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Fire/Polices Boats: Is it Worth the Cost?



Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach

PERTH AMBOY - 5/12/14 Caucus Meeting Resolution: R-227 - Authorizing the City of Perth Amboy Fire Department to submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the 2014 Port Security Grant Program.

Fire Chief Abraham Pitre said that the Fire Department is applying for six grants for \$25,000 each for \$150,000 total. (to help defray the cost of what was needed in the Fire Department) "During the off season, we have other municipalities in place for assistance."

The discussion also involved the Fire and Police Boats donated by Homeland Security to the City. The problem with this donation according to B.A. Greg Fehrenbach, "Are the slow reimbursement pay- Boat. It's a nice toy, but we ments from the County to the can't afford 2 boats. Use the City. In 2013, we just received money to hire more firefightthe reimbursements for 2012.



Fire Chief **Abraham Pitre**

These payments are \$20,000 a year for maintenance costs and to keep the boat operational. This excludes gasoline. The Fire Department has given the County a list of what they use the Fire Boat for."

Council President Joel Pabon said, "I would love to see both boats stay here, but we have to be careful on how these boats are used, especially if we aren't reimbursed for all costs."

When the Super Bowl took place in New Jersey early this year, Perth Amboy boats were used for security. Unlike other participants, Perth Amboy was not reimbursed by the Super Bowl Committee. Several residents complained about this.

Former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "Our Fire Department is understaffed. We need to return the Fire

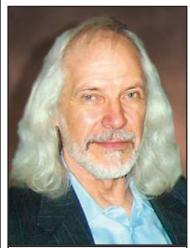
Who Knows Best?

PERTH AMBOY - At the 5/14/14 Council Meeting: R-222 Opposing Senate Bill S-1801 and Assembly Bills A-2621 and A-2495, seeking to authorize County Government to create County Tax Assessment while abolishing Tax Assessment at a local municipal level.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski wanted to know if the County Tax Government supported these 2 bills. B.A. Fehrenbach stated that, "I don't know what the County thinks. Glouster and Monmouth Counties have pilot programs. The League of Municipalities said we shouldn't proceed until we see how these 2 programs in Monmouth and Glouster County work out."

The resolution opposing the Bills was moved by Petrick, seconded by Gonzalez, and passed by the Council unanimously.

Assert Yourselves



Alan Silber

PERTH AMBOY - 5/14/14 City Council Meeting: Residents were still talking about the lack of meetings being broadcast on PA-TV.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski said, "It should be the Council who should decide what municipal meetings should be shown. You should assert your leadership in this matter."

Resident Alan Silber told the Council, "You have equal authority with the Mayor to put these meetings back on television." He read the ordinance backing up that statement. Ordinance (1639-2012) was accepted May 16, 2012; adopted May 30, 2012 and published in a daily newspaper June 5, 2012. See ordinance on right.

Silber questioned why the Council Meeting of 4/23/14 was edited. Some speakers were excluded on the television broadcast that spoke at that meeting.

Council President Joel Pabon made a statement at the 5/12/14Caucus Meeting: "We need to make a policy to televise all meetings. We need transparency. A decision has to be made."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach replied to Pabon, "You need to talk to the Mayor."

Editor's Note: As of 5/16/14 the 4/23/14 City Council Meeting broadcast on Comcast 34/ Fios 47 did have the three speakers that had been edited out when it was originally broadcast.

Fireworks Announcement Perth Amboy & South Amboy



PERTH AMBOY & SOUTH AMBOY - It's On! After a one year absence, Celebrate the Amboy's Fireworks Spectacular returns with a bang. The official announcement was made on the Cornucopia on Friday, May 16 by the Chair of Celebrate the Amboy's Committee, Barry Rosengarten. Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry are seated front and center. They are surrounded by sponsors and representatives from both Cities who will make this event possible. The fireworks are scheduled for Thursday, July 3, 2014. *Photo by Paul W. Wang

AN ORDINANCE 1639-2012

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "CABLE, TELEVISION AND COMMUNICATIONS FRAN-CHISE" (ORDINANCE NO. 202-79 AS AMENDED) ADOPTED JANUARY 16, 1979 ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER A438-14 OF THE PERTH AMBOY CITY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY:

SECTION 1. That Subsection A438-14 Public, educational and government access is hereby amended by the addition of Paragraph E and shall read as follows:

§ A438-14. Public, educational and governmental access.

E. Subject to the availability of qualified personnel and adequate funding in the municipal budget, the City of Perth Amboy shall use the public access channel to broadcast the public meetings of the City Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Perth Amboy Redevelopment Authority and other non-departmental boards, authorities or agencies, if requested by the Mayor or Coun-

SECTION 2. All ordinances or part of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase hereof shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this Ordinance, but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any

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

Civil War Roundtable

WOODBRIDGE - The next meeting of The Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable will meet on June 2nd at 7:00 P.M. in the Woodbridge Public Library. The guest speaker will be President Abraham Lincoln (portrayed by local resident Bob Costello) The President will speak about his debate with George McClellan. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome. Please consider becoming a member of this wonderful group of civil war enthusiasts.



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Grand Prize Winner - Open Your Hearts to Life *Photo Submitted

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Catholic School 8th Grade student, Katherine Zevallos, was a 1st Place and Grand Prize Winner in the "Open Your Hearts to Life" Respect Life Art Contest sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen. The Award Ceremony was held on May 6, 2014 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway. A Mass was held, followed by a luncheon and Award Ceremony in which Katherine won a Nikon



Digital Camera. Her artwork was submitted by her Art teacher, Mrs. Rose Pennyfeather, who attended the ceremony with Principal, Sr. Rebecca Piatek and Katherine's mother and aunt. Photo: Katherine Zevallos receiving award from Rev. Msgr. Richard A. Behl. For further information, please contact, Mrs. Rose Pennyfeather at Perth Amboy Catholic School, (732) 826-1598.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND City of Perth Amboy

Notice is hereby given that the listed City owned property, described below will be taken up for final consideration by open public sale at auction to the highest bidder. The sale and opening of sealed proposals shall take place in the City Hall Council Chambers 260 High Street on June 5th, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Sealed Proposals will be received up until this time and shall be submitted to the attention of the City of Perth Amboy, Purchasing Agent. The City is not responsible for any delay in the Mail Service or Courier Company that you may use for delivery.

Such sale is subject to term and conditions established by resolution, by the City of Perth Amboy and printed below. THE PROPERTY IS SOLD IN AN "AS IS" CONDITION.

MINIMUM PRICE LOCATION LOT 457-459 New Brunswick Ave. 25 & 26 \$ 180,000.00

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE APPLICABLE ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY. THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SAME, TO OBTAIN ANY AND ALL NECESSARY PERMITS OR APPROVALS AND SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY RELATING TO THE PROPERTY.

IF VARIANCES ARE REQUIRED BY A BIDDER TO DEVELOP ANY PROPERTY, BIDDER MUST APPLY FOR SAME AND COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCES AND THE MUNICIPAL LAND USE LAW (N.J.S.A .40A:55D-1 ET

A deposit in the amount of no less than 10% of the full amount bid shall be required to be submitted with each bid in the form of certified or bank check, payable to the City of Perth Amboy.

The successful bidder must close title and pay for the property within ninety (90) days of the acceptance of the successful bid, subject to a reasonable extension of up to thirty (30) additional days upon written request submitted to the City Attorney.

Publication Date's: 05/19/14 & 05/27/14

Gary A. Muska, QPA/RPPO Purchasing Agent City of Perth Amboy

SOUTH AMBOY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Joe Connors, Mickey Gross, Don Applegate, **Christine Noble and Zusette Dato** Endorse Jack O'Connell for Mayor

"As our next mayor, Jack O'Connell will throw open the doors of City Hall and make it truly a house for the people of this city. An O'Connell Administration will mean accountability, transparency and responsiveness to the needs of every single resident, in every corner of our City and a collaborative and effective effort between the mayor and council to benefit the citizens of our City!"

"On Tuesday, June 3rd, please join us in voting for Jack O'Connell to re-energize South Amboy and make our government responsive once again."

> — Joe Connors, Mickey Gross, Don Applegate, **Christine Noble and Zusette Dato**

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On Tuesday, June 3rd, Vote to Re-energize South Amboy

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FOR MAYOR

FOR CITY COUNCIL

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

In Vietnam, They Fought and Should be Treated with the Same Respect



The Huey Helicoptor at the NJ Vietnam Memorial Center in *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell Holmdel, NJ.

I'll be the first one to admit that I am naive when it comes to the war fought in Vietnam. One thing I do know is that it was very controversial, unpopular and a long campaign. Whatever one's views on this particular war, there is one thing that should never have happened. That was the treatment that the returning troops endured when they came home from this conflict.

When I say returning home, this would include those coming back in a flag draped coffin, injured (physically, mentally or both).

Unfortunately, there were some Americans who acted very ugly by spitting, cursing and throwing objects that I will not name at our troops returning from Vietnam.

A few weeks ago, I and another member of my staff attended the ceremony at the NJ Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Center in Holmdel, NJ. It was a Remembrance Day Ceremony dedicated to the retiring of one of the Huey Helicopters that was used during the Vietnam War. The ceremony was held on a beautiful, warm, sunny, bright day.

The speeches had just the right amount of sentiment and sometimes humor. I looked around at those attending the ceremony and saw how proud these troops were and their families were just as happy to



Vietnam Veterans reminisce

be with them on this day.

I urge all to visit this magnificent complex. Just remember as this Memorial Day approaches that war is indeed hell. It's those who served in that hell who protected your right to express your beliefs without you losing that very freedom. There are many countries that do not tolerate criticism from their citizens. In those countries, you can be arrested, tortured and/or executed for this. You don't have to take our word for it. It's reported constantly in the media.

Let's also hope that there is a fast resolution to the current scandal in some VA Hospitals where Veterans are dying while waiting months for an appointment to see a doctor.

Politicians should make this a top priority instead of some of the petty issues that they go

on about. *C.M.*

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Misquoted

My name is Charles Simmons, I am Bernice Marshall's fiancé. I was misquoted in the latest edition of your newspaper. You quoted me addressing Perth Amboy School Board President O. Gonzalez at the last board meeting. Your article says I told Ms. Gonzalez that she called Bernice at home to discuss her job. In reality I told Ms. Gonzalez

that she called our home to instruct Bernice to report to a meeting with her and other school board members. What I did not mention was that the Board members and Vivian Rodriguez (who was also there) met with Bernice at Isabel Machado's office and wanted her to help them get Dr J. Caffrey fired, and put Vivian Rodriguez in her place. They pressured Bernice but she refused to cooperate because she wanted to stay neutral. They were upset with her. That is the real reason they abolished her job. The Perth Amboy School board committed countless unethical acts. I hope a higher authority investigates all allegations against the board and interim superintendent.

Thank you, Charles Simmons

Facts Are a Stubborn

Thing.My motto has always been two wrongs don't make a right and FACTS ARE A STUB-BORN THING.

Recently, I've noticed there are some people, including some at this newspaper, who will chastise some Board of Education members without having any facts at hand. They fail to take the time and effort necessary to learn the truth instead of following hearsay. I find it strange that people who currently criticize us for asking questions were the same people last year who praised others for standing their ground and disrupting all meetings with their nonsense.

My opinions in this letter are personal and not as a Board member.

At the last meeting of the Board of Education there were two injustices committed by our Board. The first was the elimination of the HR Manager. The Acting Superintendent gave the erroneous excuse that that the State asked for a certain certification for this position, due to our district's lack of compliance in teacher evaluations. This is just not true. If some would have taken the time to investigate they would have found out the reality of why Ms. Marshall was let go. This reason is not acceptable or right. I and other Board members argued that since we are paying for the Doctorate degree of Ms. Marshall, which she will complete by this December, and this actually exceeds any state requirement, she should be able to remain in her position. Ms. Marshall was responsible for our district being in 100% compliance with teacher evaluations during the 12-13 school year. This is the only time in the

history of the district this has occurred. She lead the district to a 100% score on the personnel section of QSAC, which was the only 100% we earned. Why then are we rushing to remove this exemplary employee? This year, the district is once again seriously out of compliance with teacher evaluations, due to a lack of accountability within the current administration. This Board, instead of holding those who have not completed their evaluations accountable, is moving to remove the one person who has spoken out regarding evaluations. How long will it take for somebody new to move the district back in the right direction? Will compliance ever be possible with a Board that fails to hold senior administration accountable?

The second injustice was the failure to appoint Ms. Karen Moffatt as the principal of the Richardson School. This exemplary employee has been doing the job of principal for this school for the past 22 months. Under her leadership the school has improved by every indicator. She has the support of her staff, teachers and parents. The Board received dozens of letters of support from staff and a petition signed by hundreds of parents to keep Ms. Moffat as the principal. After the Superintendent claimed that she wanted to work with the community, staff, teachers and parents in seeking who they felt was the right person to fill key positions, she completely ignored the success and support expressed for Ms. Moffatt. In fact, these were precisely the reasons given for the appointment of Mr. Anderson to the position of principal of Wilentz. Now, why aren't these people questioning why past success and community feedback (much greater at Richardson than it was as Wilentz)

were not taken into consideration for the same position at Richardson?

I would like to address the incident of a Board of Education member intimidating a parent and PTO president at the Richardson School. During a public PTO event, these members of the Richardson community were soliciting signatures on a petition in support of Ms. Moffatt. Board of Education members have stated over and over that they want feedback from the community. Yet when involved parents exercise their First Amendment rights and provide the Board with feedback they don't want, suddenly there is a problem. This Board member had no right to try to administer something that was occurring in the school. His role in this case, if he truly believed something was not right, was to communicate his concern to the Superintendent. He had no right to confront people the way that he did. This was a terrible example of this Board member, once again, interfering in the operations of the school district and attempting to intimidate members of our community.

There are a few in our community who continue to be obsessed with Dr. Caffrey, even though she has been gone for over seven months. Some may be obsessed due to personal issues with her that I am willing to understand. Yet, others have this obsession with Caffrey out of hatred for a woman that they never personally met. They seem to hate for the sake of hating...I want to remind all of them that the two members of the Board who they link to Dr. Caffrey were not part of hiring Dr. Caffrey. They should be asking themselves, why are they putting so much faith in the decisions

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. May 28 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.

City Hall, High St. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

MON. May. 19 Board of Education, Business /Public, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

WED. May. 21 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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The Community Voice

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Finally, I have a quote from Eleanor Roosevelt: "I have spent many years of my life in opposition, and I rather like the role." I am and will always stand for what is right. Unlike others I do not have a personal vendetta against anybody nor do I do things for personal gain. I take my position as an elected official very seriously. I was elected to bring change to the education of our children. Going back to the same that did not work before is not change, yet that is what some are doing today. Yes, I will be that opposition to stop anything that is not bringing change for a better education for our kids.

Maria Garcia

Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Day Ceremonv

HOLMDEL - Please Join Us For Our Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 26 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: Governor Christine Todd Whitman. The ceremony will include the presentation of two scholarships to New Jersey high school seniors and the induction of four Vietnam Veterans into the Memorial's "In Memory" Program. Scholarship Recipients: Michael Lehman, Leonia High School and Dylan Flynn, Watchung Hills Regional High School. "In Memory" Program Inductees from NJ: Thomas J. Gorski, Jr., Kearny; Richard Hull, Toms River,; Thomas J. Kelley, Sayreville; Stanley C. Slusarz, Holmdel. The Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center will be open to the public free of charge on Memorial Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Women's **Open Center**

PERTH AMBOY - Join the Women's Open Center of Middlesex County in creating a Community of women; a place where we can share, develop, and grow ideas. Where we can share information, have mentors and be mentors. Let's grow together. Please Note: Date Change. Tuesday May 27th 6:00 p.m., Access Title Corp, 316 State St (2nd floor), Perth Amboy.

Former Vietnam Era Spy Boat To Visit Perth Amboy

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - A 65' aluminum boat which was formerly a Vietnam era patrol boat will be visiting the Perth Amboy Ferry Slip Museum on Memorial Day weekend, May 23 through May 26.

The United States began to funnel aid into South Vietnam as early as 1955 and ramped up considerably under late President John Kennedy. The U.S. built this boat specifically to spy on the Viet Cong during that war. It was designed and outfitted with hi-tech electronics for surveillance.

The retired vessel is now named "Sea Horse" and is operated by the Sea Scouts, a division of the Boy Scouts of America. The Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for youth between the ages of 14 and 21. The program builds competence, team work and vital thinking while on land and water. An advanced program which is physically and emotionally demanding teaches leadership skills while the scouts are underway on the boat. The advanced program (SEAL) candidates are prepared to learn, lead and excel

Youngsters visiting the Sea Horse will have an opportunity to learn more about the program and sign on if interested. These young people will learn to sail, operate boats, learn navigation, weather, and many other aspects of boating.

During the Summer, the youth meet every weekend on the boat and attend a monthly meeting in Linden. There are cruises and social activities on land as well as water. Each Spring they chip and paint the vessel until it is trim and in ship shape.

An Open House will be held on Saturday, May 23, and everyone is invited to attend and tour the boat. There will also be applications available for parents who have sons and daughters interested in joining the ship.

Also on Saturday, at 12 Noon there will be a fascinating lecture given by "Captain Bill" who will discuss the many finds discovered by divers in our area.

Please join us at the Ferry Slip Museum, 300 Front St, Perth Amboy on the beautiful waterfront convenient to restaurants and a delightful ice cream shop. Take Smith St directly to Front St.

For information please call: 732-442-5425.

Diocese of Metuchen to Host Memorial Day Tribute to Military Heroes

Thousands of Catholic Cemeteries Across the Country Unite for National Program Press Release 5/13/14

NEW JERSEY - For the second year, the Diocese of Metuchen's Holy Cross and Resurrection cemeteries will ioin thousands of Catholic cemeteries across the United States on May 26 in a national commemoration entitled, "Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes." The program, developed by the Catholic Cemetery Conference, is meant to salute those men and women

All active military men and women and veterans are invited to participate in and attend either of the two Memorial Day Masses, to be held simultaneously at two diocesan cemeteries in Middlesex County.

who died in combat, and re-

member our veterans and cur-

rent servicemen and women.

Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, diocesan vicar general, will celebrate Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery in Jamesburg on Monday, May 26 at 10 a.m. At the same time, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano, pastor of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Bridgewater, will celebrate Mass at Resurrection Cemetery in Piscataway. The patriotic program will follow.

"It is important that we honor those men and women who died serving our country," said Mary Ellen Gerrity, director of cemeteries for the Diocese of

"We are honored to be participating in this program and are blessed to have the opportunity to celebrate the men and women who have sacrificed in order to defend the rights of all to freedom, justice and peace," Gerrity added.

The Cemeteries Office is currently seeking veterans and active military personnel to participate in the Masses as flag or candle bearers, readers and gift bearers. Following Mass, there will be a wreath laying ceremony, which will include honor guard participation, the playing of TAPS and the distribution of commemorative pins to military members.

All are welcome to attend. For more information about the Memorial Day Masses or to learn how you can participate, please contact the diocesan Cemeteries Office at 800-943-8400 or cemeteries@ diometuchen.org or visit the website atwww.diometuchen. org/cemeteries.



A Tribute To Unsung **Military Sheroes** Veteran Widow's Organization Honors Military Women

Press Release

EDISON - Women are an invaluable and crucial asset to the armed forces in the United States. Often we hear about their military presence wrapped around controversial issues. Friday, May 23, 2014, 7:30 pm, the First Black Tie Dinner Dance honoring 17 women in uniform from all branches of the military that served and continue to serve in our nation's defense will take place. The purpose of the dinner is to bring admiration and honor to the Unsung Military Sheroe who are actively serving in the military or a woman veteran who was honorably discharged.

This event held at the Pines Manor, 2085 Lincoln Highway, Edison, New Jersey is sponsored by the Eight Flames of Hope Foundation. This is a New Jersey registered non-profit organization founded by Veteran Widow, Barbara Walker. Mrs. Walker is passionate about honoring those who serve our country. Her passion is fueled by the memory of her husband, SSG Johnnie A. Walker and his high school friends who all served in Vietnam. Barbara Walker stated, "They died in service for our country and my purpose will always be to celebrate their lives and

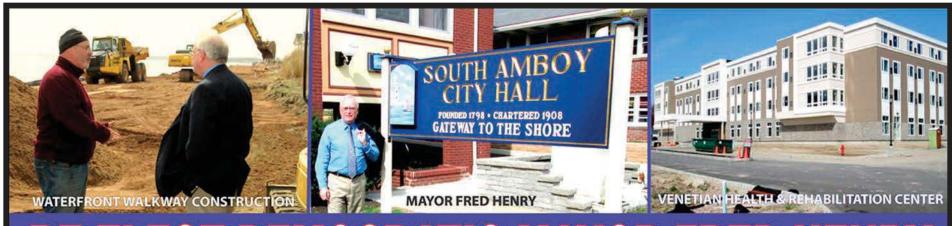
the lives of all who sacrifice much for our safety. Honoring women in the military is an essential part of the mission of Eight Flames of Hope."

According to the Women In Military Service For America Memorial, located at the Ceremonial Entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, "Women have always volunteered in defense of our nation, many of their contributions have been forgotten and are not recorded in today's history books." Barbara Walker said, "Eight Flames of Hope will champion the Unsung Military Sheroe and work towards highlighting her contributions to our country."

Tickets per person are \$75 with all proceeds of the dinner donated to military women in need and community organizations helping students majoring in science, technology, engineering and math. The Team Walker Community Center of Jersey City and the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development of Perth Amboy will be recipients of

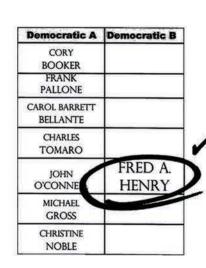
Contact the organization at (732)277-9576 or visit www.unsungmilitarysheroe. org for more information. Sponsorships are also welcome.

Email The Amboy Guardian AmboyGuardian@gmail.com



RE-ELECT DEMOCRATIC MAYOR FRED HENRY

 New, smart and sensible developments in town with good ratables like Venetian Health Care facility which is set to open in June. "We are very impressed with the professionalism and business-friendly approach of Mayor Fred Henry" said Hyman Jacobs founder and CEO of Windsor Healthcare Communities, part of Venetian HealthCare. FRED GETS IT DONE!!!



 South Amboy to New York City ferry is in final phase for construction, money is allocated and ready to go-just waiting for state approval. FRED GETS IT DONE!!!

- South Amboy still has one of the lowest tax rates in the county.
 Under Mayor Fred Henry the operating budget has been reduced nearly \$700,000 from the O'Leary years and 2014 has over a \$500,000 surplus the first time in many years. And several new businesses, with good ratables, have opened in the past 3 years creating excitement for South Amboy. FRED GETS IT DONE!!!
- Received over \$2.7 million in FEMA money and over \$1.8 million in grant money. This money is being used to improve the waterfront walkway, areas affected by Sandy, improve the city's infrastructure, and upgrade all children's parks. FRED GETS IT DONE!!!

CALLING ON ALL DEMOCRATS INDEPENDENTS CAN VOTE TOO

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Book Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - Please join us on Saturday May 17th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for a book sale fundraiser to benefit the LIVESTRONG at the YMCA Program! All proceeds will benefit the LIVESTRONG at the YMCA program, a physical activity program for cancer survivors, held at the South Amboy Branch YMCA. For more information please contact Lois Griffin, LIVESTRONG connector 732-316-8219 or email livestrong-southamboy@ ymcaofmewsa.org.

Vendors Wanted

SAYREVILLE - looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Savreville. The Flea Market will be held on June 7th. The time is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayrevilledirectly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15 for one space, \$25.00 for two. A limited amount of tables will be available for \$5 extra. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum. net.

Our Lady of Peace Parish Picnic

EDISON - Sunday, June 8, 2014. Bring the whole family for a day of fun.....Sponsored by: Knights of Columbus Council #9199 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the new OLP Parish Center (GPS address 656 Amboy Ave, Edison) Adults \$9; Children 6 and up \$ 5; Children under 6 FREE. Come and join us for a fun filled afternoon and plenty of great food. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage & peppers, corn on the cob, watermelon, and even Italian ices will be served! Activities for kids of all ages. Don't miss the fun!!! For information call 732-738-0888 or Bill Herring # 732-512-8825.

Atlantic City
Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - P.A.R.O. is sponsoring an Atlantic City Bus Trip on Saturday, June 14. Departs at 12 Noon from the Train Station to Showboat Casino. \$30 pp. Get a \$20 Casino voucher. For more info please call: Reyes Oretega 732-904-6844 or Ivonne Pierantoni 732-874-4154. Refreshments and snacks will be served. Gift baskets will be raffled.





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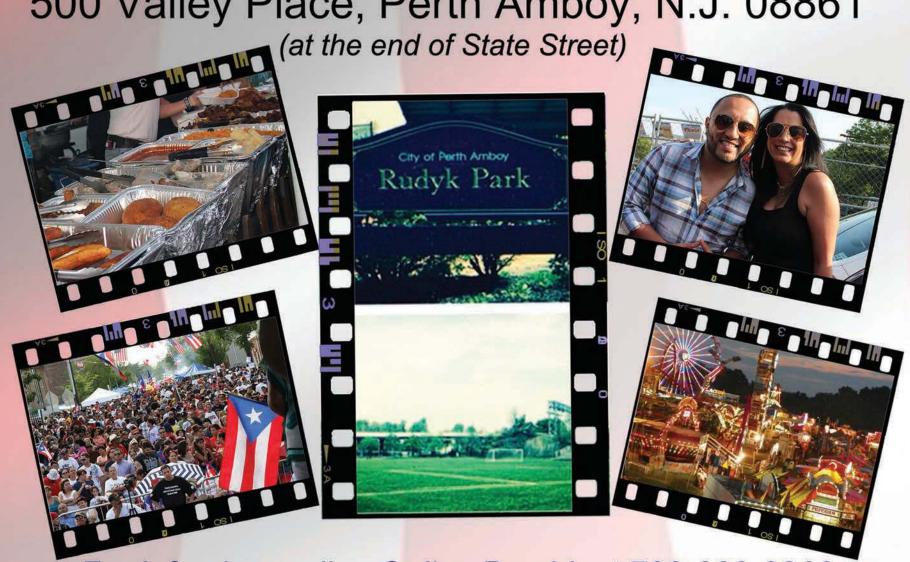


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Mother's Day Breakfast at Perth Amboy Catholic School - 5/11/14







PERTH AMBOY - A Mother's Day Breakfast was held at Perth Amboy Catholic Primary School. The event was hosted by Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 teachers, Shelli Lange, Jennifer Galioto and Principal Sr. Beverly Policastro. Shown: Mothers of Perth Amboy Catholic Primary Pre-K students and their children enjoy the Mother's Day Breakfast.

Mother's Day Party at Perth Amboy Catholic School - 5/9/14

*Photos Submitted







PERTH AMBOY - A Mother's Day Party was hosted by the Student Council of Perth Amboy Catholic School Upper Campus and their Coordinator, Mrs. McCormack on Friday, May 9, 2014. Shown: Students of Perth Amboy Catholic Upper School Campus and their Moms. For further information, please contact Principal, Sr. Rebecca Piatek at Perth Amboy Catholic School (732) 826-1598.

Mother's Day at Olive Street 5/9/14

*Photos by Bob Ned























Mother's Day Plant Sale Our Lady of Peace School - 5/11/14

*Photos Submitted

FORDS - The HSA at Our Lady of Peace School in Fords held their, "Mother's Day Plant Sale"this week. Parents and grandparents were invited to join their children/grandchildren for this annual event. As in the past it was a huge success having sold 250 plants by the end of the day!







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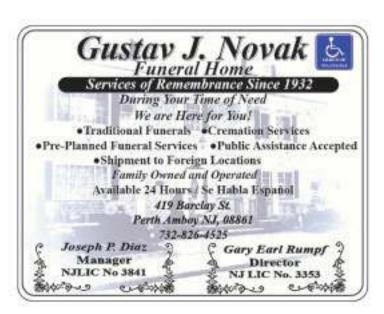
Hopelawn, Fords, South Amboy, Sayreville, Old Bridge

Play Trip

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Seniors are planning a trip to Hunterdon Playhouse on June 17, 2014, for a dinner and show (Better with a Band) a summer musical. Cost is \$82. Bus is leaving from the South Amboy Senior building on Stevens Avenue at 9:00 am. If interested call Mary Ann at 732-721-3894.

Vendors Wanted for Artisan Craft Show

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy YMCA is looking for vendors to participate in an artisan craft show on Saturday June 14th from 10am-3pm. Local artisans will be selling their unique and hand-crafted creations - including jewelry, knit wear, quilts, beads, chocolates and much more! Table registrations will support the Y's Strong Kids Campaign, which provides scholarship assistance to members of the community. One table: \$25, Two tables: \$40. For more information or to register please contact Roxanne DeVoe at 732-316-8217, Roxann.devoe@ymcaofmewsa.org Lois Griffin at 732-316-8219. livestrong southamboy@ ymcaofmewsa.org



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Vendors Wanted!

Annual Flea Market at Samuel E. Shull School 380 Hall Ave, Perth Amboy Sunday, June 8th 0 a.m.- 2 p.m. Rain or Shine Tables \$10 - We Supply. Contact Ms. Kucaba at 732-376-6062

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Sayreville Post 4699

SAYREVILLE - Any one interest in parading with Sayreville Post 4699 on May 26, 2014 at 10 a.m.. Please contract Frank Straczynski Our Post Commander @732-651or 732-742-2448 for more information about the parade.

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having a potato pierogi sale starting on Tuesday, May 27th to Friday, May 30th. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to place your orders. Pick up date is Tuesday, June 3rd and Wednesday, June 4th at the above address. Price is \$7 per dozen. All gourmet items are handmade.

Vendors Wanted

PERTH AMBOY- Vendors Wanted for the Annual Flea Market at Samuel E. Shull School, 380 Hall Ave, on June 8th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain or Shine. Tables \$10 we supply. You can contact Ms. Kucaba at 732-376-6062 or evakucaba@paps.net

Family Fun

Night SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Youth Athletic Association (SAYAA) is planning a trip to see the Somerset Patriots. Tickets on sale now \$10 each. Game - Wednesday, June 11. Time - 7 p.m. at TD ballpark in Somerset. Contact Valerie @ 732-254-2808 to order tickets or for more information visit website www.league lineup.com/sayaa

+++ IN MEMORIAM+++

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Kidz Wii Club

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

Comic Book **Festival**

WOODBRIDGE -Comic Book Festival Saturday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Rain Date Sunday, May 25. Free Admission & Parking. Surprise Celebrity Guests. CosPlay, Costume Contest, Lots of Comic Book Dealers and Exhibitors. Comic Books, Filmmakers, Artists, Entertainers. For more info call Niven Raghib, Recreation Dept. 732-596-4047.

Golf Outing

Date ChangedOLD BRIDGE - Sponsored By The South Amboy Fire Department 125th Anniversary Committee. MONDAY - JUNE 9TH at the Glenwood Country Club - Old Bridge. \$125 Per Golfer. \$30 For Non Golfers At the 19th Hole 7:30 a.m. Registration - 9 a.m. Shotgun Start. Register By April 22nd. Visit Us On Facebook For Ongoing Info, Please Contact Mike Toth @ 908-930-3497 Or Mtoth1@Optonline.Net

Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church, celebrating 329 years of Ministry is hosting their 9th annual "Fashions by the Bay" Fashion Show. This fundraising event will help raise money to benefit the church and many community outreach programs that they sponsor. The show will be held at the Raritan Yacht Club on Thursday, May 22. To purchase tickets call 732-826-1594.

Ukrainian **Cultural** Festival

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic Church located at 684 Alta Vista Place, Perth Amboy, NJ will hold its annual Ukrainian Cultural Festival on the parish grounds on Saturday, June 21st, 2014 from 12 noon until 8 p.m. Based on last year's very successful 1000+ attendance by friends, families and local communities, we expect an even greater turnout this year. The festival will feature church tour, live entertainment, dancing, family activities, vendors, traditional Ukrainian homemade food/ beer, raffles and more. Ukrainian dancers will perform at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the school hall. No charge for admission. No Outside Food or Drink Allowed . For vendors or more information call 732-826-0767 or visit us at www. assumptioncatholicchurch.net.

E-Book Classes

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

Connections Program Seeks **Volunteers**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one activities.

Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child's life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor.

All adult volunteers will be screened, receive training, staff support and other services as needed. If you are interested in learning more about Connections Adult Mentoring Program, please contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323.

Novena to St. Rita

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

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each.

K.M. & C.M.

Petition to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

Thank you, St. Jude

Festa di San Antonio

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd., in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge will be hosting its annual Festa di San Antonio Saturday, June 7 from Noon to 8 p.m. in Msgr. Gambino Hall. The day will include Italian food and desserts (eat in/take out), raffles, activities and games for children and more. Elevator service is available. Festa goers are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the parish food pantry. For information call (732) 826-4859 or visit goodshepherdpanj.org.

Whether you call it sauce or gravy come on by and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship.

Cat Pajamas at the Resorts Casino Trip

SAYREVILLE - Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club Presents Cat Pajamas at the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, Sunday, June 22. \$25 pp. Show ticket plus \$10 slot play. Bus Leaves Sedlak Parking Lot at 11 a.m. and returns approx. 9 p.m. Any questions or for reservations please call Jack or Ann at: 732-254-7263. Please make checks payable to: Jack Floersch, 12 Nimitz Place, Sayreville, NJ 08872. None Members Welcome.

All You Can Eat Filet Mignon Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The Rotary Club of Sayreville, South Amboy, and Old Bridge is hosting its 6th Annual Ultimate Beefsteak on Friday, May 30th. Proceeds from this all you can eat filet mignon dinner will benefit area food banks. The event takes place at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, located at Main Street and Washington Ave. in South Amboy. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and is once again catered by "Real Housewives of New Jersey's The Brownstone. The menu includes cold antipasto, sliced beef tenderloin, penne in tomato basil sauce, French fries, dessert, and hot and cold beverages. Cost is \$40 pp. A DJ will be on hand for your listening and dancing pleasure. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Glenn at (732)921-1468, or Jeff at (732)921-1466. Tickets may also be purchased at Pride Landscape Supply, 350 Ernston Rd., Parlin. Space is limited so reserve now.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – State and Smith Streets April 3, 1912 - a typical street scene.

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

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. May 21 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. May 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. May 26 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St. Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

TUES. May 27 Church Hall, Brace Ave. Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Presbyterian Center, Market St. WED. May 28 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. May 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

St. Mary's Seniors, noon, MON. Jun. 9

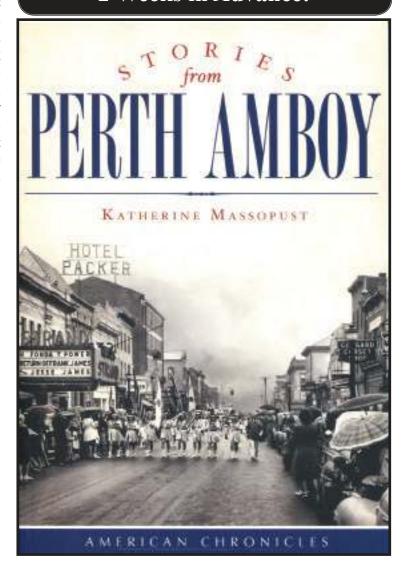
Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

WED. Jun. 11 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

> Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays Please give us two weeks notice!

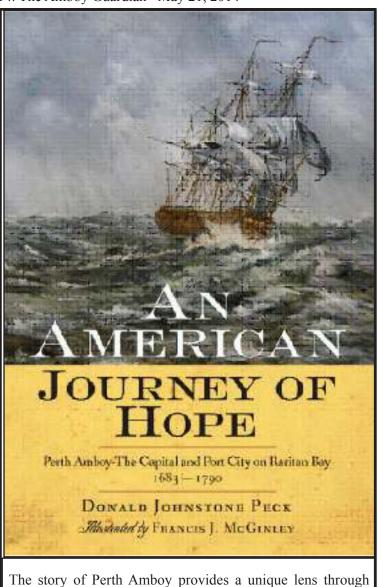
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Please Submit Community Events 2 Weeks in Advance!



Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig's Department Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig's at 732-646-8337 - A Great Gift!



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