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*Happy Holidays! Merry Christmas! Happy Chanukah!*



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Operation Sandy, held at Knights of Columbus, South Amboy, Contact Dawn Matthews



Faith Fellowship, Sayreville at the Salvation Army, Perth Amboy



Supremo Foodmarket loads a truck of supplies to be donated to Sandy victims in Staten Island



Eddie Trujillo, owner of Supremo Supermarket donates supplies to Sandy victims in Staten Island



David's Touch - Rick and Jenny Rosado



Miguel Morales, Jorge Martinez & Harry Scheman of P.A. Police prepare food for Sandy Victims

The Amboy Guardian salutes all those who gave of their time and donations to not only Hurricane Sandy victims but to all those in need year round. We would also like to thank all of our advertisers, supporters and readers who keep the paper going. We will see you on January 2, 2013.

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## High Utility Bills Questioned

PERTH AMBOY - Councilmen Bill Petrick and Fernando Gonzalez were concerned about utility bills. Petrick's main concern was PSE&G identifying exactly what the City is paying for. Fernando Gonzalez wanted to know if we could renegotiate with PSE&G or look at other utility companies to compare savings. Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said the bills are evaluated by employees who live in Perth Amboy. They also questioned if the bills are high.

Fehrenbach stated, "We purchase from Direct Energy and not from PSE&G all the time. This has been going on for several years. We also are dealing with Verizon Broadband, etc."

Council President Kenneth Balut said at one time bills were being paid on a City Building that was closed. Balut also said, "PSE&G repaired a light on my block within a day after I called them."

During the public portion, resident Alan Silber told Balut that he was glad that the light on his street was fixed. Silber was concerned about the three lights around City Hall Circle at the crosswalks which have been out for a long period of time. "There was a woman walking at one of the crosswalks recently and because of the lights being out it was hard for the cars to see her which made it dangerous."

Silber also said, "The lights in the back of Harbor Terrace are still out and that area has become a hangout."

## Get This Out of Committee

PERTH AMBOY - Council President Kenneth Balut who had been a strong supporter of getting funds to help restore the Prop House continued his battle to get money freed up to do this.

He stated at the December 10th Caucus Meeting, "We need to get this out of committee to restore the Prop House. This is the most historic building in New Jersey."

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach suggested a conference call between Assemblymen Wisniewski and Coughlin.

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## \$10,000 Sandy Relief Donation



### Press Release

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"I am very grateful for this generous donation. Chevron has always supported our community in development and philanthropic efforts. Today, their actions demonstrated far more than corporate responsibility, but genuine care and dedication. This is just the start on our way to recovery," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

The trust account was passed by the City Council on November 28th to accept contributions from private individuals and public and private companies for cost related to Superstorm Sandy provided by the City, including shelter costs, food, clothing, structural and facility repairs.


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**Public Service**  
**Announcement**  
**FRAUD SCAM**  
 NEW JERSEY - There is information that several people have gone into the disaster recovery centers recently and that they are receiving phone calls from someone reporting to be a FEMA person. That person is telling people that they owe \$800. THIS IS TOTAL FRAUD!

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**Newtown Shooting Statement by**  
**Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr.**  
**Cathedral International Mourns the Victims of**  
**Sandy Hook Elementary School Newtown, Connecticut**

Press Release  
 PERTH AMBOY— Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor of Cathedral International released the following statement regarding one of this country's worse tragedies.  
 We at Cathedral International are deeply saddened by the senseless shooting that occurred at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown Connecticut. Our country witnessed among the most horrific tragedies of our time, the slaughtering of beautiful little children, school officials

and teachers, including the murderer's mother. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy!  
 We along with President Barack Obama are moved to tears by this tragedy. As people we are touched and as parents and neighbors we grieve. As a shepherd, I too grieve because there are too many senseless acts of violence. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy and please, stop the funerals!  
 There are so many guns, so many unstable minds, so many horrific tragedies and so little respect for life. Colo-

rado, Oregon, now Connecticut all bring us to our knees. Our prayers and hearts go out to these families who lost their loved ones and to all members of the Newtown, Connecticut community.  
 Flags on all our campuses are lowered to half-staff in respect for the victims. Signs are placed throughout all buildings and entryways encouraging all to "pray for our children." Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy!



*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*  
*Remember Those in Need!*



**Remember Fire Safety This Holiday Season**

Assemblyman **John S. Wisniewski (D-19, Middlesex), Chair of the New Jersey Fire Safety Commission** today released the following column reminding residents of the increased risk of home fires over the holiday season and highlighting steps they can take to reduce such risks.  
 News Release  
 SAYREVILLE – The holiday season should be a time of joy. But each year, fires caused by Christmas trees and holiday decorations bring tragedy to families all across the country. Research by the US Fire Administration shows a significant rise in fires and the danger of fires during the holiday season.  
 In recent years, the U.S. has averaged more than 200 fires each year that began with a Christmas tree or holiday lighting, many resulting in death or injuries. But there are simple steps that families can take to substantially reduce the risk of a fire over the holidays.

The Christmas tree is a symbol of the holiday season for many, but if not properly selected and handled, it is a major fire hazard. Those who use an artificial tree should ensure that the tree is flame retardant. For those using real evergreens as part of your holiday décor, you can take these steps to increase safety and prevent a Christmas tree fire:

- Make sure your tree is fresh when purchased. If needles are brittle or easily shed, choose a different tree.
- When setting the tree up in your home, place it at least three feet away from any heat source. In addition to a fire place, stay away from radiators, heating vents and lighting. These can dry out a tree and increase its flammability.
- Keep your tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Do not leave your tree up for an extended period. Fire safety professionals recommend you do not leave it up any longer than two weeks.
- When you dismantle your tree, discard it immediately

and properly. Do not leave it in a garage, on a porch or at the side of a house. A dried out tree is highly flammable and can still cause major damage from these locations. Check with your local community for a recycling program or other disposal options.  
 In addition to the Christmas tree, holiday lighting represents another major fire hazard but, again, simple steps can greatly reduce the risk.

- Always make sure your lights have the label of an independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL). Such organizations carefully test products to ensure safety and reliability.
- Replace any lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. These are hazards that can ignite a fire.
- Avoid stringing together too many strands of lights. In general, that means no more than 3 strands of mini lights or 50 screw-in bulbs but remember that LED lighting can burn hotter and may have greater restrictions. Check the manu-



Live Burn Demonstration of a Christmas Tree  
 \*Photo Submitted

facturer's instructions for proper use.  
 • Never leave Christmas tree lights on if the tree is unattended. Unplug them when you go to bed or leave the home.  
 In celebrating the holidays you should also avoid using lit candles in the house and never use them on a tree. If you do use them in the house, make sure they are in stable holders, place them where they cannot easily be knocked over and never leave them unattended.  
 Finally, make sure your

smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are operating properly.  
 Each year at the holiday season, there are always news stories of families whose holidays were turned into a tragedy because of fire. Don't let your family suffer such a fate. Take these common sense precautions to help protect you and your family.  
 My wish for everyone is for a festive and safe holiday season.

## LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

### EDITORIAL

### Out of Tragedy the Best Comes Out from the Community

This is the last issue of 2012. As you can see by the front page politics were pushed aside. This has been a very tough year for many. With Hurricane Sandy and unfortunately the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut. There are still so many people suffering because of this hurricane.

The suffering in Connecticut which started on Friday, December 14 will be continued for a long time but out of the difficult situations of Hurricane Sandy and the tragic in Newtown came the compassion of so many near and far.

It is always heartbreaking when you lose someone so young, especially unexpectedly and violently.

This past Sunday I was listening to one of my favorite radio programs called "Religion on the Line."

A woman called into the station and said how she dealt with her children asking her about what happened in Newtown, Connecticut. This woman related what her mother told her when she was young. "At one time there was a popular children's program called, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." Mr. Rogers said, "Whenever anything bad happens, look at the people who came to help."

This brings me to the point of the First Responders. You have to remember that First Responders are also parents, sisters, brothers, grandparents, daughters and sons. I cannot imagine what they go through when they have to arrive on a scene that is too imaginable to comprehend.

To have to tell someone that their loved one is gone must be one must be very heartbreaking.

How many times has that first responder have to be strong and compassionate at the same time.

We must always try to protect

the young and vulnerable and the teachers and administrators who shielded the students during the attack were their guardian angels.

I know God has granted them eternal peace.

Christmas and Thanksgiving are two holidays that have been over-commercialized for too long. Stores have been opening up earlier and earlier each year.

Personally, I don't understand waiting in long lines for a store to open up to get what is supposedly great bargains.

Some stores actually have lower prices several weeks before Black Friday and raise them up on the day before their sales.

I also don't understand why people are so afraid to say, "Merry Christmas!" You have to remember that a lot of people who came from other countries fled because of religious persecution.

When I hear the term, "Happy Holidays!" To me, it's too generic. Not only that, but in a lot of European Countries people use the term, "Going on a Holiday," which meant they are going on vacation.

So to me, "Merry Christmas!" is what I say in December and then in the springtime, its "Happy Easter!" and ever month that has a specific traditional holiday, I will say the holiday by name, not by anything generic. I was brought up to say, "Merry Christmas!" and I will exercise my right to say it. So if you want to say, "Merry Christmas!" but felt it was not politically correct to do it, maybe your fears are unfounded. You may be pleasantly surprised and find out that you'll get a "Merry Christmas!" greeting in return.

So Merry Christmas from the Amboy Guardian Staff.

C.M.

### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

### Middlesex County Can Handle A Storm

Well, the year of 2012 was a wild one with Hurricane Sandy and how it disturbs our way of life in Middlesex County. Days with no power and no phone or cell too. But we made it by helping each other as good neighbors. How many stores stayed open for us without getting greedy? Plus there were concerned citizens opening their door for some-

one in need or a place to sleep for someone in need or a place to sleep? How nice. And those volunteers who work beyond their limits for the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross going all over New Jersey and New York City. How many police and firefighters risked their own lives to save those people from the flood waters. And those Mayors who cried because they saw the town in ruins by the storm.

Now will there be another storm like Sandy? Yes and we are ready. Let's thank those who work for us when Sandy came. Here's the list: All the Middlesex County Police De-

partment, all the Fire Departments from the County. The U.S. Coast Guard, N.J. National Guard, N.J. State Police, U.S. Military who came to N.Y. C. aid, and those other State Agencies who call the Governor's Office to help us and Yes, Corporate America for their donations and support. There's one thing I have to say to the people in Perth Amboy who knows how to deal with a major storm and didn't panic. They just sat and rode it out. You should be happy, Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez  
Perth Amboy

### Newtown, We Wonder Why

When a tragedy happens, like what happened in Newtown Conn., words like horror, unspeakable, tragedy, and evil are used to describe it. All are appropriate but none are adequate to describe the murder of babies. We react with horror and surprise. Well I can understand the "horror" but not the "surprise". We ask ourselves why. How could someone do such a thing?

It must be the guns, "Bad Guns". It has to be the guns, what else could it be? The news media tells us this is so, so therefore it must be the truth. For the "anti gunners" that are reading this don't stop reading just yet. I will try to explain my personal theory as to the "WHY".

Never having children of my own I lost touch with what was happening with the younger generation. A few years ago I was visiting a friend of a friend who had 5 children. Their ages ranged from infant to 17.

As I was sitting in the living room I heard strange noises and turned to see where the heck they were coming from. Her 10 year old was playing a game on his lap top so I walked over to see what he was playing. I did not know the name of the game at the time but there was a guy running around on the screen. He would get in a car drive it away, and crash it. He would then get into another car and crash that one, get into another one and crash that one and so on and so on.

I noticed that this upstanding citizen in the game was carrying an axe in his hand. He wasn't using the axe to break into the cars, and I could see no reason why he was carrying it, so I asked the kid why this guy had an axe

in his hand. He avoided my question like the plague. This 10 year olds explanation was, "He just does". Then I said, "There must be a reason", his response was to shrug his shoulders. It was as if he knew telling me would reveal something bad.

Yesterday I relayed this story to a friend of mine who has children. He said, "Yea, that sounds like "Grand Theft Auto". Turns out the axe is used to chop up anyone who gets in this guys way. Not only is there an axe but the child could arm this guy with a gun or a knife. Not only does this game have these wonderful things but it also has hookers so the guy can, well nuff said on that.

Never having played the game, (my video game experience ended with "Asteroids"), I can only relay what I briefly saw and what was told to me.

On another occasion I was working in a woman's basement that had a 23 year old son who was living with her. He had a big screen TV set up on a table hooked to a computer. As I was going about my business I again heard these strange noises this time coupled with gunshots. So I turned to see him playing a game that involved shooting zombies.

All I heard was bang, bang, bang, bang, bang, as he was shooting at this thing. The graphics on this game were unbelievable. Blood and body pieces flying everywhere. On the screen was a gun, crosshairs used to aim the gun, and several clips with ammunition. I asked him what the object of the game was and he said "to kill the zombie before he kills you". Sounds simple to me. Then I asked how you kill the zombie because you just shot him twenty times and he's still alive. He responded, "you have to shoot him in the head". Then I asked, "what happens when you run out of bullets".

"Then he kills you". So my next question was why don't you put the cross hairs on his head and shoot him. His response was a blank stare. My point being "spray and pray", (shooting as many bullets in the direction of your target as you can and hope you hit something, a method seen in many gang shootings), seems to be the reasoning for this gentleman. After all these bullets aren't real and you aren't really dead if the zombie kills you. Now I know why so many innocent bystanders get shot at these gang related shootings, I thought to myself, if this is what our kids are being exposed to and how they think. To them life is just a big video game.

A few years back there was a movement to take Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, and Yosemite Sam off the air because they were too violent for children to view. I guess it was successful because I no longer see them, yet these games seem to be perfectly acceptable.

I seem to remember an organization trying to have these games banned because of the messages of violence they were sending to children. "You cannot do this", was the outcry from many. It's their constitutional right under the first amendment to produce this garbage. You can trample the 2nd and 4th amendments all you want, but don't you dare touch the 1st. Too much money to be made I guess. So a rating system was the solution. Yea, that will keep these games out the hands of young children.

I was brought up with guns. My father taught me to shoot at age 7 or 8, I can't remember. What I do remember is the training. Most of my friends lived in households that had guns in them, in fact I can't remember a household in my

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

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**PERTH AMBOY** - Assumption Catholic School is accepting registrations.

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

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

## Community Calendar

### Perth Amboy

WED. Dec. 19 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,  
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

THURS. Dec. 20 Board of Education, 6 p.m.

PAHS, Eagle Ave.

THURS. Dec. 27 Special City Council, 5 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

### South Amboy

WED. Dec. 19 City Council, Regular 7 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway

## STAY INFORMED! ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS

## Need Your Votes

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

## Open House Sundays at the Proprietary House Museum

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



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**The Community Voice**

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immediate circle of friends that didn't have firearms in the house. In those days guns were no big deal.

All of us were taught basically the same way. The first thing we were taught was safety and a respect for guns. About 10 percent of my training was the mechanics of the gun and how to aim and shoot, 90 percent was gun safety and respect for the gun. The first and foremost was to treat every firearm as if it were loaded, never point a gun at anyone ever, and guns were not toys. These and other safety procedures are taught over and over and over again till they become second nature. Never once did I entertain the thought of bringing a gun to school no less shooting anyone.

And thus it was for the rest of my life, to date. I just assumed that this train of thought was the status quo. Not having any children myself I lost touch with the "way of the world" so to speak. I couldn't believe parents would buy these games for their children to play with for hours on end. Some would say they are just games. No they are not "just games".

To the parents who have bought these games for their children I ask, did you ever sit down with your child and play these games with them to see what they were really about? If not you should. If you have and you approve you should have your head examined!

On another occasion a few months ago I was attending a political function at a local park in my neighborhood. There were local politicians and high city officials in attendance as well as business men and women. It was a festive occasion announcing some kind of donation to beautify the parks or some such thing. There were balloons and free food and lots of young children running around. There was also music.

There was a DJ set up to entertain the crowd. As I was walking around a song he was playing caught my attention. I'm not familiar with the song or group performing it but the lyrics, oh the lyrics. It talked of a guy laying up with his "female companion" and of being so wasted

the night before. Now I'm no saint but it shocked me that he would play this crap with these young children present. As I looked around at the dignitaries standing around they all seem oblivious to this. No one, (including myself, I'm sorry to say), approached him to tell him not to play this crap in front of the children.

Now I'm sure some that were there will say, "I didn't hear it", to them I say, "Yes you did", because this guy was playing his music loud enough to wake the dead. It's more like you didn't pay attention because this garbage has become the norm.

Again I seem to remember a movement to ban songs that glorified the degradation of women and the killing of police officers. Yet again came the outcry, "You can't do that, they are protected under the first amendment". Guess another rating system is in order.

Now I come to the final point. As I stated before I'm no saint and definitely not a religious person. When I was in school I remember beginning the day with 2 things, the "Lords Prayer" and "The Pledge of Allegiance". Then the Lords Prayer went away. I guess I was in the third grade. What did I know? We just didn't say it anymore and that was that.

Now religion and the talk of religion are banned in our schools. To say Merry Christmas is no longer politically correct. To put up Christmas decorations in public places is illegal in many places. Religion, the thing that teaches right from wrong and to do good by your fellow man, "BAD". Birth control given to school children, family planning in schools, video games that depict graphic violence and music that promotes degenerate behavior, "GOOD". What's wrong with this picture?

So the next time a tragedy like this happens, and it will happen again just assuredly as Carter has pills, please do not be surprised or ask yourself why.

Merry Christmas to All  
Joe Bayona  
Perth Amboy

**Hurricane Relief**

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

**Assistance From FEMA.**

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

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

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

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

**Disaster Recovery Center open in Woodbridge**

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

A second DRC is open in Middlesex county at the Sayreville senior center.

**Seniors' Benefits Are Not Affected By A FEMA Grant**

NEW JERSEY - seniors who had disaster losses because of hurricane sandy are urged to apply for disaster assistance.

Disaster assistance is not counted as income and is not taxed. It does cover expenses that are a result of the disaster.

If you receive social security or other government benefits you may still be eligible for fema aid if your losses were not covered by insurance.

Register online now at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or TTY 1-800-462-7585. Don't miss out.

**No Loss Of Benefits For New Jersey Seniors Receiving Disaster Aid**

News Release

TRENTON — Seniors who suffered losses when hurricane Sandy pummeled New Jersey don't have to worry about being hit a second time if they receive disaster funds. FEMA disaster assistance is not counted as income, is not taxed, and has no effect on Social Security or other government benefits.

Federal Coordinating Officer, Michael J. Hall said, "When seniors get a check from FEMA, the Internal Revenue Service knows that it's to help them get back to where they were before the storm. It is not counted as income. Older adults won't have a penny of this assistance taxed or have any benefits cut."

Seniors and others who had disaster related losses may apply for assistance online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by web enabled mobile device at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov). By phone or 711/VRS, call 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585.

Seniors are encouraged to call and register. A FEMA specialist will explain the types of help available and

walk callers through the registration process. They are knowledgeable about the process and can answer their questions in a language they feel comfortable speaking.

State Coordinating officer, Lt. Jeff Mottley said, "If seniors receive an SBA application form after registering with FEMA, it's very important for them to complete and return it. The application helps determine their eligibility for a wide range of disaster relief programs. It's not just for a loan."

New Jersey seniors affected by the storm can find out how to apply for an SBA loan by calling 800-659-2955 or by visiting [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). For more information about other elder care issues, call the national referral service, Eldercare Locators, at 800-677-1116.

SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

**Faith Based Organizations And Other Non-Profits May Apply For Disaster Assistance With SBA**

TRENTON — Synagogues, mosques, temples, churches, other religious centers and non-profit organizations that suffered damages in Hurricane Sandy may apply for disaster assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

While many may think that faith based organizations are not businesses, as non-profits they are eligible to apply for SBA's low-interest disaster business loans. SBA loans can help fund repair or replace disaster-damaged property such as real estate, furniture, fixtures, equipment, vehicles, damaged contents and leasehold improvements.

Any interested organization may apply with the SBA, even before their insurance claims are settled. SBA loans must be paid back, but they can be financed up to 30 years making them affordable for most organizations.

Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture entities and most private non-profit organizations are also eligible to apply for SBA's Economic Injury

Disaster Loans to help provide funds for fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. These loans are available regardless of whether physical damage was sustained.

The maximum SBA loan amount for business disaster loans is \$2 million.

For more information:  
• Call SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955, TTY 800-877-8339.

• Visit a disaster recovery center or a business recovery center and speak with a SBA customer service representative.

To apply for a loan:  
• Visit SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>, or  
• Download an application from [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov).

Registration with FEMA is also recommended. Call 800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 800-462-7585. Online registration is available at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov).

Don't wait to apply, the deadline for physical losses is December 31, 2012.

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**Chanukah Service Menorah Lighting Perth Amboy - 12/13/12 \*Photos by Bob Ned**



Assm. Coughlin and P.A. Councilmen listen to Rabbi Saks



Herschel Chomsky light the Menorah



Mekimi Cheer-up Squad perform Chanukah songs



Group photo of all those who participated



***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.

***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

***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

**PRAHD Christmas Luncheon for Special Guests - Perth Amboy 12/14/12**

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PRAHD Staff pose with guests



Santa has plenty of gifts for all

**Police Prepare a Meal for Sandy Victims - Perth Amboy \*Photos by Henry Rodgers**



Carmelo Menedez chops vegetables



Harry Scheman stirs the pot



The Menedez family lend a hand



Harry Scheman prepares the chicken soup

***Sayreville Auxiliary Police Looking for New Members***

**SAYREVILLE/SOUTH AMBOY** - Attention Sayreville / South Amboy Residents: The Sayreville Auxiliary Police are seeking new members to join its volunteer force. Interested applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be able to pass a criminal background check and possess a valid New Jersey driver's license. Interested applicants can download an application from: [www.sayrevillepoliceaux.org](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.

# AMBOY SPOTLIGHT

## Graveside Guardians Personalized Gravesite Care

By Maraika Najimian

EDISON: Losing a loved one can be a traumatic experience, but now there is a way to turn tragedy into something positive. Coming up on its one year anniversary, Graveside Guardians is a family owned business that offers gravesite services to those who have lost a loved one. Personalized care is what separates them from regular cemetery maintenance. Graveside Guardians offers a wide range of services including basic cleaning and maintenance, as well as flowers, candles or any other special request from a customer. Although they are located in central New Jersey, they are willing to travel anywhere within reach for anyone seeking their services.

Graveside Guardians is run and owned by Michael Daly, his brother Peter Daly, Jr. and Peter's wife Bobbi. They were inspired to start this business after dealing with their own personal experience with loss through the deaths of their brother, mother and father. While learning to cope with the deaths in their family, they have found comfort in helping others cope with their losses. Michael describes his work as taking care of his own family.

He said, "It gives me a sense of peace. I just want to do for people what I would do for my own family."

Many people may feel that working in graveyards would be difficult, but that is not the case here. Being in graveyards regularly doesn't upset them. Along with the personal losses they have dealt with, Michael has worked doing research in the transplant field for 13 years. Over the years he has seen how deceased peoples' organs and tissue have been able to save someone's life. There have even been cases where the family of a deceased donor was able to meet with the person whose life was saved. Being in this line of work for over a decade, Michael has been very touched by this. He is able to see past the tragedy of death, but also what good can come out of it. This is why he and his family are so passionate about their business. They realize that not everyone is comfortable and easy dealing with death.

What they offer is not only the physical labor of maintaining a gravesite, but also the emotional and personal support for each specific customer. Their goal is to treat their clients with the same respect and comfort that they

would their own family. Their services are especially useful for those who cannot keep up with maintaining a gravesite due to geography and lack of physical abilities. For example, if you live too far away from your loved one's cemetery or if you aren't capable of doing the heavy lifting, or cleaning of the grave. They also understand that it can be very hard for some people to visit gravesites for emotional reasons. Because of this, their services are also helpful to those who find it too difficult to go to the actual gravesite but still want to acknowledge their loved one.

The Daly family feels that what they do for people is very rewarding. Through their own personal experiences, they have learned how to help others going through similar experiences. They usually become close to their clients, even after their work is done. If you or someone you know has lost someone and seeks help with gravesite maintenance, visit their website [www.gravesideguardians.com](http://www.gravesideguardians.com) for more information about the services they offer. You can also email [info@gravesideguardians.com](mailto:info@gravesideguardians.com) to get specific questions answered.



Michael Daly of Graveside Guardians



Upright and Flatstone Care before and after

## Kitchens, Cabinets, and Gallo

By: Eric Salvary

PERTH AMBOY: For 40 years Wholesale Kitchens and Cabinets had sold some of the best quality house decor in Middlesex county, this family based business has grown through the years with quality products and quality customer service, any good business is grown through word of mouth advertisement, If you were a customer 10 years ago and had to come back to whole sale today one of the quality things you might be talking about is Eileen Gallo.

She has been with the company 37 of the 40 years they have been in existence, sister to the original Owner and Founder of Wholesale James Mcglone. A woman, who loves her job, loves the people she works with calls her work environment "very professional." and "caring". Eileen may have to take credit for this herself as she has been the tone setter for this type of quality, she has held almost every customer service position this company offers, starting out as a receptionist and making her way up

the ladder to being assistant to the president of the company.

At age 82 she only works three days a week now but still carries on the her quality position as she is now in charge of customer deliveries. When asked what has kept her at wholesale after so many years she said that" she loves going to work and wishes her Brother was here to see how things were going, and see how her nephews are carrying out his legacy" Between that and" Customers who come back after a number of years who still remember her" helps keep her fueled and committed to wholesale. She is describe by her coworkers as "very professional, good work ethic, very focused, always early, and always give her best"

Outside of work Eileen life has had some major changes she now lives in Montclair after spending many years living in Neptune City where she was during Hurricane Sandy. Though her building was out of power for ten days she credits the Secaucus fire department and the building staff for what

she called a "heart rendering" experience for the outpouring of love and care they provided during that state of emergency.

She also see some light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to Hurricane Sandy as it has produced more business for wholesale as people come back to the company to attempt to get their original kitchen sets as people try to rebuild; Believing that if people come back that the company has done the job right the first time.

Eileen recognizes that getting older and says it "tuff" as she can't do what she used to do, but loves that she gets to spend time with her 8 year grandson, and has some thoughts to writing a book one day. In the end Wholesale kitchen and Cabinets is more than a place it is a representation of the quality person of Eileen Gallo.



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# Senior Scene

## Happenings

### Perth Amboy

- WED. Dec. 19 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
  - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
  - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St

THURS. Dec. 20 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Jan. 7 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

- TUES. Jan. 8 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

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### South Amboy

MON. Jan. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

WED. Jan. 9 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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## Monthly Book Club

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# LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Santa arrives at the Royal Theater, Smith Street circa 1950's.

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**Prayer To The Blessed Virgin**

*(Never known to fail)*

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

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

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**Prayer To Saint Jude**

*To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.*

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly *(Here make your request)* and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. **E.M.T.**

**Petition To Saint Jude**

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us.

*Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.*

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**D.T.**

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

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## Down

- Flows back
- Harper's Rhoda costar
- Sports attendance
- Millionaire help: "Phone \_\_\_\_" (2 words)
- It's a Living waitress
- M\*A\*S\*H vehicles
- Hank Hill's boss (2 words)
- Niles's alma mater
- \_\_\_ Blood
- Mary of Entertainment Tonight
- \_\_\_ Hunter (2 words)
- Sara of Popular
- Popeye's gal: Olive \_\_\_
- Footnote entry: Op. \_\_\_
- One, in Paris
- Mandela's land (abbr.)
- Haul behind
- Publisher's request (abbr.)
- Brit. VIPs
- Hospital room, for City of Angels
- Nolin of Sheena (2 words)
- Tint
- \_\_\_-CIO
- \_\_\_ Winds
- Rick's wife on Ozzie & Harriet
- Tiny amount
- Phooey!
- Frosted
- Timbuktu's locale
- Paris airport
- 240-Robert actor Saunders

## Across

- Breakfast choice at Mel's Diner
- Pt. of speech
- Fable
- ABC's \_\_\_ Camp
- Adversary
- \_\_\_ avis
- \_\_\_ Sides
- 66, on TV (abbr.)
- Traduce
- Rappaport of NYPD Blue
- Designing Women role for Judith Ivey: B.J. \_\_\_
- Actor's hint
- Neighbor of Isr.
- A \_\_\_ Affair
- Speaks like Sylvester
- \_\_\_ many words (2 words)
- Murray, on Mad About You
- Then \_\_\_ Bronson
- Emulate Mr. Novak
- \_\_\_ Link
- While You Were \_\_\_
- Monday Night Football gp.
- Peter Benchley's Amazon actress Margot
- Virgil Paris on Somerset
- King of I'm a Big Girl Now
- \_\_\_-Star Golf
- Mayberry's locale (abbr.)
- Emphatic type (abbr.)
- Grade for Bart Simpson
- Steve Allen Show regular Gabe
- Fill completely
- Lamb Chop's mom
- Handy home repairs cable channel



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