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Major Fires Mar Holy Week in Perth Amboy



Grove Street Fire Damage on Tuesday, March 26, 2013
*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Fire on West Side Avenue, Friday, March 29, 2013
*Photo by Joe Bayona

By: Joe Bayona
PERTH AMBOY - Holy Week, the week before Easter, was a bad week for fires in Perth Amboy. On Tuesday, March 26th at approximately 3:11 a.m. a fire was reported at 365 Grove St. Responding units found a smoky fire burning in the two story brick structure. "The fire is believed to have started in the windowless basement, produced a tremendous amount of smoke and was hard to fight," according to fire Chief Dave Volk.

Four firefighters entered the building to search the second floor for extension. Three of them exited, but one became trapped inside. Battalion Chief Tim Simon radioed that he was still inside and couldn't find his way out. As more firefighters were about to re-enter the building they saw the light of his flashlight in a first floor window and brought a ladder

to that window. Simon was able to exit on his own power but he had run out of air in his tank and removed the hose from his regulator. As a result he had inhaled very hot air and smoke. He was flown to St. Barnabas burn unit in very serious condition with inhalation burns. As of this writing he is better but still in St. Barnabas in serious condition.

Two volunteer firefighters were also injured. Thomas Macri and Joe Sepylack were treated and released at Raritan Bay Medical Center for minor injuries.

No civilians were injured in the early morning blaze, but three families were displaced. Two from the first building and one from the building next door at 363 Grove St, which sustained some damage as a result of the fire.

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Puerto Rico Talent Trip Criticized in Perth Amboy

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
PERTH AMBOY - The Superintendent's plan to send administrators to Puerto Rico for teaching talent was criticized by numerous residents during last week's Perth Amboy Board of Education Meeting.

The trip will cost the district \$6,000 and is an attempt to recruit bilingual teachers from Puerto Rico to Perth Amboy. Four administrators were named as those potentially attending the trip.



Dr. Janine Walker-Caffrey

The plan was created after months of failed searches for dual-certified bilingual teachers in the area. A total of 29 postings have been made to the Star-Ledger as well as 13 different job websites since last year, but none have had success.

Suzanne Carey, a teacher at Perth Amboy High School, did not support the trip, "I believe there are competent teachers and bilingual teachers that can be found in the surrounding areas, even in the states where the language is prominent," Carey said. "I just think there's things that \$6,000 could be better spent upon for our kids right now then going somewhere for talent that we can find locally."

Former Board President Samuel Lebrault also spoke on the trip and questioned the future of the bilingual program.

"If you go to Puerto Rico you're going to get many teachers, not just one or two," Lebrault said. "If you are re-staffing with these young people, which is what it looks like, what is the future of this program that has been suffering the past couple years?"

The administrators chosen to go on the trip made a presentation to the board and audience explaining all the details.

Bernice Marshall, Manager of Human Resources, explained that all four administrators would gladly pay their own way to save the district

money and McGinnis School Principal Myrna Garcia emphasized the need to find talent elsewhere.

"It's not sufficient to find a teacher that is only Spanish speaking. We are looking for teachers that have the academic vocabulary that is needed to teach physics, math, language arts," Garcia said. "I am fluent in Spanish but I can't go and teach a business class because I don't have that vocabulary. We are doing our children a disservice."

Although the vote was passed, many board members had an issue with how the trip was presented. Milady Tejada expressed disappointment over finding out about the trip after getting the agenda and Obdulia Gonzalez believed there should have been more information before a vote was made.

"I understand the dilemma we have here. We don't have the bilingual teachers because the students are going into other professions," Gonzalez said. "However, I think this should have come as a full proposal instead of just being in the agenda. I need to work harder at the table and I think we could have done more homework."

Superintendent Caffrey

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Sayreville Sandy Victims Still Waiting



By: Beverly Samuleson
SAYREVILLE - March 25th, snow is falling, the air is cold and very damp. This day marks the 148th day since Hurricane Sandy struck. Richard and El-

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Good Friday Procession



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Egg Hunt



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Water Damage



American Flag Hangs in one of the Rooms

len Bednarz, along with their neighbors on Weber Avenue in Sayreville are STILL waiting for relief.

According to Richard, Mayor Kennedy O'Brien went to the residents asking them to prepare for the storm; he didn't know how much flooding to expect as this neighborhood flooded many times before. The Bednarzes began to move their belongings to 2 storage units and up to the 2nd level of their home. They did everything to prepare, all Rich and Ellen could do now is wait and pray.

When the storm hit, havoc struck. The Raritan Bay began flooding the streets and didn't stop at the curb. The water kept rising higher and higher, in a short time the basement was flooded, and then the water began to rise into the 2nd level. The sewers were backing up, oil drums from a local business broke open, and neighbors were scrambling to get out. It was a night of horror.

The next day no one could believe what they saw. It looked like a war zone; foundations gone, cars gone, homes completely destroyed by water, sewer waste, oil, and mud. The streets were littered with household items, family pictures, clothes, etc.

The neighborhood formed a group and hired an outside consultant who is working with the Borough of Sayreville on a buyout plan for the residents who do not want to rebuild. To date, 275 homeowners have applied for a buyout and as of now there is no time line established on a settlement. From what was learned, the federal government funds 75%, state and local government fund 25% to cover the buyouts.

FEMA did surveys for the area and established the following criteria:

- 1) A resident would need substantial damage to qualify for a buyout.
- 2) A resident who had multiple floods during the time they occupied the home.
- 3) Residents wanting to re-



Debris underneath the foundation



Equipment underneath the foundation

**Photos by Aaron Beers*

build would have new flood elevations to qualify

Under this scenario of new flood elevations the Bednarzes would need to raise their home 8 feet to qualify for a rebuild. With the flooding problem over the years, they opted for a buyout. They are presently renting and will not go back to Weber Avenue.

Governor Christie has asked federal officials to set aside \$250 million of the state's \$60 billion federal Sandy relief allocation to buy perennially flooded homes and turn them into public open spaces. Christie said the state should know by the end of the first week of April whether the feds will approve New Jersey's request.

The amount would be enough to purchase about 1,000 homes valued at \$250,000 each. "The money is coming, and we are going to be in Sayreville with a buyout," Christie told a crowd Tuesday morning during his 104th town hall in Middlesex Borough.

Christie said hard-hit communities such as Sayreville and South River, another Middlesex County town, would be

"at the top of the list." Christie toured Weber Avenue in the storm's aftermath. "I remember that neighborhood clearly," Christie said, pivoting to a criticism of Congress for delaying a vote on the storm-relief funds. "I understand your frustration. It was nearly 100 days before they (Congress) voted for this help. We are working really hard to get this done."

The foundations of nearly 40 homes collapsed, and about 300 other homes and apartments were severely damaged by Sandy's floodwaters.

Governor Christie said that the Hurricane Sandy New Jersey Relief Fund, which is run by his wife, Mary Pat, has raised \$32 million in donations; some of this money will be used to fund buyouts.

Mayor Kennedy O'Brien of Sayreville will be having a question and answer session for residents who want to participate in a buyout. The session will be held on April 16th at 5:30 p.m. at borough hall on Main Street. The buyout funds will be from the State of New Jersey and FEMA.

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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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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

This is How I Facebook

With the advent of social networking, almost everyone has a Facebook account. There are people who spend countless hours on the computer, I-pad or cell phone on Facebook.

There on Facebook one will find a person's status for the day, and pictures of one's family, friends, pets or whatever suits one's fancy.

Facebook can be a good thing - you can track down people you went to high school or college with or just people that you haven't seen in years. You can catch up on lost time.

One can spend more countless hours playing Farmville, Cityville, Frontierville, etc. or whatever game one enjoys.

Facebook accounts can be private, semi-private or public. You can set your settings for some or all of your "friends" to see.

Is Facebook a good or bad thing or a little of both? Do you want everyone to be knowing your business?

Once something is posted, even if it is deleted, Someone may have downloaded it. What is said cannot be unsaid.

On your account is what you like, dislike, your current occupation, the movies and tv shows you like, what baseball or football teams you root for. Do you want everyone to know these things?

There is a dark side of Facebook. You hear the stories on the news of how bosses view perspective employees' Facebook page and use it as a factor in hiring an individual.

Then there are the stories that people post things on their Facebook page that they view as harmless but someone else views as offensive. These people are subsequently fired from their jobs and publicly disgraced.

I have a Facebook account. I really don't have the time to dedicate to being on there 24/7 but occasionally I post something. The last post I put on my Facebook account was a YouTube video of Pinky and

the Brain's Brain song.

Sometimes I spend time on there, just to see what is going on.

Other social networks include Linked-in which is more for job-seeking individuals or professionals. Linked-in is a useful tool if you are looking for a job. It is more of a professional social network which can be used for or against you.

So watch what you post on the internet - the world is watching. *K.M.*

There are so many social media outlets. Which ones are the best ones out there? It depends on what suits your needs.

There are the business networks such as Linked-in, Constant Contact & Go-Daddy are just some of them. I know that Facebook is also used by ordinary people and also by celebrities. Twitter (where the stars try to outdo each other by reporting how many followers they have).

What all these networks have in common are the comments that you post are with you for life from the time you start using them until you die. Look at how many social medias accounts there are for deceased personalities: famous and infamous. Some of these personalities were dead before these social medias even existed.

Google Elvis Presley or Charlie Chaplin or any silent screen star and you will find thousands of fan based Twitter, Facebook, etc. accounts. Some of the information you find about these dead celebrities can be totally false since these people are not around to defend themselves. The dead cannot Tweet; they cannot Facebook. How many times have well known personalities have secrets from their past exposed? As of yet I have not opened an account of any of the social networks mentioned in this editorial. I do contacts the old-fashioned way - telephone, cell phone and my favorite - face-to-face. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

A Better Life

Hi, well it looks like the North and South Korea will show it's power in a few days from now. Will the U. S. Military get into the action? Also, will Obama sit back and watch this so-call mini-war start up? Do we want to leave one war

and yet maybe get involved in another? We ask for who? And at what cost? Let's look at the cost of the Iraq war in the billions and with a significant death count. Where does the buck stop on the cost of war? We live in a country that has major concerns of its own and

we worry about others. I think it's time to worry about what goes on over here not over there. All the billions spent on wars could have been spent over here. Many Americans would have live a better life.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Thinking Outside of the Box

Is a \$6K teacher recruiting trip to Puerto Rico really a good investment?

\$5,808 are being used to send four administrators; three school principals, and the district's human resource director to find bilingual teachers, in Puerto Rico, to fill some of the 15 to 20 bilingual teaching positions that are open in the district (nj.com). Choosing administrators was very important, yet, the Bilingual Director, one of the most important people, was not mentioned to be going on this trip.

Mrs. Lillianne Cruz-Argemil, as presented in the District's website, is the Bilingual Director the Perth Amboy School District. Being the director makes her the perfect person to understand what type of individual is needed in the school district, yet she will not be going to the trip.

When the board of education made the decision to approve this trip, did they not look at the unemployment statistics? The national average, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is 7.6 as of December 2012, yet in Salem County, NJ it is 11.5. In New Jersey there are four counties whose unemployment rate is above the national average, yet we are looking to hire employees

outside of the state and in the district's case, the country. Instead of spending \$5,808 in trips to another country, train the already hired teachers to fill the requirements needed to the specific job position. There are many teachers that if given proper training to fit the bilingual certification guidelines, would love to teach bilingual students. It is time for the district to start thinking outside of the box, not outside of the country.

Statistics (<http://www.bls.gov/ro3/urphl.htm>)

Jaritz Rodriguez
Perth Amboy High School Student

And Nothing Happened!!!

When I came on in 1999, letters were written to the current mayors and nothing was ever done, not because of me, but because the library and trustees got no support from the mayors. I went before the council in 2003 and the media and mayor paid attention. Vas said it would be his priority when the municipal complex was done. When it was completed, I went before the council again and was chastised because he thought the Jankowski Center should be done first. He did allow the trustees to engage an architect to do a feasibility study which was paid for out of library bequest funds. This began the long road to renovation. The list of activities in which the building committee and I played a part and the countless hours spent, are too numerous to list.

Mayor Diaz did make it a priority and things finally began to happen while I was the president and she was the mayor. This was much appreciated by the trustees and

the citizens of Perth Amboy. For clarification, city owned buildings need the power of the mayor and administration to get things done. By statute, NJSAs4-29.10, municipalities are responsible for funding public libraries. Also, mayors and superintendents/alternates serve ex-officio as trustees. I thought we, the trustees and the mayor, were a team working toward the improvement of the library. I don't understand how her attendance, instead of mine is going to make anything happen faster or better than she was already doing in her actions as the mayor.

I am pleased the library is drier and will be lighter, but it still needs to be ADA compliant, not just handicapped accessible. It still needs to be expanded into the adjacent parking lot with more space and the technology to meet the needs of the citizens of today and the future. The children's section also needs to be enlarged and will be if the rotunda is enclosed, as the last architect's plan proposed. This plan also included a Historical Preservation Plan for the

historic Carnegie library. Research was done concerning this plan and an application for the library to be placed on the historic trusts was submitted in December 2012. Acceptance to the historic trusts will make more grants available and lend prestige and credibility to the library. Institutions soliciting grants from other foundations may be more attractive if they are listed on the registers.

I hope the city acquires the property and the funds necessary to turn the trustees and my dreams into reality. Trustees can advise, request, cajole, advocate and nag, which I did relentlessly, but they do not have the power to make this happen without the administration's support. I will still stay involved as a citizen and a Friend of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library as my mission has not been completed. Should a vacancy arise, I would serve again. Thank you all for your outpourings of support.

Barbara Sottilaro

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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

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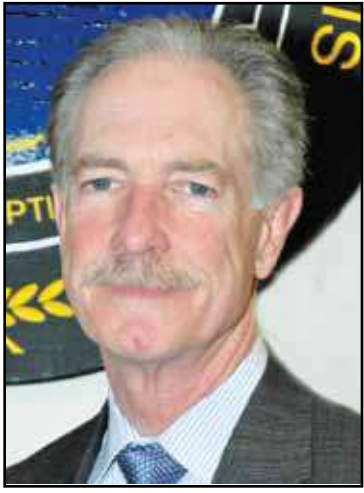
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Watch for Our Next Business Meet N' Greet

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PERTH AMBOY - Please Join us for the 3rd Business Meet N' Greet at The Barge Perth Amboy. Free buffet. The 2nd Meet N' Greet was very successful with over 60 business-people attending. The guest speaker was Milton J. Paris President Getting Ahead in Business who spoke about "The Perfect Business Plan." Looking for exclusive sponsors for the next Meet N' Greet for a onetime fee of \$300 for the year. For info on becoming a sponsor and when the next Meet N' Greet will be, contact Milton at 732-306-0040 or e-mail: milton@gettingaheadinbusiness.com

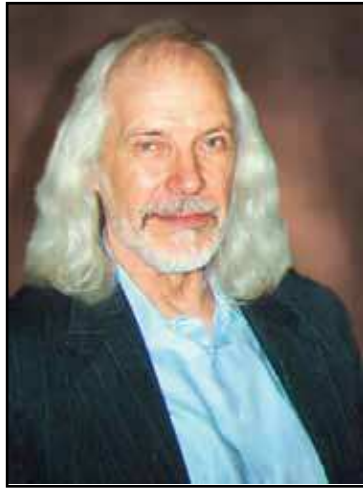
Resident Alan Silber Questions if Jobs Will Be Lost



City Attorney
Mark Blunda



Councilman
Bill Petrick



Alan Silber

PERTH AMBOY - At the March 25, 2013 Caucus Meeting Alan Silber went before the Council to ask if people will be eliminated from the Department of Public Works because the newly automated garbage pickups.

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, "There were

no layoffs and that positions that became vacant were not filled.

Silber said, "You can let people go and still hurt the economy."

City Attorney Mark Blunda said, "Large number of disabilities are in Public Works and Sanitation with people exceeding the amount of garbage

in their cans. These injuries have included broken backs when DPW workers lift them."

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "With the new automated cans, we can get more credit for recycling. The whole town cannot have automatic garbage pickup so we will still need the three manned garbage trucks to be used in these areas."

Payment to Engineering Group Questioned

By: Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY - Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke at the March 27, 2013 Council Meeting regarding the Birdsall Services Group. This company previously had been awarded a contract for professional engineering services for an asbestos and lead study at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library. On the agenda was a resolution for payment to the company for \$1,250 for some of the work that they had done (R-136).

F. Gonzalez stated that seven members of the Birdsall Company had been indicted for making illegal campaign contributions to political candidates.

"You should pay close attention before you do something with this company." Council President Joel Pabon stated, "These are past items to pay that we are paying now."

F. Gonzalez asked, "Do we have a policy regarding hiring minority firms? I am concerned that minority engineering firms don't even get a chance. They don't have the financial resources that larger firms have."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach stated that "9.9 out of 10 times the lowest responsible bidder gets the contract."

F. Gonzalez said, "When I see change order ordinances you can underbid. I don't think that minority firms can compete with larger companies."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski stated that to clean up asbestos is very labor intensive, "Does Birdsall have any other current contracts with us?"

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach stated that this is the only contract



Fernando Gonzalez



Businesses Administrator
Greg Fehrenbach

that the City had with them in the last four years.

Fehrenbach referred to the fact that two more asbestos sites were found after the initial inspection. "There were two locations to identify asbestos. The contract has to proceed," Fehrenbach stated.

Fehrenbach continued to say, "The people who had been indicted were several principals that left the company. One manager is still with them."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles stated, "The real corruption is in R-139, R-140, and R-141." These three resolutions are authorizing payments of a total \$559,773 to Safeco Insurance Company for completing surety for Tak Construction, Inc for construction of the public safety complex.

"\$1,250 doesn't compare. That's where the real money is being wasted. Is there an end in sight?" Council President Joel Pabon stated, "We're hoping there is an end in sight. These payments will bring us closer."

Resident Alan Silber asked if reference checks are made when considering contractors.

Fehrenbach answered, "We do reference checks and see how well they performed in the past. We do not do criminal background checks on individuals in the companies."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez stated, "In some cases if an individual has been convicted of a crime, the individual is not allowed to put in bids."

Fehrenbach then added, "They have already done a majority of the work. There would be problems if we were to change contractors."

Councilman Bill Petrick asked, "If we drop this company, can they sue us?"

City Attorney Mark Blunda was not present but a representative from his law firm answered, "Possibly - they've been indicted - not convicted."

Resolution R-136 passed with everyone voting yes except Councilman Fernando Irizarry who abstained.

Board of Ed

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stood by her decision for the trip, stating that now was the time to start hiring and the district had the money to spend. Earlier in the meeting, Board Secretary Derek Jess made a presentation about the proposed school budget for 2013-2014 and pointed out a \$60 million surplus.

We had 98 openings at the start of the school year, we can't have that again," Cafrey said. "Now is the time to start bringing people in. It's only \$6,000 out of a \$60 million surplus. I don't want

to repeat what happened this year."

The proposal passed four votes to three. Vice President Ken Puccio saw the trip as something that was necessary, but explained that the board should take something from the discussion they had.

"These administrators have exhausted it, we can see it by this data they presented. We have a building principal willing to pay his own way," Puccio said. "We all want to do what's right. I think we learned something from this tonight."

All board members were in attendance for the meeting.

Art Show 1st Constitution Bank

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Art Show at 1st Constitution Bank



Olga Bautista with the artists



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Education Non-Profit Recognizes Chiera



News Release 3/25/2013

PERTH AMBOY - In addition to running Saturday school programs, Project Redirect deals with difficult issues such as gang violence, AIDS, youth employment, school violence, child abuse and juvenile delinquency.

The non-profit recognized Donna M. Chiera with a lifetime achievement award for her commitment to working with children. Chiera spent more than three decades as a special-needs classroom teacher and is a passionate advocate for education as President of both the American Federation of Teachers New Jersey and the Perth Amboy Federation. Chiera works to enact reform that is beneficial to students and "fair to adults" believing that the best learning environment is one where values such as mutual professional respect bond working relationships.

Chiera received the award March 21 in Newark. "I appreciate any organization that aims to improve how we educate our children," said Chiera. "We need more organizations focused on building community support for students." Photo: Norm Tanciewicz, Donna M. Chiera and Sandy Miholics *Photo Submitted

Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - The Friends of Dowdell Library are holding a Fundraising event on Sunday April 7th from 1-3PM Barbara's Unique Antique Boutique from Jamesburg, will be here to purchase your unwanted Costume jewelry, Gold, Silver, Coins and Watches (Broken or new). Sponsored by The Friends of the Dowdell Library of South Amboy. The Library is located off of O'Leary Blvd. adjacent to the High Middle school on Hoffman Plaza in South Amboy, For further info please call 732-721-6060 or e-mail southamboyfol@yahoo.com

Geranium Sale

PERTH AMBOY - 35th Annual Geranium Sale, Monday, May 6, \$30 per dozen, \$3.50 each plant. Also available: Hanging Geranium Plants - \$20 each. Pick-up on May 6: outside of the medical center at Groom Street entrance. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Orders due by April 30. Colors available: Bubble Gum Pink, White, Ruby Red and Fuchsia. Make checks payable to RBMC Perth Amboy Auxiliary. Mail orders to: Joan Volanin, 154 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, April 10, at 5, 6 or 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents can tour the pavilion and learn valuable information about child car seat safety and infant CPR and receive a list of local pediatricians. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1.800. DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677).

Happy Hour Workshop

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Happy Hour workshop Wednesdays, April 10 and 24, 7 to 8 p.m., at the hospital's Old Bridge location, One Hospital Plaza. Join Denise Reisert, EMP/RCP, and Robin Matteo, EMP, for an hour of positivity, transformation and connection that will leave you feeling more open and uplifted. Each individual workshop will be filled with activities and thoughtful conversation. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information and to register, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).



Middlesex Water Company congratulates José de Jesus of Utility Service Affiliates-Perth Amboy (USA-PA), on being named a recipient of The National Association of Water Companies Living Water Award.

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Easter Pageant - Perth Amboy YMCA 3/31/13 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



The Easter Bunny!



Like my bonnet?



Councilwoman Lisa Nanton and Raquel from the Dept. of Recreation with the winners

Patriotic Window Painting Contest

SOUTH AMBOY - All Residents (especially South Amboy students) are invited to participate in our Memorial Day Window Painting Contest. It's easy to enter, just submit your drawing to Amy Coman at the Senior/Recreation Office at the YMCA, 2nd floor by May 3rd. If your drawing is chosen to be painted on a Broadway store, you will then be called and given a window location for your painting. We supply the brushes and paint. Painting will be done from Wednesday, May 15th to Friday, May 17th.

Wellness Through Tai Chi/Qigong

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Wellness Through Tai Chi/Qigong class Mondays, April 15 through April 29 and May 6 through 27, 7 to 8:15 p.m., at the hospital's Old Bridge location, Auxiliary Hall B & C located on the lower level of the Medical Arts Building, adjacent to RBMC Old Bridge on Ferry Rd. between Routes 9 & 18. Tai Chi and Qigong (energy work) emphasizes a calm mind and relaxed body, deep breathing with slow, even movements, correct posture and body alignment and stability, balance and coordination. Presented by Tai Chi/Qigong Practitioner Rich Lund, MS. Cost is \$40 for the five week program. For more information and to register, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677), or email integrativemedicine@rbmc.org.

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**Blessing of Food & Ukrainian Egg Hunt
Perth Amboy
*Photos by Paul W. Wang**



Rev. Ivan Turyk



Blessing the Food

**Ukrainian Assumption Church Egg Hunt
*Photos by Anton Massopust III**



**Easter Egg Hunt City Hall Circle
Perth Amboy *Photos by Bob Ned**



Group photo



On your mark, get set, go!



I have enough eggs to feed the whole town!



Photo with the Easter Bunny



Look at what we found!

**Easter Party Olive Street
Perth Amboy *Photos by Bob Ned**



An Easter Prayer



Rejoicing in the Holiday



Birthday Celebration for the Month



Seniors enjoy their Easter Party



Happy Easter folks!

Seder at Our Lady of Peace - Fords

**Photo Submitted*



FORDS - Passover Seder celebrated by K-2nd grade at Our Lady of Peace School in Fords. They celebrated with Matzah and grape juice.

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Easter Pageant at Perth Amboy YMCA

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Good Friday Procession - Our Lady of Fatima, Perth Amboy

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Fires Strike Perth Amboy

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Good Friday was a really busy day. It all began at approximately 10:30 a.m. when Perth Amboy's fireboat was dispatched for a piling fire at the foot of Commerce St. A fire had erupted in some pilings out in the Arthur Kill just offshore. At 10:40 a.m. fire units were dispatched to 375 Elm St. for a smoke condition which turned out to be a fire in a heating unit. At 11:50 a.m. the trucks rolled again to the foot of Commerce St. for a re-ignite of the piling fire. 12:30 p.m. Fire trucks responded to a smoky fire in a salvage yard on Second St. Four cars were burning and the smoke from this fire could be seen in South Amboy.

Then at 3:30 p.m. a fire broke out at 688 Westside Ave., one of 11 row houses in that complex. The fire, which is believed to have started in the basement of 688, spread to the outside rear igniting the wooden decks which had been built in the rear of the houses, then spread left and right to four other adjoining structures. "The fire was hard to contain because there were many obstacles in our way," said Chief Volk. Each yard had fences around them which we had to cut through and there were no roads in the back. NJ Transit train tracks bordered the back of the property. This and the wind added to the difficulty of this stubborn fire.

Units from South Amboy, Sayreville, Colonia, South

Plainfield, and Metuchen were called in to fight the blaze. In addition a brush truck from Sayreville had to be called in because the fire had ignited the brush on NJ Transit property.

"In addition to the fire department, 16 police officers were there for traffic and crowd control," said police Chief Ben Ruiz. "We were lucky that we had extra personal in town to cover the Good Friday processions earlier in the day."

Assistant director of EMS, Scott Powers, said that there were 2 EMS units and one paramedic unit covering. A rehab unit was called in from Elizabeth. There were four firefighters transported to Raritan Bay Medical Center for minor injuries, treated and released. None of the residents were injured but approximately 40 residents were rendered homeless. 5 of the 11 units were destroyed.

At 4:00 p.m. an alarm went in on Armstrong St. in Harbortown. That turned out to be a malfunction, but at 5:30 p.m. fire units from Avenel, Fords, Metuchen, and Iselin, who were covering the town, were dispatched to 639 State St. for a reported structure fire which turned out to be a fire in a utility room. The fire was quickly extinguished and units cleared within an hour. No injuries were reported at that fire.

All in all it was a busy week for the Perth Amboy Fire Department which just added a new truck to its fleet.

Rick Mikula: The Butterfly Guy

SOUTH AMBOY - Presenting the Absolute Best Butterfly Program EVER! Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For over twenty years Rick Mikula has been delighting audiences of all ages with his humorous and off beat way of looking at butterflies. An award-winning author, he is also a photographer and habitat consultant, and has created butterfly atriums and gardens for Dolly Parton, Hershey Foods, among others. Rick has appeared on numerous TV shows including the Animal Planet Network and the Discovery Channel. He has also been featured in over three dozen magazines including People, Organic Farming and in hundreds of newspapers from around the world. Live butterflies are always the high point of every presentation as Rick demonstrates just how easily they can be handled and cared for. People of all ages will learn how to raise butterflies and moths by using simple, recyclable, household items. They will earn the secrets of butterfly gardens that will not only attract the flying jewels of the sky, but also cause them to lay eggs and start a population right at their door! For more info call 732-721-6060.

Diaz Statement on Fires

Press Release 4/1/2013

PERTH AMBOY "My staff has done a great work collaborated and assisting the families through this trying time. I am extremely proud of our human services staff, public safety units and our firefighters. Most importantly, everyone is safe. We've been working closely with each family--assuring

guidance and support," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Displaced Victims: Grove Street: 14 people displaced, West Side Ave: 5 units - 45 people displaced- 16 people can return home today. State Street: 5 people displaced

Some families are staying with family, American Red Cross and some victims' in-

urance companies funded hotel stays and homeowners are working with their insurance companies for placement. PRAHD is also assisting with food, clothing and rental assistance. Catholic Charities is also involved in assisting with security deposits and one month's rent. Additionally homeowners will be assisted by Catholic Charities.

Congressman Frank Pallone Visits Perth Amboy DaVita Dialysis Center

Press Release - 3/26/2013

PERTH AMBOY- DaVita®, a division of DaVita Health-Care Partners, Inc. (NYSE: DVA) and a leading provider of kidney care services today announced that U.S. Representative Frank Pallone (NJ-06) visited the Perth Amboy Dialysis Center last week to meet patients and care givers and learn about dialysis; in particular, the kidney care needs of local constituents.

"With millions of Americans suffering from kidney failure, the service DaVita provides is critical to so many lives," said

Congressman Pallone. "Visiting the Perth Amboy DaVita Dialysis Center was a great opportunity to learn more about kidney health, and also to discuss how the policies made in Congress affect the center's ability to serve its patients."

More than 20 million people over the age of 20 in the U.S. have kidney disease, most of whom are unaware they are affected by the disease. High risk groups include African Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and seniors (those 60 and over). Primary risk factors in-

clude diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease or a family history of these conditions.

The Perth Amboy DaVita Dialysis Center serves Middlesex County. For more information, please call 732-324-2406 or visit them at 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

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Fire on Grove Street *Photo by Joe Bayona



Fire on West Side Avenue

*Photos by Joe Bayona



Fire coming from the roofs of the buildings on West Side Avenue



Damage due to the intensity of the fire



Mayor Diaz with Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz

Fire on State Street *Photo by Joe Bayona



Fire damage on Grove Street

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Renaissance on the Raritan



By: Tracy Jordan

PERTH AMBOY - Fifty people attended a free viewing of the new documentary, *Re-Imaging Our Watershed: Renaissance on the Raritan*. Thank you YMCA for use of your fantastic theater. In this film, the Perth Amboy High School Sailing Team makes an appearance and our own Bill Schultz, Raritan Riverkeeper and Barry Rosengarten, BID/UEZ Chair, are interviewed. Michael George had donated his time, fuel and boat to take the film crew all around the bay and there are some nice clips of him. This event was hosted by the Rutgers Sustainable Raritan River Initiative. Dr. Judy Shaw, Director, introduced the film. Chief Hydrologist John Jengo also showed a brief documentary depicting unused dam removals up and down the Raritan which have brought many improvements to water flow, water quality, safety and wildlife, to name a few. A lively Q&A followed the films and people stayed around afterwards talking about the many topics all related to the river. It is hoped that this film will be on PBS Channel 13 soon.

If you are wondering, what is the Sustainable Raritan River Initiative? Here is an introduction to their work, found at www.raritan.rutgers.edu.

The members of the Raritan River Collaborative, which the City of Perth Amboy can join, are working together to achieve the highest quality for the waters and riparian areas of the Raritan River basin. Each organization contributes to the overall restoration and preservation of the River, and



Dr. Judy Shaw
 *Photos Submitted

collectively they are changing the conversation about the future of the river. The Collaborative set goals for a regional approach, embraced by state and federal organizations and implemented at the local and county level:

- Improved water quality and management of water quantity
- Habitat Restoration
- Public Access
- Site Remediation and Pollution Prevention
- Balanced Redevelopment

Should there be more water quality testing throughout the system? Greater public access? Should we have a greenway to the Bay? Can we 'clean it up and green it up' through remediation and sustainable redevelopment practices? Can we enjoy our heritage river resource and have economic growth?

The website asks people to join efforts to work together to bring the financial resources to the region – and have the conversations necessary - to coordinate efforts so we are all 'rowing' in the same direction! To join the effort, please send your inquiry to raritan@ejb.rutgers.edu.

Atlantic City Trip

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

American Legion Meeting

MATAWAN - Dear Fellow Legionnaire: You are cordially invited to join us for a truly historical event, Monday evening, April 8th, at The Burrowes Mansion, 94 Main Street, Matawan, beginning 8 p.m. April 8 marks The Official Reactivation of Matawan Post 176, American Legion. Post 176 once played a major role in the Matawan-Aberdeen Community, as its once majestic Main Street building was also the site of Matawan Borough Hall, Police Station, Retail and Community Center. But alas, when nine members transferred from Post 176 to Middletown last year, Monmouth County's Adjutant sought to "Surrender (Post 176's) charter for cancellation."

Members stepped forward, committed to reactivating the Post. As of today, Post 176's membership has tripled, and we are now asked to file the "Annual Post Data Report" by April 15th, which is to include our 2013-2014 Post 176 officers. We therefore ask you to join us Monday evening, so we may continue the momentum.

Joseph M. Gugliuzza, Monmouth County Adjutant, will be our guest Monday evening, to address the American Legion program, and how it provides vital services for our Veterans. Matawan Historian John Savolaine, member of Post 176, will describe the role of The Burrowes Mansion in the founding of Our Great Republic. Refreshments will be served. Put Monday, April 8th on your calendar, and join us.

P.S. We have also been invited by Matawan Recreation Director Deidre Ring to participate in Matawan's Sunday, May 26th Memorial Day Parade again this year. We have participated the last two years. If you are interested, please telephone 732 583-5069.

Thank-you for your kind attention. Sincerely, James E. Shea, Acting Membership Chairman, 732 583-5069, <jimshea@gmail.com>

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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.

Young Actress to Tour with Traveling Company of Billy Elliot



FORDS - Jhailyn Farcon, a 2nd grader at Our Lady of Peace School in Fords, is enjoying her send off before she leaves to tour with the "Traveling Company of Billy Elliot" for the next 6 months with many stops including Connecticut and a stay in Brazil. Jhailyn has been a team member of the "Knick's City Kids" dance team in New York City for the last 2 years. She will be missed by her classmates and her 2nd Grade Teacher at Our Lady of Peace, Mrs. Daria Ludas and Principal Mrs. Fran Comiskey. *Photo Submitted

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We Keep You Moving

OLD BRIDGE - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session. Wednesday, April 3, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the medical center's Old Bridge location 3 Hospital Plaza. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering free blood pressure screenings Wednesday, April 3, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. 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.

Cards for Kids

WOODBIDGE - Casino Night Semi-Formal, Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Forge Inn, 1002 U.S. 9 Woodbridge. For more info visit bgcpa.us, e-mail Tashilee Vazqueza, info@bgcpau.us or call 732-324-2114 ext. 122. Catch up with friends, enjoy cocktails hors d'oeuvres, blackjack, Texas hold-em, craps and roulette, music, raffles, prizes, open bar and more. All proceeds will benefit the amazing Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy and Carteret.

Veterans Information & Referral Service

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy Department of Human Services Office on Aging invite you to join us for a special Veterans Information and Referral Service on Thursday, April 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Center, 1 Olive Street. As a veteran, or family member of a veteran, you should know what benefits and services are available to you. To stay up to date, you are encouraged to attend this special program sponsored by the Perth Amboy Office and Aging, The Middlesex County Veterans Services, VA Health Center, and the NJ State Veterans Services Office. For additional information or to register in advance, please contact, 732-826-1690, Ext. 4307.

Community Resource Fair

The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD), is pleased to invite the residents of Perth Amboy and surrounding areas to PRAHD's annual Community Resource Fair to be held on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come join us and learn about a wide range of FREE and AFFORDABLE services in our area. Meet other local non-profits and private businesses that can help you/your family. Learn through our workshops on how to purchase a home, find a job, manage your finances, how to control/prevent health related issues and more.

For participation and/or more information please contact Marisol at 732-638-2814 or Janet at 732-638-2824.

Soup Kitchen & Clothing Giveaway

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

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APRIL EVENTS



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Monday, April 8 - 7 to 8 p.m.
with Dr. Seun A. Sowemimo

Wednesday, April 24 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
with Dr. Ayotunde Adeyeri

Institute for Weight Loss, RBMC Old Bridge
Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME.

One-Day Childbirth Education Class

Facilitated by a nurse trained in labor, delivery and childcare.
Cost is \$125 per couple.

Saturday, April 13 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Perth Amboy
Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.



Wellness Through Tai Chi/Qigong Class

Learn techniques emphasizing a calm mind and relaxed body.

Monday, April 15 - 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Division of Integrative Medicine, RBMC Old Bridge
Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.



Balance Screening & "Ask the Doctor" Session

If you are 65 or older you may benefit from balance screening and treatment to prevent falls.

Tuesday, April 16 - 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Center for Balance, RBMC Perth Amboy
Registration required, call 732-324-5030.

"We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education

Provided by a Human Motion Institute specialist.

Wednesday, April 17 - 8 to 11 a.m.

RBMC Old Bridge

Friday, April 19 - 9 a.m. to 12 noon

RBMC Perth Amboy

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Pierogi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Pierogi sale from Monday, April 8 to Friday, April 12. Call 732-826-7067 to place your order between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. All Gourmet Items - Handmade. Therefore call early before maximum sales quota is reached. Potato Pierogi - Price is \$7. Pickup dates are Tuesday, April 16 thru Thursday April 18. Time for pickup is 12 noon to 3 p.m. Pickup your order at: 404 Division St., Perth Amboy. Thank you for your order!

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.

Simply Diamond Dance

PORT READING - There will be a Neil Diamond Tribute on Saturday, April 27 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 436 Port Reading Avenue, Port Reading. Price is \$45 per person, includes: show, dancing, hot buffet, dessert, coffee & tea. Doors open 6 p.m. Show starts 8 p.m. Limited seating. Call for tickets: Carol H 732-969-2453, Nora 732-636-2384, Carol F 732-969-1565, Donna 609-655-0939

Happy Hour Workshop

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Happy Hour workshop Wednesdays, April 10 and 24, 7 to 8 p.m., at the hospital's Old Bridge location, One Hospital Plaza. Join Denise Reisert, EMP/RCP, and Robin Matteo, EMP, for an hour of positivity, transformation and connection that will leave you feeling more open and uplifted. Each individual workshop will be filled with activities and thoughtful conversation. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information and to register, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

Open House

PERTH AMBOY - Open House for Royal Garden Club in April! New Date: Wed. April 3 at 7:30 p.m. St. Peter's Rectory, 188 Rector St. Perth Amboy. Come meet us and learn about our activities. No gardening experience necessary - we welcome all.

Out Reach Food Program

PERTH AMBOY - Concord missionary Baptist Church, 795 State St., Out Reach Food Program, "Each One Feed One," will provide hot meals to any one in need of a hot meal on sat. April 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ministers of the gospels will be on hand to offer a listening ear and prayer if so desire. 732-826-0877

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!

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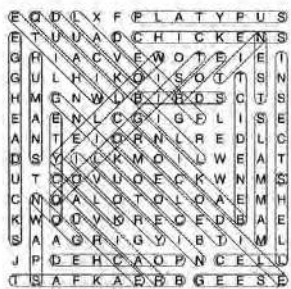
- WED. Apr. 3 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
 - Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Apr. 4 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Apr. 8 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Apr. 9 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 - Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Apr. 10 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. Apr. 11 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave. Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

South Amboy

- WED. Apr. 10 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. May. 6 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays Please give us two weeks notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Easter Parade 1937

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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.

Spring Flea Market

PERTH AMBOY - Join us for a spring flea market at the Perth Amboy High School Cafeteria, 300 Eagle Ave., Perth Amboy, Saturday, April 13 (rain or shine) 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors will be selling crafts, clothes, shoes household items - new and used. Food and drink items, too. \$10 per space, \$15 space with table, \$20 for 2 spaces with table. Money due no later than Saturday, April 6. For more info contact Jeanette at 732-233-3397, or email jmhi@aol.com or email Iris at jaden795@aol.com. Please come out and support the our school's PTO.

Tool Time

WOODBIDGE - Tooling Around the Township is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to fix up residences of senior citizens and disabled residents unable to afford home repairs. You and your organization or business can be an important part of this annual 1-day community effort by volunteering a few hours of labor donating supplies. We need: volunteers, both skilled and unskilled in home repair, donations of materials, especially paint, paint brushes, smoke alarms & roofing material. To volunteer, donate or be a Business Sponsors - call Kelly Reidy at 732-634-6494 or email tooling@twp.woodbridge.nj.us. to learn how you can support this project with dollars, in-kind donations and employee volunteers & contributions. This year's Tooling Around the Township date Saturday, April 27, 2013.

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.

Bikers Rally

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 is participating in the 10th Annual Bikers Rally for Brain Injured Children Across America. This rally will be held at the Old Bridge Elks Lodge at 67 Old Amboy Road in Old Bridge on April 13 at 12 noon.

There will be escorted rides to the Rally points leaving from the following Lodges at 12 pm: South Amboy Lodge-601 Washington Ave., So. Amboy, Cranford Lodge-951 Lincoln Ave, Cranford, Bricktown Lodge - 2491 Hooper Ave., Brick, Pompton Lakes Lodge - 15 Perrin Ave, Pompton Lakes, Bayonne Lodge-364 Broadway, Bayonne, Red Bank Lodge - 40 West Front St, Red Bank, Manville Lodge - 1500 Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough. Donation: \$20. Rain or Shine.

Sacred Heart School To Hold Dedication

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart School, South Amboy, is hosting a luncheon event on Sunday, April 28th, marking the anniversary of the first kindergarten class. Sacred Heart alumnus and faculty member, the late Robin Bogush will also be honored and her family will be recognized for their long-time support of Sacred Heart.

Prior to the luncheon, Mass will be celebrated at 12pm at Sacred Heart Church. All school alumni as well as current students are invited to attend. The reception will follow in Memorial Hall, directly across from the church on Cedar Street, South Amboy. Tickets for the reception are \$20 per person. For tickets and luncheon information, call Maureen Condon at 732-333-1656.

Sacred Heart graduates who would like to be included in the alumni directory or celebrate with classmates should contact Teri Szallai at 732-238-311 or Terisza@aol.com. If you know someone who is no longer in the area, but may want to be included, please pass on the information. This wonderful event is open to anyone interested in celebrating Sacred Heart School graduates and Catholic education.

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

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