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## Rebirth of Front Street, Perth Amboy *Barge Restaurant Bounces Back*

**The Barge**  
On The Waterfront in  
Historical Perth Amboy

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY - Superstorm Sandy wreaked havoc on Perth Amboy's Waterfront and the Barge Restaurant at 201 Front St. was no exception. Over the past two and a half months the Barge has been undergoing repairs getting ready to reopen.

In the interior, luckily the murals and paintings by local artist Tom Ward have remained intact. The old photographs of prominent Perth Amboy Citizens, and lithographs by Francis McGinley also remain intact. Some decorations have been moved. The sharks that were in the main dining room are now in the bar area. One shark enclosed in a fishing net proudly hangs over the bar.

According to Callie Vosinas (wife of Alex Vosinas and the daughter of George Nickolas who are the co-owners of The Barge), repairs to the Barge included: new tinted windows; the bay window in the bar has been replaced by a large tinted window. Both the dining room and bar have new carpeting (a pleasant shade of blue with beige flowers). The entire Barge's electrical system was



PERTH AMBOY - Barge owner Alex Vosinas holds a \$5000 check presented to him by the BID. Alex is flanked by his wife, Callie and father-in-law and co-owner, George Nickolas, Mayor Diaz, representatives from the City, BID and close friends who helped him get the Barge up and running.

*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*

rewired. The old heating and air-conditioning ducts have been replaced with central air. The bar stools have been reupholstered. "In the spring, the patio will be redone," Callie Vosinas proudly states.

On Friday, January 18, Mayor Wilda Diaz and members of the Business Improvement District (BID) presented Barge owner and BID member, Alex Vosinas, a \$5,000 check to The Barge Restaurant for a Façade Grant to assist in construction and reopening.

BID member Barry Rosengarten offered some remarks, "When Sandy was over, Alex (Vosinas) and a crew of very close friends who are like

family went through the debris and worked eighteen to twenty-two hours a day. The result was a long time for Alex, but a short time for the Barge, which is able to reopen thanks to close friends and family."

Barge owner Alex Vosinas said, "You {my friends and family} gave me the courage to get up and fight another day."

The interior will be completed by the ribbon cutting for the Barge on Tuesday, January 22 at 4:30 p.m. The Barge will reopen to the public on Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Almost all of the Barge's employees will return.

## Resident Tom Kross Questions Property in South Amboy

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - A vacated and un-kept property in South Amboy was questioned by resident Tom Kross at last week's South Amboy council meeting.

The home, located on the corner of Raritan Street and Ridgeway Avenue, has branches blocking the sidewalks and a telephone pole laying across the front lawn. Kross said that he has relatives that live next to the property and he has been trying to keep up with it on his own.

"The property has been in disrepair numerous times. I have myself probably taken care of the property more because I have relatives that live next to the house," Kross said. "My daughters want to walk on the sidewalks but they can't because of tree limbs and garbage. I'm trying to do my civic duty to take care of the property."

Kross explained that he has contacted code enforcement numerous times over the past three years and has brought up the property to the council at past meetings, but nothing has been done to address the issue. He also said that the tree he had been questioning the city about caused extra damage during Hurricane Sandy.

"Prior to Hurricane Sandy I told code enforcement that there was a line of sight issue between a blinking red light, stop sign, bus stop, and pedestrian sidewalks but nothing was done," Kross said. "After the hurricane the tree in question blocking the line of sight knocked over a telephone pole. The branches were placed on the property of the abandoned house and the telephone pole is laying directly across the front lawn. I'm not asking questions



**B.A. Camille Tooker**

I'm just stating facts."

Kross said that he has spoken with councilman Mickey Gross and Public Works Superintendent Gerald Magee about this issue and was promised that it would be taken care of. However, the property remains as is.

Before the meeting Mayor Henry honored firefighter Lois Larkin with a proclamation for her service to the city. Larkin, the first woman firefighter in the history of South Amboy, has been with the Independence Engine and Hose Company for 25 years.

"I would like to congratulate Lois Larkin for her 25 years with the Fire Department," Henry said. "It's a great accomplishment and I hope we can get more women involved and continue to see these things going on in South Amboy. We have a great fire department and I want to thank all it's members for what they do."

Business Administrator Camille Tooker also returned for her first meeting in months with warm welcome from the council. All members were very happy that she was back with them and all agreed that she was sorely missed.

## Martin Luther King Day Celebration at the Cathedral



PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, January 19, 2013 the Cathedral International, Madison Avenue celebrated the legacy of Martin Luther King. Clergy, local youth and the community participated in the event. See more photos on page 8. *\*Photo by Eric Salvary*

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

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Comeback

Superstorm Sandy packed a wallop along the Northeast coastal area. Looking at the devastation of some of the homes and businesses made many wonder if these businesses could ever come back. We are very happy to report that The Barge Restaurant, Front Street, Perth Amboy is the first Comeback Kid in that area.

As co-owner Alex Vosinas said that it was his friends who gave him the courage to go on. The operative word in that sentence is “friends.”

My late father used to say that most people you know are good acquaintances but true friends are the ones that will be there not only in words but in deeds.

Alex had friends whose words were true when they said to him, “Whatever you need done - don’t worry about it.”

Barry Rosengarten said at the check presentation this past Friday, January 18, 2013 that he saw those friends in action the next day after the storm.

Their main focus was to get the Barge up and running as quickly as possible. I think another reason that those friends were so willing to help Alex is that he was also not just an owner of an establishment but also a true friend to them as well.

As I stated before in another editorial, when you went to the Barge, it was like going to visit family. It was a gathering place to discuss politics (locally and nationally) and what was going on in sports and other topics of interest

Although I don’t drink, my favorite table was in the bar. There was a table by the bay window where I would put my belongings on the ledge while watching television and eating. There would always be someone seated at the bar that I knew. More often than not, I would also see them engaged in conversation with Alex.

Alex was also very hands-on and would take my order per-

sonally if a server was busy.

I am looking forward to going to the Women’s Club Meetings held in the upstairs dining room every other month. I’m sure that all the members are happy about that, too. It will also be nice to see the staff back where they belong.

During the renovations I would run into some of the staff around town. and they looked vert lost. This was especially difficult for the ones who have worked at the Barge for many years.

Wednesday is the big day for the Barge to be open to the public. I expect the weekend at the Barge to be hopping as people learn about the reopening.

I know that the old gang will be back and will pick up where they left off.

After the Perth Amboy City Council Meetings some of the Council Members and residents would go to the Barge to socialize. When the Barge closed down you would hear the Council Members and residents try to decide, “Where should we go?”

I’m sure they’re relieved now that the Barge is reopened.

I look forward to going back to the Barge for lunch and have my favorite salmon early-bird dish. Even when I go to that monthly luncheon, I still look at the menu and say to myself, “Maybe I’ll switch off and have something different this time.” But nine times out of ten I get the salmon.

As part of their renovation they did get rid of the bay window in the bar and I will truly miss it and so will my belongings that I used to set on the bay window ledge.

But the renovations were more cost effective and I can understand that.

The most important part of the Barge did not change and that is the ownership, the staff, the camaraderie and the heart and soul. As long as these elements are intact, not even a superstorm can take this away. C.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

In the President’s Hands

It’s an Obama road trip to success or failure. The next four years will determine the course of America or so-called his way or the no way. Now, many Americans will see how their lives will change or cope with his new policies

Guns and Freedom

Those who oppose the attempted restrictions of the rights named in the Second Amendment are quite correct. The historical example shows how people living in republics were free to keep and bear arms, unlike the serfs and peasants in a country ruled by an aristocracy. Philosophers from Aristotle to Machiavelli to the Founding Fathers (the Bill of Rights) all said that armed citizens are necessary for a free society.

The 1968 Gun Control Act restricted owning firearms. The number of firearm deaths then was around 7,000 per year. This number escalated to the current count of 20,000 to 30,000. Gun Prohibition led to

of government and the Obama healthcare. A \$16 trillion debt and a slow job growth, a high enrollment of welfare and food stamps to help the needy has caused a concern.

Now, where is America headed we ask? Will it be a socialist or a free willing country? And our Constitution? Will it be abolished? Also, can the American Citizens protest our government without any inter-

more firearm deaths, and then higher taxes and lower wages. Newspaper reports say wages were “stagnant” since 1969. Taxes went up by the trick of keeping the standard income deduction lower while the inflation (caused by the Federal Reserve) increased the number of dollars received in income. Gun Prohibitionists are acting against the American people.

The 1968 Gun Control Act was snuck through Congress in October 1968. Months later I read an article that analyzed this law. It said sections and paragraphs were copied from the 1934 Gun Control Law of Germany. This did not create peace and prosperity for that country or its neighbors. Does the current Gun Control law in Chicago and Illinois bring peace and prosperity to those areas? Maybe that law should

ference from federal troops? Will Congress fight for the American people?

There has been talk about the new world order in plan. For good or bad we must decide who controls who in America. So where does this leave us for the next four years?

Orlando “Wildman” Perez  
Perth Amboy

be declared unconstitutional by a Federal Court.

Decades ago I read about an experiment with laboratory rats. These test animals were given less food and water, overcrowded, then subjected to random loud noises and electric shocks. The result was to make them aggressive and fight among themselves. Do higher taxes, lower wages, and the shows on TV have a bad effect on people today? Is there a cure? Do economic bad times create “mental illness” among people today? Does crime increase in a recession or depression? If the answer is “yes” to these questions what should be done? The facts are there for anyone who wants to find them.

Ronald A. Sobieraj  
Perth Amboy

What Month

I don’t want to repeat myself so this letter to the Editor will be brief. Only a few months ago, I wrote a letter to the Editor that said, “What does September mean to You? Do you remember the two kids that were killed in East Brunswick that worked at Pathmark? As I said, “This one hit home because it happened here.”

My letter this month reads, “Where will you be in December?” This time it was an Elementary School in Newtown Conn. Many of these little kids were getting ready for Christmas and Santa. They probably had written their letters to Santa at the North Pole. I’ve been a teacher and counselor for forty-five years. I have worked with little kids and adults for half of my life. My favorite people are little kids. The first five years are

the most important because they learn what they hear and see at home and in school.

The years zip by as quickly as a wink and all of a sudden this little kid is a finished product.

I was in the Army from 1952 - 1954. I learned to and fired every type of weapon that we had at that time. I don’t have the answers to all the problems in our country and the world and I’m not supposed to. The only one who has those answers is the man upstairs.

Do I have a solution for all those mass murders and when will the next one happen and where?? I saw and know what one bullet can do. Yes, my friends, I do have a solution to stop these senseless murders. And my solution is “The only people that will carry a gun is a police officer or a soldier in the military.” Why? How well do you know your neighbors or friends? Could they have a

gun or an assault rifle behind closed doors?

I was in the post office the other day. There was a big red mailbox to mail your letter to Santa. A little girl with her mom reached up and got her letter in. On the way out, I said to her, “Santa will get your letter.” She said, “Mister, did you send your letter yet?” I said, “Not yet.” She replied, “You better hurry.” and “Bye, bye.” I got in my car and I had to sit there for about five minutes. I was angry and sad at the same time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all that are still with us and to those twenty little ones from Newtown, Conn. that are up above and God Bless You.

Thomas Francis Clark  
Metuchen

Handaid

Al of us taxpayers received a handaid and not a tourniquet from the Washington D.C. geniuses in their Fiscal Cliff Agreement! Gee!

Thank you for your courtesies and a great newspaper!

Very Truly Yours,

Peter Book  
a.k.a. Pedro Libro



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TOWN DRUGS & SURGICAL .....	238 SMITH ST.
UNITECH AUTOBODY .....	284 BERTRAND AVE.
VIDA CHURCH .....	189 FAYETTE ST.
WELLS FARGO .....	214 SMITH ST.
YO DELIGHT .....	456B SMITH ST.
<b>IN SAYREVILLE:</b>	
BOROUGH HALL .....	167 MAIN ST.
CHINESE DELITE .....	59 MAIN ST.
SENIOR CENTER .....	423 MAIN ST.
SUNNYSIDE RESTAURANT .....	111 MAIN ST.
VENICE PIZZERIA .....	881 MAIN ST.
<b>IN SEWAREN:</b>	
MOBY DICK'S .....	351 WEST AVE.
PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	546 WEST AVE.
SEWAREN CORNER DELI .....	514 WEST AVE.
<b>IN SOUTH AMBOY:</b>	
AMBOY NATIONAL BANK .....	100 N. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BAGELS .....	105 S. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BISTRO .....	126 N. BROADWAY
CENTER DELI .....	250 N. STEVENS AVE.
CITY HALL .....	140 N. BROADWAY
COLLEEN'S KITCHEN .....	132 S. PINE ST.
COMMUNITY CENTER .....	200 O'LEARY BLVD.
KRAUSZER'S .....	200 N. BROADWAY
KRAUSZER'S .....	717 BORDENTOWN AVE.
MS. LEE'S CUISINE .....	2087 HIGHWAY 35
PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	100 HOFFMAN PLAZA
SCIORTINO'S HARBOR LIGHTS 132 .....	S. BROADWAY
SOUTH AMBOY MEDICAL CENTER .....	540 BORDENTOWN AVE.
WELLS FARGO BANK .....	116 N. BROADWAY
<b>IN WOODBRIDGE:</b>	
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE .....	52 MAIN ST.
MAIN ST. FARM .....	107 MAIN ST.
NEWS & TREATS .....	99 MAIN ST.
114 MAIN BAGELS .....	114 MAIN ST.
REO DINER .....	392 AMBOY AVE.
ST. JOSEPH'S SENIORS RESIDENCE .....	1 ST. JOSEPH'S TERR.
WOODBIDGE VETERINARY GROUP .....	424 AMBOY AVE.

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Volunteer  
Firefighters  
Needed

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

HIV Support

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

To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

Kearny  
Cottage Open

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

Accepting  
Registrations

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic School is accepting registrations. Consider a Catholic Education for your child at Assumption Catholic School that next year will celebrate a milestone - 50 years of excellence in education!

Our school has an Open Enrollment Policy accepting applicants at any time. ACS summer office hours are from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday through Thursday. We have openings for the 2012-2013 school year in grades: Pre-K (age 4), K,1,2,3,4,7 & 8. Visit us at www.assumptioncatholicshoolschool.net or call the school at 732-826-8721. Our Principal will give you a tour and answer any questions.

Community Calendar

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
WED. Jan. 23	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Jan. 24	Board of Education, 6 p.m. Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave. Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
WED. Feb. 6	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Feb. 20	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

STAY  
INFORMED!  
ATTEND  
PUBLIC  
MEETINGS

Grand Re-opening  
Wednesday, January 23, 2013

The Barge  
On The Waterfront in  
Historical Perth Amboy  
EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

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The Barge offers Off-Premises  
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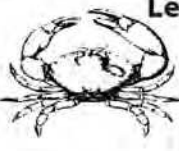


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ANGUILLIANS IN PERTH AMBOY

A Presentation & Lecture

By

Lawrence Hogan, PhD

Prof. of History Union Co. College



Sunday, Feb. 3rd

YMCA Auditorium

357 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy

Sponsored by Kearny Cottage Historical Association

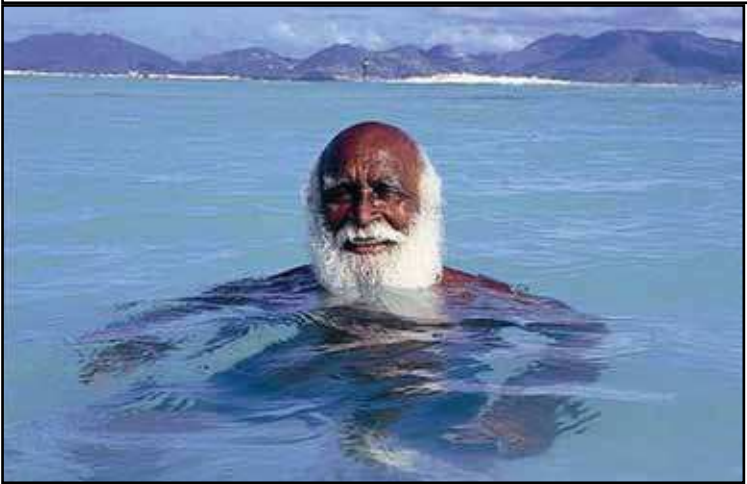
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Dedicated To The Memory of Richard Piatkowski

Made possible by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities' Horizon Speakers Bureau



Author Eric Hughes is an Anguillan. He had a book signing in Perth Amboy in July 2011 and attended A Reunion of Old Friends held in Perth Amboy in March 2012.



Anguillan Jeremiah Gumbs owned a successful fuel oil distributorship, Gumbs Fuels, in Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

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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.

## Fate of Historic Elm Tree in Question



Photos 1 & 2 The historic English elm tree in front of City Hall is almost 200 years old. Photo 3 Mayor Diaz stands in front of the elm tree.

*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY - When Superstorm Sandy hit Perth Amboy, a portion of City Hall’s roof fell on the historic elm causing one limb of the tree to fall off. Public Works saw that part of the limb was hollowed out, which gave reason to start an investigation of the tree’s overall health.  
Tree expert Gary Lovello, owner of Chestnut Arboricultural & Forestry Services in Old Bridge stated that the tree “Could be saved and should be saved due to the historical significance of the tree.”  
The City of Perth Amboy tree trimmer and Frank Hoffman of the Department of Public Works also looked at the tree. As of now, it was

determined that one limb of the tree needs to come off. It is hollowed out and has a raccoon living in it.  
City Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez stated, “If we could save the tree, we will as long as it does not pose any risk to public safety.”  
City Historian Anton J. Massopust states the importance of the historical significance of the tree, “The tree has seen a lot and has a lot of uniqueness to its age. It is one of the oldest if not the oldest English Elm tree in the state of New Jersey. Just one of those facts should make it worth saving.”  
“We have already knocked down a lot of Perth Amboy’s history,” Massopust continued, “And those of us who

appreciate history still regret it: Parker Castle, the Inness House, the Old Roundhouse to the Lehigh Valley Railroad. Because of diligence of the historical community we were able to save the Kearny Cottage, the Proprietary House and the Ferry Slip - and they are still standing! But this was not without due diligence.”  
Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez states that it was recommended to put a fence around the base of the tree to prevent people from stepping on the tree’s roots. “Let’s see how the tree blooms in the spring. That will help determine how healthy the tree is.”  
The City is also planning on leveling out the area with the tall grass in front of City

Hall. “There should be plenty of walkway,” Gonzalez states.  
Presently no decision has been made on the fate of the historic elm tree. Mayor Diaz and administrators are meeting with Lovello to determine what needs to be done.  
“As of now no decision has been made,” Gonzalez states.

The discussion of the fate of the historic elm has been tabled to the February 13, 2013 Council Meeting.  
“They are not going to chop down the tree unless they have to,” Massopust states, “That’s all a City Historian can ask for. I can’t ask for more than that.”

Ads Sell

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## Madison Avenue named Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. 1/18/13

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Police, members of NAACP, and Mayor Diaz hold the sign



The sign is being installed at Madison Ave & Sadowski Parkway



The newly installed sign

## PERTH AMBOY ANTI-RABIES VACCINE CLINICS-2013 April 27,2013, September 14, 2013

### PROTECT YOUR PETS AND YOUR FAMILY AGAINST THE DEADLY THREAT OF THE RABIES VIRUS NOW!

#### The City of Perth Amboy

Will be conducting animal anti-rabies vaccine clinics in 2013 on  
Saturday from 9:00 Am till Noon on the dates and locations listed below .  
Visit these free Clinics or see your veterinarian.



Dogs and Cats that were inoculated in 2010 are due for re -inoculation in 2013. Due to the continuing rabies threat , we are strongly recommending that all animals inoculated 2011 be re -inoculated at this time to insure no lapse in immunity.

All Dogs Must Be Leashed and Accompanied By An Adult. All cats must be in carriers or leashed.

2013 Licenses may be purchased at the clinic.

#### LICENSE FEES:

Spayed or Neutered Dogs or Cats \$7.00

(Bring Veterinarian's Certificates)

\$10.00 If not spayed or neutered

### CITY OF PERTH AMBOY DOG/CAT LICENSE APPLICATION 2013

#### Pet Information

Dog/Cat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair(Long or Short) \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Spay/Neutered(Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies Expiration Date\* \_\_\_\_\_

#### Owner Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Veterinarian

\*\*\*In accordance with New Jersey State Health Department regulations rabies coverage shall be through November 1st of current license year\*\*\*

Veterinarian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Information

Spayed or Neutered ( Written Proof Required): \$7.00

Not Spayed or Neutered : \$10.00

#### Apply by Person or Mail to :

(Make Check Payable to City of Perth Amboy):

City Clerk's Office• City Hall

260 High Street, Perth Amboy,08861

(732) 826-0290

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:AM- 5:00 PM**

#### 2013 Rabies Clinic Schedule

April 27,2013, September 14, 2013

**CITY GARAGE-FOOT OF FAYETTE STREET• 9: 00 AM To Noon**

\*\*\*Note: Licenses may be purchased at Clinics.\*\*\*

\*\*\* All dog Must Be Leashed/ All cats must be In carriers or leashed.\*\*\*

## Mayor's Book Club: Monmouth University & Flynn School Partner for Literacy Achievement

Press Release 1/18/13

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz is pleased to announce that the School of Education at Monmouth University has selected the first grade students of James J. Flynn School to participate in the 4th Annual Mayor's Book Club.

The New Jersey State League of Municipalities Educational Foundation and Monmouth University have collaborated to highlight Mayors and their School Districts in promoting wide reading, literacy engagement and achievement.

"I'm looking forward to visiting and reading to the Flynn school students. The

main purpose of this initiative is to motivate and engage our first grade students to enhance early literacy achievement for first graders. I personally know that when working with a team towards a common goal is definitely attainable. I want to especially thank Monmouth University of their initiative in our City," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

The kick-off event will be held on Tuesday, January 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the Flynn School located at 850 Chamberlain Avenue. The first grade student body will be challenged to read 1,000 books starting on Febru-

ary 1st until May 1st, with the opportunity to receive \$1,000 towards purchasing books for their library.

"Our goal this year is to improve the students' phonetic skills and reading comprehension. We'll motivate them to read a wide variety of texts, because it's important that our children to learn the lifelong impact that reading can have on their lives. I believe the Mayor's Book Club will help us spread a love for reading, while promoting and exercising early literacy together, through this challenge," said Ms. Tiffany Prime, Reading Specialist at Flynn School.



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**Who will be victorious?  
Brother vs. Brother  
Jim vs. John Harbaugh**

**Super Bowl XLVII Sunday, February 3, 2013**

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



Martin Luther King Celebration at the Cathedral International - Perth Amboy 1/18/13

\*Photos by Eric Salvary



The entrance of the dancers



Interpretive Dancing



Displaying unity with flags of different nations

Free Day of  
Dental Care

WOODBRIIDGE - 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](http://www.njda.org/gkas) or call Eastern Dental®'s toll-free number 1-800-982-5529.



Inspirational songs



The high school orchestra participated



An attentive crowd



Clergy and Politicians join hands on stage

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](http://www.facebook.com/HelpAyaHome)



A prayer for peace



Some of the band members pose after the ceremony



JROTC take time for a photo



Politicians and Clergy



**The Mayor's Victory Ball on the Cornucopia Majesty Perth Amboy 1/19/13***\*Photos by Eric Salvary*

Mayor Diaz with her family



Councilman Fernando Irizarry with family



Councilwoman Lisa Nanton



Mayor Diaz with supporters



The Audience applauds Mayor Wilda Diaz



Tom Zambrowski



Wilda and Greg Diaz dance the night away



Jeanette and Councilman Ken Gonzalez



Councilman Bill Petrick and Dave Benyola



Hector Bonilla and fiancée



Senator Joe Vitale



Councilman Fernando Irizarry



Enjoying good food and company



Councilwoman Lisa Nanton, Yvonne Lopez and Barry Rosengarten

## 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.

## 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!!!

## 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.

## 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](http://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.






**The  
Community  
Voice**  
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**Foreclosure  
Fraud and the  
“Free House”**

I have been in the Real Estate Profession as a Licensed Appraiser for over (25) years. The last seven years in this profession have been deplorable. Every appraisal assignment I went on the homeowner was being foreclosed on. This is NOT normal by any means. As time went on the foreclosure numbers grew rapidly and people weren't just strangers anymore. They were friends, neighbors, relatives, and real estate colleagues along with just about anyone else you can think of. Going into vacant homes were families once lived became my daily routine. Seeing the children's rooms was really heart breaking to me. I told my bank clients that I didn't want any more foreclosure work. Each bank insisted that foreclosure work was the only work assignments that they had. Foreclosure assignments were the only work available in Middlesex County or any county in New Jersey for that matter. This scared and depressed me enough to stop working, take a step back and analyze what was taking place in the real estate market. I knocked on doors of homeowners who were in foreclosure but were actually still living in their homes. It soon became clear that no matter which lender their mortgage was with they were all told the same line "We don't want your home, we want to help you get a modification". At that time it was mysterious to me as to why not one homeowner was able to obtain a loan modification. These homeowners were giving the banks every penny they had. Some gave as much as \$25,000 to become current on mortgage payments and were still denied any loan modification and were still foreclosed on. There were no survivors. It took me years to investigate the "WHY". To make a long story short, you can't modify what you don't own. They have no rights to foreclose. There are lending laws and the major banks in our country did not follow them. They created their own shadow banking system. They stopped lending with their own money sometime around 1992 and instead used the pension funds of municipal workers across American as well as teachers, police and firemen

### Citizens for a Cleaner Perth Amboy



By: Noelle Zaleski

PERTH AMBOY - Citizens for a Cleaner Perth Amboy was started by Noelle Zaleski, a concerned citizen who felt it was time to do something about the litter in Perth Amboy. Volunteers, Councilwoman Lisa Nanton, Tracy Jordan, Steven Nasciemento, Christine Pasquale, Mark Blunda and Matthew Zaleski cleaned the area along Smith and Herbert to Market Street. Noelle Zaleski said "We gathered 8 large bags of garbage and it really made a difference!" Besides garbage, Tracy Jordan spotted a small snake in the grass. Noelle Zaleski proudly held up the garter snake sighting another good reason to keep our city clean for the small creatures that also share our home. They are an important part of our environment because they eat rodents and other pests. Noelle Zaleski is hoping in the future by working with business owners that we can form an Adopt and Area program so that specific areas of town will be kept up by specific groups. Councilwoman Lisa Nanton also suggested we get our church groups involved. More information on future cleanups will be provided soon on our Facebook Page, Citizens For A Cleaner Perth Amboy. *\*Photo 1 (L to R) Christine Pasquale, Tracy Jordan, Mark Blunda, Councilwoman Lisa Nanton, Matthew Zaleski and Steven Nasciemento, \*Photo 2 Noelle Zaleski holds up a garter snake. \*Photo 3 Tracy Jordan picks up old tiles. \*Photos 1 & 3 by Noelle Zaleski (Photo 2 by Tracy Jordan)*

to name a few. The beloved "Twinkie" was one of their victims. Their fraud has created major loss of services, jobs, pensions, equity, personal wealth and caused homeless families everywhere in our country. You will NOT see this information on your evening news. It is purposely being kept from you. This fraud has spread globally and if you want to find out what is happening in your own backyard you must turn to alternative means. An insightful depiction of the fraud in our country can be viewed via the internet by watching the documentary "The Great Spanish Crash".

You can also research and view articles on the internet from reliable sources such as Bloomberg, The New York Times, Huffington Post and several other respected sites such as [stopforeclosurefraud.com](http://stopforeclosurefraud.com), [4closurefraud.com](http://4closurefraud.com), [msfraud.org](http://msfraud.org), [foreclosure-defense.nationwide.com](http://foreclosure-defense.nationwide.com) and [livinglies.com](http://livinglies.com) weblog. I read and reviewed many lawsuits against the banks by homeowners on the site Scribd.com. Most of these sites are written on lawyer level and some are written by lawyers, but they all contain valuable information for homeowners in distress to save their homes.

As the fraud was being uncovered homeowners started to save their homes. There is so much complexity to the fraud it is impossible to fit it all into one article and the banks fight everyday to cover up their trail of deception so there is something new happening and game changes all the time. You don't have to be in foreclosure to be a victim of mortgage fraud. Every mortgage instrument that contains the language "MERS" in it's

content which can usually be found on the front page is subject to possible fraud that your mortgage was not perfected and possibly unenforceable in a foreclosure action. The bankers with their own shadow banking system separated the Mortgage and Note using the Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems or MERS, leaving your Note vulnerable to be sold to multiple investors. What this means is that one day after your mortgage is paid off, some Tom, Dick or Harry may come knocking looking to be paid for a debt that you thought was already paid. In earlier days when you mortgage was paid off your original mortgage and note were returned to you marked "Paid in Full" and some people had a mortgage burning party. For some reason in today's world they refuse to return your originals to you and all you get is a document entitled "Satisfaction of Mortgage".

These documents are supposed to be kept in the care of a Trustee, it is impossible for every Trustee in America to have lost every single borrowers mortgage and note instruments. You're entitled to get back the originals. Your documents were not protected, your chain of title has been clouded, your documents were destroyed, you were lied to about getting a loan modification and common law was not followed.

These Big Banks have also been found guilty of forcing people with excellent credit into foreclosure by simply paying the homeowners taxes and insurance late on purpose even though the mortgage payment was always paid on time.

What possible reason would they have for doing this? The

reason is that there are millions upon millions of homes all across America that have defective mortgage and note documents that are most likely unenforceable in a foreclosure action and if the case is present properly could lead to the homeowner obtaining a "free house". The sad truth is some Judges still don't get it. It was a ponzi scheme. The money lent to you came from American's pension funds not the banks deposit money. The banks put their name on the Notes as the lender a big No, No and Truth in Lending violation. They also insured the Notes in case of default for pennies on the dollar for assets they legally didn't own. When their scam began to unwind and pension Trustees realized there was no money, lawsuits popped up all across America. The banks ran to the government for a bailout. This was called "Troubled Asset Relief Program" or TARP.

You, the taxpayer bailed out the banks that never lent a penny of their money in the first place. So, to recap, the bank that lent you money at your closing never lent you the money, when you went into default they collected usually the full amount that you owed through the insurance company making the loan paid in full, they also ran to the government and got more money on each loan further paying the loan in full, they continued to extort more money in large sums from homeowners promising to give them modifications on loans that were already paid in full and that they had no legal rights to. They also are alleged to have sold the same Promissory Note over and over to different investors which double or tripled the scam and their profits on

money they never lent. It appears we were truly scammed to this extent, tortured and all our money extorted to pay people who should have never been paid in the first place. Millions of people are homeless, jobless and bankrupt. It is happening more and more everyday. There are estimated over 100,000 homeowners in New Jersey and just reported recently by American Banker that 1 in every 32 homeowners in Florida are in some stage of foreclosure. These numbers are unconscionable. Think of the game of Monopoly, there is only so much money in the game when you start the game. The same is true in the world financial system. There is only so much money. When the average middle class Americans have no money left, it doesn't just vaporize into thin air. The money moves and when it moves it winds up in someone else's pocket, this time it all went into the banks pocket.

A ponzi scheme much greater than Bernie Madoff's. People should try and educate themselves and stand up and fight for their rights and regain the wealth of the middle class. It took me along time to investigate, study and understand the whole process. When I finally felt confident enough, I took my findings to the New Jersey Attorney General's Office. They told me they had many complaints from homeowners but none of them had any evidence. I brought them only one quarter of my evidence that fit into a very large brief case. That evidence and my testimony was part of the National State Attorney's General Settlement



# The Community Voice

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that landed homeowners a (25) billion-dollar settlement to save peoples homes and return homes to people who had been wrongfully foreclosed on. Great, wonderful, hip hip hooray! Wrong!!!

As soon as I read the settlement I knew it was prepared in a way to only give each homeowner a total of \$2,000 for wrongfully being foreclosing on. I kept my knowledge of this settlement quiet because it was not at all fair to anyone. I let the government play it out and they finally cancelled it on December 31, 2012 a year and half later and considered it as a failure. I also went the FBI with the same information.

I've actually been there on several occasions and recently I expressed that this settlement was not working, people were still suffering and I couldn't keep it to myself anymore waiting for the banks to do the right thing. I told them to be prepared. The banks committed major fraud. Their crimes must be reported to protect you. Report them to your local police department so they can protect you from bank representative who are trespassers, report it to the New Jersey Attorney General's Office and to your local FBI. This is the only way they have an indication of what is going on in our lives. You should save and document every phone call, persons name and mail you receive. There are several major banks involved this is why you must seek professional legal counsel.

I must make it clear that this is only legal information not to be construed as legal advice. You should always seek professional legal counsel before acting on any information contained within this article. If you can't afford an attorney, please try calling Legal Services of New Jersey for assistance. Nothing is a sure thing and the rules change daily, BUT there is strength in numbers. So, tell me who should get the free house because in court only one person can win. Please email me with your opinions, but remember I'm not an attorney and can't give legal advice. My email address is [appraiser58@aol.com](mailto:appraiser58@aol.com) I will be happy to share the majority vote at a later time and any further pertinent information.

Susan Batista  
Perth Amboy

## My Friend Alex

I would like to personally thank Alex for sticking with the people of Perth Amboy. Like my friend, the late Jimmy Hardiman, Alex is always your friend when you walk in the door of the Barge. You can see by the surroundings in the Barge that Alex has a great love for the City of Perth Amboy.

On the walls are photos of Perth Amboy people who I feel made a mark on the city and evidently Alex did, too. The walls are covered with murals painted by Tom Ward of the City of Perth Amboy.

I am sure Alex could of found an easy way out from the losses from Sandy, but he did not and he stuck with us, the people of Perth Amboy.

I have seen Alex at many of Perth Amboy people's wakes. In his hand was a Mass card. Alex is a good man and a good Perth Amboy business man.

Thank you to my friend and my old student for coming back.

A .J. Massopust  
Perth Amboy

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## 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.

## 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 11am-1pm 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.

## 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.



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## 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](mailto: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.

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FORDS - Our Lady of Peace School's 8th grader Travis Makara-Marino bowled the high score of 146 on January 15th at Woodbridge Lanes where the club meets a few times a month.



FORDS - Santa's visit to the Pre-K at Our Lady of Peace School, Fords on the last day of school before Christmas Break, Friday, Dec. 21st. Also on hand were school Principal Mrs. Fran Comiskey. *\*Photos Submitted*

## 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 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](http://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](mailto: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, January 27 and 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 [oracsschooloffice@gmail.com](mailto:oracsschooloffice@gmail.com). For more information about the school, registration, or any of the events, please visit us at: [www.assumptioncatholicschool.net](http://www.assumptioncatholicschool.net)

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## “Project Sticker Shock” Targets Underage Drinking Local Youth Kickoff Campaign to Educate Local Alcohol Retailers & Consumers

News Release 1/21/13  
EAST BRUNSWICK—Youth leaders from Perth Amboy's Youth Community Leadership Academy (YCLA) are working to create a safer, healthier community by combating the serious problem of underage drinking.

YCLA is offered at Perth Amboy High School through the School-Based Youth Services (SBYSP) and in partnership with NCADD of Middlesex County Inc. YCLA is an after-school program for Perth Amboy High School students that features a curriculum intended to educate and empower students to engage in civic process, so they can act as effective youth participant in community bodies that impact the revitalization of Perth Amboy. The program focuses on community issues important to teens.

Sticker Shock is designed to raise awareness about underage drinking and youth access to alcohol and to strengthen the laws against providing alcohol to a minor, according to Cathy Cardew, program coordinator. The program engages student volunteers who visit participating merchants to place brightly colored stickers on multipacks of beer, wine coolers and other alcoholic products that appeal to underage drinkers.

Alcohol has been identified as the #1 drug of choice among youth and, according to youth responses to a local



Local youth put stickers on alcoholic beverages.

*\*Photos submitted*

community survey, one of the easiest to get.

YCLA and NCADD are working together to implement “Project Sticker Shock”, a state-wide youth initiative funded by the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) through a federal grant made possible by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), to educate the public and change community attitudes about selling and serving alcohol to anyone under the age of 21.

Perth Amboy youth members of YCLA have been working with local alcohol retail outlets to inform them about the key role they play in helping to prevent access to alcohol by minors. The stickers and door signs spell out a strong reminder: “KEEP IT LEGAL! It's ILLEGAL to buy alcohol for youth under age 21. The penalty is up to 6 Months Jail Time + \$1,000 Fine”

The current Sticker Shock Campaign kicked off during the holiday season and will continue through Memorial Day. Youth will also coordinate a Town Hall Meeting in the spring, providing an opportunity for increased community awareness on the dangers of underage drinking; highlight the Sticker Shock Campaign and share success stories on other efforts to prevent underage drinking. Town Hall participants will likely include youth, parents, community stakeholders, school staff, faith-based organizations, Municipal Alliance members, law enforcement, and officials from the municipal government.

For more information on how to implement programs designed to prevent underage drinking in your community contact NCADD's Coalition for Healthy Communities Underage Drinking Taskforce at [www.ncadd-middlesex.org](http://www.ncadd-middlesex.org) or call 732-254-3344.

## Getting Started with Constant Contact

EDISON - Thursday, January 24 from 8:30 p.m. to 10 a.m. at the Edison Chamber of Commerce, 336 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison. Members & Nonmembers - FREE. Continental Breakfast Included. Advanced registration required by phone, fax or online at [www.edsionchamber.com](http://www.edsionchamber.com) or call 732-738-9482 or fax 732-738-9485.

## Colombian Club Fitness Classes

SOUTH AMBOY - Colombian Club Fitness Classes, Mondays: Booty Camp 7:20 p.m. - 8:20 p.m., Light weights and mat required, Tuesdays: Yoga 6:30 p.m. -7:20 p.m. Mat required, Thursdays: Zumba Fitness 7:20 p.m.- 8:20 p.m. Mat required. Price: \$60 for 8 classes. Part of the proceeds benefit the Colombian Club Council No. 426. Location: Knights of Columbus council No. 426, 308 Fourth Street, South Amboy. If you have questions or for registration information please email [zumbasayreville@gmail.com](mailto:zumbasayreville@gmail.com) or call Denise 732-525-9536.

## 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.

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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

## Edison AARP #3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will meet on Monday, January 21st, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, 167 Bower Avenue, Edison, NJ. Mr. Walter Stochel Jr. of the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society will present a program on the history of North 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. Canned food for MCFOOD and misc. items for nursing homes and hospitals will be collected at the meeting.

## Hurricane Sandy Spaghetti Dinner

WOODBIDGE - Hurricane Sandy Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Saturday, January 26, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. WHS cafeterias, \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children 10 and under, with tricky tray raffles. Proceeds to benefit the WHS Sandy Relief Fund. For more info call 732-602-8600

## Story Time with Emily

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

## 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.

## Comedy Night 2013

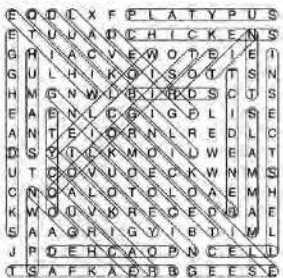
SOUTH AMBOY - Mechanicville Hose Company No. 1. presents Comedy Night 2013 on Saturday, January 26 at Memorial Hall – Sacred Heart Church, Main Street & Washington Avenue – S. Amboy, Doors Open at 7 p.m. Donation: \$40 per Person. Includes: Buffet, Beverages (Beer, Wine, Soda). Entertainment (Two Comedians and a DJ). For tickets and info Call (908) 296-4254. Seating is limited.

## Zumba Class

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## LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Smith and State Streets 1912. Note the trolley tracks for the streetcar.

*\*Photo courtesy of Dale Morris*

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

## Senior Scene

### Happenings

#### Perth Amboy

WED. Jan. 23

- 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. Jan. 24 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Jan. 28 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Jan. 29 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

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.

#### 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.

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cor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). **K.M.**

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

Scholarship Gala

NEW BRUNSWICK - There will be a Scholarship Gala, New Brunswick Lights Shining Bright on Saturday, March 2 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick. Mayor James Ca-  
hill '72, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, and New Brunswick Tomorrow will be honored. For more information visit [www.mcc-foundation.org](http://www.mcc-foundation.org) or call 732-906-2564.

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Circus Du Soleil

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urday, January 26 at 7 p.m. on the Cornucopia Majesty. Get to know Oro Solida. To Celebrate 40 years of Irving Lozado. \$50 per person. Also Gelena Solan from "The Fat and the Skinny." For tickets call 732-293-0757. Cash Bar. Event coordinated by Flowers 'N Things and Love Your City Commitee.

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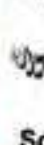
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