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Making Sure that Quality of Water is Not Compromised That is NOT Negotiable



Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach with Middlesex Water Company Representatives: Dennis Doll and Rick Risoldi. They went before the Council and gave an annual report on USAPA *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - Dennis Doll and Rick Risoldi of Middlesex Water Company made their annual report to the Council at the October 21, 2013 Caucus Meeting. They focused mainly on the repairs made after the damage caused by Superstorm Sandy.

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said that the public/private partnership was established in 1998 between the City and Middlesex Water Company. "In 2008 Mr. Doll was one of the representatives from Middlesex Water who worked with the new administration to help reduce operating costs of \$600,000 a year. Because of this coopera-

tion, between the water company and the City it helped to greatly reduce the cost of the debt created by the previous administration. After the devastation of Sandy, it was important to get the water and sewer systems operating efficiently. Middlesex Water was responsible for monitoring the system and getting the pumping station up and running. At the moment I don't see this utility making money for the City. This is a very old sewer system that we are trying to make as efficient as possible. There will be a 2% rate increase for next year. Our priority are the sewer lines and the 4 inch pipes in the system.

There were 49 employees at one time employed in the Water and Sewer Department and that is down to about 19."

The Council wanted to know what improvements could be made to our water and sewer system.

Doll answered, "A backup electric power system is needed at the Runyon Plant."

Risoldi said, "So far, work has been done on the hydrants; some of the main breaks have been repaired. The sewer and sanitary systems have been separated.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry wanted to know if there was a mechanism in place so this will never happen again. What was done with the Middlesex Water Contract. (Referring to the deal by the previous Mayor which brought huge debt to the City.)

Fehrenbach replied, "It is up to the Council to do that, but what I can say is that with this Mayor and Council, this will never happen."

USA-PA Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy), Inc. operates the City of Perth Amboy's water and wastewater systems under a 20-year agreement. USA-PA serves approximately 20,000 customers, most of whom are served by both the water and wastewater systems. (info from www.middlesexwater.com.)

This Plan is A Lot Different Delaney Homes Property



Councilman Fernando Irizarry



Councilman Bill Petrick

PERTH AMBOY - October 21, 2013 - Ordinance #1 First Reading - An ordinance adopting amendments to the Focus 2000 Plan for redevelopment area 3 pursuant to the local redevelopment and housing law. Re: Delaney Homes - No public discussion.

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach read a report from the Redevelopment Agency to the Council, where the following was it was suggested: the remaining 11 acres on the Delaney Homes Property be used for non-residential purposes. Non-residential could include a nursing home"

When Fehrenbach was questioned why a nursing home would be considered non-residential, he explained that, "The units consist of beds and not full apartments. The 4 acres to be developed would be residential."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry was very annoyed when he read about the changes that the Redevelopment Agency wanted on the property. Irizarry said, "This plan is different from what was first presented to us. I don't see why we can't put senior housing here."

Irizarry's concern was that this track on Delaney Homes is already cleared for development. "Why go through the search again to find a place to put senior housing? You may have to go through a process to see if another site is suitable



City Clerk/Redevelopment Agency Member Elaine Jasko

for development and zoned for that purpose. We are also pushing out the middle class who are going elsewhere because the rents are too high."

Councilman Bill Petrick said that the former Delaney Homes site is really geared more towards commercial development, "I'm for senior housing, and there are developers in the City of whom I'm sure will be glad to build those kind of units."

City Clerk and Redevelopment Agency Member Elaine Jasko said, "Once we build the 70 units on Delaney Homes, our low income housing obligation will be met."

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton was absent.

Church Severely Damaged by Fire



PERTH AMBOY - SS. Cyril & Methodius National Catholic Church suffered extensive damage to the roof during a 3 alarm fire which occurred around 1 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28, 2013. The Church was 90 years old. *Photo by Katherine Massopust

Election

Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013
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South Amboy City Council Meeting Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at 7 p.m.

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News Release
PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Office of Recreation encourage all to enjoy their Fall festivities and to remind all parents and children to be safe this weekend.

"We want to make sure all of our children enjoy this time with their families, but that their also safe. With everyone's cooperation we can all celebrate a season of fun-filled activities," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

The Perth Amboy Police Department has requested the cooperation of local businesses in preventing criminal mischief on October 29th, 30th and 31st, by not selling markers, eggs, soap and shaving cream to anyone under the age of 18.

Also, for resident safety, the Police Department has advised anyone under the age of 17, unless accompanied by a parent, to stay indoors after 6:00 p.m. on October 30th and 31st.

Mayor Diaz welcomes all to participate in the following upcoming fall events:

Kid's Halloween Dance - Wednesday, October 30th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Pre-registration Required (\$5.00), Pet Halloween Costume Contest - Hosted by the Perth Amboy Animal Shelter Thursday, October 31st 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Perth Amboy Animal Shelter (foot of Fayette Street, near Shoprite) 597 Fayette Street Seniors Halloween Party - Wednesday, October 31st - 10:30 a.m. Office on Aging- Call to Register: 732-826-1690 ext. 4326 or 4307 Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Harvest Fest - Saturday, November 2nd 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Brighton Avenue Community Center, 61 Brighton Avenue.

For additional information about the events contact the Office of Recreation, 732-826-1690 ext. 4305 or for the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us.



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Perth Amboy needs Board members who will behave professionally, independently and put our students first!

On Tuesday, November 5th Elect

BENJAMIN SALERNO

to the Perth Amboy Board of Education

Benny Salerno possesses excellent qualifications to serve on the Board!

- Lifelong resident of the City of Perth Amboy.
- Veteran Perth Amboy Police Sergeant with over 25 years of service to our community.
- Proud parent of two children attending Perth Amboy Public Schools.
- Democratic Committeeman.
- President of the Good Shepherd (Former Holy Rosary Church) Holy Name Society.
- Past Volunteer Coach of the Perth Amboy Recreation Department T- Ball Program.
- Member of the Perth Amboy High School Band Parent Organization.
- Past Member of the Perth Amboy Public Schools Pre-School Advisory Council.
- Past Member of Various Perth Amboy School District Parent Teacher Organizations



**Benjamin Salerno
Ballot Position 1 - 3**

On Tuesday November 5th PERTH AMBOY needs to elect

A Candidate who behaves professionally.

A Candidate who will listen to all opinions and then make an informed decision.

A Candidate who is a parent that sends his children to Perth Amboy public schools.

A Candidate with a track record of community service.

A Candidate who resides full time in Perth Amboy.

A Candidate who is independent minded.

A Candidate dedicated to putting students and educators first.

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.

Elect BENJAMIN SALERNO, Ballot Position 1 - 3

For our Perth Amboy Board of Education

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Reflections: It's Been One Year

October 28, 2013 marks the first anniversary of Superstorm Sandy. How many times in the past have the meteorologists predicted impending devastating weather to occur and it never happened. This time they were right. Our wildest dreams could not have prepared us for what devastation would come with the storm.

Superstorm Sandy strengthened and took an unexpected turn towards New Jersey last October 28, 2012. When the storm hit, and the power went out it was a rude awakening as to how dependent we have become on technology. The cell phones didn't work and if you were lucky enough to charge them, it didn't matter. Going outside and taking a walk the morning after the storm was surreal. People just took it all in; the damage - downed trees and wires plus other damage caused by the storm. Everyone was so drained. Halloween Trick-or-Treating was postponed until after the storm passed.

The Perth Amboy Waterfront was destroyed. Businesses on Front Street and the Ferry Slip Museum were hit hard as well. I remember seeing the damage at the Waterfront during a press tour. The area looked like a war zone.

Although we lost power for 2 days, it seemed much longer. It's amazing how dependent we are on electricity. Those 2 days threw us off. We were lucky on my block. Some areas of the town didn't have power for almost 2 weeks. It's amazing that its a year later and some people still don't have a permanent place to call their own. They're still looking at the ruins of where they resided for many years.

To quote the 1984 movie, "Starman," Actor Jeff Bridges portrays an alien who comes to Earth. When asked what he liked about the people of Earth, he replied, "You are at your best when you are at your worst."

The people of Perth Amboy

showed their spirit when over 1000 people volunteered to pick up bricks, garbage, etc. on the Waterfront one week after the storm. On the same day, the Trujillo Foundation donated blankets and food to the residents of Staten Island who got hit much worse than Perth Amboy. Thanks to the diligence of the City Employees who volunteered on their own time even when some of them may have been victims of the storm themselves. No one was killed in Perth Amboy due to Superstorm Sandy.

One year later we still feel the aftermath. People lost their homes; the Jersey Shore was devastated. Most of the boardwalks in New Jersey suffered major damage. Others such Atlantic City, Wildwood and Cape May's had minor damage. Some of the shore communities have slowly begun to recover from the devastation of Sandy.

One woman who lives in a shore town called into a radio talk show. She was upset because a lot of politicians came to her town for a photo op and said what they are going to rebuild their neighborhood. "I personally have not received a penny of assistance even after filling out all of this paperwork," she stated on the radio.

In Perth Amboy, the Waterfront has recovered; many of the businesses affected by Sandy are up and running. This is due to many volunteers who donated their time and money to help. Although portions of the Waterfront are still damaged, the City is coming back. It may take a while, but we'll come back.

Katherine M. & Carolyn M.

STRONGER THAN THE STORM!

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

The Best Chance

While everyone should realize the importance of Voting in the upcoming General Election, the Election in Perth Amboy takes on special significance. The Voters of Perth Amboy have the opportunity to bring some much needed

reality back to the Board of Education.

This reality is NOT Candidate Lebreault or Varela. Lebreault was soundly defeated in his attempt to get re elected. People must have realized that his ego and demeanor far exceeded his qualifications. Varela has done nothing positive during his time on the Board.

Both of these people are disruptive and cannot offer anything positive. After looking at the list of Candidates I believe that Carvajal, Salerno and Massopust give our students the best chance to succeed in life.

I urge the Voters to put these people in place.

Russell J. O'Reilly

Thanks for the Happy Memories

I was greatly impressed by Helen Leonard's letter in the 10/9/2013 Amboy Guardian. Like her I was also a kid during the Great Depression. It was a much more different time than the Great Recession of today.

First of all the spirit of the people was more upbeat and optimistic than today. We were not as fearful as today. We were self reliant! Hardly anyone had cars. We all walked. To church! to school! To stores! The streets were not as congested as today. Life was much simpler! Most of our homes were heated by wood from railroad ties, broken tree limbs and driftwood. Most of the North Amboy was heated by coal picked up or stolen from the Lehigh Valley coal yards. At night we huddled together in perinas (Feather beds). Winters were mighty cold. The coldest re-

corded temperature was 16 below zero. The bay was frozen to the light house! Brr-r!

Most folks kept all kinds of animals, chickens, ducks, dogs, cats, goats and even pigs. We always had fresh eggs, chicken and rabbit dinners. Peddlers with fruits and vegetables came to our doorstep. We had farmer's markets on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. A kid could always pilfer an apple or peach or work as a chicken plucker at 2 bits per chicken. Some ladies preferred to take the live chicken on the bus for a fare of 5 cents for the husband to clean the chicken. One time a lady's chicken got loose. As she chased it around the bus she loudly broke wind. The bus driver remarked, "That's it, Lady! If you can't catch it! Shoot it!" We all roared at that one!

Here is a sample a sample of the prices of King Arthur's Supermarket at Market Street and Madison Avenue. Veal 19 cents per pound. Ham 21 cents per pound, butter 27 cents per

pound. Tomatoes 5 cents per pound, Jello 3 packages 13 cents and coffee pound can 32 cents.

Compared to today crime was very low. Nobody locked their homes. Only one court session a week. Mostly drunks charged. They had not yet graduated to the status of alcoholics. There were 100 saloons in town. They were the working man's social club. Where a guy could get cheap drinks with psychological therapy, sympathy or even a job. Some of the bartenders were former labor union members. Come to think of it I helped my dad make his own whiskey or moonshine and wine, not to mention sauerkraut, pickles and green tomatoes.

Helen Leonard! Thanks for the happy memories!

Thank you for your courtesies. Very truly yours,
Peter Book a.k.a. Pedro Libro



The Clock is Running

Think for a minute or two. How many times did you check your watch today? Time to shower or shave, time to have breakfast if you have time or grab a cup of coffee to be on time for work in the rush hour traffic. Your work day is over so it is time to hit the traffic again. Ok! you made it home. Time to eat, watch some TV or whatever and now time to go to bed and rest. Most of us don't go night to sleep when our heads hit that pillow. We have thoughts about what we should have said or done.

An older person may wish, "I wish I wasn't growing old," but flip the coin over and it sure beats dying young.

Some kids and younger people wish to be big or older. The think TV is real life. Sorry to disappoint you but in real life you have to leave that coffee shop and go to work.

A good film for a teenager to watch is called, "BIG." Tom Hanks puts a coin wishing ma-

chine and wishes to become BIG. His wish is granted.

Yes, my friends, that film told us, "You only get one childhood and one life." Years ago there were many songs about time. Old Timers may remember, "Seems Like Old Times," "Turn Back The Hands of Time," or "Dearie." The last one ended with, "If you remember, If you remember, well Dearie your much older than I."

This is a precise instant, second minute hour, day, week, month or year. It is determined by a clock and a calendar.

We think and dream about, "The Good Old Days." I think this is good and very important. Rudyard Kipling wrote a famous poem. It was called, "If." I quote him, "If you can dream and not make your dreams your master." The Past is very important in our lives, but only a foolish person learns little or nothing from past experiences. My Mother used to say, "There is no Fool like an Old Fool." Some people still say, "What you don't know won't hurt you." I won-

der if Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy would agree with them?

Tomorrow is a word used by all of us. I'll see you tomorrow, catch you tomorrow, etc. It's such an innocent word but can you promise me that you will see me tomorrow? The answer is, "NO!" Because the only one that can guarantee me this is the Man Upstairs. I am called a Senior Citizen now. Never thought I could be ranked so high. I check the obituaries in the newspaper every day and these guys are younger than me. They are striking out early. I have some advice for my friends out there. Take it one day at a time, don't bank on tomorrow but thank God if you get out of bed. Live for today because tomorrow is not on Auto Pilot.

How many times did you check your watch today? I just checked my Timex and it's time to hit the sack.

I'll see you tomorrow if God so desires.

Thomas Francis Clark



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PERTH AMBOY - A.J. Community Center, One Olive St. on Sundays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Local churches, organizations and businesses have partnered to sponsor the Sunday Community Dinners for those in need of a warm meal and good company. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4307. Dates for the dinners are: October 27, November 3,10,17,24.

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

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.

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.

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.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TUES. Nov. 12 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. Nov. 13 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

TUES. Oct. 29 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

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Kearny Cottage

Halloween

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy will be open for Halloween Trick-or-Treats from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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PERTH AMBOY - Faith Community Worship Center Soup Kitchen, 310 Sutton Street, Perth Amboy. Dates: Wednesdays, 10/23, 11/20, 12/18/13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more info call 732-376-1711

Halloween Pet Costume Contest

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Animal Shelter located at 597 Fayette Street will be hosting a Halloween Pet Costume Contest on October 31 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. (rain or shine). For more information call 732-324-3877


Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Tricky Tray at the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, corner of School Street and No. James Street (use Ross Street entrance. Saturday, November 9th. Doors open at 4 p.m.; Drawing at 6 p.m. Hungarian Food available. Free cake and coffee with \$5 admission. Bring a non-perishable food item for local food bank and get one free "extra" ticket. Must be 18 years old. 50/50, gift certificates and many prizes. Seat 200. For more info call 732-828-3467.

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Tricky Tray Dinner/Dance

SOUTH AMBOY - Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary's High School Cheerleading Team is hosting a Tricky Tray Dinner/Dance on November 15, 2013 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Ria Mar Restaurant and Bar 25 Whitehead Avenue, South River. Cost is \$35.00 for dinner, dessert, soda, coffee and tea, or \$45.00 which includes dinner, dessert, soda, coffee, tea and beer, wine and sangria. Basket Raffles, 50/50, and dancing! Deadline to purchase tickets is 11/5/13. For tickets please call 732-718-3460 or Coach Brenda 732-310-0101 or email CMHScheerleading-team@aol.com

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A SPECIAL REMINDER TO VOTE

Mark Carvajal

Our School Board President

I ask for your support this Tuesday, so that I can continue to work to improve our schools, giving all of our children the quality education that is so important to their future.

I am proud of what we've been able to accomplish, including saving the school district \$3 million each year by adopting an open and competitive bidding process for the purchase of health and other kinds of insurance and initiating online streaming of all board meetings so that residents can stay informed even if they can't attend in person.

Now, I am seeking adoption of a pursuit of excellence policy for the hiring of all new leadership positions including the new Superintendent. By putting in place a broad open search and competition for top positions with-in our school district, we will ensure we get the best. It's what our students deserve.

My other priorities include providing timely support to our at-risk students, building a modern new high school using mainly state funds, and reducing the drop-out rate.

Together, I know we can make sure all of our children are given the tools they need to succeed.

Sincerely,
Mark Carvajal

BALLOT POSITION: 2

VOTE, Tuesday, NOV. 5



Mark Carvajal

Our School Board President

PUTTING IN PLACE A POLICY OF EXCELLENCE

A SPECIAL REMINDER TO VOTE

Tuesday, NOV. 5

BALLOT POSITION: 2

Our School Board President Mark Carvajal is advancing a pursuit of excellence policy for the selection of all leadership positions with-in the School District, including the new School Superintendent.

The "Pursuit of Excellence" policy includes:

- Setting hiring criteria such as relevant experience and success in urban environments
- Launching a broad search and open competition for all top staff positions with-in the district, beginning with the new Superintendent of Schools
- Providing transparency that still leaves room for respect for sensitive personnel issues and the applicants' current job security.

"A quality education is the key to success for all of our children.

That's why I believe we must pursue a policy of excellence."

Mark Carvajal

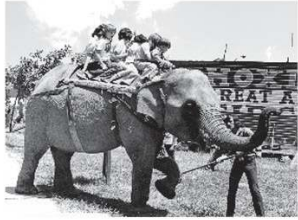
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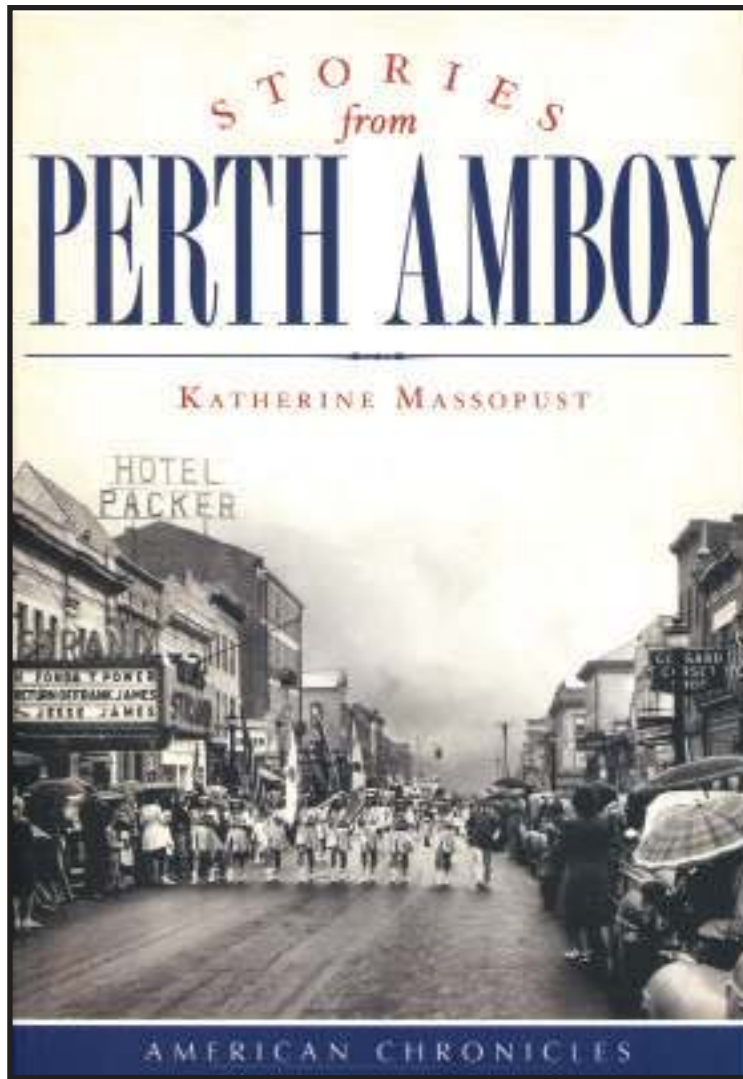
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PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy. For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000

**Veteran's Day
Services**

SAYREVILLE - The Veterans of Foreign Wars of Post #4699 with the Post Commander and President Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville, will hold services on November 11 at 11 a.m. Morning at the Sayreville Borough on Main Street, Sayreville. There will be many speakers for this special occasion and services for our veterans to honor them. Everyone is invited to attend. For more info call 732-264-3041.

**Kids'
Halloween
Dance**

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Kid's Halloween Dance on Wednesday, October 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Center. Ages 5-10 welcome. Pre-Registration Required (\$5.00) Come all you Witches, Warlocks, Ghosts & Goblins & Join in all the Halloween fun! Ghostly Music, Finger Food, Mad Scientist, DJ, Games. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4305.

**Charity
Basketball
Game**

SOUTH AMBOY - On December 21, 2013 the Friends of South Amboy will be sponsoring a night of charity basketball and a dinner buffet to benefit Samantha Carey and Kaitlyn Kehoe, two local children who have been diagnosed with cancer. The basketball games will feature teams from Cardinal McCarrick and South Amboy high schools. The event begins at 4 pm with a boys' JV game, followed by girls' varsity at 6 pm and boys' varsity at 8 pm. All games will be played at Cardinal McCarrick high school located at 310 Augusta St. in South Amboy. The dinner will be sponsored by the South Amboy AOH and will run from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the AOH hall located at 271 Second Street. All proceeds from the games and dinner will go to the Carey and Kehoe families. For tickets and information on donations please contact Tom Reilly at 732-721-0853.



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Xbox Galaxy

SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox Galaxy at 3 p.m. on Fridays in October at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-72 1-6060.

Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Monday at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.



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Knitting Circle

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

Trunk or Treat

PERTH AMBOY - JRF's Family Success Center (FSC) in conjunction with the Mobile Family Success Center of Middlesex County will be hosting a TRUNK OR TREAT on October 31 at 149 Kearny Ave. (Proprietary House Parking lot) Perth Amboy from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. What is a Trunk or Treat? It's a safe alternative way for families to be able to trick or treat from member's vehicles decorated in the Halloween spirit. This is a family-friendly event open to ALL Middlesex County residents.

Want To Donate Candy, Time, or Your Skill?

PERTH AMBOY - Candy Donations: We are currently accepting candy donations at 3 different sites. Vehicles: We are looking for volunteers to provide their decorated vehicles for the event. Activities: All volunteers are needed run interactive kid-friendly activities. If you would like to participate for the Trunk or Treat feel free to contact Virginia Rivas, Volunteer and Community Partnerships Coordinator, at 732-638-5063.

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.

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Pig Roast at Pepinos



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Friends of the Library

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be having an open meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. The Speaker will be Chief Literacy Officer, Perth Amboy Schools, Damian Medina.

Pierogi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a pierogi sale from Monday, Oct. 28 to Fri. Nov. 1. All gourmet items are handmade - therefore, call early before maximum sales quota is reached. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to place your order. The pickup dates are Nov. 5 thru Nov. 7. Pick up your orders at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy.

Thinking of You

PERTH AMBOY - As the one year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy approaches - you are not alone. We are still here to assist in your recovery and help you get back on track. Join us to learn ways to address the anniversary and how to understand and cope with the reactions you may have on Monday, October 28th at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, 271 Smith St., Perth Amboy from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please call Therese Farid, LCSW at 732-646-4231 to register for date/time that is best for you. Reply early as space is limited.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Oct. 30 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. Oct. 31 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Nov. 4 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Nov. 5 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Nov. 6 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Nov. 7 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Nov. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Nov. 13 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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

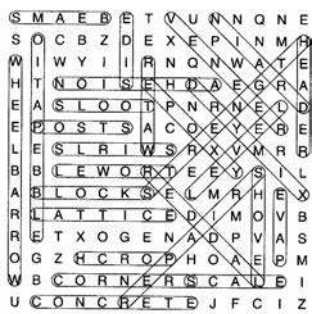
Hy Tavern Presents Check to JRF for Women's Health Services



PERTH AMBOY - The Hy Tavern Gang presents a check for \$3,500 to JRF. (L to R) Adel Tawfik, Rosy Gonzalez, Harry Scheman, JRF CEO & President Alan Goldsmith, Hy Tavern Owner Marie (Ree-ree) Santos & Mark Roberts from JRF.

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Answers From Puzzle On Page 19



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Circa 1950's The Perth Amboy High School Art Students painted the store windows for Halloween. The students were under the supervision of Art Teachers Mrs. Anne Massopust and Miss Ida Dressler.

*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



PAHS Class of 1958 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Class of 1958 will be holding its 55th class reunion on November 2, 2013 at the ZPA Lounge and Banquet Hall, 251 Grace Street Perth Amboy from 6 p.m. to 12 midnight. The cost is \$65 per person for a buffet dinner, champagne toast, live music and a DJ playing those golden oldies until midnight. On Friday, November 1, we will be meeting at Terrazza on High Street to "buzz the stem" and back for Happy Hour. On Sunday, we are meeting for breakfast at the ZPA at 11 a.m., the cost of which is \$15. And last but not least, we will be taking a tour of the historic treasures of Perth Amboy including the "Halls of Ivy".

Accommodations are available at the Hampton Inn located on 370 Route 9 North.

While we have contacted most of our classmates some have still not been found. Please reach out to anyone who graduated with this fabulous class. We've developed a special bond between our classmates and all those who graduated Perth Amboy High School. Let's make this reunion memorable and encourage every classmate to be there to celebrate this significant milestone. Please call Carol Zick Chojnacki at 732-462-1989 or 732-7643, or Barbara Franko Sottilaro at 732-826-9466 or email her at babsmsottilaro@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you all there to have another great time.

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**All You Can
Eat Breakfast**

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Perth Amboy is having an "All You Can Eat Breakfast" Sunday, Nov. 17 to be held in the church's school cafeteria on Meredith St. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for 12 to 17 year olds, and children under 12 years of age are free. On the menu is pancakes, waffles, scrambled eggs, made-to-order omelets, bacon, sausage, hash browns, fruits, juice, and coffee. Doors open at 8 a.m. and runs to 1 p.m.

**Civil War
Roundtable**

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable of Central New Jersey will be held on November 4, 2013, at the Woodbridge Public Library. This month's guest speaker is author Scott Mingus, whose latest book is "Extra Billy" Smith, which will be the topic of discussion for the evening. Mr. Mingus will have copies of his book for sale and signing. The meeting is open to the public and admission is free. Bring a friend.

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