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Explanation Behind No Bids

Minority Contractors Left Out ?- Caucus 2/10/14

PERTH AMBOY - On the agenda for the 2/10/14 Caucus Meeting, there were questions about bids received for the cleaning and lining of various sewer mains. Seven Companies were listed. What was questionable is that of the seven listed only one (Allstate Power Vac, Inc.) had an actual dollar amount. The other six companies simply stated: "No bid."

Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, "Sometimes a business when reviewing the specifications for the project,

may not be able to conform or the time line is not feasible. This could be because of obligations to other projects. When this happens, they will simply return the application with a simple no bid."

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "When I was on the Council, my concern was that not enough contracts were given to minorities. I'm asking that you set aside a certain amount of bids for minorities. The Federal Government allows this."



Fernando Gonzalez

The Denial - The Dredge Report

The Bad Neighbors - Some Just Don't Seem To Care

PERTH AMBOY - Controversy was not limited to the Perth Amboy Board of Education Meeting held 2/6/14. The Caucus Meeting of 2/10/14 and the Council Meeting of 2/12/14 followed suit.

One topic of discussion pertained to the marina. Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez was concerned about the sediment buildup caused by Superstorm Sandy. The City sent correspondence to the Office of Dredging and Sediment Technology asking for help with sediment removal due to the storm.

The reply sent back from that office was a denial because they believed that condition was preexisting and not the result of Sandy. This statement was given by Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach at the 2/12/14 Caucus Meeting.

Letters of discontent from the City were sent to Congressman Pallone, Senator Vitale and Assemblymen Wisniewski and Coughlin.

Pallone and Vitale sent back acknowledgements.

Fehrenbach continued, "The City was denied despite the fact that they had sent engineering reports and photos of the sediment before and after Sandy to support the City's

claims."

Councilman Gonzalez said, "Perhaps we need to have our findings sent to Robert Mainberger. Have him forward more to the Dredging and Sediment Office."

Mainberger is Hatch Mott MacDonald PE, CME, Senior Vice President and a Civil Engineer. He has been overseeing damage done to the Perth Amboy Waterfront Pre and Post Superstorm Sandy.

Snow removal or the lack of it was a heated topic. Public Works Director Frank Dann defended his department, "The last storm that we had (prior to the 2/10/14 Caucus meeting) caused us to double the amount of ice removal material used. There have been 12 snow events. (before this meeting) We have been extremely low on salt. The next storm coming on Thursday (2/13/14) will determine where we are at. We are working with the Middlesex County Co-op to get more salt. We also received 2 donated trucks of salt from the Morton Salt Company. (Located in Perth Amboy)"

Fehrenbach mentioned, "Morton Salt donated the salt because they could not sell it to us because we are not one of their customers."



Dir. Dept. of Public Works Frank Dann

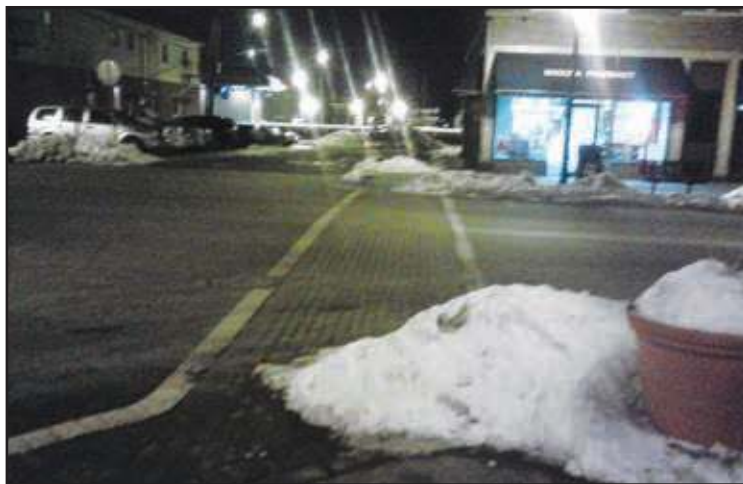
Dann continued, "Some employees went to the hospital because of snow and ice related injuries. Some returned to light duty. The snow has taken a toll on the equipment and our manpower has been pushed into overtime. We can't plow if we can't salt. In some cases we have mixed sand with the salt to give us traction. Our vehicles are breaking down - the older ones because of fatigue but they are being fixed. Our salt spreaders are at 100%. We are requesting \$5000 in emergency funds. Our suppliers of salt have plenty, but are selling our allotment to others because they are offering to our

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Snow Removal Still an Issue

Shop Local Discussed

South Amboy Business Meeting 2/11/14



SOUTH AMBOY - Snow on the corner of Augusta and Broadway
*Photo by Mariyah Wojcik

By: Mariyah Wojcik

SOUTH AMBOY- City-wide snow removal problems, as well as the proposed South Amboy Shop Local Program, were debated at the Feb. 11 council business meeting.

As snowfall continues to inundate the city, many pathways and crosswalks are not safe for pedestrians. Snow has not been cleared in many cases, resulting in icy conditions and treacherously high snow banks for citizens to navigate.

"I live on a corner and I clean my sidewalk and the area by the crosswalk," said Council President Joe Connors. "Clearly residents are either neglecting to shovel their sidewalks in some cases and there is confusion as to who is supposed to clean the city crosswalks."

Among the council members present, there seemed to be disagreement about snow removal as well.

Business Administrator Camille Tooker said, "The city is responsible for clearing away the snow from all of the crosswalks where a crossing guard is present and on main streets."

Looking down Broadway, it is evident that the confusion over snow removal needs to be resolved sooner rather than later. At the corner of Augusta

Street and Broadway, pedestrians have to navigate a large snow pile just to cross the street. This intersection is just steps away from the city council building itself.

In a move to bring in more business for local shop owners, Tooker introduced the Shop Local program to the council. The program is an economic strategy that she hopes will entice both residents and visitors to buy goods locally, rather than from large chain stores.

"The businesses would have to be on board," said Tooker. "The businesses would offer customers a discount for purchasing items in their store. In return, the residents would receive a tax reimbursement."

While those who own the building that their business is housed in will receive a tax deduction, renters will receive a check for the amount of their discounts. This money will be dispersed to the businesses quarterly.

Tooker spoke highly of the program, saying, "Businesses realize more revenue from repeat customers that they may not have had."

If approved, the Shop Local program will begin later this year.

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South Amboy City Council Meeting - 7 p.m., Wed. Feb. 19, 2014

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Perth Amboy Council Meeting

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suppliers a higher price.”

B.A. Fehrenbach said, “We had to threaten those suppliers with a breach of contract.”

Dann said, “Salt and liquid calcium causes steel and electrical parts in our equipment to break down. We are also in the process of trying to fill in as many potholes has possible. We are using a hot material for this. The pothole situation has gotten better from three years ago. We are in constant contact with people about the crosswalks by the schools.”

Then it came time for the Council to speak. Council President Joel Pabon was not happy about some of the sidewalks not being cleared by their owners: the sidewalks bordering Fink Park (corner of Smith and Madison see photo Amboy Guardian 2/12/14 page 11), the Alpine Cemetery Sidewalks (Amboy Avenue) and the small pedestrian railroad bridges (several locations).

Dann said, “All the plows are working and we have our personnel at full force. We can put salt and sand on the bridges.”

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton said, “I know that we can’t

put the snow into the river but what about taking it and putting piles in the park for the kids to play on.”

Dann replied, “This has been a very unusual winter and we just don’t have the time right now.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry brought up the fact that petroleum and other products in the soil (at the parks) will make this dangerous.

Fehrenbach said, “We can’t do this on Second Street because of the remediation going on.”

Code Enforcement Director Ed Scala came forward to answer some questions, one of them dealing with certain businesses not clearing their sidewalks. “The City is no longer involved with maintaining Fink Park. It’s the owner’s responsibility. Another business was issued 30 summonses.”

Pabon also cited another property, which is a gas station. “I don’t know if we will get in trouble if I say its name,” but Pabon did give the exact location. Pabon continued, “Every storm it’s the same thing. They don’t seem to care. (About clearing their sidewalks bordering their property) We let them go every year.”

Where Are They?

Zoning, PARA, Redevelopment, UEZ/BID

PERTH AMBOY - The subject came up again. Residents and frequent Council Meeting attendees Alan Silber and Stanley Sierakowski begged the question: “Why aren’t all of the Municipal Board meetings shown on PA-TV (Channel 34 - Comcast, 47 - FIOS)?”

Both Silber and Sierakowski mentioned that when former Mayor Joe Vas was in office all of the meetings were shown. Silber wanted to know who

determines what meetings are shown. Sierakowski continuously has said that Mayor Diaz is the one who decides this. He thinks that she does not want the public to see some of the things discussed and the behavior of the people on the Boards.

Council President Joel Pabon said he will let Sierakowski know who makes the decisions as to what meetings are shown.

Housing Authority Critics
Still in Attack Mode

PERTH AMBOY - In the 1/29/14 Amboy Guardian on Page 6, the Amboy Guardian obtained a statement that former Housing Authority Commissioner, Pedro Perez read at the 1/22/14 Caucus Meeting.

In this statement, he gave his reasons for withdrawing his application to be reappointed as a Commissioner. Housing Authority Chair, Dorothy Daniel responded to what Perez said in the same issue.

At the 2/12/14 Council Meeting, Perez was recognized by the City for his 20+ years as a Housing Authority Commissioner.

Cathy DePow, who left the Housing Authority a few years back, read a statement at that Council Meeting supporting Perez.

Some of the comments DePow made were similar to statements she made when she gave an in depth interview to the Amboy Beacon about 5 to 6 years ago. Housing Chair Dot Daniel responded to that interview shortly after.

Resident Alan Silber spoke about the Housing Authority, but did not attack anyone. He had one issue: At a previous meeting, a Commissioner welcomed anyone to attend the Authority’s Meetings.

Silber said, “That Commissioner didn’t let anyone know that there was a meeting being held the next day at 12 Noon.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski still lamented the fact that minutes of the meetings are not posted promptly on the City’s website.

Former Commissioner
Honored *Photo by
Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - Council President Joel Pabon presented Peter Perez with a Proclamation on behalf of the City of Perth Amboy for his 20+ years of dedicated service as a Housing Authority Commissioner.

Bishop Donald &
Pastor Phyllis
Hilliard Receive
National Award

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Congratulations are in order for Bishop Donald and his wife, Pastor Phyllis Hilliard as they received the Dr. Gene & Barbara Blue Healthy Marriage Couples of Excellence Award at the 15th Annual National Fatherhood & Families Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, Friday, February 14, 2014. They took part also in the renewal of vows ceremony following the awards ceremony. Last year, 2013, the Hilliard’s celebrated 30 years of pastoring Cathedral International, the historic Second Baptist Church. This year they celebrate 33 years of marriage.

The Fathers and Families Coalition of America is the national organization that selected the Hilliard’s to receive the prestigious award. They facilitate the professional development of local fatherhood & family engagement service providers in states throughout the Country.

Dissolution
of MOPA

Cathy DePow who was one of the individuals instrumental in the creation of MOPA (Museums of Perth Amboy) commented on why it was disbanded.

She said, “The Kearny Cottage was doing very well fiscally on its own as well as the Ferry Slip Museum. The Surveyor General’s Office is still uncertain. The Prop House is under the State’s authority and there has not been much activity at the Firemen’s Museum.”

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WOODBIDGE - Argyle Fish and Chips Dinner to benefit Woodbridge History Museum, Friday, Feb. 21 at the Elks Lodge on Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$15; Children 6-12 yrs and Seniors \$13.50. Make check payable to HAWT Museum Committee. Mail to Audrey LaPenta, 6 Baker St., Iselin, NJ 08830. For more info call 732-634-2832.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Why Now?

I’m very puzzled. During the 2/12/14 Perth Amboy City Council Meeting, the 2012 election results were brought up again. After that meeting, someone handed me a print-out of the November 6, 2012 ballot. I know what the ballot looked like because I voted that day and I had NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER understanding who was running for what office.

I think that the Board of Elections did an outstanding job separating the Municipal, General and School Board elections. During the public portion of the 2/12/14 Council Meeting, a resident spoke about how it is necessary for the City to have elections that are partisan. They named some of the local townships that have this. My question is: “If it was such a concern – why wasn’t this voiced YEARS AGO?”

I’ll repeat what I said a little over a year ago. People complained shortly after the 2012 election that the winning candidate for Mayor did not have the majority of the vote.

If the CANDIDATE you supported won the election with the same totals that the winner did would you be making a stink and say that you’re candidate did not represent a majority of the voters? I THINK NOT!

As far as the General, Municipal and School Elections being held at the same time on the same ballot on November 6, 2012: – maybe I’m missing something – it doesn’t really matter to me when the elections are held – I always vote in all of them. (Either in person or in rare cases absentee (mail-in)). The biggest problem that the City has is voter apathy. Out of around 22,000 registered voters you’re lucky if 4,000 vote.

In essence, a very small portion of the voting population are deciding the City and School Board leadership for the whole town. Now, that is

what I consider a PROBLEM – not whether if the City is partisan or non-partisan.

Yes, I have to admit some elections get more turnout than others. So if anyone would like to write a letter disputing anything I say – feel free to do so.

I do agree with a comment made by one of the speakers during the 2/12/14 Meeting. They said that it should be put on the ballot that the voters should decide if the elections should be partisan or non-partisan. The second item was the voters should decide on the ballot question if the elections should be all at once.

Until then, if you are that passionate about these two items, you should start right away to get a petition going to have this done.

For myself, since I am Independent I cannot vote in the Primaries anyway. So that’s a moot point for me. In the meantime, I will continue to do as I did in the past and vote in each election – no matter when or how they are held. I encourage you to do the same.

C.M.

As someone who was a poll clerk for a long time I can tell you that not many people come out to vote in the Primaries. Partisanship would be a step in the wrong direction. Perth Amboy is primarily a Democratic town. If we go to partisanship, the main election would take place in the Primaries, since most people in Perth Amboy vote Democratic. Any candidate who wins the Democratic line in the spring will easily win in the fall. Secondly, not everyone has declared themselves, so why should they be excluded from choosing who they want as Mayor? Thirdly, if there is such a small voter turnout in the fall, why should a handful of even fewer voters choose our Mayor in the spring?

There were six candidates who ran for Mayor in 2012. That is not the norm. This is

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Smart Shoveling

I first used this technique in the winter of 1960-1961 when the snow was wet and sticky,

and from 4” to 6” deep. Dry fluffy snow doesn’t need this technique.

Use the end of the shovel to cut through the snow on the sides and front of the area you

will shovel. Then shovel in the usual manner. This reduces the effort needed in shoveling snow.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

BID Under Fire

My name is Virginia Lugo. I’ve been on the BID Board of Directors for the last years. I am also on the UEZ and the Salvation Army Advisory Boards, have founded the Women’s Open Center of Middlesex County, and have served with PRAHD and other organizations in Perth Amboy.

I am here not as a representative of the BID Board, but as a business owner speaking for the people and businesses that do not have a voice.

For some time now, I have tried to work within the confines of the BID Board to correct widespread and systemic problems. As a result, I have been personally threatened with at least one lawsuit.

1. To begin with, the BID Board members were misled and misinformed by the Perth Amboy City Administration

America. Everyone deserves a fighting chance to get elected. Don’t take that away from Perth Amboy.

K.M.

I feel that partisanship for Perth Amboy would have a very negative affect. Not necessarily the right person would get in, but a person just who was voted in the line. A person stated it was confusing for the Municipal Election the same time as the Board of Education and General Election. I cannot see what the difference would be holding all the elections at once. By going to Partisanship even less people will decide our next Mayor. This should not be.

From the last election’s turnout, I believe that it would show a better reflection of Amboy’s population. I did not find the ballot one bit confusing. Keep the elections in the fall the way they are now.

P.W.

What Do You Think? Send us Your Response!

as to the BID’s function – we were told for years that we were an Advisory Board instead of a Board of Directors – and this has led to the following:

Inconsistencies and discrepancies that have been in violation of NJ SID Legislation, and NJ Non-profit Law Title 15A.

2. All present BID Board of Directors were selected by the Chairman, the Mayor, or the City’s Business Administrator, with the final appointment effectuated by the Mayor. This in itself is major conflict of interest, and it is in violation of our current BID by-laws.

3. Contrary to our by-laws, Annual Meetings of the full BID membership have not been held for the last 10 years to elect the BID Board of Directors and Executive Board from within its ranks.

4. Additionally, the BID Annual Meeting is where the BID Budget is supposed to be presented and voted on by the full BID membership. As it now stands, most of the businesses within the BID are not even aware that they are paying the Special Improvement Tax.

5. In July 2013, Mayor Wilda Diaz forced an election without BID Counsel or Inspector as required according to Non-Profit Law 15A. The election took place under the direction of the Mayor and City Business Administrator Fehrenbach. No members from the BID community at large were contacted as required by the law.

6. Mayor Diaz admitted at the September 10th BID meeting that she did indeed circumvent the rules governing the elections.

7. Over the years, millions of dollars from BID funds and other sources have been under the control of City Hall when they should have been under the direction of the businesses within the BID.

8. Funds that should have gone for improvements of the business district have been used to pay City employees. This needs to be investigated.

At this point, some of our businesses within the district are presently requesting that

the City Council, as representatives of the people and overseers of the BID Budget:

1. Facilitate a process whereby an independent, outside organization would oversee and run the Annual Elections for a new BID Board of Directors and Executive Board.

2. Implement the vote on the revised By-Laws and the Annual Budget.

Further, we are asking the City Council’s assistance in hiring an attorney for the BID, to be selected by the Members of the Business District, instead of by the Administration or present Board of Directors, since they have not been duly elected by the members of the business district.

We are also proposing that:

1. A Certified List of Members within the District be compiled by NJ statutes. We presently do not have a list of our full BID membership.

2. The BID offices move outside of City Hall to better serve – as an independent entity – the businesses we represent.

3. BID meetings once again be aired on Channel 34 for the sake of transparency.

We do not make these requests lightly. We ask because it is simply the right thing to do.

The Public Trust has been broken. If people are being misled over the funds allocated for the BID, what other things are being kept in the dark?

Martin Luther King Jr. once said that we must “never be afraid to do what’s right . . . Society’s punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.”

I implore the City Council to please help rectify these wrongs by not looking the other way.

I’m also requesting that this speech be made part of the minutes.

Thank You
Virginia Lugo

This letter was read at the 2/14/14 Perth Amboy City Council Meeting

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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.

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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

HIV Support

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

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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430 or 732-324-3505.

Monthly Book Club

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

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PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Gallery is proud to launch the 2014 Winter Programs with an exhibit dedicated to LOVE. Red² opening reception will be on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Exhibit runs from Feb. 13 to Feb. 28 at the Perth Amboy Center for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-826-1690 xt. 4325.

Kick the Habit: Tobacco

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a free stop smoking support program "Kick the Habit: Tobacco" Monday, March 3, 5 to 6 p.m., at the medical center's Old Bridge location, 3 Hospital Plaza. For more information and to register for the program, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

Sweetheart Dance

PERTH AMBOY - Never too late to celebrate! Moose Lodge Sweetheart Dance Friday, February 28, 7 p.m. \$50 couple. Let's keep it local. Dinner and dancing all night. 989 Convery Blvd. Call 732-826-7876 or 732-442-2827 for more info and tickets.

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 zumbasayreville@gmail.com or call Denise 732-525-9536 Help support Christ Church. *Donation not refundable

Local Perth Amboy Teens To Benefit From \$5,200 In Grants To The Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy Provided By The Port Authority Police Hispanic Society

News Release 2/12/14

PERTH AMBOY - The youth at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy are fortunate to receive \$5,200 in funds, donated by the Port Authority Police Hispanic Society. The award will permit 25 students to participate in Kaplan SAT Prep courses free of charge, a program that would otherwise cost parents over \$700. The comprehensive courses at Kaplan are designed to thoroughly provide the tactics to guarantee better scores on the SAT.

The PAPHS is a coalition of officers dedicated to enhance of the lives and opportunities of their fellow community members who fall at an economic disadvantage. Just as their motto "Unidos, venceremos" (United, we will win)

stands strong to fight communal adversity in the Hispanic community, so does the PAPHS in collaboration with other organizations to promote cultural diversity among the Hispanic people from inner cities in the NJ and NY areas. Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy is committed to providing at-risk youth with support and real-world experience that will motivate them to stay in school, graduate and pursue brighter futures. The program helps invoke positive outcomes for academic success; it is intended to enable and inspire teens to graduate high school and reach their full potential.

Chief Professional Officer, Tashilee Vazquez, shares that "Because of this substantial award from the Port Author-

ity Police Hispanic Society, we the staff and can continue to support our teens in their pursuit of academic success. Juan Cancel, PAPHS President adds, "These children are often not afforded the same opportunities as other families in higher economic levels. It is a great thing to give them an opportunity and the tools they need to totally change their future."

A formal check presentation will take place on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter High School. For more information or to attend the check presentation please contact the club at 732-324-2114 ext. 122 or email Info@bgcpa.us

Arturo Schomburg - An Afro Puerto Rican Contribution to Black History Month

Yvonne Lopez (CEO – Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc (PRAHD) 2/16/14)

PERTH AMBOY - This month the country celebrates the history and achievements of African Americans. We celebrate the contributions, large and small, made by the descendants of Africans; contributions that have made our country great. It is important to note that the primary center for African American History is named after Arturo Alfonso Schomburg, a Puerto Rican of African and German descent. The renowned Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, located in the New York Public Library's 135th St. branch in Harlem, has at its core Schomburg's collection of over 10,000 books, manuscripts, prints, photos, letters and any other evidence he could find documenting African contribution to history.

Schomburg was born and raised in Santurce, Puerto

Rican. He was intensely involved in both the Puerto Rican and Cuban independence movements from Spain during the 1890s before the Spanish American War.

Stung by the remarks of a teacher in Puerto Rico who told him that "Negroes have no history," he dedicated his life to proving that teacher wrong. Schomburg understood that knowledge of history was the route to racial dignity. In his 1925 essay, "The Negro Digs Up His Past," he wrote: "History must restore what slavery took away, for it is the social damage of slavery that the present generations must repair and offset."

In honour of African American History Month on Friday, February 21 from 12 to 2 PM; The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc (PRAHD) will present the or-



ganization's first annual Arturo Schomburg African American History Month Award to Perth Amboy Police Officer Henry Rodgers an individual who exemplifies excellence and service to the Perth Amboy community. New Jersey Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno will give remarks.

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

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Perth Amboy Historic Calendar 2014



2014 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars For Sale

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.

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-pt@paps.net

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner

WOODBRIIDGE - 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.

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

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The Citizens Campaign Conference To Highlight Environmental Justice, Advocacy & The Media

News Release - 2/12/14

NEW BRUNSWICK - The Citizens Campaign announced today a statewide conference, "Environmental Justice, Advocacy, and The Media" to showcase citizen empowerment programs throughout the state that are protecting the air, water, and land in our most vulnerable communities and the roles citizens can play with the media to cover and connect these issues.

The Conference will be Monday, March 10 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Alexander Library at Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

"This conference will highlight innovative programs that are empowering citizens to clean up their air, drinking water and contaminated plots of land without having to rely on the political establishment," said Heather Taylor of The Citizens Campaign. "We will provide the tools and knowledge that citizens need to plant the seeds for these green initiatives to grow in other cities throughout the state and nation."

Ana Baptista, Director of Environmental & Planning Programs at the Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) who is leading an initiative to improve the air quality in the City of Newark by linking citizens with city planners will serve as the keynote speaker.

The conference will also shine a spotlight on the environmental challenges facing the urban areas of our state and the evidence-based solutions which can further enhance media coverage of these issues.

A dynamic panel presentation will be moderated by

Randy Solomon, Co-Director of Sustainable Jersey and cover a variety of environmental justice efforts that feature citizen empowerment. Attendees of this free public conference will:

Discuss the effort that has improved Trenton's air quality with Dr. Nicky Sheats, Director of the Center for the Urban Environment at the College of New Jersey.

Learn about the successful initiative that has dealt with storm water runoff and waste water in Camden from Andy Kricun, Executive Director of the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority.

Hear about the clean-up of our state's contaminated sites from Robert Spiegel, Executive Director of the Edison Wetlands Association.

The Environmental Justice, Advocacy, and The Media conference will be held on the Rutgers-New Brunswick Campus at the Alexander Library, 4th Floor. It is free and open to the public however, registration is strongly recommended due to limited seating, please register at www.TheCitizensCampaign.org/events.

This conference is designed to showcase urban environmental issues and focus on empowering citizens with the know-how that will enable them to connect with others, identify evidence-based solutions and communicate effectively about these important issues. This event is the 2nd in a series focused on environmental citizen journalism and is co-sponsored by Sustainable Jersey; it is made possible with support from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

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

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.

Business Networking Seminar

PERTH AMBOY - Business/Networking Seminar & Enjoy a Free Buffet. Thursday, February 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy. Seating is limited, please RSVP Call 732-442-6421 or via email: rtroche@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. Snow date - Feb. 27.

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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.

Get in the Game

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Branch YMCA is starting an Adult Basketball League (Ages 18+) beginning February 14. The weekly games will be played on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. with times determined by the number of teams that are registered. Scores and standings will be recorded online and games will be refereed. The teams can have 5-12 players each and teams must submit a roster prior to start of the season. The cost is \$700 per team (\$100 deposit due at registration). Balance due before your first game (*includes team shirts and ref fees). If you have any questions please contact Mike Manfre, Physical Director at 732-316-8208 or mike.manfre@ymcaofmews.org.

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.

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.

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.

Chili Cook-Off

WOODBIDGE - 7th Annual Woodbridge Charity Chili Cook-off Sunday, March 2 from 12 noon to 2 p.m., J.J. Bitting, 33 Main St., Woodbridge. Sample the best chili Woodbridge has to offer. \$8 Admission. Enter to Win \$600 in prizes. Door Prizes. Live DJ. \$20 Participation fee to enter the competition and show-off your Chili skills! Applications available at the Woodbridge Community Center, Recreation Dept. or at the Brewpub. Questions? Contact Niven Raghbi at 732-596-4047.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 WELCOME! 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 Geraletowski 848-250-9903 or email: SAFD125th@gmail.com or visit www.southamboyfd125thanniversary.com



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 Parish 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. Our honoree this year is Dianne Mansmann. 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.

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.

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.

Reading Fundamentals/Book Reading Club

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library & Good Shepherd Parish Family Ministries invite all children Pre-K through Grade 8 for Reading Fundamentals/Book Reading Club on Sunday, March 9th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church Hall. This event encourages children to read and empowers parents by learning reading fundamentals. Reading aloud with children inspires them to read on their own and become better readers, better listeners and better students.

Registration is necessary. Please contact the Parish Office at 732-826-4859 or e-mail friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com by March 5th.

Books will be available for reading or you can bring your favorite book. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for the parish food pantry. The church hall is located at 580 Hazel Ave. in Perth Amboy.

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

Family & Friends Day

PERTH AMBOY - Cathedral International is inviting the community to attend Family and Friends Day services on Sunday, February 23. Sunday worship service times are 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. All services take place at The Cathedral, 277 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ. Iglesia Cathedral International takes place every Sunday at 11 am at 272 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ. Reverend Estaban Santana, III is the pastor. Sunday School continues to be one of the main teaching entities at Cathedral International. Classes start at 8:30 a.m. for youth and 9:30 a.m. for adults. Everyone is welcome to all services at the church.

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.*

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

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.

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.

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.*
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Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures made you worthy, when on earth, to posses miraculous powers. Miracles waited on your words, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (*request*). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. *Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be. M.S.K.*

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.

St. Jude Novena

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - (*make your request here*) - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. **M.S.K.**

Pierogi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a pierogi sale from Monday, Feb. 24th to Friday, Feb. 28th. To place your order Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All gourmet items are handmade. Potato Pierogi - \$7. Pickup date is Tuesday Mar. 4th to Wednesday Mar. 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pick up your order at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy.

Correction

PERTH AMBOY - The Looking Back Photo in the 1/29/14 Issue of the Amboy Guardian depicts a photo of Penn Central Restaurant in 1938. The location of the Restaurant was incorrectly stated as located on Market and Second Streets. It was actually located in upper Smith Street.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- 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.
- MON. Feb. 24 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Feb. 25 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Feb. 26 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. 27 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Mar. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Mar. 12 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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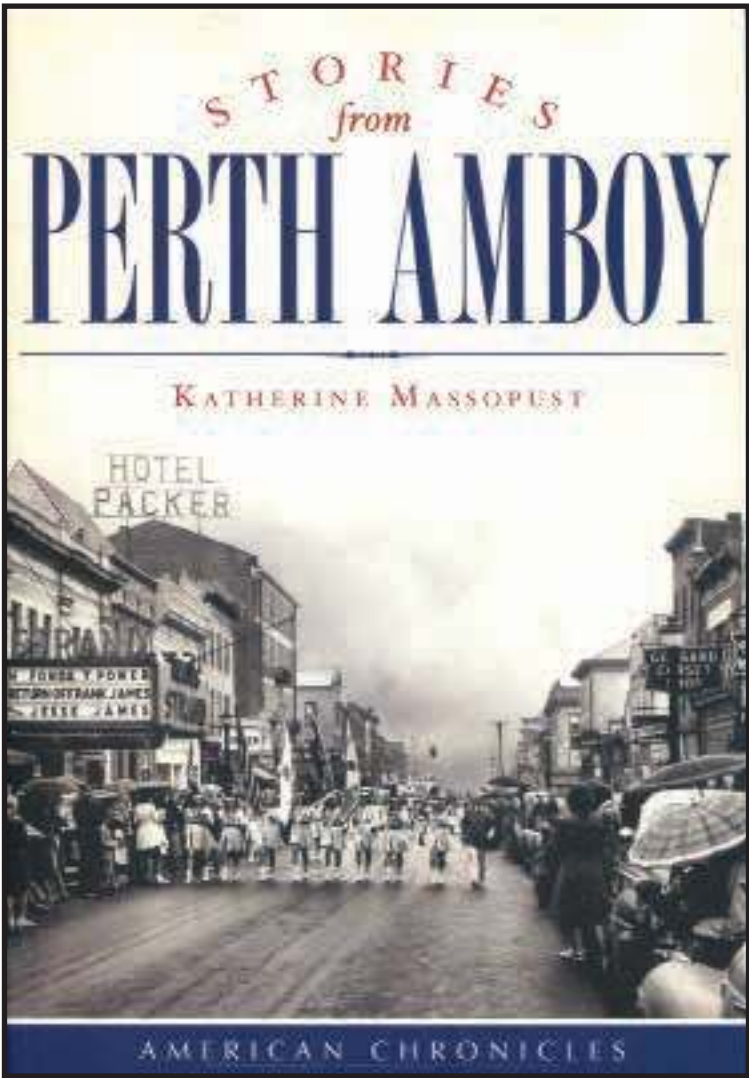
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Kids watching television that you could write on the screen circa 1960's.
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