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## Council Faces Several Challenges

*Residents Speak Up About Handicapped Parking, Official Misconduct, Lack of Code Enforcement, Limited Speaking Change & Unsafe Conditions*



John Siberry



Handicapped Sign on Market Street Outside of City Hall Side Entrance



Tom Ward

PERTH AMBOY - Resident John Siberry spoke at the July 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting in regards to Resolution 3 limiting handicapped parking on Market Street on the side of City Hall. This ordinance was the first reading (no public discussion). Siberry has a handicapped parking decal and he felt that the limited time was being targeted specifically against him. Siberry has been a vocal critic of Mayor Diaz.

City Attorney Mark Blunda stated that he is the one that initiated this limitation on handicapped parking. The sign (See Photo above) does not indicate a time limit. There are signs in front of City Hall on High Street that states a time limit of fifteen minutes for parking. The bone of contention for Blunda is that a person parking at the handicapped spot on Market Street can park there all day. "We want to limit the time so other handicapped people can park there. I've seen people park there for hours."

Blunda suggested that there be a limit of one hour but it is up to the Council to make this decision.

Siberry said that he has already contacted higher authorities about this problem.

Siberry also presented a copy of a photo showing Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz in his uniform at the campaign

headquarters of Mayor Diaz the night of the 2012 election where Diaz was seeking reelection. Siberry wanted to know if Ruiz broke any laws by being at Diaz' headquarters when it appeared that Ruiz was still on duty in his uniform. The photo showed Ruiz at a board comparing election results from a printout he had in his hand. (See photo page 2)

According to remarks published in [www.MyCentralJersey.com](http://www.MyCentralJersey.com) Ruiz made the following statements: He was off duty. He obtained the unofficial votes from the City Clerk's Office on election night after all the votes were handed in from all the polling locations. He went to the cam-

paign headquarters to make sure there was no problems like they had after Diaz defeated Joe Vas. People who were at the Diaz campaign headquarters had questions about the totals. He was comparing the totals on the board with the unofficial printout which he had obtained from the City Clerk's Office. He said he did not have a chance to change out of his uniform after his eight hour long work day had long ended.

Siberry said he wanted this issue investigated further and he has taken this issue up with higher authorities.

Resident Tom Ward told the

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PERTH AMBOY & AVENEL - Note the contrast between the upkeep of landscape by the same developer. Left is Harbortown, Perth Amboy and the photo on the right is Evergreen East in Woodbridge Township. A Perth Amboy resident is concerned with these discrepancies and why the Perth Amboy Complex is not being maintained as well as its counterparts in other towns. \*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

## Updated Flood Maps Cause Concern in South Amboy

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - Concerned residents attended South Amboy's business meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> to question the recent change in the town's flood maps.

Some homeowners have moved into the "yellow and red zones" due to elevation changes from FEMA, which means they are considered to be in the highest risk for flood damage.

The updated flood maps were posted online but are still considered to be in the preliminary phase, which means they could change before they are finalized. Andrew Horezga presented information to the council that could possibly affect local residents in the red zone.

Horezga, said he has taken two certification classes on the matter, explained that the appeal process for getting the maps changed is an "uphill battle" and there was no way to stop the changes that were coming. He also explained that nearly 100 homes would face consequences and see their insurance rates increase to what would be triple what residents pay for their property tax.

Despite Horezga's claims, City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz denied these reports and said there were a number of ways the maps could be changed, primarily because of measurement errors in elevation at certain locations. He also told Horezga that he couldn't possibly confirm the fee increase without seeing the documentation from FEMA.

"You can't determine that these maps are not going to change, most likely they will change throughout the state," Rasimowicz said. "There's going to be an appeal, there's going to be protest, and there's going to be changes."

"You also talked about flood insurance rates are going to be triple the taxes. I don't know where you're getting this information," he continued.

"I'm aware there's going to be increase under the act that was passed long before Sandy, but you're quoting numbers that FEMA can't even provide... I don't know that to be fact."

Mary Ann Lawton of the Lighthouse Bay complex has a home that is directly affected by the new maps. She explained that the FEMA website said that she would have to make changes to her home and asked the town for help in finding a solution.

Rasimowicz reassured Lawton that she wouldn't have to make changes unless her home suffered significant damage due to Hurricane Sandy. He also noted that the flood hazard lines haven't changed, it was just the elevation levels.

"The only way you'd be required to raise everything up is if your home was substantially damaged by the storm where the improvements would cost 50% of the total value of your home," he said. "These maps didn't just come out of nowhere, they are based on the previous maps with the adjustments to elevations in some areas." Rasimowicz reminded the residents attending that these maps were not changed due to Sandy but were actually prepared years before the storm took place.

"These maps were under preparation for five years, they weren't created due to Sandy which is a misconception," he said. "These preliminary maps have been worked on for five years along the entire coastline."

He later said he would sit down and speak with Lawton and Horezga about the process and go over the old maps and how they compared to the preliminary changes. He explained that each home was different in terms of elevation and he would have to look at each unit individually.

Any residents with flood map questions or concerns can call the FEMA hotline at (877) 287-9804.

## IF IT'S LOCAL IT'S HERE!

## Perth Amboy City Council

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Council about a problem he and his neighbors were facing in reference to a mutual driveway in the back of their properties. These properties are on Madison Avenue, Brighton Avenue and part of Lewis Street. There was a truck dumping materials on this roadway. It appears that the truck had no permits and Public Works knew nothing about it. When an inspector was sent out by Public Works he was surprised to find out that the City was doing this. Ward said, "There was a house on Brighton Avenue where everything was gutted. Everything from that house was dumped in my yard."

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, "Mr. Ward sent a letter to my office about this problem and he should have an answer to him in a week to ten days." (See letter titled *Excess Debris & Upheaval of Driveways* on Page 4 & Page 10.)

Ward said, "Originally, the road was below my garage, now it's higher. The road with the debris on it has been elevated. The milling from the road was dumped on my property."

In the past, contractors would dump their materials on this mutual driveway. He said that in the past, the City would come and clear out this debris.

Last August, Ward said that there was a truck that was doing mill work and grading of this mutual driveway. Unfortunately the roadbed was elevated to cause flooding and damage behind the homeowner's properties.

Ward asked for the Council to look into this matter for a solution.

The Council had an ordinance on the agenda to change the time for public comments from 10 to 5 minutes.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski fought the Council about this change. This ordinance will allow the citizens to address the council on any matter on the agenda which does not have its own scheduled public hearing.

Sierakowski was beside himself and wanted to know who decided to change the time from 10 to 5 minutes. "Speakers rarely use the whole 10 minutes."

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton said, "It was originally suggested by a resident to lower the time."

Council President Joel Pabon took credit and said that he introduced this. Pabon said, "I feel that 10 minutes is more than enough time for public



PERTH AMBOY - Police Chief Ruiz counting votes with the Mayor's husband, Greg Diaz election night. (See story on Page 1)

\*Photo Submitted

comments. If we feel that the speaker needs more time, the Council can be polled to permit this. I have never stopped a resident from speaking when they are in the middle of a sentence or told them to step down."

Sierakowski continued, "If a speaker needs to speak on several items, you are limiting them."

During the public portion a resident from Harbortown spoke about conditions in the complex that need to be addressed. This resident has lived in the Harbortown Complex for several years.

The resident has spoken out at other Council Meetings on the same subject. They wanted to update the Council on what was going on at the complex. "The builder has options until 2017 to build out on the vacant lots," the resident said. "In the meantime the City should

look into making sure the builder maintains empty lots and keeps it clear of debris and materials."

Council President Joel Pabon and Councilwoman Lisa Nanton visited Harbortown to take a look at the conditions that concerned the residents. Pabon said, "It was an eye-opener."

The resident said, "If you look at properties in other towns by the same builder, there is a big difference. The other towns are comparable in rents, but the buildings, maintenance of the grounds and amenities are in much better shape." (See Photos on Pages 1 & 10)

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, "Perhaps we can change the codes in our town to reflect what other communities are getting in regards to getting better quality building materials."

## The Problem of Illegal Dumping



Councilwoman Lisa Nanton



Tommy Hudanish

PERTH AMBOY - Councilwoman Lisa Nanton and local resident and businessman Tommy Hudanish were in agreement at the 7/10/13 Council Meeting. Part of the problem with illegal dumping could be the limited hours and days to schedule an appointment with Public Works.

Hudanish said, "It is mostly City residents doing illegal dumping. There are a lot of people moving in and out of town. We are trying to raise revenue with small fees. There is an inaccessibility to schedule appointments. We have as much garbage as Woodbridge

Township. Garbage ordinances are not being enforced."

He also told the Council, "You did a wonderful thing for Perth Amboy about passing the resolution. (Honorary renaming of the Raritan Bay Mental Health Center in name of George Otlowski, Sr.)"

Nanton said, "The limited time for scheduled rubbish pickups is what is causing the dumping problem - not the fees. Public works and code enforcement maintained what our City looks like. That's why employee evaluations are important."

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## EDITORIAL

### Well Deserved



George Otlowski, Sr.  
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The Otlowski Family



Catherine Totin, Mayor Diaz, George Otlowski, Jr. & Tommy Hudanish  
\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

July 13, 2013 - Resolution R-298 - Supporting the Honorary renaming of the Raritan Bay Mental Health Center as "George Otlowski, Sr. Mental Health Center. Resolution passed unanimously. Perth Amboy Council President Joel Pabon proudly handed the resolution to a beaming Perth Amboy Attorney George Otlowski, Jr. Otlowski, who is a city attorney proudly recounted how his father fought to bring dignity to those who were mentally ill and removed the stigma of that disease. His father served in the political arena as Assemblyman and Mayor. He loved the City of Perth Amboy, the residents and his family.

Also present was George Junior's sister Catherine Totin. She said her father's wish was to have on his tombstone that he wanted a Mental Health Center and a Junior College to be established. Middlesex

County College was established in 1964. The Raritan Bay Mental Health Center on Lee Street was established in Perth Amboy.

Tommy Hudanish, a retired Police Officer and now business owner and civic leader, first brought it to attention of the public how George Otlowski, Sr. fought for a facility for the mentally ill.

Hudanish wrote a very powerful letter highlighting the contributions Otlowski made to make this come to fruition.

This letter was sent to local and state officials. The Perth Amboy City Council acted quickly to have this resolution on the fast track for their approval.

George Otlowski, Jr. thanked the Council and the Mayor for supporting this. After the Otlowski children spoke, the audience showed their approval by a loud applause.

*Carolyn Maxwell*

## THE COMMUNITY VOICE

### Requiem for Reverend Father

#### Michael Rosco

On the eve of the 40th Day Memorial Service, we, the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church and the community of Perth Amboy, still cannot believe nor accept the fact that our beloved Priest, Father Michael Rosco, died as the result of an accident while driving in Pennsylvania. He was on his way home from Johnstown where he had gone on Diocesan duties and businesses as the editor of the Church Messenger. During a heavy rain storm the unpredictable happened and ended his earthly life. He has earned his place in Heaven because of the saintly life he lived as our pastor.

It certainly is a tough life for any priest to live and function in as wicked, violent, materialistic, insecure world as our present one. Our Father Michael stood out like a Beacon of Light by his steadfast adherence to the virtues exemplified by his religious calling. Namely TRUTH! HONOR! FAITH! DIGNITY! DUTY! WORK! And Father Michael was ably assisted by his beloved wife, Pani Susan and beloved son, Vlad. We miss him greatly! But the legacy he leaves shall reverberate through the ages to enable us and our progenies to lead good, honorable and prosperous lives. The following quote from Shakespeare is most applicable, "His life was gentle. And the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world THIS WAS A MAN!" Rest in Peace! Dear



Father Michael Rosco  
1950-2013

Father Michael! Request en Pace! Budte s Bohom!

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### A Response to Mr. Silber on Double Dipping

To Mr. Alan Silber, you have to understand that this double dipping has been going on for years in New Jersey. Mayor or no Mayor it goes on from the School Board to City Hall and

the County Government, and the biggest is the State Government. The taxpayers has to like it and live with it. The sad part is that it's never going to change as long you're in the political party. We wish it did, but some mayors have to take orders from someone at the top - I wonder who? and why? Like I always said, politics is a

dirty game and in Trenton and I don't feel sorry for the person who plays with fire. You're a good man, Mr. Silber - always fighting for the taxpayers in Perth Amboy. But this is just a game where people in high places get everything.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

### Excess Debris & Upheaval of Driveways

Attached is a drawing of the mutual driveway that exists in the rear of our homes on Madison Ave., Brighton Ave. and a good part of Lewis Street. Over the years numerous people, particularly contractors have illegally dumped their waste from jobs on this roadway. Over the years we have had to have the City come and clear out the excess debris. At one time City Engineer Michael Carr's office had city trucks and re-grade the driveway back to its original level.

Last August I notified code enforcement that things had gotten very bad back there. Unfortunately, before the City could react the trash was set on fire, caught my wooden garage door and destroyed the roof of

the building.

While rebuilding we noticed the roadbed of the driveway is now over two feet above the original grade. This means that each of the properties serviced by this easement are now being flooded from normal rainfall and melting snow.

Today massive trucks were back there dumping more soil/millings. I spoke to Mr. Scalla who had no knowledge of any permits. I called public works who had no knowledge of any of this, but promised to send an investigator. A short time later the trucks returned; I took photos of them and their license plates and called public works again. I asked them to send an inspector as soon as possible. To my utter astonishment the inspector told me that it was the City dumping back there.

If this remains, I will have to raise my garage floor over two feet to keep the water out,

a cost the insurance company will not cover, but, this will not help all the neighbors with their problems.

The simplest thing would be for the City to take responsibility for its own property, have an engineer plan to re-grade the driveway back to its original drainage plan (No. 7 School towards Lewis Street then onto Brighton Avenue.) Then the City can bring in the equipment to remove all the excess debris so I can once again have my garage door apron which is now under two feet of debris.

Thomas P. Ward -  
Editor's Note:  
See Photos - Page 10

This letter was sent to Perth Amboy Mayor W. Diaz, the Business Administrator, Public Works, Feist Engineering and the City Council



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**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.

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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.

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**

**Perth Amboy**  
**MON. Jul. 22** Special City Council, 4:30 p.m.  
 City Hall, High St.

**South Amboy**  
**WED. Jul. 17** City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
 City Hall, N. Broadway

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## FEMA Inspectors Continue To Help Recovery In New Jersey

News Release 7/10/13

TRENTON— As New Jersey continues recovery from Sandy inspectors from many different program areas of the Federal Emergency Management Agency are working in the Garden State.

FEMA inspectors may be:

- verifying damage to homes
- working with the National Flood Insurance Program to estimate substantially damaged structures in hard-hit areas.

Many but not all FEMA inspectors will be wearing FEMA clothing however, all FEMA inspectors will carry official FEMA identification.

The arrival of an inspector from FEMA means the damage to a home will be identified and recorded.

Identifying damage is an important step in determining both the amount and the types of assistance FEMA may provide.

In addition to FEMA inspectors, other government agencies, such as Housing and Urban Development or the SBA, may also have inspectors working in communities across the state.

FEMA inspectors never charge a fee to inspect damage.

## Hotline Available For New Jersey Flood Map Information

TRENTON - As the Federal Emergency Management Agency continues to release Preliminary Work Maps of flood zones in New Jersey, residents with questions about National Flood Insurance Program policies have a helpline to call to get the most up-to-date information.

New Jersey residents who need information about flood insurance based on the newly released National Flood Insurance Program Preliminary Work Maps for New Jersey may call 877-287-9804 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Policyholders with questions or concerns about their claims may also speak with NFIP specialists at 877-287-9804.

The helpline operates from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information is available at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).

Additional information about the coastal mapping

efforts and Hurricane Sandy recovery can be found on the Region 2 Coastal Analysis Mapping website at [www.region2coastal.com](http://www.region2coastal.com).

More information on New Jersey disaster recovery is available online at [www.fema.gov/disaster/4086](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4086) or [www.state.nj.us/njoem](http://www.state.nj.us/njoem). FEMA is also on Twitter at [twitter.com/femasandy](http://twitter.com/femasandy) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/femasandy](http://www.facebook.com/femasandy). For information on ways of building stronger, safer and smarter, visit [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

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## Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School Golf Outing Planned For Sept. 9, 2013

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.

**We have a new email address!**  
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## Girl Scouts Trip to Massachusetts



MASSACHUSETTS - During their Annual End of Year trip, Perth Amboy Girl Scouts visit the House of Seven Gables, in Salem, Mass. Photo #1: Girl Scouts making learning fun. Perth Amboy Girl Scouts work on a science experiment at the Museum of Science in Boston, Mass. L to R: Gabriella Roman, Jessenia Maldonado, and Brianna Bradsher. Photo #2: Rear row: Savannah DiMaio, Emily Vu, Brianna Bradsher, front row: Angelica Vu, Gabriella Roman, Jessenia Maldonado \*Photos Submitted

## The Good & Bad News

\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Fencing too close to store fronts



Difficulty exiting a vehicle on street side

\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - After several weeks, King Street was finally paved. Unfortunately because of the financial shape the City is in, additional parking meters were also installed. As you can see on the photo at the above right, there are small metal fencing around trees which makes it difficult for someone to safely exit from the passenger side of a vehicle onto the sidewalk.

The small metal fencing has been there for a couple of years before the meters were even installed.

The Amboy Guardian showed

this photo to some of the Council and the Business Administrator, Greg Fehrenbach after the 7/10/13 Council Meeting.

Fehrenbach said he was not aware of the fences previous to the work being done on King Street. When the meters were being installed he saw the problem with the small metal fences around the trees. Fehrenbach even tried to see if they could remove the barriers, but the brick surrounding the trees made it even more difficult to remove the steel.

Fehrenbach couldn't understand why those barriers were

put there originally.

The Amboy Guardian noticed that the iron fencing also protrudes halfway onto the sidewalk. This makes it difficult when you have more than two people walking past them at the same time. One of the metal barriers is located close to the door of a business. When someone exits that business, the door opens outward. Anyone passing that door has a good chance of possibly being injured because of the narrow walkway present. This is a safety hazard the City should look into.

## South Amboy's Dowdell Library Foundation Gives Grant for Xbox Galaxy Program, Sponsors DVD Drive

News Release July 3, 2013

SOUTH AMBOY - The library is not just for books! The Dowdell Library offers South Amboy Library patrons a full selection of entertainment – DVDs, music CDs, and e-games, including a Wii club for kids.

Now, thanks to a grant from the Dowdell Library Foundation, the library will be able to provide a new Xbox program that will be paired with the library's HDTV. Summer Xbox programs for teens and adults are planned and a Master's Xbox Tournament is sched-

uled for the fall.

"The library serves as center of culture and entertainment for South Amboy," noted Mimi Pichey, President of the Dowdell Library Foundation. "We are pleased to make this grant based on the strong support we have received from the community."

A media drive for the library is currently in progress. Bring your DVDs, CDs, and e-games in good condition to the Dowdell Library at 100 Harold Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy (adjacent to the South Am-

boy High School). Your generous contributions will enable the library to increase its resources. For library hours, please call 732-721-6060 or go to [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org). To schedule a pick-up for larger collections, please contact Grace at 732-721-6592.

All donations are fully tax deductible and 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.



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**Perth Amboy On The Radio All Week**

News Release 7/15/13  
 PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz announces Perth Amboy Week starting Monday, July 15th to Friday, July 19th on WCTC 1450 AM promoting Perth Amboy's local restaurants, shopping and historic districts sponsored by the Urban Enterprise Zone.

Radio personality, Bert Baron will be broadcasting live from Raritan Bay Medical Center (530 New Brunswick Avenue) on Monday, July 15th from 1-3 p.m. and from Sciortino's

Pizza (473 New Brunswick Ave.) on Friday, July 19th from 1-3 p.m. with guests from the local community.

Dining Deals for participating business, Karini II Restaurant will be available online at Magic 98.3/WCTC 1450 AM: [http://gmnj.greatermidiadeals.com/index.php?index\\_type=promo-detail&h=6824027](http://gmnj.greatermidiadeals.com/index.php?index_type=promo-detail&h=6824027)

Visit the Perth Amboy Week webpage for more information: <http://www.wctcam.com/PerthAmboy-Week.aspx>

**Police Blotter: Grant Street Man Arrested for Drug Possession**

PERTH AMBOY - On Friday, 21 June 2013 members of the Perth Amboy Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau conducted a motor vehicle stop of a black colored Ford Explorer driven by Daniel A. Diaz age 64 of Grant Street, Perth Amboy. The stop was made in the area of Charles Street and Hall Avenue. Diaz was found to be in possessed (5) baggies of cocaine, individually packaged for distribution, along with \$1,655 in cash.

A subsequent search of Diaz's basement apartment located at 210 Grant Street was then conducted and an additional (43) baggies of

cocaine along with narcotic paraphernalia was recovered. The total weight of the cocaine seized was approximately 35 grams.

Diaz was charged with possession of cocaine, possession with the intent to distribute over a half ounce of cocaine (2nd. Degree crime), possession of cocaine with the intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school zone and within 500 feet of a public housing complex and possession of narcotic paraphernalia. The total street value of the drugs seized is approximately \$3,500. The investigation was led by Detective David Guzman.

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**Police Blotter: Drug Arrest**

PERTH AMBOY - On Tuesday, 09 July 2013 at approximately members of the Perth Amboy Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau arrested Felix Montalvo age 37 of Market Street, Perth Amboy for an outstanding warrant in the area of Sherman Street and Gordon Street after receiving numerous citizen complaints of narcotic dealing from his residence. A search of his person incident to the warrant arrest revealed a brick of heroin (50 decks).

Montalvo was charged with possession of heroin, possession of heroin with the intent to distribute, and possession of heroin with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a public housing complex. Bail was set by the Honorable Judge Allen Comba at \$75,000 with no 10% option. The total street value of the CDS seized is approximately \$500. The investigation was led by Detective Mabner Terron.

**Police Blotter: Man Arrested On Drugs Charges**

PERTH AMBOY - On Wednesday, 19 June 2013 members of the Perth Amboy Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau arrested Daniel Steven Ricks age 43 of State Street on drug charges. An investigation was conducted after numerous citizen complaints were received about drug dealing from his residence. Ricks was discovered to be in possession of (47) decks of heroin, (1) bag of bath salts, (3) Oxycodone pills, (2) Xanax bars, and a hypodermic syringe.

Ricks was charged with possession of heroin, possession of heroin with the intent to distribute, possession of heroin with the intent to distribute within 500 feet of a public building, possession of prescription legend drugs, possession of synthetic drugs, and possession of a hypodermic needle. Bail was set by the Honorable Judge Maria Del Valle-Koch at \$75,000.00 with no 10% option. The total street value of the drugs seized is approximately \$600.00. The investigation was led by Detective Sergeant Carmelo Jimenez Jr.

**67<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Grant Regatta - Perth Amboy  
Raritan Yacht Club - 7/12,13,14/13  
\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell and Joe Bayona**



Passing the Great Beds Lighthouse



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Some of the boats resembled whales emerging from the water



A competitor challenges the Project Mayhem

Photo (Right) - Mayor Diaz presents Mayor's Cup to Ted Paliwoda as Commodore Warren Bigos and Chairperson Dawn Kozak look on.



The crew of the Velocidad sets sail



Project Mayhem wins the Adolph "Red" Grant Trophy



Battling rough seas nearing the end of the race



RYC Members look on as awards are presented

PERTH AMBOY - In spite of the destruction caused by Superstorm Sandy, the Raritan Yacht Club was able to recover in time to hold the 67<sup>th</sup> Red Grant Regatta. This year was a fundraiser to restore the Perth Amboy Waterfront after Superstorm Sandy. The Club sponsored a charity fundraiser during the Regatta. For more activities go to [www.ryc.org](http://www.ryc.org).



## South Amboy Summer Concerts

SOUTH AMBOY - Free Concerts at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park located at O'Leary Boulevard starting in July. Concerts will start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m. Call 732-745-3936 for more information.

## Civil War Living Weekend

WOODBIDGE - On August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013, The Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable of Central New Jersey will present its annual Civil War Living History Weekend at Parker Press Park, Rahway Ave., just off Main Street, Woodbridge New Jersey. Each day features soldiers' drill, weapon demonstration, battlefield skirmish, military camp life, period living historians, period civilian life, civil war displays and activities. There will be sutlers selling goods, children's activities, a civil war library book sale, and camp prizes. Camps are open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be a special Saturday evening 150th commemoration of the civil war ceremony at 8 p.m., followed by candle light tours of the camp from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Come take a trip back in time into our nation's history and experience life during the civil war. The event will be held rain or shine, parking and admission is free.



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## Author Visit

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are proud to announce their hosting of their first author visit to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library. To "encourage the love of reading and independent learning" is just one of what "Friends of Libraries" do.

Artie Bennett, a children's author of *The Butt Book* and *Poopendous* will be at the satellite site of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 11 a.m. His books are funny, informative and well reviewed and geared toward 3 to 6 year old children. His books will be available for sale and autographing. Barbara Sottilaro, a retired school librarian, met Mr. Bennett at a New Jersey Association of School Librarians conference and purchased his books for her grandson who loved them.

While the event is free, due to limited space, we are asking parents to register their intention to attend so that they and their children can be accommodated comfortably. Please call Barbara at 732-826-9466 or Linda at 732-826-6794.

## 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!

### Damage Due to City Re-Grading of Driveway - Perth Amboy Mutual Driveways on Madison in the Rear of homes on Madison Avenue, Brighton Avenue & Part of Lewis Street *\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



Tom Ward shows damage to his garage



Crack in cement on the mutual driveway



Gravel which causes spillover of water during rain



Erosion of soil



Fence shows deterioration because of excess water



Garage shows effects of excess water after roadbed re-grading

### Harbortown Perth Amboy - Pictures Are Worth A Thousand Words *\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



Siding buckling



Crack in Foundation



Unsafe railing exposed



Held together by wood post



exposed broken drain pipe



Exposed Grate - Safety Hazard

**PAMA 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner - 6/25/13 - Seabra's Armory, Perth Amboy**

*\*Photos by Bob Ned*



Professional Businessman of the Year Barry Rosengarten & wife Nicole



Sen. J. Vitale, Mayor Diaz, Tropical Cheese, Business Award of the Year, Alejandro Lopez & Council Pres. Joel Pabon (special recognition)



M.C. Damaris Diaz, Chair Wilma Matey, Civic Leader Elvis Arocho & PAMA President Reyes Ortega



Dr. Jamie Santamaria (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) accepts Humanitarian Award of the Year



Dr. Ronald Pachon M.D. Humanitarian Award of the Year



Louise DeLahoz, President of Mar Mar Enterprise Businessman of the Year

**Grand Opening - Amboy Pharmacy, 186A Smith St. - 7/10/13**

*\*Photos by Katherine Massopust*



Welcome Amboy Pharmacy



Mayor Diaz presents a proclamation to owner, Jigna Patel



Cutting the Ribbon



Back Row - Beena, Priyanka, Reenal, Mayor Diaz, Gauresh & Jigna Patel, Front Row - Leeya Patel (R) & friend

**Kid's Movie**

SOUTH AMBOY - Tuesday July 23 at 3:30 p.m. "The Land Before Time" will be shown at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

**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.

**Flea Market**

SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville #4699 of 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.

**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.

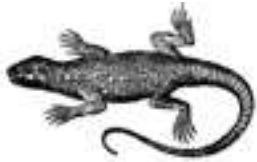
**Amboy Pharmacy Welcomed**

PERTH AMBOY - Another new business opened up in Perth Amboy. Amboy Pharmacy was welcomed by Mayor Diaz along with the Mayor's Aide, Irving Lozada. Also on hand was UEZ/BID Coordinator Roxana Troche and BID member Sergio Diaz.

**The Lizard Guys - South Amboy**  
*\*Photo by Janet Simeone*



SOUTH AMBOY - To celebrate the summer "Dig into Reading" theme, the "Lizard Guys" made their appearance last week amid a crowd of 105 attendees at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy. Snakes, lizards and turtles were viewed and enjoyed by all!



**Pallone: We Cannot Allow Children and Families to Go Hungry**

*Congressman Visits Elijah's Promise, Calls on GOP to Stop Crippling Critical Food Assistance Program*

News Release 7/12/13

NEW BRUNSWICK – At a visit today to Elijah's Promise in New Brunswick, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) held a press conference with local hunger advocates decrying cuts to the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP or food stamps) on the heels of House Republicans' latest effort to dismantle the program. Yesterday, House Republicans voted to remove critical SNAP funding from the Farm Bill, effectively killing the program.

"SNAP is our nation's most important anti-hunger safety net program and is one of the most effective and efficient federal programs, with one of the lowest – if not the lowest – rates of fraud, waste and abuse," said Congressman Pallone. "The Republicans' never ending effort to cut and dismantle this program is cruel and does not reflect our values. In the wealthiest country in the world, we can't allow our children and families to go hungry."

According to the New Jersey Anti-Hunger Coalition, about 897,376 people were living below poverty level in New Jersey in 2011. The food insecurity level in the state was 12.7% overall and 19% for children, meaning 394,240 children were living in food insecure households.

Currently, 873,657 New Jersey residents and nearly one in seven Americans rely on SNAP to help cover the cost of their meals. The program provides basic nutrition assistance to qualifying low-income Americans, including senior citizens and children, and has

largely eliminated severe hunger and malnutrition in the United States. SNAP is a powerful anti-poverty program, and lifted about 4.7 million Americans above the poverty line in 2011, including about 2.1 million children. Roughly 91 percent of SNAP benefits go to households with incomes below the poverty line.

The Republican effort to further cut SNAP would mean more Americans, including children, will go hungry and malnourished, and an influx of pressure would be put on community soup kitchens.

Pallone has been outspoken in his support of SNAP and has called on House Republicans to stop holding the critical food assistance program hostage for political purposes. This week, Pallone voted against the FARM Bill that completely omitted the SNAP program from reauthorization, and he is a cosponsor of H. Res. 90, a resolution calling for an end of any further reductions to SNAP, which House Republicans have yet to bring up for a vote.

Pallone was joined today by Adele LaTourette, Director of New Jersey Anti-Hunger Coalition and Lianne Finston, Executive Director of Elijah's Promise. Elijah's Promise is a community soup kitchen, culinary arts school, catering business, and pay-as-you-can café that connects low-income individuals and families with social and health services. Elijah's Promise serves 100,000 meals per year and trains previously unskilled workers for careers in the food service industry.

**Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church Celebrates New Minister**

By: Vilma Novak  
 PERTH AMBOY - The congregation of the Magyar Reformed Church on Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, installed their new minister, Rev. András Szász, at the church on Sunday, June 9. Magyar Reformed clergy from several parishes were there to participate in the ceremony. The church was packed and the congregation was joyful. After the installation ceremony all proceeded to the Forge on Route 9 in Woodbridge for a banquet. Clergy, dignitaries and congregation were entertained by Hungarian Folk Dancers and a Hungarian Folk Music Band.

Rev. Szász was born in Szaszregen, Transylvania\* (Erdely), Romania (Transylvania was called Erdely when the land was a province of Hungary), and came from a long line of Magyar Reformed ministers. He completed his studies at the Magyar Reformed High School and Seminary in Kolozsvár and was a student at the Evangelical Theology of Hermannstadt (Nagyszeben), where his classes were conducted in German. He served as the pastor in Kisborosnyo and later was elected pastor in Nagyteremi, he was ordained as a minister by the Transylvanian Reformed Bishopric.

Rev. Szász worked and traveled in the States while he was still a seminary student on summer break in 2003. He returned to Europe, worked and married his wife, Tunde Ilona Nagy; they were blessed with two sons, Andras, 4 and Adam, 2. Rev. and Mrs. Szász had long desired to serve a congregation in the United States and acquired permanent residency status here. After a time they received a call to be interviewed to fill an opening for Pastor at Perth Amboy's Magyar Reformed Church. He was elected and delivered his first sermon on Christmas Eve 2011. He has served with wisdom, leads by example and inspires all during Sunday services.

Early last century there lived a large community of



PERTH AMBOY - (Photo #2) 1st row: Oláh Kátoly, Rt.Rev. Poznán Béla, Szász András, Very Rev. Ujj Laszlo, Vásárhelyi József, 2nd row: Leslie E. Martin, Kovács Csongor, Ötvös Zsolt, Devecseri Tamás, Róczy Barnabás, August J. Molnár, 3rd row: Király Tibor, Szuhoczki Lucskay Csilla, Fogarasi Anita and Török István. (As reflected above, except for August J. Molnár's name, the last name comes before the first in the Hungarian language)  
*\*Photos by Vilma Novak*

Hungarian immigrants in Perth Amboy and the surrounding area. The Magyar Church on Kirkland Place was a spiritual and cultural home to many of them. The church was established in 1903, they had a chapel on Cortlandt Street, and another chapel in Keasbey. Many in the Perth Amboy Hungarian community lived in the Hall Avenue area at that time.

*\* In 1920, the World War I Allies confirmed the union*

*of Transylvania with Romania in the Treaty of Trianon. Hungary protested as over 1,600,000 Hungarian people were living in the area in question, mainly in Székely Land of Eastern Transylvania. There remains a large population of Hungarians in Székely Land and there is an active movement to obtain a higher level of self-governance and autonomy for this region within Romania.*

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## 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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Fun Times at Perth Amboy High!

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School All Alumni Picnic Saturday, August 10 from 12 Noon to 6 p.m. William Warren park, Woodbridge. A fun time for all classmates to share their stories of growing up in Perth Amboy from the past to the present! Bring your photos for everyone to enjoy! Call your class presidents and classmates & get your tickets! (hurry- limited to 300 people). Accepting donations for local food pantry. (non perishables or cash donations) Contact: Donna 732-535-2677 or Kyle 732-439-3145 for ticket information

## Plays in the Park

EDISON - Spamalat, Wednesday, July 17 through Saturday, July 27 - No Sundays - 8:30 p.m. 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.

# Senior Scene

## Happenings

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
WED. Jul. 17	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. Jul. 18	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Jul. 22	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Jul. 23	Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
	• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Jul. 24	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.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
MON. Aug. 5	St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
WED. Aug. 14	South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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# LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Smith Street circa 1940's at the 5 Corners

*\*Photo Courtesy of Perth Amboy Free Pubic Library*

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

## 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 732-721-6060.

## 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 22 "Idol King's Tribute" to John Cougar Mellencamp & Journey

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**Mural at Novak Funeral Home, Perth Amboy**  
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PERTH AMBOY - Local Artist Tom Ward paints a mural on the wall in Novak Funeral Home. The mural depicts a view of Perth Amboy from Staten Island. Top Photo Tom Ward paints. Bottom Photo - Joey Diaz with Tom Ward.

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**Novena To St. Rita**

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

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.  
 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. BJack-top Parking, Sponsor Award Trophies, 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@OPTONLINE.NET

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*F.M.J.*

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