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Memorial Day Celebrated Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Holmdel



Young participants in the Perth Amboy Parade



Members of the armed forces place a wreath in front of the Veteran's Memorial South Amboy *Photo by Joe Bayona



NJ Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Ceremony in Holmdel 5/17/14 *Photos by C. Maxwell



Soldiers in a restored military jeep salute our Veterans in S. Amboy Parade *Photo by J. Bayona



WWII Vet Peter Book with his wife, Annette, daughter and granddaughter *Photo by Bob Ned

Flowers an Issue at Special BID Meeting 5/21/14

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – Landscaper Carlixto Rosario's work in the planters on Smith Street and Convery Boulevard was an issue at the 5/21/14 BID Meeting. Rosario completed the work planting the flowers and wished to be paid \$1,950 as stated in his contract with the BID.

BID Member Virginia Lugo was not satisfied with the work that Rosario did and felt that the City was being overcharged for the flowers. She showed photos of one of the planters placed at the Five Corners by Carlixto's Landscaping Company on her electronic pad to all of the BID Members. The flowers were growing, but not yet in full bloom.

Lugo argued that the maxi-

mum cost for flowers should be \$12 a flat (high end) and the maximum amount that the City should be paying should be \$276 for 23 flats and \$1500 for labor. Lugo proceeded to argue that the flowers in New York City are in bloom and there was no water in the planters she saw at the Five Corners. She then stated that the print invoices had white-out on them and were inconsistent.

UEZ/BID Coordinator Roxana Troche listened as Rosario as he explained about the invoices. He stated that he had to go to the Dominican Republic and someone handed them into the City for him. The proper invoices were handed in when he returned.

BID Member Reyes Ortega

asked Rosario, "How often do you water the plants?"

"Three times a week, depending if it rains or not," Rosario answered.

Troche stated, "Two proposals were given to the BID. Carlixto's Landscaping was chosen with a contract for \$1950. Eight flowers are planted in each planter altogether. Last year the flowers were already grown."

BID Member Annie Hindenlang stated, "Last year the flowers came in a lot fuller."

Roxana Troche stated, "Last year we did this it was later in the year. We wanted to have flowers for Memorial Day."

BID Chair Barry Rosengarten said, "I have a brown

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Budget, Politics Big Stories in South Amboy Tempers Flare as Election Day Approaches

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - The looming tax increase in the proposed budget and the upcoming primary election caused tension at last week's South Amboy council meeting.

The council's proposed 2014 budget would bring a tax increase of \$88 on the average home if adopted later this year. This news comes weeks before the primary election in South Amboy that will see incumbent Mayor Fred Henry take on party-backed candidate Jack O'Connell.

Council president Joseph Connors began the public portion of the meeting by requesting that all residents hold their budget questions for the June 5th budget hearing at City Hall. However, the meeting will come two days after the election in South Amboy and O'Connell believed it should be discussed if there was a resolution in the consent agenda dealing with the tax rate.

"On the consent agenda there is a resolution that is interval to the budget...it sets the tax rate," O'Connell said. "It allows tax bills to go out and that's based on the revenue you need to raise for the 2014 budget."

Business Administrator Camille Tooker disagreed, saying that this year's budget had no play in the estimated number in resolution #81-2014. The number in the budget, she said, is based on last year's numbers.

"The estimated tax bill is to collect taxes so we can continue to operate and stay within the statutory limits of sending out tax bills on the timeline," Tooker said. "That bill is not predicated on this budget, there's a percentage set by state that goes by last year's budget."

"You can send an estimated



Jack O'Connell

tax bill out that is within a percentage higher or lower than what you billed last year," she added. "This year's budget has no play in that estimated number."

Arguments also ensued during the public portion when a local resident raised questions about Mayor Henry's involvement in helping local students to register to vote. Henry is currently the dean of students at South Amboy High School, but the resident said that some students felt uncomfortable that someone running for office was helping them in the registration process and believed it was a conflict of interest.

Mayor Henry explained that he was asked by the schools to assist in the process after a guidance counselor went on leave, but he also said he made calls to the parents and explained to them the situation.

"The principal came to me and asked if I could help him because [the school] usually takes care of it," Henry said. "I said no problem but in the circumstances we are in I wanted to let him know I was in no way going to ask them to ask for me. When I called the kids

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BID



The BID discusses flower costs at the 5/21/14 Special Meeting

**Photo by Katherine Massopust*

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thumb. We have a committee to look at the plants."

BID Member Virginia Lugo was still not satisfied with the cost."

Troche stated what the contract called for, "Four flowers in 63 planters. The contract did not call for a specific size. It called for Mr. Rosario to water the planters three times a week and \$735/month for maintenance."

Lugo then asked, "What was the official bid?"

Troche answered, "The cost of a project must exceed \$3,750 to have bids. For any-

thing less, you have proposals. We had two proposals – one for \$2,750, one for \$1,950. We accepted the one for \$1,950 when Mr. Rosaraino came in and asked to do the work."

Lugo then stated, "We have an invoice for April, May and June. This is what was sent to all the BID Members. I propose we table the bill and just pay him his monthly fee."

With that, BID Chair Barry Rosengarten stated, "Mr. Rosario has fulfilled his contract. It is my recommendation we should move forward with this bill so he can be paid."

Resident Alan Silber, who was in the audience offered

his advice, "There is a difference between contractor grade plants, which are always in bloom and regular plants." He cited the landscaping done at the Hess Gas station (on Rte. 9). "They are a different grade of flowers and are much more expensive."

Rosengarten then stated, "He did a job and there is no issue."

Troche stated, "I was satisfied with his work. It's only May. Give the flowers time to grow."

Mayor Wilda Diaz then added, "Come June, we should take this all under consideration."

BID Member Annie Hindenlang added, "We need to develop more specific criteria for our contracts."

Finally, a motion was made by Sergio Diaz to pay Rosario for his work." Voting "Yes," were: Sergio Diaz, Wilda Diaz, Barry Rosengarten, Yvonne Lopez and Reyes Ortega. Voting "No," were: Virginia Lugo, Jeanette Ruiz and Annie Hindenlang. BID Member Israel Varela was late to the meeting and the vote occurred before he came. The motion passed, and Rosario was paid for his work.

**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.



**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

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

SOUTH AMBOY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS



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

Jack O'Connell

FOR MAYOR

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FOR CITY COUNCIL

Christine Noble

FOR CITY COUNCIL

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South Amboy Democrats

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Sometimes You Just Have to Go With Your Gut

The City of South Amboy is embarking on either electing a new mayor or reelecting the existing one. June 3, 2014 is the primary. The two opponents have been placing ads, sometimes attacking each other or the previous administration. As with most elections there will be letters either supporting or attacking candidates that are sent to the paper. We reserve the right to edit or not publish letters. (see box lower right) Reasons why letters are edited include: length (some letters are just too long) or strong accusations against a specific person with no evidence to back it up. In recent letters, some of the statements made by the letter writer are ambiguous. The letter actually made the candidate that the letter writer was supporting be put in a questionable position.

My advice to anyone who writes a letter to the editor to support a candidate should look it over at least 3 times before you submit it for publication.

When the late Bill George was writing about the Vas administration, he would receive concrete evidence mailed to him from those who knew what is going on. Many times they asked to have their names withheld. A lot of this evidence was sent to Bill George, even after Vas was out of office.

So please, when strong accusations are made in your letters, either produce paperwork or photos for backup.

Although what you say may be true, and you are very passionate about a candidate, a produced true documentation is your best friend. Even with those facts presented before the voters, your candidate may still not get elected. There are many factors involved in winning an election: the good, the bad and the very bad.

I think in the long run, the voters want to see positive progress made. If it isn't pro-

duced, your promises were just empty words.

As in aside, here are some things done by some of the regular attendees at the Perth Amboy Council Meetings.

They may accuse some members of the administration of discrepancies in statements they made during the Meetings. When those residents come before the Council, they will actually produce an ordinance, resolution, photos or communication and even OPRA requests to back up their statements. Those residents may not always get the response they were looking for, but they always come with something in hand.

In the past, I have gone to South Amboy Council Meetings and I can tell you which residents always spoke with paper in hand and had their facts presented in a clear and precise manner.

Remember four years ago how brutal the election in South Amboy became. The election for Mayor was won by ONE VOTE. This was after several challenges by the candidate who came in second. Also voters, you need to look back at that election and the ads to see what platform each candidate ran on. What did each candidate say about the previous administration? What makes a candidate who previously wanted to continue the policies of your predecessor suddenly portray that predecessor in a negative light?

Mayors have the power to appoint people to certain positions. What people were kept in appointed positions?

One wonders what makes an adversary become a supporter. To have the support (MON- EY) of your party is a very big asset in South Amboy.

As an aside: I remember in the 2010 Perth Amboy City Council Election, the top vote getter was a person who did not have

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Improved VA Care

Is there a cure for the recent reported problems with some VA hospitals?

Could everyone who is eligible for a VA Hospital be treated in any hospital that also provides care for Medicare or Medicaid patients? That could reduce the reported delays and problems due to shortages in

capacity and availability.

If Congress underfunded the VA Hospital system isn't it hypocritical to blame the Administration?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Transparency?

I wonder who controls Perth Amboy television when it comes to the City Council Meetings. I have to stand by Mr. Alan Silber's policy on public hearings. The Council Meetings should be on the air

so the concerned taxpayers of Perth Amboy sees and knows what's going on. I guess someone in the Administration doesn't like transparency. I wonder why? Can it be that our City Government is becoming a POLICE STATE!

"We will only tell you what you need to know."

The City of Perth Amboy belongs to the TAXPAYER'S - not those control freaks in City Hall.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Some Thoughts On Our Perth Amboy

Chaplain Corps

PERTH AMBOY - I'll never forget the moment last year I first walked into Chief of Police Benjamin Ruiz's office to introduce myself to him after being named the new rabbi of Congregation Beth Mordecai in Perth Amboy. I didn't know what to expect, given that this was one of my first experiences as a rabbi after graduating seminary and given that it was one of my first interactions with the police other than a run-of-the-mill traffic stop. While it was one of my goals to become an invested and enthusiastic civic participant in Perth Amboy, I could not have expected the warm welcome given to me by Chief Ruiz into the community of faith leaders who make up the Chaplain Corps of the Police Department. It didn't seem to matter to Chief Ruiz what final grades I received in Seminary, or how well I could translate Hebrew. All that seemed to matter to him was that I had a "rabbinat" (the Jewish term for "ministry") in Perth Amboy, that it was in the best interest of the Police Department to convene as many ministers and rabbis as possible who serve the needs of the greater Perth Amboy community, and as such he wanted me to become a part of the corps. I wonder though if he realizes that through this invitation he made me feel, as a new rabbi and as a new resident, that Perth Amboy could be my home.

That feeling that Perth Amboy could be my home has only

strengthened and so approximately a year and a half since that first meeting (and after a thorough screening process to follow up on the Chief's invitation) I find myself as a deputy commander, tasked to help identify the purpose and mission of our corps. What I've come to realize is that the invitation extended to me, as well as to many other faith leaders in town, by Chief Ruiz helped establish an amazingly unique Chaplain Corps. No other police department has a corps as broad as ours or as representative as ours is of the diverse faith traditions in our local area. Over the past couple of months, leaders of the corps, as well as rank-and-file members, have come together in one-on-one and group conversations to discuss our mission and how to take advantage of our unique, broad collection of faith leaders. While we are still in this process of discernment, two parallel and equally important missions seem to be developing.

The first is the creation of a robust staff chaplaincy program that would serve the spiritual and pastoral needs of the officers within the Police Department. Whether it's helping distraught family members at scenes of fatal accidents, or providing moral support to officers and their families through the ups-and-downs of careers in law enforcement, what gives us legitimacy as a Police Chaplain Corps is by serving the needs of the Police Department. As the International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC) states as its first core value, "we respect and honor the badge and the men and women who have earned the right to wear it" (www.icpc4cops.org/about-

us). Thanks to the efforts of a few of our leaders, we are on our way to fulfilling this mission on behalf of the men and women in blue.

Not all chaplains in the corps though are called to serve the specific ministry of attending to the needs of our officers in the Police Department. In fact, given Chief Ruiz's openness to welcoming all faith leaders into the corps from the outset, it seems clear that one of the goals of the corps is to move beyond the walls of Police Headquarters in order to convene the larger faith community together. As such, our second mission is to be a conduit for serving the needs of the community. As we discussed in one of our larger meetings, some of our collective concerns include reaching out to the spiritual needs of the larger Perth Amboy community beyond the walls of our respective houses of worship, working on programs that will help strengthen the bonds that will unify our city, identifying key areas of need to mobilize our efforts within the community, and building a healthier relationship between the residents of our city and the Police Department.

It is this last point, that we as a corps - through our programs, our outreach efforts, and our communication - can help the Police Department and the larger community be more in tune with one another, that links together our dual missions, to serve the Police Department and to serve the community. What's more, this link seems to lie at the heart of the "community minded" policing methodology for which Chief Ruiz has advocated (see

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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.

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- Perth Amboy**
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 City Hall, High St.
 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
 City Hall, High St.
- THURS. Jun. 5 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
 City Hall, High St.
- South Amboy**
 WED. Jun. 4 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
 City Hall, N. Broadway
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Fire Department Memorial Service - Alpine Cemetery - 5/21/14

**Photos by Bill Schultz*

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday before Memorial Day, the Fire Department recognize the firefighters who have died in the past year. A wreath is laid on the Fireman's Memorial in Alpine Cemetery.



Perth Amboy Hall of Fame Induction of Roland Jenkins - PAHS Perth Amboy - 5/14/14

**Photos by Joe Bayona*



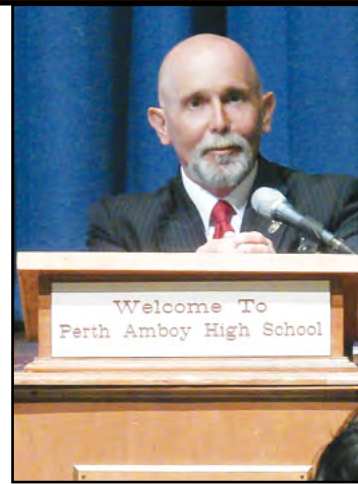
Perth Amboy High School ROTC present the colors



Anita Dowd welcomes the audience



Mayor Diaz makes the opening remarks



Ken Puccio recounts the days of knowing Roland through the years



Rev. Lester



Karen Boatens sings a tribute to her cousin Roland.



Former superintendent Jack Rodecker



Rozalia Czaban

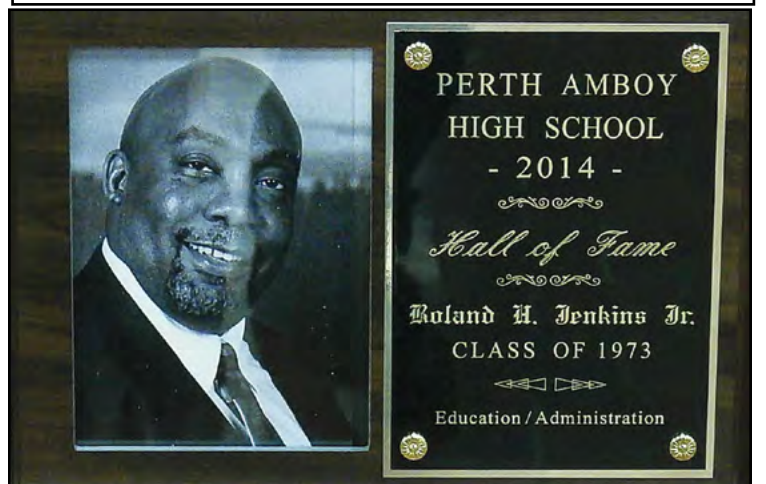


Roland's wife Cecelia with children Jaren and Roland Hayes III.

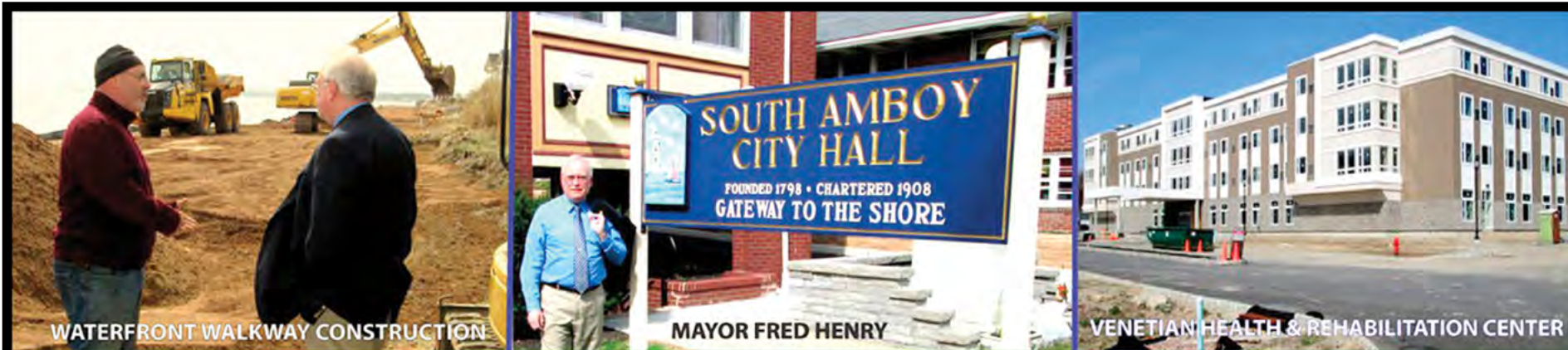
PERTH AMBOY - The late Roland Jenkins was posthumously inducted into the Perth Amboy Hall of Fame on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. He was a beloved member of the community and Principal of the Wilentz School at the time of his untimely death. Those attending included long time friend and colleague Antia Dowd, members of the community, the Wilentz School and other Perth Amboy Schools. Board Member and former classmate Ken Puccio gave a touching tribute to his late friend. A family member gave a heartfelt musical tribute to Roland.



Anita Dowd presents wife Cecelia with plaque



The Plaque to be hung in the PAHS hallway with the other honorees



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!!!**

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Preparing for the Greek Festival
**Photo by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - The ladies of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church prepare pastries for the Greek Festival May 30, 31 & June 1.

David's Touch Fundraiser

WOODBIDGE - The David's Touch Foundation will be hosting its second annual Billiards Tournament fundraiser at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge on June 12 at 9 a.m. Trophies will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all supporters. Spectators welcome. This event is being held in honor of 6-year old, Sasha - a little girl from Plainfield who is battling lymphoblastic leukemia. All of the proceeds will go to her and her family. Minimum Donation - \$10 - Checks only - No Cash. Along with over 50 players, both Mayor McCormac from Woodbridge Township and Mayor Diaz from The City of Perth Amboy will be participating.

Free Adult ESL Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Register now for The JRF ESL Program. This program will help individuals 18 years or older to speak English with more confidence & ease. Class Instruction, materials, and Individualized Tutoring will be provided. **FREE Adult ESL Classes.** Tuesdays- Basic Level from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays- Intermediate Level from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the JRF, 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy, (Proprietary House). Space is limited and will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. For more information please call: 732-638-5063.

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.

Saturday, June 7 12-8pm

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Ladies Auxiliary of #4699

SAYREVILLE - On May 27 2014 at 7PM at 575 Jernee Mills Road, Sayreville The Ladies Auxiliary of #4699 will hold their monthly meeting. There is be a Memorial Services for all our deceased member who passes this year. and also there will be installation of new officers for year 2014-2015. Everyone is invited of our auxiliary to attend our services. A light refreshment will be served. Any more info please call 732-264-3041.


Preparing for The Festa di San Antonio
**Photos Submitted*



Jerry Stampiglia & Connie Hudanish

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.



Eleanor Latka & Ben Salerno



Nancy Brown, Julie Possert & others

Mother Goose

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

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.

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George Otlowski Jr. Honored as Man of the Year by the United Poles of America - 5/17/14

**Photos by Joe Bayona & Alejandro Roman*



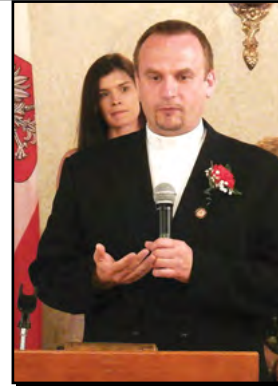
George Otlowski Jr. with the Pulaski Cadets



Rose Pedone sings the Star Spangled Banner



Magdalena Krajewska Sings the Polish National Anthem



Rev. Waldemar Latkowski delivers the invocation



President and Chairman John Klajn makes some opening remarks



Mayor Wilda Diaz presents proclamation to Mr. Otlowski



Master of Ceremonies Venus D. Majeski and Thomas Hudanish



Guest speaker Senator Joseph F. Vitale



Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski



Sheriff Mildred Scott addresses the audience



Former Mayor of South Amboy Jack O'Leary



Former Perth Amboy Council Member Armand Cannamela



President of United Poles in America, Tadeusz Brzozowski



Master of Ceremony Marta Suchcicka introduces singers Rose Pedone and Magdalena Krajewska



Assemblyman Craig Coughlin gives the keynote address



George Otlowski and Family



Z.P.A. Civic Award Presented to Mr. Otlowski by John Klajn and ZPA board members.



Honored guests with the guest of honor



Man of the Year George Otlowski Jr.

George Otlowski, Jr. Receives Man of the Year Award from Untied Poles in America

PERTH AMBOY – George Otlowski, Jr. was feted as Man of the Year by the United Poles in America. Those on the dais who spoke had one common thread in their speeches. When talking about Otlowski, Jr.'s accomplishments, the speakers mentioned how much the strong bond and influence of his father, the late Mayor George Otlowski, Sr. had on him.

In this case, the apple did not fall far from the tree. There were about fourteen speakers in all, including the honoree. Politicians and

those who worked and knew both father and son personally and politically spoke.

Those on the dais included Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, Perth Amboy City Council President Joel Pabon, Assemblymen Craig Coughlin and John Wisniewski, former South Amboy Mayor Jack O'Leary, Former Councilman Armand Cannamela, Sheriff Mildred Scott, (Businessman Tommy Hudanish, close friend Venus Majeski and Marta Suchcicka who served as Masters of Ceremonies), John Klajn from

the ZPA with his fellow Board Members along with local clergy.

Otlowski, Jr. was presented with the ZPA civic award by John Klajn and the ZPA Board Members.

Otlowski, Jr. was continuously lauded by the speakers who spoke of his willingness to help those with the greatest need without any fanfare but just out of the goodness of his heart.

Former Mayor Jack O'Leary remembered when George Otlowski, Jr. was the attorney for the South Amboy School Board and

he how he cared so much for the South Amboy school children.

Sheriff Mildred Scott reminisced the times that Mr. George Otlowski, Sr. would visit her father. She made it a point to always refer to him as "Mister" and never only his first name. That was the way she was brought up to respect her elders. She said to Otlowski, Jr. "My dad and your dad were great friends. They made sure that the integrity of Perth Amboy remained." She told George, Jr., "You're that quiet storm," and George,

Sr. was a mentor to a lot of upcoming politicians. "I know if your father was still here, he will be walking around greeting everyone by name. I know your dad and my dad would be very proud of you tonight."

Council President Joel Pabon told George, Jr., "You are true leader and you lead by example. You never say, 'I did this and I did that.' It's a blessing to have you here in Perth Amboy."

Keynote speaker Assemblyman Craig Coughlin said,

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Man of the Year Award

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"In 1983 I was appointed to the Board of Education in South Amboy. George became a supporter, a mentor and a friend." Coughlin drew a laugh when he said, "George was kind to me, but he was probably looking for a vote from me. But you are a true spirit of the City. George, Jr. is easy, laid back and has a penchant for being late. He takes a nap every day. He's helped an array of people and always is generous of his time. He gives a lot in other ways to charita-

ble and other religious organizations. George, you will not get rich from this. But you will go to heaven. As a public servant and an attorney, he has also served in the surrounding towns. He works hard for candidates who will make a difference. George, you have improved the lives of others. You had a love and devotion to your father and he would be so proud that you are following in his footsteps."

Mayor Diaz presented George, Jr. with a proclamation from the City and mentioned his dedication to

his father, "I want to thank you for what you do for the community. We're all here together. We treasure you and the love you show to the community. This is a great night for George."

When George Otlowski, Jr. came to the podium to speak, he remarked about the beautiful evening and the great attendance. "I want to thank my friends, family and the staff of United Poles of America from the bottom of my heart." He mentioned the renaming of the Mental Health Center on Lee Street, Perth Amboy

for his father to the George Otlowski Mental Health Center. "My father was a visionary. He started a junior college. He had a vision to have a mental health center in the City. If a student has a degree from Middlesex County College, they are automatically admitted to Rutgers University. My dad fought to have the County Offices in New Brunswick. I, myself listened to what other people visions are."

He mentioned the Little Sister's Religious Organization (somewhere). The Mother Superior came

to me with the vision for a nursing home (Strawberry Hill). A Pastor from Metuchen wanted to build a religious school. I told this Pastor about the obstacles he would face in doing this. That school was built and is one of the top schools in the State. I try to help my Polish Church as much as possible. My grandparents helped build that Church (St. Stephens). There is a group of young women who teach each weekend at the school to help students learn the language and culture of Poland. I'm thank God and I'm honored tonight."

Thadeusz Brzozowski, President of the United Poles of America thanked John Klajn and his committee for organizing this night. He told George Otlowski, Jr., "Besides being our attorney, you are a wonderful friend and you keep our culture, heritage, customs and traditions alive."

Tommy Hudanish was instrumental in getting the mental health center renamed for George Otlowski, Sr.

Venus Majeski said when she was 10 years old, "I met him for first time and fell in love with that man, with that beautiful head of white hair. Hew ran for Freeholder. I didn't know what that was, but I handed out flyers for him."

The national anthem of the United States was performed by Rose Pedone and Magdalena Karajewska sang the Polish national anthem towards the beginning of the program.

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.



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Pallone Congratulates Castro, Invites HUD Secretary Nominee to Tour Sandy Damage

News Release 5/23/14

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) released the following statement today congratulating San Antonio, TX Mayor Julian Castro on his nomination as the next Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Pallone, who represents some of the areas hardest hit by Superstorm Sandy, invited Mayor Castro to New Jersey to witness firsthand the devastation caused by the storm and the help still needed to rebuild:

"I am pleased to offer my heartfelt congratulations for Mayor Julian Castro on his nomination to be the next HUD Secretary. As mayor of San Antonio, Mayor Castro has shown that he understands the importance of addressing the needs of his community and his leadership and experience will be a great asset as he takes on the serious challenges facing HUD, chief among them Sandy recovery.

"As thousands of New Jerseyans continue to struggle to rebuild from the devastation brought by Superstorm Sandy, it is critical for our next HUD Secretary to have

a clear understanding of the help that is still needed. That's why I am extending an invitation to Mayor Castro to come to New Jersey to tour Sandy affected areas and witness the severity of the storm's destruction. It is my belief that after seeing firsthand how the storm battered the Shore and destroyed so many homes and communities, Mayor Castro will gain a better understanding of how much work remains to be done to restore normalcy and how many families are still displaced or trying to recover.

"New Jersey still needs all the help we can get to recover from Sandy, which is why it is so important to have a partner in our next HUD Secretary who will help us cut through the red tape that has entangled so many Sandy victims and prevented them from getting back into their homes and communities. We need to make sure that Sandy relief makes its way to Sandy victims and isn't used for other purposes. It's my hope that upon visiting New Jersey Mayor Castro will be eager to offer the assistance we need to make the kind of progress Sandy victims deserve."

Christie Administration Announces More Than \$17 Million In Clean Communities Grants For Municipalities And Counties Program Funds Litter Cleanups That Build Civic Pride

News Release 5/21/14

TRENTON -The Christie Administration today announced the award of more than \$17 million in Clean Communities grants to help municipalities and counties conduct litter cleanup efforts that help beautify New Jersey's communities and roadsides.

"This money is used for cleanup efforts that show the Christie Administration's commitment to protecting our natural resources, enhancing our quality of life and building pride in our cities and towns across the state," said Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Bob Martin.

The DEP is awarding a total of \$17.1 million, including \$15.2 million to 559 eligible municipalities. Seven municipalities are not eligible because they have fewer than 200 housing units. An additional \$1.9 million is being awarded to all 21 counties.

"Many of the largest grants are going to urban cities," said Jane Kozinski, Assistant Commissioner for Environmental Management. "These grants build civic pride and enable our cities, towns and counties to move ahead with programs

that remove litter from our neighborhoods and along our roads and highways, making our state a better place to live and work."

As established by law, the nonprofit New Jersey Clean Communities oversees the reporting requirements for the program. The grants are funded by a legislated user-fee on manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors that produce litter-generating products. Disbursements to municipalities are based on the number of housing units and miles of municipally owned roadways within each municipality.

"New Jersey Clean Communities is a grassroots, community-driven litter abatement program that depends on funding disbursed to towns and counties every year," said Sandy Huber, the group's executive director. "Money used for cleanup, enforcement and education related to litter abatement helps relieve strained municipal budgets, creates employment and promotes volunteerism. We are grateful for the funding and proud of three decades of success in sustaining a reduction in litter statewide."

Litter comes from pedes-

trians, motorists, overflowing household garbage, construction sites and uncovered trucks, and is often blown by the wind until it is trapped somewhere, as along a fence or in a ditch or gully. People tend to litter when an area is already littered, and when they do not feel a sense of ownership or community pride. In addition to being unsightly, litter unhealthy may create a negative public image.

Activities funded by the grants include cleanups of stormwater systems that can disperse trash into streams, rivers and bays; volunteer cleanups of public properties; adoption and enforcement of local anti-littering ordinances; beach cleanups; public information and education programs; and purchases of litter collection equipment, litter receptacles, recycling bins, anti-litter signs and supplies to remove graffiti.

For lists of municipal and county grant awards, visit: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/docs/ccg-muni-2014.pdf> and <http://www.nj.gov/dep/docs/ccg-county-2014.pdf> The City of South Amboy will receive \$13,246.59 from this fund.

South Amboy

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down I explained the process to them and I also called their parents to let them know I am registering them to vote and I am not soliciting votes."

Councilman Mickey Gross, who will run with O'Connell and fellow council incumbent Christine Noble in this year's election, recommended that Henry step aside from the process due to the fact that he was running for office this November. Henry fired right back to the councilman's request, asking if he was questioning his integrity before Council President Connors intervened.

"I think I did everything that was reasonably asked of me... the principal came to me," Henry added. "Especially now that the time has passed as far as anyone voting in this election...anybody I register now wouldn't make a difference for this primary."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato was not in attendance. The public budget hearing will be held June 5th at 5:30 p.m.

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a lot of money backing them or the party's endorsement. So, you never know.

As in any administration, you will always inherit the good with the bad from your predecessor.

The most important thing candidates can do is concentrate on moving the City forward. That is to bring in industries and businesses that will create jobs for your residents.

South Amboy is a small town of 1.548 square miles. When I walk in the downtown area (Broadway), I see two empty buildings. Both buildings have at least two levels.

Either one of those buildings could be converted into a clothing/shoe store. Other possibilities could be. Even thrift stores are big. I used to buy furniture made with real wood from these stores and still frequent them.

The residents may not agree with my opinion of what their downtown should be. Perhaps at the Council Meetings or at City Hall itself there should be a suggestion box. The residents should be able to put down what they need the town to be, especially the downtown district.

You have to remember this is coming from a person who is a non-driver (I rarely go to

the malls) and likes the convenience of buying basic clothing needs.

The shopping in South Amboy is extremely limited. Although a lot of people complain about Perth Amboy's shopping district, you can find a clothing store or a thrift store to buy basic clothing items. I would strongly urge whoever is elected Mayor of South Amboy to look into the possibility of having a major franchise invest in the town. I know in the past there was talk about building a hotel on some of the vacant land.

Remember, (especially in a small town) for a business district to survive, you need people from other communities to purchase merchandise goods from your businesses. Remember the quote in the movie Field of Dreams: "If you build it, they will come!"

The ferry coming back into town is a good thing. Unfortunately there are a lot of hurdles that have to be cleared before it could be put back into operation. Everyone knows that it takes a long time.

So when you have something that can be done short term, for instance renovating existing buildings, you should take advantage of it.

Just a few thoughts. I would like to hear yours.

C.M.

Perth Amboy High School 1979, 1980 & 1981 Class Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The PAHS 1979, 1980 & 1981 Class Reunion will be held at Avenel VFW, 60 West Park Avenue, Avenel, NJ 07001 on Saturday, July 12, 2014

7 p.m. to midnight, Cost - \$60 per person; includes cocktail hour and buffet dinner

Music by Tony "Bojo" Negron!! Lodging: Holiday Inn Express, 874 U.S. 1, Avenel, (732) 726-1900 Class Contacts: Class of 79- Bernice Mary Gorman, Joan Marciniak Betancourt, Linda Soto, Becky Tirado, James Kaposztas, Ed Velez; Class of 80 - Marianne Gumaer-Campagna; Class of 81 - Michele Sandrik. For further details contact the reunion team with Facebook or Joan Betancourt at 732-409-2418 for tickets and reunion/hotel information.

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 Oretaga 732-904-6844 or Ivonne Pierantoni 732-874-4154. Refreshments and snacks will be served. Gift baskets will be raffled.

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Ribbon Cutting at the Barge Restaurant Patio 5/17/14

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



The Glass enclosure was installed by R&S Glass



Mayor Diaz, Barge Owner Alex Vosinas and Staff



Waiting for the Ribbon Cutting



The Mayor joins the Barge owners and those who helped rebuild the patio for the ribbon cutting



Seems like old times - Kurt Epps performing on the patio again



Enjoying the sun, view, food and atmosphere

PERTH AMBOY - The Barge owner Alex Vosinas has a smile on his face. The patio which was damaged during Superstorm Sandy has been rebuilt and is open to the public. It took three months of planning and labor due to the recent rough weather. Fazio & Sons Construction built the new porch able to withstand any future storm. "Everybody played their part," states Russell Fazio, owner of Fazio & Sons Construction. "It's what makes this town special."

Local performer, Kurt Epps who performed every Friday and Saturday weather permitting at the Barge patio for the past sixteen years is elated to be back. "You are a stranger at the Barge only once. Once you come to the patio, you become family."

Police Officer and longtime friend of Alex Vosinas, Harry Scheman offered moral support during the patio construction, "I'm blessed by great friends," Scheman states.

The patio was repaired with private funding.

Congratulations to Madison Lopez Nominated for National Youth Leadership Forum

Submitted by: Carmen Torres and Ricardo Lopez
PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy student, Madison Lopez has been nominated by her fourth grade teacher, Ms. Jennifer Poandl of Dr. Herbert Richardson Elementary School in Perth Amboy. This nomination has given Madison the opportunity to participate in The National Youth Leadership Forum(NYLF): Pathways to Discovery on Engineering, Medicine & CSI, an Envision program to be held at Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ.

Madison was recognized by her teacher as a student, who at her young age, demonstrates exceptional maturity, scholastic merit, and leadership potential. She will have the opportunity to explore a future career in: engineering, medicine, and detective work.

She will be joining other young students from around the region in intensive, engaging, hands-on workshops focused on decision- making, goal setting, team building, conflict resolution, and communication. This program will allow her to gain new insights into how leaders bring different types of people together. From team- building to goal- setting to problem solving, as well as discover her potential for success.

I am so honored and pleased that my daughter will be taking an important step toward being recognized as a young leader in her school and her community.

City Wide Yard Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - The City Wide Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All South Amboy Residents can participate at no cost just by flying blue and white balloons at their home to alert shoppers! No registration necessary! For more info email events@southamboynj.gov. Sponsored by the City of South Amboy.

Pierogi Sale

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.

Civil War Roundtable

WOODBIDGE - 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.

The Best of the Best *Photo Submitted



FORDS - The voting is in for NJ.com's "Best of the Best" in Middlesex County. The winner is our very own Our Lady of Peace School in Fords 2010 Alumni Michael Kelly. Michael was voted the best high school outfielder in Middlesex County. Michael is the son of Our Lady of Peace 5th grade teacher & OLP alumni Mrs. Patricia Kelly and her husband Mike Kelly. Congratulations!!

Vendors Wanted

SAYREVILLE - looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. 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, Sayreville-directly 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.

Congratulations to Joshua-Daniel Tochi Bishop-Mbachu



Press Release 5/23/14

On behalf of the Scouts, Leaders, and Committee of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), Central NJ Council No. 352, Troop 1246, located in Sayreville, New Jersey, it is our pleasure to announce that:

Joshua-Daniel Tochi Bishop-Mbachu
has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and will be recognized at a Court of Honor ceremony
on May 31st , 2014.

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Eagle Scout, Joshua Bishop-Mbachu is a senior at the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter High School, where he has received many academic honors which includes, but not limited to the Principals Leadership Award, Principal's List, and consistent Honor Roll. As a sophomore Joshua was inducted to AUL's chapter of the National Honor Society. Joshua has held many leadership positions in school. He was the first Student Body President during his freshman year. He has acted as an advisory to the Student Government officers, and has served as his Junior Class Vice President. Joshua now serves and leads his peers as Student Body President during his final year at AUL. Joshua has won numerous dance competitions, and has held the title of Amboy's Got Talent winner. Joshua has taken center stage in many of his local High School's theatre plays, and is the choreographer for the Perth Amboy High School Show Choir. He is actively involved in the community, particularly in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. He organized students from AUL, to help with Perth Amboy's Waterfront Clean-up. Additionally, he is a Brotherhood member of The Order of the Arrow, National Honor Society of Boy Scouts of America. He has earned 48 Merit Badges, including 3 out of the 4 Centennial Merit Badges, which were only allowed to be earned in 2010, during his journey to his Eagle Scout Ranking.

Joshua's Eagle Scout Leadership Project was to preserve the endangered plants of Cheesecake State Park, from deer predation. Joshua has a great interest in biology and biodiversity and when this project came across his eye, he took it on with pleasure. Joshua conducted a total of over 140 work hours, leading 20 adult and scout volunteers in erecting four welded wire enclosures, so that the plants enclosed: Spice Bush, Atlantic White Cedar, and the Winterberry Hollies, would have the opportunistic to grow healthy and fully without the hindrance of the overpopulation of deer at Cheesecake State Park. With the completion of his project, Cheesecake State Park did not incur any expenses but instead was enriched with the preservation of its biodiverse park.

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to help our communities, charter organizations, and Troop 1246 recognize the achievement and service of this young man, Eagle Scout Joshua Bishop-Mbachu.

Sincerely,
Zulma Soto
Committee Chair

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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@ymcaofmews.org or Lois Griffin at 732-316-8219. livestrong_southamboy@ymcaofmews.org

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<http://ci.perthamboy.nj.us/message-from-the-deputy-chief.html>). According to one research paper, "partnership is the watchword for community policing efforts. In virtually all discussion of this style of policing, it is asserted that the police must partner with the community and other public and private agencies that serve a local community and that have some impact on community quality-of-life issues" (https://www.ncjrs.gov/criminal_justice2000/vol_3/03g.pdf?q=understanding-community-policing,p.313). That desire for a meaningful partnership between the police and the faith leaders of the Perth Amboy community was evident from my first meeting with Chief Ruiz whose warm welcome made me feel that Perth Amboy – not "could be," but – is my home, no matter how long or how short I've lived here. So my hope is that as we continue to sharpen and clarify that kind of partnership with the police, in which the dual missions of the corps-- to serve the police and to serve

the community – complement and support one another, we will help strengthen our wonderful home of Perth Amboy together.

Rabbi Ari Saks

Rabbi Ari Saks is a Deputy Commander of the Chaplain Corps of the Perth Amboy Police Department and Rabbi of Congregation Beth Mordecai at 224 High Street. He lives with his wife, Rachel, and 6-month old son Jonah in Perth Amboy.

Tomorrow

Today is over so it is time to hit the hay and go right to sleep. Just doesn't work that way in my book. Most of us put the thinking cap on before we turn the page to the next day. We think about what we did or should have done today or what we did or should have done yesterday. We might even turn the pages back to weeks, months or years. We think and dream about the good old days until the Sandman comes and ends our day.

In his famous poem if Rudyard Kipling said, "If you can

dream and not make dreams your master," you learned something a little smarter from yesterday and the day before. Yes, my friends, the past is very important in our lives, but only a foolish person learns little or nothing from them. My Mother used to say, "There's no fool like an old fool."

At the other end of the road, live the future people. They are thinking about days, weeks, months or years ahead. They are playing the waiting game. You meet these tomorrow people every day. They say, "I'll do that tomorrow or I'll see you tomorrow. It is such an

innocent word but God never promised them or anyone else tomorrow.

I get my morning newspaper every day and go right to the obituary page. I see people much younger than me that have gone upstairs.

I have learned a lesson and I would like to pass it to all of my Friends out there, "Don't bank on tomorrow but if you can make it give God a thumbs up ad live for Today because Tomorrow may never come."

Thomas Francis Clark

Endorsement for O'Connell

I, Peter J. Kenny, Non-affiliated voter do hereby endorse John Fitzgerald O'Connell for Mayor of

South Amboy. John will do the right things, because he has the right stuff. He is a Top Gun Soldier, a very good Attorney and an excellent human being. He will not be controlled by political leaders, he will work honestly for

the people of South Amboy. Please give him your vote on June 3rd. It will be a wise investment of your tax dollars. He will get the job done right.

Sincerely,
Pete Kenny

South Amboy Needs Mayor Fred Henry

Middlesex county property values have increased by 22.5% since January 1, 2011 and not one city essential service was cut, in fact most were increased. And over 15 new businesses have recently come to town and that is spiking an excitement for South Amboy.

Mayor Henry came in and changed the fiscal direction of South Amboy without the help

of Jack O'Leary. Today he has a surplus of over \$500,000 (the first in over 10 years), reduced the operating budget by nearly \$700,000 and was awarded grants of over \$1,900,000 to fix the infrastructure of South Amboy. This is real fiscal responsibility and will help increase South Amboy's bond rating lowered by the O'Leary years.

Let's not go backwards reelect Mayor Henry. Fred Henry is very approachable and you can voice your opinion good or bad, he will listen and work on a smart so-

lution to the problem. Mayor Henry is keeping South Amboy in the right direction. Fred's record for integrity, honesty, and diplomacy is impeccable. As you can see Mayor Fred Henry plays fair.

Democrats and Independents alike let's rally around Mayor Fred Henry. He has a record that any mayor would be proud to have.

ON JUNE 3rd VOTE FOR MAYOR FRED HENRY, I AM.

Keith W. Utter

Endorsement for Fred Henry

Primary day of June 3rd is almost here! Mayor Fred Henry is running for re-election in South Amboy. Mayor Henry has a great record to run on. Present Democratic Party Chairman O'Leary should have been proud to support Mayor Henry with his re-election.

Over the last 3 years the accomplishments of Mayor

Henry are as follows: Mayor Henry lowered the operating budget nearly \$700,000.00.

In 2014 for the first time in 10 years South Amboy has a surplus of over \$500,000.

Mayor Henry received over \$1.8 million dollars in grant money to improve the infrastructure of South Amboy.

Mayor Henry is waiting for the final approval from the DOT on policies and procedures to start construction for the ferry to NYC.

Mayor Henry has through a vigorous new business campaign brought in so far 15 new businesses to South Amboy.

With a new vision for South Amboy the Henry business plan will attract many more new businesses to Broadway. We have 2 new major businesses already, Dunkin Donuts and Subway. Mayor Henry wants to revitalize Broadway into a booming shopping district with many stores in which

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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.

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to shop, along with fine eateries.

Mayor Henry has learned from Hurricane Sandy the need for more emergency services to be in place. Many improvements have been made under the leadership of Mayor Henry. Working with our police and emergency management departments, Mayor Henry had Nixle and reverse 911 installed. He has gone to Trenton and has attended many conferences on upgrading emergency services for our residents.

Some say he should have done more; give him another 4 years and he will. The record Mayor Henry has so far is excellent and unblemished. Mayor Henry does not look for pats on the back nor does he look for streets to be named after him. That honor Mayor Henry states is "That the honor should be reserved for fallen veterans," which Mayor Henry is naming the new roads by the YMCA for.

The fact is Chairman O'Leary is working hard to push Mayor Henry out and is spending a lot of money in the process.

Mayor Henry knows his opponent John O'Connell and he said "He is an outstanding asset to our military". When John was a member on our Re-development Agency he had to leave because he was called back to duty, and again when he was elected as Councilman, John had to step down to return to duty. What will happen if John is called back to duty if he is elected mayor? He will have to resign and heed to the call from his country. Ask yourself, who will be mayor then, ex-mayor present Democratic Chairman O'Leary? Let's not find out what will happen, this election is very important to all the residents of South Amboy.

ON JUNE 3RD VOTE FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF MAYOR FRED HENRY LINE B!

Beverly Samuelson

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 ball-park in Somerset. Contact Valerie @ 732-254-2808 to order tickets or for more information visit website www.league-line-up.com/sayaa

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

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- 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.
- MON. Jun. 2 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jun. 3 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Jun. 4 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Jun. 5 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

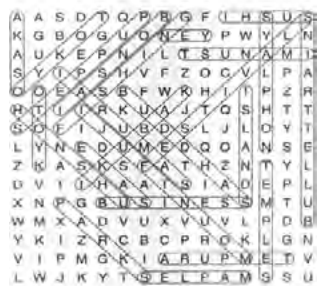
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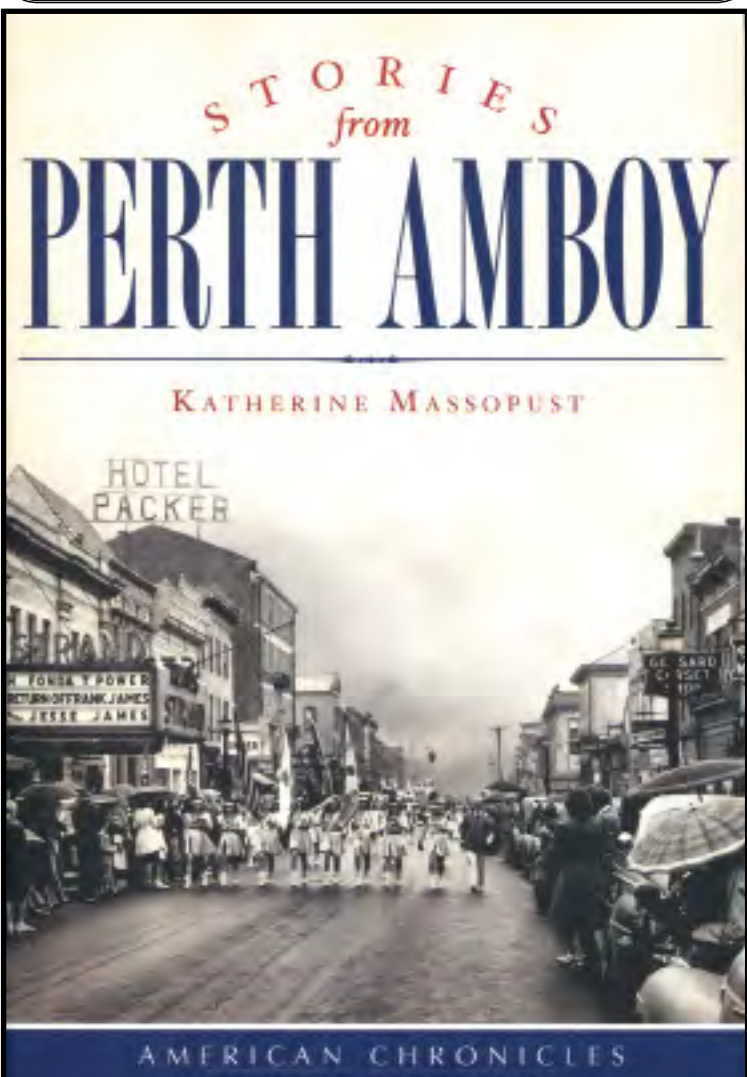
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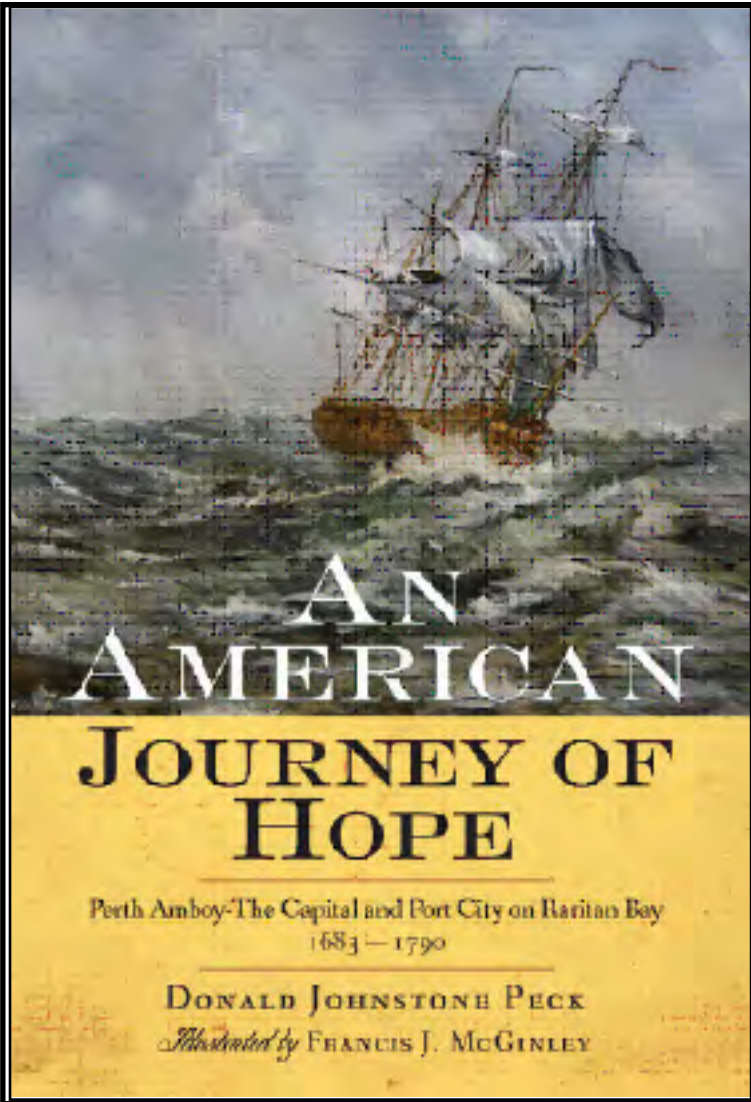
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