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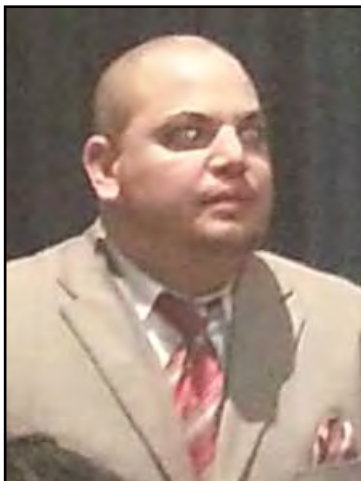
Varela Asks for Security to Remove Audience Member



Jared Boyd
"This was wrong!"



Board Member Ortiz
"I vote No!"



Alex Perez
New Varsity Baseball Coach



Board Vice-President Israel Varela conducted the meeting for the absent President, Obi Gonzalez *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - At the 2/6/14 Board of Education Meeting the hiring of a new Varsity Baseball Coach overshadowed all other agenda items. Amid controversy Alex Perez was appointed the Head Coach. The appointment is effective March 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 at a pro-rated stipend of the amount \$7,425.00

Board Member William Ortiz was the lone "No" vote. Board President Obi Gonzalez and Board Member Maria Garcia were absent. Vice President Israel Varela conducted the meeting.

15 year employee of the Perth Amboy School System Ryan Boyd is presently the JV Baseball Coach. He was a candidate for Varsity Baseball Coach when the position opened up a couple of months ago after Former Varsity Baseball Coach Ernest Kregeloh left.

At that previous Board Meeting, when it came time for the sitting Board to vote for Boyd as Head Coach, some Board Members abstained. The item was tabled.

At the 2/6/14 BOE Meeting Board Member William Ortiz was upset that Boyd was pushed out. He remarked, "Boyd was a dedicated employee for 15 years."

Jared Boyd, who is the brother of Ryan told the Board

Members during the public portion that they were influenced when they voted. Jared Boyd did not attack Alex Perez, and said that Perez was qualified, but added, "No one told my brother (Ryan) that he was not hired. Things are not getting better. This is wrong."

Resident Alan Silber made his feelings known about how the new Baseball Coach was picked. Silber started out by thanking Board Member Ortiz for what he said in regards to Boyd being passed over for the position. Silber continued, "I am not putting down the person who was picked as the new coach. I think 3 of the Board Members are conflicted on this appointment. You need to rethink that vote. You

should have a re-vote."

Resident Sharon Hubberman said, "There was a gentleman who spoke at a past meeting who was very adamant about who should be the new coach. If there is a conflict of interest, you should abstain. There should be transparency and a standardized test for all applicants."

A Richardson School teacher with 24 years experience said, "With hiring of new positions, I hope you will listen to us. I am disappointed that addendum's do not have more information."

Varela responded to the accusations. He called upon Acting Superintendent Dr. Viv-

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Stolen, Retrieved, Missing

PARA Meeting 2/4/14



City Clerk
Elaine Jasko



Geri Bolanowski

PERTH AMBOY - During the PARA Meeting, there was approval for 3 meetings minutes: 9/6/11, 11/12/13 and 12/3/13. There was concern why the meeting of September 2011 was on the agenda.

City Clerk Elaine Jasko who is also a PARA Member said there was an OPRA request because this meeting was not transcribed.

In September 2011 City Hall was broken into during the Pink Ribbon Run. A laptop was stolen from City Hall that day.

Although the laptop was retrieved, the Closed Session minutes of that September 6, 2011 Meeting were wiped out. There were 2 transcripts of that 9/6/11 Meeting that were different.

Because of this, the PARA Members tabled the approval for the 9/6/11 meeting.

PARA Member and former Councilwoman Geri Bolanowski wanted this investigated.

There was also an extended discussion about Resolution R:02:14:169 authorizing adoption of the Third Amended Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners By-Laws.

This resolution had to do with a time limit for the public to speak.

Attorney Joseph Maraziti

Jr. said, "You have an option to allow individuals to talk longer. This is a policy - not a legal decision. Perhaps you should extend time by the topic and not by each speaker."

Resident Alan Silber said, "This should not be an issue (limiting speakers). You should leave the limit as it is. But also allow the speaker an extension such as the City Council does."

Allan Jacobs who was re-elected as PARA Vice-Chair said, "This was not an issue before we had the resolution introduced."

When the PARA members who were present voted, they all decided to adopt the resolution, except for Jacobs who voted: "No."

Jillian C. Barrick, Assistant City Administrator and Executive Director of (PARA) gave an update on the Delaney Homes Project.

"The Planning Board was supposed to have a meeting tomorrow (2/5/14) to discuss this." (*The Planning Board Meeting was cancelled due to snow conditions.*)

"The Housing Authority and a commercial realtor will be searching for a developer to look for a separate site for the Senior Housing." (*Which was in the original proposal.*)

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Barrick said, "The Landings will be discussed in a closed session."

The consulting engineer for PARA Thomas Heritis said, "There was a punch list of item for the Landings Project. The Sea Wall work has started and the pipe work completed. The e-port work is being done on Sundays. This includes remediation of some of the surcharges and removing some of the buildings. Crushed concrete is reused. The anticipated completion date for this project is 2015."

PARA Attorney Joseph Maraziti Jr. said, "The developer for the 500 High Street location is

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ian Rodriguez to explain how recommendations come to the Board.

Dr. Rodriguez explained, "A committee consisting of parents, administrators, teachers, assistant administrators and instructional leaders, observers and an athletic committee voice their opinions. Decisions are made openly. A vote is tallied as to who they think should be selected."

New Board Member Anthony Bermudez agreed with Dr. Rodriguez' explanation. "This was a fair process. I don't appreciate being accused."

Sam Lebreault, who was a former Board Member and then was elected again in November 2013 said, "I was not a Board Member when this item was voted upon the first time. Because of the number of abstentions, this item was tabled by those sitting Board Members. I don't hold myself accountable to people who support me. The Superintendent (Vivian Rodriguez) makes sure everyone has a voice."

Board Member William Ortiz asked, "Was a committee present for all the other coaching choices?"

Dr. Rodriguez responded, "It's impossible to sit through all interview processes. I found out today, that in the past 30 years, interview committees did not exist."

Newly appointed coach Perez came to the podium to thank the Board for their support. He said, "I have a plan to help our kids. I've played pro ball. I have a network system and a lot of contacts to help the kids. I've done it as a player and as a coach. I will not let you down."

According to posted information: Perez was born in Puerto Rico but raised in Perth Amboy and is a graduate of Perth

PARA Meeting

asking for a postponement because they are waiting for an environmental status report on the property first."

When the public was allowed to speak again, resident Steve Nascimento who is also a member of the Planning Board asked the members if there is a licensed site re-mediation person overseeing the 500 High St. site.

Nascimento continued, "There is ground water concerns, especially with the school across the street. (Middlesex Co. Vocational School)

PARA Attorney Maraziti said, "We've contacted the developer about the site concerns and the engineer from the consulting firm said an LSRP (Li-

Perth Amboy BOE

Amboy High School. He was a pitching star in Perth Amboy High School and continued to be a star player in college. He also played pro and semi-pro ball.

After suffering injuries which ended which his baseball career, Perez became a baseball coach. He has a B.A. in Criminal Justice.

Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez welcomed Dr. Rodriguez back and the new Board Members. She said, "Alex Perez is giving back to his community."

Towards the end of the meeting, Varela asked security to remove a relative of Ryan Boyd after he made an outburst.

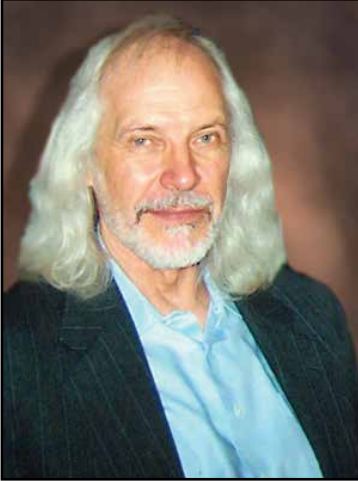
In Israel Varela's report at the beginning of the meeting,

censed Site Re-mediation Person) is needed."

Resident Alan Silber questioned the funds received by the Housing Authority for the development of part of the former Delaney Homes site.

Silber wanted to now if the Housing Authority was entitled to what he believed to be about \$6 million designated for Sandy relief. He was especially interested in the one residential project.

Vice-Chair Jacobs recused himself from the closed session meeting because he owns property at the Landings. Commissioners Kenneth Gonzalez and Thomas Haborak were not present.



Alan Silber

in Obi Gonzalez' absence, he stated, "Hiring is done on recommendations of staff members, and audience involvement. I am very pleased with this. This is the way it should be. Everyone had a voice and does have a voice."

NJVVMF - 2014 Paver Program Deadline Approaching

News Release 2/6/14

HOMDEL - Dear Friends and Supporters of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial:

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Many school groups that

have visited the Memorial raised money to purchase a paver to show their appreciation to the veterans of our state. Family members have purchased pavers as gifts to honor the veterans in their lives. Veterans groups and community organizations also commemorate their group and their thanks on these pavers. And, of course, individual veterans leave a remembrance of their service on these stones.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Snow Job



Smith Street Blizzard of 1996. It’s called winter. It’s happened before. It will happen again. *Photo by Paul W. Wang

The big snow came on Monday, February 3 and the next day was not that terrific. Wednesday of the same week we had an ice storm. This editorial was written on Saturday, February 8. The photo on this page (top right) showed an extreme case of ice still on the sidewalk. (Back of the Jefferson Street Parking Deck)

I don’t know who owns this property or whose responsibility it is to clear it. I only know it is dangerous. The parking lot for the Amboy Mall (which is now closed because of new ownership) is completely blacktopped. A beautiful job was done in that lot. Even if you cut through that parking lot, you eventually have to go onto the sidewalk and that’s where the problem lies.

On Page 11 we took photos in the busy downtown area of Perth Amboy showing the difference between businesses that put a little more effort in removal of snow and ice and those who did not.

Some properties were very clean and some were dangerous. There’s a possibility that some of these properties could be abandoned or have an absentee owner. If the City has records of the owners they should be notified of these conditions.

There is an Ambassador Program in Perth Amboy. I don’t know if they have been out that week. The business-

es from the Five Corners to Madison Avenue have done a pretty good job of clearing their walks. That is, until you come to the sidewalks on Smith Street and Madison Avenue (bordering Fink Park) – the busiest intersection in the heart of town – All I can say is it’s embarrassing to see that it hasn’t been touched. It is filled with ice and if it weren’t for the foot traffic there would not have been a path at all.

Many people complain about the high fines in Perth Amboy. In this case high fines are justifiable because of the dangerous conditions present. If a cleanup is not done within the time frame of the City Ordinance, I think a very stiff fine is in order. If \$5000 a day is on the books - double it! This should do the trick. Perhaps some of the owners think that’s nothing. They soon would have a change of heart if someone fell and sued them for millions of dollars. It’s their choice.

Some businesses might blame the consistent freezing temperatures that impeded them from doing a thorough job. This does not hold water. In that case, your neighbors who had a very clear sidewalk would have the same problem. I think they had the same weather conditions to deal with that you did. It has nothing to do with the coldness or if you had sun or shade on



Jefferson Street Sidewalk in back of Parking Deck 2/8/14 *Photo by C. Maxwell

your side of the street, properties on both sides had good and bad snow removal.

Another argument might be you don’t have it in your budget or have anyone to do snow removal for you. Perhaps you are out of town when the snowstorm occurred or you couldn’t make it into town, because the snow was worse where you live.

Here’s my suggestion: It snows every winter. You can have a contingency plan with an adjacent business or businesses on your block. Approach them about making sure that snow is removed from your property in an emergency. Throw them a couple extra bucks. There are always people walking around with shovels who need to make a couple extra dollars. Use them. In the long run, you’ll be glad you did.

Some people might say, “My, God if someone gets hurt while they are shoveling the snow on my property, I’m libel.”

A couple of years ago I was talking to Wilma Matey from Hugo Fleities Insurance. She said that she has insured people for short term events. You should talk to your insurance companies about insuring seasonal workers.

As far as intersections in Perth Amboy - this is what I would do – if I had a business on the corner, I would make sure that the crosswalk path is cleared leading to my business.

There were times when I wanted to go to a specific store to buy something. When I looked across the street and saw mounds of snow in front of that store. I said, “No way,” and went to another establishment where the pathway was clear.

Sometimes you can’t wait for the City to clear that path. It might do you well to just go ahead and do it for the better-

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Handicapped & Senior Unawareness during Winter Storm Days

Last Monday 2/3/14 the City of Perth Amboy was paralyzed due to the winter storm and a lack of cleaning of the sidewalks and streets of most of the Perth Amboy Business District. Another Winter Storm hits the City on Wednesday 2/5/14 with more slippery conditions and snow accumulations. Most of our handicapped and Seniors receive their Social Security checks on the 3rd of every month and near that time, it’s when they go out to the banks, cashier, post office, etc. inside to pay their bills. So once they have a chance they leave their homes to do so before the weekend storm arrive as they leave their homes early Thursday morning to do their errands, sometimes the last thing in their minds is to put a quarter in the meter once the prior quarter time has expired.

It’s so hard for them to live off a monthly check to check mode, so that when they are done paying their bills to return to their vehicle to find a \$30 ticket on their windshield even though the winter conditions, and slippery sidewalks are against them despite the handicap license plates.

We have to consider the State and City Staff, but how does anyone consider the less fortunate. Even Gov. Christie said not to be outside, but these people have to go out once they have the opportunity to pay bills and get their basic needs. I could understand a ticket during regular weather, but it upsets me greatly when it’s done in-between storms especially if they are a Senior or handicapped.

Please have some consideration because one day it could be even you that is reading this message. This happened to me at 9:22 a.m. on Smith Street on 2/6/14. I packed and placed the quarter at 8:15 a.m. after taking my handicapped child to school.

Nilda Rivera

Bell Rings Breakfast Time

The Home News and Courier ran an article back in 2010 about students being served breakfast prior to the start of classes. This was in Edison, N.J. This didn’t seem to be working out since less than 1% of eligible students were receiving breakfast. That was in 2010 so a time on the clock was made. Let’s serve breakfast after the bell rings. By 2013 70% of these kids were having breakfast, plus the Federal Meal Reimbursements were covering the cost.

In the year 2013, New Jersey was giving low income children a good healthy breakfast to about 50,000. I think this number will climb during 2014. I would like to see that percentage climb to 100% not only in New Jersey but in the entire United States.

I’m not asking you to agree with me, but you must understand and feel what it is like to be hungry.

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Kearny

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TUES. Feb. 11 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
WED. Feb. 12 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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Colleagues Helping Sandy-Impacted Colleagues in Monmouth County Return Home

News Release
LONG BRANCH, NJ (February 4, 2014) – Habitat for Humanity in Monmouth County announced receiving the generous donation of \$5,000 from Merrill Lynch Red Bank Complex, Bank of America Charitable Foundation and the Graeme Preston Foundation for Life. The employees at these entities came together to help colleagues in the community who were in need of housing assistance from damages incurred during Superstorm Sandy.

“Due to the generosity of our colleagues within our complex as well as our colleagues throughout the Mid-Atlantic market, we were able to accomplish our goal of helping our own employees while still maintaining excess reserve funds,” said Graeme Preston Foundation for Life Director Patrick R. Preston. “Our committee decided it would be appropriate to distribute those funds to worthy organizations who were making a meaningful impact by helping families in our community recover from the devastating effects of the storm.”

The foundation partners presented its check to Habitat at the newly built home of a family in Keansburg. That family is now able to move back home this week. Pic-



Foundation Partners present a check to Habitat For Humanity
*Photo submitted

tured in the below photo from left to right are: Ron Speirs, First Vice President, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management; Jim Doran, Habitat Volunteer Crew Lead; Peter Ardolino, Managing Director, Merrill Lynch Red Bank Complex; Nancy Doran, Board President; Patrick Preston, Resident Director, Merrill Lynch Freehold and Director of Graeme Preston Foundation for Life.

“Habitat for Humanity was an obvious choice for our support because of all the great work they have done and continue to accomplish in helping families get their life back together in a positive, caring, and compassionate manner,” Preston said. “We are proud to partner with such a great organization and look forward to working together on future projects.”

“Such empathy has been shown by these individuals in giving back to their immediate colleagues and to their colleagues in the greater community,” said Director of Operations Ray Gabler at Habitat in Monmouth. “Everyday here at Habitat we are constantly moved by heartfelt actions such as this, which exemplify the kindness of people to selflessly help others in need.”

Just this past fall, President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn helped bring national attention to the fact there was still a dire necessity for assistance in the Monmouth County area in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. The President and his wife built homes with members of the community as part of their Annual Carter Work Project.

African American History Month Celebration

PERTH AMBOY - PRAHD's 1st Annual African American History Month Celebration honoring Perth Amboy Police Officer Henry Rodgers, Friday, Feb. 21 at 100 First St., Perth Amboy from 12 noon to 2 p.m. To RSVP please contact Lillian Martinez at 732-638-2811 or email lmartinez@prahd.org

Fundraiser

PERTH AMBOY - The PTO of Perth Amboy High School is having a flapjack fundraiser breakfast at Applebees, Woodbridge Center on Saturday, March 15 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. \$10 pp. Meal includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage (coffee, orange juice, soda or tea). Tickets valid for pancake event only. Applebees menu items are not included as part of purchase. For more info call 732-376-6030 ext. 23800 or e-mail pahs-ptopaps.net

Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation Receives \$14,400 Grant from Northfield Bank Foundation

-Funds Earmarked for New Fetal Heart Monitor-

News Release , 2/4/14
PERTH AMBOY- Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation recently received a \$14,400 grant from the Northfield Bank Foundation for the purchase of a new fetal heart monitor.

“Having these new and advanced electronic fetal heart monitors is essential to providing the best possible care to mother and baby,” said Russell Azzarello, chairman of the RBMC Foundation. “We are very proud of our partnership with the Northfield Bank Foundation and are excited to be able to use this updated technology to better serve our patients.”

The new fetal heart monitoring system transmits an electronic signal, recording a newborn's heart rate during

birth directly into the newborn's electronic medical record, eliminating the need for recording the heart rate with paper and pen. Physicians and nurses at Raritan Bay Medical Center use this information to determine if a mother can safely proceed with natural birth or if a surgical birth will be needed. “We are proud to support the fetal heart monitoring system at Raritan Bay Medical Center because it promotes patient safety and a more efficient, effective birthing experience for mother and baby alike. The health and safety of our shared community has been a key focus of the Northfield Bank Foundation since its inception,” said Diane Senerchia, of the Northfield Bank Foundation.

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PERTH AMBOY...Raritan Bay Medical Center's Cardiac Club will meet Monday, Feb. 17, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Cardiac Club meetings are held in the hospital's Centennial Hall and explore heart conditions and healthy living. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 732-324-5178.

Vendors Needed

SOUTH AMBOY - Vendors are needed for Vendor's Fair 2014, South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Avenue, Saturday, February 23, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more info contact Saelks784@yahoo.com

Painting Chinese Gardens

WOODBIDGE - The Dr. Stephen Kaplan "A Taste of the Arts" Lecture Series: Painting Chinese Gardens will be held on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. This session examines Chinese gardens through art as well as the history on garden culture in China and garden design. Presented by Dr. Zoe Song-Yi Kwok. Reservations Required, call (732)634-0413.

NJ on Shuffle Concert Series

WOODBIDGE - Friday, March 7 - Jazz - the Tim Horner Quintet at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. FREE admission for all events - \$5 Suggested Donation. In case of rain, outdoor concerts will be held indoors and seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis. Call 732-634-0413 for Reservation Information. This program is funded in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex Co. Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by NJ State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State.

Historical Exhibit:

Hooked on the Presidents

WOODBIDGE - February 8-27, 2014 at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Fiber artists Nola Heidbreder and Linda Pietz present a series of 44 rugs depicting the men who took the oath of office as President of the United States. Heidbreder & Pietz present the presidents as people rather than names we memorize out of history books. Learn more about the likes, dislikes, pets & other fun facts about the Presidents. Available for school or group viewing. For more info Call (732)634-0413.



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Y's Sweetheart Dance

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Branch Y, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd., South Amboy, is hosting a Sweetheart Dance and Social on Wednesday, February 19 from 12:30 pm. to 2:30 p.m. We invite members of the community to join us for a special dance social geared especially to our Active Older Adults. Our DJ will be playing all of your favorite songs from Big Bands to 60s rock and roll! Refreshments will be served. For reservations please contact Lois Griffin at 732-316-8219.

Piano Quintet

SOUTH AMBOY - To all Chamber Music lovers! Artist-in-residence Lucia Nowik, violinist, returns to perform a concert with her piano quintet from the Juilliard School. The classic piano quintet, i.e. piano and string quartet, was an ensemble greatly favored by Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Franck and other late 19th and early 20th century composers. The exceptionally talented young musicians of this particular piano quintet represent the very finest of their generation in the world of music. Come and witness the joy these performers bring with them to every concert. February 9, at 4 p.m. at Saint Mary's RC church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy.

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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.



**Poet's
Wednesday**

WOODBIDGE - February 12 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Workshop 7 p.m. Featuring Edwin Romond & Martha Silano. Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For more info call 732-634-0413.

**St. Patrick's
Day Corned
Beef Dinner**

WOODBIDGE - The Annual Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 8, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Join us in support of the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission & The Barron Arts Center. A Traditional St. Patrick's Day Feast. Reservations Required. Call (732)634-0413.

**Frankie Valli to Announce the
Valerie Fund Has Partnered with Auto
Retailers Throughout New Jersey to
Create A Campaign To Raise Money and
Awareness of the Valerie Fund**



**Photo Submitted*

News Release

EDISON - Frankie Valli, the original Jersey Boy, will announce the exciting new initiative:

New Jersey Auto Retailers Unite for the Children of The Valerie Fund.

The Valerie Fund has partnered with auto retailers to create a one-of-a-kind campaign (New Jersey Auto Retailers Unite) to raise money and awareness of The Valerie Fund and highlight the incredible work auto retailers do in communities throughout New Jersey.

Ray Catena of Edison, 910 Route 1 North, Edison on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 11 a.m.

The Valerie Fund has supported comprehensive health care services for children with cancer and blood disorders since 1976. The seven Valerie Fund Centers

are located in major hospitals in New Jersey and the surrounding area and treat more than 4,000 patients annually.

The Valerie Fund Centers treat the medical, emotional, social, and developmental needs of children with cancer and have a staff of counselors, psychologists, and specialists who treat the entire family.

The New Jersey Auto Retailers Unite campaign will run from June 1, 2014 – September 30, 2014 and will be supported by marketing to raise both dealership and consumer awareness.

A celebration event in September will unveil the "My First Car" coffee table book, which will feature New Jersey celebrities, athletes and other public figures reminiscing about their first car.

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Editorial

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ment of your clients and your store. You may get someone new coming in to your store because it was accessible. They might find out you had something better to offer. You never know.

They call this weather we’ve been having a VORTEX. This is supposed to be a phenomenon of cold freezing days. It’s just called FREEZING WEATHER! It’s something that occurs every winter, especially in February. Guess what? Just like in the past we survived then and we’ll survive now.

Most importantly, let’s not forget about our first responders. Every second counts in an emergency. Imagine the increased danger to Emergency Personnel when they have to navigate through ice and snow when they arrive at the scene of a call. It would be a shame if they were injured while trying to get to you. This alone should be an incentive to clean your property as soon as possible.

Walking down the streets at night the last few days, I thought I was going to break my neck. There were many spots covered in ice. It’s very dangerous.

As a pedestrian I find in the last few days or more, walking on Smith Street, except for some stores is totally unacceptable. Trying to get from one side to the other climbing mounds of snow or walking on ice. I have to walk in the road to prevent walking on ice. This is totally unacceptable. I remember the ice storms in ’94 and the blizzard of ’96 which within days was cleaned up.

I understand that the budget and the workforce of the City has been cut, but the store owners should consider this, instead of pointing fingers and say it’s the City’s fault. You have your businesses in this City. You should consider this and clean your gutters and your drains so the melting ice will not drip into puddles and refreeze because of the blocked sewers. Next time we have snow, go out with a shovel and clean this. Some stores have the decency and the understanding and do it.

P.S. I’d like to thank my landlord for clearing my doorstep and our sidewalks. C.M.

C.M., K.M., P.W.

I remember when Bob Sottilaro was a Councilman. He said he made it a point to always take the debris off of the top of the street sewer traps where he lives. This was to prevent a blockage and flooding in the area.

The Community Voice

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years ago. As long as I live, I will never forget this. Msgr. John J. Foley DIED in 1970. I graduated from college in 1960 and Msgr. Foley still called me Sonny. Perhaps I was a son to him.

Am I all for this Breakfast Program in N.J. and the United States? I’m 100% for it because I can still remember what it was like waiting for that peanut butter and jelly sandwich at noontime.

Dissolution of Museums of Perth Amboy MOPA

To: Honorable Wilda Diaz, Mayor City of Perth Amboy

In July of 2013, due to health reasons, I had to retire from public life. Since that time MOPA has had no meetings or activities such as fund raising or planning activities. I was contacted recently about dissolving MOPA so I called a meeting of the group for January 30th. Among those who attended the meeting and those I spoke to by phone it was unanimously agreed that MOPA should disband.

At this time I cleared the bank account by paying a required debt, but left a \$3.00 balance so that I could fulfill the requirements of our by-laws and share any leftover funds with the three historical groups in the City. The Proprietary House – In Exile; the Kearny Cottage and the Ferry Slip Museum each received \$1.00.

The following day, with the help of Annie Hindenlang, we accessed the computer website of the State of New Jersey to officially dissolve the organization. I also visited Investor’s Savings to close out our account. Mildred will receive the final statement as soon as the checks clear.

MOPA was able to do many fine things during its short life. Upgrade and publish the “Old Amboy Walking Tour”; help with the “9-11 Monument” and construct the “Founder’s Monument” (The Scottish Cairn at Caledonia Park); sponsor the Dinner/Dance Gala at the Armory for the July 3rd fireworks display; give grant monies to the other three museums and most of all to help the Ferry Slip Museum recover from the damage of Super Storm Sandy.

We also helped the Mayor

The Convent I spoke of is now the Bishop’s House, but if you drive past it on Main Street, you will still see the stained glass windows (not sure if the chapel is still there) but just behind it is where Sonny had his orange juice, pancakes and bacon and eggs every morning.

Let’s all have breakfast for a good morning start.

Thomas Francis Clark

revive the Fourth of July ceremonies to include the ringing of the ‘Liberty Bell’. As president of the Proprietary House I made the House available to the public on the 4th as a place to gather, have refreshments and organize a march over to City Hall for the main activities.

If you’ll remember that on July 4, 2012 the 250th Anniversary of the Proprietary House, the re-enactors called to say the House was empty with a scrap of paper on the door saying, “Closed for July 4th.” A call to Cheesequake State Park and Superintendent David Donnelly sent a park ranger with duplicate keys to open up. The ranger encountered some illegal padlocks on some doors, went to his truck, and used a bolt-cutter to gain access.

The re-enactors changed into their costumes, the catered food was delivered and the public and dignitaries were able to visit the House on this most important historical day. Channel 12 news came to video the House and interview some of the visitors. The Hispanic version of Channel 12 news was able to interview our Council President. All in all it turned out to be a great event. At 1:00 p.m. we organized and marched over to City Hall to complete activities.

In December the State of New Jersey changed the locks on the Proprietary House Museum effectively putting that organization on the street. Let’s all hope that with a change of leadership in the PHA will again become a vital part of our as well as the State’s community.

Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors.

Thomas P. Ward
Past President MOPA

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Snow & Ice Business District of Perth Amboy

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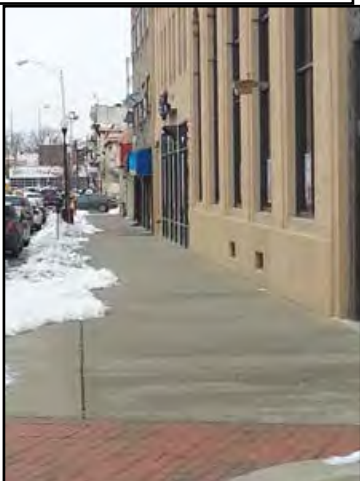
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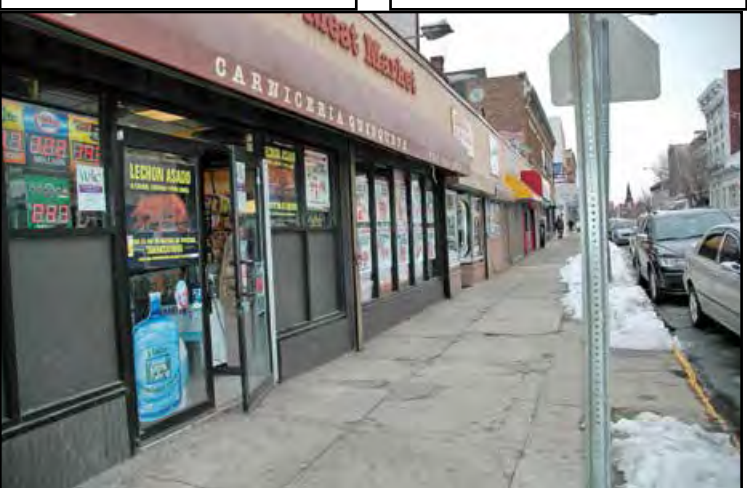
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SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox Galaxy at 3 p.m. on Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Have a Heart Food Drive

WOODBIDGE - Mayor John McCormac kicked-off the 2014 Valentine's Day "Have a Heart" food drive. He challenged township businesses, corporate offices, food service industry and residents to donate 214 pounds of non-perishable food or to contribute \$214 to township food pantries.

The food drive benefits We Feed Woodbridge Food Bank. Donations will be accepted at the Woodbridge Public Health Center, 2 George Frederick Plaza, or the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

SAY Open Houses

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Y will be hosting several Open Houses in preparation for our 2014 Summer Camp season! For families that are interested in learning more about Y Day Camp, you are invited to our Open Houses to meet the Camp Director, see the facility and ask questions. Open Houses are scheduled for Saturday, February 22 from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday, February 25 from 5:30-7:30pm at the YMCA located at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd in South Amboy, NJ. Contact Mike Tonzola with questions at 732-316-8205.

Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Y is planning a Day Trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Clinton, NJ to see their 2014 Branson style show, "Beer and Broken Hearts" on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. The show, starring the Tim Gillis Band & Crazy Elmer, features the liveliest foot-stompin dance tunes and heart breaking ballads ever recorded. The trip is \$80 per person which includes coach bus transportation and lunch. The bus will leave the South Amboy Y's parking lot at 9:45am. Reserve your tickets now for this fun trip! Please visit the Welcome Desk of the South Amboy YMCA to register. Space is limited. For more information, contact Mike Tonzola at 732-316-8205 or mike.tonzola@ymcaofmews.org.



A Legacy of Resilience 2

PERTH AMBOY - This has been postponed to Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. Perth Amboy YMCA Theater, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Program by Kearny Cottage Historical Association. A Legacy of Resilience 2: Celebrating Ethnic Diversity and Heritage. Light refreshments will be served.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

PERTH AMBOY - Blessed John Paul II Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 15 with Mass at noon at St. Mary's Church at 104 Center Street. It will be followed by a luncheon at St. Stephen's Church cafeteria, 490 State Street. The menu includes Barley Soup, Corned Beef and Cabbage or Chicken and Pasta, Irish Soda Bread, cake and coffee. The price of a ticket is \$20. Call Millie at (732) 826-0282 for reservations and more information.

Favorite Foods and Libations of Presidential Families

WOODBIDGE - Put aside partisan political views and look at the lighter side of the presidential office. Learn about some of the favorite foods and beverages of past presidential families. Learn how the Presidents entertained at State dinners and how they entertained family and friends. Did you know that George Washington loved honey, and Martha had a great fondness for cake? A favorite beverage of President Garfield was tea; he even had his own recipe for an herb tea that included catnip. Thomas Jefferson never invited more than 12 guests for dinner. Come learn about other past presidential families and their favorite fare. Presented by Food Historian Judith Krall-Russo. Limited Seating - Reservations Required 732-634-0143, Wednesday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge.

Comedy Night

SOUTH AMBOY - Mechanicsville Hose Company #1 South Amboy Fire Department will have a Comedy Night on Saturday, March 1 at Memorial Hall, Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Avenue, South Amboy at 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Donation: \$40 pp. Includes: Buffet, Beverages - Beer, Wine /Soda - 2 Comedians / DJ For Tickets Call Bob: (908)-296-4254. Seating Is Limited. No tickets will be sold at the door.



Ladies Auxiliary Post #4699 Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The ladies auxiliary of #4699 Sayreville Post, on Jernee Mill road, Sayreville will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 25 at 7 p.m. All Ladies from the auxiliary are invited to attend. A light refreshment will be served. any more info call 732-264-3041.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be a St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main Street, Sayreville on Saturday, March 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost: Adults \$10 Seniors/Students/Children under 12 \$8. Dinner Includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage and Dessert. For questions or additional tickets, please contact Christine Glace at (732)613-8768.

Gift Auction

PERTH AMBOY - The St. Ann's Society of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption sponsored Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 2 at Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 380 Meredith St., Perth Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and auction starts at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$6. Cake and coffee are included. Great prizes will feature Sony Blue Ray DVD player, Raffles and more. The kitchen will be open for lunch, featuring cabbage & noodles, kielbasa & sauerkraut. Tickets are available in advance from St. Ann's members or at the door. For more information call the rectory, 732-826- 0767.

Community Citizenship Day Event

PERTH AMBOY - You are invited to a free Community Citizenship Day Event to help you complete your citizenship application sponsored by the United Way of Central Jersey at the Raritan Bay YMCA on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 12 Noon to 3 p.m. Experienced lawyers and immigration professionals will help you complete your citizenship application. Registration is required. Only the First 100 will be served. To register for the program call 888-839-8682. Register online at www.yaeshora.info

NFL Flag Football League

SOUTH AMBOY - The NFL and the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy are teaming up again for our annual Association Wide Flag Football League. The League is open to boys and girls ages 7-12, and will be split into two divisions: ages 7-9 and 10-12. Teams will be made and given an NFL team name. Players who register early will receive a reversible NFL jersey. The season will run from March 1 through May 17 with games played on Saturday afternoons between fields in Metuchen, Edison and South Amboy. Register online at www.ymcaofmews.org. Contact Mike Manfre at 732-316-8208 or mike.manfre@ymcaofmews.org with any questions.

McGinnis School "Teach To One" Open House

PERTH AMBOY - Thursday, February 13 at the newly designed "Teach To One" classrooms at the William C. McGinnis School. from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come see the newly equipped classrooms and learn about the philosophy of the "Teach to One" program. All are welcome. For further information, please see the McGinnis Website via Perth Amboy Public Schools (paps.net) or contact McGinnis School directly. *About TTO: Teach to One: Math uses resources from multiple classrooms, combined in an open space, to give each student a targeted, individualized learning experience with instruction delivered at the right academic level, using the most suitable instructional format. Each student. Each day.*

St. Patrick's Day Parade

WOODBIDGE - Flag Raising Ceremony at Town Hall is March 9 (starts at 9 a.m.) Parade is March 9 at Woodbridge High School (steps off at 1:30 p.m.) Ends at Woodbridge Town Hall. 2014 PARADE HONOREES - Grand Marshal : Frank Darcy; Irish Man Of The Year : Larry Miloscia; Irish Woman of the Year : Nancy Egan; Miss American Irish : Jessica Jacko; Lady In Waiting : Rebecca Gardner. For more info go to www.amerirish.com/id4.html.

Yoga for Back Health

SAYREVILLE - Yoga For Back Health on Saturday, February 15th from 10:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. at 210 Main Street, Sayreville. Price: \$60 for 8 classes. You need a yoga mat, a towel and water. Questions? Or to receive a registration form, please Email zumba-sayreville@gmail.com or call Denise 732-525-9536 Help support Christ Church. *Donation not refundable

Zumba Fitness Classes

The Sayreville Recreation Department will continue to offer Zumba and Core Fitness on Thursdays at 3:45 p.m.

Classes start January 16th and run 8 weeks. Classes are located at Samsel Upper Elementary School on Ernston Road, in the auxiliary gym. Fee is \$60. Pre-registration is required. Registration starts January 2, 2014. For more information please call Denise at 732-525-9536 or email zumbasayreville@gmail.com

KOC Membership Drive

FORDS - The Knights of Columbus Council 9199 is currently holding an open membership drive. The Knights of Columbus Council at Our Lady of Peace in Fords was chartered in 1986 and ever since has been a supporter of our parish, church, school, ministries and other groups within. With over 200 members already listed, they are a very active council and run a variety of fund raisers to help support these endeavors. They are always looking for new members to join and share their ideas to make our parish stronger. Contact our Membership Chairman Tom Robinson PGK at 908-510-9653 or Grand Knight Mike Chundak PGK at 732-221-0976

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.

St. Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 8th at 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the Parade Committee and help organize and present this wonderful event should contact Councilman Mickey Gross at 732-721-5031.

Post Game Networking

PERTH AMBOY - Post Game Networking & Enjoy a Free Buffet. Thursday, February 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy. Seating is limited, please RSVP by Feb. 11th. Call 732-442-6421 or via email: rtruche@perthamboynj.org. Speakers are Tillman Doe, Milton Paris, Reinaldo Villahermosa and Thomas Ploskanka. Topics are: How to comply with Payroll and Employee withholding laws; How to increase your sales thru text marketing; How and when to start planning for your own retirement; How to take charge of your goals in 2014. Sponsored by: the Business Improvement District (BID), the Power of Text Marketing, Getting Ahead in Business, Payroll Designs, Thomas Ploskanka & Co.

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Trip to Disney's Aladdin

WOODBIDGE - There will be a trip to Disney's Aladdin on Thursday, March 6. Sponsored by the Woodbridge Township Recreation Department, 600 Main St., Woodbridge. Bus leaves the Community Center at 4 p.m. Show starts 8 p.m. \$80 pp. Space is limited! There are no refunds once payment is received. For more info call 732-596-4048 or email RecreationDepartment@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

Murder Mystery Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Fire Dept. 125th Anniversary Committee presents Whodunit at the Disco? An Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner! A night for thrills, chills and laughs! 70's Attire Optional and VERY WELCOMED! Saturday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Sacred Heart Annex; Washington Ave., South Amboy. Cost: \$40 pp. Seating is limited. Ticket includes Hot Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Beer, Wine, Soda, Interactive Theater Performance. Tickets on sale now! Contact Anne Marie Trapp: 732-207-2848 or Mike Gerałowski 848-250-9903 or email: SAFD125th@gmail.com or visit www.southamboyfd125thanniversary.com

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Feb. 12 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. Feb. 13 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Feb. 17 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Feb. 18 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Feb. 19 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. Feb. 20 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

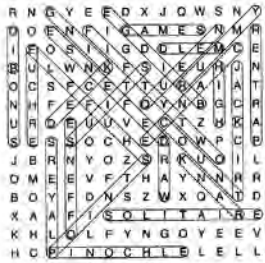
South Amboy

- WED. Feb. 12 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Mar. 3 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

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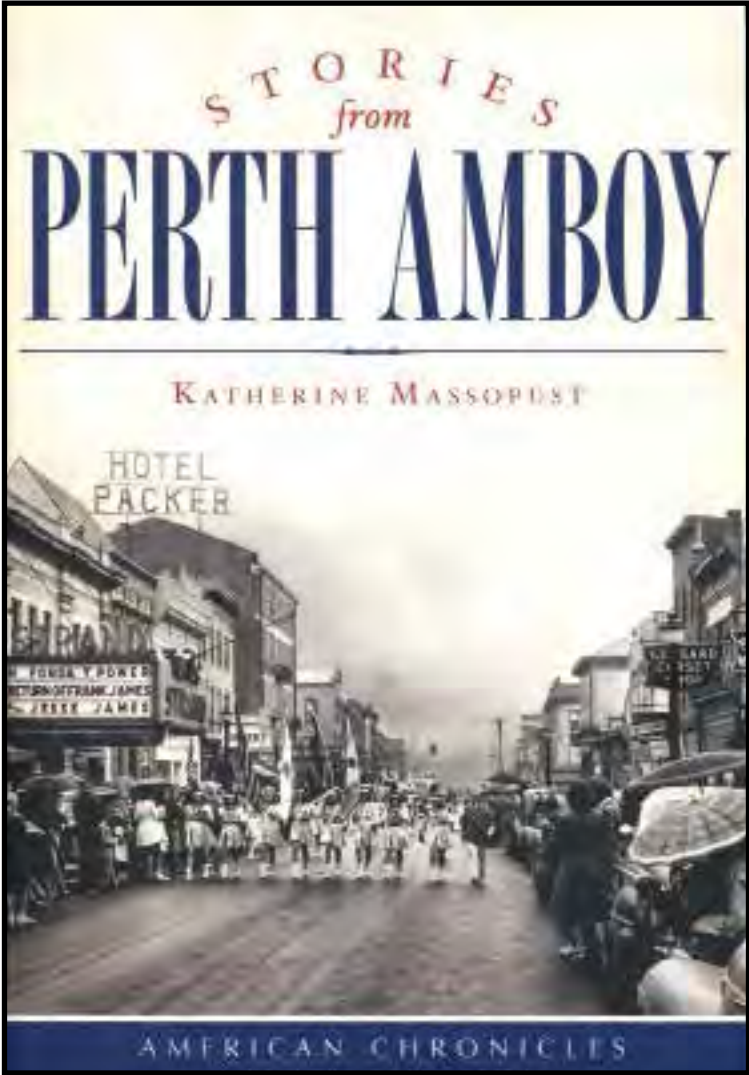
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Happy Valentine's Day circa 1940's.
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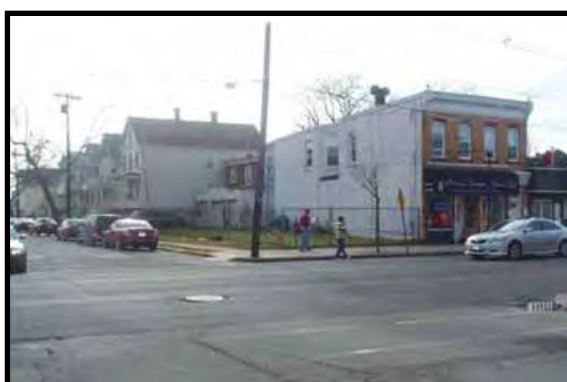
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