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Code Enforcement Director Scala Gives Overview of Activities



Ed Scala
Director
Code Enforcement



Councilman
Fernando Irizarry

PERTH AMBOY - At the 4/22/13 Caucus Meeting Director of Code Enforcement Ed Scala said, "There are 300 line items pertaining to enforcement and action on the City Budget for Code Enforcement. These items pertain to Building, Zoning, Fire Prevention and Housing. We also work with the City Engineer, Ernest Feist. We are currently looking for one vacant position for an Inspector. There are five Inspectors, some are full time; some are part time. The area that we must cover includes 10,000 properties in a town of 50,000 residents. When we issue notices in the field none are left on the property or in mail slots. If a citizen complains about a property, they usually call anonymously. Sometimes they may call someone at the Mayor's Office or even Council Members. Because of the economy and of the City being in an urban area, illegal housing is very prevalent. Sometimes we may get complaints from the Fire and Police Departments. We are trying our best to take care of all of this."

Scala continued, "When there is a citywide issue, our entire staff will go out starting around 6 a.m. These could be

hazardous and non-hazardous complaints. We also conduct yearly and quarterly inspections depending on the number of occupants. On the issue of property maintenance and housing: there is a review and an inspection and if there is a complaint that is valid, we may issue a summons to the owner."

Scala continued, "If there is a violation, they are given a notice, then a summons is issued. There are \$100 to \$150 fines for garbage violations, overcrowding and more serious offenses."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry was concerned about a memorial at the intersection of Penn and Washington Street that no one is paying attention to. He also said, "At 284 Washington St. there was way too much litter."

Irizarry had complained about the same property at previous Council Meetings."

Scala told Irizarry that he had not personally gone to that site to see the litter in question.

Ed Scala also talked about building permits. "Our Department will come right away to do inspections. If the property fails an inspection, we let them know what had to be correct-

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Flood Victims Face South Amboy Council

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - On January 2, 2013, U.S. Senator Chris Smith reported that 346,000 homes in New Jersey were damaged by Hurricane Sandy, with 22,000 of them being declared uninhabitable.

Residents have been displaced, families have been separated, and lives have been lost over the course of the past six months, and many cities and towns in New Jersey continue the struggle of getting life back to normal.

A number of affected South Amboy residents turned out to last week's business meeting to express their frustration with the city. Andrew Horezga, who has been the most vocal resident since the storm hit last fall, spoke from the heart for nearly an hour about what the city looked like after Sandy hit and the lack of effort made by city officials.

"The morning after the storm brought shock and dismay as we awoke to an apocalyptic environment which resembled a movie set," Horezga began. "Our streets were covered in storm debris, homes had foundations washed away, personal possessions were scattered around our neighborhood like a bomb blast, and everything was covered in raw sewage."

Horezga noted the appearances of Mayor Henry and Councilwoman Noble during the tough times, but explained the anxiety of local residents who still haven't been helped has gone up and they continue to struggle even today. He acknowledged that South Amboy was blessed compared to other cities but more needs to be done to help those suffering.

"South Amboy was blessed in that we lost no life or had no serious injuries, but we have missed so many opportunities to shine as a city in



South Amboy Residents Andrew Horezga and Colleen Kenny speak at the City Council Meeting 5/1/13 *Photos by Joseph L. Kuchie

the recovery of this disaster," Horezga said. "I have met with mayors, business administrators, and councilmen from our neighboring towns and I was amazed to see what was being done and saddened to see South Amboy was missing the mark on so many levels."

Neighboring towns like Perth Amboy, Sayreville, and Woodbridge have all held meetings to hear from storm victims, created programs to help local families recover from losing their homes, and developed a task force made up of residents to help rebuild.

Horezga was concerned about the lack of communication between the city of South Amboy and its residents. He discussed one of the only updates from city officials that came on April 10th, which in his mind was nothing more than a blog post taken from a letter from the Mayor.

"That blog post was nothing more than a 255 word summary rehash of the Mayor's letter to the city with an attached sentence at the end to flood victims," Horezga explained. "It's not the size of the letter that is pathetic, it's the reality of the situation."

"In our eyes, you have done very little. It's insulting to try and say otherwise, and I hope you can see how delusional you are at the moment," he

continued. "It is embarrassing to show up in other towns and answer the question 'why are you here?' like the kids of delinquent parents who parlay their responsibilities on someone else or dump them in latchkey."

Horezga told stories of local residents helping their neighbors after the storm by providing food, supplies, and shelter while the city government did nothing. He spoke about a local Krausers employee who offered a customer a lease-free place to live until he was back on his feet.

"It is disgustingly beautiful how the man from Krausers who sells paper towels and coffeecakes has shown a better capacity for response than our officials, whose job it is."

Toward the end of his remarks, Horezga proposed a three-step process for the city to use to help flood victims get through this tough time. It included establishing a hurricane recovery team made of residents, refunding any permit fees charged to residents during the rebuilding phase, and invite people from mental healthy facilities to help prevent suicide amongst those who lost their homes.

Mayor Henry directly ad-

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The Models wear ensembles designed by Manuel Palferez



Evelyn Cundari



Mayor Wilda Diaz



Tom Griffin of Fajji’s Ice Cream



Weddings & Events



Zhong Zheng of Amboy Asian Cafe

Scala

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ed. Once the corrections are done, it is up to the people who owned the property to call our office and set up an appointment to do a re-inspection. We schedule the re-inspection for 2 or 3 business days after the call is made. There are different levels of Inspectors, each level having different qualifications.”

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton asked, “What is a building permit issued for?”

Scala answered that it would be issued for only certain kinds of work. “For instance, renovations. We have to make sure that any renovations being made fit the requirements for that zoned area.”

Scala continued, “Our Plumbers check hot water temperature to make sure they meet our standards. We only do testing of hot water. They witness the Contractor doing the testing on the sewer, waste lines, gas lines, etc. The State has registered contractors. The City only has a registration procedure but I meet with all contractors (that have or may be dealing with the City).”

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, “There is so many complaints, it is hard to keep track of them. There was an updated list given to Inspectors in early April with the status of violations. We will try to update that list every 2 to 3 weeks.”

Councilman Ken Gonzalez said that he met with a local business owner on Smith Street who had received a summons from Code Enforcement. “This summons was about a blinking sign and a rented out counter space at their establishment. This business owner said that other stores had similar violations and thought that she had been targeted and there was a complaint specifically against her. She said that enforcement officers should take action against other violators, also.”

Scala said, “She never had approval from us to sublet and other businesses may have gotten a summons, too.”

Gonzalez also wanted to know the minimum fines for housing violations.

Scala replied, “I don’t know. You will have to ask the courts.”

City Attorney Mark Blunda said, “The Council can set fines.”



Councilman
Kenneth Gonzalez

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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.ymcaofmews.org.

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South Amboy: The 6th Person on the Council



South Amboy Resident
Andrew Horezga



PERTH AMBOY - Group photo of the Waterfront Recovery and Redevelopment Advisory Committee. Some of the Committee Members spoke on the future of Perth Amboy's Waterfront. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

I know that the title is puzzling. In Perth Amboy, we have certain residents who attend most or all of the Council and Board of Education Meetings. The most famous resident would be Alan Silber. In the past, it he would be joined by the late Richard Piatkowski. Other residents who are frequent attendees include Stanley Sierakowski, Reinaldo Aviles and in the past Orlando Perez and Peter Book. No matter what your opinion about these individuals, whenever they come up to speak, they rarely come up empty handed.

Even Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach mentioned that whatever these individuals may speak about, he always takes what they say seriously.

At the last South Amboy City Council Business Meeting on May 1, 2013 I was told by my reporter that it was an excellent meeting.

Superstorm Sandy and its aftermath brought out a large crowd. Two individuals talked in great length about the tough times they were still experiencing. They took the Council to task.

I heard that one resident, Andrew Horezga spoke for about one hour. I first met Andrew when he came to a Perth Amboy Council Meeting in late

April. Andrew said that he was impressed in the way the City came together to start rebuilding the Waterfront.

The Perth Amboy Council told Andrew Horezga that he may want to stick around because there was going to be a presentation by the Waterfront Recovery and Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

I had a conversation with someone from Perth Amboy who is familiar with Horezga and he said that he was "Very impressed by Andrew."

The South Amboy Meeting was also televised by a well known TV station that is viewed throughout New Jersey.

This may be a stepping stone for some of the South Amboy residents to test the waters in the political arena. Perhaps some of the residents in South Amboy may consider running in the next election. You have to start somewhere. You can even start a Citizen's Action Group.

There are many websites that are available to you. One of them would be: The Citizen's Campaign Group which teaches regular citizens how to go about enacting or changing City Ordinances.

Unfortunately it took a disaster such as Hurricane Sandy to bring out such a large attendance at a Council Meeting.

I heard that some of the residents even before this meeting praised certain members of the Council and the Police, Fire department, EMT's and local Churches for their diligence during and after the storm.

Keep your eye on the individuals who spoke out during this meeting. They may be your next Council Members and/or Mayor.

To those South Amboy residents past and present who spoke out, I say, "Don't ever be afraid to speak up." The individuals that I spoke about in Perth Amboy never do.

Some of the residents from South Amboy who always questioned the Council were: Vince Mackiel, Mary Bouchard, Eileen Ryan, Nancy McLaughlin and Saverio Saggiocco, Lori Papernick, Mary O'Connor, Tom Kross and Tanya Anderson. These are just a few that come into mind.

Speaking of Eileen Ryan, I remember at one South Amboy Council Meeting when she stepped forward to hand a report to the Business Administrator. All was said was one of the Councilmen shout out to her, "Step back!" It took her and those in attendance by surprise as if Eileen is going to attack them. She retreated back to her seat. It was a very comical moment. Trust me, Eileen was not about to inflict any bodily harm. She is one of the most likable, charming and very intelligent persons you will ever meet.

Just like the Perth Amboy residents I spoke about earlier, the South Amboy residents I just mentioned rarely came up to the podium empty handed. You should always listen to every word that these residents say. You may need them more than they need you.

C.M.

House
Cleaning Time

I see it's house cleaning time in town by all those drug bust in town I guess the police dept has its hands full. I always said Perth Amboy could use some cleaning. Now they can start cleaning the streets more often with all those papers flying around. And those people who live on Smith Street and

the store owners stop using those trash cans that are out on the street by stop putting their trash in it. Also those drivers parking in front of the bus stops it's TICKET time. And we know the waterfront will be fixed but that's for the 2016 Mayor's election. Now who wants to be the next Mayor of Camden OOPS I mean Perth Amboy N.J.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Let's Stay
on the Same
Page

Did you ever hear the saying: "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."?

How about my saying! "When in the United States, speak the same language as Americans do." I am not talking about people visiting, vacationing or tourists from other countries. I'm talking about people living in our country. Some work and I don't know what the others do.

If I decide to live in France, Germany or some other nation; I should be able to express myself and feelings in this nation. I should be able to communicate with them. This is called speech my friends. I should be able to combine vocal sounds, words, thoughts and feelings so that these people understand me.

Some may not agree with

me, but I cannot put up with or tolerate people that come live in the U.S.A. and cannot speak English. I have one last gripe and this really galls me. Did you ever go to some business, like a fast food chain. They speak some English, but among themselves speak some other language. They might even have come to the land of gravy and own the business. Guess they need a translator in that case.

Most of us were educated and learned the English language in the Elementary and Secondary Schools. We also have Foreign Language Labs. Newcomers to our country cannot only learn English but American ways and practices at these Labs.

Yes, my friends, God planted me in the Greatest Nation in the world so my address will always be the United States of America.

Thomas Francis Clark

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dressed Horezga after he was done speaking and showed promise that the city would hear his demands and work with him in developing a recovery team.

"Andrew you were very well spoken. I'm not going to say I agree with everything because some it was obviously opinion, but I will gladly sit down with you and talk about this committee that you want to set up," Henry said. "In fact, if you are available tomorrow I will set up a meeting."

Colleen Kenny spoke before the meeting adjourned about her hardships the past six months and how she is now taking a leave of absence from work to care for her mother and children. Kenny lost her home during the storm and explained how the pride for her city has decreased with the lack of effort from its officials.

"I have always been proud to say I'm from South Amboy, but in the past few months I haven't been proud of this town," Kenny said. "All of you are going to your homes after this meeting, we're not going home."



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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.

Career Day - Wilentz School Perth Amboy *Photos by Paul W. Wang



The Guardian's Katherine Massopust answers questions



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Students receive a demonstration on a laptop



Councilman Ken Gonzalez



Dr. Farber from Mitruska Wellness

Renovation House - 4/30/13 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Keller Williams Real Estate Co. serving food to the homeless



Lion's Club distribute blankets



Special Projects Coordinator for Renovation House Dean Minelli receives a check from District Gov. of the Lion's Club of NJ John Kobland for Hurricane Sandy relief



Rev. Paul Sears, Dir. of Renovation House, Dean Minelli, John Kobland, and Incoming Pres. of the 16-D Lion's Club Charitable Foundation, Bob Pawlik

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.

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American Legion Post 176 Officially Reactivated

News Release: May 6, 2013
MATAWAN - American Legion, Matawan Post No. 176, P. O. Box 914, Matawan, NJ 07747-0914,
All Veterans are cordially invited to join members of American Legion Matawan Post 176 Monday evening May 13th at Burrowes Mansion, 94 Main Street, Matawan, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
Post 176 was OFFICIALLY REACTIVATED Monday evening April 8th in Burrowes

Mansion, by State Commander Gene O'Grady, American Legion Department of New Jersey, in the presence of twenty-six Veterans from the Matawan-Aberdeen community. Members heard Joseph M. Gugliuzza, Monmouth County Adjutant, describe American Legion programs, and how the organization provides vital services for our Veterans nationally.
Matawan Historian John Savolaine, a member of Post

176, described the role of Burrowes Mansion in the founding of our Republic, and presented a history of Matawan Post 176, dating back to 1920, and one its first Post Commanders, William Sutphan, World War I aviator, former Matawan Mayor, and U.S. Congressman. Post 176 played a major role in the community, as its once majestic Main Street building was the site of Matawan Borough Hall, Police Station, Retail, Community and Enter-

tainment Center. Post 176 also dedicated Memorial Park and the World War I monument to Matawan Borough.
Put Monday, May 13th, on your calendar and join members of Post 176 as it nominates its officers, and outlines its programs for the coming year, to include reactivation of the nationally respected Boys State Program. Joseph M. Gugliuzza will again be on hand to guide Post 176 in its reorganization efforts.

Refreshments will again be served. Post 176 is also invited by Matawan Recreation Director Deidre Ring to participate in Matawan's Sunday, May 26th Memorial Day Parade again this year. Post 176 has participated in the parade the last 2 years. If you are interested, please telephone 732 583-5069.
James E. Shea, 5 Franklin St., Matawan Acting Membership Chairman jimshea@gmail.com

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.

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.

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.

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 cleanup, 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

By: Eddy Gonzalez

PERTH AMBOY - Despite the windy conditions this week. Fishing remained strong. Beachside has been reporting the most action from High St. to 2nd St. followed by the bridges, the old docks on the Kill, & Carteret pier, many catches have been reported. Boaters are also doing well, Kevin Barasky stopped in and said large schools of bass are at the Shrewsbury Rocks.

The stripers are hungry and are being caught on fresh or salted clams, fresh or frozen bunker, sand and blood worms. Fishermen are using high lows, fish finders, & reef rigs weights 4 to 6 oz depending on location. I use whichever weight keeps a firm hold to the bottom. It is to ensure that when fishing along side of other fisherman, my line will not cross theirs.

Many new fisherman fail to use the proper weight or gear when fishing in tight quarters using this simple tip will save a lot of time and frustration.

On the subject of gear, a few things come to mind worth mentioning: "COURTESY" many of the things I'm about to say should go without saying. It should just be a standard. Every year many new fisherman and woman start fishing. They might not know

BAIT SHOP REPORT

the proper fishing etiquette:

For example if you are fishing on a pier it is courteous to use only two poles at a time. There is no need to use your pole collection all at once.

Keep it clean and respect those around you.

The real reason I've delved on this subject is because of an unwritten rule about cows (female stripers.) Almost all cows at this time of the year have a big fat belly of eggs. One can tell at a glance, the belly is huge. It is bigger than normal, a pinkish color, and very soft. This is a moral suggestion: take a picture of this beautiful Mama, throw her back so she may lay her eggs. Helping to ensure our children will be given the opportunity to catch their own striper in the future.

I will stress that this is just my opinion of what I feel is right. I would like to think others agree with me.

It isn't just a sport, it's a lifestyle. It is our lifestyle. The actions of ONE, reflects on all of us. It is our duty as a whole to teach and be willing to be taught. If you see a fellow fisherman can use a hand, give him one. If you can teach him or her something teach it. Take your children or a neighbor's kid fishing. The memories will last a lifetime.

I won't sit here and pretend I know everything about fishing, because that wouldn't be true. What I do know, I'd like to share with you the readers of my column.

I want to thank you all for the nice words about it. I'm glad my work is appreciated also if there is anything you would like to see or know:

Please e-mail me at AMERICANPRIDEBT@GMAIL.COM

Also visit our website at AMERICANPRIDEBT.COM SHOP NEWS

The shop was just issued its' New store tel. number this week 732-826-3705. Our main focus being guest service, we will be offering line spooling. We will also be providing delivery service for those coming to us via the water on the weekends. Please call shop for the specific details.

Friday, is our late night, we open from 6:00am until 10:00pm

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YouTube videos found on under "Perth Amboy fishing" There is much more to come. Stay tuned to the Guardian for updates.

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5/8 - 5/14

Wed 5/8 7:30 am 7:51 pm

Thurs 5/9 8:14 am 8:30 pm

Fri 5/10 8:56 am 9:07 pm

Sat 5/11 9:38 am 9:44 pm

Sun 5/12 10:21 am 10:22 pm

Mon 5/13 11:05 am 11:00 pm

Tues 5/14 11:51 am 11:41 pm



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

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.

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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.

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!

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

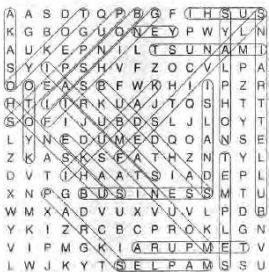
Spring Flower Fair at Rutgers Gardens
NEW BRUNSWICK - The Annual Spring Flower Fair will be at Rutgers Gardens on Friday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sales are open to the general public. Rutgers Gardens School of Environmental 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.

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.


Senior Scene	
Happenings	
Perth Amboy	
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.
MON. May 13	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. May 14	Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
	• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. May 15	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 16	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
South Amboy	
WED. May 8	South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Jun. 3	St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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

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LOOKING BACK



SOUTH AMBOY - Mother's Bread delivery.
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cor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). **K.M.**
Say this prayer for 3 consecu-
tive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

Novena Prayer to St. Anthony of Padua

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His crea-
tures made you worthy, when on earth, to posses miraculous powers.
Miracles waited on your words, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request). The answer to my prayer may re-
quire a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.
O gentle and loving St. An-
thony, whose heart was full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be. **M.A.M.G.**

Free Concert

WOODBIDGE - Wood-
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way Ave., Woodbridge. FREE admission. \$5 suggested do-
nation. First come first serve seating. For more info call 732-634-0413.

Cards for Kids

WOODBIDGE - Casino Night Semi-Formal, Thurs-
day, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Forge Inn, 1002 U.S. 9 Woodbridge. For more info visit bgcpa.us, e-mail Tashilee Vazqueza, info@bgcpau.us or call 732-324-2114 ext. 122. Catch up with friends, en-
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dence, that your prayers on my behalf will be heard by God and that He will grant my re-
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By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY - An Interview with Anita Pires, owner of Fernando’s Unisex Hair-styling, 639 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy.

Amboy Guardian: Did you always want to be a hairstylist or did you start in another profession?

Anita Pires: I have a B.S. in Education and a minor in math. I love math. I was in an accounting department at Sizzler International in Secaucus. It was a temp job that was supposed to be six months but it lasted six years. I loved it and worked there as an accounting clerk.

Amboy Guardian: Did your father (Fernando Viegas, the original owner of Fernando’s) influence your career choice?

Anita Pires: No, he always told me to seek higher education. My mother, Marilla Viegas worked at Revlon for 28 years. My father started out as an apprentice in Joe’s Barber Shop on State Street. He worked there for a bit of time. Joe Baena (the owner) passed away and left the business to my father. My father opened Fernando’s at 175 Hall Ave. from ‘68 to ‘77. He has been in the business since I was born. From 1977 to present, Fernando’s has been located at 639 Amboy Ave. Sizzler International downsized and closed the office and at the same time my father had no one to take over the business. He offered the business to my brother, but he was studying computers and he didn’t want the business.

I said, “What about me?” He said to me, “You’ll have to go to school for it.”

I said, “I don’t mind. I always wanted to do hair.” I took over the business in 2003.

Amboy Guardian: What school did you attend?

Anita Pires: I went to Reignbow Academy in Perth Amboy. I always wanted to do hair. I’ve always done my own hair. I got my license in 1997. I started working at Fernando’s and have been here ever since.

Amboy Guardian: What process do you enjoy doing the best?

Anita Pires: I love everything. I don’t get up in the morning and hate going to work. We do everything from hair color to hair replacement. Just give me a picture and I can do it.

Amboy Guardian: What is the longest hair that you ever worked on?

Anita Pires: Probably to the butt. For one client, her hair was that long; She wanted a curly perm. There were from 400 to 500 rollers in her hair. It took 7 hours.

Amboy Guardian: Did you ever have a customer that surprised you (going from very long hair to very short hair)

Anita Pires: We do extreme makeovers all the time. I question the client many times before he/she goes through with it to make certain of the decision.

Amboy Guardain: What is the most rewarding aspect of being a beautician?

Anita Pires: The smile after the hair is done. I don’t need words - just the look after the hair is done and to see that the client likes it.

Amboy Guardian: Did you ever have a customer who asked for a specific style that you knew wouldn’t work on that type of hair? How do you solve that problem?

Anita Pires: I try to duplicate something as close as possible.

Amboy Guardian: Do you have a signature cut?

Anita Pires: No.

Amboy Guardian: Who does your hair?

Anita Pires: Patricia (one of Fernando’s stylists) does my hair. Patricia has free reign.

Amboy Guardian: What is the most unusual thing you did with your hair?

Anita Pires: I’ve dyed my hair every color. One New Years Eve I went from long to short (shoulder length to pixie).

Amboy Guardian: How many hair stylists or barbers are at Fernando’s?

Anita Pires: Four. All are full service cosmetologists.

Amboy Guardian: What is the total experience combined?

Anita Pires: 13+18+56+17 = 104 years.

Amboy Guardian: Do you take apprentices?

Anita Pires: I haven’t taken one in 13 years . There were a few over the years. Aida started her own salon. She took over a business in Carteret. There’s not much turnover in Fernandos. It’s like family here.

Amboy Guardian: Who is more difficult to work on: men or women?

Anita Pires: Children are the hardest because of the movement.

Amboy Guardian: What age groups do you take?

Anita Pires: As early as 2 months. You’d be surprised at some who are born with a lot of hair.

Amboy Guardian: Over the years, what processes changed and are easier now?

Anita Pires: Hair color, permanents, blow drying methods. It’s an ever changing business.

Amboy Guardian: How much can you tell about a person from their hair?

Anita Pires: You can tell a lot. You can tell if medication plays a part, if a person is under stress; if a person has splits from over processing or if a person has an abundance of



Anita Pires (R) and daughter, Nadine (L), & father, Fernando (C)

hair loss/weight loss. Everything comes out in hair. You have to ask these questions when doing a chemical process. It’s a very personal business. You have to be brutally honest with people.

Amboy Guardian: Is hairstyling an ongoing learning process?

Anita Pires: In school you get a basic knowledge. You learn a lot by watching. My father always had the salon below. My parents live upstairs. I’ve always watched other hairstylists - my father especially. He would ask me, “Where did you learn this from?” and I would answer, “I guess from watching other people.” We go to the trade shows one or two times a

year. The suppliers have classes on their products.

Amboy Guardian: Are any of your children going into cosmetology?

Anita Pires: My daughter Nadine works on Saturdays cleaning (no customer interaction) She is a sophomore in high school. She is aspiring to do hair.

Amboy Guardian: What advice do you have for people interested in cosmetology?

Anita Pires: #1. Be patient. #2 Listen to the customer. #3. Be honest.

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A Recipe for Success: Love and Family for Four Generations and Counting

By: Katherine Massopust and Carolyn Maxwell

SOUTH AMBOY/PERTH AMBOY - Sciortino's Harbor Lights is located at 132 South Broadway, South Amboy. Lou Seminski Sr. owner of South Amboy's Sciortino's and his daughter, Sheri Seminski shared their memories with the Amboy Guardian.

Amboy Guardian: How long has Sciortino's been in business?

Lou Seminski Sr.: Since 1934 in Perth Amboy. We are happy to be in business 80+ years.

Amboy Guardian: Sciortino's is a family run business. For how many generations has it been in business? Who started Sciortino's?

Lou: My grandparents: Frances and Paulo Sciortino lived in New Brunswick and had a small business. The family was growing and were planning to move to Brooklyn. Frances' family, the Coffaros had a business in Perth Amboy on New Brunswick Avenue. They had a pizzeria, butcher shop and a bakery that made Italian bread. They opted to stay in Perth Amboy. Uncle Cosmo was visiting from Italy and helped my grandparents buy the property outright.

Amboy Guardian: When did your grandparents immigrate to America?

Lou: They came in January 1923 and went to New Brunswick. They came from Bagheria, Sicily from the south side of Palermo.

Amboy Guardian: Where the name Seminski come in?

Lou: Mary Sciortino married William Seminski.

Amboy Guardian: When did you take over the business?

Lou: Mary, Isabelle and Helen and Lucy were the four sisters who originally ran the pizzeria. Because of the different businesses run by the family it was a 24 hour operation. (Someone from the family was always there.) Around 1988-89 Isabelle and Helen were getting older and asked if anyone would be interested in taking over the business. Lou Sr. partnered with Joe Misiewicz to do so. When the City took over the property through eminent domain in the early 2000's Joe and I dissolved the partnership. My son Lou Jr. and daughters Sheri and Sandra got involved with the South Amboy business. We are all involved in both locations.

Sheri: The younger generation (Sheri, Louis Jr., Sandra, Sarah & our cousins) really helped with the pizzeria in Perth Amboy since childhood growing up as the Aunts were getting older. Louis, Sr. and Joe Misiewicz partnered up because all of us kids were too young to take over. Now, we are old enough to carry on the family legacy and happily still work both locations in Perth Amboy and South Amboy.

Amboy Guardian: What is the origin of pizza in the United States?

Sheri: It was originally known as a tomato pie. It was dough with a lot of sauce and cheese sprinkled over it. Pizza be-

came more prevalent in the United States after World War II because of the soldiers that were stationed in Italy and were used to the tomato pies there. After WWII they used to deliver tomato pies and sandwiches to factories. Then they started putting more cheese on it and it became pizza. Pizza parlors started to open. Sciortino's is either the 2nd or 3rd in the State of New Jersey and the 12th documented in the country as a pizza parlor.

Amboy Guardian: What makes Sciortino's sauce so tasty?

Sheri: I tell everyone the secret ingredient is love.

Lou: Grandmother Sciortino's recipe (sweet sauce). Sicilian sauce is the sweetest sauce. Originally they grew their own tomatoes and jarred and bottled them. The tomatoes were picked at the ripest time of the season. We use California tomatoes: Saporitos and Full Red.

Amboy Guardian: Why the brick oven?

Lou: It bakes a little better. You see the difference in the cheese when it's baked and its evenly cooked. The old oven was fueled by Anthracite coal. The new brick ovens are powered by gas.

Amboy Guardian: What's the most popular item on your menu?

Lou: Pizza with sausage. We make our own homemade sausage. The most popular dish is spaghetti with meatballs. We use the same ingredients as Grandma Frances made.

Amboy Guardian: What is



Lou Seminski Sr. with Daughter, Sheri in front of Sciortino's Harbor Lights in South Amboy *Photo by Katherine Massopust

your favorite item on the menu?

Sheri: I love the plain pizza. I have a slice of pizza every day. There is nothing like a family sharing a pie together. It makes for a family atmosphere. My favorite dish is the eggplant and garlic. I like the taste.

Amboy Guardian: Why is lasagna not on the menu?

Lou: We have stuffed shells and manicotti. It has cheese and sauce. We'll put lasagna on the menu once a week. Some people prefer the meatless, some prefer with meat. For the Tour of Italy Event we do have lasagna.

Amboy Guardian: Does Sciortino's do any catering for parties?

Lou: We cater, but it's not full service. The customer will pick up the food. We don't have full time staff that stays at the event.

Amboy Guardian: What makes the atmosphere in Sciortino's so pleasant?

Sheri: We are blessed to have a family business because we love it. When the business closed in Perth Amboy, we looked around Middlesex County. By word of mouth we heard about the location in South Amboy. When we saw the property in South Amboy we took it. It didn't even go on the market. It's 9 years ago this May that we opened in South Amboy. When we opened up in South Amboy the old business here had Harbor Lights in their name. We kept Harbor Lights in the name when we opened Sciortino's. We find

the people in South Amboy are friendly and family orientated.

Amboy Guardian: Does Sciortino's sponsor any charity events?

Sheri: We're always a part of the community. We've done events for the YMCA and for children with disabilities and with cancer. One of our former workers was hit by taxi in New York. He is still recovering. We've had a fundraiser for him. He's in our prayers.

Amboy Guardian: What is the best part of owning your own restaurant?

Sheri: Why are we doing what we do? It's something that's a part of you. It's very rare nowadays. It's seeing your family being able to be with your family and having them close by. I am so fortunate to know all my relatives. The only one I didn't know was Aunt Katie who passed away before I was born.

Amboy Guardian: Why did Sciortino's come back to Perth Amboy?

Lou: Lou Jr. proposed moving back to Perth Amboy. Most of the customer base was coming



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AMBOY SPOTLIGHT: Sciortino's

A Recipe for Success

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from Perth Amboy. We don't deliver from South Amboy. It's not practical. Now, we have a delivery base in Perth Amboy. There is a possibility we may open up a second location in Perth Amboy.

Amboy Guardian: What advice do you give to young people aspiring to have their own restaurant?

Lou: To work in one first. Let me tell a funny, but true story. My son's father-in-law is a retired Sheriff from Camden County. He was thinking about opening up his own restaurant. He came here and helped out for five weeks. From the time we opened up until the time we closed. He didn't realize how hard it was. He said, "God Bless You, but no thanks."

Most of our wait staff, servers and bartenders are putting themselves through college, and then they move on. We do have some long term employees. One of our staff, Bobby Gardella has been with us since the age of 17.

Chris Straille who makes the pies has been here for about 15 years.

Some of our former delivery people from our original location in Perth Amboy included: Mike Kohut (former Perth Amboy Deputy Police Chief), Ken Puccio (who is now a Perth Amboy Detective and Board of Education VP) and Elaine Kiczula (Jasko) (who is now the Perth Amboy City Clerk). There is a lot of second generation employees. Some of the people who worked for us have their children work here.

Amboy Guardian: Do any of you have other career interests?

Lou: Lou Jr. is a lawyer at the Wilentz Law firm.

Sheri: I teach in the Department of Human Ecology, Rutgers (Cook Campus).

Comments from the interview: Not only were recipes past down, but so was the recipe for love. All throughout the interview Sheri was beaming from ear to ear whenever she talked about all of her aunts and uncles. I remarked to her



that some families have a reunion perhaps once a year, but her family had a reunion every day. Looking around the restaurant after we finished what I now call a conversation, I noticed that all the family was there. The walls have pictures of all of the generations of the Sciortino's and Seminski's. I am positive that the relatives up in heaven heard every word that Lou and Sheri said sitting around a huge table enjoying a plain pizza pie.

This spotlight was also a dedication to those who started this tradition. Raise a glass to Uncles: Pete, Tony, Joe, Micheleangelo, and Fred, Aunts: Dora, Rose, Isabelle, Lucy, Helen, Katie and Mary.



One of the many family photos on display in Sciortino's, South Amboy

**Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*



Pizza Cook Chris Straille by the brick oven in Sciortino's

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