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Local Finance Board Approves Port Authority Becoming a Utility



Sharon Hubberman



B.A. Greg Fehrenbach



Mayor Wilda Diaz



**Councilman
Bill Petrick**



Fernando Gonzalez

PERTH AMBOY - Former Mayoral Candidate Sharon Hubberman questioned the legality of the Port Authority becoming a utility. At the 2/13/13 Council Meeting she read an ordinance 97-01 stating that if an Authority has an outstanding debt, it cannot be changed into a utility.

Hubberman stated that the Port Authority has an outstanding debt of \$900,000. Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said this is not true. Perth Amboy Chief Financial Officer Jill Goldy came forward to explain this debt.

"The Port Authority has no outstanding debt. It has been issued by the City and we have been paying this debt off,"

Goldy said. "The debt has been used to pay off additional improvements to the marina that the City owns. Green Trust Funds were issued in 2001 which was \$579,000 in principal. In 2006 the remainder was \$265,000.

Goldy said, "There is a local fiscal authority law which states: a municipality can create an authority, In this case, a Port Authority was created."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach added, "Public utility laws do not apply in this case. (Whereas the marina becoming a utility.) The City has three budgets: Current Budget, Water/Wastewater Budget, and a Parking Utility Budget. In 2012 there was a line item where the Port

Authority contributed a payment to the City for \$125,000 but they made that payment in two installments.

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wanted to know, "Will making the Port Authority into a utility add any additional cost to the City?" Gonzalez also stated that the Port Authority employees did a lot of volunteer work.

B.A. Fehrenbach responded to Fernando Gonzalez' question by saying that, "By the Port Authority becoming a utility will have no impact on the City. Some aspects of the operations of the former authority will be taken over by City Administrators."

Resident Stanley Sierakows-

ki wanted to know how many salary positions were at the Port Authority and if any titles would be transferred.

Fehrenbach answered, "There were two full time and one part time positions. No full time directors were appointed. All appointments will be made by the Mayor."

Mayor Diaz spoke during the meeting in regards to the Port Authority issue. Diaz said that some clarifications had to be made, "The local Finance Board Chair congratulated the City and the Council for consolidating operations. This is a City debt (referring to the \$900,000.) that we have been paying on. The Port Authority

Board will be on the Advisory Board when it becomes a utility.

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez asked the B.A., "How many slips are in service now?"

B.A. Fehrenbach responded, "There were 137 boat slips before the storm hit and there are only 61 left after the storm."

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "A decision to make the Port Authority into a utility was not done hastily. There was a lot of discussion."

Council President Joel Pabon said, "This is in the best interest of the City to see the Port come back."

Automated Trash Collection on the Way: Notifications will be Sent to Those Residents Affected

PERTH AMBOY - Dept. of Public Works Director, Frank Dann and Supervisor Hector Polidura appeared at the 2/11/13 Council Caucus Meeting to give an update on the automated trash collection.

They made it clear that the whole town will not have the new trash collection.

Dann said, "At the end of February we expect the delivery of the new truck. Residents will be getting the new automated trash pickup will each be assigned one green can for recyclables and one blue can for garbage. Each can will be

assigned to a specific address. Some residents that are used to getting their garbage picked up in alleys in areas getting this system may have to move their garbage cans to the front because the alleys may be too narrow. There are some neighborhoods that will not be able to get the new automated systems (such as elevation problems)."

Sunshine Alley was referenced. Supervisor Hector Polidura said, "Some time ago there was a petition where residents of Sunshine Alley didn't want that area changed

because of its historic value."

Dann also said, "It will take about a year to straighten out the system. After talking to Woodbridge Township who has an automatic trash pickup in place. Woodbridge Township also allowed our drivers to go with them while they were making their routes in Woodbridge so that our drivers can get a feel on how to operate the new trucks."

Dann continued "Residents that have large families can have a one time rental fee of \$60 for an additional can. The cans have a 350 lb weight lim-

it."

Dann said, "There is a possibility of doing automated can pickups in the business district. He is asking the Council to consider that in the future."

He also suggested that residents can drop off bulk items at the Public Works between the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday thru Friday for free. "They have to show proof of residency. If appointments are needed for a home pickup a fee will be charged. There will not be a limit on items picked up."



**Frank Dann
Director
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Margot Camino Presented with Congressional Medal

PERTH AMBOY - Margot Camino, a Perth Amboy resident, is a senior at Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung. She received the Bronze Congressional Medal (as well as a Bronze Certificate and a Silver Certificate). In addition, she received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for her outstanding volunteer work and service to the community of Perth Amboy. The Congressional Award Program is about challenge. The Award offers young people the opportunity to set personally challenging goals and achieve them. Along the way, they serve their communities and learn about qualities like responsibility, citizenship, and the ability to plan and organize.

Margot completed over 100 hours of community service by volunteering at PRAHD during the summer and after-school. She also organized a book drive at her school and donated the books to PRAHD's after-school program and the Wilentz School. On days off she volunteered to read to elementary school children. Margot also set personal



(Top) Congressman Albio Sires presents Margot Camino with the Congressional Medal. (Bottom) Camino's family proudly stand by her and Congressman Sires

**Photos Submitted*

goals in the areas of personal development, physical fitness, and expedition/exploration. She kept a detailed log of her

goals and activities in order to meet the program's requirement.

Eric Wins Big! Hope is Definitely on the Way

By: Jere Karnilaw, School Counselor for Special Ed Students, Perth Amboy High School

PERTH AMBOY - On a normal day of school two years ago a student rushed into his counselor's office in a state of agitation to announce that he had failed his permit test. To most disappointed students this failure would mean a return to the "drawing board" at some later time to give his driving destiny another try. But to Eric Velasquez, a classified senior in the Special Education Department at Perth Amboy High School, this grade of 78 when he needed an 80 forced his self esteem to take a severe nose-dive.

One week later, after demanding a retest, Eric retook and passed his permit test. Only then was he at peace with himself.

So describes the continuing saga of Eric Velasquez's career in the Perth Amboy School District - an eye-opening continuum of successes interspersed with some imagined "near misses" (or feared outcomes) causing volumes of anxiety that would often send Eric into a tailspin. For Eric struggles with the challenges

that students with disabilities face.

With each real or imagined slippery slope, someone has been there "to catch him" - his school counselor, his case-manager, his teachers, his crisis counselor, his clergyman, and most of all his devoted mother and father. Time and time again Eric has reached out to someone, and time and time again Eric has seen life in a clearer light that would enable him to again move forward in pursuit of his conception of excellence.

In spite of Eric's ongoing battle with disabilities, he entered his senior year with some impressive credentials: a grade point average of 4.0 as a fully mainstreamed student; acceptance into the National Honor Society not only because of his academic accomplishments but because he has led his peers by the example he has set; SAT scores that totaled 1550; and most recently by being awarded an academic scholarship to attend St Peter's University totaling close to \$90,000.

Ninety thousand dollars is a lot of money to offer a young person eager for an education. St. Peter's was aware that Eric would need a support system



Eric Velasquez

in place to help him get by. That did not discourage the university from offering Eric a much-earned chance to pursue his education at their university. Those who have worked with Eric and know him will have to wait and see what he and his parents decide to do. The safer choice would be to live at home and to attend Middlesex County College, where Eric has also applied. The riskier decision would be to live on campus at St. Peter's University.

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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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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

In the Best Interest of the Students The Operative Word is Students!

I have to agree with Perth Amboy Resident Reinaldo Aviles when he talked about the length of the Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Education on 2/5/13.

Perhaps the Board should change their procedures and allow students who wish to speak to come forward first. Meetings are normally held on Thursday evenings. Some students not only attend school but go to work afterwards. The Board must take that into consideration.

Mr. Aviles also stated that there are Board Members that have to get up early to go to their places of employment. Those attending meetings may have obligations early the next morning. Some of them are parents trying to prepare their child to get to school before they have to go to work.

I also like Mr. Aviles' suggestion that there should be a limit to the number of topics to be discussed during the closed sessions.

The public should be allowed to talk before closed sessions begin as they are allowed to do at the City Council meetings. At one of the Board Meetings, I remember PTO Member Donna Stewart, who also has children in the School System making a very profound statement. Ms. Stewart said, "You may not like me or what I have to say, but when I speak about a problem my child is having, I am also speaking for other children as well."

That statement is very true. The students that were at the 2/5/13 Board Meeting were there to be heard, but unfortunately, they were not heard by the viewing public. Perhaps the problem that they were having might benefit someone else in a similar situation.

Although some of the Board Members did hear of some of these students' concerns, and I believe a solution was addressed, it would have been

nice to have it brought forth publicly.

When I first started working for a weekly paper, I remember the City Council would go into closed sessions for a long time at the beginning of the meetings. I also recall former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez remarking about the Council Meetings being too long and he had to get up early to go to work.

Thank God they changed their closed sessions meetings to after the regular Council Meetings ended.

The Council also has their Caucus Meetings on Monday to go over any questions on agenda items. The Wednesday of the same week is when they have the regular Council Meetings. This way they can vote a little more quickly on the items that were discussed on Monday.

The Board of Education is looking to do something similar. I urge them to do this as quickly as possible. You not only owe it to the students, but to the parents, all those attending the meetings and to yourselves.

I know this is a hard job with no pay, but you owe it to yourselves to work on the most pressing problems and not try to condense everything in one shot.

Take one step at a time and eventually everything will fall into place. And remember when people come to the podium to speak, you may not like them or what they say, but it might be beneficial to someone else.

C.M.



THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Ed Koch Editorial

Enjoyed your editorial on

New York Mayor Ed Koch. Working for the Port Authority of NY/NJ as a photographer, I met the mayor on many as-

signments. A real pro!

Sincerely,
Julius Warzybok

Is It Time For a Change on Guns?

How will President Obama change the gun laws in America? What will become of the Second Amendment? Will the law abiding citizen buy or own a handgun or a rifle? What about the sale of semi-automatic rifles and ammo magazines? Has the murder

rate gone wild in America? Yes? So what's the answer? And Who has the answer? Now, gun violence in America has been occurring since the Chicago Gangland Days. Back then, the use of weapons like the Thompson 45 Cal. Machine Gun and the B.A.R. Browning Automatic Rifle for mass murders, (even bombs were used) were common. Did it change anything? No! The Second Amendment was still there, but the Federal Gun

Laws were changed. Now, where do gun owners non-gun owners stand on this issue: the right to own or not to own. Now, for this so-called Mental Illness background check: It goes like this: "You don't know if someone is mentally ill until they snap." So, guns or no guns, people are going to kill. It's part of human nature.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Renaissance Mayor

As a long time political observer in local politics I was both amused and disturbed by the refusal of Democratic Party Chairwoman Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez to resign. I fully agree with Councilman William Petrick's statement that her active support for a Republican does not reflect the values of the Democratic Party and should resign her post.

Regardless of political affiliations the fact that Mayor Wilda Diaz was elected by the people is testimony to the fact that her first term is a resounding success. She is the symbol of a renaissance in the City from the mess of the previ-

ous mayor who is now a guest of Uncle Sam. She may have been an "accidental mayor" as stated in the New Jersey State League of Municipalities publication. She has brought charm, dignity, grace and hope to a rundown city. She could well fit the part of a television hostess in the manner of Meredith Viera, Katie Couric or Diana Sawyer. And still keep her day job bringing much fame and credit to her family, friends and the City! Not to mention great pay!

I have been interested in politics and civic affairs since school days. I often thought of running for public office. But then I was more of a walker. Not a runner. The only running I ever did was running away from truant officers, cops, bill

collectors, wives, husbands. And since I worked for airlines I was frequently absent on overseas flights and was able to devote to my civic duties. It was a dream job working with swell people in harmony to achieve a common goal of successful flight operations. I dreaded becoming involved with one of the most corrupt states in the country. Did not Gov. Christie earn his great reputation by convicting dozens of corrupt public office holders? I rest my case!

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Peter Book/a.k.a. Pedro Libro



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3. The banks specific requirements for each individual appraisal sent to the appraiser at the time of ordering the appraisal may have led to artificially inflated or deflated property values. The appraisal is being done for the protec-

tion of their money assets not yours. It is your responsibility to protect your assets. It always was your responsibility, but when things were good nobody cared.

4. The appraiser can NOT give you a copy of the appraisal or discuss it with you.

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Homeowners are NOT protecting their biggest investments. You should always educate yourself with current market trends or hire a Licensed Appraiser to perform an appraisal for your financial protection. The homeowner would need to directly order and pay for the appraisal by an

appraiser of their choice. The homeowner is now the appraiser's "client". The homeowner and appraiser are now free to discuss ALL the information in the appraisal and any current market information can be openly shared. A copy of the appraisal is supplied within a reasonable time from ordering which gives you ample time to make the right financial decision. Please note that the bank is still going to insist that you also pay for their appraisal to protect them. This is NOT fair and I have been fighting to change this for the past few years. Each party should pay for their own appraisal. It is estimated that homeowners have lost trillions of dollars in home equity due to bank fraud, which means they now have possession of all our money. I think they could afford to pay for their own appraisals. This is your family's wealth. If you also feel this is unfair you may

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Perth Amboy High School
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The Community Voice

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call or write the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs, Appraisal Board, 124 Halsey Street, Newark NJ 07102. (973) 504-6480.

Tax appeal season is here and many people have appealed their property assessments over the past few years and won. That's because values were going in the wrong direc-

tion of a few years back. There were hundreds of thousands of jobs being lost every month in America, large corporations were collapsing which should have driven property values down but instead they were artificially inflated. Home values in a neighborhood are tied to the average income of the homeowners in neighborhood.

Susan Batista



Bridal Showcase

ISELIN - Bridal Showcase hosted by WMCC at the Renaissance Hotel 515 US Highway 1 South, Iselin March 3, 2013 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the Chamber to register as a vendor or come to view our vendors and plan your wedding. All are welcome. For details call 732-636-4040 or Email barnes-karenwmcc@comcast.net

Civil War

Round Table

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will meet on Monday, March 4th at the Woodbridge Public Library at 7 p.m. The speaker for the evening will be Bill Stypke and his topic will be "McClellan's Other Story" All are welcome.

Industrial Accident

Press Release
 SAYREVILLE - Sunday, February 17 at 09:05 a.m. The Sayreville Police Dept responded to a fatal Industrial accident. The accident occurred on a barge in the canal under the Morgan Bridge. The incident is currently under investigation. Details are not being released until the next of kin is notified. We do not believe the incident is suspicious at this time

Republican Convention

EDISON - The Middlesex County Republican Organization (MCRO) is holding its convention on Saturday, March 23rd, 2012, at the Royal Albert's Palace, 1050 King Georges Post Road in Edison with featured speaker: Governor Chris Christie.

If someone is interested in registering, contact Sharon at 732-442-3162 or 877-203-3599. There is a \$10 registration fee and this fee is non-refundable and not transferable. Registration deadline is: March 9th, 2013.

Please note, you must be a registered Republican in Middlesex County by February 22, 2013 to vote at the convention as a Delegate. All registrations for the convention are due on March 9th by 2 p.m.

Eric Wins Big

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selor specializes in working with them. The Child Study Team is also located in the high school and this facilitates a close working relationship which has been developed and nurtured through the many years that this arrangement has been in place. The staff knows there is this close connection between the Child Study Team and the School Counselor for SE, which affords them several avenues for getting support regarding these students. This arrangement also enables the school counselor to act as a liaison in consistently encouraging and upholding policies leading to higher student performance in changing times.

With a student such as Eric, who reacts impulsively to what he sees as setbacks or difficult challenges, and even obsesses about them, having someone to talk to that day is how he begins to work out his conflicts.

And, of course, once he arrives home, his parents provide him with all the support and encouragement he requires. At Perth Amboy High School he has made frequent use of the many doors open to him by caring and understanding staff.

When Eric asked why this article was being written, it was explained to him that other students with disabilities might be inspired by the example he has set and the rewards he has earned by working hard to overcome.....

"Issues?" he said.

"Yes, issues."

"Will that give them hope?" he continued.

"Yes. That will give them hope."

"That's good," he added, "because I'm tired of lending them my pencils and never getting them back!"

As the conversation ended, the message that rang true was that hope was definitely on the way!



Sweeney Continued New Jersey 'Small Business Listening Tour' With Stop In Perth Amboy

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Senate President Steve Sweeney continued his New Jersey "Small Business Listening Tour" with a visit to Ali's Liquor Warehouse, located at 642 State Street on Friday, February 15. The Senate President began the tour last month and to date has visited eight small businesses across New Jersey, with stops in Wall, Atlantic City, Paramus, Hamilton, Robbinsville, the City of Burlington, and Ewing. As part of the tour, the Senate President will hear from local business owners, workers and constituents about what they feel can help best get New Jersey's economy, currently one of the worst performing in the nation, moving again.

Additional stops will be announced in the coming days and weeks.

In addition to hearing the concerns of small business owners, the Senate President will use the tour as a way to promote and highlight the 'Jersey Shore Is Open for Business' campaign, an initiative to help New Jersey residents find which stores and businesses are open in the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Sandy. The project is being done in conjunction with the New Jersey Restaurant and New Jersey Retail Merchants Associations, as well as the Jersey Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Businesses currently open in the state's shore region can be seen by going to the website <http://www.visitthejerseyshore.com> <<http://www.visitthejerseyshore.com/>>. Business owners looking to add their name to the site should contact the Jersey Shore Convention and Visitors Bureau at 732-244-9283.

**Photos by Joe Bayona*



PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz, Councilwoman Lisa Nanton and Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez welcome Mayor's from the Republic of Albania on Thursday, February 14 in City Hall. *Photo by Paul W. Wang

Our Elm Tree

They say it's a special tree
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The vanguard of our community.

It is one of Perth Amboy's historical relics.

I give tribute to "Our Historic Elm Tree."

May it stand tall from now 'til eternity.

By "The Poet" Dioris Louis Arlequin

Water Safety Class a Blast for 2nd Graders

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY - Participants from 2nd Grade classes in all five elementary schools in Perth Amboy are engaging in a Water Safety Learn to Swim Program. The program began on January 22, 2013 and will continue until May when all of the second grade classes in each school have participated. "There are eight to nine 2nd Grade classes in almost every elementary school in Perth Amboy. Each school sends a 2nd Grade class one day a week for two weeks. The Wilentz School comes on Tuesdays," YMCA Director Yarelis Figueroa states.

Y CEO and President Steve Jobin states, "The students come at 11 a.m. and spend one and half hours in the classroom, eat lunch, then spend an hour and half in the pool learning basic water skills. They leave around 2:30 p.m. "They are learning personal water safety."

The program is financed by the Board of Education on a per child basis. It pays for necessary equipment and instruction.

Aquatic Coordinator Lisa Leonardo who is also a certified teacher is the lead instructor for the program. "The kids are learning the basics of water safety skills. They are learning pool safety as well as safety when they go to the beaches in the summer. They have to understand that they are living in Perth Amboy and although there is no swimming in the Waterfront they know what to do if someone is drowning. They know when to swim (in a pool or at the beach) and that there should always be a lifeguard or an adult eighteen or

older present. They are learning basic rescue; to call someone and use simple homemade devices (to pull someone out of the water). They are learning how to be safe and listen to the lifeguard's rules and always swim with a buddy."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Janine Walker-Caffrey was in full support of the program. "The kids and parents are excited. Many parents are non-swimmers so they also are excited."

Jobin states that this program stems way back when the old YMCA was on Jefferson Street. "It's the City by the Bay and many kids drown each year. This program was a no-brainer. It's important that kids learn about swimming. When kids learn about basketball, they get excited about basketball but swimming is a different kind of sport. It builds confidence. It's about survival. That's what instruction should be."

Featured in the course is the Wibbit, a water obstacle course. "Not every kid wants to jump in the water and swim laps. Here they are learning safety and having fun at the same time," Jobin states.

There is a 1:4 or 1:3 ratio of swim instructor to students and there is a lifeguard on duty. Julie Schick, the Director of Athletics, Health & Physical Education and Nursing worked with Jobin to get the program running. "This program is very unique. We are fortunate to have a YMCA in our town. We work closely with the phys-ed instructors. The Academy for Visual Learning and the Performing Arts Academy (East Campus) kids already have gym at the

Y." Schick stated, "Some schools in other towns have pools. Why should we wait until the 9th Grade to teach kids to swim?"

Seven year old Wilentz School student Daniella Almeria said of the program, "If you fall in the water you won't drown. I've never been in here (the YMCA) before but it's a lot of fun! It's cool!"

Seven year old Wilentz School student Gustavo Merino is having a great time, "I haven't been here (the YMCA) in a very long time. I'm learning water safety and how to blow bubbles (breathing techniques). It's cool to swim."

City Council President Joel Pabon stated, "If I was their age, I would be ecstatic. This is a great program. A lot of people don't even know this building is here. They see its size and say they can't afford it. The kids bring their parents here and they get involved themselves."

The YMCA offers other programs for adults. According to Jobin, "We also have the "Not For One Second" Program so parents learn not to leave their kids alone around water for even one second. They are getting educated about water safety."

In March there will be an elementary school intramural swim league. "The elementary schools have no sports," Jobin states the importance of athletics in the younger grades. "Last year we had over 220 kids participating in the program."

"The High School kids come and help the little kids," Dr. Caffrey states.

As for the 2nd Grade Water



Learning water safety



Enjoying the water



Y Instructor, Y CEO Steve Jobin, Superintendent Caffrey, Dir. of Athletics Julie Schick, Council President Joel Pabon, Y Dir. Yarelis Figueroa and 2nd Grade Students

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*

Safety Program, each participant receives a certificate and ribbon for being in the pro-

gram, but most of all the students are learning how to be safe in the water.

Spring Clean Your Diet

By: Heather Cunningham, RD, CNSC
 Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Spring will be here before you know it, and the warmer weather can bring thoughts of new approaches to nutrition and health. More and more, people are trying to eliminate chemicals from their bodies and want their food to be healthier. "Eating Clean" is a new diet state of mind that does not focus on weight loss but on improving health. What exactly does "Eating Clean" mean? The pillars of eating clean include avoiding junk and processed foods and making more wholesome, healthy choices. Many aspects of this eating plan are steps that people already follow but "Eating Clean" focuses on going back

to the basics. How can you "Eat Clean?" Here are some tips to get you started:

- Eliminate all processed foods from your diet (and pantry). This includes any food that has a label. Foods such as whole wheat pasta or natural cheeses are widely accepted on this eating regimen, however, if you cannot pronounce or identify an ingredient on the label; put that food back on the shelf.
- Choose whole foods. Whole foods have not been processed or originate from a manufacturing plant. Fruits, vegetables, grass-fed and free-range meats, low-fat dairy products, unsalted nuts and seeds are good choices.
- Stay away from refined sugars. These are empty and non-

nutritive calories.

- Get comfortable in the kitchen. That's right, cook your own meals. By preparing your food, you know what is going into the meal and have 100 percent control of ingredients. Stay away from meals coming from a box. Wholesome meats and produce need little prep through sautéing or baking to make delicious and healthy meals that you (and your fam-

ily) will love.

- Eat five to six small meals a day. By eating more frequently, our bodies store less excessive calories that can be ingested at larger meals. Listen to your body and be aware when and why you're eating. March is National Nutrition Month, a great time to improve your health and diet. Changing the way you eat can be overwhelming at first,



but over time your tastes will change. The way to make permanent changes is to introduce them slowly. Remember it's important to treat yourself once in awhile, but this means a meal or snack, not going off track for a week. Give yourself time and you will slowly begin to feel healthier both mentally and physically!



Black History Program

PERTH AMBOY - In observance of Black History Month, Concord Missionary Baptist Church, 795 State St. presented a program on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 12 Noon. The guest speaker was Hector Bonilla, Historian, Educator, Community Activist and Former Aide to The Mayor Of Perth Amboy. He gave an informative and enlightened account of "The Black Presence in Latin America." Program featured; song, dance poetry, dramatic performance and a special performances by Cimarrones, an Afro-Puerto Rican Bomba music ensemble.

Royal Garden Club Open House

PERTH AMBOY - Come on Wed. March 6, 2013 at 7:30 pm St. Peter's Rectory, 188 Rector St. Perth Amboy. An official civic consultant of the City of Perth Amboy St. Peter's Rectory at 183 Rector St. Perth Amboy. This meeting is to learn all about the activities of the Royal Garden Club. We are a very different gardening club as we design, plant and maintain several large public gardens throughout our city. Come learn all our work - no prior gardening experience necessary. We welcome all. For more information, post a question to our page: Royal Garden Club Open House on Facebook.

Friday Lenten Dinners

PERTH AMBOY - February 15: Breaded Flounder with mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables, February 22: Shrimp Scampi with Linguini, March 1: Spaghetti with tomato sauce, garlic bread and salad, March 8: Baked Salmon Steak with rice and salad, March 15: Cabbage Noodles, March 22: Breaded Flounder with roasted potatoes and coleslaw. Dessert, coffee and tea will be served with each dinner. The dinners are from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Magyar Reformed Church Center, Corner of Fayette Street and Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy. Cost is \$13 per person or 6 dinners for \$70 (one dinner for each week) paid in advance. Reservations required. No tickets sold at door. Call: Pat 732-442-0224 or Pam 732-257-7182.

Black History Month Celebrated - Concord Baptist Church Perth Amboy 2/16/13

*Photos by Eric Savory



A test on Black History



Maria Alvarez, Exec. Dir. of Casa introduces Hector Bonilla



Historian Hector Bonilla Speaks on Black History



The Cimarrones perform



The audience participated



The Cimarrones give a dance lesson



The Cimarrones Dancers entertain



A young man joins in

YMCA CEO & President Steve Jobin Speaks at Women's Club Luncheon The Barge 2/11/13

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Gloria Rebovich and Steve Jobin



Women's Club Members at the Barge listen to Steve Jobin

NJ 101.5 AM Dennis Malloy Hosts Cornucopia Cruise, Perth Amboy 2/15/13

**Photos by Eric Savory*



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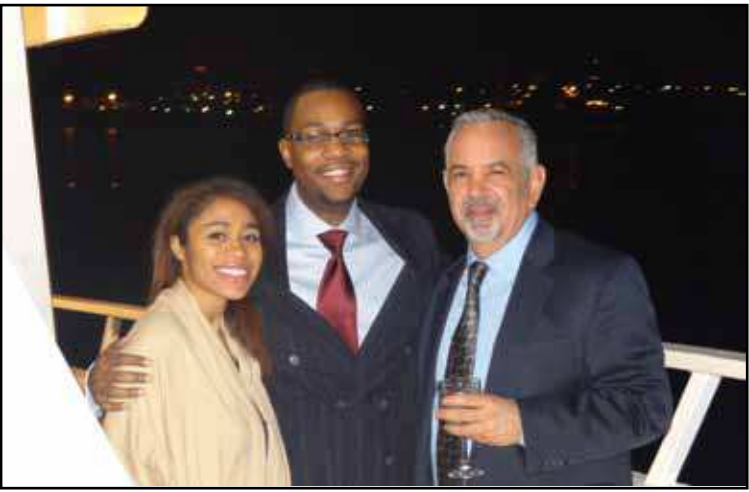
A romantic moment



A crowded cruise



Enjoying the evening



Dennis Malloy with a couple



Dennis Malloy enjoys a moment on the Cornucopia



Getting ready for the cruise



Holding hands!

RED Exhibit at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts- 2/14/13

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Enjoying the Display



The new Curator of the Gallery with Dep of Rec Lis Mery Ramirez



Second Employment Bootcamp

PERTH AMBOY - 2nd Employment Bootcamp from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, February 25. Delaney Recreation Center, 701 Chamberlain Ave., Perth Amboy, Light refreshments will be served. Come eat, relax and learn. R.S.V.P. required Call 732-376-0501 and leave a message or email Sherri Goldberg at sherri.goldberg@jrfnj.org. Please provide your name, address, phone and email so we can hold a seat for you at this special event. Sponsored by the JRF and PAAC

Focus Group Meeting

PERTH AMBOY- 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, March 9 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.

Soup Kitchen & Clothing Giveaway

PERTH AMBOY: Soup Kitchen at the Faith Community Worship Center, 310 Sutton St., Perth Amboy. February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29 and June 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info call 732-376-1711.

Easter Festival

WOODBIDGE - Get ready for a fun-filled Easter Celebration Saturday, March 30 at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Egg Hunt 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Easter Parade & Pictures with the Easter Bunny from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wear your pretty Bonnet, dress up in your Fancy Clothes and join us at the Park. Prizes will be given. Pictures sponsored by Walgreens. We hope to see you there. For more info call the Woodbridge Recreation Dept. at 732-596-4048. For weather updates call 732-602-6045.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

SOUTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering free blood pressure screenings Tuesday, February 26, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. High blood pressure is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of this free screening to know your pressure levels and basic steps to regulate and maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

Stamping Thru History: Black History Month Celebration

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy in partnership with the U.S. Postal Service invites you to Stamping Thru History: Black Month Celebration on Thursday, February 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy. There will be an exhibit by Clarence McKnight, Philately Specialist: A Celebration of African American Heritage and Unveiling of the Rosa Parks Stamp. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4307. This event is free and open to the public.

Summer Employment Opportunity

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

We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday February 22, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 16, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville. The price is Adults:\$10, Seniors/Students/Children under 12: \$8. The menu consists of Corned Beef or Spaghetti & Meatball, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Bread, Beverage and Dessert. For questions and tickets please contact Christine at (732)613-8768.

Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

AVENEL - There will be a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner at Dominic's Restaurant, 453 Avenel St., Avenel on Thursday, February 21 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Children under 8 yrs. old are \$10. Fundraiser for the Woodbridge Historical Museum.

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**PAHS Girls Basketball Team vs. Piscataway - County Tournament
Middlesex County College 2/16/13 *Photos By Bob Ned & Katherine Massopust**



Panthers play against Monroe. Bianca Feliciano takes a foul shot.



Hey! I'm trying to watch the game!



The Starting Five



Kristina Clark takes a Foul Shot



Dribbling down the Court



The Panthers play hard against the Chiefs

Valentine's Day Party Olive Street 2/14/13 *Photos By Bob Ned



Presentation of a table at Olive Street



My Valentine



Chocolate Candy for Valentine's Day



Seniors and Staff Members of Olive Street pose for a group shot

**PAHS Girls Basketball Team Loses in Second Round of the County Tournament
Amboy Competes in State Tournament Monday, Feb. 25, Perth Amboy High School**

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - The first round of the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) County Tournament for Girls Basketball took place at Perth Amboy High School. The (#2 seeded) Perth Amboy Panthers hosted the (#15 seeded) Monroe Falcons. Perth Amboy went ahead from the start. By the end of the second period it was Perth Amboy 33, Monroe 16. In the second half of the game Perth Amboy dominated their opponent. The final score was Perth Amboy 53, Monroe 35.

The Perth Amboy High School Girls Basketball Team lost in the second round of the County Tournament to the Piscataway Chiefs. The game was hosted by Middlesex County College. The final score was Piscataway 44, Perth Amboy 39. For the Panthers, Bianca Feliciano 9 pts, 4 steals. Kenya Adams 8 pts, 5 rebounds, 3 steals. Janaysia James 7 pts, 6 rebounds, 1 steal. Nadirah Wilson 2 pts, 7 rebounds 3 asst, 3 steals. Kayalana Ricks 3 pts., 2 rebounds, 1 asst. Gissel Santana 5 pts., Wanda Forbes 6 rebounds, Kristina Clark 5 pts, 7 rebounds 1 asst. The Panthers will compete in the State Tournament on Monday, February 25 in Perth Amboy High School at 6 p.m.

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.



NJ Flower & Garden Show a Favorite for Many

There's Something for Everyone

By: Katherine Massopust & Carolyn Maxwell

EDISON - Since coming to Raritan Center eleven years ago the New Jersey Flower & Garden Show is becoming more and more popular. Filled with vendors and displays this show has something for everyone. This year's theme: Mardi Gras Around the World. Colorful floral inspired costumed dancers entertained to drummers as people from all over enjoyed the variety of vendors at the show.

There were over two hundred vendors at the Garden Show, each featuring something a little different. Some are businesses with reps selling products, while others are entrepreneurs selling their crafts and ideas. Some are selling gardening tools, supplies, seeds - anything to enhance your landscape or small garden. Others sell food and drink such as honey, wine, spices, candy and dips. Yet others offer health products such as soap and skin care.

Sponsors for the show included Subaru, PSE&G, Renewal by Anderson, Clayton, WOR NewsTalk Radio 710 AM, NJNLA, Rutgers, Gardener News, Dearborn and Plant Something.

WOR Radio personality Mark Simone was available on Saturday for signing autographs and taking pictures.

Jay Eriv, owner of Grounds Keeper, Inc., who have been in business for forty years was proud that Grounds Keeper, Inc. won Best in Show for nine years in a row. "It's a culmination of rigorous effort and teamwork." He emphasized his team of fifteen individuals which includes full and part time employees who made all of this possible.

"I began by cutting lawns when I was twelve years old and never stopped. I'm forever playing with plants on so many levels. My vocation is my avocation."

One of the sponsors of the event is Subaru. Reps Lisa Jackson and Anthonia Kitchen are proud to showcase popular models such as the Subaru Outback, a popular choice for many.

One of many speakers, Lesley Parness, Superintendent of Horticultural Education, the Frelinghuysen Arboretum gave a lecture, "Lettuce Begin" about how to keep vegetables fresh which ones can be grown in an inside container.

One of the vendors who was



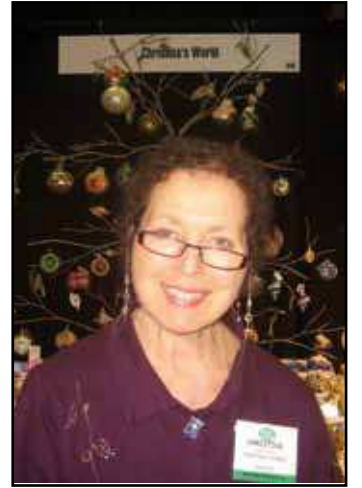
Grounds Keeper, Inc Owner
Jay Eriv



Chef Tim Jutzi of
Chef Tim's Foods



Carol Gingrich of
Carol's Scents 'N Soaps



Christine Mallouk of
Christina's World



One of the many displays

here for the first time was Chef Tim Jutzi of Chef Tim Foods. He was selling his blends of spices and all natural balsamic vinaigrette dressing. On the bottles of the vinaigrette it states, "Shake, Shake, Shake - Don't Refrigerate!"

"I love New Jersey. I have a lot of New Jersey customers." Tim Jutzi states. Jutzi has been in businesses for over four-in-half years. "I started on my dining room table. The recipes were made seventeen years ago as the Executive Chef at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. Later on I started my own business."

Another vendor, soap maker and herbalist Carol Gingrich of Carol Scents 'N Soaps which has been in business for fifteen years. She has come to the NJ Flower & Garden Show for five years in a row. Her products feature a large variety of soaps, and different types of bath salts and bubble baths for your body and soul. "We make every product ourselves that we sell."

"I was a ceramics artist for twenty years and developed an allergic reaction to mold and clay. I developed walking pneumonia. I learned about herbs. I'm completely self taught. I've developed products that controls eczema symptoms and reduces the symptoms of allergies."

When asked what she recommended for skin Gingrich replied, "It depends on your skin type and what your needs

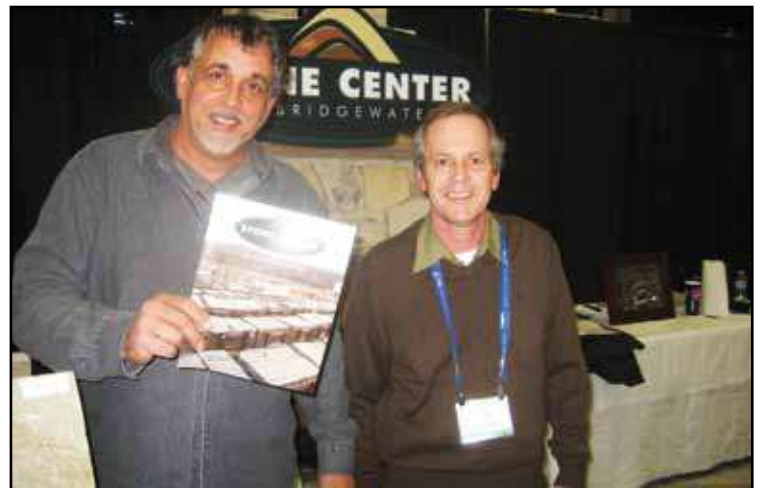
are. Lavender is unbelievable for skin."

Another vendor, Christine Mallouk of Christina's World is at the Garden Show for the first time. Her booth features ornaments (not just for Christmas) of pastel colors and shapes of animals such as frogs and dinosaurs. "I worked for my father's business until he passed away. The designs I had were too expensive for his factory to produce. My first line was Mardi Gras masks. Now, I work with six different factories and bring design ideas to them. Some, they design but the majority of them are my design. It's 80% business and 20% design. I go to Europe (Poland and the Czech Republic) once a year. I go to fifty shows a year including eight wholesale shows."

Scott Ritchie and Jack Strobl of Stone Center in Bridgewater, NJ specialize in natural stone, landscaping and masonry materials. Natural stones are durable and weather naturally. They are the largest seller of natural stones on the east coast.

The NJ Garden show is an annual event. This year it took place Thursday, February 14 to Sunday, February 17. This is just one of many shows throughout the year at the NJ Expo Center, Raritan Center, Edison.

**Photos by Katherine Massopust and Paul W. Wang. More photos pages 5 & 9.*



Stone Center Reps Scott Ritchie and Jack Strobl



Subaru Reps Lisa Jackson and Anthonia Kitchen



Mardi Gras Musicians and Dancers entertained



Carolyn Maxwell with WOR Radio Personality Mark Simone

Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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 Cahill '72, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, and New Brunswick Tomorrow will be honored. For more information visit www.mcc-foundation.org or call 732-906-2564.

RED

PERTH AMBOY - This exhibition focuses on the colorful and dynamic ideas of love, passion, and lust. RED highlights the work of 12 local fine artists and photographers that were inspired with the color and the allegories on the theme of love. New visions of romanticism and modern love will adorn the walls of the gallery. exhibition runs from Feb 14 to March 4. Opening Reception, Thursday, February 14th 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Picnic Park

Rental Requests

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

Breast Cancer Support Group Meeting

WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting Thursday, February 21, 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Medical Pavilion at Woodbridge, 740 Route 1 North, Iselin. The support group is for women currently in treatment or who have completed breast cancer treatment, to share experiences and learn tips to deal with everyday issues. The meeting is facilitated by Melissa Scholz, RN, BSN, CBPN-IC and Gayatri Sheth, PTDPT, CLT. For more information and to register, call 732-324-5135.

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: 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

Woodbridge International Dance Festival

WOODBIDGE - The 5th Annual Woodbridge International Dance Festival will be on Sunday, March 3 at 1 p.m. at the Woodbridge Middle School, 525 Barron Ave., Woodbridge. Featuring the top local dance schools and professional soloists. Flamenco, Chinese, Bollywood, Mexican, Broadway, HipHop, Irish, Salsa/Mambo, African, Belly Dancing, Ballroom and more. Admission: \$5 - ages 12 and above. Tickets at the Door or in Advance. 732-662-9353 or go to www.dressingroomboutique.biz. Visit Dressing Room Dancewear, 1010 Amboy Ave., Edison. Proceeds Benefit the Woodbridge Committee for the Arts.

Senior Scene

Happenings

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 WED. Feb. 20 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. Feb. 21 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 MON. Feb. 25 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
 TUES. Feb. 26 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
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 MON. Mar. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
 WED. Mar. 13 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Woolworth's Five and Dime Circa 1940's filled with baseball cards.
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