be present with child(ren). If your child is without insurance or is a NJ FamilyCare Recipient, please call Eastern Dental®'s toll-free# 1-800-982-5529 to schedule an appointment for your child. Participating locations are not able to take walk-ins. All services on Give Kids a Smile! day are free. For more info visit www.njda.org/gkas or call Eastern Dental®'s toll-free number 1-800-982-5529.

Broadway Show Trip

WOODBIDGE - The Woodbridge Township Recreation Department will be holding a trip to the Hit Musical Mary Poppins. Takes stage at the New Amsterdam Theater in New York, on Tuesday, February 26. Bus leaves the Woodbridge Community Center at 4 p.m. SHARP! Ticket price \$65. Price includes show, bus fare and a complimentary \$5 voucher to use in the gift shop. For more info call 732-596-4048. Payment must be received to reserve tickets. Tickets are non-refundable once payment is made.

Women's Open Center

PERTH AMBOY - Our first meeting of the year will be held on: Tuesday, January 29th at 6.p.m. at the: Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy., 1st Floor Conference room. Join this great community of women wanting to make a difference, while also working on ourselves to reach our own personal goals. Let's share our collective gifts, knowledge, and wisdom in order to enrich each other's lives. I'm looking forward to making this a great New Year working together.

Focus Group Meeting: Recreation Improvements

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Office of Recreation, along with the New Jersey Local Planning Services, has been diligently working on assessing and developing future plans for the City's parks and other recreation areas.

As a stakeholder and/or an active resident in the City of Perth Amboy, you have been invited to participate in a Focus Group Meeting to provide insight and a more diverse approach on the concerns of our current parks system as well as the improvements that need to be made. The information received from this Focus Group meeting will be used by the New Jersey Local Planning Services, which will be analyzed and refined for the development of the

City's Recreation Plan.

In order for this upcoming project to be successful, complete participation is not only needed but essential. Your input on the topics that will be presented will be an integral component to the overall success of this project.

Please join the City of Perth Amboy for the Focus Group Meeting on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center. Residents interested in attending, please contact Raquel Gonzalez at: 732-826-1690 ext. 4306 or rgonzalez@perthamboynj.org. The meeting will take place on Saturday, February 9th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy.

Hurricane Relief

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

Civil War Round Table

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will hold it's monthly meeting on February 4th at the Woodbridge Public Library. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome. Bring a friend and learn something about one of the most important periods of our nation's history.

Summer Employment Opportunity

SAYREVILLE - Applications are being accepted from January 2, 2013 thru February 28, 2013 for Summer Camp Park Counselors. Applicants must be 15 by the start of the Summer Program to qualify. Please return all applications to the Recreation Office by February 28, 2013. No applications will be accepted after this date.

We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY- The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, February 1, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746.

Dog Missing

PERTH AMBOY - On Sat January 18th approximately 20 Alaskan Klee Kai owners and friends, along with their dogs, will be driving from across the region (VA, DC, MD, PA...) to help in the search for Aya, a 1.5 year old female Alaskan Klee Kai. These owners, for the most part, are only connected by the common love for the Alaskan Klee Kai Breed.

While here owner was visiting the area, Aya escaped a fenced backyard and has been missing since January 12. There have been several sightings, with the last being near RT 35 leading into Perth Amboy. Aya is microchipped and was wearing her proper identification collar.

So often throughout history, animals have saved the lives of humans. Here is a story of people wanting and willing to drive, give up their time and help in the hunt for this dog.

More information can be found at: Danny (Dog Owner) 267-970-4745, Patty (Breeder of Aya) 443-254-4635 or at www.facebook.com/HelpAyaHome

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Atlantic City Trip

HOPELAWN - Bus trip to Trump Plaza sponsored by Hopelawn V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary every second Tuesday of every month. Bus leaves Hopelawn at 12:30 p.m., arrives at Trump Plaza between 2 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. Bus leaves Trump Plaza at 8:30 p.m. Arrives home approximately 10 p.m. For more info call Yolanda at 732-826-1595

Picnic Park Rental Requests

SAYREVILLE - Beginning January 2, 2013 requests will be accepted at the Recreation Office for picnic park rentals at Burkes, Jackson & Bailey Parks. The office is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. More info at www.sayreville.com. Picnics are on a first come, first served basis and take about 4 weeks to get approvals. Please submit all paperwork to the Recreation Office on time. Picnics are rain or shine - no rain dates. Picnic grounds are available from April to September.

Monthly Book Club

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

Story Time with Emily

SEWAREN Mark your calendars for Fall 2012 - Spring 2013 Children ages 3- 7 and their accompanying adult can enjoy a story, crafts, games, snack, and so much more on the second Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. at the Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave. in Sewaren. Our Story Time sessions will be held on: 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

Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public

Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be meeting on Wednesday, February 20 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Discussed will be library renovations, plans for a new website and future plans for the library. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-293-1090.

Public Service Announcement

PERTH AMBOY - The City has recently experienced a rash of burglaries, 13 of which occurred during the daytime. One of the tactics being used is where the suspect rings or knocks on the front door and if it is answered by the home owner the suspect will ask random questions in an attempt to divert the owner's attention so that the burglary can be committed.

We are requesting that any citizens that notice strangers around their homes, their neighbors' homes, or their area to please call the police so we may follow up.

The department is addressing this matter and is requesting your assistance.

Contact Information:
Lt Phil Terranova, Support Services, 732-442-4400, pterranova@perthamboynjpd.org

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Jan. 30 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. Jan. 31 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Feb. 4 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Feb. 5 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Feb. 6 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

South Amboy

- MON. Feb. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Feb. 13 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

**Attn: If Your Club changes Your
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*Answers
From Puzzle
On Page 15*



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Philip Carey's 1944 City League Champions known as the Baker Boys Assn.: Standing, Steve Vaneschak, Frank Vari, John Zilavetz (D), Frank Kovacs (D), Nick Zilavetz (D), George Vari (D), Manager Lou Meszaros (D), Kneeling, Joe Sokolowski, John Mescis (D), Jim Cserr (D), Billy Herczeg, Andy Kaschak (D) and Frank Ballek (D)
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9 Compass pt.

12 Untidy pile

13 Stiffly proper

14 Hurry

15 Coincidence (2
wds.)

18 "___ It Be"
(Beatles song)

19 Parts of a chain

20 It's got Seoul

23 Feds (hyph.)

25 Spherical body

26 "No problem!"

28 Like a

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32 "JAG" spin-off

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35 "___ goes
nothing!"

36 Rough cut

37 Twosomes

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44 Glove leather

47 ___ Paulo

(Brazilian city)

48 Crude thing,
said in a nice

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57 Pig's place

58 Fountain treat

59 Was in glee
club

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noise

2 Pod veggie

3 Baseball

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4 An ___ a day...

5 Small quarrel

6 Circle segment

7 London's

Old ___

8 Novelist Zola

9 "Where or ___"

10 Soap's spot

11 Hoses down

16 Pro votes

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20 King of the
jungle?

21 Killer whale

22 Sluggers'

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23 Collection

24 Brief note

27 Unravel

29 Divorce town

30 The Kingston

31 Bark shrilly

33 Elm's offering

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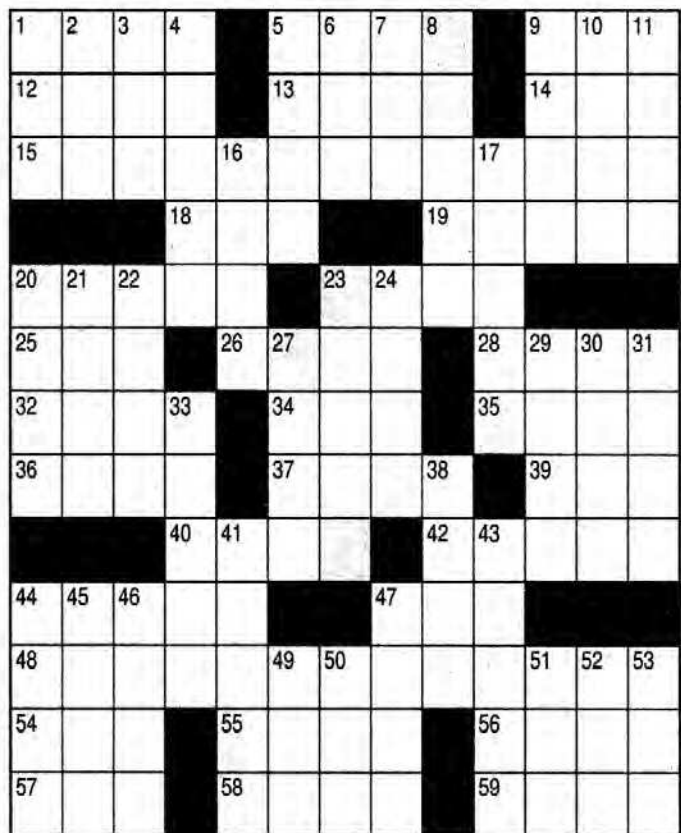
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