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Will The Housing Authority Get Their Wish Grant(ed)?

\$19 Million Grant on the Line Deadline Looming

PERTH AMBOY - Executive Director of the Housing Authority Douglas Dzema went before the City Council at the April 24, 2013 Meeting. He was showing a chart of what he hopes to be able to build on part of the vacant property that was formerly the Delaney Homes Development.

Dzema went before the Council in reference to R-172 which is a resolution referring to the proposed amendment to the FOCUS 2000 City of Perth Amboy Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board - Delaney Homes.

In 2012, there was a steering committee created which met 4 times which included the community, the Mayor's office, PARA and the Housing Authority.

"We had 3 open door public meetings that was attended by at least 80 to 85 people from the surrounding Delaney Homes area for them to contribute their input."

On the chart, Dzema referred to included affordable housing, 70 units (2 Stories Building), low income tax credit, a 60 unit senior citizen 4 Story Building, market rate townhomes with 1 car garage. The plan includes 5 acres along Covery Blvd. which will be commercial property and ratables for the City.

The City Engineer drew up the master plan which included Delaney Homes.

"Perth Amboy is eligible to receive \$19 million in funding. Funds related to Superstorm Sandy were made available to fund the financial gap in this deal. HUD (Housing for Urban Development) subsidies are being cut. Section 8 vouchers are being cut. With the Tax Credit Housing, private investors will be involved and it's government backed. Federal funds are coming into the States. The



PERTH AMBOY - Douglas G. Dzema PHM, Executive Director of the Housing Authority presents a chart of the master plan for Delaney Homes. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

State will decide who will get this money. It will be competitive. We may not get a dime. There may be a connector road and easements which the City is working on now," Dzema stated.

The Housing Authority must complete an application with the deadline of May 31, 2013.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry told Dzema, "We need ownership housing and why do we need another Senior Building? And I see no area for recreation."

Dzema replied, "There is a lot of recreation in place now." Referring to ball parks, soccer fields and Willow Pond." Dzema also reminded the Council that 252 units were taken out when some of the buildings were torn down in Delaney Homes. "Nothing can be done because these plans have to go before PARA (Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency) which has to approve all conditions of the redevelopment plans for Delaney Homes."

Dzema also pointed out that 3 of the 5 components of the plan will be ratables for the City

Council President Joel Pabon was very confused and wanted to know, "What exactly are we voting on?"

Business Administrator Greg

Fehrenbach said, "The information presented has not been around that long. Because of the tax credit incentives and deadline approaching, that is why they are asking to push this. This is dealing with the 15 acre parcel property. PARA has not authorized if the units will be rental or ownership. What we are looking at are market rate and below market rate units. "You (the Council) will introduce an ordinance if you approve of these units."

Fehrenbach continued, "The Planning Board will do a site plan review to see if it meets zoning standards for that area. PARA will look at how you voted on the ordinance."

The application submitted will be based on the existing zoning in place. The redevelopment plans and site plans are not under the Council.

The Amboy Guardian spoke to the Chairperson of the Housing Authority, Dorothy Carty-Daniel who makes clarifications on the presentation that was made at the Council Meeting.

"Of the 70 units, 29 will be for public housing; 41 units (tax credit units) will be dedicated for higher income residents. The goals are set by the New Jersey Housing Mortgage

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South Amboy Sandy Victims Still Waiting

Residents Tell Their Personal Stories



Residents at the South Amboy Flood Victim Meeting



Colleen Kenny standing in the empty lot that once held her house.

*Photos by Aaron Beers

By: Beverly Samuelson SOUTH AMBOY - The storm hit on October 29, 2012; it is now April 29, 2013, and the residents of Rosewell Street and Augusta Street in South Amboy, are still waiting for answers from Mayor Fred Henry on what is going to be done to give the homeowners in the devastated area relief.

Many residents gathered on Sunday April 28th for a neighborhood meeting, to discuss the upcoming Special Business meeting that will take place on May 1st at city hall. The residents feel they were forgotten and abandoned by the city officials and the Mayor. Resident Colleen Kenny's home was demolished because it was completely destroyed. She is still paying a mortgage and taxes on a home that no

longer exists. Colleen is a single mother and along with her children are in a FEMA apartment; everything they owned is gone.

Kimberly Kenny a resident on Rosewell Street has no foundation left on her home; the walls are gone on one side and because she was up-todate and always paid her mortgage on time, her mortgage lender Bank of America will not offer any help. She was told if her mortgage was in arrears they could help. Kimberly has lost everything and is still paying for a house she can no longer live in, because it is condemned and she is still paying South Amboy property taxes on same.

Juan Gonzalez of Augusta Street is another victim of the

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Cloud Hangs Over Board of Education



Board Member Israel Varela

PERTH AMBOY - At the Perth Amboy Board of Education Meeting on 4/25/13, Board President Mark Carvajal made the following statement: "There's a cloud hanging over this Board." He was referring to ethics charges against Board Members by Superintendent Janine Walker-Caffrey.

Carvajal continued, "We have to work together for the community."

At the beginning of the meeting, presentations were made to the Boys Varsity Wrestling Team and the Girls Varsity



Superintendent Dr. Janine Walker-Caffrey

Basketball Team.

Slide show presentations were also shown by Principal Roland Jenkins of Wilentz School and Anita Dowd Vice-Principal of the Visual & Performing Arts & Media Academy. The presentation showed the progress of their students and programs to help in their development.

It was not that long into the meeting that Superintendant Janine Walker-Caffrey started to read a statement listing ethics violation charges against Board Member Israel Varela. She had two cases against Va-



Board President Mark Carvajal

rela and a third charge against Varela made by another individual who is also employed in the Perth Amboy School System.

One of the complaints that she read against Varela is that she accused him of owning property in Perth Amboy but not being a resident of Perth Amboy. The second charge was that Caffrey accused Varela of going into schools without signing in which is required. Caffrey also brought up what she had insinuated over a year

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horrors of Hurricane Sandy. His homeowners insurance company The Philadelphia Constitution has offered no solution and has not paid on the claim. He and his family are living in a FEMA rental in Keyport.

Every story is the same, the residents are basically homeless. FEMA will pay rent while you are displaced but there is a time limit, then you are on your own. The residents have contacted Governor Christie's office and they have filed the proper paper work for relief. They were also told to go to their city officials to get information on means that are available to them through various programs. The Governor's office is working hard to get every Sandy victim back into homes where they can start to live again. During the storm and after the residents met with Councilwoman Christine Noble who worked relentlessly to help each and every resident in the area. She overextended herself and did what she could to help these residents. Unfortunately Mayor Fred Henry did not pursue the many avenues available to the residents for aid. Their calls to his office went unanswered.

Resident Andrew Horezga

asked Business Administrator Camille Tooker at a council meeting what the city is doing to help the residents and her reply to him was that she is "trying to understand what the residents are going through". Andrew stated, with that comment the meeting was closed and no one could ask more questions. This was in February and the residents have heard nothing from city hall or Mayor Fred Henry since.

The residents of the flooded area feel the City of South Amboy is not supporting any of the victims and that they are left to fend for themselves in this tragedy. Andrew stated that municipalities were to start 501C3 funds. South Amboy did start the fund and the funds are being filtered through St. Mary's Church. To date residents have not received any information on the fund, how to file a claim to the fund, or who to contact. Residents did fill out a form for funds however the Horezga family did not receive anything from the fund that the City of South Amboy handled. Andrew Horezga would like to know who made the decision on the families that would get help and what was the criteria for getting the help from the city, and who in the city decided WHO would get the help?

There have been several fund raisers that donated to the victims and they are all extremely

grateful for the residents, the First Aid, the Fire Companies, the Police Department, and all the organizations that have helped them. The question the residents still have is "Why did the mayor and city administration abandon us during and after this catastrophic event?"

Mary Horezga said, "The Mayor and City Administration left us without hope and dignity. We are all taxpayers and deserve an answer from our elected officials." We just want to know where did all the funds go?" Where can we get help? Why are we being left in the dark and forgotten?

Hopefully at the Special Meeting on May 1st at city hall these victims will get answers to many troubling questions. The horror and devastation that they were all subjected to is unfathomable. To watch everything you own destroyed in a huge wave of water and there is nothing you can do to stop it.

Rosewell and lower Augusta Street look like a ghost town at night. There are no lights or people around. It truly gives you an eerie feeling. Let's hope these neighbors get relief soon and get their lives back to normal. In five months it will be a year since the great storm hit. For most, the only interruption they had was no electric for ten days, for these fellow South Amboyans it was their worst nightmare.

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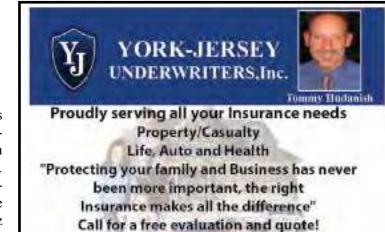
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Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTHAMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be meeting on Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. The speaker will be Elaine Kubacz President of Friends of Sayreville Public Library. The topic is "A Discussion of the Role of Friends of the Library." Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-293-1090.

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.



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Don't Be Offended

They Are Listening (At Least Some Are)

Every so often at a Perth Amboy Council Meeting, someone will come up to the podium and address the Business Administrator, Greg Fehrenbach. Mr. Fehrenbach sometimes will have his head down while the person is talking to him. Sometimes the person talking to Mr. Fehrenbach will reprimand him by telling him that he is "rude" because he is not looking at them while they are addressing him.

At a recent meeting a resident at the podium said this to Mr. Fehrenbach.

I have been at many Council Meetings and I have observed Mr. Fehrenbach with his head down when someone is addressing him. What they don't realize is Mr. Fehrenbach is not being rude; he is doing what he should be doing which is writing down what the person is saying.

Often they may be questioning the B.A. about something that he may not be able to answer that particular evening.

Mr. Fehrenbach may need to research the questions so he can give them an answer the next time they appear at a meeting.

At a meeting someone may come up to me while someone is speaking at the meeting and I'm trying to write down what is being said. It breaks my concentration.

I also have to agree with Council President Joel Pabon. Sometimes a resident will address a question to Mr. Pabon. Mr. Fehrenbach will answer that question and the person who posed the question might say, "I am addressing the Council President." At this particular meeting when that happened, Mr. Pabon said, "I was surprised that someone complained about Mr. Fehrenbach answering questions. That's what Mr. Fehrenbach and Mr. Blunda (City Attorney) are paid for. They have more knowledge than we.

They can answer the questions instead of us stuttering trying to give an answer. The seniors love him (Fehrenbach)."

It's also very important to be aware of what you say after the cameras stop rolling. I witnessed a very ugly scene after the Perth Amboy Board of Education Meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2013.

An authority figure in the School System was approached by a student after the meeting. That authority figure told the student to get away from them and said, "I don't want to talk to you."

I was appalled. If there was something that a student said that you thought was incorrect or misleading during the meeting, there is a different way to let them know your displeasure. The authority figure could have addressed the issue after the student made remarks during the public portion. Instead they chose to act more like a child having a temper tantrum instead of an adult.

I have disagreements with my staff. I remember one time when someone from my staff made me very upset when we were out in public. I was very aware of our surroundings and although I was steaming at that point, let them have it behind closed doors. The difference is we are all adults. A student should be addressed as a student. It takes respect to get respect and you as an adult should be an example.

There is such a thing called decorum and in that situation after the Board of Education Meeting there was a lack of that on the person is an authority figure's behalf.

In case that authority figure needs to know what decorum means. Here is the definition: dignity or good taste that is appropriate to a specific occasion.

Whenever I have had to show displeasure with some-

thing that my staff had done I'd let that person give an explanation why they acted in a specific way. At the end, when we air out what is bothering us, we'd come to an understanding.

Remember: just because the camera stopped rolling doesn't mean that eyes and ears stopped seeing and hearing. The eyes and ears that see and hear this behavior may be someone that may cause you to lose your job.

C.M.

Beach Clean Up

PERTH AMBOY - Beach Clean Up at the End of Second Street, Perth Amboy on Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. from Perth Amboy end of Second Street at the Beach. In partnership with the Dept. of Public Works and Dept. of Recreation, the Raritan Bay Paddlers Club will hold a cleanup of the End of Second Street Beach and boat launch area. There will be a dumpster, tools, extra staff to help remove branches/dead saplings, haul it all away, etc. Wear gloves, bring your own water and lunch. Volunteers are welcome for any part of this event. We will provide more club updates at the clean up, such as the possibility of a paddling safety class in June and more. RSVP suggested to tracyjord@gmail.com Please share this event. Thank you

Rallies for Civil Service

NEW BRUNSWICK - CWA will be conducting several lunchtime (noon) rallies on Wednesday, May 1, protesting the Civil Service Broad Banding proposal. The Middlesex County Rally will be held in the employees parking lot at the Middlesex County Board of Social Services. The address is 181 How Ln in New Brunswick. We encourage all Union Members attendance especially Public Sector Civil Service Unions. I hope to see your fine publication there. Check out our CWA Local 1082 Facebook Page for more information.

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Well look at this - one of the Boston bombers was getting WELFARE! But he died. I guess the buck stops here. Now how did he get welfare? And his wife worked, too. Didn't, they check this? Like a background check on his Social Security number? But wait - maybe someone from the higher ups made a phone call. We know the FEDS were watching him or maybe he was working for them and he got

something in return? Here's something odd - how many terrorists were on the payroll from Government Agency's to help then bomb this and that. It's like drug dealers - they get pay to RAT OUT then still sell drugs. I guess crime does pay, but you take the risk on who you work for. Yes, only in America can a terrorist do just about anything and get paid with U.S. dollars and leave the country on taxpayers' expense.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Honoring Robert Carter

Now that the weather is seasonably mild. I was enthusiastic about gathering my tennis gear and heading down to Perth Amboy's Tennis Courts. There I would "hit" some balls with my other tennis compatricts

After several minutes of volleying balls a "low" came over me; a familiar sight was not to be seen: that familiar sight was Robert Carter, known to some as "Bobby', Mr. Carter, BC, etc. With saddened eyes and a heavy heart I paused to pay tribute to him. I raised my tennis racquet in his honor, then returned to volleying balls.

There are many residents, former residents and nonresidents; the once young and now old; the very young and hopefully will grow old that can attest to his passion to teach you how to play tennis. The additional payoff was that you also gained friendship with him.

Those of us who learned how to play later in life learned to play competitively and extremely grateful for the opportunity to have him in our corner both on and off the court. Robert Carter was more than just a tennis instructor, he was an avid listener and would try and assist or direct you to a resource for resolution of matters of a personal nature.



Robert Carter

He was a winner among the youth as they loved him to no end, even when he was critical of their lackadaisical performance in practice and match play. Robert Carter's tennis programs was the farm system for students going on to play at the high school and college levels. If it were not for his efforts along with his assistant, Mingo, the high school tennis program would not have the player development necessary to be competitive.

In closing, I would like all of you who knew Robert Carter to support me in my effort to ask the mayor and city council to dedicate a tennis court in his name to commemorate his contributions over thirty years on behalf of the City Of Perth Amboy to its residents.

Rodger Carey Sr.

Housing Authority

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and Finance Association. If the grant is approved, the \$19 million would be to pay for development and construction and to jump-start the entire development of the Delaney Homes property. This includes infrastructure, roadways, utilities, landscaping, etc. We can demolish 3 more of the buildings that are standing and it will allow us to remove the underground utilities of those 3 buildings. We would look for developers to sell off the front portion for commercial and market rate homes for sale creating ratable's. Then you can build the 60 unit Senior Building. The Housing Authority would make a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to the City on behalf of the residents of the 70 initial units."

The Guardian contacted the Housing Authority for clarification on the presentation at the 4/24/13 Council Meeting.



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Board of Education

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ago where she said that Varela tried to get his friends hired in the school system.

It was when Varela questioned at a Board Meeting why a new hiree was given a job over a long term employee who had applied for that same position.

Varela countered with a statement that he has been in Perth Amboy a very long time and he knows a lot of residents and they know him. Varela admitted that he has a son who is attending school in Hunterdon County and that son resides with his grandmother. "I sent my son to a school that I thought would give him the best education. As far as my going into a school without signing in, I have been going to the Richardson School where my wife works since I met her 25 years ago. I work a block away from that school and I drop off lunch to her and sometimes teachers will stop me in the hallway to talk. Sometimes I may drop off desserts to the kids and teachers. I will no longer do this. I will continue to do what I believe is right and will continue to speak up," Varela said.

Varela also mentioned Joel Rose, who is one of the founders of the Teach To One Program. Caffrey worked in the same school in New York where Rose also was employed.

Caffrey's response was, "Just because we worked in the same school does not mean I knew personally. I guess your information from Jersey Jazzaman."

Board Member Maria Garcia said, "How can you determine if someone is qualified for a position just based on their longevity?" (Referring to Varela's statement about longevity being a factor in placing someone in a position) She also questioned Varela why he sent his son to a public school in Hunterdon County. After Garcia made her statement, the Board Attorney said, "Due to litigation on the ethics charges, this discussion should stop."

Another hot topic at the BOE meeting had to do with the bylaws pertaining to public participation in Board Meetings. Those in attendance and some Board Members showed their displeasure with the new rules.

Rule #1 was a sticking point which stated: All persons wishing to participate in a public Board Meeting should register their intent with the Board Secretary in advance of the Meeting.

Resident Mel Knight questioned the sign-in sheet and the need to know what we want to talk about. She also asked about the Chief Literacy Officer's responsibilities. She said that on the agenda it says that "This Officer will be teaching the community also, even though the students are not doing that well." Knight also wanted to know what happened to the person that used to sit with the Board Members.

AFT President Donna Chiera said, "How can you put down what you want to talk about. Many times we will respond to what is said during the meetings."

Board Vice President Kenneth Puccio said, "Why put a restriction on the public? This is an open government. Why sign in? I don't think we need a sign in policy."

Fellow Board Member William Ortiz agreed with Puccio, "We also should not put a time limit on the speakers."

Board Member Anton Massopust said, "There is such a thing as freedom of speech." After he made this statement the audience applauded.

A handicapped student came to the podium to speak about what she felt was discrimination against her. She is a student at Perth Amboy High School and she relayed incidents where she was denied using the staff handicapped bathroom. She also relayed an incident when she was sick for a couple of days and was still required to take a test. She proudly stated, "I passed the test." She quoted part of a 1975 law that stated: handicapped students should be in the same classroom as regular students. She continued, "My family is constantly being called to come to school because of my condition. You have not been able to accommodate me. If I keep my grades up, I will be getting a \$53,000 scholarship which would allow me to only have to pay \$4000 for my education. I don't deserve to be put in the library instead of with my peers."

At that point Board Member Anton Massopust wanted to ask the student some questions. Board Secretary Derek Jess and Board President Mark Carvajal said that he could not at this point.

Massopust said, "Then why have people ask questions?"

Board Member Maria Garcia said, "Perhaps we need to revise and update policies (There may be need to form a committee for this. We should be flexible.)"

An agenda item that upset any teachers and AFT President Donna Chiera had to do with revised job descriptions. This item was tabled by the Board Members to the next Board Meeting.

The agenda for this meeting was not posted in a timely manner according to some of the teachers. There was not enough time to review the revised job descriptions. The jobs affected were as follows: Bilingual Teachers in the Elementary, Middle and High Schools as well as the ESL teachers in the same categories, Special Education Teachers in the Pre-K, Elementary, Middle and High Schools.





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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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

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, 6pm 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.

Garden Club Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Royal Garden Club May Meeting will be on Wed. May 1 at 7:30 p.m. (always same time, same location, first Wednesday of each month) at St. Peter's Rector House,188 Rector St., Perth Amboy. We are getting geared up for our big planting of all gardens - come join us. No experience needed. Questions email asilmo08861@hotmail.com.

Wellness Through Tai Chi/Qigong

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.

David's Touch Fundraiser

UNION - Join us for our first ever 60-mile bike run! You don't have to be a rider to enjoy this fun-filled day! The Garden State Ryderz and iRide United Riding Club of New Jersey have chosen us, "David's Touch" to be their beneficiary of a 60-mile bike ride and after party event taking place this July! Registration is \$10 with your toy donation (toys should be new, unwrapped and in their original packing) or \$20 without. The event will take place at Indian Motorcycle Dealership on Route 22 in Union on Saturday, July 13th. Registration is from 9 a.m. -11:30 a.m.; with the ride taking off promptly at noon. The 60-mile scenic ride will make a brief stop at the historic Watchung Reservation and The Great Swamp for photos; returning to the dealership for the festivities which will include food, drinks, special giveaways, raffles, a variety of vendors and music provided by a DJ.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY





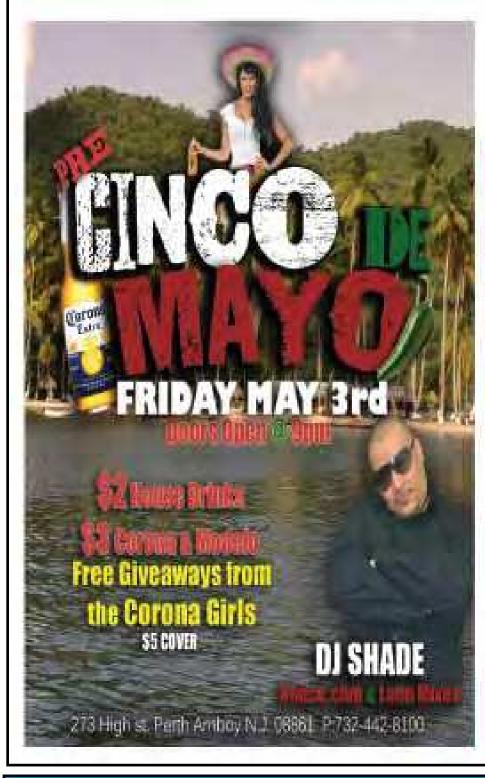
Ladies Need a Night Out? SOUTH AMBOY - The South

Amboy YMCA will be hosting a Ladies Night Out on Saturday, May 18 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Attention crafters: do you like to knit or crochet? Or perhaps scrapbooking or beading is your thing! If so bring your needles or hooks and yard, beads and thread, or photos and scrappy supplies, and join us for an uninterrupted night of crafting. There will be mini demonstrations of all sorts from how to make a simple crocheted flower and felt pin to beading a simple spiral bracelet. There will also be chocolate and an ice cream sundae bar!

Bring a friend, tell your neighbor, and come have a little fun! Everyone is welcome. The event is \$30 per person, or \$100 for a table of four. To sign up or to learn more about Ladies Night Out, contact the Y's Welcome Desk at 732-553-9622 or visit www. ymcaofmewsa.org.









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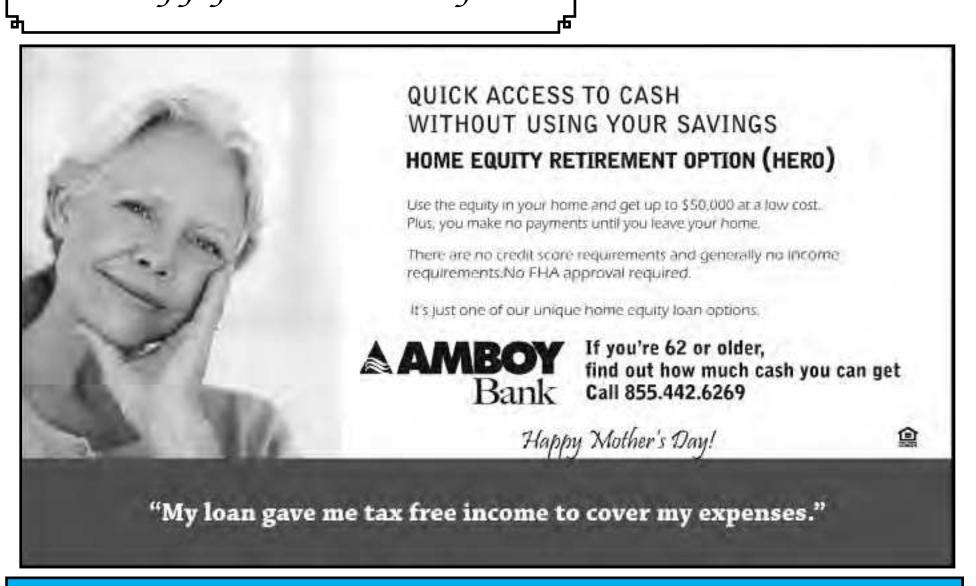
Take Mom to the Movies

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart School presents "Take Mom to the Movies" Night, Friday, May 10th. In honor of Mother's Day, join us in watching a movie with your Mom on a super duper outdoor screen at Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot, Washington Ave., South Amboy. Escort your Mom down the red carpet. Mom and Grandma get in Free! Seating and ticket sales being at 6:30 pm. Seating on first come, first served basis. \$10 per adult and \$5 per child (Admission includes 1 free order of popcorn per ticket). Cash, Checks, Debit and Credit Cards accepted. Walk-Ins welcome but reservations are strongly encouraged. For more information and to reserve your spot, contact Eileen Pabon at 914-255-0231 or via email at ekpabon@aol.com.



Ana Maria Zevallos/Skrocki





Student Receives Trophy from Bearcat Baseball *Photo Courtesy of Our Lady of Peace School



FORDS - At Our Lady of Peace School in Fords, 2nd Grader Sebastian Pridady is proudly holding the trophy he just received from Bearcat Basketball. He is also holding some of his artwork with help from his classmate Paul Di Carlo.

Sacred Heart South Amboy Reunion



Robin Bogush Family
*Photos by Aaron Beers



Class members in 1942



Class members today

FLOWERS

Nature's work of Art Abundant but they are taken for granted Mother Nature's masterpiece I always take time to contemplate their beauty Flowers bring back tender memories of my Mother She taught me love and to respect nature Always taking care of her garden I remember the exotic fragrance of her highly praised gardenias She always wore a big ridiculous hat while attending her precious garden I have memories of her chasing goats out of her garden (vice a versa) Not wanting them to feast on her beloved flowers When I see a lovely cluster of flowers In my "minds eyes" they transform themselves into the lovely image of my dearly departed Mother

> Dioris Luis Arlequin Copyrighted © 2011

By: Beverly Samuelson SOUTH AMBOY - Sunday April 28th was a great day for the very first Kindergarten Class at Sacred Heart School in South Amboy. The class of 1942 had a special reunion event. The festivities began with Mass at Sacred Heart Church then onto a great luncheon with many from the class in attendance. The room was full of chatter from the alumni and the many family members that attended the reunion.

A special dedication was given to class member Robin Bogush who graduated Sacred Heart School and after college came back to teach for 14 years. Her sudden death was a shock to all. She is remembered as a loving person, with a great smile, who would do anything for people who needed help. Many of her family members were in attendance at the reunion.

Several class members made speeches and reminisced about their school days and the fun events that took place at Sacred Heart. How the lessons they learned carried them through life and the values they passed onto their children. Many days were rough and they thought they would never make it through to 8th grade graduation.

As they look back on what they learned they know that the education they received, the moral and family values they were taught were priceless. Sacred Heart School is still teaching children today and mentoring them into being successful adults with good moral and ethical values.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF "42"!

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







Earth Day at the Perth Amboy YMCA *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Planting flowers for Earth Day



Planting flowers

Healthy Kids Day at the Perth Amboy YMCA - 4/27/13 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Face painting



Games to play



Crafts for the kids



Bus full of fun

Kids Swim Meet at the Perth Amboy YMCA - 4/27/13

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Getting ready to swim



Preparing for the meet

FORDS - Students in Prek-4 get to see a tarantula up close as Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades wait their turn. Mr. Jim Haklar, an alumni of OLP, whose son Timothy is in 2nd grade there, presented an Earth Day lesson to the children complete with the importance of spiders and bugs!

Tax Facts

Five Financial Tips For Singles Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka Financial advice for married couples abounds, but you may be hard-pressed to find comparable information if you're single. Keeping your status in mind, here are five practical suggestions.

- 1. Work out a budget. Spending more than you earn can lead to financial disaster. Before you can figure out how to cut back, assess your overall situation. Then make the necessary adjustments. Stay within the budget boundaries, but also give yourself reasonable leeway.
- 2. Maintain health insurance coverage. When you're young and single, you might think you're invincible, but a lengthy hospital stay could quickly erase your savings. It's important to remain insured even if it's limited to catastrophic coverage. If you're changing jobs, you might continue coverage from an ex-employer's plan under COBRA.
- 3. Look into DI insurance. Similarly, you might opt for a disability income (DI) insurance policy for added protection in the event of a severe illness or accident, especially if you're paying off a mortgage or have a high monthly rent obligation. Because you don't have another salary to fall back on, you're at greater risk than most married individuals. 4. Start saving for retirement now. Once you're working full-time, begin to salt away money in a qualified retirement plan, or an IRA, or both. Take advantage of employersponsored plans like a 401(k), especially if the company offers matching contributions. Avoid a common mistake of singles: If you switch jobs, roll over plan assets to another plan or IRA instead of cashing in the funds.
- 5. Create a will. Wills aren't just for married couples. A will allows you to designate beneficiaries for specific bequests. If you have any young children, you can appoint a guardian in the will. Finally, the will may coordinate other aspects of your estate plan.

BAIT SHOP REPORT

By: Eddie Gonzalez

PERTH AMBOY - What a week of fishing! Stripers are in and the fishing action has definitely spiked. A mixed bag of shorts and keepers were reported from the local fisherman on the piers and sand. Many keepers this week in the 30" to 36" range have been caught on clams which have been the bait of choice followed by sandworms and bun-

Bunker have been starting to show up in the Bays and Kill in small schools as the water temps rise they'll be larger schools passing through. Fisherman have been reporting a lot of action on the outgoing tide. With all the action people have forgotten one of the best tasting fish in these waters "the winter flounder." Party boats for years have anchored by the train bridge (sorry about the spot burn) and have not really pursued them as the limit became 2 fish at 12". It's a good spot either off the sand or on boat

I recommend snell, a circle hook for bass tie a drop loop about 20" and rig it with a flounder hook bait up and let it go. Reports of blue fish following the bunker have been spotted down in South Jersey making their way up this way normally mid May is when

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Cardiac Club

AMBOY...Raritan Bay Medical Center's Cardiac Club will meet Monday, May 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Cardiac Club meetings are held in the hospital's Centennial Hall and explore heart conditions and healthy living. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 732-324-5178.

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they start getting heavy it depends on water temps or as late as the 2nd week in June.

This week I had a guest walk in and tell me a story he said "I don't mind telling people where I fish. I enjoy the fact that someone is going to have a great chance to catch fish and the joy it will bring them. It is a great feeling. The next week comes around and I go to my favorite spot and what do I see? I was infuriated, not at the fact that there were many people there, but at the amount of trash scattered everywhere. The amount of garbage was so disgusting, I put my rods back in my car and......Here is where you try to guess the story ended.....

A: then drove off

B: he got a big garbage bag and cleaned up

What would you have done? Well, the story ends with B

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and the inspiring part is that those who were there saw this and helped with the clean up. The moral of the story? None of us would like to find our favorite spot full of trash. We all must take responsibility for ourselves and clean up. We need to do our part even if it's not your trash. It's your sport.

Tasty fish By Eddy Striped bass on the grill **Eddy style**

- 1. Combine olive oil, lime juice, lime zest, cilantro and garlic in a large shallow bowl. 2. Add salt and pepper to taste 3. With the tip of a fillet knife, make three diagonal slits through the skin of each filet.
- 4. Place the fish in the mari-

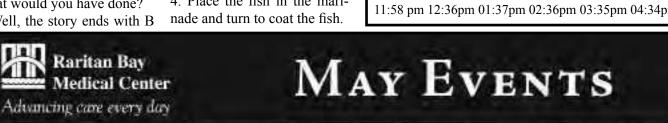


- 5. Cover and refrigerate at least one hour.
- 6. Light a charcoal grill or turn a gas grill to medium high if using charcoal use indirect heat it's better.
- 7. Place the bass on the grill



and cook for about 8 minutes on each side, or until the fish flakes easy pour a little melted butter a squirt of lemon juice and serve. Very nice with a side of bacon rapped scallops

High Tides For Week Ending 5/5/13 Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 11:35 am 12:00 am 12:58 am 01:57 am 02:56am 03:55am 04:55am 11:58 pm 12:36pm 01:37pm 02:36pm 03:35pm 04:34pm 05:31pm



Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me? Monday, May 13 - 7 to 8 p.m.

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Wednesday, May 22 - 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.

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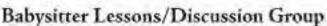
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Sunday, May 19 - 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Division of Integrative Medicine

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Thursday, May 23 - 4 to 5 p.m. Raritan Bay Area Y, Perth Amboy Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

One-Day Childbirth Education Class

Facilitated by a nurse trained in labor, delivery and childcare. Cost is \$125 per couple. Saturday, May 25 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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



Visit rbmc.org/events for a complete schedule of events.



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Knitting CircleSOUTH AMBOY - There will

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-72 1-6060.

Music on Main Street

WOODBRIDGE - The Smithereens perform the music of The Beatles on Thursday May 2 at Woodbridge Middle School, 525 Barron Ave, Woodbridge. \$30 advance, \$35 at door. For tickets call 732-596-4048.

Little Lisie Strawhand Benefit Party

Benefit PartySOUTH 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.

New Website

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House is pleased to announce its new and improved website: www.The-ProprietaryHouse.org

This revised site includes new graphics, expanded history pages, upcoming events, and easy-to-use online forms for scheduling tours and rentals. We also have a new email address, info@theproprietary-house.org. We'll be adding and tweaking it in future, so please check back frequently. Please update your email address book and be sure to bookmark our new site and share it with your friends!

Total 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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Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

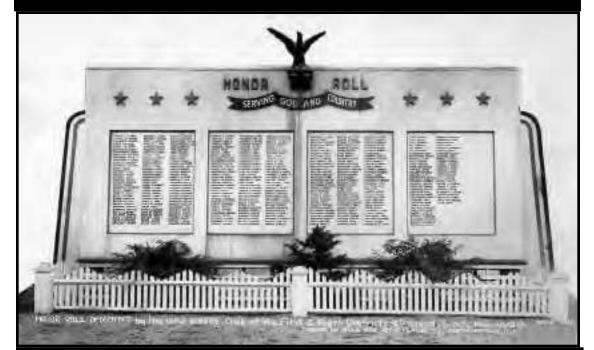
Spring Flower Fair at Rutgers Gardens

NEW BRUNSWICK - The Annual Spring Flower Fair will be at Rutgers Gardens on Friday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sales are open to the general public. Rutgers Gardens School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is located at 112 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick. For more info call 732-932-8451.

Civil War Round Table

WOODBRIDGE - The next meeting of The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will be held at The Woodbridge Library on May 6th at 7:00 p.m. John Quarstein is the guest speaker and his topic will be "Fort Fisher." As our country is celebrating the 150th anniversary of The American Civil War come to our meetings, learn about the war and celebrate with us. And at our meetings if you are not a paid member please consider becoming one. Help us keep history alive. Thank you for your continued support.

LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Honor Roll dedicated by War Service Club of First & Eighth Districts, Sixth Ward, Sunday, November 14, 1943. Corner of Hall Avenue and Cortlandt Street.

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. May 1

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. May 2 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. May 6 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St. TUES. May 7 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,
 Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. May 8 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. May 9 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

MON. May. 6 St. Mary's Seniors, noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave. WED. May 8 South Amboy Seniors, noon,

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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

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

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.**

Prayer of Consecration of the Immaculate **Heart of Mary**

O most pure heart of Mary, full of goodness, show your love towards us. Let the flame of your heart O Mary descend on all people. We love you immensely. Impress on our hearts true love so that we long for you. O Mary, gentle and humble of heart, remember us when we sin. You know all people sin. Grant that through your most pure and motherly heart we may be healed from every spiritual sickness. The goodness of your motherly heart and that through the flame of your heart we may be converted. Amen. A.O.

Free Concert

WOODBRIDGE - 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.

Edison AARP Chapter 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446. Trips: May 22 -Resorts Casino, Atlantic City. For information call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. Sept 24-27 -Cape Cod Package with whale watching. For information call Bob at 732-885-1789. For information on the Knitting and Crocheting Club call Kay at 732-548-1976. Canned food for M.C.F.O.O.D. and misc. items for nursing homes & hospitals will be collected at the meeting. For additional information visit our website: www.edisonaarp.org

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

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

(3 times). **P.M.**

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