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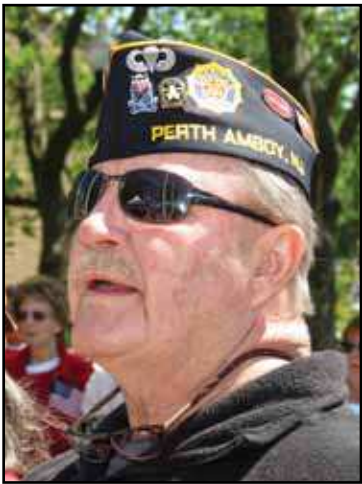
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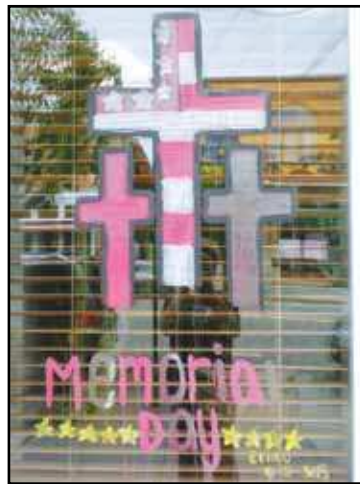


A Proud Veteran pays tribute at the Ceremony.



Judge Joseph Deagan and family at the Waterfront Memorial Day Ceremony *Photos by Bob Ned

South Amboy Memorial Day Tribute on Broadway



Two Hurdles Cleared (Council & Planning Board)

Will Housing Authority Get a Piece of the Pie? In Competition With Other Towns for \$19 Million Grant



Councilwoman
Lisa Nanton



Dorothy Daniel



Council President
Joel Pabon

PERTH AMBOY - Arguments were heard - pro's and con's at the May 20, 2013 Caucus and the 5/22/13 Council Meeting. This had to do with an ordinance adopting amendments to the Focus 2000 Plan pertaining to the Redevelopment Project of Area 3 Pursuant to the local redevelopment and housing law regarding Delaney Homes. Those who spoke included the attorney for the Housing Authority, Housing Authority Commissioners, concerned residents and non-residents and those involved in the project.

Councilman Bill Petrick and

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton both were concerned about the small payment of \$27,000 a year revenue to the City because of this being a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) program.

Patrick said, "Is it worth it for Perth Amboy to have this project? I am thinking about the future cost to the City (police, fire departments, the schools, etc.) This Delaney Homes project will be burdening our overtaxed residents. There is no time line or any promise that other parts of the Delaney land will be built."

Resident Ronald L. Ray who

is an alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment had a strong opinion on why he was against this proposed project. "These units are supposed to be 2 or 4 stories. Look at what we have to put into it. This is an impact project. I saw the 70 units, but there's a lot more coming. Why do we keep getting low income housing?"

Resident Reinaldo Aviles said that the Council should look at having someone do a CBA (Community Benefits Agreement). "All of these developers say the same thing.

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SOUTH AMBOY - Students painted windows on Businesses on Broadway. Photos were posted of servicemen and women from all branches of the military from the City.

*Photos of Displays by Carolyn Maxwell

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Parents Dispute Graduation Time Change
Perth Amboy High School Moves Time From 6 p.m. to 9 a.m.

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
PERTH AMBOY - group of upset parents spoke out about the recent time change of the Perth Amboy High School graduation during last week's board meeting.

Perth Amboy's administration decided to move graduation from its normal time of 6 p.m. to 9 a.m. on Jun. 27th. Superintendent Janine Caffrey named a number of reasons for the change, specifically the safety risk that comes with the intense summer heat late at night.

"Last year it was incredibly hot...seven people had to go to the hospital due to heat stroke," Caffrey said. "My job is to do what's best for the kids...the past three years we've put people in danger by having it at 6 p.m., so that's why the ceremony was changed to 9 a.m."

Elizabeth Gonzalez, a mother of five, spoke of the hardships she'd have to go through if graduation was changed to 9 a.m. Gonzalez explained that she would lose an entire day's pay in order to see her daughter graduate, something she and her family can not afford.

"I'm a bus driver, I can't take a day off and lose a day of pay... Missing a day of pay takes milk off my table," Gonzalez said. "I have smart kids who worked extremely hard. I



PERTH AMBOY - The Board of Education debates the time for High School Graduation *Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

beg the board tonight to consider a change... I want to see my kids graduate."

Elizabeth's daughter Tabitha, a graduating senior and member of the JROTC, also spoke for the students who also believed the time change was unfair. She had recently completed a survey of 126 students from the high school, and only 15 of their parents would be able to attend if the change was made.

Vanessa Fernandez, another mother who has a child graduating this June, explained that parents already made accommodations to take off from work or work a half day in order to see their children graduate. She said moving the graduation last minute would put jobs at risk.

"Too many jobs need weeks,

even months notice to take off," Fernandez said. "I risk losing my job because of my failure to notify them."

Superintendent Caffrey explained that changing it back to 6 p.m. at short notice would force many more parents to make adjustments. She also mentioned that the date and time was chosen so late this year because of the school calendar changes made after Hurricane Sandy.

"If we go back and change the time again, 494 families would have to change their plans and accommodations because six families spoke out," Caffrey said. "Next year this decision needs to be done much earlier so we have more time."

Dianne Roman believed that

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Hurdles Cleared

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'Don't let them put your feet to the fire. Put everything in writing.' This is prime real estate. When the economy improves another developer may look into it."

Chair of the Housing Authority Dot Daniel commented that some people said that we did our fair share in the City building low income housing. "Back in the 1960's when Sofield & Gilber Apartments were built they were 72 units and 126 units respectively. When they were torn down, they were replaced with other units that had less occupancy. Daniel continued, "We have placed many families in affordable housing and very few are on welfare. We work with families to get them to move upward."

Fellow Housing Commissioner Fernando Gonzalez said, "The Landings were built to attract rich people. We have given other developers a shot. A lot of the Landings residents are in foreclosure. You have to take a first step to get that property on Delaney Homes developed. This will help improve our City. This is not the projects. But some of you

have lived in the projects. We have a list in the Housing Authority of people looking for affordable housing. We have a responsibility to help these people.

Housing Authority Attorney Edward Testino addressed the Council. Testino summed up why he would like the Council to approve the ordinance and public filing for the Delaney Homes Project. "It is the right thing to do to approve this project. It would be smart to start the revitalization of this property. The tax credits follows the HUD guidelines. There will be mixed income families living on this property. This also makes good use of state and federal funds. It will fulfill the needs of working families. There will be integrated incomes, mixed use and commercial funds. It would give the City more oversight and control of the property."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski was taken aback when he found out that there would be no elevators in this three story building. "No one thought about the occupants having to carry packages and groceries up three floors."

Sierakowski also wanted to

know, "Who is the designated builder/developer and why was this project not put out for bid?"

Councilman Bill Petrick answered, "It was the same developer who built Parkview."

Sierakowski continued, "We need corporate office buildings - not strip malls and pizza parlors and dry cleaners. Look into what the developers have done to improve New Brunswick."

A builder from Edison said he showed Perth Amboy Housing Director Doug Dzema a plan to bring \$50 million to the City. "If most of the units go to welfare clients you will not bring in revenue. My plan called for a 4 story building. They would have a beautiful view of the City. There would be a commercial building in front of Convery Boulevard with between 600 to 700 units."

Resident Sharon Hubberman was concerned if there would be parking violations. "1.8 to 2.1 parking spaces would be needed for the Delaney Homes project that was presented before the Council by the Housing Authority. There may be a

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Soup Kitchen & Clothing Giveaway

PERTHAMBOY: 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.

Ferry Slip Museum Offers Volunteer Opportunities

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



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Need for a Community Calendar

By: Katherine Massopust,
Paul W. Wang & Carolyn Maxwell

The City of Perth Amboy is in desperate need of a Community Calendar. How many times have organizations of similar nature have events at the same day and time as each other. Most of these events are usually scheduled to avoid being on the same days as holidays, thus they often conflict with one another.

Why not have a Community Calendar on the City's Website? This should be a free service offered by the City. Organizations would be able to e-mail their events to the City. The webmaster would then update the Community Calendar daily.

This way organizations can look and see what type of events are scheduled on a proposed date. If the organization believes it to be a conflict, then they can schedule their event on a different date.

In some cases such as Church bazaars, it is to the advantage of the event organizers to have the events in one weekend since people will go to all of them.

But in other cases, organizations of similar nature have appeal to the same audience. It is to the advantage of these types of organizations to schedule events on different dates. It should be up to the organization to schedule an event on that date or not. They must be aware, of course that if they do, they will have an audience that will be forced to choose

what event to attend. Thus, a lower turnout at both events.

For those not computer savvy, events can be mailed via snail mail to the City and placed on the Community Calendar.

It's about time the City of Perth Amboy updated its website. Look at Woodbridge's Website. They have a very impressive Community Calendar. Why can't Perth Amboy? The City of Perth Amboy website is long overdue for an overhaul. How many outdated events are listed on Perth Amboy's website? And old news? A complete reworked website is long overdue.

A Community Calendar is both needed and necessary. If cost is a problem for paying a web designer, maybe an intern can help. I noticed an intern was helping film the Council Meetings.

A lot of business schools are looking to place their seniors in an internship program for experience and college credits. Sometimes its an unpaid internship or a small stipend.

By sprucing up the City Website, Perth Amboy will benefit with a new look to strangers to the City. (maybe potential investors?)

Also, don't forget to send your events to the Amboy Guardian. (We reserve the right to edit if content is too large. Just send pertinent information) Send them early (three weeks in advance) so people can plan to attend your event.



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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Hot Air, Inc.

I was reading the Amboy Guardian May 22, 2013 issue and there was an article about residents challenging the Perth Amboy City Council. Mr. Alan Silber, Mr. David Caba, Mr. Ricky Aviles and Ms. Sharon Hubberman are very smart people in the community.

They ask the City Council members some hard questions at the meeting and the Council Members just sit there looking at them like they came from outer space. Now I used to go

to the City Council meeting and I found out it was a JOKE to the city residents.

Those Council Members only care for themselves and they only want to know you at election time. This is why many of the city residents don't go or someone from city hall will call someone to attend a meeting for some reason. This is why I call it Hot Air, Inc...it's all hot air. Now those council members are good people; they live in town I hope? And I know they have to play ball with the Mayor.

Mayor Wilda is a very nice person. I talk to her and she understands me. I don't play games - Right Wilda? When I find out something I tell the Mayor. Someday the Mayor and City Council members will realize the residents of Perth Amboy will wake up and boot their butts out of office. But for now it's all up to the city residents to work together as a team to fight for their concerns.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Obama: A Liar or Incompetent?

As many Americans (regardless of political ideology) and I as well attempt to digest the serious scandals (IRS Targeting, Benghazi Massacre, AP and Journalist Information Seizures and two other violations of Constitutional Law), and the Obama Administration disregard for the citi-

zenry and their sacred rights, I am sure that ALL Americans must be asking themselves this question in particular.

If, (as the President has said 9 times in 5 years) that the "buck stops with him", and given the fact that he has yet to accept responsibility for anything except killing Bin Laden and having a U.S. birth certificate, then he has shown himself in his own words to be a liar. If he is not a liar, then he is surely a sadly incompetent soul who is in charge of what

was once the greatest nation in the world.

Both are terribly scary. And both are cause for placing him on a remote periphery of any active governmental management decisions. Being a fraud and incompetent (relative to our current President and his administration); that fact will never change, America.

Rev. Steven Maness, Ph.D.
Founder, Tea Party of
Middlesex County

Memorial Day: Honoring Our Fallen Heroes

Soon Memorial Day will be here and we will all have memories of our departed ones, many of whom served our country defending the rights of us all. It is most poignant to reflect upon the words recited over the remains of a comrade true to his country: "We are assembled here to offer our last tribute of respect and affection to our departed comrade. As the years toll by, we note with sorrow and regret, as the ranks of veterans diminish. One by one our comrades leave us, one by one they pass into the Great Beyond to join the company of heroic men and wom-

en who have defended our Country under Arms. Their departure leave our hearts heavy with sorrow. Assembled here beside the final resting place of our departed Comrade, let us give heed to the words of our Chaplain."

"Our Comrade lies down to rest awhile under the arching sky awaiting the bugle call. Behold the silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken (as earth and flowers are cast on the coffin.)"

"We therefore commit his body to dust to dust, looking for the resurrection and eternal life to honor and glory of God forever."

When we read these words and realize that those who have affected up their lives for our safety & freedom did

so because they knew that life without liberty was worth risking. We must all realize that this short span on this earth can be a fulfilling measure of security for our family if we concentrate on making our life something which will benefit all society.

We as a nation have not come this far by being submissive and weak. We Americans are a brave people and should remember that life without dedication of values is something to which we cannot submit.

May God bless this beautiful country and secure the liberties which so many have died for.

Barbara Skokan

Tax payers and Voting Citizens:

Each passing day yields more insight into the maneuverings and motivations behind the alliances being developed by Perth Amboy's distracted mayor. Even with this insight, the most recent endorsement of Mayor Diaz's slate of candidates by Albio Sires is both troubling and mind boggling. Why would a politician who does not even represent Perth Amboy anymore bother to get

involved with vocally supporting candidates who do not even come from his district? Probably the same reason a mayor would broker alliances with former adversaries from both the right and the left. It must serve both their interests to have these people indebted to them. The question is not what was negotiated as part of this deal, rather what the people of Perth Amboy owe as part of this deal. What are the taxpayers and voting citizens losing to advance Diaz's agenda? One would hope that her agenda would not be at odds with those of the people

she has sworn to represent. Granted given the abundance of candidates in the last election, Diaz was not elected by a majority of voters; nonetheless, her concerns should extend beyond herself. At least that is what one would hope. With the growing variety of platforms represented by those pledging their support, it is hard to imagine that there is an agreement among her cronies as to what is in Perth Amboy's best interests. This is especially true given how recently Diaz and her own hand picked

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Monthly Book Club

SEWAREN - There will be a monthly book club at the Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave, Sewaren. For more info call 732-634-7571 or email sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. We are looking for adults to join a book club starting in November. Please fill out the attached form if you are interested in joining us. Day and time will be determined by interest. The first Book will be Defending Jacob by William Landay.

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Preparing for the Italian Festival

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Volunteers rolling meatballs



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Biagio Buffolino checking the oven



Irma Salerno & Darlene Gomez (l-r) the debate continues

Festa di San Antonio

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

Ukrainian Cultural Festival

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

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Preparing for the Greek Festival, Perth Amboy

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Volunteers of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church prepare the delicious Greek Pastries for the upcoming Greek Festival by the Bay - May 31st thru June 2, 2013

Greek Festival

PERTH AMBOY - The community of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 41-47 Wisteria Street, invites the public to its annual Greek Festival By the Bay. This 3 day event offers traditional Greek delicacies, Greek and American Music provided by DJ Kostas & Sons, and Greek folk dancing by the "Church's Greek Youth Dance Group" (Friday, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Saturday, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.; and Sunday, 4 p.m.). Call for info on Church Tours. There will be a variety of vendors, some with Greek imports, "boardwalk" games, and activities for the kids.

Experience Greece through traditional Greek music and folk dances, as well as Greek foods such as souvlakia and gyros, spanakopita, dolmades, moussaka; and delicious desserts such as baklava and loukoumades. Food and pastries are made fresh on the premises. Imported Greek beer and wine along with non-alcoholic beverages will be available. Dine inside the air-conditioned community center or outside under the comfort of a large tent.

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Garden Guru at the Kearny Cottage

**Photo by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - The Garden Guru Stan-Lee spoke at the Kearny Cottage on Sunday, May 19, 2013 on vegetable gardening. He offered his gardening tips to the guests.

150th Anniversary of the Flight of the Aereon

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy will be celebrating the 150th year anniversary of the first directional flight on Friday, May 31st.

"With over 330 years of existence, our contribution to the American history is very significant. I welcome all to learn more about the rich history of Perth Amboy, said Mayor Wilda Diaz."


Mayor Diaz will be joined by John Dyke, a local historian and several students of the Perth Amboy High School for an educational program on the history of Dr. Solomon Andrews. An excerpt of the documentary film on the history of Dr. Andrews will be aired, followed by a brief presentation. The event is free and open to the public on Friday, May 31, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy.

ABOUT THE HISTORIC FLIGHT: Flight Date: June 1, 1863, Location: Inventors' In-

stitute, Perth Amboy NJ. This is the present day location of the Perth Amboy Board Of Education Headquarters on Barracks St.

Airship: Aereon One, a dirigible with three cigar shaped balloons. Each balloon was 80 feet long by 13 feet in diameter. The cylinders were stiffened longitudinally and terminated in cork cones. The coverings were 1,200 yards of Irish linen that were varnished to prevent the gas from escaping. The gas within was hydrogen, which was produced by Dr. Andrews. The basket was 12 feet long by 16 inches wide and only came up to Dr. Andrews' knees!

Inventor & Pilot: Dr. Andrews patented 24 inventions. In monetary terms, his most successful invention was a lock that could not be picked. This lock was used by the United States Postal Service for many decades. The proceeds from this lock allowed Andrews to found the Inventors' Institute during 1847.



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Sandy Recovery Housing Grants

NEW JERSEY - See information below if you require assistance due to Superstorm Sandy.

- The housing assistance grants online application is at www.renewjerseystronger.org. Please direct constituents to this website.

- The call center number is 1-855-SANDYHM (1-855-726-3946).

- Housing assistance grants are NOT first-come, first-served. Rather, those applications which are received on or before June 30 will be randomly processed (and then prioritized focusing on factors such as level of damage, income, and areas highest impact). Because of this, there is no advantage to applying early during this period.

- Applications received on or after July 1 will be processed on a first-received, first-processed basis. However, priority will continue to be given to those homes that were substantially damaged and to homeowners of low- to moderate-income.

- Residents are strongly encouraged to submit an application prior to July 1.

- There is no formal deadline for accepting applications.

- There are two housing assistance grants and homeowners are encouraged to apply for both of them:

- o The Homeowner Resettlement Program (Resettlement) -- This program will provide \$10,000 grants to eligible homeowners to encourage them to resettle in their existing home or resettle in the same county.

- o The Homeowner Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation Program (RREM) -- This program will provide eligible homeowners up to \$150,000 in grant funds to aid the reconstruction, rehabilitation, elevation and mitigation of damaged primary homes.

- Beginning June 8, 2013, customers will be able to apply in-person at one of the nine Sandy Housing Assistance Centers (Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union). A complete list of centers, center hours, and locations will be available online in the coming days.

- A Small Rental Properties Program application, which will help existing and new owners of rental housing restore their properties (properties must have 25 units or less), will be launched shortly. Interested applicants should register to receive a notification at www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/sandyrecovery.

Memorial Day Parade & Service- Perth Amboy *Photos by Paul W. Wang, Carolyn Maxwell & Bob Ned



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Mayor Diaz offers remarks



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Free Workshop On Gardening!

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

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

Pallone Statement on Memorial Day

Press Release 5/24/13
WASHINGTON DC – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) released the following statement to commemorate Memorial Day, which is observed May 27, 2013:

"Memorial Day serves as a time to honor the generations of brave American men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to remember those who have served our country around the world. These heroes represent the best in America, and Memorial Day is an opportunity to offer them our deepest thanks.

"Congress must remain committed to supporting our veterans, troops and the families of those who have fallen. More than 440 thou-

sand veterans call New Jersey home, and more than 1,300 troops from our state are currently deployed. The best way to honor them is to make sure that service members and their families have the tools they need when they come back home.

"Sadly, there is currently a massive backlog of veterans' disability and medical claims with the U.S. Veterans Administration (VA). Approximately 878,000 disability claims are pending nationally, with nearly 600,000 backlogged that have been pending for more than 125 days. These delays are wrong and deserve immediate attention.

"As a result of the VA's claims backlog, hundreds of

thousands of service members are being told to wait for the critical services they need to get back on their feet after their service to our nation. The VA's backlog weighs on the conscience of our country, and action is needed now to speed up this process and ensure all of our veterans receive the benefits they deserve.

"On this Memorial Day and each day until the next, let us remember those we have lost and honor their memory by recommitting ourselves to the support of our veterans and our troops who continue to fight around the world keeping our country safe and preserving our freedoms."

Premier Gala for Education First - ZPA Hall May 18, 2013 *Photos by Caroline Pozyccki



Guests pose for a photo



Dr. Senovia Robles with Ken Ortiz



Mark Carvajal with another attendee at the Gala



Dr. Senovia Robles with Mayor Wilda Diaz



Gala Guests



Some of the guests at a table



A Full House



Dr. Janine Walker Caffrey, Dr. Nester Collazo & Dr. Senovia Robles

A Memorial Day Cake *Photo by Paul W. Wang



Cake decorated in honor of Memorial Day for a celebration

Democratic Rallies *Photos by Joe Bayona



Middlesex Co. Sheriff and Perth Amboy Democratic Chair Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez (C) with Line B Candidates & Supporters



Mayor Wilda Diaz, Albio Series, Miguel Morales, Bob McCoy listen attentively as Sen. Joe Vitale Speaks - Line D

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.

Free Concert

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge presents Cynthia Holiday on Friday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. FREE admission. \$5 suggested donation. All concerts will be held indoors. First come first serve seating. For more info call 732-634-0413.

Plays in the Park Trip

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

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

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

Hurdles Cleared

Continued from Page 2
violation of the municipal land use law. This project was not open to bid."

City Engineer Ernest Feist said that the parking lot for this project would be in compliance.

Testino added, "State and Federal guidelines were followed and the bids for this project were sent out. There were two responses. The architect was hired by the contractor and the City and State inspectors signed off. 5 years ago the Housing Authority met with developers in reference to the Delaney Homes property. We were not looking at high rise buildings. We did not think the City would want that. Different appraisals were done on the property which are now outdated."

Paul Santelle who owns a business at 895 Convery Blvd. said he has been there for 25 years. "My concern is that at its prime, this property was worth \$15 million. The City might be missing out on an opportunity by piece-mealing this property by starting out with low income and then bringing in rateable's last."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles made a comment that a time line for proposals should be sent to the Council to give you enough time to discuss them. "This is prime real estate, which is why a lot of businesses locate there. It is more suited for commercial use. This is your issue (not an inherited one). You (the Council) have more information than we have. If you have a doubt, you shouldn't vote for it. It's going to affect all of us. Maybe the commercial/senior building should be developed first.

Resident Karen Kubulak (who is a Planning Board Member) said, "This ordinance allows for over 200 units. The Planning Board can't protect your decision. It was not a redevelopment project that came before the Planning Board. I'm first concerned that the Council can be sued if they try to change or make amendments to the plan. You as the Council could have asked to change the concept that was presented by the Housing Authority on the Delaney homes project."

Fernando Gonzalez said, "We had 3 meetings with residents for five years. We would have been happy with the High School. At the 3 community neighborhood meetings (Delaney Homes area) the residents definitely did not want a high school built there. We did not do a rush job. Many developers wanted us to give up the property. In the last year and a half we got it together. It will be a shot in the arm."

Edward Testino (the Housing

Authority Attorney) said, "The \$19 million that the Authority is vying for will be coming in from different sources."

Another speaker involved in the project said that the PILOT program would be for the first 70 units - not for the Senior building.

Councilwoman Nanton asked the Housing Attorney, "If this money was supposed to be used to replace low income housing because of Hurricane Sandy, where on the Waterfront was the low income housing?"

Housing Attorney Edward Testino mentioned Keansburg, New Jersey where someone brought to his attention that is in Monmouth County. And the damaged homes in Sayreville were single family homes.

Another speaker involved in this project said if it is approved there are flood plans for housing for the low income in these areas. This money is for construction for low income housing in 9 counties.

Testino also said, "Monies collected from the Parkview were used to take down some of the Delaney Homes buildings. Funds are given back to the Federal Government if they are not used within a certain time frame.

Businessman Joe B. Vas gave his reasons for opposing the Delaney Homes Project. Vas said he was born and raised here. "This site has been vacant since Hurricane Katrina. You have to hear out the community on this project and there should be an open bid on this property. Services for this project will cost the taxpayers. You have to take a look at this project and step back. The schools are overcrowded and this would be doing a disservice to the students. About six years ago there were 132 cops on the force. Now there is 100. What about the fire department? We'll need more personnel. I am all about rateable's."

Dorothy Daniel reminded those in attendance, "This is federal property (not owned by the City). Our job is to house people. I have been a commissioner since 1984. The mandate of the oath of office which I took very seriously was to house people. We hire the director and staff. We don't know who will be living in these apartments. Only a very small percentage of people we have in public housing are on welfare. We have a 1 strike and your out law. We have to follow HUD guidelines to receive money. We have to make sure developers take care of residents in those buildings."

Police Chaplain Gregory Pabon agreed with what Fernando Gonzalez said. He also

made a comment about how many police and fireman were there when Delaney Homes was still standing.

City Engineer Ernest Feist told the Council that the ordinance before you is for the entire track of land associated with Delaney Homes.

City Attorney Mark Blunda said, "The Housing Authority should understand that the Council can make amendments to this ordinance and publish a public notice if the City Council passes this ordinance tonight."

Blunda told the Council, "You may want to incorporate some of the plans or suggestions by other Boards later down the road."

Council President Joel Pabon was very definitive on why he voted "yes" on the ordinance for the redevelopment project for Delaney Homes. "I was born and raised here and I applaud the Housing Authority on the projects they built here. There have been no complaints. I think once they start to build on the Delaney Homes Property it will bring in rateable's.

At prior meetings Councilman Fernando Irizarry was concerned that there would not be enough revenue coming into the City from low income units and why there is a need for more Senior Housing vs. One Family Units.

Irizarry based his decision on what was said at the Caucus and Council Meetings. He was now in favor of the project. "The Housing Authority has an obligation to supply housing. 60 years ago a family came here with 8 kids. I grew up in the Stockton and Delaney Homes Buildings. This City invested in me and my family and we gave back. My kids went through the school system here. I believe that some of the people living in these units will eventually become taxpaying homeowners."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles said, "Look at legislation to get a policy maker to hold developers to their promises. Not everyone wants to buy a home. The Housing Authority has programs to help people become homeowners, but the City only getting \$25,000 a year just doesn't sound right."

The Council voted on the ordinance as follows: Voting "yes" was Councilmen Kenneth Gonzalez, Fernando Irizarry and Council President Joel Pabon. Voting "no" was Councilwoman Lisa Nanton, Councilman William Petrick. The ordinance passed.

The only hurdle left for the Housing Authority is if they will beat out other cities applying for the grant.

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Benefit Spaghetti Dinner For Samantha Carey

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

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

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

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

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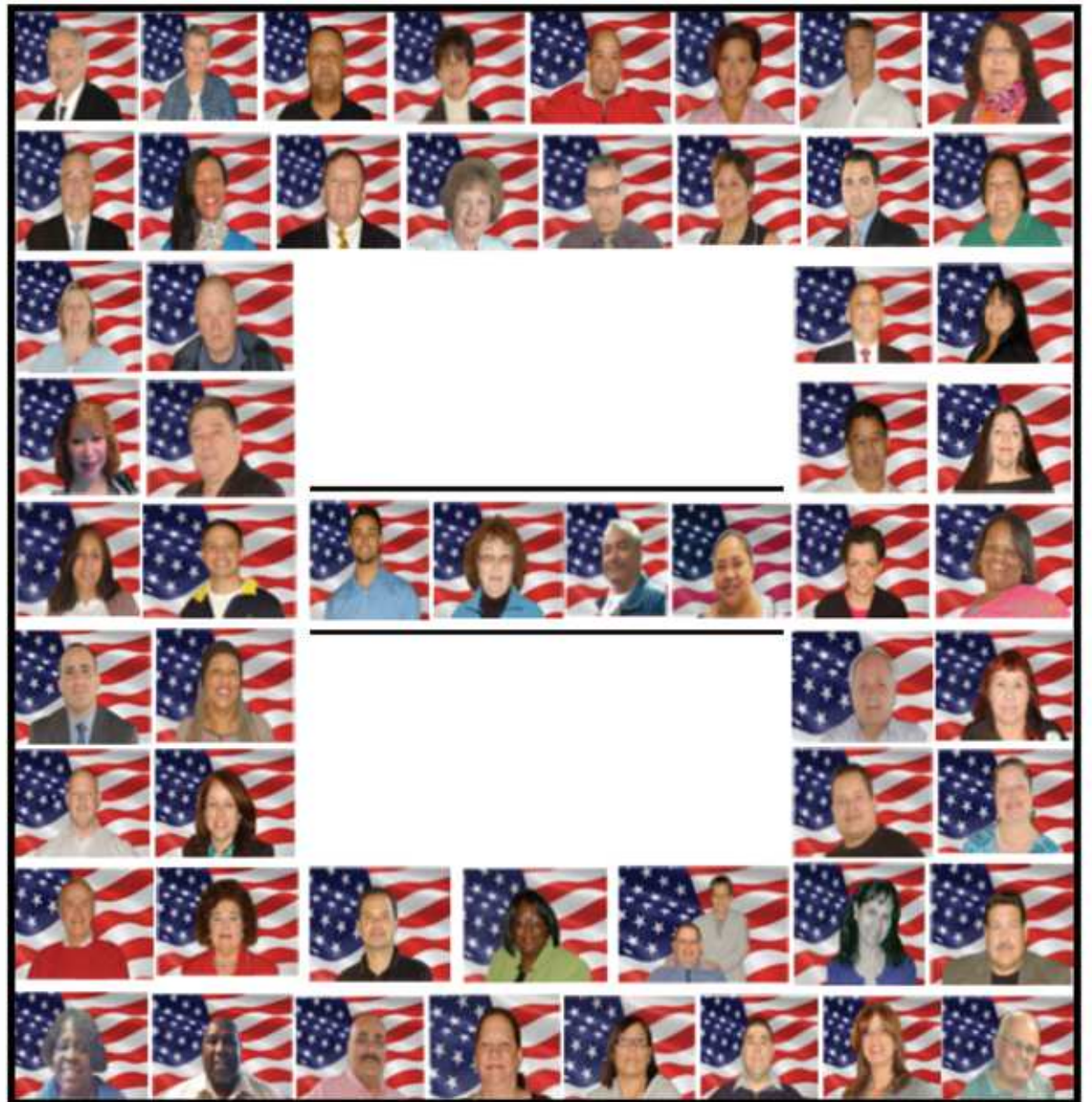
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The HUBS Memorial Day Service 5/27/13
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Gary Lyons, John Lynch, and Jim Dadon behind ceremonial table. Candles are lit for each deceased member and then put out as each name is read. A ceremonial Empty chair is reserved for POWs/MIAs

South Amboy, Sayreville & Morgan EMS Day
5/18/13 *Photos by Joe Bayona



Edna Pilch, Betty Dubinin (Sara's mom), and Pat Voight raise awareness for "Sara's Law," the NJ Next of Kin Registry



Richard Brown mans the blood pressure table



Adam and Dave Voight man the grill & cook up some Goodies



South Amboy's Go Cart Ambulance

Graduation Dispute

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the board should do what's best for the community, but she noted that there were parents who work nights that were happy that they were accommodated for.

"Although many parents work in the mornings, I had parents who work evenings that were very happy that it was changed," Roman said. "I received a number of messages that said they appreciated moving it."

Obi Gonzalez, who has seen over 30 graduations in her time with the school district, emphasized the importance of graduation for both the student and the families.

"Graduation only happens once. It's an honor to see all the parents and congratulate them," Gonzalez said. "I'd love to see as many people here as possible. It's a spectacular family event."

Israel Varela motioned to rescind the time back to 6 p.m. to do what's best for the children

and their parents. He believed it was important to listen to the community when they spoke out at a meeting.

"I am very glad the community came out and voiced their opinion tonight," Varela said. "If they are coming here and speaking out to us, it's important we listen."

However, the board attorney pointed out that the board of education is a body that sets the school calendar, but once it's voted on it's up to the administration to set the times. He noted that nobody could remember there ever being a vote on graduation times because there was never a need for one in the past.

Board President Mark Carvajal agreed with Varela about listening to the community, but also said the board cannot rush such an important decision.

"We can't rush this decision tonight...there are arguments for both sides," Carvajal said. "We will reconvene in smaller groups and try to reach a solution."

The Community Voice

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freeholder candidates clashed over issues specific to Perth Amboy during the mayoral election. The only thing they agreed on was that they did not want to move Perth Amboy towards partisanship. The back-room dealing which has taken place in the almost 7 months since the mayoral election must have been substantial and involved. It is only a matter of time before the true debt Perth Amboy owes becomes apparent. Thankfully, citizens will be able to voice their views, and not their mayor's views, on June 4 by voting. Vote for Democrats who has always served Perth Amboy interest in the County as well as the local Democratic mayors for the past 60 years. The Middlesex County Democratic Organization LINE B from top to bottom. We thank you!

Sincerely,
 Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez
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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

New Website

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

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Civil War Roundtable

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will be on June 3rd at the Woodbridge Library. This month's guest speaker, Gail Stephens, will talk about "Lew Wallace at Shilo". We are in the middle of the 150th anniversary of America's Civil War which was fought from 1861 to 1865. Come, join us, this and every month as we celebrate one of the most important events in our nation's history. All are welcome. And if you are not a paid member please consider doing so and help us keep history alive.

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.

Beauty Reconstructed: The Art of Marcel Truppa

WOODBIDGE - Join us as we celebrate the works of Marcel Truppa, an experimental artist working in collage, watercolor and oils at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge. From June 8 to June 25. Reception June 11. For more info call 732-634-0413.

Trip to Mets Game

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Senior Scene

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• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. May 30 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Jun. 3 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Jun 4 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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THURS. Jun. 6 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Jun. 10 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- South Amboy**
MON. Jun. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
WED. Jun. 12 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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Prayer To The Blessed Virgin

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 O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). **K.M.**

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

Saint Jude Novena

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - *(make your request here)* - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen **M.S.K.**

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.

Royal Garden Club Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Royal Garden Club by the Bay Monthly Meeting - Wednesday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. Peter's Rectory, 188 Rector St., Perth Amboy. All welcome to come and learn about our activities and join. Questions email: naturebnoelle@yahoo.com.

Prayer To St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and Gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me *(mention your request here.)* Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. Amen. **M.S.K.**

Novena To St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. *(Mention your request.)*

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.
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