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Not A Smooth Land - ings *They Bought Into It - But They're No Longer Buying It!*



Sam Gershwin from Westminsters Communities and Gordon Gemma of Kushner Co. stand before an artist's rendition showing the proposed Amendment changes to the Original Landings Site. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



**Landings Resident
Tracy Jordan**



Original Artist Concept of Landings
*Courtesy of www.northeastrebusiness.com

PERTH AMBOY - The original plans for Landings at Harborside included views of Staten Island Sound and the Raritan Bay, a 4 mi. Walkway along the Waterfront, a marina, 8,500 ft. of retail space, ferry service to New York, shops, cafes and parks. Little of this has taken place.

At the Caucus/Council Meetings which were both held on Monday, November 25, 2013, Gordon Gemma from Kushner Co. and Sam Gershwin of Westminister Communities presented a proposed revision of the original Landings site plans before the Council.

Gemma was the first to speak, "In 2001, the First Amendment was proposed to the original plan. In 2004, Kushner invested \$50 million. The Admiral then, the Bayview townhouses were constructed with a going price of \$400,000 and up per unit. As of today the retail space has not been rented."

"The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has to give us guidelines for cleanup," In 2009, we had the rights for redevelopment of the site, including north of Washington Avenue. Kushner is giving up the rights to this land. If the City wants, they can engage other developers for this property."

"The rentals that we have

now can be converted to ownership when the market values improve. Flood lines have also been revised which also caused us to change our plans. We are proposing more amenities for smaller property. The original properties are over 13 years old. It's not unusual for original plans to be revised on projects over the years."

After Gemma gave his presentation, Sam Gershwin, a representative from Westminister spoke. Gershwin said, "Revised plans called for three-story and four-story residential buildings and two-and-half-story townhouses for a total of 641 units. There would be 308 one bedroom and the rest would consist of two bedrooms, townhouses and penthouses. We have met with the Board of Education regarding the size of the units. The units would be in a Victorian Style Motif."

A third Kushner representative spoke, "Architects, engineers and lawyers were involved in reviewing eight proposed changes from the original Landings concept."

Literature with the proposed changes were handed out to the Council Members, City Attorney, B.A. and City Clerk.

After looking at the proposed site changes, Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach was

not pleased.

Addressing the representatives from the Kushner Companies, Fehrenbach told them, "This (Perth Amboy) is not a Suburban Community. Alternatives should be examined. PARA (Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency) and the Planning Board hands may be tied with making changes. This new plan shows a lot of density."

Fehrenbach addressed the Council, "You have to look at a lot of elements of the plan presented before you. There is a need for a lot more negotiation. Kushner still owes \$4.5 million to the City."

Council President Joel Pabon said, "After looking at the artist's rendition of the changes, it looks like you're putting a bunch of parking spaces on High Street."

During the Public Portion, some of the Landing's residents and others who were concerned vocalized their displeasure.

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez cautioned the City Council Members. "You may feel pressured to do some kind of action on the Landings now. You need to make clear what the citizens want done in that area. Kushner sold a bill of goods that wasn't delivered. Mr. Fehrenbach told you that there are many other options.

Don't get hung up on one developer. Don't pursue the plan that was presented tonight."

Now it was the Landings residents time to speak. Daniel Pietro said, "The Waterfront area is the most valuable piece of property. It's demeaning to say you can't have a growing middle class community. We still have to resolve problems with Phase 1 before we can move ahead. These problems include a poor infrastructure due to poor workmanship and construction. We are paying \$80,000 a year on a deteriorating gym facility."

Tracy Jordan talked about the holistic value of the Waterfront. During the presentation by the Kushner Representatives, Jordan was concerned about the amount of parking spaces available. She couldn't understand how a company who has been in business for decades could not be more inventive in their designs. She said, "You'll be setting a precedence (The Council) on how the Waterfront looks." She also wondered, "Where was the fiscal plan impact statement that was promised in 2012?"

Neil Hunter who resides in the Landings Admiral Building said, "If the original plan was not viable, why was it presented to us in 2000? How can the City entertain going into a

deal with a company who has proved time and time again that they are not trustworthy? We were sold on a community and a plan for homes and not rental units. The only people who will benefit are the Kushner Companies."

Residents continued to address the Council.

Another Landings Owner said, "These are big businessmen (Representing Kushner). They did not honor the contract. We have water coming into the units because of poor construction from the beginning. This is in an engineer report. Correct the condition of the existing buildings before they can go forward. Kushner should not use Economic Conditions as a reason for not fulfilling his contract."

Other residents comments included, "The area that needs to be expanded is the Waterfront, but it should benefit the whole town. The plan presented tonight looks like a patchwork community."

Another comment made was, "Depreciation is going on every year in our buildings. Our bricks keep falling off. They can't seem to repair them."

A resident of the Admiral Building named Sarah said, "The biggest issue is that we

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Million Misfit Sock March *Photos Submitted



PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Girl Scouts took part in the national "Girl Scout Million Misfit Sock March" an anti-bullying rally at the Flynn School on Friday October 25. Bullies pick on someone because they are different so the girls wore mismatched socks and marched around the school carrying signs with anti-bullying messages.

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PERTH AMBOY - The Looking Back Photo in the 11/27/13 issue of the Amboy Guardian was incorrectly attributed to the Perth Amboy Public Library. The photo was actually courtesy of Barbara Booz. The Amboy Guardian regrets this error.

Xbox Galaxy
SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox Galaxy at 3 p.m. on Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Tricky Tray
LAURENCE HARBOR - The St. Lawrence Alter Rosary Society will hold their annual Tricky Tray on Sunday, December 8 in the Parish Hall, Laurence Pkwy, Laurence Harbor. Doors open at 12:20 p.m., bids will start at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$10 and include two cards. NO ONE UNDER 18 WILL BE ADMITTED. For additional info, call Maria at 732-290-3002 or Karen at 732-721-3774.

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Landings

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want to attract more people to the Waterfront area, but there's nothing to do here. I have been looking at an empty park in the last 7 years I've been here. We want progress and something to be proud of. There are no businesses here. It's a ghost town. I want to move forward with something (Amenities). I want to see the realization of what I invested in."

Lawyer Patrick Whalen, who represents some of the Landings homeowners said, "Kushner stopped building in the Landings in 2007 because they wanted to invest in New York City. They spent over \$2 billion in that period acquiring a building at 666 Fifth Avenue. Now they are trying to finalize the Perth Amboy Fraud. A bond was put in place to complete the Landings Project. This in each homeowner's contract."

Whalen read an e-mail that Kushner sent to Sarah (the resident who spoke about the lack of amenities). In this e-mail Kushner apologized to her for the conditions he put her in. After talking about the e-mail, Whalen revealed that Sarah was employed by one of the Kushner Partners.

Dot Daniel who resides on Water Street said she sat on the Planning Board for 11 years

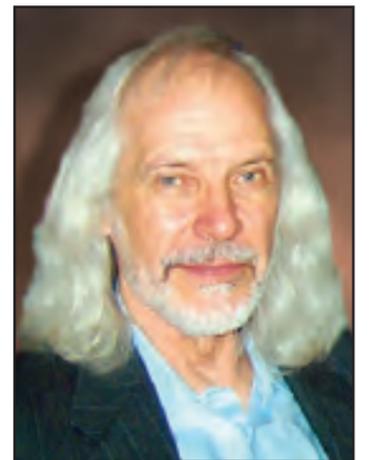
when the Landing Project was being planned. "After Joe (Vas) went to jail, everything stopped. I hope this Council will do something to help these people who have been wronged."

During the public portion of the regular Council Meeting Rector Street Resident Alan Silber said, "If Kushner had finished the project as he first promised, the property values of the surrounding areas would not have decreased."

Another Concerned Citizen, Ricky Aviles said, "If Kushner continues on the project, he should promise that Perth Amboy residents be hired as part of the construction or maintenance crew. Kushner should try to get the vision as close to possible to the original plans. It has to benefit everyone in town and you (The Council) have to set the parameters. We need more green space (parks) in that area."

The Council all voted to reject the ordinance adopting amendments to the Focus 2000 Plan for redevelopment East Area 2-2 pursuant to the local redevelopment and housing law." (First Reading)

On resolution R-527 Requesting the Planning Board to review plan amendments to the Focus 2000 Plan for portions of redevelopment East Area 2-2, in accordance with



Alan Silber

the local redevelopment and housing law. This resolution was tabled.

Two Landings Residents showed a film made by Kushner Companies depicting what the Landings was supposed to offer them. Some of these residents had previously resided in New York or surrounding areas. The amenities and community presented in this video were the selling points that made them purchase here. At the end of the Kushner video, two Landings Homeowners showed a video that they made. Their video showed the destruction, debris and disarray of what they've had to live with over the years. Before Superstorm Sandy, the residents complained about the conditions of the interior and exterior of Landings.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Thanks - Giving



Christian Bros. Academy Students at Trujillo Foundation Feast



McGinnis School Food Drive



Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus

During the holiday season, many organizations come together to help feed and clothe the homeless and those less fortunate. But not all of those who come to partake in the feasting may be homeless. Some who come are those who in need because of loneliness.

Imagine having a roof over your head, enough food to survive and money to pay your bills, but no one there for companionship or to socialize with.

When the groups and organizations pictured above hold their holiday events, everyone is invited. There is no one standing outside the door asking to see a financial statement.

The Eddie and Brenda Trujillo Foundation Thanksgiving

Feast held on November 23 fed 758 food pantry recipients. This is a great event for the community. It honors Eddie Trujillo's parents.

Besides the Trujillo Foundation, the Knights of Columbus in Perth Amboy fed 1300; the Renovation House served over 600 at Olive Street and delivered 400 meals. At the Salvation Army in Perth Amboy Faith Fellowship Church from Sayreville served over 90 meals.

Special thanks to the organizations mentioned above and to other groups who give up their time and volunteer to help those to make the holidays special for those in need.
Carolyn M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

The HUBS

I just finished reading the HUBS article. My uncle Harry Springer was one of the founders. I never knew that. They

also contribute regularly to the Friends of the Perth Amboy Library and before that, to Celebrate Perth Amboy/SOCL. Very nice article.

Thank you for printing my article and the photos. It was such a great week-end.

Barbara Sottilaro

The Trujillo Foundation

On November 23rd the foundation whose founder is Mr. Eddie Trujillo owner of Supremo food Markets; had our annual Thanksgiving Feast which fed 758 food pantry

recipients an event that is put together with the help of our local restaurant who prepare the food for the event, our volunteers who set up the hall and serve the population we providing for, in addition to the meal the foundation distributes door prizes which consist

of household appliances, flat screen TV's toys for the children and bicycles. We distributed over 500 gifts.

Lourdes Illa
Administrator for the Eddie and Brenda Trujillo Family Foundation.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

The Question is, "Where were you on November 22, 1963 when President Kennedy was assassinated?"

Let's turn the clock back to the spring of 1958. I was at the University of Alabama. The month was March. I was getting ready to play baseball and graduate in June. I was on a roll, but the man upstairs changed all that. I came down with food poisoning and after a stay at Tuscaloosa Hospital I was on my way back to Metuchen.

John F. Kennedy was a State Senator from 1952 - 1960. He came to speak in N.J. in 1958. His Motorcade passed by our house on Amboy Avenue. My Mother was so excited so I went out with her to see him pass by. They had to stop for

a few minutes as they approached Main Street. When the Motorcade stopped, my Mother went over to his open car, gave him a handshake and a kiss. She also said, "This is my son, Tommy." J.F.K. gave me a wave and I said, "Hi," with my wave back.

I graduated from Alabama in January 1959 and Kennedy became president in 1960. Madison Township (Now Old Bridge) hired me as a teacher in September of 1959.

I usually would spend much of my free time during the summers up on Cape Cod. On an early summer morning back in 1961, I was going to get my newspaper. Coming out of the store with his newspaper was President Kennedy. He said, "Hi, Tom." I have no idea what I said back to him. I know I answered. My memory is pretty good, but I don't meet

thousands of people.

Where was I on November 22, 1963? I was teaching and in my third year at Madison Twp. (Old Bridge).

I was assigned to teach at a two room schoolhouse off of Rt. 18. We had a third and fourth grade. One bathroom and one black and white T.V. Our hours were 89 a.m. till noon. Third Grade was using the T.V. At about 11 a.m. the other teacher came rushing to my room and said, "The President has been shot." We put both classes together and watched the news until it was time to go home. I drove home and had to face my Mom. She was very upset and crying. I had to be alone that night so I went to a bar on Main Street. Was a real bad experience for me and our Country.

Thomas Francis Clark

My Perth Amboy, My Rambling Thoughts...

A beautiful waterfront, way too much history to keep in book, too much culture to put into words.

Welcome to Perth Amboy. Even though Perth Amboy is an ultra-amazing city which I consider my home town, when I tell people I'm from Perth Amboy their face turns to delight or disgust. A lot of people I talk to from other towns dislike Perth Amboy for some odd reason.

However, that's them, I for one love this town, I'm proud to be a Perth Amboy, Jersey loving, American girl. If it wasn't for this town, I wouldn't be half the person I am today, this town is a little oasis in our chaotic nation of today, I don't think you can find a town like this anywhere else. Here, we have the culture, the history, the business; it doesn't get better than this. Every time I walk home from school, the aromas of the many diverse restaurants waft through the streets making my mouth water. There's

so much culture and diversity, especially in food around here. You can practically eat whatever you desire, feel like having Jamaican food? You can go down Smith Street and get some, (Where George Washington had once marched.) Feel like having Spanish, Italian, Chinese, New Yorker, or any other food you can think of, you can get whatever you want when you want it, that isn't something you always get in other towns. And there are so many stores, you basically could fill most of your shopping needs right here, one thing I think we are missing is

a major retailer to help pump bigger money into our town's economy. People who grow up in this town and use its advantages have the opportunity to achieve great success. I have the upmost respect for those people in this town, there are so many good people in this town, it's just amazing to me. The characters in this town are so unique they can inspire a Broadway play that tells of the perils and triumphs of the people of Perth Amboy. It's like we're a little United Nations, always finding new ways to celebrate diversity and going

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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

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

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Perth Amboy

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The Community Voice

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one step further in society, it's so multicultural, it's beyond my explanation.

The history of Perth Amboy is overwhelming, I may know a lot of it, but there is still so much to learn. Perth Amboy is very rich in history, so many things happened here, these are some of the examples. Perth Amboy was a loyalist town in the revolutionary war. At one point in history, Perth Amboy was the capital of East Jersey, due to the benefits of the river and our sheltered ports that gave safe harbor for trade (One of the Latin phrases on our official seal mean, "busy port"). Even though trade has calmed down, I can't begin to tell you how beautiful the boats in the harbor look at night. Thomas Mundy Peterson was the first black man to vote under the passage of the fifteenth amendment and this happened in Perth Amboy, what other town can claim that? A year ago there was a memorial placed in front of the school named after him. When terracotta production started in America, immigration was sky high in Perth Amboy, perhaps this was when and where our diverse culture started. We were home to one of the first terracotta plants on the east coast. Originally named A. Hall and Son Fire Brick works, which originally produced porcelain goods and later made fire brick. As the new century started to unfold, the company made changes, and transitioned into the terracotta business. After a while the company became known as Perth Amboy terracotta, they supplied the terracotta for the Supreme Court building in Washington D.C. A lot of immigrants of European descent came to Perth Amboy at the turn of the last century looking for work and better a life for their families, originally this town was mostly Polish, Hispanics came later after the Europeans. A wave of European and Hispanic immigrants made their way to Perth Amboy, this group of people mixed with other groups of people that had immigrated to this town, that eventually developed into what I call the melting pot that is the Perth Amboy we have today. It's a mix of diversity and understanding and respect, to me it seems that nobody cares about your gender, race or color. It seems that we all judge each other on who we are, what we do, what we did and who we want to be. Where do you find that in this world? I mean, I'm a white girl, but it does it matter? The Black and Spanish kids at school don't care. The fact we all accept

each other for our different cultures, makes me wonder why can't everyone in the world just grow up? As you can see by this ongoing paragraph, our history affected our town's heritage, and it makes us the people we are today.

There are so many voices to this town, and so many good people in this town, just look at the Perth Amboy High School's hall of fame, it's huge! And that is just people who went to that school, so imagine everyone else here. I've met so many great people, and it seems the older I get, the more of them I remember. Me and my best friends grew up here, we're street kids looking forward to a future of prosperity, I can't tell you how many times me and my friends fell off our bikes laughing on the summer nights we caught fireflies and chased ice cream trucks. There are so many adults I respect and look up to, it amazes me of all the sacrifices these people have made for the benefit of our town some go forgotten and unappreciated at times, but I won't forget, as long as someone remembers, (Richard Piatkowski for example) their efforts are worth it. Now that I'm getting older, I keep remembering everything people taught me and what they said to me; I'm remember everything the town of Perth Amboy has given to me. You know, I think we're all really lucky to be Perth Amboyans.

In conclusion, from the unbelievable history to the amazing culture, Perth Amboy proves to be a town unlike any other in New Jersey, in America, and in the WORLD. I guess people who just don't know Amboy wouldn't understand who we are, or what we've done, or what we stand for, but it doesn't matter. The problem is that some people just don't realize how unique our town is, or the history that surrounds us, so people who look down on us and don't give a second glance at Perth Amboy's true value don't understand Perth Amboy, it's their loss, not mine. Anyone who actually took the time to read this, will now know the true meaning of what it is to be a Perth Amboyan.

Perth Amboy strong,
Perth Amboy pride,
Natalia Dunyak, age 13,
Any one feel like having pernil tonight?

P.S. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, especially my little sister Victoria whose always been there for me

'Tis definitely the season to eat, drink and be merry but there's a fine line between festive and far gone

Press Release

November 26, 2013

By: Nanditha Krishnamsetty, MD

A lot of holiday traditions involve alcohol. You're with friends and family you may not see all the time, and you really want to have a good time, so you celebrate with a few drinks, and then Maybe a few more. The stress and emotional issues tied to the season also play a role in overdrinking. Sometimes you're with people that you don't feel entirely comfortable with, and drinking is a way to grease those wheels a little bit.

There is so much pressure to be happy during the holidays, so much pressure to be with loved ones that if you're going through a difficult time, like a divorce or a job loss or you don't have someone in your life, it's really magnified. Mental health concerns, stress and distress all go up during the holidays because of family conflicts, financial concerns and any number of other issues, especially for those with preexisting conditions such as depression, schizophrenia and anxiety.

Drinking too much just once can change your life forever, starting with the documented uptick in driving under the influence accidents and fatalities in the Thanksgiving through New Year's period. Alcohol is a factor in approximately 60% of fatal burn injuries and drownings, 40% of fatal falls and car accidents, and half of all sexual assaults, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Frequent drinking on the holiday party circuit can run your body down and impede immunity during cold and flu season, not to mention damage your liver in the long term. Holiday drinking lowers your inhibitions and can factor in seasonal weight gain. You may also get so intoxicated that you say or do something you regret.

Take the first step in setting the tone for a relaxing, peaceful and enjoyable holiday season by drinking in moderation, avoiding stress and encouraging your friends and loved ones to do the same.

- Alternate sparkling water (or something else nonalcoholic) with any alcohol you consume.
- Go for a wine spritzer, or add ice to wine or other drinks. You'll feel as though you're having more alcohol than you actually are, and you'll be

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Trujillo Foundation Thanksgiving Friendship Feast - Perth Amboy

*Photos by Bob Ned, Jerry Yaros & Submitted



Last Saturday, Nov. 23 at the St. Vincent dePaul a pre-Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the Trujillo Foundation and White Rose Foods was held. There were over 700 men, women and children in attendance. Students from Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft volunteered to serve the food and help in setting up the hall. It was a great day, as many needy families enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving meal. Have a nice Thanksgiving Day. - Jerry Yaros



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Santa Fly-in

Press Release

PRINCETON - Thirty-eight years ago, the idea of having Santa fly into the Princeton Airport for the area children to watch was brought to life. Throughout the years, this has evolved into a wonderful annual event for families and those less fortunate.

The tradition will continue this year on Tuesday, December 24th, when the Nierenberg family, owners of the airport, will open the hangar doors to children awaiting Santa's arrival. Santa is planned to arrive at 11:00 A.M. Parents are advised to bring the children prior to then, as the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies, and local folk singer Pat McKinley will be leading the audience in holiday songs during the wait for Santa.

If parents would like to have a gift waiting for their child, they should bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it

in large print to the Princeton Airport lobby. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa. If parents have more than one child participating, the gifts should be wrapped in the same paper and tied together to speed up the distribution. Also, to have their child participate, parents need to bring a gift for the less fortunate as well. This is the most important feature of this event. These gifts must be new and unwrapped, and will be collected by the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Personal checks made out to the "FoodBank Network of Somerset County", as well as canned or boxed food will also be collected at the airport. Donations from non-participants are kindly accepted as well.

The collection of the gifts will begin the day after Thanksgiving and will end on December 16th in order to enable county workers to arrange the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby of the airport between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Once Santa's plane lands, he will head into the hangar, along with all the participants, to distribute each gift individually. In fairness to all, Santa will

distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Children will also have the opportunity to take a picture on Santa's lap. Usually, distribution is completed by 1:00 P.M. and Santa continues his journey.

There is no charge for this event. The Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 miles north of Princeton on Route 206. The full address is 41 Airpark Road, Princeton, N.J., 08540. For further information, call 609-921-3100 or visit www.princetonairport.com.

Adult

Christmas Party

PARLIN - Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus # 2061 will be hosting its Annual Adult Christmas Party at the Council home, located at 775 Washington Rd Parlin, directly across from the Parlin Post Office, on Saturday December 7th from 7 to 12 pm. Tickets are \$ 35 pp and include dinner, open bar, DJ, door prizes and a visit from Santa and his Elf. For more info or tickets, please call Jim Poltrictzky @ 732-254-8896.

Trolley Ride

SOUTH AMBOY - Have A Holly, Jolly Holiday Riding In Our Trolley On A Tour Of South Amboy Featuring Contest Entries In Our "Holiday Home Decorating Contest" Along With Historical Sites In Our City. Tours Will Be Given On Tuesday, December 17th Starting at 5:30 p.m. In A Beautiful Holiday Trolley! Email To Events@Southamboy.nj.gov Or Call The Recreation Office At 732-316-8212. To reserve your seat beginning on November 18th. Seating is limited, first come first served. Open to South Amboy residents only, ID will be verified.

Christmas Tree Sale

SOUTHAMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784, located at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy, will again sell beautiful Christmas Trees (Fraser Fir and Douglas Fir). Grave Blankets will also be on sale. Sale begins Friday, Nov. 29th. Please come and get your Christmas Tree. All monies raised will be donated to the Elk Sponsored Charities, i.e., Brain Injured Children, Veterans, etc. Selling Times: Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Thursdays 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Fridays 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturdays 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Sundays 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., For more info call 732-727-7170.

Christmas Tea

PERTH AMBOY - The Kermay Cottage Historical Society is sponsoring a Christmas Tea at the Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy on Sunday, December 15 at 1 p.m.

Join the Society members for tea and pastries, with Dennis Nanton on the keyboard.

Donations are appreciated. For more information call 732-293-1090.

Benefit & Toy Drive

WOODBIDGE - The David's Touch Foundation Annual Benefit Night & Toy Drive will take place at The Shannon Rose, 855 St. George Ave., Woodbridge on Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. \$5 special food menu and exclusive drink features.

Decorate Your Very Own Gingerbread Cookie

WOODBIDGE - Decorate and design you very own Gingerbread Cookie. Cookie and toppings provided. Children of all ages are welcome. Free Event. Saturday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. If you are interested in participating, you must register in advance: one form per child. Signups are due no later than Monday, December 2. No exceptions. Sorry. Walk-ins not accepted. For more info call the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St. at 732-596-4048. Sponsored by La Bonbonniere's Cookie Jar.

Winter Festival

SAYREVILLE - Come celebrate the holidays with the Sayreville Recreation Department's Winterfest, Sunday December 8th, 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at Kennedy Park. Enjoy musical entertainment, holiday displays and light refreshments Admission is free Sayreville Rec. Toy drive drop off.

Annual Toy Drive

SAYREVILLE - There will be a toy drive from November 4 to December 9 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from Monday through Friday at the Recreation Department, Dolan Street. New toys only please. Help us to provide some holiday cheer for those special residents of Sayreville.

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Children's

Holiday Party

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Children's Holiday Party as the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Friday, December 13, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There will be refreshments and prizes. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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Christmas Bake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St. Call 732-826-7067 to place orders between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 9 to Dec. 13/ Cakes include: nut, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry and prune. Prices are \$11 each. Pickup dates are Dec. 17 to Dec. 19.

Christmas Spectacular

WOODBIDGE - Enjoy a day out in NYC. Trip to the Christmas Spectacular Show in Radio City Music Hall, the Lighted Christmas Tree Viewing at Rockefeller Center and lunch at Applebees on Wednesday, December 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bus leaves Evergreen at 9 a.m. Cost \$89. Stop in the main office or call the Evergreen Senior Center at 732-726-6261 or email: evergreen@twp.woodbridge.nj.us



Spaghetti With Santa

COLONIA - Take a break from shopping during this busy holiday season and stop by the Colonia VFW for lunch or dinner between 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 15. Tickets are \$ 10 per adult,\$7 for Seniors and \$ 5.00 for children under 12. TAKE OUT AVAILABLE! You and your family can enjoy a homemade spaghetti dinner while visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus. After your meal stay and do a holiday craft and decorate a cupcake. Bring your camera and take a picture taken with Santa. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the family of Irene McMahon of Colonia, who is bravely battling Pancreatic Cancer.

Please give of yourself this holiday season while enjoying a nice hot meal and helping a local family in need. No advanced tickets to be sold all tickets sold at the door. Baskets needed....if you can donate a basket please call Debbie @ the Colonia Corner 732-382-0273.

Holiday Stroll Down Main Street

WOODBIDGE - Downtown Main Street is proud to host the 6th Annual Holiday Stroll on Saturday, December 7 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Main Street, Woodbridge. Attractions include: Two Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides, Holiday Carolers, DJ, Special Performances, Crafters, Vendors and a Visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Sponsored by Downtown Merchants Association and Woodbridge Township. Pictures with Santa sponsored by: Clx N Pies LLC, 250 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge. 732-596-1600.

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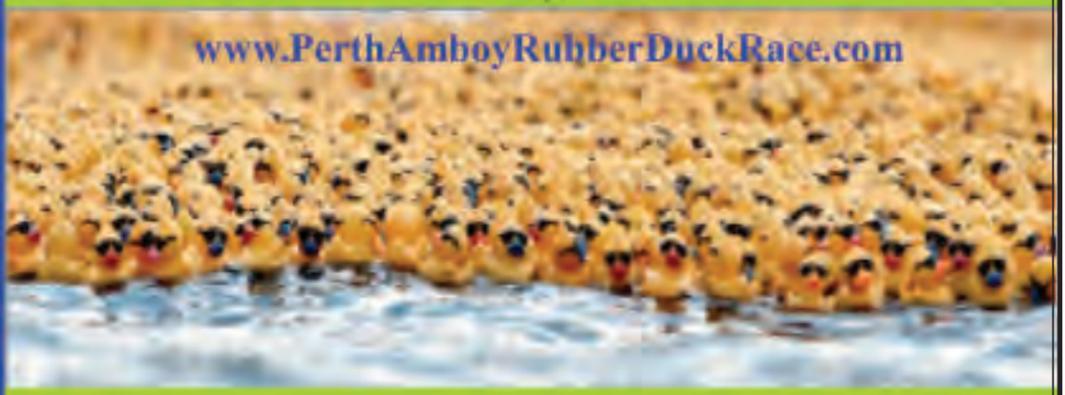
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**Perth Amboy Catholic School
Service Project *Photo Submitted**



PERTH AMBOY - As part of a continuing series of Community Service Projects by Perth Amboy Catholic School, students made Merry Christmas Cards to be given out by New York Citymeals on Wheels. The cards will be given out at Christmas to all homebound elderly clients. These handmade items are personal and precious to the seniors receiving their Christmas Dinner from N.Y. Citymeals on Wheels. The students wanted the seniors to know that someone cares about them and they are not forgotten. The project was co-ordinated by Mrs. Maria Arcelay (parent) and Mrs. Rose Pennyfeather, Art Teacher. Students in photo left to right are: Kenny Ortiz, Katherine Zevallos, Melissa Gonzalez, Emmanuel De Jesus and Lizbeth Nunez.



Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Christmas Cookie Walk on Sat. Dec. 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at St. John's Church Hall, Division St. Assortment of Ethnic and Christmas Cookies. Price is \$10 a pound.

**Annual Holiday
Tree Lighting And
Fire Truck Parade**

SOUTH AMBOY - At the Transit Plaza on Broadway Thurs. Dec. 5. "Come visit Santa at our Christmas Village!" Santa will arrive at 6:30 p.m. for the "Kids Annual Meet And Greet" Free hot chocolate, cookies, candy and holiday entertainment! Don't miss our annual fire/first aid holiday parade! Prize for the best decorated vehicle! This year, local food banks need your help more than ever!! Please donate a non-perishable food item at this event! Mark your calendar and don't miss this event sponsored by the city of South Amboy! For additional information please contact South Amboy Recreation Office at 732-316-8212 or email events@southamboynj.gov



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Holiday

Extravaganza

WOODBIDGE - Mayor John E. McCormac along with the staff at the Woodbridge Community center invites you to join us for a day of music, food and fun at our annual Holiday Extravaganza, Friday, December 6. There will be a Holiday Concert from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Choirs from our Township Schools will be performing holiday selections in our upper lobby. Admission is a non-perishable item for donation to the "We feed Woodbridge" food bank.

Holiday Lighting

Ceremony

HOLMDEL - Saturday, Dec. 7, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, 1 Memorial Lane, Holmdel, (Garden State Parkway Exit 116).

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800 from Bergen County and the Jewish War Veterans, Department of New Jersey will host the annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

The ceremony will include a lighting of the Christmas tree and Menorah, readings about Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, and a visit from Santa. The Brick Memorial High School Caroling Choir will lead the singing of patriotic and holiday songs. The family-friendly festivities are open to the public at no charge. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Please call (732) 335-0033 xt. 100 for additional info.

The N.J. Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center are located on the grounds of the PNC Bank Arts Center. The Memorial is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. The Educational Center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regular admission to the Museum & Educational Center is FREE for veterans and active-duty military personnel. Regular adult admission is \$7, student and senior citizen admission is \$5 and children under age 10 are admitted FREE.

**A Drive Through
Christmas Story**

OLD BRIDGE - A Drive Through The Christmas Story" will be presented again this year by Sayre Woods Bible Church. This is a display of ten life-sized Bible scenes including live characters, animals, holiday music, scripture, and a running storyline by way of a CD which enables you to go on a guided tour both hearing and seeing the Christmas story within the convenience of your own car. The Drive Through The Christmas Story is now also available in Spanish.

Held on the circular grounds of Sayre Woods Bible Church, Route 9 South, Old Bridge, on December 1, 6, 7, 8 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Voluntary donations of canned food (no money) for the Bread of Life Ministry will be accepted. For further information on this free holiday event contact 732-679-5989 or go to www.sayrewoods.org

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PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library and The Kearny Cottage Historical Society have teamed up to create Historical Calendars with never before seen photos of Historic Perth Amboy. Calendars are \$10 each and are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy City Hall, High Street, Ludwig's Pharmacy, 475 Brace Ave. and Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave. For more info call 732-293-1090.

Thanksgiving at Salvation Army - Perth Amboy

**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



PERTH AMBOY - Volunteers from Faith Fellowship Church in Sayreville along with some of their family members and other local organizations served meals to those in need at the Perth Amboy Salvation Army facility. Above is a sign with the donors who made a contribution.



Thanksgiving Day at Senior Center, Olive Street, Perth Amboy

**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



PERTH AMBOY - Over 1000 people were served on Thanksgiving Day at the Alexander Jankowski Senior Center at Olive Street. Renovation House served over 600 people at the center and made 400 deliveries to those who could not attend the event. Some of those who volunteered included students from Perth Amboy High School, the Lions Club International located in Iselin under the direction of Lion Mahesh Chitnis PMJF and Faith Community Worship Center, Perth Amboy.



Stories From Perth Amboy

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

Mother Goose

SOUTH AMBOY - Mother Goose from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Blood Drive

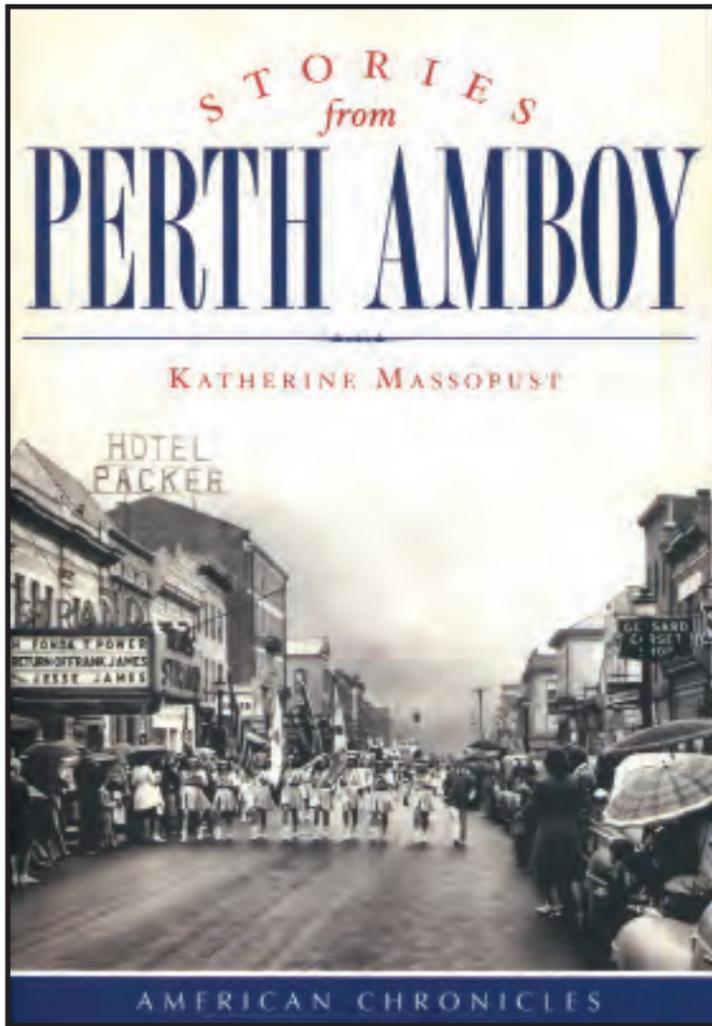
PARLIN - Our Lady of Victory Knights of Columbus are holding a blood drive on Sunday December 8th from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. The K of C is located at 775 Washington Road, directly across from the Parlin post office. If you have any questions, please call the council home at 732-257-2061.

Trip to Radio City Christmas Spectacular

WOODBIDGE - Come join us to see the world famous Rockettes perform at the Radio City Christmas Spectacular on Thursday, December 12. Bus will leave the Woodbridge Community Center at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$85 pp. Space is limited. It is on a first come, first serve basis. There are no refunds given once payment is received. For more info call the Recreation Department at 732-596-4048.

Pictures With Santa

WOODBIDGE - Bring your child to tell Santa what they want for Christmas. When: Sunday, December 15 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Parker Press (400 Rahway Ave, Woodbridge). The Recreation Department is collecting non-perishable food items at ALL Holiday Events. Please bring a can... or two... or three of non-perishable food items to any of our Holiday events. Let's help our neighbors in need this holiday season. Walgreens (of Woodbridge) will be giving guests a complimentary 4X6 picture. For more info call Woodbridge Township Recreation & Resident Services 732-596-4048.



Thanksgiving Place Mats

*Photos Submitted



FORDS - Mrs. Delana Smith, Art Teacher at Our Lady of Peace School in Fords worked with her students to make Thanksgiving Place Mats for our local nursing home. Pictured are OLP 2nd and 4th graders who strived to produce their finest art work for a good cause just in time for their big celebration.

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DECEMBER EVENTS

Diabetes Q & A Session
Wednesday, Dec. 4 - 7 to 8 p.m.
 Raritan Bay Area Y, Perth Amboy
 Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

One-Day Childbirth Education Class
 \$125 per couple.
Saturday, Dec. 7 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Raritan Bay Area Y, Perth Amboy
 Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

Reiki 1 Training Workshop
 Healing practice for relaxation, pain relief and well-being, \$175
Sunday, Dec. 8 - 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Raritan Bay Area Y, Perth Amboy
 Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?
Monday, Dec. 9 - 7 to 8 p.m.
with Dr. Seun A. Sawemimo
Wednesday, Dec. 18 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
with Dr. Ayotunde Adeyeri, Medical Director
 Institute for Weight Loss, Old Bridge
 Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME.

Total Joint Replacement Education
 Provided by a Human Motion Institute specialist.
Wednesday, Dec. 11 - 8 to 11 a.m., Old Bridge
Friday, Dec. 13 - 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Perth Amboy
 Registration required, call 732-535-4746.

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E-Book Classes

SOUTH AMBOY - There are free E-Book Classes on Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Spaghetti Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - Spaghetti Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus - San Salvador Council #299 on Friday, December 6, 2013 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Council located on 228 High Street, Perth Amboy. Donation of \$8 pp., Seniors - \$5 and children under 5 eat Free. Proceeds of this dinner go to the Knights of Columbus Christmas Fund for Underprivileged Children. We are also accepting new toys and new clothing. For more information, please feel free to contact John Jordan at (732) 925-3751 or Jimmy Mendez at (732) 762-1425.

Library

Open House

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be an open house at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy on Monday, December 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more info call 732-721-6060.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Branch YMCA will feature a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The games will be tipping off at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 21st. Teams must wear the same color shirts and will be set up depending on number of teams. Members \$15.00 and Non-Members \$20.00.

Please visit the Welcome Desk of the South Amboy YMCA to register. For more information, contact Mike Manfre at 732-316-8208 or email him at mike.manfre@ymcaofmews.org.

Colombian Club Fitness Classes

SOUTH AMBOY - Various Fitness classes at the Knights of Columbus in South Amboy, 308 Fourth Street, are ongoing. Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.-7:20 p.m. Yoga, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Tabata (Boot Camp) and Thursdays 7:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Zumba. 8 classes for \$60. Part of the proceeds benefit the Colombian Club Council No. 426. Pre-registration is required. Please call Denise 732-525-9536 or email zumbasayreville@gmail.com

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.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Dec. 4 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.
- MON. Dec. 9 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Dec. 10 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 - Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Dec. 11 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. Dec. 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 - Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Ed & Mary's, 555 Penn St., Perth Amboy

South Amboy

- WED. Dec. 11 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Jan. 6 St. Mary's 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

Answers From Puzzle On Page 19



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – 1961 Industrial Champs, Indiana General win over Chevron. Top Row (L to R) Mike Pluckter, Wes Rose, George Franz, Tom Weber, Joe Cuff, Jerry Otto. Bottom Row (L to R) Ed Jacobsen, Paul Thomas, Bernie Szmereta, George Simko.

**Photo Courtesy of Michael Pluckter*

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.

Kidz Wii Club

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

Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area) For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you. **For more info please call 732-293-1090**

Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee

will be holding their 4th Annual **Spaghetti Dinner** Saturday, January 11, 2014 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall 228 High St., Perth Amboy Adults \$10 Children under 5 - Free **Come out and support your local heroes!**

Please Submit Community Events 2 Weeks in Advance!

Doctor Column
*Continued From Page 6

drinking at a slower pace.

- Figure out beforehand how many drinks you will enjoy without feeling lousy the next day. It's easier to say no when you know that the third gingerbread martini will give you a nasty hangover.
- After setting a drink quota for the night, spread them out over the course of the evening.
- Tell your partner what your drinking limit is going to be before you go to an event where alcohol is free flowing. Being held accountable by someone else makes it easier to say no to the next drink.
- Don't make drinking the fo-

cus of your festivities. Choose something else, such as catching up with friends or taking pictures.

- Always have some of what you love. So even though eggnog is a calorie and fat bomb, have a small cup and enjoy it fully if that's what makes your holiday season complete.

Board certified psychiatrist Dr. Krishnamsetty is part of Bay Behavioral Health with offices in Old Bridge and Perth Amboy, NJ. To make an appointment, call 732-360-0287 or Raritan Bay Medical Center's free physician referral service 1-800-DOCTORS.



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- Millionaire help: "Phone _____" (2 words)
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- Hank Hill's boss (2 words)
- Niles's alma mater
- ___ Blood
- Mary of Entertainment Tonight
- ___ Hunter (2 words)
- Sara of Popular
- Popeye's gal: Olive _____
- Footnote entry: Op. _____
- One, in Paris
- Mandela's land (abbr.)
- Haal behind
- Publisher's request (abbr.)
- Brit. VIPs
- Hospital room, for City of Angels
- Nolin of Shetna (2 words)
- Tint
- ___ CIO
- ___ Winds
- Rick's wife on Ozzy & Harriet
- Tiny amount
- Phooey!
- Frosted
- Timbuktu's locale
- Paris airport
- 240-Robert actor Saunders

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- Breakfast choice at Mel's Diner
- Pt. of speech
- Fable
- ABC's ___ Camp
- Adversary
- ___ avil
- ___ Sides
- 66, on TV (abbr.)
- Traduce
- Rappaport of NYPD Blue
- Designing Woman role for Judith Ivey: B.J. _____
- Actor's hint
- Neighbor of Isr.
- A ___ Affair
- Speaks like Sylvester
- ___ many words (2 words)
- Murray, on Mad About You
- Then ___ Bronson
- Emulate Mr. Novak
- ___ Link
- While You Were _____
- Monday Night Football gp.
- Peter Benchley's Amazon
- actress Margot
- Vingil Paris on Somerset
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- ___-Star Golf
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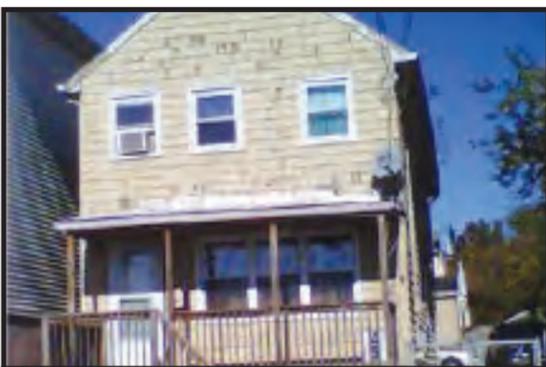
FORDS - House is in perfect move in condition. Very neat and clean, huge back yard. Realtors, show and present offer. **\$207,500**



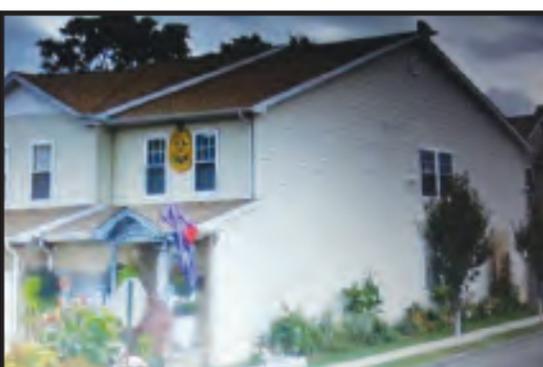
PERTH AMBOY - Do not miss this one!! Short Sale!! One block away from the Perth Amboy Waterfront. Buyer responsible for C/O, smoke cert and any repairs. **\$139,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Large single family in the prestige water front section of Perth Amboy, lots of potential needs some TLC, priced for a quick sale. Is being sold strictly is AS IS condition. Buyer is responsible for C/O, termite cert and all repairs. Tenant pays \$1465.00 lease ends 4-30-14. **\$99,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Short sale subject to 3rd party approval. Buyer is responsible for all inspections and C/O. **\$89,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Please present all offers!!! Newly built in 2007. Private backyard for entertainment. 2.5 bathrooms. Only appliances included in sale are Range and Dishwasher. **\$223,900**



AVENEL - Beautiful Bi-level all remodeled, great neighborhood, updated kitchen and main bath, A/C, nice patio, driveway, nice large fenced yard, custom shed and much more seller is very motivated. **\$279,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Be your own Boss, very busy grocery store with a gross of 250K per year lottery 16K per week. lease \$2,250. with a 5% increase per year until 2026, electricity \$7,800K, Ins \$1,200K, and gas \$600. Inventory for sale separately. **\$110,000**



SOUTH AMBOY - House has lots of potential, located in a nice neighborhood. **\$280,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great single family house located in a cul-de-sac, 3brs, large living room, 1.5 baths, full basement off street parking. Will not last. **\$169,900**