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## Fire Scare Halts Perth Amboy Board Meeting *Electrical Issue Forces Evacuation at Perth Amboy High School*

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Board of Education was forced to cancel their latest meeting midway through due to a fire scare that forced an evacuation at Perth Amboy High School.

The public meeting was brought to a halt when a lighting fixture above the auditorium began to sizzle and blow out above the audience. Board President Mark Carvajal requested a five-minute recess to assess the situation, but the police officer on duty ordered a complete evacuation right before the fire alarms sounded.

The Perth Amboy Fire Department arrived at the scene minutes after the alarm went off and quickly entered the building to find the source of the issue. Unable to return to the building until it was deemed safe, Carvajal and Superintendent Janine Caffrey decided to call off the meeting while waiting with spectators outside.



Board Member Attendees were forced to wait outside while electrical malfunctions were investigated \*Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

Things were heating up before the fire scare when Dr. Caffrey once again put the subject of AMIKids on the agenda for approval.

According to the agenda, Dr. Caffrey requested "the approval to enter into a contractual agreement with AMIKids, Inc. to provide Alternative Educational Services and support for at-risk students at a cost not to exceed \$2.6 million for the 2013-2014 school year,

funded through special education budgeted funds and federal funds".

The biggest concern was the amount of money the school district would be investing into the controversial service. Jean Franza, a teacher at the Richardson School, was neither for nor against the program but was concerned over what would be lost by giving

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## Perth Amboy Graduation Controversy Forces Parents To Take Action

### *The Board of Education and Superintendent Get Served*

News Release June 24, 2013

PERTH AMBOY - Parents affected by the change in schedule for both the middle school and high school graduation ceremony submitted a Petition of appeal with the NJ State Commissioner of Education yesterday. The graduation time change controversy arose when Dr. Janine Caffrey change the time honored tradition of holding the High School ceremony from 6:00 PM to 9:00 AM. The graduation ceremony has historically been held at 6:00 PM for almost 40 years. In changing the high school graduation ceremony time, the middle school's graduation ceremony was also changed to June 26th, when normally it would have

been scheduled on the same day as the high school ceremony at an earlier time.

The change in graduation schedule and time has caused a financial hardship to individuals who are not able to take a day off of work or who cannot take two days off of work. "I have two graduations to attend, and I can only lose one day of work, [and] I am barely making ends meet, and surviving paycheck to paycheck" Elizabeth Morabito-Gonzalez said. "Being that the high school graduation time was held at 6:00 PM for so many years, I made the plans with my company around that time, and now may not be able to see one of my daughters graduate from

middle school," she said.

Concerned parents and students voiced their concerns publicly at the Board of Education meetings on May 23rd, and June 17th, presenting them with findings of a survey and petition collected on June 1st. The results of these findings were emailed to Dr. Caffrey on June 7, 2013, however, despite the survey and petition efforts, it was resolved by the school board and Caffrey that the graduation time controversy would not be voted on, or be placed on the June 20th agenda.

"I'm saddened that due to the time change, my own family can't see my daughter gradu-

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## Outrage Ensues over South Amboy Redevelopment Vote *Ordinance Could Lead to Potential Drug and Rehab Facility*



Planner of AJV Engineering Inc. Angelo Valettutto talking with Board Attorney John Lanza



Rick Spinelli addressing the Council. \*Photos by Joseph L. Kuchie

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - A packed house of concerned residents left in disgust last week when the South Amboy council approved an ordinance to revise the Memorial Medical Center redevelopment plan.

A key part of the revision for the new redevelopment was the permitted use of 13 different entities including an alcohol/substance abuse treatment facility. While mental health clinics are prohibited in the zone, drug and alcohol rehab could potentially still be added to the area.

The new ordinance and public hearing came after the city of South Amboy had its decision to block the impatient facility overturned in Appellate Court in favor of Rocky Top LLC.

The vote was unanimous amongst all councilmen and women, who were all in attendance for the meeting on Wednesday night. Board attorney John Lanza explained to the public before the vote that the ordinance was court ordered and, if the board voted no, they would be in contempt of court.

Resident Rick Spinelli of Ward Street was not pleased with the timing of the public

hearing considering the council was already preparing to vote yes. He also did not think it was fair that the meeting was held on the same day as South Amboy High School graduation, preventing many residents from coming out to speak their case.

Lanza explained that the council was under time constraints from the courts to get this ordinance passed so they could proceed. He told Spinelli that the courts were expecting the results of the vote on Thursday morning.

One of the main concerns about the new facility was the safety of the nearby residents who could be affected by the patients roaming the streets. Former councilmen and current resident Bill Schwarick asked questions about similar facilities in Kearny and Keyport and if the council had contacted those towns about their issues.

"Has any thought to security been issued? Is there anyway we can ensure the residents that there is some sort of qualified security in place?" he asked. "Has the Mayor and council looked into contacting Kearny and Keyport to see if

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South Amboy

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there's been a problem with Endeavor house there and has the Chief of Police contacted them to see if there was an increase in crime?"

Lanza responded by saying those towns had not been reached out to and wouldn't be unless a problem ensued with the facility or its patients. He reminded those in attendance that the facility was for patients who had already gone through the detox phase and were considered nonviolent.

Schwarick later showed his disappointment in the council when a young boy who lives next to the facility address his fear of walking to school everyday and the traffic that prevents him from crossing the street.

"That young man stood up in an adult forum with that courage and said he was afraid to walk to school down Bordentown Ave. and I looked up there and all I saw was vacant stares," he said. "Shame on you."

Resident Todd Christiansen has lived right across the street from the facility for over 20 years and was disgusted that this ordinance was up for a vote to begin with. He feared for his own safety and for the safety of other families in the area.

"There is no security being thought of yet and that is ridiculous. You should have that in place no matter what type of facility it is," Christensen said. "I wouldn't feel safe having a child in that neighborhood...I was a child in that neighbor-

hood...and the fact that it's turning into this embarrasses me and should embarrass you too."

Another concern about the facility was the parking problems that may ensue. According to local neighbors, the parking on Bordentown Avenue is bad as it is and residents like Tim Walczak wanted to know if solutions like parking permits would be put into place.

"In the past when the hospital was opened we had permit parking...can we have that re-established?" he asked. "Parking by my house right now is like living in Hoboken...my kids have to park three blocks away. It's already a problem."

Lanza and Council President Joseph Connors said that residential parking permits were discussed by the council earlier in the day and Business Administrator Camille Tooker said that the ordinance for parking permits would likely be put back into effect to prevent any parking issues for residents in the area.

Tension grew later in the night when resident Adam Horezga spoke and presented his support for the new inpatient rehab facility, which he believed presented less of a risk helping people with a problem than there would be with people leaving a bar late at night.

Rick Spinelli attempted to address Horezga directly, asking if he was a politician in town and where he lived in terms of the facility. He then went on to tell the stories of a family member who has suffered with drug addiction for 25 years and the toll it takes on

everyone who surrounds him.

"Nobody in this room knows what I know and lived with it for 25 years," Spinelli said. "The 12 step approach says they will get clean when they are ready and not a moment before. I think it's an injustice what this whole board is doing tonight by putting this on the floor by voting it."

Spinelli, visually affected by the evening's discussion, voluntarily left the meeting after the council asked him to calm down. Horezga later spoke about how he lost his grandfather in a DUI accident and regardless of his position he still wanted what's best for South Amboy's residents.

Lanza reminded the crowd numerous times that a drug and alcohol rehab facility is just one of the potential uses for the new space but would not necessarily be used in that aspect. Residents believed that it would become a treatment facility because of the money it would potentially bring into the town.

When the vote was passed around 8:30 p.m. despite the public outcry, the council saw nearly 30 residents walk out of the room at once, many of them making their feelings heard. One resident was heard yelling "We'll remember this on Election Day!"

Mayor Henry was not in attendance for the meeting in order to attend South Amboy High School's graduation. He will be present for the next South Amboy council meeting on July 17.

The South Amboy business meeting originally scheduled for July 3rd has been moved to July 10th.

Meeting for  
South Amboy  
Residents in  
Flood Plain

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy will be hosting an information night on July 9th at the Senior Center on Stevens Ave. for all those who live in the flood plain, not just those affected by Hurricane Sandy. All are strongly encouraged to attend.

Advisory:  
Attention

PERTH AMBOY - Volunteers from World Renew will be in Middlesex County beginning Wednesday, July 10 - July 23, 2013 to do Long Term Recovery Assessments with Middlesex County residents affected by Superstorm Sandy. This is an opportunity to request help for your recovery needs. For additional information and/or to set-up a visit for your assessment, please call: (732)-390-7074.

Perth Amboy High School  
Graduation

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ate from high school," Vanessa Fernandez said, "Considering this is a milestone event, and she is the oldest grandchild, and the first to graduate high school," she said. "We did the superintendent's job, and gathered a survey, that should've been done at the beginning of the school year so that the parents and families could have planned accordingly," Fernandez said. "In our survey, over 90% of the participants believe the new time of 9:00 am is an inconvenience, and favored a 6:00 PM time."

The petition filed before the the New Jersey Commissioner of Education alleges policy violations, and seeks the Commissioner to intervene on the parents and pupils behalf: "We

brought up this graduation issue numerous times to both the board of education members and to Dr. Caffery but our voice fell on deaf ears," Anthony Bermudez said. "Dr. Caffrey never contacted the families to discuss the issue of changing the graduation time, and how it would impact families and students. She made the decision on her own to change the graduation time, which is why we had to take this matter to the next level." This hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 1:30 PM in Newark, NJ. The next board of education meeting is scheduled to be on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at the McGinnis School at 6:00 PM because the previous June 20th meeting had a fire alarm evacuation.

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EDITORIAL

Oh Say Does that Star Spangled Banner Yet Wave



This picture of the flag was taken at the Perth Amboy City Hall Circle on Memorial Day, May 27, 2013. It took about 15 photos before I finally found the perfect shot. The day before mother nature did not cooperate but on the 27<sup>th</sup> the day could not have been more perfect.

The sky was a beautiful shade of blue. The sun was shining and the temperature was comfortable.

I’ve noticed on most patriotic holidays Mother Nature has mostly cooperated. We’ve had days where it has been bitter cold and windy, but not so bad as to postpone the celebration

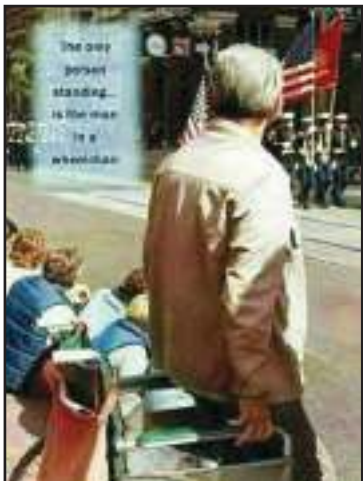
When I was taking the pictures, the Star Spangled Banner kept popping into my head. I’ve gone to events where the Pledge of Allegiance is recited and sometimes there are people who make it a point to sit it out. This excludes those who may not be able to stand because of a handicap.

Some people say the reason that they don’t say the Pledge of Allegiance is because the words are not true.

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

I is the word that jumps out. Man is not perfect. When I look at those words its up to me as an individual to put those words into action. *I pledge...* You can’t force another individual to respect their fellow man.

You are a part of this nation and those words are telling



you what you should do. It’s up to you whether or not you wish to honor those words.

It was almost a year ago in May when the towns of Perth and South Amboy announced that they would be holding joint Fireworks on July 3, 2012. There were many activities leading up to that day. It was a boom to the businesses and a morale booster to the residents. People from the surrounding communities converged on the Amboy’s and it felt like old times.

Unfortunately, Superstorm Sandy took a toll and there will be no fireworks this year for the Amboy’s.

Fireworks and picnics are often associated with an Independence Day Celebration. Although the Amboy’s will not have a repeat of the 2012 celebration, remember what Independence Day is truly all about.

The holiday is to commemorate our separation from Britain. For those who still believe that there is not liberty and justice for all in America- I have one question to ask: “Why do so many people still risk their lives to come here?”

Carolyn Maxwell

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promoted. Or they play a role in looking the other way from the political game of hiring family members as cops or firefighters. Political corruption has screwed up the New Jersey way of life for many. And this play to pay is a joke to the community from redevelopment to who gets who in playing a role for the sys-

tem. Also it’s a shame that the U.S. Dept. of Justice should have done more about political corruption in New Jersey. Just not pick a few because of this and that. And it’s very true that money talks and the small talk walks. Do you know anybody that bought a City job?

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Correction

I read the article on the June 19 2013 edition and I found an error. The sponsors for the event was God’s Army Ministries of New Jersey and not Abundant Life Worship Cen-

ter. In His Image Women’s Ministry is an entity of God’s Army Ministry, and the Hostess and the keynote speaker at this event was Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez Senor Pastor at God’s Army Ministries

of NJ who was not even mentioned in your article.

Pastor Allie Perez,  
Associate Pastor at God’s Army Ministries of NJ

Raise the NJ Standard Deduction

There is a plan to increase the minimum wage in New Jersey by one dollar. California raised its minimum wage to \$10 earlier this year. This will be done

by a constitutional amendment so the governor can’t stop it. What special interests does he represent? Isn’t this another argument for having Initiative and Referendum in New Jersey?

There is another item that is even more outdated. When NJ began its income tax in 1977

it set the personal exemption at \$1,000 to match the Federal amount. After 35 years it has never been raised! I urge the Legislature to raise it to at least \$4,000 to match the Federal amount.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

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Also, at this time of the year, we fondly recall the annual words of Austin Gumbs,

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English As A First Language

I read with interest the comments by my most esteemed colleague, Peter Book, in regards to the apparent reluctance of some of today’s immigrant groups in learning the English language. Mr. Book concludes that when it comes to benefits, these folks certainly don’t hesitate to learn then. Well, while I do not rush to judgment, I can understand Mr. Book’s frustration. I per-

sonally do not have any beef with his position.

I came to the U.S. as a child and struggled for a while but I learned the language quickly and all was well. But unlike my friend Mr. Book, I do not see today’s immigrants’ failure to speak English the result of any malice. I believe it’s something that has to do with culture. Some cultures run deeper than others and hold onto their roots more fiercely. The tricky part of all this is how we would go about enforcing one language on everybody. Interestingly, I have

been to and read about some of our native American’s reservations in New Mexico and the western states. Did you know that some of our native Americans in those reservations DO NOT SPEAK A WORD OF ENGLISH? Yes, it’s true and I dam say they don’t have to if they don’t want to. This was their home before anybody else’s. And in terms of enforcing the English language on them, what are we going to do to those native Americans, deport them?

Eralides E. Cabrera, Esq.

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

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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.

## Kearny Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

## Community Calendar

### Perth Amboy

TUES. Jun. 25 Board of Education, 6 p.m.  
McGinnis School, State St.  
WED. Jun. 26 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
THURS. Jun. 27 BID, 5 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
MON. Jul. 1 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

### South Amboy

WED. Jul. 10 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway  
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# City Of South Amboy Notice

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy City Council Business Meeting scheduled for July 3, 2013 at 6:00 P.M., at City Hall, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy, New Jersey has been canceled and rescheduled for July 10, 2013 at 6:00 P.M., at City Hall, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy, NJ, 08879. Said meetings are open to the public and formal action will be taken.

# Mayor's Summer Concert Series

WOODBIDGE - Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" or "On the Lawn". Bring out your lawn chair and relax with the Mayor's Summer Concert Series. Showtime at 7:30 at Woodbridge High School. FREE ADMISSION with a donation of a non-perishable food item for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Bank." Inclement weather hotline at 732-602-6045. Monday, July 8 Kenny Vance & the Planotones.

# NY Yankees Trip

WOODBIDGE - There will be a trip to see the NY Yankees vs. the Minnesota Twins on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. The bus leaves the Woodbridge Community Center at 4 p.m. sharp! Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Fee \$55. Space is very limited. First come first serve. To register for trip call 732-596-4048. There are no refunds given once payment is received. If the game is rained out there will not be another bus trip and your tickets will become vouchers.

# Fundraising BBQ

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville United Methodist Church at 406 Main Street, Sayreville will be having a fundraising barbecue on Saturday, August 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is Adults: \$10, Seniors/Students: \$8, Children under 12: \$5. The dinner includes Choice of Chicken or Hamburgers or Hot Dogs plus Salad, Corn on the Cob, Beverage and Dessert. In support of our fundraising efforts, there will be a Silent Auction. BBQ Ribs and additional Baked Goods will be available for purchase. For questions or additional tickets, please contact Christine Glace at (732)613-8768.

# Soup Kitchen & Clothing Giveaway

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

# Civil War Roundtable

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable of Central New Jersey will be on July 2, 2013, at the Woodbridge Library. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. This month's speaker is Joe Bilby and his topic will be "New Jersey's African-American Soldier in the Civil War." A book raffle and refreshments to follow. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.

# Trip to Mets Game

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsors an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the Mets battle the American League Champion Detroit Tigers with Triple Crown winner and MVP Miguel Cabrera, All Star Prince Fielder, and former Cy young award winner Justin Verlander in a 1:10 p.m. game on Sunday, August 25. There is a cost of \$70 which includes Tom Seaver All Star Bobblehead Doll, roundtrip motorcoach transportation, voucher for hamburger, or hot dog, or pizza, fries and soda. Snacks and beverages available at the Council Home on 308 Fourth St. Motorcoach leaves for the ballpark at 9:45 a.m. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707.



PERTH AMBOY - A representative from Kushner Companies receives a proclamation from Mayor Wilda Diaz. This was in appreciation for services the Kushner Companies rendered during the cleanup of the Waterfront after Superstorm Sandy.

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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.

# 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.



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## Independence Day Celebrations

SAYREVILLE - Kennedy Park Saturday, June 29 at 4 p.m.- Live Entertainment, Children's Games, International Food Court, Children's Rides and culminating the day's events a spectacular Fireworks Display Starts approximately 9:30 p.m. Rain date: July 1st

CARTERET - Wednesday, July 3, 2013: Carteret kicks off their summer concert series at Waterfront Park & Pier near Middlesex Avenue with a celebration that starts at 3 p.m. with rides, food, vendors, and exhibits. There will also be a concert. The day will come to a close with a fireworks display at about 9:15 p.m.

WOODBIDGE - Wednesday, July 3, 2013: Woodbridge Township will host their annual fireworks display at Alvin P. Williams Memorial Park. The gates open at 4 p.m. There are no reserved seats and you are welcome to bring your lawn chairs. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. The Alvin P. Williams Memorial Park at Sewaren Peninsula is located on Cliff Road. Rain date is July 5.



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Happy Independence Day!



South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 celebrates Flag Day on June 15, 2013, along with Sayreville-South Amboy Girl Scouts.  
*\*Photo Submitted*

Annual 4th of July Picnic

PERTH AMBOY – The City of Perth Amboy Office on Aging invite you to join us for the Annual 4th of July Picnic on Tuesday, July 2 at 10:30 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy. \$5 per person. Menu includes hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, meatball sandwiches, French fries, onion rings, etc. Call to sign up, 732-826-1690 ext. 4307 or 4326

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A procession from the Proprietary House located at 149 Kearny Avenue will begin at 12:30 p.m. and proceed to the bell ringing. The bell for the State of New Jersey is located in City Hall Circle in Perth Amboy (260 High Street) and is rung 13 times at 2:00 p.m., once ring for each of the 13 colonies.

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# Fire Scare

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the money to AMIKids.

“If we only target high school students we are not proactive at reducing the at-risk students at the other levels,” Franza said. “If we are spending \$2.6 million for the AMIKids program will we have money to spend on initiatives to positively impact the students and their families?”

Board member Maria Garcia also believed it was a big investment that the board was committing to without having a full understanding of what AMIKids would do. She believed it would be best to speak with community members before making a tough decision.

“Before we proceed with this I suggest we form a committee of all interested people including teachers, parents, administrators, and board members,” she said. “We have to understand what we’re doing. We’re spending \$2.6 million that everyone has to be comfortable with.”

Board member Anton Masopust also believed that there were too much information that wasn’t certain and urged the rest of the board not to pass the vote unless things were better understood.

“There are too many questions about this program about financing and staffing,” he said. “We did do this program in house very successfully for many, many years and I agree with my other board member that we shouldn’t pass this tonight.”

There was also a question of whether or not there was a conflict of interest between AMIKids and Dr. Caffrey. Caffrey spent 10 years as the Education Director with AMIKids and both her husband and children have contributed to the program as well.

After a long discussion with nearly every board member having a say, a motion was made to table the item until the board could have a better understanding of the process. However, the motion to table was denied after the vote was split four to four.

Dr. Caffrey defended her decision to put AMIKids on the agenda, but after hearing the complaints from the crowd and the board’s worries about the issue, she withdrew the item from the agenda once the motion to table did not pass.

The board also tabled two other items in order to better understand where the district’s money was going and how it would be used in the next school year. The continuation of the meeting was held on June 25th.

Anniversary Celebration of Anita Dowd - Perth Amboy High School 6/15/13 \*Photos by Bob Ned



Kurt Rebovich, Lissette Martinez & Anita Dowd



A sketch from a play



Mayor Diaz offers remarks



The little ones get in onto the act



The cast performs A Chorus Line

AristaCare Bingo - Perth Amboy - See Page 12 for more info \*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



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PERTH AMBOY - 1st Wednesday's of the Month - Community Breakfast & Bingo 2nd Floor Dayroom - 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at Alameda Center. 303 Elm Street, Perth Amboy. 3rd Wednesdays of Month - Community Auction & Snacks. 2nd Floor Dayroom - 2:00pm. Both events are open to the public. For more info call 732-442-9540. Please RSVP to Amy or Gladys at ext. 7733.

## Free Blood Pressure Screenings

SOUTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering free blood pressure screenings Thursday, July 11, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at the South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd.

## We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, July 5 and July 12, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746.

## Free Blood Pressure Screenings

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering free blood pressure screenings Wednesday, July 3, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. High blood pressure is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of this free screening to know your pressure levels and basic steps to regulate and maintain healthy blood pressure levels.

## Is Weight Loss Surgery Right For Me

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a seminar "Is Weight Loss Surgery Right For Me?" Monday, July 8, 7p.m. to 8 p.m. at its Old Bridge location. The informative event will focus on weight loss surgery including discussion on Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding, and Gastric Sleeve; Dr. Seun Sowemimo will lead discussions on the concerns surrounding weight loss surgery as well as its successes. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in 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. For more information, call 1.855.TIME.4.ME (1.855.846.3463).

## Balance and Sleep

WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "Balance and Sleep" informational event on Saturday, July 13, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Woodbridge Mall, 250 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge.

## Tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, July 10, at 5, 6, or 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to take the tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1.800.DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

## Connections Program Seeks Volunteers

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers of all backgrounds are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one activities.

Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child's life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor.

All adult volunteers will be screened, receive training, staff support and other services as needed. If you are interested in learning more about Connections Adult Mentoring Program, please contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323.

If any questions, you can reach us at (732)738-1323; once again we appreciate your consideration. Thank you and have a great day!

## Christie Administration Announces Opening of "re-New Jersey Stronger" Housing Recovery Centers

*Housing Recovery Centers Will Open 8:00 A.M. Saturday, June 8, in Each of the Nine Counties Most Impacted by Superstorm Sandy*

News Release

Friday, June 7, 2013

Colin Reed 609-777-2600

TRENTON – The Christie Administration today announced that "reNew Jersey Stronger" Housing Recovery Centers will open at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning in each of the nine counties most impacted by Superstorm Sandy. Eligible homeowners whose primary residences were damaged or destroyed by the storm can visit any of the nine Housing Recovery Centers to apply in-person for two grants designed to encourage them to resettle in their homes and help them repair, elevate or rebuild their residences.

Sandy-impacted homeowners can apply for grant assistance at [www.renewjerseystronger.org](http://www.renewjerseystronger.org) or by calling 1-855-SANDYHM (1-855-726-3946). The Housing Recovery Centers are an additional option homeowners have to apply for assistance.

"We want to make applying for our 'reNew Jersey Stronger' grant programs as easy as possible for Sandy-affected individuals whose lives have been anything but easy since the storm made landfall," said Governor Christie. "Homeowners should continue to apply online and through the call center, but these recovery centers are there if they need in-person assistance."

Sandy-impacted homeowners do not need to come to the Housing Recovery Centers if they previously applied to the "reNew Jersey Stronger" grant programs online or over the phone. In the next few weeks, applicants will be contacted directly about the status of their application and any necessary steps that they must take.

Under the "reNew Jersey Stronger" housing initiative, homeowners whose primary

residences were damaged by the storm in the nine most-impacted counties (Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union) are encouraged to apply for both of the following grant programs:

- Homeowner Reconstruction, Rehabilitation, Elevation and Mitigation (RREM) Program: This \$600 million program provides eligible homeowners up to \$150,000 grants to help repair, elevate or rebuild their primary residences.

- Homeowner Resettlement Program: This \$180 million program is aimed at encouraging eligible homeowners to remain in the nine counties that were most seriously affected by the storm by providing \$10,000 grants to encourage them to resettle in their existing primary home or resettle in the same county.

"We urge all eligible homeowners to take advantage of both the RREM and Resettlement programs if they haven't already," said Richard E. Costabile, III, Commissioner of the NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA), which is administering the 'reNew Jersey Stronger' initiative. "These grants are meant to help homeowners affected by Superstorm Sandy rebuild stronger and remain in their homes, but funding is limited."

Funding for the "reNew Jersey Stronger" grants comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program. To date, HUD has approved \$1,829,520,000 in CDBG Disaster Recovery funds for New Jersey. The 'reNew Jersey Stronger' housing initiative will utilize \$780 million of the allocation.

Eligible homeowners are

strongly encouraged to submit an application on or before June 30, 2013. Applications that are received on or before this date will be processed electronically and subsequently prioritized focusing on factors such as degree of damage, income levels and communities that suffered the greatest impact from Superstorm Sandy. Residents can apply after June 30, but applications received after this date will be processed on a first-received, first-processed basis. Notwithstanding, priority will continue to be given to those homes with the most damage and to homeowners who are most in financial need.

For more information on the "reNew Jersey Stronger" initiative, including details about the application process, determination of eligibility, and award calculation, visit [www.renewjerseystronger.org](http://www.renewjerseystronger.org) or call the hotline number 1-855-SANDYHM (1-855-726-3946).

Locations of the Housing Recovery Centers that will open 8:00 a.m. tomorrow are as follows:

County Location

**Ocean** - 750 Vassar Avenue, Lakewood Township,

**Monmouth** - 4 Paragon Way, Freehold

**Atlantic** - 500 Scarborough Drive, Egg Harbor Township

**Hudson** - 438 Summit Avenue, Jersey City

**Union** - 150 Morris Avenue, Springfield

**Bergen** - 140 E. Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus

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## Outdoor Flea Market

WOODBIDGE – The Barron Arts Center Outdoor Flea Market will be on Saturday, July 13th from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rain or Shine! Benefits the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission & future programming at the Barron Arts Center. Great Deals on New & Used Household items, clothes, toys P& other Flea Market Treasures. Call 732-634-0413 for more info.

## Christmas in July

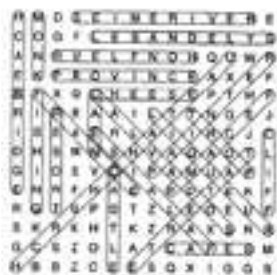
PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Christmas in July Vendor Fair on Sunday, July 21st from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Good Shepherd Parish Holy Spirit Church, 580 Hazel Ave., Perth Amboy. Come enjoy an afternoon of fun of shopping and eating. All kinds of Craft, vendor and demonstrators. Sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society. For more info contact Joyce at 732-887-7800

## Plays in the Park

EDISON - Les Miserables, Tuesday, Jun. 25 through Saturday, July 6 No Sundays - 8:30 pm. Adults - \$7, Senior Citizens - \$5, Children 12 and Under Free. Plays-in-the-Park is located 1 block south of the Menlo Park Mall off of Route 1, in Edison, N.J. The turn off is called Grandview Avenue. At the top of the short hill make your first right on to Pine Drive and the Park Rangers will guide you to a parking spot. Fax: 732-548-1484 • Phone: 732-548-2884. Please bring a non-perishable food item to benefit less fortunate residents through M.C.C.F.O.O.D.S. This program is funded in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept of State.

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From Puzzle  
On Page 15**



## LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Second Street circa 1970's. Dedication ceremony for the carving of an American Indian from a tree.

*\*Photo Courtesy of Jack M. Dudas*

*This Photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission*

# Senior Scene

## Happenings

### Perth Amboy

- WED. Jun. 26 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. Jun. 27 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Jul. 1 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jul. 2 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Jul. 3 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
  - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
  - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

### South Amboy

- MON. Jul. 1 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Jul. 10 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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## Edison AARP

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, June 17 at 12:00 noon at The Rosewood, 2863 Woodbridge Ave, Edison, for a luncheon and installation of officers. Singing DJ, Ray Andercik will provide entertainment. Trips: Reservations are now being taken for next seasons shows at the Paper Mill Playhouse: October 7 - Honeymoon in Vegas, December 19 - Oliver, April 24 - South Pacific, June 12 - Grease. For information call Doris at 732-603-8788. September 24-27 - Cape Cod package with whale watching. For information call Bob at 732-885-1789. All programs are open to non-members. For additional information visit our website at [edisonaarp.org](http://edisonaarp.org)

## Woodbridge Wednesdays

WOODBIDGE - Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" or "On the Lawn". Bring out your lawn chair and relax with live music every Wednesday. Showtime at 7:30 at Parker Press Park. FREE ADMISSION with a donation of a non-perishable food item for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Bank." Visit the Woodbridge Farmer's Market Jersey Fresh Produce, Baked Goods, BBQ, Beer & Wine Garden from 3 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Parker Press Park, Rahway Avenue and Main Street. Free parking at NJT Parking Lot. For Inclement weather call the hotline at 732-602-6045. July 10 Caravan of Thieves will perform.

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Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.  
Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.  
Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Antique & Classic Car Show and Flea Market

SOUTH AMBOY - Independence Fire House, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy presents the Antique & Classic Car Show and Flea Market. Vans, Race Cars, 4x4's & Bikes welcome! Sunday, August 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain Date: Sunday August 11. 50's Music By Jukebox Jimmy. BJacktop Parking, Sponsor Award Tropbtes, Chiers Trophy, No Judging of Vehicles, Mayor's Trophy, Fans Choice of Trophies. \*Due to the economy we are lowering our price to \$5 for early registrants!!\* Advanced Entry Fee \$5 per Vehicle I Day of Show Entry \$15 Pre-Registration Deadline: July 31. Bud & Bud Light Cups \$1 for Vehicle Entrants ALL DAY! - Provided By The Landmark Tavern. WANTED Vendors / Craft Vendors, Early Entry \$20, Day of Show Entry \$25. Come Watch Our Irish Dancers. For More Information call Mike at (908)930-3497 or email MTOTH1@OP-TONLINE.NET

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