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Guarding Our Waterways Takes Precedence *Security Most Important Issue*



Councilwoman
Lisa Nanton



Business Administrator
Greg Fehrenbach



Councilman
Fernando Irizarry

PERTH AMBOY - There was a discussion at the February 25th Caucus and the February 27th Council Meeting in reference to a 36' x 12' Patrol Vessel. Councilman Fernando Irizarry was concerned about the cost to the City to maintain the vessel. He wanted to know specifically about the storage, maintenance, manpower and fuel costs.

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said that, "This vessel is being paid entirely by

a grant from Homeland Security,"

At the February 27 Council Meeting, Fehrenbach said, "The vessel would be docked either by the Cornucopia or one of the Hess Docks. Also Homeland Security and the Prosecutors's Office agree that our waterways need security."

Former 2012 Mayoral candidate Sharon Hubberman spoke at the meeting and said, "Guarding against terrorism is

important on our waterways and for the safety and security of the town."

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton said, "Perth Amboy is part of an international waterway and half of Perth Amboy has water. I think it's worth the expense of having these patrol vessels."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach said, "Perth Amboy along with some nearby municipalities will share responsibilities of policing the waterways."

Environmental Risk of Pipeline *"Take it Up With the Planning Board"*

PERTH AMBOY - On the agenda of the February 27th Council Meeting was a Communication #5 stating - Buckeye Partners, LP submitted a copy of the application for Waterfront Development Permit and for Freshwater Wetlands General Permit 2, for proposed upgrade of approximately 5.7 miles of petroleum product pipeline that travels from Perth Amboy to Linden. This project includes installation of two new 12 inch pipelines between Perth Amboy and Sewaren.

Resident Sharon Hubberman was concerned about the impact on the environment if this pipeline is installed. "What risks are involved?" She wanted to know. "I am in a four mile radius of this. A

lot of pipelines are old and it is not uncommon for ruptures to happen."

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach told Hubberman that, "This is something that should be answered at the Planning Board Meetings but acknowledged that her questions were very reasonable. Fehrenbach continued by saying that, "The Council has no jurisdiction over this." (Referring to the application process of Communication #5.) "The Planning Board has to submit a site plan."

Hubberman also wanted to know if there is an Environmental Advisory Committee. Whereas Fehrenbach responded, "There was not an Environmental Advisory Committee before I came Here. Nor is



Sharon Hubberman

there one now."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez said he would check to see if there was ever an ordinance creating an Environmental Advisory Committee.

South Amboy: Irish Flag Raising *St. Patrick's Day Parade*



Raising of the Irish Flag and Piper at Memorial at City Hall



Mayor Fred Henry and Councilman Mickey Gross



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The South Amboy Fire Dept. *Photos by Aaron Beers

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Mayor Wilda Diaz, Former Mayoral Opponents Call on Perth Amboy Democratic Organization Chairperson Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez to Resign

Press Release

Monday, March 4, 2013
PERTH AMBOY – Mayor Wilda Diaz joined three of her opponents from last year's mayoral race to demand that Perth Amboy Democratic Chairperson Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez resign her post. Previously, members of the Perth Amboy City Council had asked Dominguez-Rodriguez for her resignation as Democratic Chair.

"All of us here today had different visions for the future of Perth Amboy last year but what unites us – a love for this city and a love for the Democratic Party – is stronger than what divides us," said Mayor Diaz. "We are absolutely unified in our commitment to strengthening the party we all love and ensuring that our local Democratic organization survives and thrives. Sadly, that organization cannot move forward while it is being run by a chairperson who supported a mayoral candidate who ran on the same Republican ticket as extremist gubernatorial candidate Brett Schundler and espoused right-wing views that have no place in the Democratic Party."

Last year, Dominguez-Rodriguez supported mayoral candidate Billy Delgado, who was a Republican until shortly before launching his most recent campaign for mayor. Delgado ran for Assembly with former gubernatorial candidate Brett Schundler, voted in Republican primaries and never once voted in a Democratic primary over the past 11 years. At the most recent Perth Amboy Democratic Organization meeting on February 25, Dominguez-Rodriguez introduced Delgado as the new legal advisor to the Party.

"When the chairperson of our Democratic organization endorses a candidate who was lambasted for running a sexist



Frank Salado, Mayor Diaz, Miguel Morales, Bob McCoy
*Photo by Paul W. Wang

campaign and then appoints the same man as legal advisor to our Democratic Organization, that does not represent the values of the Democratic Party," said Robert McCoy, who ran for mayor in 2012. "Misogyny has no place in public life today and yet our Party is being run by someone who sees no problem with endorsing a Republican for mayor, even after he was criticized by the state's highest-ranking Democratic women for derogatory and sexist remarks his campaign made against Mayor Diaz. Ms. Dominguez-Rodriguez should resign, since she no longer represents what we in the Democratic Party stand for."

Delgado's top campaign strategist sent Mayor Wilda Diaz inappropriate emails calling her "stupid" and alleging that she was not as smart as her male counterparts in surrounding towns. Dominguez-Rodriguez endorsed Delgado even after the state's top Democratic women, including Democratic gubernatorial nominee Barbara Buono, Speaker Sheila Oliver and Senate Majority Leader Loretta Weinberg lambasted Delgado for employing Devine.

"Perth Amboy deserves a unified Democratic Party. However, we will never have that while all of us here who ran for Mayor and garnered a

collective 69% of the vote last November – have to stand by while Ms. Dominguez-Rodriguez runs our municipal organization. How can she claim to represent the city's Democrats while endorsing Billy Delgado who had only 29% of the vote and then continue to serve as the leader of the Democratic Party?" said Miguel Morales, also a 2012 mayoral candidate.

"At some point, Ms. Dominguez-Rodriguez needs to ask herself why she continues to cling to power while every single Democratic elected official in town wants her gone," said 2012 mayoral candidate Frank Salado. "The mayor has asked for her to step down. Members of the city council – Democrats all – asked her to step down. Now every single Democrat who ran for mayor last year is asking her to step down. When people who previously ran against each other are united in moving our Democratic Party forward the impediments against success quickly fall down. The only hurdle left standing in the way of success is the municipal chair who supported and continues to support an opportunist who only resigned from the Republican Party to run for Mayor of Perth Amboy. It's time for her to explain why she is holding Perth Amboy Democrats back singlehandedly."

Taking Mayor Diaz To Task

Press Release 3/9/2013
PERTH AMBOY - Recently, print and Internet news outlets have given attention to Mayor Diaz's coalition of former opponents who have called for my resignation as chair of the Perth Amboy Democratic Organization. In so doing, the group claims that I failed the party in a number of ways, which ostensibly caused them to put aside their differences and unify for this purpose. Considering the rhetoric and verbal sparring that previously characterized the political re-

lationships among the group of four, the source of their sudden consensus is likely something other than my leadership of the party.

It is only March and Mayor Diaz has now called for me to resign twice. Apparently, all of the other unfulfilled promises, such as seeking a two-term limit for mayor, have taken the back burner to her backroom brokered agenda. It will be interesting to see what materializes from the Mayor between now and 2016. Considering her criticisms of former Mayor

Vas, were she to seek a third term, it would be nothing short of hypocrisy.

When she first ran in 2008, then candidate Diaz purported to be the voice of reform and progress. Fast forward 5 years and she appears to have reneged on her promises and is now running her office in a way to bully people with whom she does not agree. These are the same things that she accused Mayor Vas of en-

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Dem-o-lition Derby

See Pages 2 & 4 - The Final Chapter - I Hope!

A blind man can see that there are certain members of the Perth Amboy Democratic Party who cannot stand each other.

The consensus of the average Perth Amboy resident walking down the street is, "Who cares what's going on between these warriors?"

The residents are too busy with more important matters such as feeding their families, keeping their jobs, finding employment and their financial situation. I bet a majority of people if you asked them, "Who are the candidates that are being backed by the voting delegates of the party?" The average person couldn't tell you.

It's the same people who worry over and over again. And then there are those who say, "Oh, my God! Perth Amboy is going to be run by outsiders who are not going to do anything for us? What political bigwigs made contributions to candidates? And whose strings will they be pulling?"

I propose that we have Perth Amboy Democratic Party Olympics. The categories will be mud-slinging (no explanation needed) tug-of-war, pick your coed teams: high jump, swimming, baseball and soccer, etc.

I think they should sell tickets to this event to raise funds for a good cause: Youth Programs, Fixing the Library, Scholarships to Students who can't afford college, etc. Tickets can be sold at a very reasonable price, say \$5 for adults and for seniors 65+ and children under 5 yrs. \$3.

The elections are over. Let's not rehash any old material. Let sleeping dogs lie because people are tired of it. And nobody really cares anymore.

I wish someone would give me an explanation of, "What constitutes a Good Perth Amboy Democratic Party Member vs. a Bad Democratic Party Member? Because there was no explanation in the communications that stated what that

is. There was only a reference to "the love of the City."

I know residents of Perth Amboy that are Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians who also love Perth Amboy. So what differentiates the Perth Democrats from all of these other political parties that love Perth Amboy? Give me more specifics.

Instead of all of this infighting I have a proposal: now don't faint! Councilwoman Lisa Nanton and other members of the Royal Garden Club has along with Community volunteers have been cleaning up parts of Perth Amboy.

The good and bad Perth Amboy Dem Members should put aside their differences and volunteer for one weekday to join the Royal Garden Club Members in their cleanup.

Here's an even crazier idea! Why don't you ask the Perth Amboy Republican Party Members to join you that day. Although their numbers are much smaller.

Four years ago some of the so-called Bad Perth Amboy Dems of today were the Good Perth Amboy Dems. So will it be different four years from now when the Good Dems will be the Bad Dems.

Whether you are a Good or Bad Dem you should be focused on the residents that you represent and not so much on the ego trips going on because this is basically what it is - EGO TRIPS!

I am not going to end on a sour note, so I will say this. I was recently talking to someone who attended the Focus Group held this past Saturday at Olive Street on March 9. They said that it was, "Very satisfactory and informative." This is what we need more of: Focus Groups, Neighborhood Meetings, Business Meetings and activities such as festivals that bring the community together. So Dems, Republicans, and all other political parties -that should be your focus. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Mind Boggling

Is it mind boggling or just politics? I must confess that I don't know. I have read about the displacement of Barbara Sottilaro from the Perth Amboy Library Board and have asked myself the question.

Why would you release a competent person from a job that she is obviously fit for to replace it with yourself? And I must say that I hold great respect for the mayor, but gee whiz competence should be the first requirement for a job and Ms. Sottilaro obviously holds the proper credentials.

So it's mind boggling to me that one such person be replaced without proper credentials. So it's mind boggling to me that one such person be replaced without proper, reasonable explanation. Or maybe it's just politics?

Eralides E. Cabrera

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Dominguez Response to Diaz

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gaging in. If she was going to evolve into the kind of politician she criticized, the least she could have done was to fight harder to maintain the programs and funding the city has lost. What good does it do for her to forge alliances with elected and unelected officials if Perth Amboy does not benefit at all?

At the end of the day, what did I do that was so bad? Mayor Diaz points to my support for Billy Delgado who was aligned with a Republican ticket. That support was not on behalf of the party, nor was it based on anything other than my position as a union leader whose platform received support from Mr. Delgado. Additionally, they criticize Mr. Delgado's position as a volunteer legal advisor to the party. Considering the facts of Mayor Diaz's alliances and endorsements, instead of banging her drum to the tune of "Do As I Say, Not As I Do," she should be grateful for the time Mr. Delgado volunteers to help the interests of the City's leaders.

The purported reasons for demanding my resignation, which are advanced by Mayor Diaz, drip with irony. If consorting with Republicans were grounds for someone's resignation, then surely that same logic would apply to the Mayor equally. Let us not forget that the Mayor gladly campaigned with and accepted an endorsement from Governor Christie, a Republican. Mayor Diaz also supported Maria Garcia's failed council bid and

presently maintains an alliance with Ken Gonzalez. Both Garcia and Gonzalez were card carrying Republicans and Garcia even ran in 2004 with Mr. Delgado who is at the heart of the Mayor's criticisms of me. Isn't it funny that Garcia's alignment with Delgado isn't enough to get her on the persona non grata list. In fact, in spite of this, the Mayor saw fit to appoint her to the Planning Board. Even now, the Mayor would be hard pressed to name a single accomplishment of that board since appointing Garcia.

Mayor Diaz is proving to have evolved into the very political being she vowed to liberate the city from in 2008. With her latest act of appointing herself to the Library Board, she now holds a staggering 5 board appointments. More than Mayor Vas ever held. Yet, despite all of these appointments, despite being one of the highest paid mayors in the county at \$90,000 a year, despite having a business administrator earning at least \$200,000 a year, nothing is getting done in this City. Therefore, to then turn around and stop the few things that can get done from happening simply adds insult to the injury being inflicted upon the city and its citizens.

Instead of uniting to move Perth Amboy forward as she previously promised in campaigns, Mayor Diaz has adopted an obstructionist attitude. She recently refused to attend an emergency meeting of the party for the purpose of selecting a candidate from Perth

Amboy for Middlesex County Freeholder. She even refused to submit names of Perth Amboy residents for consideration to be nominated as candidates. Imagine if council members refused to attend meetings because they disagreed with the Mayor. Imagine if they refused to move business forward that could benefit the city simply out of spite. How does sabotage benefit Perth Amboy?

This is not a schoolyard dispute. Picking up your toys and going home neither is a solution, nor is it an appropriate response. It is government in action become government inaction because one person does not like another person. Like it or not, I was ELECTED to be chair of the committee for a specific term. When my term is up, Mayor Diaz does not have to support me nor endorse my candidacy for Chair. While I am chair, the Mayor, as an adult, an "honorary" member appointed by me, should respect my position, and the Committee's decision to elect me, without making it personal, and work to do that which she claims is her goal for the City. For now, it seems her only goal is to make people bow to her demands under penalty of being ostracized.

Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez
Perth Amboy Democratic
Chair

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In Perth Amboy

Press Release 3/7/13
PERTH AMBOY- Mayor Wilda Diaz invites the public to visit the new Satellite Office of Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. in the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center for federal assistance.

"I am pleased to welcome Congressman Pallone's satellite office to Perth Amboy," said Mayor Wilda Diaz. "The satellite office offers a great and convenient opportunity for residents needing assistance with federal issues to talk directly to the Congressman's staff, who will work towards addressing their concerns quickly and efficiently."

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"My staff and I are constantly working on better ways to reach out to constituents which is why there's always a door open in one of my offices," said Pallone. "I encourage constituents to take advantage of the services offered at all of my office locations."

The satellite office will be open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, One Olive Street, Perth Amboy.

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**Photo submitted*

Focus Group Meeting - Olive Street Community Center

**Photos by Paul W., Wang*



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Listening to the Focus Group Speaker



Breaking up into groups

Reviving the Raritan Part Two

PERTH AMBOY - Last year, we presented the documentary Rescuing the River. This year, come see the new movie by Rutgers: "Re-Imagining Our Watershed: Renaissance on the Raritan," Wednesday, March 27- Doors open 6:30 p.m. Film 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. - Free with Introduction by Dr. Judy Shaw, Director, Raritan River Initiative and John Jengo, Principal Hydrologist. RSVP tracyjord@gmail.com. Learn more at <http://blueraritan.org/campaigns/>

Sumo Wrestling Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 is hosting a 'Sumo Wrestling' Fundraiser on Saturday, March 23rd from 7 PM - 11 PM at the lodge located at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy. Cost is \$5 admission which includes a hot dog bar with all the fixings; \$10 to wrestle; \$5 for additional matches. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to sponsor local students to attend the New Jersey State Elks Peer Leadership Conference which is held at the Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch, NJ. The NJ Elks Peer Leadership Conference is open to all New Jersey students who are in grades 9 through 12 and are proud to be alcohol, tobacco and drug free. The purpose of the conference is to increase participants' ability to make healthy decisions for themselves and others around them, specifically related to drugs and alcohol; to increase leadership abilities to effectively create positive change in their schools and communities; to provide tools and resources to implement action plans in their communities; and to create a network of peer leaders with the ability to educate their groups, schools, and communities on the skills presented at the conference. The conference includes keynote addresses, interactive workshops and fun events for the students. For additional information on the Sumo Wrestling Fundraiser, please call the South Amboy Lodge at 732-727-7170 and leave a message for Jeanine.

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March 23rd Family Concert at Dowdell Library

Press Release
March 5, 2013

SOUTH AMBOY - Don't miss the upcoming City Winds Trio family concert at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy on Saturday, March 23 at 1 pm. Admission is free and seating is limited, so get there early!

This program or service is funded in part by Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex

County Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State.

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Dowdell Library is Looking for South Amboy Memorabilia!

Press Release
March 5, 2013

SOUTH AMBOY - Leading up to the Dowdell Library's 100th anniversary next year, the Library would like to borrow the community's photos, media, documents and memorabilia to scan; the material would be returned within minutes. If people wish to donate these items, originals will be preserved using professional archival storage materials.

This project will continue the preservation of South Amboy's history within the library's temperature controlled, historical collection. Earlier phases of the project, co-funded by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission,

the Library, and fundraisers - digitized the library's newspaper collection and South Amboy high school yearbooks! These archives are available for viewing by the public to enjoy, just ask for assistance.

So, please help preserve South Amboy's heritage! Either call or drop in Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am - 8 pm; Wednesday, Friday 10 am - 5 pm, or Saturday 12 noon - 4 pm.

The Dowdell Library of South Amboy is located on O'Leary Boulevard, adjacent to the South Amboy High School. For additional information or directions please contact the library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

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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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

HIV Support

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

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

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.

Kearny Cottage Open

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

Community Calendar

- Perth Amboy**
TUES. Mar. 12 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
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City Hall, High St.
- WED. Mar. 13 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
- MON. Mar. 25 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
- TUES. Mar. 26 Board of Education, 6 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
- South Amboy**
WED. Mar. 20 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

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St. Patrick's Day Celebration

PERTH AMBOY-Blessed John Paul II Parish will have a St. Patrick's Day Mass at 12 Noon at St. Mary's Church followed by a luncheon to be held at St. Stephen's gym on Saturday, March 16. Corned beef and cabbage will be served along with a chicken pasta dish, beverage, Irish soda bread, coffee and dessert. For tickets please contact Millie at 732-826-0282.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be a St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 16, from 6 p.m. - 8 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.

Holy Name Communion Breakfast

HOPELAWN - The Good Shepherd Holy Name is holding its annual Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday, March 17, 2013. The mass will be at 8 a.m. at Holy Spirit at 580 Hazel Ave., Perth Amboy, the breakfast is at 9 a.m. at Most Holy Rosary on Florida Grove Hopelawn. Tickets are \$8 for adults, children under 12 are \$4 and can be obtained from Bob at 732-826-9466, Walter at 732-442-7258 or any Holy Name member. No tickets will be sold at the door. The food for the body and soul is always good. Please join us

OLV Knights To Hold Irish Nite

Extravaganza

SAYREVILLE - An Irish Nite Dinner Dance and Show is being run by the OLV Knights of Columbus on March 16 th from 7 p.m. to 12 midnight. This dance is being held at St Stan's hall located on Mc Arthur Ave in Sayreville. The price is \$35 pp and includes a corned beef meal, open bar and incredible entertainment with live music, a bag piper presentation, and an amazing step dance show. For more info call Joe O' Campbell @ 732-727-7178

St. Patrick's Day Parade South Amboy

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One of the Grand Marshals, NJ 101.5 Brett Baron



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Girl Scouts march for St. Patrick's Day

Perth Amboy Waterfront Rebuilds Front Street

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Bayside Creamery will be back in the Spring



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Making repairs

HIV Fashion Show at PRAHD - Perth Amboy - 3/9/13

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On the runway



Making people aware of HIV/AIDS



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PRAHD members

The Voice Art Display - Perth Amboy Gallery

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Lis Mery Ramirez with some of the artists



Looking at the artwork

Day of action on March 24

PERTH AMBOY - NALC will hold a day of action on Sunday, March 24, to mobilize public support for Saturday delivery service. The timing will allow us the perfect opportunity to remind our representatives in Washington to maintain the six-day mail delivery language in the continuing budget resolution, expected to be renewed by Congress on March 27. "We want to make this fight about the cost of losing Saturday mail delivery and how it would affect people in each and every state," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. Letter carriers are encouraged to gather friends, family, co-workers and community coalition partners at specified post offices in major media centers with signage and T-shirts that reflect the feel-

ings of the citizenry, such as "Virginians for Saturday delivery" or "The people of New Jersey want 6-day delivery." Carriers should not wear their uniforms.

The Perth Amboy Rally will be the only Rally in N.J. As stated in the above announcement this Rally is not about the NALC but how the elimination of Saturday delivery would affect the communities and businesses in the State.

We will have T-shirts at the Rally to hand out as stated in the above announcement. We hope to have public figures, community groups, other Unions and business people from all over the State of N.J. to speak in support of our stance against the elimination of Saturday delivery and join in the Rally.

Delivering for America Rally

PERTH AMBOY - Make your voice heard! The Delivering for America Rally to preserve six day delivery. Tell Congress to stop dismantling the Postal Service so it can keep delivering for America. 1p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, March 24th at the Perth Amboy Post Office, 205 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Parking at the Train Station on Smith Street. Questions: Please contact your rally lead, Ray Winegrad, at (732) 620-5682

Irish Flag Raising

PERTH AMBOY - Irish Flag Raising by Pete Kenny and John Barry, Sunday, March 17 at City Hall Circle 11 a.m. High Street, Perth Amboy.

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 nonrefundable 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.

Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) Is Commemorating National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2013

Press Release 2/18/13
PERTH AMBOY - The Health Oriented Youth (HOY) Program has been in existence for over 22 year, successfully educating and empowering youth to adopt healthy and productive lifestyles for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other STD's. With the support of our agency, the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD), the HOY Program currently provides outreach, educational workshops, one-on-one counseling and referral services to over 300 young women annually.

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is a nationwide observance held on March 10 designed to raise awareness of the increasing impact HIV/AIDS on women and girls. On this National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, the eighth annual observance, we are encouraging individuals and communities to embrace the theme "Share Knowledge. Take Action."

On Saturday March 9th, 2013 PRAHD will be commemorating National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day by hosting a fashion show. We will motivate our community to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS and raise awareness of its impact on women and girls. HIV/AIDS is a serious public health issue affecting nearly 280,000 women in the United States. While men account for most HIV/AIDS cases, the impact on women is growing rapidly. Our goal is to continue encouraging women and girls to stay focused on positive activities that would lead them to a brighter and healthier future.

Celtic Woman Performance

NEWARK - The Celtic Women will be performing at the New Jersey Performing Art Center, 1 Center St. Newark at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 14. Celtic Woman is an all-female Irish musical ensemble that have been performing since 2004. The group consists of four Irish female musicians perform music featuring Celtic, Folk, New Age, Adult Contemporary and Classical Music. They have released seven albums. They have toured worldwide.

Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Edison AARP Chapter #3446

EDISON - A trip to the Brownstone will take place on March 20. Call Angie at 732-738-0759 for more information.

Reservations are being taken for a trip to Indian Head Resort in New Hampshire on June 24-28. Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for details.

Canned food for M.C.F.O.O.D. and misc. items for veterans, nursing homes, & hospitals will be collected at the meeting

Meet 'N Greet



Milton Paris

PERTH AMBOY - Milton Paris, President is a Management Coach, Business Development, Sales and Marketing Consultant who brings a wealth of experience to the table as a result of building businesses for the past 40 years. He has coached/consulted CEO's, Presidents, entrepreneurs and start-up businesses.

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Milton Paris will present to the Meet 'N Greet at The Barge on March 14 a powerful seminar on Writing A Business Plan. Materials will be handed out. This is seminar is for business people only.

Soup Kitchen & Clothing Giveaway

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

Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 Motorcycle Committee is proud to announce the 'Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party', which will be held on Friday, May 3rd, from 7:00 P.M. - 12:00 A.M. at the lodge located at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy. All net proceeds from this event will help

with mounting medical costs for 5 year old Alise Strawhand who at 17 months old fell into a shallow goldfish pond and nearly drowned. Cost is \$20 per person and includes food, drinks, live entertainment and more. The New Jersey State Elks Association is a 501(c)3, not for profit organization whose sole purpose is charity.

The Elks Motorcycle Committee strictly rides for charity. Handicapped children are the New Jersey State Elks Association major project. If you would like to make a donation, please mail it to: South Amboy Elks #784 MC, 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, NJ 08879, ATTN: 'Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party'

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Neighborhood Business Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Wednesday, March 27 at 12 noon. at Nick Lugo Travel, 259 Beltran Ave., Perth Amboy. Come join Mayor Diaz with a one-on-one dialogue with business owners. Topics for discussion are: Security, Recycling, Outdoor Dining and Economic Development Updates. For more info call Roxana at 732-442-6421. Sponsored by the UEZ/BID and City of Perth Amboy.

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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, April 3 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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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.

Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - The Women of the Moose Lodge Chapter 1247 on Convery Blvd. will be having a Tricky Tray on Sunday, March 24 at 12 noon. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more info call Michelle at 732-921-7830.

Free Training

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Edison AARP Chapter 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 1 p.m. The meeting will take place at the American Legion Hall located at 167 Brower Avenue, Edison, NJ.

New Jersey recording artist "Spook Handy" who has appeared in over 3000 concerts and written hundreds of songs will perform at the meeting.

A trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City is planned on May 22, call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 for reservations.

Canned food for M.C.F.O.O.D. and misc. items for veterans, nursing homes, & hospitals will be collected at the meeting.

Colombian Club Fitness Classes

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



Historic Perth Amboy Calendars For Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library and The Kearny Cottage Historical Society have teamed up to create Historical Calendars with never before seen photos of Historic Perth Amboy. Calendars are \$10 each and are available at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company at the Historic Train Station, Perth Amboy City Hall, High Street, Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave, and the Reo Diner, Woodbridge. For more info call 732-293-1090.

South Amboy YMCA to Offer Lifeguard Certification Class

Press Release SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Branch YMCA will offer an American Red Cross Lifeguard Class from March 25-29 at the South Amboy Y, located at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy, NJ. The class will meet daily from 4-8pm.

Upon successful course completion, lifeguard training candidates will receive an American Red Cross Lifeguarding and Standard First Aid certificate valid for 3 years, and a CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer certificate valid for 1 year.

Lifeguard training candidates must be at least 15 years of age, able to demonstrate continuous swim for 16 lengths of the pool using the breaststroke and front crawl stroke, tread water for 2 minutes, and retrieve a 10lb brick from the deep and of the pool, then swim 20 yards back within 1 minute 44 seconds.

The Lifeguard Certification Class fee is \$250 for Members and \$295 for Non-Members. Please visit the Welcome Desk of the South Amboy YMCA to register for the class. Space is limited. For more information, contact Sarah Navarro at 732-316-8209 or sarah.navarro@ymcaofmews.org.

Spring Tryouts for Newark Bears

NEWARK - Attention all future stars and veteran baseball players, the Newark Bears will be holding their annual open Spring Tryouts on April 13, 2013, as we prepare for the 2013 championship campaign. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and tryouts may last until 2 p.m. Looking for players who would fill key roles by adding value to the Newark Bears team, on and off the field. The Spring Tryout pre-registration fee is \$50 and is \$60 for walk-ups. On April 13th, exclusive call back invitations for the following day, April 14th, will be given to chosen players for a closer look. A nearby hotel will offer a discounted rate for overnight plans, either nightly or multiple nights for those who plan to arrive early and/or wish to stay overnight. Details will be provided shortly after registration has been completed. For more info email info@newarkbears.com or call 973-848-1000.



PERTH AMBOY - 89th annual Women of the Moose (WOTM) Convention. Pictured are the Women of the Moose Chapter 1247 from Perth Amboy. (L to R) Nicole and Dorothy Figueroa, Leslie D. Rodriguez, Malissa Figueroa and Regina Butth. (The Men - Left) Frank Sarnecki and his son Gary

*Photo Courtesy of Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez

Assemblyman Coughlin Participates in 'Read Across America Week'

*Photos submitted



Press Release 3/8/13 19th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT - To help promote a love of reading in school-aged children in New Jersey, Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin participated in "National Read Across America Week."

Coughlin participated in four Read Across America events in the 19th Legislative District between Friday, March 1 and Friday, March 8. Mr. Coughlin read to two 3rd Grade classes at Arleth Elementary School which is located in the Parlin section of Sayreville. Over 300 students at South Amboy's lone elementary school welcomed their proud alumnus on March 4th. On Wednesday, he read to 1st grade students at Carteret's Minue School. Assemblyman Coughlin capped his week of reading with his favorite children's book, The Giving Tree, when he visited

Sewaren's Mathew Jago Elementary School #28.

"My wife, Tish, and I always did our best to instill our love of reading in our children," said Coughlin. "Reading is the gateway to the imagination, anything and everything can happen on the printed page. It's my hope that the children I met this past week get to experience a little bit of that magic and continue to pursue it on their own, long after my visit."

"Dr. Suess truly said it best," Coughlin continued. "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go."

As part of his annual visit to the schools. Assemblyman Coughlin left bookmarks to encourage those select classes to continue reading for the remainder of their lives.



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.

Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church is hosting their 8th annual "Fashions By the Bay" Fashion Show to be held on Thursday, May 16 at the Raritan Yacht Club. Tickets are \$40 (includes dinner.) Advance ticket sales only. For reservations and tickets call Ann at 732-442-8875.

Spring Bazaar Extravaganza Fundraiser

ISELIN - You're Invited! to the CEFCA Women's Ministry Place: American Legion, Post Inn, 25 Brown Avenue (off US Rt.1 & Green St.), Iselin. Date: Saturday, March 23. Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Bring your wallets and shopping bags to fill up with great items at reasonable prices!!!! Vendors contact: Cassandra @ ckeye-suplift@gmail.com or Brenda @ beegumbs@yahoo.com. For additional information call Mother Barbara Brown 732-381-1032

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.

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.

Cake Sale

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Calvin Hungarian Reformed church, School Street will be having a cake sale. Nut, poppy, and prune rolls @ \$15 ea. Order by Saturday, Mar. 10 & pick up is Friday, Mar. 22 between 12 noon and 5.00 p.m. For more info Call Flo at 732-636-2868.

Easter Bazaar

SOUTH RIVER - Sts. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church, 76 Whitehead Ave., South River, will host an Easter Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 in the church hall behind the church. The event will feature babkas, baked goods, crafts, gift baskets, imported sale items, religious articles & church tours. Admission is FREE! Visit our website for directions at: www.saintspeterandpaul.org

Tricky Tray

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart School in South Amboy is holding their 14th annual Tricky Tray on Friday, April 19th at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall. The hall is located on Washington Ave. across the street from the church. This year's theme is "Walk the Red Carpet". Doors open at 6pm and the first ticket will be drawn at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for \$15. Please call Judy McCrone at 732-721-6592 to purchase. All seats are reserved. This year's prizes include, 7 "Tablet, Blu-Ray player, digital camera, 2 person boat, gift cards for area businesses, day trips, & Disney Hopper Passes as well as numerous other gifts. Cake and coffee will be served. The event will sell out so don't delay!

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Mar. 13 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Mar. 14 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Ukr. Assumption Church Bsmt, Alta Vista Pl.
- MON. Mar. 18 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Mar. 19 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Mar. 20 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
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 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
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South Amboy

- WED. Mar. 13 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
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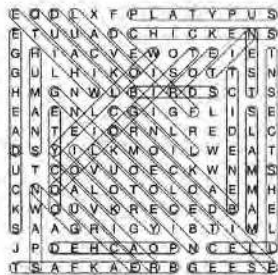
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Easter time in the 1950's. Love those Chocolate Bunnies!

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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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Friday Lenten Dinners

PERTH AMBOY - February 15: Breaded Flounder with mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables, 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.

Community Wide Yard Sale at the South Amboy Y

Press Release
 SOUTH AMBOY - Clean out your Garages, Basements and Attics at the South Amboy Y's Yard Sale on Saturday, March 23, 2013. Tables will be available in our Gymnasium from 9am-3pm so you can sell those unused items that have been piling up in your house. Craft vendors are also welcome. Set up will begin at 7:30am. The price is \$25 for one table, and \$40 for two tables. Table registration fees will support the Y's Strong Kids Campaign, which provides scholarship assistance to members of the community. At the Y, no one is turned away for the inability to pay. Please contact Roxann DeVoe to reserve your table at 732-316-8217 or roxann.devoe@ymcaofmewsa.org.

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. **D.T.**

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

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