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Cleared of Latest Charge “Let’s Bring it All Out in the Open”

PERTH AMBOY - The Amboy Guardian recently spoke to Board of Education Member Israel Varela. Superintendent Caffrey accused Varela of a new charge of not being a resident of Perth Amboy which would be a violation of a requirement to be on the Board of Ed. The Guardian wanted to know his reaction when he learned that he was cleared of this charge.

Caffrey had read a statement at the 4/25/13 Board of Education Meeting listing the charges against Varela. “I was not able to fully respond, but I went through the proper procedures and I was cleared of this charge made in the Superintendent’s statement,” Varela said.

Varela spoke about how bad he felt about the large number of personnel who are now retiring from the school system. Some of the individuals who retired he knew personally and they expressed to him their love of the community. The tension of the last couple of years was the determining factor of them leaving early.

Varela went on to say, “Just like with any large company, you hate to see senior staff leave because of their knowledge. You have heard speakers come up and talk about some of the new programs implemented. Sometimes the only new thing about these programs is that they are under a different name. Students are failing, but they keep testing them until they finally pass.”

“I was blindsided at the last Board Meeting when Caffrey read the accusation accusing me of not being a resident of Perth Amboy. As I said before, I have been here a very long time. And it is my choice as a parent to choose what school I thought was best for my child. The most important thing is that I was cleared by the State of this false accusation. As far as the other charges Caffrey made against me, I am

still waiting for a decision.”

“The Superintendent has made accusations against other Board Members that need to be rescinded.”

Some of the other issues that Varela addressed was why at the last meeting that those who wanted to be heard during the public portion had to fill out a form. This included their name, address and what question they wanted to ask. “This is something that Caffrey wanted. Even other Board Members spoke out against this.”

Varela also questioned the big campaign contributions that came from outsiders to certain Board Members in the last School Board Election. “What interest do these outsiders have in the Perth Amboy School Board Election? I ran as an individual because I did not want to be tied to anyone. The City should not have control of the Board of Education. We can collaborate - but that’s it,” Varela said.

“I try to attend as many events as I can to support the students and I meet with my committees and any other meetings pertaining to the Board. Other than that, I like to spend my free time with my family.”

“Also, the Administrative Board ruled in the Board of Education’s favor when they suspended Superintendent Caffrey. Anytime that I enter any of the schools the administrators were told that they have to call Caffrey. Why are they doing this? The Superintendent does not make her decisions based on the community’s needs. During the public portion of the meeting, sometimes a speaker will feel as if some of the Board Members are not listening to them. I have to agree with them. When someone from the community speaks, Board Members should always pay attention.

The Amboy Guardian said, “You would often butt heads



Board Member
Israel Varela

with the former Superintendent John Rodecker during the Board Meetings.”

Varela acknowledged that was true. “Under Rodecker, grades were slowly improving, but at the same time some of the Board Members thought the grades were not improving fast enough.”

“One thing that Rodecker and I always had in common, was that we always respected each other. He always communicated and gave documentation to Board Members. With Caffrey, when we started to butt heads she started to make accusations against some of the Board Members or staff.”

The Guardian asked Varela, “What other candidates were up for the Superintendent position after Rodecker announced his retirement?”

Varela answered that he knew there were Caffrey, Vivian Rodriguez and another woman that he could not remember her name. “It was the NJ School Board Association who found the candidates.”

“Caffrey’s job is just to make recommendations to the Board Members. I am hoping that residents look at those outsiders who are making big contributions to those running for office. I also feel that the full Board should be replaced plus Caffrey. She should go first,” Varela said.

“Any Board Member that is

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NJ Transit Funds The Completion of the Train Station Design



The Perth Amboy Train Station

**Photo by Paul W. Wang*

News Release 5/8/13

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz is pleased to announce the NJ Transit Board’s approval of \$2,051,128 for the completion of the final design and engineering services for the Perth Amboy Train Station Accessibility Improvements Project.

Mayor Diaz was joined by Senator Joseph Vitale; Chief of Staff of the Office of Assemblyman John Wisniewski’s, Perth Amboy residents and train riders, who delivered their statements during the public portion of the meeting held earlier today.

“Since 2008 I have been advocating for our station’s upgrades, including ADA compliance. I am so thankful to those who shared their personal experience and comments before the board expressing the importance of these renovations. This ensures the safety and best service to all residents and visitors,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Thirty percent of the conceptual design was completed by the end of 2012. In an effort to renovate and create

barrier-free accessibility the design focuses on establishing an ADA compliant station, in addition to overall facility improvements. The contractual amendment will allow for full completion to finalize the design in approximately 18 months.

The redesign of the plan includes the preservation of the 1920’s historical architecture design and features, as it is listed under the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. NJ Transit will re-configure the station platforms to provide a single center island high-level platform and canopy with a new elevator between street-level and platform-level that service both Eastbound and Westbound trains.

As stated by NJ Transit, the project will also upgrade customer amenities with new platform-level waiting areas, communications system and will speed passenger boarding by eliminating the need to climb stairs to board a train. Finally, the project will include modifications to the station building and parking lot to make the station fully accessible.

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Waterfront Development Advisory Committee Updates Council on Plan for Waterfront Recovery

PERTH AMBOY - 3 members of the Waterfront Recovery and Redevelopment Advisory Committee spoke before the City Council Caucus on 4/22/13.

Alan Jacobs gave the main presentation. He wanted to thank all the Committee Members who helped prepare this report. "On January 13, 2013 the Mayor asked us to be on this committee. Our mission was to study and prioritize what to replace and replenish damage done by Superstorm Sandy. We use public input for our recommendations. This included: 1.) Seawalls 2.) Rebuild (Second & High Street) to increase the height possibly using a slide gate or 12 ft. high railing (maintenance free) from Luis Street to Raritan Yacht Club. The seawall was not completed at the Landings which caused flooding. If that seawall had been completed, the flooding would have been prevented because the part of the seawall that was existing was high enough. This caused water to go through the section that was not completed. There is a need for aluminum dock and steel piles which would be a good way to go."

Jacobs continued, "The major marina problem was that the piles were not high enough. The north side ramp of Seabra's Armory needs to be done. In the Bayview Park area we are thinking about terracing of the hills and we may be in need to increase parking. Perhaps making Front Street one-way and installing a bike path. We could put a retaining wall in front of the park. Maybe we can set up a Waterfront improvement Charities. This could be done through fundraisers. The bike path should be connected to other paths such as in Edison and Metuchen. A pedestrian walkway would be separated from the bike path. Personal watercraft should be prohibited. Kayak/Canoe racks can be constructed. Looking down the road, we can have volleyball courts, cool down facilities, restrooms on Second Street and Caledonia Park. We are looking at making beaches swimmable. At one time Perth Amboy's Waterfront was considered as a training center but it went to Annapolis instead. Perhaps we can look at changing zoning to expand commercial usage on Front Street. For housing, this may not be feasible," Jacobs said.

"Limited funds will be available from FEMA. The Waterfront is imperative to the City (Especially Harborside). There may be a need for capi-



Perth Amboy Waterfront Advisory Committee

tal financing (bond issue), but its worth it. There is a lot of history here that is being under utilized," Jacobs said.

Barry Rosengarten said, "We need to protect our shoreline from further storm damage. But we lack funding most of all. We need to protect the park especially to prevent a collapse."

Hatch Mott McDonald Representative Robert Mainberger said, "Corrosion is a problem

by the Raritan Yacht Club (the Bulkhead). Soil evaluation will determine height of piles."

Council President Joel Pabon said, "A lot of residents at the Waterfront will be able to walk to all of these activities which is a good thing." (He specifically mentioned the volleyball courts.) The Waterfront and history will bring money into Perth Amboy."

Harbortown Resident Updates City Council on Conditions 4/23/13 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - A homeowner from Harbortown who lives in on Great Beds Court Street painted a dismal picture when he spoke at the 4/23/13 Council Meeting. "There are 2 unfinished buildings. There will be 32 units on top of the 74 already existing. 3 to 4 homeowners have foreclosures pending and they will be moving to other states. There are too

many rentals and already many foreclosures. The percentage of owner occupied units is very low. Homeowners hired an engineer who did a walkthrough. There were many code violations and this needs to be corrected before any additional units are built. A mortgage cannot be acquired by Harbortown Sail.

Ferry Slip Museum Offers Volunteer Opportunities

PERTH AMBOY - You are needed! Isn't that a good feeling? The Perth Amboy Ferry Slip Museum is in need of volunteers. After damage by Sandy forced its closure, it reopened on May 19 and is now open every Sunday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the first Wednesday of each month 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed for every area. You will be rewarded with fresh sea air, friendly people and a gorgeous water view. Students, earn a Community Volunteer Certificate for college or your work resume. Seniors, meet new people, enjoy the view and learn about our maritime history. For more information: please call Cathy at 732-442-5425

Varela

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up for reelection should not run again. Let's start with a clean slate. The phrase, "We're doing this for the children," is being overplayed when clearly in some cases it is not. This is not about Charter or Private Schools. It should be about Perth Amboy's Public Schools."

Varela said, "I always vote based on the information I received. As I've said before, tell me the name of any family member or friends that I have asked Caffrey to give them jobs. Tell them to come here in public. Do not try to blind-side me. Let's have a debate in public on public vs. private schools. Let's invite the media to attend. Let's bring in the individuals from out of state making large campaign contributions. Bring out the truth about the grades. Let's bring it all out in the open."

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South Amboy YMCA to Host Dog Day Event

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Branch YMCA will be hosting Dog Day at the Y on Sunday, May 19th from 1-4pm on the Y's front lawn. All dogs and dog lovers in the community are invited to join us and participate in the various special events planned. Contests will be held in the following categories: best dressed, owner look-alike, best trick, most obedient, best groomed, and many more. Have your dog try their luck at the Agility Course, receive a Grooming Demo from Poochie Doo, or listen to an Obedience Demo from Middlesex County 4H Dog Training Club, Frisky Paws. Various rescue groups and veterinarians will also be present. Dogs must be up to date on their shots and dog and people friendly. Dog Day at the Y is free to participants, but advance registration is required. For more information or to register for the event, please call 732-553-9622 or visit www.ymcaofmewsa.org.



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Human (Nature)

I often walk through the Perth Amboy Jefferson Street Parking lot adjacent to the Amboy Mall. There is also a small mini park nearby where I was surprised to see that the benches were removed. In the late spring and summertime it was a good spot to rest and have something cool to drink. I don't know if the benches were removed to be replaced but I hope to see them come back.

For some reason I have been noticing the beauty of nature more than usual. Could it be the aftereffects of what I refer to Superstorm Sandy Syndrome. Like the Phoenix Bird it rises from the ashes. It's hard to keep nature down. Mother Nature can be quite cruel sometimes. But when she brings forth her beauty, it is awesome.

In last week's Mother's Day issue we decided display Mother Nature in all of her glory as you can see in the photos. As I have mentioned before I have a love/hate relationship with my android phone but it can come in quite handy at times.

I took photos of the trees in bloom as I was walking by Perth Amboy's City Hall Circle and by an apartment building on Market Street.

Something as simple and beautiful as flowers, trees, bushes or a pond can very easily turn something unattractive to something very beautiful.

This is what I was trying to get at when I asked the question at the October Mayoral Forum. We were talking about the Industrial part of outer State Street in Perth Amboy. It is sad when you go through that section of State Street and you see the busted windows on the unoccupied decrepit buildings.

I'm sure that planting hearty trees or shrubs that can take care of themselves would be an asset to that part of town. I still say talk to the business

owners and see if they are willing to participate in this venture.

Nature basically takes care of itself. Trees that are naked and barren in the harsh winter weather suddenly bloom in the springtime. Humans are not out there watering all of these trees; it's just what comes naturally.

Some of the most attractive landscaping I have seen are not just restricted to private gardens, homes or office buildings. Who would have ever thought that gas stations would have some of the prettiest landscapes you have ever seen.

Another favorite spot of mine as far as landscaping is St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Woodbridge. I have it as a wallpaper on my phone. Someone told me that they believe that the nuns planted a lot of the flowers. I'll have to ask them the next time I see them. If they do the planting, they should teach a landscaping course. The grounds there are breathtaking - at least in my opinion. They were on Page 4 of the Mother's Day Insert at the bottom on the left hand side.

Other photos in that section were taken by Paul W. Wang from a private garden. I also want to thank Paul for the gorgeous border he did in the Mother's Day issue. It is such a delight when my vision is brought to light.

Katherine and I had a lot of fun interviewing the Seminiski father and daughter team at Sciortino's, South Amboy and Anita Pires of Fernando's Unisex Styling, Perth Amboy. The 2 Spotlights could have been applicable to Mother's or Father's Day. It was all about generations carrying on family tradition.

To me, this is one of the joys of producing the newspaper. Sometimes you need a break from hard news.

C.M.

Column D Democrats

Well, it seems to be that time again. I just want to take a moment to remind the voters of Perth Amboy of the importance of taking part in the Primary Election. It is especially important this year as our Mayor is supporting a slate of Candidates that are special to the citizens of this great city. Perth Amboy deserves a voice

in the County Government. And to that end I urge all votes to support the Column D Democrats. Candidates McCoy, Morales and Salado for Freeholder is the choice I recommend to keep Perth Amboy moving forward.

It is especially important this year that we all take part in the Primary process as Democrats, as we will be electing County Committee People. The Committee Candidates are also on the D line, repre-

senting the Ward and District you reside in. The D Line Democrats are the persons that will truly represent you on the County level. Their agenda is Perth Amboy and I know they will make every effort to keep Perth Amboy on the positive direction we are enjoying.

Please make every effort to vote on June 4th. It is vital for the City, Vote D Democrats.

Russell J. O'Reilly

Salty Language

I don't think that I am an old prude. When the occasion demands, I stub my toe, I can employ salty language with the best of 'em. Or the worst of 'em! But I was jolted and sputtered in my breakfast coffee when I read the rude and vulgar and obscene words in the story of the Rutgers basketball coach Mike Rice. Who I have just heard has been fired by the school. This is reality reporting carried to an extreme. Even Playboy magazine has never been known to employ such language.

As an army recruit I never

heard a sergeant use such dirty words as reported in the Home News Tribune. They may have been tough and strict but not nasty or vulgar. When I applied for pilot training as a cadet we were trained by civilian instructors hired by the army air corps. My instructor was a brutal and nasty guy who freely used salty and profane language. As a timid teen age kid I was intimidated and scared. As a result I could not effectively perform the required precise maneuvers. As a result, before I could correct them, I was washed out. My dreams were shattered! Naturally I got drunk as a skunk! After I sobered up I applied for naviga-

tor training. Which suited me fine. I easily mastered the profession. And went on to serve my country in 3 international unpleasantries, namely World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and the civilian airlines..

Cussing a vulnerable student can easily hurt and damage the student. The same situation on the basketball players coached by Mike Rice. As the University canned Rice so will I write off the Tribune for this offensive reporting. It sure ain't worth a buck a copy!

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Mayor Diaz, STOP Misleading the VOTERS!

With the gubernatorial election rapidly approaching, it is difficult to ignore the changed political landscape, which has come to light as a result of the new batch of higher office in New Jersey. In Middlesex County, the changes have done a lot to shake up the organization of the Democratic Party both at the local and county levels. This is especially apparent in Perth Amboy where the City's Mayor seems to have launched a campaign to capitalize on the political shift to advance her own agenda. In fact, it seems that Mayor Diaz has spend the last few months brokering relationships with former opponents all in the name of maneuvering herself into control of the Perth Amboy Democratic Party's leadership. To that end, Diaz has forged an unlikely alliance with several of her former opponents all for the purpose of, calling for my resignation as party chair. More recently, it has become clear that Diaz has

expanded her recruitment of allies to include the presumptive Chair-elect of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization, Kevin McCabe. Diaz did not stop at simply publicly noting her disagreement with me but she has undertaken a direct plan of attack that has forced a split in Perth Amboy. Rather than participate in the democratic process within the party, Diaz has advanced her own handpicked slate of candidates for the County Freeholder and Committeemen and Committeewomen. In so doing, she has recruited McCabe's and wife Laurie's support for her slate of candidates over the local Perth Amboy Democratic Party slate. Diaz's ability to capitalize on McCabe's desire to obtain the support of the County's Mayors has ensured that his support played right into her agenda. One of which she owes McCabe for his role in getting Diaz re-elected. Meanwhile, Perth Amboy becomes further divided and with the Mayor's attentions focused on her divisive strategies, it's not difficult to see that no one is minding the proverbial store.

The Diaz coalition has managed to accomplish moves, which the Mayor has failed to

translate into progress within the City she leads. After unifying her most recent and most vocal opponents in the recent mayoral election, she is now backing former Perth Amboy mayoral candidate Frank Salado's bid to be a freeholder, for the area. This is especially troubling in light of the fact that Salado's run in Perth Amboy involved a change of address from his Carteret home to a rented apartment in Perth Amboy just in time to meet the filing deadline. Considering that his move to Perth Amboy sparked many inquiries, his move back to Carteret just in time for another election should similarly raise eyebrows. At a minimum, it should have raised Diaz's eyebrows, but she clearly seems unconcerned so long as it serves her purposes.

All of this grandstanding has accomplished much for Diaz but nothing for Perth Amboy. I hope that our Mayor's attentions will eventually turn back to the City she is supposed to be running.

Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez
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Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

HIV Support

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

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

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

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City Hall, High St.
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- MON. May 20 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
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Pallone Announces More than \$42 million For New Jersey Hurricane Sandy Relief Funds Allocated from Department of Interior to Rebuild Region, Make Communities Stronger and More Resilient

News Release 5/7/13

WASHINGTON DC – Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced that \$42.35 million in emergency Hurricane Sandy disaster relief has been designated by the Department of Interior to New Jersey to repair and rebuild parks, refuges and other federal assets damaged by the storm. In addition to the state specific funding, New Jersey will receive a portion of \$104.9 million allocated for multistate projects. The funding will also provide investments in scientific data and studies to support recovery in the region hit by Sandy, as well as historic preservation efforts.

“I fought hard for the fast passage of an emergency Sandy aid bill in Congress that would fully address the need in New Jersey, and I’m relieved to see this funding being released for important projects and investments to help move our recovery forward,” said Pallone.

The Department of Interior received \$786.7 million in Sandy disaster relief bill passed by Congress in January of 2013. As of today, 60% of the Department of Interior’s Hurricane Sandy supplemental funding has been allocated. The remaining funding will be allocated in the coming months for mitigation projects

that increase coastal resiliency and capacity to withstand future storm damage and to restore and rebuild public assets.

The emergency funding announced today will be allocated to New Jersey and other affected states by Sandy through:

- The National Park Service (NPS) for projects to rebuild, repair and restore parks facilities, lands and replace equipment.

- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to repair and restore refuges, hatcheries, and other facilities and to restore wildlife habitat. Hurricane Sandy left behind a 22-mile debris field in the marshes and wetlands along the coastal boundary of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey. These fragile areas will be cleared of trash, hazardous materials and contaminants to restore clean water and healthy wildlife habitats.

- The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for scientific monitoring, mapping, modeling, and forecasts to support broader recovery efforts throughout the impacted region. USGS scientific work will assist Interior’s efforts to restore Federal lands and facilities and will assist States, cities and communities to recover and rebuild in a more resilient manner. USGS will identify coastal ar-

eas vulnerable to storm damage and provide communities with critical information needed for recovery that will also help prepare for future storm events.

- The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to address critical needs for Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) sand and gravel throughout the coastal areas undergoing recovery and rebuilding. BOEM will identify and evaluate OCS sand and gravel resources, and work with other Federal agencies, States, cities, and others to facilitate coastal restoration.

- The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) will allocate \$2.85 million to make repairs to the Ohmsett oil spill research facility in Leonardo, New Jersey. The Ohmsett facility provides independent and objective performance testing of oil spill response equipment and marine renewable energy systems, and helps improve technologies through research and development.

Details of the projects will be announced in the coming months as plans finalize.

The Perth Amboy Democratic Committeemen and Committeewomen Await McCabe’s Full Support This Primary Election in June

News Release May 4, 2013

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Democratic Organization has proudly had committeemen and committeewoman who have always acted to better serve our community, and keep the best interests of Perth Amboy at heart. While Kevin McCabe appears to be the heir apparent as Chairman of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization, I would like to see if McCabe fully supports our Middlesex County Democratic Freeholder candidates and our Perth Amboy Democratic Organization County Committee Candidates who are on the Middlesex County Democratic Organization line “B” slate, this primary election. An endorsement from McCabe would indicate that he values unity, and values the voters in Perth Amboy. Currently, our Middlesex County Freeholder candidates and our County Committee candidates of Perth Amboy have a contested Primary election because Mayor Wilda Diaz and her team have their own slate running against the Middlesex

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Leaders from Across Middlesex County Call on McCabe to Lead County Democrats 7 New Towns Endorse McCabe for Middlesex Chair

News Release 5/2/13

19th DISTRICT - Following yesterday’s endorsement of Kevin McCabe for Middlesex County Chair by Democratic State Chairman John Wisniewski, additional mayors and municipal chairs from across Middlesex County today released the following statement calling on Kevin McCabe to run for chair of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization. These leaders, all of whom represent towns that supported McCabe’s opponent in 2011, join McCabe’s already existing robust base of support from across Middlesex County. “Kevin McCabe has the leadership skills, vision and work ethic to lead the Mid-

dlesex County Democratic Organization to victory in 2013 and beyond. As local leaders, we believe that our state, our county and our municipalities will be strengthened through Kevin’s leadership. We strongly endorse Kevin McCabe to be our next Middlesex County Democratic Party Chair.”

East Brunswick Democratic Chair Ed Luster., North Brunswick Mayor Francis “Mac” Womack III and Democratic Chair Rich Zangara, Old Bridge Democratic Chair Kevin Calogera, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz., Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu, Sayreville Democratic Chair Tom Pollando. South Brunswick Mayor Frank Gambatese and Deputy Mayor Chris Kilmurray.

County Democratic Organization to promote Mayor Diaz’s own political agenda, which does not display unity for our Democratic party. Until I see support from McCabe, as

the Chair of the Perth Amboy Democratic Organization, I have no further comment.

For more information contact Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez.

19th District Legislators Announce A Combined \$1.4 Million In Grants For Local Road Improvement Projects For Four Municipalities

News Release May 3, 2013

19th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT – Senator Joseph F. Vitale, Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski and Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin are pleased to announce that the 19th Legislative District municipalities of Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayreville and Woodbridge will receive a combined \$1,424,204 in grants through the state’s Local Aid program which benefits local transportation infrastructure needs. Specifically, Carteret will receive \$368,850.00, Perth Amboy \$379,744.00, Sayreville \$360,610.00 and Woodbridge \$315,610.00.

- The Borough of Carteret will use the grant for improvements to Federal Boulevard and Minue Street which serves as a primary thoroughfare for commercial truck traffic.
- The City of Perth Amboy will apply the grant for improvement to Davidson Avenue.
- Sayreville Borough will continue its ongoing overhaul of Ernston Road.
- Woodbridge Township will mill and resurface Old Road in the Sewaren section of the township. Under the Local Aid grant program, each county is apportioned a share of the total funding based on population and the number of local centerline miles. Municipalities compete for portions of their county’s share. NJDOT provides 75 percent of the grant amount when a town awards a contract and the remaining 25 percent upon completion of the project.

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**Soup Kitchen
& Clothing
Giveaway**

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

Greek Festival

PERTH AMBOY - Come down for authentic Greek Food, Entertainment, Music and Pastries at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 41-47 Wisteria St. (On the Waterfront, Sadowksi Parkway. May 31 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., June 1 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., June 2 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Rain or Shine. 732-826-4466

**Ukrainian
Cultural
Festival**

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic Church located at 684 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ will hold a Ukrainian Cultural Festival in our parish on Saturday, June 22nd, 2013 from 12 noon until 8 p.m., featuring church tours, live entertainment, dancing, family activities, vendors, traditional Ukrainian food/drink, ruffles and more. Ukrainian dancers will perform at 2:30 p.m. inside the hall. Fun for all ages. Free admission. For more information call 732-826-0767 or visit www.assumption-catholicchurch.net

**Festa di San
Antonio**

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd., in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge will be hosting its annual Festa honoring St. Anthony on Saturday, June 8 from Noon to 8PM in Msgr. Gambino Hall. The day will include Italian food and desserts (eat in/take out), raffles, activities and games for children including face painting, tattoos, arts and crafts and more. Magic by Giancarlo 2pm & 6:30pm. Elevator service is available. Festa goers are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to a local food pantry. For information call, (732) 826-4859 or goodshepherdpanj.org

Carnival

PERTH AMBOY - Blessed John Paul II Parish @ St Stephen's Church will be holding a parish carnival from May 15 through May 18th, 2013. There will be rides/games, dance contests, entertainment, American and Latin Karaoke as well as Spanish, Polish & Portuguese food & beer garden. Pre-sale discount tickets for rides, \$12 for 15 tickets on sale until May 15th. For more information, call the Parish office @ 732-826-7395.

PUBLIC INVITED
 There will be a Grand Re-opening of the
Ferry Slip Museum
 300 Front Street Perth Amboy
 At the foot of Smith Street
Sunday, May 19th with the ribbon cutting at 1:00 pm.



The museum will be open until 5:00 pm with refreshments served. Come see our new exhibits and restored favorites. Underwritten by grants from Museums of Perth Amboy. The ribbon cutting will be followed by an optional luncheon hosted by MOPA at the Barge Restaurant starting at 2:00 pm. A delightful talk will be presented Timothy Hart Esq. Director of the Tuckerton Seaport and the Bayman's Museum. Cost is \$20.00 per person. You may pay at the door, however, seating is limited so you need to call for a reservation. Call Mildred at 732-826-0290 Ex-4014. All profits go to sustaining the Ferry Slip Museum.

**Bethel Christian Church
Flea Market**



Date: Saturday, May 18, 2013

Place: 185 Hall Ave – Church Parking Lot

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vendors are Welcome - \$10 (rental of table)

Contact: J. Ortiz at 732-754-8427

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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 Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Raritan Bay Coffee Company at the Historic Train Station, Perth Amboy City Hall, High Street and Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave. For more info call 732-293-1090.

**Morning Program
for Pre-K Students
Added to Camp SAY
Offerings**

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Branch YMCA announces that it will continue their YTOTS Program for children aged 24-48 months as part of Camp SAY this summer. YTOTS is meant to be an introduction for some and an extension to others of a traditional preschool. The Program will run Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. beginning June 3rd, and will be held at the South Amboy Y, located at 200 John T. O’Leary Blvd in South Amboy, NJ. Parents will have the option to sign up their children for up to five days per week.

Participants of our YTOTS Program during the school year enjoyed a variety of fun learning and crafts from letters and fruits to shapes and games. YTOTS is led by Ms. Wendy who has been a certified group teacher for over 10 years and has most recently taught preschool. Ms. Wendy is ready to bring your child’s imagination to life through circle time, play, songs, crafts, and learning. The program will also include weekly themes such as America the Beautiful, Under the Sea, and Back to School.

That YMCA has a long reputation of providing quality programs for children of all ages, and YTOTS will be no different. The class sizes are limited, so please register early! Please visit the Welcome Desk of the South Amboy YMCA to register. For more information and pricing, visit www.ymcaofmews.org, contact the Welcome Desk at 732-553-9622, or email Ms. Wendy at say.tots@ymcaofmews.org.

**Our Lady of
Peace Quiz**

Show Winners

FORDS - The winners of Our Lady of Peace School’s “Quiz Bowl” were treated to a McDonald’s lunch with Monsignor Andy in the church rectory on April 30th. An OLP source who took part in the luncheon said it was “AWESOME”. Congratulations Quiz Bowl Winners!

PK3: Alexis Alfaro, PK4: Shivani Nair, Kindergarten: Daniella Guajardo, 1st grade: Kaytlin Roudi, 2nd grade: Neal Choksi, 3rd grade: Ashley Tacarro-Steward, 4th grade: Jason Ligouri, 5th grade: Rosemarie Pilla, 6th grade: Robin Himmelberger, 7th grade: Om Panda, 8th grade: Robert Martin

Mother’s Day Luncheon Olive Street, Perth Amboy

**Photos by Bob Ned*



Mayor Diaz and the Office of Aging Staff wishes everyone a Happy Mother’s Day



Flowers for the Ladies



Enjoying Mother’s Day Festivities



Enjoying the Luncheon



Mayor Diaz gives Dianne Roman a hug



Mayor Diaz enjoys a moment with some of the participants

Mother’s Day Flowers

**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



Our Lady of Peace Quiz Show - Fords

**Photos Submitted*



Reawakening Photography Group Exhibit, Perth Amboy Gallery *Photos by Bob Ned



Hall of Fame Luncheon *Photos by Bob Ned

Congratulations to the 2013 Inductees to the Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame

- Ira Zu Stess - Class of 1934 - Military Service*
- Jose J. Garica - Class of 1998 - Athletics/Community Service*
- David Weiss - Class of 1971 - Humanities/Government*
- Evelyn Cruz Carofilis - Class of 1974 - Criminal Justice*
- Kyle Grooms - Class of 1987 - Entertainment*
- Michael J. Chumer - Class of 1960 - Technology/Research*



Kyle Grooms with Anita Dowd



Hall of Fame Inductees



A Delicious Luncheon

Middlesex County Arts High School Middlesex Co. College 5/7/13 *Photos Submitted



PERTH AMBOY - PAHS Art Student Priscilla Cancel received 3 College Credits in Art for participating in the Arts High School Program at Middlesex Co. College. Her artwork will be displayed in the traveling art exhibit throughout Middlesex County Libraries and Museums. Priscilla will be attending Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts. Pictured: Gifted & Talented Art Teacher Marcella Massopust with PAHS Art Student Priscilla Cancel at Middlesex County Arts High School



PAHS Student Willie Mena (Center) performs Modern Dance at PAC Theater



PAHS Student Michelle Castillo performs jazz improvisation on the trumpet at PAC Theater

Send Your Events to Carolyn at Crlynmxwll@aol.com and to Katherine at KMass514@gmail.com

Annual 4th of July Picnic

PERTH AMBOY - The Annual 4th of July Picnic will be on Tuesday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m. at Alexander F. Jankowski Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy. \$5 pp. Menu includes: Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, hot dogs, meatballs sandwiches, French fries, onion rings, etc. Call to sign up, 732-826-1690, Ext. 4307 or 4326.

The Golden Age Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy, Hon. Wilda Diaz and the Office on Aging presents The Golden Age Fashion Show, Friday, May 24 12 Noon, at Seabra's Armory, 200 Front St., Perth Amboy. For ticket price and info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4307. Must confirm attendance by May 15. No walk-ins/limited seating available.

Plays in the Park Trip

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy, Hon. Mayor Wilda Diaz, Office on Aging will be sponsoring a trip to Middlesex County Plays in the Park for the performance of Les Miserables on Tuesday, June 25. Bus will start picking up at 7p.m. (show starts at 8:30 p.m.) Price: \$6 per person (includes a snack). Please call the Office on Aging to sign up, 732-826-1690, Ext. 4307 to sign up

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Office on Aging And the Middlesex County Office on Aging and Disabled Services Announce that the 2013 Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program Voucher Applications will be available at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, One Olive Street, Perth Amboy Starting May 21st by appointment only. Please contact The Office of Aging to schedule your appointment, 732-826-1690, Ext. 4307 or Ext. 4326. Seniors must meet income guidelines and must bring proof of income at the time of the appointment. This program is funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, sponsored by the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services and coordinated by the Middlesex County Office on Aging and Disabled Services.

Soar Into Your Legacy

PERTH AMBOY - Sour Into Your Legacy Invites You to Our 1st Scholarship Fund-raiser Scholarships will Be Awarded To Help College Bound Students of Perth Amboy High School and the College Of St. Elizabeth in Morristown N.J.

Aracelis Wicks was a former Perth Amboy girl scout, who graduated top 100 of her class from Perth Amboy high School in 2009. She was an active member & volunteer @ Cathedral International, where she served as a summer camp counselor for many years. Her love for teaching was demonstrated as she became a caretaker at JJITC day care, also when she volunteered at the Wilentz School at the College of Parents program. As a worship dancer at Cathedral she was always surrounded

by the younger girls where she took under her wings for guidance. She was a student @ The College of St. Elizabeth where she truly started to soar towards her legacy as a teacher, where she was in the classroom teaching since her freshmen year.. She maintained a 4.0 GPA for the three years she studied there, was also on the Dean's List for 3 years. She was inducted to the CSE education Program in 2012. Her life was suddenly taken away in March of 2012; she was stricken with severe case of diabetes.

Friday May 17th 201, 272 Madison Ave Perth Amboy NJ, RECEPTION 6:00 p.m. dinner 7:00 p.m. show 8:00 p.m. Catering By Southern Bells Private Chef Service, Entertainment By RU1, Music By Total Exposure



Aracelis Wicks

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FORDS - Our Lady of Peace May Crowning. Front row (L to R) Gina Pallidino, Justine DellaReyes, Morgan Ryan, Laura Gene Kozub, Ashley Teccaro Steward. Second row (L to R) Brianna Pollack Melanie Teccaro-Steward Alessandra Ritchie Jennifer Palladino.

*Photo Submitted



PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz recognizing National Organ Donor Month with a Proclamation to a organ recipient who also works for a donor organization. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

South Amboy Y Partners with American DanceWheels and Cultural Arts Training Foundations in "Fitness for a Cause" Event

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY – On Saturday, June 1, 2013, the South Amboy Branch YMCA is partnering with two charitable organizations, American DanceWheels Foundation and Cultural Arts Training Foundations, to present "Fitness for a Cause," a community event that will feature special classes for children and adults. The event will be held from 11am-4pm at the South Amboy Y, located at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy, NJ. A complete class schedule for the day can be found on the Y's website: www.ymcaofmews.org. Each class is \$10, or a day pass to attend all classes is \$35. Proceeds raised from this event will benefit each organization's charitable efforts.

Children are invited to participate in a Child Empowerment Class at 2 p.m., which will teach them how to avoid and deal with confrontations through verbal de-escalation, realistic self defense, and team mediation. At 3 p.m. they are invited to Kids Zumba, a fun class to learn basic Zumba steps, get a great workout and have fun!

The event will also feature

Cross Fit Classes every :50 of the hour, Latin Dance at 11 a.m., Aqua Zumba at 11 a.m., Wheelchair Ballroom Dancing at 1 p.m., and Tabata at 2 p.m. Senior Self Defense at 12 p.m. is designed for individuals over 55 to teach simple effective movements. The SAFE Program for Women at 3 p.m. is designed to teach women how to defend themselves in different situations. For a complete listing of scheduled events, please visit www.ymcaofmews.org.

The Y is one of the nation's leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the U.S., 2,700 Ys engage 21 million men, women and children – regardless of age, income or background – to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the nation's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors.

American DanceWheels Foundation is an artistic nonprofit organization that trains individuals with disabilities, their able-bodied partners, ballroom dance teachers, and

therapists how to Wheelchair Ballroom and Latin Dance. Wheelchair dancing integrates disabled and able-bodied individuals in general recreation as well as competitive venues. American DanceWheels promotes wheelchair dancing through educational seminars and performance, so that this method of dance can expand and be enjoyed by people in all communities.

The Cultural Arts Training Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded on the idea of improving movement and health through martial arts and fitness training. The C.A.T. Foundation works with disabled children, at risk teens, domestic violence victims, veterans, and seniors. Their dynamic training is due to instructors with diverse experience from various cultures, and we offer several programs that help benefit and educate the community.

Registration is required for "Fitness For a Cause." Some class sizes are limited. For more information, contact the South Amboy Y at 732-553-9622 or visit www.ymcaofmews.org.

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Hope for Harmony

Injured Staffordshire Terrier Needs Your Help

By: Katherine Massopust
 PERTH AMBOY - D.C. Harmony is a 10 to 12 month old female Staffordshire Terrier that was found by police on March 16, 2013. She was abandoned in an apartment complex on Harned Street, Perth Amboy. Harmony doesn't have the use of her back legs. It is believed by veterinarians that Harmony's suffered from trauma to her backside.

Harmony was taken in by Dana Stefanick. "When Harmony was found, the Animal Control Officer didn't want to put Harmony in the shelter, causing more stress on the dog after suffering such trauma. The dog was kept at the Perth Amboy Police Station. The Animal Control Officer wanted a rescue group or for someone to take the dog in. The Officer put Harmony's picture on Facebook. My sister, Kimberly saw Harmony on Facebook so I went that night and picked up the dog at the police station."

Staffordshire Terriers resemble pit bulls and are often a target for abuse. "People think that any dog that looks like a pit bull is aggressive. People have misconceptions

about dogs," Stefanick states. A wheelchair for Harmony was donated by Kim Kelly Seber. (A dog wheelchair can cost anywhere from \$250 to \$600 depending on the size and needs of the dog.)

The dog's medical bills and other needs are enormous. Harmony needs an MRI which costs around \$2000 and possibly also a CT scan to determine the cause of her paralysis. "Harmony's blood work is perfect. She has no infections. Everything came back perfect. The neurologist feels that Harmony could walk again at some level. She has complete feeling in her right hind leg and some feeling in her left hind leg. The X-rays revealed nothing broken. A MRI will tell more. It will enable them to see masses and what exactly is wrong with Harmony. Then she can have the necessary surgery required," Stefanick said. The surgery could cost up to \$5000.

Stefanick started to have fundraisers to help out Harmony by selling T-shirts and bracelets. There is a Hope for Harmony Facebook page and a Hope for Harmony Fundraiser Page. The latest fundraiser was at the Perth Amboy Ani-

mal Shelter on Saturday, April 27, 2013 during the Rabies Vaccination Clinic where Stefanick had a bake sale of both dog and people treats to raise money for Harmony's bills.

For more info on Harmony, email HopeforHarmony@comcast.net If you wish to donate money to help Harmony, mail checks made out to Dana Stefanick to Its A Dog's Life, 150 Cottrell Rd., Old Bridge, NJ 07747. Or mail checks to the Perth Amboy Animal Shelter, 597 Fayette St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Mark the check "For Harmony." Or go to www.fundrazr.com. So far over \$3000 has been raised for Harmony.

Stefanick also welcomes donations of non-slip rugs (necessary for Harmony not to fall down) and drag bags (for Harmony when she is not in her wheelchair) "A 2nd Pack 'N Play (playpen for Harmony) would be fantastic," Stefanick states.

No one knows what exactly happened to the dog or whose dog it is. Dana Stefanick states that she will offer a reward to anyone who gives a legitimate tip leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who injured and abandoned Har-



Kimberly Vazquez, Wilson Vazquez Dana Stefanick with Harmony and Dennis Stefanick at Harmony's fundraiser at the Rabies Vaccination Clinic at the Perth Amboy Animal Shelter



Harmony in her wheelchair

mony. Anyone who has any information feel free to contact the Perth Amboy Animal Shelter (732-324-3877). the NJSPCA's anonymous tip line (1-800-582-5979) or call

Police Blotter: Drug Arrest On Friday, 19 April 2013

Press Release
 PERTH AMBOY - On Friday, 19 April 2013 members of the Perth Amboy Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau arrested Guillermo Quirindongo IV, age 24 of Charles Street, Anthony Garcia, age 24 of State Street, and Rosa Miranda age 24 of Oak Street in the area of Jefferson Street and New Brunswick Avenue.

Police recovered a clear plastic sandwich bag that contained approximately (28) grams of raw marijuana inside a vehicle. After a consent search of their vehicle an additional (84) grams of marijuana were recovered.

Guillermo Quirindongo IV was charged with possession of marijuana over 50 grams, possession of over an ounce of marijuana with the intent to distribute, distribution of marijuana within 500 feet of a public park, and within 1000

feet of a school zone. Anthony Garcia was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, possession with intent to distribute marijuana within 500 feet of a public park, and within 1000 feet of a school zone.

Rosa Miranda was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams, possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, possession with intent to distribute marijuana within 500 feet of a public park, and within 1000 feet of a school zone.

Bail for all three was set by the Honorable Judge Emery Z. Toth at \$10,000.00 with no 10% option. A total of \$222.00 in cash was also recovered during the investigation. The total street value of the CDS seized is approximately \$1,200.00. P.O. Ethan Boyd led the investigation.

2013 Summer Food Program

Public Announcement - 5/7/13
 PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy's Office of Recreation, will be participating in the 2013 Summer Food Service Program from July 1, 2013 through August 30, 2013. The Summer Food Service Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Services, United States Department of Agriculture. This program provides all children 18 years of age and under with the same free meal in accordance with a menu approved by the state agency regardless of race, color, national origin, sex disability or age.

Any person who believes they have been discriminated against in any USDA related activity should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. For additional information please contact the Department of Human Services, Office of Recreation at 732-826-1690 ext. 4306 or 4303. You may also email kortiz@perthamboynj.org and rgonzalez@perthamboynj.org.

South Amboy Elks: Little Lisie Strawhon Benefit Party Sponsored by South Amboy Elks Motorcycle Club



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Motorcyle Committee, Chairperson Greg Comertato (Center)

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Hot Dog Rally

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a hot dog rally at the ZPA Banquet Hall, 281 Grace St., Perth Amboy on Friday, May 24 at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in honor of the Middlesex County Democratic Organization Candidates

Vendors Wanted

PERTH AMBOY - Vendors Wanted to sell crafts for a Zumbathon on 6/15/13. This event will take place at Blessed John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's Church, 490 State Street, Perth Amboy. For more information or to reserve a space, please email event@johnpaulsecond.com or call 732-826-1395.

Roast Beef Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Roast Beef Dinner on Friday, May 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy. On the menu is Roast Beef with Gravy, Baked Potato and Vegetables, includes Salad and Dessert. Adults \$12 pp, Kids 10 & under \$5. Call ahead for fast pick up. 732-727-7170.

By: Eddy Gonzalez
 PERTH AMBOY - What can I say? The fishing was great this week! Stripers have been running along the beaches in large numbers.

Both pier and beach anglers have been successful catching the big bass using fresh bunker and clams. Although the rain came down our locals stood fast, kept their resolve and came out on top with many beautiful catches. Fish are being caught along the coast down to Atlantic City. Boaters are reporting heavy schools of bass and at Great Kills. Schools of weakfish have been spotted and are making their way along the bay. Weakfish regulations are 1 fish at 13.'

As water temps rise cocktail blues (adolescent bluefish) are coming in letting us know that



the gators (adult bluefish) are on their way. Use steel leader and bunker chunks. Blue fish do not have a size requirement, but they do have a bag limit of 15 fish per person.

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Benefit Spaghetti Dinner For Samantha Carey

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a benefit dinner for Samantha Carey hosted by South Amboy Elks Lodge #784, 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy on Saturday, June 1. Seatings at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Advance Reservation Required. For Tickets contact Teri at 848-565-6134 or email saelks784@yahoo.com Raffles and 50/50.

Samantha is a smart, energetic, silly and beautiful 13 year old South Amboy Middle/High School 8th Grader in the National Junior Honor Society with an extremely infectious giggle and smile. Sammy played on the high school soccer and basketball teams and was also cast in the Wizard of Oz Play. On April 6 she was diagnosed with brain tumor at St. Peter's Hospital. On April 10 she underwent a craniotomy

to remove the brain tumor. She regained 75% movement of her left side. She was sent home from pediatric intensive care. Samantha experienced swelling at the operation site and accumulated a fluid buildup. Doctors drained her 3 times to no avail. She was readmitted to the hospital on April 23 for swelling on the brain.

A piece of her skull was removed and a stent was put in. She continued to receive IV antibiotics. Less than 24 hours later the swelling returned. Doctors decided to put in a subdural shunt under her missing skull on April 30 and continued with IV antibiotics. She will have long road to recovery with physical therapy and when she is ready in about 3 to 4 months she will have synthetic skull bone put back into the space they had to remove.

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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.

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 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.

Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Memorial Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy Memorial Day Parade and Celebration will be on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. Our parade is being held one week earlier to encourage participation by our citizens. Please join us as we salute our servicemen and women. Our City is as American as Apple Pie. There will be an apple pie baking contest. Enter your favorite apple pie and recipe! Judging at 1:30 p.m. For additional information on Memorial Day Activities, please contact Amy at comana@southamboynj.gov or call 732-316-8212. Parade Route: Line up at Knights of Columbus on 4th Street. Proceed down Stevens Avenue to John Street and up Broadway to City Hall. Please come out and support our veterans!

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.

Relay for Life

WOODBIDGE - Join today and be a part of a community that takes up the fight against cancer. American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Woodbridge will be June 8-9. (Date is tentative). The event will be at Alvin P. Williams Memorial Park, Sewaren Peninsula To join visit: www.relayforlife.org/WoodbridgeNJ or contact Kaitlyn at 732-951-6344 or Woodbridge.Relay@cancer.org

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Enrichment Day

SOUTH AMBOY - Take charge of your life with the everlasting strength divine assembly total enrichment day. Topics include, health, domestic violence, substance abuse, business ownership and banking. Knowledge is power - come get answers. Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 241 Second St., South Amboy. This event is free and open to the public. Vendor tables available for only \$10. For more info call 732-588-5818 or email EverlastingS@optimum.net. Sponsored by Everlasting Strength Divine Assembly.

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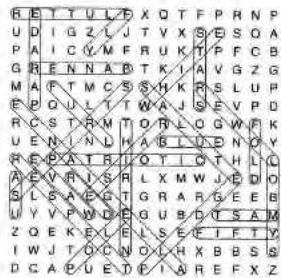
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Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays Please give us two weeks notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Memorial Day 1950's. Parade Down Smith Street.

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

Free Workshop On Gardening!

SOUTH AMBOY - Please join the Friends of the Dowdell Library in welcoming Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Middlesex County Master Gardener, Kathleen Krug. On Tuesday June 11th, 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, Ms Krug will be discussing "Common mistakes in made in vegetable gardening", and "Tips for home gardening".

Find out the answers to your gardening questions, while learning some fascinating tips and tricks of home gardening. The library is located adjacent to the South Amboy High School at 100 Hoffman Plaza off of O'Leary Blvd. South Amboy. For further information please call 732-721-6060 or e-mail southamboyfol@yahoo.com.

Dowdell Library is Looking for South Amboy Memorabilia!

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 or Friday 10 am - 5 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.

Free Concert

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge presents Vanessa Perea Friday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. FREE admission. \$5 suggested donation. First come first serve seating. For more info call 732-634-0413.

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 Vazquez, 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.

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PERTH AMBOY - Great location, minutes to Garden State Parkway, Turnpike, and Outerbridge Crossing to Staten Island. Complete updated home. All updates done in the last 5-6 yrs, including roof, nice cozy home with a lot of parking plus a detached garage for additional parking or storage. **\$205,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Surprise! Nice investment or 1st home with incoming producing unit. Everything down to the water is separated. Very well maintained property with long term tenants. A "MUST SEE!!!" **\$269,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Excellent opportunity, great location close to high school. Central A/C, lots of parking space and much more. Buyer is resp. for all repairs, smoke cert, and termite cert. Is being sold strictly in "AS IS" condition. **\$159,000**



PERTH AMBOY - New luxury unit 2 levels of glass facing Raritan Bay, 3 full baths, 2 BR's, elevator, garage free fitness center close to all major transportation and hwys. All for only \$2,000 per month. Owner pays for taxes, maint fee. Live well!!! **\$2,000/mo rent**