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## Honor Students Voice Their Opinion As Messengers of Peace

### Students State their Case to Keep Honors Program



**Honors Student  
Stephanie Rodriguez**



**The United Messengers of Peace**

*\*Photos by Katherine Massopust*

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – The Messengers of Peace, a student run non-profit organization held their first meeting at Perth Amboy High School on Thursday, August 15. The group consists of Honors Students who want to voice their concerns on the redefinition/elimination of the Honors programs in the Perth Amboy Public School System. The students: Rafael Tafur, May Bileye, Stephanie Rodriguez (President and Founder), Rosemary Nivar, Henry Rosado, Haliee Baez, Maitta Harris and Randy Rivas all spoke. They presented their feelings and concerns about how eliminating the Honors Programs in the early grades and grades 9th & 10th would affect them.

Student Rosemary Nivar spoke first, “We are trying to make a difference. We all spoke out about the removal of Honors. We’re just a bunch of students who want to have their opinions heard.”

At the past special meeting called by Superintendent Caffrey to discuss the Honors Program took place at the Barracks Street Administration Building. At this meeting, Board of Education Members, Union Representatives and certain community members were asked to leave. The Head of Security stated that Dr. Caffrey instructed him to ask the

se people to leave. Some parents were allowed to enter. Students were only allowed to enter if they had their student ID on them.

The students want their voices to be heard. “We’re the future of Perth Amboy. My parents want to be here to find the American Dream. I have an opinion to be heard and we all are to be taken seriously,” Nivar stated.

Student Henry Rosado stated his feelings, “Dr. Caffrey made a blog on PAPS.net. On that page she lists the new Common Core Curriculum Standards (CCCS) and she wants to increase the rigor. I understand her opinion and I know where she is coming from. But you are forcing kids to take classes that they are not ready for.”

Rosado continued, “We are missing motivation (in the school system). Nobody is going to want to do the work. Honor students will lose their drive. I’m going to be with students who can’t work as the same pace as me. If you have a classroom full of standard kids, the Honors kids could get bullied. They (Honor Students) can lose their chance for admission into college. With a lot of colleges, if they don’t see Honors on your transcript, they don’t even look at you. What am I working for? Also,

a standard kid will get bullied in a class full of Honor students.”

Rosado continued, “We shouldn’t be deleting our tracks, but make them more effective. There should be better motivation. We should enforce student morale. We should have fundraisers and have field trips starting in elementary school. We need to increase school spirit. We need more than discipline; instead of sending you home we should have more counseling. There should be motivation - not force.”

Student Haliee Baez stated, “This summer I worked with kids from eight years to high school age. I tell them to get into the Honors Program. It motivates them and gives them a boost later in life. It’s a 21st Century Program. It opens our eyes to the generations of tomorrow. We have our voices – we need to remember the younger kids. Honors did a lot for me – not only academically but personally. The Honors Program made me what I am today. It’s a reward to us. We don’t need to be brought back – we need to be brought forward. I took a regular English class. There, I was an outcast. Everyone looked down on me.”

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## BID Budget Approved

By Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – Public hearing and adoption of the operating budget for the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District, Inc. (BID) for the new fiscal year (starting July 1st) was discussed.

City Attorney Mark Blunda stated, “For years the BID did not follow its own by-laws; this is going back to the prior administration. The Chairperson was appointed by the mayor – not elected by the Board.” This was questioned by one BID Board Member and found out that the BID should elect their own Chair.”

During this election, the BID elected Barry Rosengarten as Chair and Enrique Hernandez as Vice-Chair.

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez stated, “The Chair can appoint committee chairs and committee members.”

A question came up about how the BID budget is spent and what the allocations in the budget are utilized for.”

BID Chair Barry Rosengarten stated, “We’ll examine what our needs are. We do not have enough money to oper-



**BID Chair  
Barry Rosengarten**

ate. There is an insufficiency through the tax levy.”

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach stated that although the tax levy which has been the same for approximately 10 years is approximately \$230,000. The BID budget is approximately \$320,000. The surplus money over the years will make up the difference for the BID budget.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry asked if the BID can change the allocations.

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez said, “The BID is an independent non-profit agency.”

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## Handicapped Parking Spot on Market Street at City Hall Limited

By Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – At the 8/14/13 City Council Meeting there was a discussion over the handicapped parking space on Market Street in front of City Hall of whether or not to limit the time for parking in that particular space. The ordinance was originally written to limit the time to thirty minutes.

In the 7/17/13 issue of the Amboy Guardian City Attorney stated that he is the one that initiated this limitation on handicapped parking. “We want to limit the time so other handicapped people can park there. I’ve seen people park there for hours.”

Resident Alan Silber stated, “Are you going to limit a handicapped person’s right?”

What if a handicapped person wants to meet with someone like the Mayor or B.A.? One half hour does not meet with ADA requirements. I think that two hours will fit. Other cities do it for four hours.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski felt that one particular resident (John Siberry) was targeted by placing a time limit on that handicapped space. He referred to a past incident involving Siberry, (who often parks in that particular handicapped spot) and the Mayor’s husband. Sierakowski stated, “Mr. Siberry was verbally abused by the Mayor’s husband (during that incident). All of this is retaliation. Mr. Siberry is a target. If you are

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## Messengers of Peace

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Student Randy Rivas stated, "We now have a choice: Regular or A.P." The students stressed the fact that it is too difficult to take a full course load of A.P. classes even if it is schedule permitting. The students pointed out that other schools have an Honors Program so why can't Perth Amboy?

Student Maitta Harris said, "This is a community issue. We need the right classes to give us knowledge."

The students held up signs and explained the math track for regular and Honors students. It clearly showed that Honors Students were on a more advanced level of mathematics for college, including Calculus in the 11th and 12th grade. "We're at a different level. It makes no sense to be pushed into one class. Everyone looks down at Perth Amboy but we really are a good school. Some of us want to go to Harvard. Keep Honors so I can go," Maitta stated

Student Rafael Toffera stated, "I want to apply to Harvard. It's not fair that the Honors Program is being taken away from us. We should have the best education possible."

Student May Bileye spoke about bullying issues, "It's demeaning to both groups of students. A generalized student was placed in one of our Honors classes. She wasn't happy. She looked like a lost puppy."

Student Rosemary Nivar stated, "We didn't always have the same experience. There is Spanish II Honors and Spanish II Regular. When I was in the Honors classroom we spoke Spanish. In the Regular class we were supposed to be speaking Spanish. I couldn't work at my pace; I had to take it notches down."

The President of the group, Stephanie Rodriguez said, "Dr. Caffrey is leaving Honors for Juniors and Seniors and taking away everything else. Honors had changed the way I see life. I don't think it's fair to the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade. I've been in the hospital recently. I got to meet a psychologist. He asked me how I was doing emotionally. He said what Honors meant to him back in the 1970's and it wasn't a big deal back then. I also got to meet Miss America. She went into Honors in the 10th Grade. She regrets she didn't have Honors earlier because she felt she would have won more pageants. Why do you want to take away our opportunities? Honors teach you to become independent. It is going to make us better doctors and better lawyers. You can't take that away. We should expand the Honors Program."

The meeting was opened to the public to speak. Maria, a student said, "I never knew the Honors Program. I would like to be somebody, to be in an Honors Class and to go to college. I would like to try it."

Resident Lee Darden stated, "I have a four year old daughter and an eight year old son. What is your call of action?"

Rodriguez answered, "What we want is to spread the word. It's your education; it's your future."

Student Haliee Baez stated, "We want other student's opinions. Let the kids be heard!"

Resident Karen Varela stated, "I have gone to Shull School from 1960 to 1969 and PAHS from 1969 to 1973. I was in the accelerated classes. The same people were in all of my classes." Varela also stated that the Board of Education members present at this meeting should speak.

Rodriguez stated that Superintendent Dr. Caffrey explicitly forbid any Board of Education Members from speaking at this meeting. "I have the email," Rodriguez stated.

Resident Sharon Hubberman asked what she could do to help. "I can be an advocate for your case. I want you to achieve what your goal is. Don't give up. Each and every one of you is a leader. Keep an open mind. Seize the moment. Seize the opportunities."

Rodriguez repeatedly stressed the point that the Messengers of Peace was strictly a non-political group. "Politics has played with my education."

The next Board of Education meeting is on Thursday, August 29. The Messengers of Peace students plan to attend.

### BID

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B.A. Fehrenbach answered, "The BID Board can change any one of the allocations. The fiscal year is July 1st to June 30th. The process should have taken place in May. The budget is determined on how much is collected from property taxes. It is the levy that you (the Council) are acting upon. The levy is on property value within the business district. If you don't support the reallocations that they (the BID) make, it is within the authority of the Council to recognize the levy on property value within the business district."

The Council approved the BID budget for 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Both Chair of the BID Barry Rosengarten and BID Member Virginia Lugo stated that there is a seminar explaining the purpose and function of the BID at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy on Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at 6 p.m.

### Parking

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so concerned, there should be 2 spaces there. Any public place allows two handicapped parking spaces for 2 hours."

Blunda stated, "30 minutes is sufficient. The limitation is appropriate. The time limit will assist the handicapped. There should be a limitation."

Council President Joel Pabon stated, "After Monday's (Caucus) Meeting I came back with someone who is handicapped; we came upstairs and bought a candy bar (from the vending machine). It took 20 minutes with my assistance. I'd like the Council to think about this. Whether it's to come to see the Mayor or B.A. it's going to take long."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez stated that the parking spots in front of City Hall have a 15 minute time limit. "If someone is going to meet the Mayor or B.A., 15 minutes is not enough."

The Council amended the ordinance 2 hour time limit. The amended ordinance passed.

### Habit for Humanity House Topic of Discussion

By Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – The property on 440 Lawrie Street which is owned by the Housing Authority became a topic of discussion at the 8/14/13 City Council Meeting. The property was fixed by the Morris County Habitat for Humanity. Resident Stanley Sierakowski wanted to know who makes the decision on whom gets this house and why the Morris County Habitat for Humanity was asked instead of the Middlesex County Habitat for Humanity.

Housing Authority Chair Dorothy Daniel states, "The Housing Authority makes that decision. As far as the property on Lawrie Street, there is a Middlesex County Habitat for Humanity in name only. The Morris County Habitat for Humanity was good enough to engage in partners with us in this venture. The Perth Amboy Housing Authority will decide who will become the homeowner. It will be done by lottery. An independent party will pick it."

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# LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

## EDITORIAL

### *A Tribute to my Sister, Bennie L. Goodman*

You may wonder why I would use the death of my sister in an editorial. She is one of the faces of those who courageously battle cancer. Unfortunately she lost that battle less than a month after she was diagnosed with the disease. In the short time she had left she was concerned more about the loved ones she would be leaving behind than the pain she was suffering.

My sister Bennie was the eldest of ten children. Hence, she was almost like a second mother because as the eldest, she often helped take care of her younger siblings which she relished. I think she liked being the boss.

Her sensitivity and sense of caring came from our parents. Bennie demonstrated that throughout her life.

My parents were very loving and caring and put a sense of pride in each of us. My father said that in this country you can accomplish anything you want if you put your mind to it.

Bennie was very creative and another sister of ours (Jeannette) who passed away in 2001, they created decorative fashion pins and greeting cards.

She worked from the Metro Glass Company in Carteret of which I don't remember. I do remember her working for the State of NJ at the Woodbridge Developmental Center. While working there she received many achievements, certifications and memberships.

She was proud to be a member of the Middlesex County Bd. of Dir. for the Handicapped. She had certifications in the field of Mental Retardation for the State of NJ. She served as a Summer Camp Counselor at Kiddie Keepwell Camp. She was a member of the Model Cities Program for the City of Perth Amboy. After almost 28 years of service she retired as Supervisor of Professional and Residential Services.

Family and friends were very



**Bennie L. Goodman  
1938 - 2013**

important to my sister. Her daughter, Wanda followed in her footsteps and also worked and retired from Woodbridge Developmental Center. She was also proud of her son, William and her grandsons, Cory and Watson who chose the military as their careers. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were a great source of pride to her. Every accomplishment that they made she made known to the world.

Growing up in Perth Amboy, my sister and her husband at the time, (Bill McCoy) would often take us to the Amboy Drive-in Movies and various day trips. She remained close to all of her friends and ex-in-laws. That's saying a lot. Her close friends and co-workers from Woodbridge Developmental Ctr. flew in from NJ to be with her in Waycross, GA where she lived after retirement.

She was a past President of the American Legion Auxiliary #517 in Waycross, GA. She met her husband, Mills at the Church where she attended as a child and now were both members. Mills said that he had prayed to God to send him a perfect wife and his prayers were answered. They were active participants in the church and they loved fishing together amongst other activities.

Bennie is not here physically, but all the seeds she planted continue to flourish. *C.M.*

## THE COMMUNITY VOICE

### *Low Income Housing*

The Mayor and her friends were ground breaking for new low income housing. 70 units for the Delaney Project. Bragging about this is as an

entrance to Perth Amboy. Are they insane? What City puts low income housing as their entrance???

Perth Amboy needs to attract high income, not low. Sincerely,  
Jose Rodriguez-Marté

#### *Editor's Note*

The photo on the front cover of the 8/7/13 issue was a file photo from 11/10/11 showing the demolition of one of the Delaney Homes Buildings - not a ground breaking ceremony.

### *Editorial Notes and Our Group's Message*

We would like to thank you for writing your editorial on us in the latest issue of the Amboy Guardian! We really

appreciated the editorials in the paper, it meant so much to us! We also want to thank you for being present at our community meeting on Thursday August 15, 2013. I would like to apologize for the negativity that occurred in the meeting. We didn't mean to say that the teachers are not good, to be honest they are excellent! This

was misinterpreted. What we were trying to say was that the Special Education Programs also needed to be improved and modified to every students educational needs.

We apologize again for the negativity.

Thank you so much,  
United Messengers of Peace

### *The Hidden Agenda of Gun Control*

This is an explanation of some recent proposals.

The purpose of firearm registration is not just to allow a future confiscation, but to allow a regressive tax on owners or firearms.

The idea of banning the so-called "gun show loophole" is to reduce the value of fire-

arms. If they can't be sold their value drops to scrap metal. This allows confiscation by paying pennies per pound in the future ("fair market value"). What other consumer product is banned from resale?

After the proposed Federal Background Check Law was justly defeated, the media admitted it would not have prevented that school shooting in Connecticut. (No one talked about the shooter's medical treatments.) In the case of the movie theater shooting in Col-

orado, the shooting of a Congresswoman in Arizona, or the shooting in Fort Hood, all the alleged shooters had passed a background check.

Whether today or 225 years ago, countries with the most powerful governments are usually the places where their subjects are the most exploited (lower wages and higher taxes). Is reducing the rights of the people the best policy for these times?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

### *Concerts by the Bay*

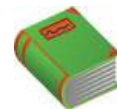
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## Search and Recovery for Drowning Victim

News Release 8/15/13  
PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Perth Amboy Police Department provide a report of the search and recovery for Jorge Ortega-Romero.

"On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy, I offer my sincerest regrets to the Ortega-Romero family and friends who lost their loved one. Our public safety units were

present and partnered in this search, rescue and recovery effort. Once again, I urge families as we soon end this summer season-- be safe." said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Benjamin Ruiz, Chief of Police- Incident Report: Authorities have recovered the body of Jorge Ortega-Romero age 29 of 119 State Street, Perth Amboy, who drowned Wednesday, 14 August 2013 at

approximately 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, 14 August a little after 7:00 p.m. Isabel Lozada age 32 took several children which she was baby-sitting from Caledonia Park across the street to play at the water's edge in the area of Sadowski Parkway and High Street in the City of Perth Amboy. A short time later a family member of Ms. Lozada which

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TORRES MINI MARKET .....	403 BRUCK AVE.
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SENIOR CENTER .....	423 MAIN ST.
SUNNYSIDE RESTAURANT .....	111 MAIN ST.
VENEZIA PIZZERIA .....	881 MAIN ST.
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PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	546 WEST AVE.
SEWAREN CORNER DELI .....	514 WEST AVE.
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BROADWAY BISTRO .....	126 N. BROADWAY
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COLLEEN'S KITCHEN .....	132 S. PINE ST.
COMMUNITY CENTER .....	200 O'LEARY BLVD.
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KRAUSZER'S .....	717 BORDENTOWN AVE.
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MAIN ST. FARM .....	107 MAIN ST.
NEWS & TREATS .....	99 MAIN ST.
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WOODBRIDGE VETERINARY GROUP .....	424 AMBOY AVE.

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**Class of 1943  
70<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

PERTH AMBOY - PAHS Class of 1943 will hold its 70<sup>th</sup> Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 22 at Seabra's Armory, Front Street, Perth Amboy from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more info call Pauline at 732-721-3509.

**Volunteer  
Firefighters  
Needed**

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

**HIV Support**

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

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

**Monthly  
Book Club**

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

**Kearny  
Cottage Open**

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

**Community Calendar**

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
THURS. Aug. 29	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
THURS. Sept. 5	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Sept. 9	City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Sept. 10	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St. UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St. BID, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Sept. 11	City Council, Regular 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
WED. Aug. 21	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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## Could Your Business Survive Another Sandy? Survival, Financial and Continuity Strategies for Small Businesses

PERTH AMBOY - Hurricane Sandy has had a major economic impact on Middlesex County businesses. The Small Business Development Center at Rutgers New Brunswick in conjunction with the City of Perth Amboy welcomes the entire business community to a Forum that addresses Recovery. Get updated on the forgivable loans and grants available. Legal, Accounting, Risk Management, Cyber Security, Marketing and Human Resources professionals will be on hand. Businesses that require the professional expertise that will help to revitalize and restore loss of business should attend. You will be provided with an analysis of the financial impact of the storm,

an assessment of the current and post-Sandy business strategies and the truth about financial assistance. Receive your Business Continuity Ready Kit. ALL BUSINESSES WELCOME! INVITE FELLOW ENTREPRENEURS! REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED!

Thursday, August 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Alexander Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy.

Pre-registration Required. To register: Email: njsbdcnb@business.rutgers.edu or call 732-442-6421 or 848-445-8796. Hosts NJSBDC @ Rutgers New Brunswick & Hon. Mayor Wilda Diaz, The NJ Business Action Center, Perth Amboy UEZ & BID.

## Wisniewski, Prieto, Moriarty & Conaway "Nikki's Law" to Erect Signage on Roadways Promoting No Texting, While Driving Law Now Law

News Release 8/14/13

TRENTON - Legislation sponsored by Assembly Democrats John Wisniewski, Vincent Prieto, Paul Moriarty and Herb Conaway, Jr. to erect signage warning motorists that text messaging while driving is prohibited under state law has been signed into law.

The law, designated "Nikki's Law", is named after Nikki Kellenyi, an 18-year old National Honor Society for Business student and champion equestrian from Washington Township, NJ who tragically died in an automobile accident in 2012.

"The typical text message takes 4.6 seconds - that would be the equivalent of driving a car blind at 55 mph the entire length of a football field," said Wisniewski (D-Middlesex), who chairs the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities. "A quick look away while driving may seem minor, but it can be fatal. This law honors Nikki's memory and will hopefully help save others by reminding drivers that current state law prohibits texting while driving."

The law (A-3873/S-2406) requires the Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the Director of the Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Department of Law and Public Safety, to erect appropriate signage and use variable message signs, informing motorists that text messaging and sending electronic mes-

sages via wireless telephone or electronic communication device while driving is prohibited under state law. The law takes effect immediately.

"Many people fail to realize the great risk they take when they look away from the road for even just a few seconds to respond or send a text message," said Prieto (D-Bergen/Hudson). "Some may not even be aware that under state law texting while driving is a crime. Having signage reminding drivers that texting while driving is illegal will hopefully help curb this dangerous behavior."

"According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted. Your life is not worth a text message," said Moriarty (D-Camden/Gloucester). "We passed a law prohibiting this behavior. Erecting signage reminding motorists that texting is not only dangerous, but illegal is the next logical step."

"Texting while driving does not only endanger the driver, but the driver's passengers and other motorists on the road," said Conaway (D-Burlington). "There is no text message worth dying for. Seeing signage on the road pushing the message that texting while driving is illegal will hopefully make drivers think twice about taking their eyes off the road to respond to a text on their phone."

## Jewish Renaissance Medical Center Celebrates National Health Center Week 2013 This event is Part of National Campaign Celebrating America's Health Centers' Success

News Release 8/13/2013

PERTH AMBOY - Jewish Renaissance Medical Center (JRMC), the nation's first ever faith-based federally qualified healthcare center (FQHC), is marking National Health Center Week 2013 (NHCW) with a Great Health Fair as part of a week-long campaign (August 11-17) to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's Health Centers as local solutions for affordable and accessible health care. In the parking lot of Jewish Renaissance Foundation, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy on Friday, Aug. 16, there was a health fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a ceremony taking place at 10:30 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., dignitaries present proclamations to JRMC.

One of the bright spots in America's health care system, community health center and FQHC's such as Jewish Renaissance have compiled a significant record of success by:

- Reducing income and ethnic health disparities nationwide, even in the poorest and most challenged communities
- Producing \$24 billion in annual health system savings
- Reducing unnecessary hospitalizations and unnecessary visits to the ER
- Generating a system of preventive medicine that patients use regularly to stay healthy, thus saving lives.

Two proclamations describing this important work was presented. A municipal proclamation will be delivered by the Honorable Mayor Wilda Diaz of Perth Amboy as well as a state-level proclamation by Governor Chris Christie read by Linda Anderson, Director of the Office of Primary Care, Division of Family Health Services, NJ Dept. of Health and remarks about the importance of the Affordable Care Act by the US Department of Health and Human Services Northeast Region II Director, Dr. Jaime Torres.

"Every day in our waiting rooms I witness the value of having a patient-centered health care home," said Mark Roberts, Jewish Renaissance Medical Center CEO. "When people have a place to go for regular care, they use it and stay healthier. We provide a range of services onsite - primary adult care services, pediatrics, OB/GYN, pharmacy,



Mayor Wilda Diaz with Alan Goldsmith, CEO of the JRF and Mayor of Edison, Antonia Ricigliano



The JRF is honored



Taking a cholesterol test at the health fair



Giving the JRF a proclamation

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang

dentistry, and even mental health services. Our patients not only get the care they need under one roof, but they are treated as individuals, with dignity and respect. This is what health care should be, and what we celebrate dur-

ing National Health Center Week."

To find out more about National Health Center Week, visit [www.healthcenterweek.org](http://www.healthcenterweek.org) To find out more about the Affordable Care Act, visit: [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)

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**STORIES from PERTH AMBOY**

KATHERINE MASSOPUST

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amby by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-261-2610

**Kolbas**

**Sandwich Sale**

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish Holy Trinity Church, Perth Amboy, will hold a kolbas sandwich sale in the church hall at 6 p.m., Sat., Sept. 7. Tickets, \$8, include sandwich, cake and beverage. Tickets will be sold only at the door. For further information call 732-721-5914.

**Oldies Dance**

HOPELAWN - Sponsored by the Holy Name Society of Good Shepherd Parish at Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn. Saturday, September 28, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Hot buffet, beer, wine, soda. Music by Sounds of the Street. Donation \$40 per person. For tickets and info call Steve at 732-826-9244. No tickets sold at the door.

**Exclusive Proprietary House Ghost Hunt**

PERTH AMBOY - ONE NIGHT ONLY! Saturday, October 12, from 8 p.m. -11 p.m. Join us for a very special and exclusive paranormal investigation of the historic Proprietary House! 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy Unlike our usual October ghost tours, this is an actual investigation where you are invited to bring your own equipment in to try to capture evidence! For \$20 per person, you will be given access to the basement and first floor from 8-11pm. An expert guide will show you around as we investigate and conduct EVP sessions. Light refreshments will be served. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. SPACE STRICTLY LIMITED. No one under 15 permitted (children younger than that are welcome on our normal ghost tours!) Email Greg Caggiano at nyr1199@comcast.net to reserve your spots. For more info call 732-826-5527

**Bodyscapes 2013**

WOODBIDGE - The Barron Arts Center presents its annual show featuring a collection of professional life model drawings by the Barron Life Drawing Group. The Barron Arts Center is located at 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For more info call 732-634-0413.

**Harold G. Hoffman Multi-class Reunion**

SOUTH AMBOY - The Harold G. Hoffman Multi-class Reunion will be held at the South Amboy Elks Lodge 2555, 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy on Sunday, September 22, 2013 at 2 p.m.. Tickets are \$50 per person. Kindly send your check to Susan Mattsson, 241 Cindy Street, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 as soon as possible. If you have any questions, call 732-721-2956.

**Sayreville Knights to Present Timothy Wilson From The Legendary "Teenagers"**

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Knights of Columbus proudly presents Timothy Wilson, lead singer for Frankie Lymons Legendary "TEENAGERS" and his guest band. Groove to the music of the 50's - 60's and Motown. Dance all night long. Saturday, November 9th is the date and 7:30 p.m. to 12 midnight is the time. Tickets are \$ 40 with advanced sales only. Price includes The Show, Beer, Wine and Soda and a Light Dinner Buffet. Feel free to bring your own snacks for your table. Mixed cocktails will be available for purchase as well. So come on down and enjoy a trip down memory lane. Our dance hall is located at 775 Washington Road in the Parlin section of Sayreville, directly across from the Parlin Post Office. For more info contact John Brusich @ 732-407-7455 or the K of C Hall @ 732-257-2061.

**Coffee Break Festival**

PERTH AMBOY - The Love Your City Committee presents Coffee Break Festival with live entertainment: DJ, Jazz Band and Latin Music, Candy Bars, Desserts, Punch Juices, Iced Coffee, Hot Coffee, Organic Coffee, Arts and Crafts and more. September 28 & 29, Saturday & Sunday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tiki Bar, Cornucopia Cruise Line, 401 Riverview Dr., Perth Amboy. Free Admission. For more info call 732-293-0707.

**PAHS Class of 1953 60th High School Reunion**

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, October 19, 2013, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at The University Inn, 178 Ryders Lane, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Cost: \$40 per person, includes full lunch and drinks, Kurt Epps entertaining, profession photos, flowers. Spouses, partners, children, grand-children, other guests welcome (\$40 each)

Contact person: Shirley Soos Smoyak, h. 732-548-3473; work. 848-932-4727, email: Smoyak@docs.rutgers.edu

**South Amboy Summer Concerts**

SOUTH AMBOY - Free Concerts at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park located at O'Leary Boulevard starting Wednesdays in July. Concerts will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Call 732-745-3936 for more information. Appearing on Aug. 14 - Rave on Band, The Hits of Buddy Holly, Aug. 21 is the sounds of Zydeco-A Go-Go - a New Orleans style rhythm & blues band plus '40's Jump, Jazz & Swing. August 28 - The Tim Gillis Band (The Greatest in Country Music)

**Edison AARP Chapter 3446**

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 is sponsoring a Cape Cod package with whale watching on September 24-27. For information & reservations call Bob at 732-885-1789. For information on next seasons shows at the Paper Mill Playhouse call Doris at 732-603-8788. October 7 - Honeymoon in Vegas, December 19 - Oliver, April 24 - South Pacific, June 12 - Grease. All programs are open to non-members. For additional information visit our website at edisonaarp.org.

**Blood Drive**

The American Legion T-Nulty Post #471 will sponsor their 2nd annual blood drive on Wednesday, August 21st from 2:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. At the post home 25 Brown Ave., Iselin. Appointments can be made by calling the post at 732-634-9119. Walk-ins are always welcome! Come on down and help this community project be a success!

**Ladies Auxiliary #4699**

SAYREVILLE - There will be monthly meeting of Ladies Auxiliary #4699 at Sayreville 575 Jernee Mill Road at 7 p.m. on August 27 to discuss new issue for the coming years. Please try to attend all. Auxiliary Members are invited to attended. Refreshment will be service. Any more info please call @732-264-30

**Family Picnic**

SAYREVILLE - Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Family Picnic on Saturday September 7th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Ticket prices are \$ 20 for adults 21 and up... \$ 15 for young adults 12 to 20 and 11 and under are free. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Walk in prices are \$ 5 more. Ticket prices include hamburgers, hot dogs, hot sausage dogs, BBQ chicken, salads, and CLAMS. Also included is beer, wine, soda and sangria. There will be 50/50's and door prizes. For more information please call Ed or Katie @ 732-553-1898, Charlie @ 732-432-4252 or the Council home @ 732-257-2061. The picnic grove is located at 775 Washington Rd, Parlin, directly across the street from the Parlin post office. You do not have to be a K of C member to attend this picnic.

**Dominican Festival Perth Amboy - 8/16,17,18/13**

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Enjoying the Festival



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***PNC Bank Honors Salvation Army***

**News Release**

**PERTH AMBOY** - On Tuesday, July 30th, the new branch of PNC Bank recognized and honored the Officers, Staff and Advisory Board of the Perth Amboy Salvation Army. Maria Villegas, the PNC Branch Manager, hosted a lunch to express the appreciation of PNC Bank for all the services and special programs provided by The Salvation Army to Perth Amboy and the surrounding communities.

The Perth Amboy Salvation Army, located at the corner of Washington Avenue and State Street, offers these numerous programs and services:

- Sunday Church Services are conducted by LT Jose Andres Santiago in The Salvation Army Chapel.
- A permanent housing unit, "The Care House", which serves as a transitional shelter for homeless men, many of whom are "Veterans". The men are rehabilitated, counseled by degreed professionals, assisted in finding jobs and then transitioned back into society.
- An "Emergency Shelter", which operates on a nightly basis from mid-October to mid-March, provides a place for homeless men to get a shower, hot meal and a cot for the night.
- A "Veterans' Coffee House" provides a forum for veterans to meet once a month, to dis-

cuss their military experiences and to bond with other veterans.

- An "After-School" program to instruct children how to use a computer for educational purposes, to complete their homework properly and to develop good "study habits".
- A "Food Pantry" to assist those in need with food to feed their families.
- A "Soup Kitchen", which operates during the last 10 days of every month, serves men, women and children with a warm lunch.
- A "Summer Camp Program" that provides the opportunity for low-income families to send their children to The Salvation Army's Camp Tecumseh located on almost 400 acres of rolling hills in rural Hunterdon County, New Jersey (<http://camptecumseh.com>).
- A "Thanksgiving Meal" program in which over 100 turkeys and all the associated food items are provided each year to low-income families.
- The "Angel Tree Program" enlists large companies and corporations to give requested gifts to the children of low-income families and children whose parent(s) are incarcerated during the Christmas season.
- The "Christmas Kettle Program" that collects money at specific business locations in Middlesex County. These ket-

tles are manned by volunteers and are the primary source of funds for The Salvation Army. The goal is to raise \$35,000 to \$50,000 to support all the services provided.

- "Emergency Disaster Services" (EDS) responds to all types of fires, explosions and natural disasters like Hurricane Sandy. The Federal Office of Homeland Security paid for the 18 foot Canteen which is capable of serving 1,000 meals a day. The Middlesex County Coordinator, Jesse Rivera, recruits volunteers, makes provisions for their training and supervises the Canteen operations as well as obtaining food supplies. Mr. Rivera, who also serves as the Chairman of the Advisory Board, was among 20 individuals out of more than 1,000 recommended, conferred with Gov. Christie's prestigious Jefferson Award for outstanding volunteer service.

All these programs and services and are provided by the Corps Officers (LT Jose Andres Santiago and SGT MAJ Susan Olmeda), Staff, Advisory Board (10 professional volunteers who assist the officers and staff in all phases of operations, administration and supervision) as well as many other individual volunteers.

Donations of food, services and money are needed to sustain all these programs. Major local companies/corporations



PNC Bank honors the Salvation Army



Group photo of PNC Bank representatives, Salvation Army Advisory Board, Officers and Staff *\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*

and service organizations are encouraged to assist and support The Perth Amboy Salvation Army in any way possible. LT Jose Andres Santiago can be reached at The Salva-

tion Army's main number @ 732-826-7040.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ed Marion @ 732-305-6486

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**For more info please call 732-293-1090**

**St. Mary's Class of '58 Reunion**

PERTH AMBOY - St. Mary's High School, Perth Amboy, class of '58, is holding its 55<sup>th</sup> reunion on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Forge Inn, Rt. 9 North, Woodbridge, N.J. cost \$70 per person contact: justtroub@aol.com for more info.

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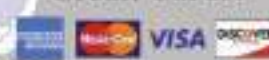


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### Children's Author Visit

*\*Photos by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - Artie Bennet, author of the children's books, *Poopendous* and *The Butt Book* gave a presentation at the Satellite Library on Wednesday, August 7. Sponsored by Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library.

### Search and Recovery



Officer Miguel Morales lays down tape closing off the area



Rafael Torres saw a body floating in Raritan Bay  
*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*

*Continued from Page 1*  
was in the water Jorge Ortega-Romero approached and began playing with one of the children a 7 year old female in the water. It appears they were pulled out by the under currents at which time Romero attempted to push the young girl towards the shore, at this time a 12 year old male which was also with Lozada went into the water with Romero and the young girl. Lozada not seeing Romero began yelling for help. Several fishermen that were in the area called 911 as a 14 year old male which also resides in the City ran in to assist the children. At this time an Auxiliary Police Unit which was patrolling the area was flagged down. One of the Auxiliary Officers alone with several witness assisted the 14 year old in getting the children to shore. They then attempted to locate Romero. To avoid an additional incident everyone was taken out of the water

and an organized search was started.  
The children were taken to the Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy Division where they were treated and released.  
The Search and Rescue efforts were stopped at approximately 12:00 midnight. Search and Recovery was reestablished this morning. Romero's body was recovered in the area where he was last seen at 9:47am.  
Assisting in the Search Rescue and Recovery were the Perth Amboy Police Marine Services Bureau, NYPD Harbor Patrol, Union County Police Marine Patrol, New Jersey State Police Marine Services Bureau, U.S Coast Guard, Perth Amboy Fire Marine Unit, FDNY Marine Unit, NYPD Air Sea Rescue, Coast Guard Air Sea Rescue, the NYPD Scuba Unit and the Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps.

### Class of 1972 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy High School's Class of 1972 will hold its 40th Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Seabra's Armory, Front Street, from 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Cost is \$60 per person, which includes DJ, Deluxe Buffet and Open Bar all night. For more information, call (848) 250-1982 or email [tl4160@gmail.com](mailto:tl4160@gmail.com).

### Bingo and Auction

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.

### 28th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby & Casting Contest

News Release 8/16/13  
PERTH AMBOY, NJ— Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Raritan Bay Anglers Club announce the 28th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby and Casting Contest to be held on Saturday, September 7th at the Harborside Marina on Front Street.

The City of Perth Amboy will co-host the derby with the Raritan Bay Anglers Club. Members of the Anglers Club will assist and instruct the participants. Prizes will be given out for the largest, smallest, most and unusual fish caught. There will be four competitive groups according to age: 5 and under, 6-8, 9-12 and 13-16. A casting contest will also be held at the marina parking lot.

Traditional fish caught include: snappers, porgies, spots and fluke. On occasion, needlefish and members of the jack family have also been caught.

Participants are advised to bring their own fishing poles and reels. Some spearing bait will be provided. Bait can be purchased at a shop near the marina.

This event is free and open to the public. Both resident and non-residents up to the age of 16 are invited to participate. Saturday, September 7 at 9 a.m. - 12 noon at the Harborside Marina at Front Street.

### Eagle Scout Honored

*\*Photo by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - At the 8/14/13 Council Meeting William David Szilagyi was presented with a proclamation honoring him for achieving the honor of Eagle Scout. (L to R) Isabelle Kausch, Kathy Szilagyi, William David Szilagyi, David Szilagyi, Councilman Bill Petrick & Mayor Wilda Diaz

### PAHS ROTC Honored

*\*Photo by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - The PAHS ROTC were honored at the 8/14/13 Council Meeting for their work cleaning garbage on the Waterfront. (L to R) Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez, Mayor Diaz, Michael Gonzalez, Stephen Ciraky, Misael Scigastune, David Rojas, Tabitha Gonzalez Morabito, Rui Batista.

### Raritan Bay Paddlers Club Honored

*\*Photo by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - The Raritan Bay Paddlers Club were presented with a proclamation for adopting the South Second Street Beach, cleaning up garbage on the beach. (L to R) Tracy Jordan, Cynthia LoCastro, Gregory Switzer, Bill Schultz, Lorraine McCartney

### Royal Garden Club Honored

*\*Photo by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - The Royal Garden Club on its 20th Anniversary was honored for their work beautifying the City of Perth Amboy. (L to R) Donna Pemberton, Betty Crews, Linda Cruz, Tracy Jordan, Donna Tkacks, Councilwoman Lisa Nanton & Mayor Wilda Diaz

**WNBA Players come to Perth Amboy - PASOS**

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Taking a free throw

**PAHS All Alumni Picnic - Warren Park - 8/10/13**

*\*Photos by Bob Ned*



The Committee poses for a group photo



Welcome PAHS Alumni



Bill Flynn, former State Assemblyman, U.S. Army Capt. Norman S. Varrer & Elaine Flynn, Middlesex Co. Clerk (Class of '58). Elaine & Bill Flynn are the only couple to be elected to the PAHS Hall of Fame



PAHS Alumni were all smiles



Corn on the Cob



Dancing to the music

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PERTH AMBOY - Sunday, September 8, from 10am-4pm at the Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-826-5527 or go to [www.theproprietaryhouse.org](http://www.theproprietaryhouse.org) or [www.facebook.com/Proprietary-HouseMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/Proprietary-HouseMuseum). Stop by and see history come alive with re-enactors representing many different wars and time periods. Admission free, donations welcome.

**Building  
Playground in  
One Day**

PERTH AMBOY - More than 200 volunteers from Foresters™, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, the City of Perth Amboy, organizers from Ka-BOOM! and residents of the local community will join forces on Saturday, Aug. 24 to build a new playground at Francis Street Park. The new playground's design is based on drawings created by children who participated in a Design Day event in June. The playground build will also include a Foresters Family Fun Zone featuring arts & crafts, games and activities for families and children throughout the day. It serve more than 18,500 children and their families. The existing playground at Francis Street Park is nearly 20 years old and in need of replacement.

Saturday, Aug. 24 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Foresters Family Fun Zone (arts & crafts, games & more for children and families), 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Kick off ceremony and volunteer deployment, 11a.m. to 1p.m. Best viewing of playground construction, 1p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Final construction phase and adjustments, 2:30 p.m. to 3p.m. Ribbon-cutting ceremony to dedicate new play area (Note: all times approximate) Francis Street Park, Francis & Ashley Sts.

For more info or to volunteer contact Janelle Rodriguez, JRF, 732-324-2114 x100, Noelia Colon, City of Perth Amboy, 732-826-7121, Maria Ganogiannis, Foresters, 800-461-8431, ext. 4096, Mike Vietti, KaBOOM!, 785-320-2137,

**Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School Golf Outing Planned**

News Release 7/2013  
SOUTH AMBOY – September 9th is the date for the 4th Annual Golf Outing benefiting Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School at Glenwood Country Club in Old Bridge, NJ.

Golfers will tee up at 9:30 AM that Monday for a fee of \$125 which is all-inclusive from breakfast, box lunches to a full dinner reception provided courtesy of the Ria Mar Restaurant and on-course beverages. Cart and green fees are included. Sponsorships start at \$100 with promotional benefits.

Proceeds from this event provide financial aid to needy students, strengthen the excellence of school programs, maintain facilities and increase athletic and extra-curricular programs. For more info, call 732-721-0748 ext. 243 or register online at [www.CardinalMcCarrick.com](http://www.CardinalMcCarrick.com) by September 14th. All are welcome.

**Dunk a South Amboy Politician and Help the Library**

News Release  
SOUTH AMBOY - Dunk some well-known personalities of South Amboy and help the Dowdell Library at the same time. Dunk-a-Politician returns to the South Amboy Arts Festival and Street Fair held on Sunday, September 22 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Broadway. The dunk tank, one of the fair's most popular attractions, will be located at Broadway and David Street. This year's dunkees include former Mayor John O'Leary, City Councilman Mickey Gross, South Amboy High School teacher and coach Tony Gonsalves, South Amboy Y staff members Amanda Winant and James Schnell, and George Fuller, drum major for the Colonel D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

The dunk tank is sponsored by the Dowdell Library Foundation, with additional support provided by State Assemblyman John Wisniewski and Broadway Bagels. All funds raised will be used to purchase new computers for the library. The Dowdell Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For more information, visit [www.Dowdell-Foundation.org](http://www.Dowdell-Foundation.org) or call (732) 316-1078.

**National Night Out - Waters Stadium Perth Amboy 8/7/13**

*\*Photos by Bob Ned*



Dr. Health E. Hound



Working the hotdog stand



Enjoying some popcorn



Chief Ben Ruiz with Marines



Councilwoman Lisa Nanton with Councilman Bill Petrick and his family



Taking time out for a photo



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### Comic Book Fair & Exhibition

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street, Woodbridge on Tuesday, September 17 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more info call 732-596-4103.

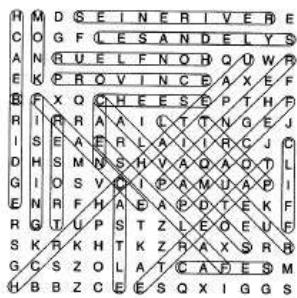
### Summer Concert Series Latin Jazz

PERTH AMBOY - Featuring: Victor Quezada Thursday, August 22th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall Circle. FREE OF CHARGE. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be rescheduled.

### Plays in the Park

EDISON - School House Rock Our 21st Annual Indoor Children's Musical Saturdays Oct. 12,13,19,20,26 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. No 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.

### Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



## LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Soapbox races circa late 1930's, possibly on High Street.

\*Photo Courtesy of Perth Amboy Free Public Library

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. Aug. 21 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
  - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
  - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Aug. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Aug. 26 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Aug. 27 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Aug. 28 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
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### South Amboy

- MON. Sept. 9 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Sept. 11 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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### 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. August 21 Baskery will perform.

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**Thank you, St. Jude M.A.P.**

**Unmet Needs Meeting**

SAYREVILLE - There will be an Unmet Needs Committee meeting this Thursday August 22nd. The meeting will be at 1:30 pm at the Sayreville Senior Center, 2nd floor conference room. Any questions please email candace @middlesexltrg.org

**Blood Drive**

SAYREVILLE - Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus are holding a blood drive on Sunday, September 8th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The K of C is located at 775 Washington Road, directly across from the Parlin post office. If you have any questions, please call the council home at 732-257-2061.

**Flea Market**

SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville #4699 of 575 Jernee Mills Road is having a Flea Market on August 24 at 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. for \$15 a space. There is a rain date on August 25 at 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This flea market is to help find a cure for Cancer and to help aid our members and Veterans in our community. For more information or to reserve a space please call Lorraine Rock at 609-448-2587.

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**Novena To St. Rita**

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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.*

**Mayor's Summer**

**Concert Series**

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**Thank you, St. Jude F.M.J.**

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9. CHURCH

10. CLIFF

11. ETRETAT

12. FALAISE

13. FECAMP

14. FISHING

15. FRANCE

16. HONFLEUR

17. LES ANDELYS

18. LIQUEUR

19. MONK

20. PAINTER

21. PORT

1. BEACH

5. CALVADOS

22. PROVINCE

2. BRIDGE

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