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Impact Perth Amboy Recap

Toxic Waste a Potential Problem for Perth Amboy

Submitted by Heather Taylor from The Citizen's Campaign PERTH AMBOY - Members of Impact Perth Amboy, a citizen leadership program facilitated by The Citizens Campaign, gathered at their monthly meeting to hear reports from the group's task forces.

The force leaders told of significant progress on developing doable solutions to help the city in the areas of education, the environment and the arts. But the main focus of the evening was on waterfront development and storm resiliency.

Shaneil Stokes of Lewis Street shared his draft on prospective redevelopment properties along the waterfront, including both the Raritan River and the Arthur Kill. He reviewed new state financial sources for incentivizing development. A related draft proposal for waterfront amendments to Perth Amboy's Master Plan and development regulations prepared by The Citizens Campaign's Law &

Policy Task Force was also provided.

Mr. Stokes report is designed to be a quick reference for potential developers to find each waterfront property's ownership, size, environmental clean-up status, city agencies which can facilitate redevelopment and other useful information.

Harry Pozycki, Perth Amboy resident and Chair of The Citizens Campaign, reviewed the proposal for storm resiliency amendments to the City Master Plan and to development regulations for waterfront properties. He suggested that the cities that have prepared for storm resiliency in their Master Plan and zoning requirements are likely to be first in line for storm resiliency infrastructure funds from the federal and state government.

Pozycki also explained that developers will be more inclined to invest in Perth Amboy's waterfront if they know that infrastructure is planned to prevent adverse storm iminterested in.

But, the bombshell of the evening came when guest speaker and former Columbia University research scientist, Andrew Voros informed the citizens of a serious and looming threat to Perth Amboy's economic development prospects posed by the imminent remediation of the former American Cyanamid Landfill in Carteret on the Rahway River could result in cyanide, petroleum and other toxins being discharged into the Arthur Kill and Raritan Bay.

The project known as "Rahway Arch," plans to seal 2 million tons of cyanide-contaminated sludge along the Rahway River with a 29 foot high pile of contaminated dirt, which the contractor disposes of for a profit.

Rahway Arch happens to also be in the heart of the area that was hit hard during Sandy, resulting in major flooding throughout the region. When the next major storm hits, it

pacts to the properties they are could easily open the floodgates for this contaminated sludge to seep into the same areas, and down the Arthur Kill into Raritan Bay, along Perth Amboy's waterfront.

Several New Jersey organizations already banded together to fight this deal. NY/ NJ Baykeeper and Delaware Riverkeeper have actions before federal or state courts regarding Soil Safe, the ironically named company seeking to do the project.

NY/NJ Baykeeper has filed an appeal of the permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection until a flood impact study has been completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Rahway River Storm Water Advisory Board has also expressed serious concerns that filling the 90 acre floodplain will increase upriver flooding.

Despite engineering reports warning of the potential collapse of the site during a storm, the project has moved to approval and can begin soon if



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nothing is done tizen'o stop it. Already New Jersey Congressman Donald Payne, Jr. and US Senator Charles Schumer of New York have called for a halt to the project until a more thorough study can be completed.

The citizens were shocked by this threat to their efforts to incentivize environmentally sound redevelopment of the city's waterfront and determined to bring the city government to full awareness of this apparently serious threat.

Controversy at Special BID Meeting

Bill List, Changing from Fiscal to Calendar Year and Temporary Budget Discussed

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - The Temporary Budget for 2014 was discussed at the 5/21/14 Special BID (Business Improvement District) Meeting. Board Member Sergio Diaz presented the budget list and was concerned about the cost of the attorney (who was not present at this meeting).

There were three issues on the agenda. One was a Bill List for \$73,017.00. The Bill List is a list of expenses for the past month of past or present expenses or incumbencies The second item was to move the BID from a fiscal calendar to a calendar year in order to match the City. The third item was the temporary budget which needed to be passed to allow for the temporary fiscal budget December.

The BID has also been considering separating itself from the City and going completely by itself as an independent en-

Board Member Virginia Lugo felt that the BID was voting without discussing the issues and cited the opinion letter of the lawyer.

Chair Barry Rosengarten stated, "The attorney presented his opinion. It is MY opinion that we don't need an attorney. (To vote on the agenda issues presented at this BID Meeting) The attorney cites law. The facts are law. Are you challenging law?"

Lugo said, "I thought the attorney would be here."

The Bill List passed with BID

to cover the BID from July to Members Yvonne Lopez and Virginia Lugo voting "No."

> BID Treasurer Sergio Diaz the addressed the temporary budget, "We need to be reimbursed for administrative services as of July 1, If we agree to go forward to separate with the administration."

C.P.A. Robert Botvilla spoke, "Roxana (Troche) asked me to come to change the BID from a calendar year to a fiscal year – now to convert back from the fiscal year to the calendar year. This way we will match the calendar year of the City. Presently, the budget of the BID can get confusing with taxes. That depends if the budget comes in monthly or quarterly. The BID doesn't need the City's permission to do this. You need to only vote on a six month budget for July to the end of December. You have to take the budget over to the City Council. It's required to have an audit. I've prepared forms and submitted it to the IRS, the services and given how the BID is run. It's open to the public. My firm has done audits for the past 3-4 years."

BID Member Israel Varela asked, "Do you do a forensic audit in order to clear the room that we are really using money correctly? Are we off the path?"

Botvilla answered, "A forensic accountant is much more expensive. We are not looking at efficiency."

BID Treasurer Sergio Diaz again spoke about the temporary budget for 2014. "These items are all approved, but

the first line on administrative services. How much should the amount be is in question, so the line item should be left open. \$44,500 for six months was there if we need to have someone to run it (BID)."

BID Member Virginia Lugo stated, "I went to the Budget meeting although I wasn't invited. I am a chair of the bylaws committee. The rules come and go and are made up as they go along. This budget - it stinks. How can everyone approve the budget? The documents are written with no cover sheets. At this point we need to find another person."

Lugo proceeded to hand out to everyone their appointment

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Sergio Diaz stated, "Stick to the budget."

Lugo continued, "We should terminate services we presently have. We failed to keep a membership list. We failed to submit annual reports. We are misguided as a Board. We prepared a resolution without the Board's approval. You made me sign a confidentiality agreement."

Chair Rosengarten answered Lugo, "What you signed was a receipt only. You signed no agreement."

Wilda Diaz said, "There's a lot of allegations."

Lugo said, "This is all hearsay."

Wilda Diaz said, "I don't know - when the attorney is here. In the event if we don't have someone as of July 1st. People are here, we should make use of their advice. July 1st is just around the corner."

Sergio Diaz said, "We agreed to the line items for the temporary budget. This line should be addressed."

With that Wilda Diaz recused herself, "I will not vote on this budget. I cannot. We do setup and clean up on BID activities. If we (the BID) does not reimburse the City we cannot provide services and not be compensated back. The BID is going to do everything. The City has a huge investment. We supply 99.9% of what happens in the City. It takes a lot of manpower. Who is going

to provide all those services? Moving forward, I hope the BID will have what it needs. This is a budget. What does the budget need to go forward?" Diaz then walked to the back of the audience section of the City Council Chambers.

BID Member Israel Varela stated, "The Mayor would be in conflict. Everything is simple. We know the expenditures. No additional funds. It's not rocket science. The BID is very small. The BID exists for the sole reason to help businesses. We are a supplemental thing. The City pays \$0 on PA-TV. All is paid by the Board of Education. We should be focusing funds toward the business zone. It's getting ugly. We're not being productive. We are supposed to promote the business owners. That is it. We should table it until we have a full Board. Anybody that is a City Employee is in conflict."

Troche stated, "The City Council should get the budget no later than June 11."

Annie Hindenlang offered her opinion, "Why not reduce the amount (for the director)?"

Reyes Ortega said, "How will we use this money?"

Roxana Troche said, "This is a working budget. The next is a resolution that everyone has to sign the budget."

After a discussion, Annie Hindenlang asked that administrative services be tabled and the budget approved with a reduction in the first line item from \$44,500 to \$34,500 allowing an extra \$10,000 to help business owners and thereby passing a more balanced budget."

The budget passed with all BID Members voting "Yes," except for Wilda Diaz who abstained.

When it came to change the BID's calendar from a fiscal year to a calendar year, the vote was a unanimous "Yes."

During the public portion resident Ricky Aviles said, "There are four people here that don't live in the City and sit on the board. You don't pay taxes. I don't have any problem with that. Some people don't pay taxes. It's taxation without representation. You are totally dysfunctional. When you, Mr. Diaz ran the meeting there was a little order. There is too much infighting – too much ego clashing. I think it's good that Ms. Lugo is asking questions. I'm partially glad it's not videotaped. It's an embarrassment. If I came from another town, I wouldn't open up a business here."

Former Council President Ken Balut spoke, "You just hired a lawyer. You don't have a lawyer here. That's Joe Vas speak – a continuation of Vas' policy. The Administration says 1/3 paid by BID starting with the signs. It's a sad part of what is going on here. We were the poster child of what doesn't work. Something is wrong with the picture."

Wilda Diaz came up and spoke at the podium, "I was listening to all the comments. These are the facts. I cannot be part of every activity. If you don't' want to be here anymore, you will have to pay for the new place. To run a business or a nonprofit there is a cost. If you decide to go on your own, you will have to find a location and there will be an additional cost. There is not one person here that does not care about the City. Not one of you had anything to do with the previous administration. Let's not forget the former Councilman (Balut) had a check signed by Joe Vas every week (as a paid police officer). We got to work together and move the BID forward. Operating the BID I have spoken to other town's BID's who work closely with the City. It's better we work together. Not one of you had anything to do with the Vas administration. I want that clear. I will talk to the attorney. People see good there is in this City."

The meeting which started at 6:00 p.m. ended at 8:34 p.m.





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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Meeting That Changed It All

Yes, Perth Amboy did have two meetings on the same day (May 28, 2014). The Caucus was at 4:30 p.m. and the Regular Council Meeting was at 7 p.m. This is normally not the case, but because of the holiday on the 26th, both meetings were held on the same day.

The residents who always come to the meetings were there. Those residents still voiced their concerns of what they viewed as inappropriate actions by the administration of some of the Council Members. Although those concerns are not to be taken lightly, there is a project that may be taking place in Rahway that will affect not only Perth Amboy Residents, but those towns where the Raritan River runs through.

Read carefully the story on the top of the front page. This meeting that I went to which knocked off the May 28, 2014 Caucus/Council Meeting stories was held at a local restaurant in Perth Amboy.

This meeting was held by the Citizen's Campaign which is headquartered in Metuchen, New Jersey. The Citizen's Campaign gives regular citizens the power to get results on the issues they care about thereby helping their community. There are classes and seminars offered to interested individuals.

The Citizen's Campaign has several projects and programs in place and some that are pending in Perth Amboy. There are several Perth Amboy residents who are part of the Citizen's Campaign. Their intention is to help Perth Amboy realize its full potential as a historic and cultural hub.

The Rahway Arch Project includes an area in Carteret that was already polluted by chemical waste and is still being cleaned up. This contaminated landfill may affect the Arthur Kill which is a vital part of Perth Amboy's Waterfront. If the Arthur Kill is opened up to additional containments, not only will it have a detrimental effect on our waterways, but it can also affect our environ-

ment.

Andrew Voros was one of the speakers who appeared at this meeting held on Thursday, 5/29/14. Voros is a research scientist who was formerly on the staff of Columbia University, New York.

When he spoke about the project known as *Rahway Arch*, you could hear a pin drop and almost see everyone's jaw drop in the room.

It was as if I was hearing something in a science fiction movie that unfortunately could become a reality.

In his presentation, Voros clearly showed how projects come into fruition and how politics can enter into the equation; sometimes in a good way and sometimes not. It is up to you after reading the article on the front page if you think it was worth holding off what was said at the Council Meetings for one week. There will be a meeting taking place before the City Council in Manhattan to discuss *The Rahway Arch Project*.

As you can see in the story, there are several people in different professions who are against this project.

When I look at those listed, it is quite impressive. The project itself initially may have looked feasible, but looking deeper, it appears that it may be more of a profit making venture - but not for the communities involved.

I and others that attended the meeting on 5/29/14 approached Voros after he made his presentation and suggested he speak before the Perth Amboy Council.

The Rahway Arch Project is too important to ignore. First and foremost, I am a resident of Perth Amboy and I not only do I want what is best for myself, but what is best for the town as a whole.

When it comes to a serious problem of possibly putting your constituents at risk, profits should not be at the top of your list.

As always, we welcome your point of view. *C.M.*

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Purple Heart Dinner

On April 14 I was privileged to be in the presence of greatness. By being in attendance at the New Jersey State Purple Heart dinner, I was in the midst of people who protected me and my country. How often are we able to express our gratitude to these men and women who were willing to lay down their lives for other? By forsaking their own safety, they offer themselves in place of we who cannot or in most cases, will not, do the same.

My attention was drawn to a small table located in a place of honor near the head table. It is a way of symbolizing the fact that many of our armed forces are missing from our midst. Today they are commonly called POW's or MIA's. We call them Patriots. They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them.

The table set for one is small. It symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner against his oppressors. The table cloth is white, symbolic not of surrender but of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. The single rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades who keep faith awaiting their return. The red ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breast of thousands who bear witness to this tragedy and with unyielding determination, demand proper accounting for our missing. The table is also a Seder of military

nature: a slice of lemon on the plate to remind us of our their bitter fate. There is salt upon the plate, symbolic of the family's tears as they wait. The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us tonight The chair is empty, they are not here.

The POW/MIA flag is the banner proclaiming our resolve. This was the time to recall the plight of our POW's and MIA's. They were comrades in arms. We depended on them for aid and support. Surely they would not have forsaken us.

With this past Memorial weekend, how many of us will took time to remember the great sacrifice so many of our men and women made for our safety. It is imperative that we not forget the past.

Barbara Skokan

They Offered Me A "FREE HOUSE" And I Said, "NO!"

This is a follow story to "Foreclosure Fraud and the Free House" that I wrote in January of 2013. Well with all the fraud that I uncovered they finally offered me my house for free, but I said "no"! These BIG BANKS that are in every city in America have stolen trillions of dollars from the middle class. They robbed the average persons pension funds and used that money to lend on mortgages. The Banks are required to put the name of the pension fund on the Note and the Mortgage so they money would get repaid, but instead they put the name of the Bank that took the loan application. The entity that actually lends the money is required by Federal Law-Truth in Lending Act to be the name that appears on the Mortgage and Note and be the actual true source of funds. This is also a requirement of the Uniform Commercial Code followed throughout the country. This is a uniform way of knowing who lent the money and whom you actual owe that money to and who to go to directly if there are any disputes or to obtain a payoff and satisfaction when the loan is paid in full. This is SO, IMPORTANT. Why you ask? Would you lend someone \$100,000 and put your friends

name on the IOU? What if the

person doesn't pay, you have no paperwork to prove in you lent the money. Well that's why middle class Americans are out of work and they can't pay their bills, buy food or pay their mortgages. The Banks took trillions of dollars in your pension funds and lent it in the housing market and never planned on paying YOU back because they put their names on the IOU (Note & Mortgages). IF WE, THE AVER-AGE PERSON DID THIS WE WOULD GO TO JAIL. WE NEED JUSTICE. With all the pension money gone companies needed to lay off millions of people in order to try to stay in business but millions of companies went bankrupt despite all the layoffs. This caused millions upon millions of more Americans to lose their jobs and the elderly to lose their fixed incomes due to reductions in pension benefits. It get worse, they now have total control over the housing market with their Big Bank name on every home Mortgage and Note in America. Remember and never forget that your middle class pension fund really owns these Mortgages and Notes due to the Truth in Lending Act. Because of these Banks every single pension fund and homeowner must fight to save their homes and bring lawsuits to gain back money that was stolen. Why does anyone still do business with these thieves? The Banks can't modify loans that they never lent the money on. The wire transfer receipt

does not show that the Bank was the true lender. This is the biggest heist and money crime recorded in the history of mankind. So, who in the name of God is sticking up for the average person? NO-BODY!! That is why I would not be bought out. I demand full litigation to prove the theft of trillions of dollars of our money, homes and pensions. This is your last chance America. DEMAND OUR JOBS, PENSIONS, AND HOMES BE RELEASED FROM THE DIRTY HANDS OF THE BIG NAMED BANKS. Foreclosures are fake, they Banks don't own the Note & Mortgage remember its your money they lent. THE BANKS LAW-YERS THAT SEND YOU COLLECTION LETTERS ARE VIOLATING THE FAIR **DEBT COLLECTION PRAC-**TICES ACT. How? Because their letter doesn't identify the true source of funds. The Big name Bank puts their name on it. Sue the Bank and the Foreclosure Lawyer for the Bank The true source of funds is your pension funds. Your pension fund invested in mortgage backed securities and never got anything in return to prove the pension funded the loans, so they are all BROKE except for the ones that filed suit to get back pennies on the dollar. The local TV stations in our towns and the local papers like the Amboy Guardian are the best way to speak up and be heard. Council meetings

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Perth Amboy

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THURS. Jun. 5 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. MON. Jun. 9 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.

e 10 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.; UEZ, 6 p.m. BID, 7 p.m.

WED. Jun. 11 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

All Meetings above are at City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Jun. 4 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Jun. 18 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Jun. 23 Board of Education, Business / Public, 6 p.m.

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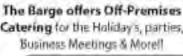
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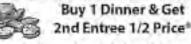
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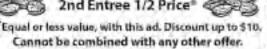
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Operation Huey Restoration

By: Joe Bayona

HOLMDEL - In 1991 the New Jersey legislature designated May 7th of each year as Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day.

This year the day was marked by a special dedication at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. The dedication of a "Huey" helicopter. The "Huey" is to Vietnam veterans what the Sherman Tank is to WWII veterans and the Hummer is to veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan.

The helicopter itself, a 1964 Bell UH-1D, Iroquois helicopter, serial #64-13732, had been laying in disrepair at Fort Dix for 20 years. Prior to that it had served two tours in Vietnam. First from Oct.1966 to Sept. 1967 with the 116thAssault Helicopter Company, ("The Hornets"), and from Nov. 1968 to Feb. 1970 with the 118th Assault Helicopter Company, ("The Thunderbirds"), even crashing twice.

In January 2013 the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation took possession of the aircraft. It was moved from Fort Dix to Monmouth Executive Airport in February of that year. Thus was the beginning of "Operation Huey Restoration".

The goal of "Operation Huey Restoration" was to restore the helicopter to its original condition. This was done with the help of donations from private donors. Materials for the building of the platform, where the Huey would be mounted. Expert labor to put all these materials together. Electronic expertise to design and implement the sound system that plays the authentic sound of a Huey starting its engines that activates when people viewing the exhibit get close to it. A woman even came in after work to donate her time to "cut the lines" to prepare the chopper for painting.

But the crux of the actual restoration of the historic bird fell to a group of 30 volunteers. These volunteers consisted mostly of Vietnam veterans, many of whom were Huey pilots and support crews.

The helicopter was in bad shape. Animals had been living in it and there were over a hundred wasp nests in it. It was even hit by a truck once.

The volunteers worked through the spring and summer putting in 8000 hours of work, sanding, painting and rewiring, to get it back to its original shape.

So this year, on its 50th birthday, the Huey finally came to rest in its permanent "LZ" in "Huey Plaza" in front of the Vietnam Era Museum and Ed-



Members of the 116th Assault Helicopter Company pose for picture in front of the Huey monument.





Restoration coordinator and former Huey pilot Ken Gurbisz

ucational Center in Holmdel.

The dedication ceremony was attended by dignitaries representing the branches of the armed services, both active and retired, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, and about 1000 veterans of the Vietnam War from all over the state and their families. Among the veterans that attended was keynote speaker Rocky Bleier. Rocky, former halfback for the Pittsburgh Steelers and holder of four Super Bowl rings, shared his story of being severely wounded in Vietnam and being evacuated in a Huey.

All of the speakers that were veterans of Vietnam shared the same thoughts. The cold and sometimes cruel receptions they got upon their return home. That is was time to heal and share their stories with family and friends.

One speaker, Al Server, au-



Joe Formola Chaplain, NJ State Council Vietnam Veterans of America conducts the invocation.



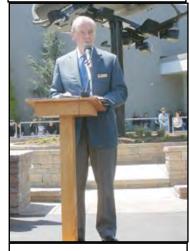


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Vietnam veteran and Trustee Roy Budd makes the welcoming remarks



Chairman of "Operation Huev Restoration" Maj Gen Clark



Brig. General Michael L. Cunniff presents Rocky Bleier with a new Army jacket



NJ Adjutant General Brig Gen Michael L Cunniff presents proclamation to Lieutenant Gov. Kim Guadagno



Huey from Joint Base Mc-Guire-Dix-Lakehurst makes a flyover



Vietnam veteran and founder of the NJ chapter of Rolling Thunder MC Artie Muller, (far right), with fellow veterans Butch Tolle,(center), and Lou Armoriello, (left).

thor of the book, "Xin Loi Viet Nam Thirty One Days of War, A Soldiers Memoir", and Vietnam veteran, recounted a story from his book about a soldier whose parents were so against the war that when their son was killed they refused to claim the body. And how, when the soldiers' grandmother claimed the body, the parents refused to go to the funeral.

This project helped some of these veterans, in many ways, to begin the healing process from a war that happened so many years ago.

Although the Huey is now in its new home the project is still not complete. The NJVVMF stills needs donations and help with Phase 2 of the project which is to create an interactive museum experience and field trip activities that will complement their displayed Huey including a custom sim-



Vietnam Vets Chapter 452 Central New Jersey

ulation experience based on the experiences of Vietnam Veterans.

People who want to visit the NJ Vietnam Memorial can do so anytime. It is open 365 days a year 24 hours a day. For more information you can visit their website at www.njvvmf.



Rocky Bleier *Photos by Joe Bayona & Carolyn Maxwell





Summer at the Hook/Jersey Shore

SANDY HOOK - Sandy Hook /Highlands History: Originally discovered by the famous Sea Captain Henry Hudson in the early 1600's, Sandy Hook remains a beautiful, 1,665-acre barrier peninsula within view of the Manhattan skyline. It is recommended that those who would like to spend some time in Sandy Hook stay in Highlands, which is located on the hill across the bay.

The Sandy Hook visitor center has been be relocated to the Sandy Hook Lighthouse Keeper's Residence. The park reopened to the public on Wed., May 1 for the first time since Hurricane Sandy. By May 1 most, but not all, areas of the park will be open again for visitors to enjoy, with all lifeguarded beaches available by Memorial Day. The park will continue to work on areas that are not yet safe for visitors. The National Park Service values your safety above all other concerns. For your safety, please respect the closure of park areas until they are deemed safe to reopen.

Beach Info - The 7 mile stretch of spectacular ocean and bay beaches are excellent for surf casting, swimming, and relaxing on the sand. Nature lovers will revel in the 300 - plus species of migratory birds, as well as the pristine holly forest. Be Warned! Parking lots fill up early on weekends in the summer, causing the gates to close. 2013 Season - Memorial Day through Labor Day -Although there is no entrance fee to Sandy Hook, there is a \$15 per car parking fee. A \$75 Seasonal Beach Pass is also available. Golden Access and Golden Age Passport holders receive a 50 % discount. Gateway National Park at Sandy Hook is a 'dog friendly' beach on the Inlet side of the Hook but your dogs must be leashed at all times. Please note that there are no amenities (i.e. life guards, rest rooms, food or beverages) available on the Inlet side (western shore) of the Park. Dogs are not allowed at any time on the eastern or Atlantic shore of the Park.

NY Beach Ferry - Spend a day relaxing on the beach, swimming, sun tanning, bird watching, fishing (check with local laws), or sightseeing in Sandy Hook and Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. Ferries will depart from Pier 11, www.newyorkbeachferry.com.

SeaStreak Ferry - SeaStreak America, Inc. is a leader in revitalizing fast high-speed catamaran services in the New York metropolitan area. Visit their website at http://www.seastreak.com.

Big Mohawk Party Boat - The Big Mohawk NJ Party Boat, located in the Jersey

Shore town of Belmar, Services also provided are Private Charters and Burials at Sea.
Sea Devil Party Boat - The Sea Devil NJ Party Boat, located in the Jersey Shore town of Point Pleasant Beach, offers New Jersey Blue Fishing and Offshore NJ Tuna Fishing trips. Other services also provided are Inland River Cruises

and Burials at Sea. Bike Trails - Rails-to-Trails Conservancy (RTC) is an organization dedicated to assisting local communities in the acquisition of abandoned railroad corridors and the conversion of these corridors into trails that are used for biking, walking and running. Most trails are limited to a 3% incline because this is the default characteristic of a railroad track. The gentle slope of a railroad trail is ideally suited for various forms of exercise: rollerblading, biking, jogging and leisurely strolls all occur on these different trails. Henry Hudson Trail - Jersey Shore Location: Aberdeen to Atlantic Highlands Activities: Walking, Horseback Riding, Biking, Cross Country Skiing, In-line Skating, Wheelchair Accessible Length: 9 mi.

Sandy Hook All Women Lifeguard Tournament. - The 30th NPS All-Women Lifeguard Tournament is set for Wednesday, July 30, 2014. It is presented by the U.S. National Park Service, which is one of the branches of the United States of America Department of the Interior. The tournament will take place at Sandy Hook, in New Jersey. The closest international airport is Newark International Airport, in the metro New York City area. The driving distance -- airport to tournament site -- is about 72 km. In the U.S.A., this tournament is the oldest and largest of its kind exclusively for women. It is an inter-club competition. There is no entry fee. It is open to any woman who is working as a lifeguard, whether on a volunteer or paid basis. The purpose of the tournament is to showcase the high level of fitness and skill that women bring to lifeguard work and, thereby, encourage others to consider becoming lifeguards. The tournament is an NPS workforce-diversity initiative. For more details, see the attached file and/or contact carl martinez@nps.gov.

Iron Girl - Sandy Hook Women's Triathlon. Sunday, September 7, 2014 Location: Gateway National Recreation Area. Women's Only Triathlon 1/3 mile swim/15 mile bike/3 mile run. Starts 7:00 a m

ONGOING EVENTS

Sandy Hook LighthouseTours are given daily from

9 a.m. p.m. to 5 p.m. Sandy Hook Lighthouse Tours are first-come, first-served. Visitors must be at least 48 inches tall to climb the tower. Groups need reservations in advance for a Lighthouse tour. Contact the park Visitor Center at 732-872-5970.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse Keepers Quarters - The Lighthouse Keepers Quarters has exhibits on New Jersey Lighthouses. Weekdays Apr. through Oct - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Weekends 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. History House - This 1898 lieutenant's residence along "Officers Row" is furnished to the 1940's. Open Weekends 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Step back in time to the 1940's at History House, where visitors can help make WWII recipes, cultivate the Victory Garden, and spend time with living historians learning about the era.

Battery Potter - Tour Sandy Hook's oldest gun battery. Opens on weekends in 2014 starting May through August from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visit the nation's oldest concrete gun emplacement, and decide for yourself whether it was a technological marvel or military mistake.

Battery Gunnison - May thru October - Weekends 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Visit and chat with living historians from the Army Ground Forces Association to find out why the 6" guns here were fired six times between the fall of 1943 and spring of 1944.

Fort Hancock Museum - The former post guardhouse contains exhibits on Fort Hancock. Currently closed for renovations. Did you know that Fort Hancock had an integrated unit in World War II? The 1225th Army Service Unit had African-American soldiers and in 1943 received a group from the Women's Army Corps.

Celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the historic Light-House - Planning is underway for a celebration on Saturday June 14, 2014 rain or shine. Details to be announced, join our mailing list to receive updates

End of Summer Party - Friday, Sept. 5, 2014.



Plays in The Park



Sunset Boulevard

Wednesday, Jun. 18 through Saturday, Jun. 28 No Sundays - 8:30 p.m.



SHREK

Wednesday, Jul. 9 through Saturday, Jul. 19 No Sundays - 8:30 p.m.



Bye-Bye Birdie

Wednesday, Jul. 30 through Saturday, Aug. 9 No Sundays - 8:30 p.m.



School House Rock

Our 22nd Annual Indoor Children's Musical Oct. 11,12,18, 19 & 25 at 1 & 4 p.m.

All Summer Performances Begin at 8:30 p.m.
No Performances on Sunday
Adults - \$7.00, Senior Citizens - \$5.00,
Children 12 and Under Free

Shows play every night of the week at 8:30, except for Sundays. Plays-in-the-Park is located 1 block south of the Menlo Park Mall off of Route 1, in Edison, N.J. The turn off is called Grandview Avenue. At the top of the short hill make your first right on to Pine Drive and the Park Rangers will guide you to a parking spot. Fax:732-548-1484 • Phone: 732-548-2884. Please bring a non-perishable food item to benefit less fortunate residents through M.C.C.F.O.O.D.S. This program is funded in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept of State.







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SUMMER STARS DAY CAMP

Ages 3-12

WHEN: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4pm Before & Aftercare Mon-Fri, 7:30am-8:30am & 4pm-6pm

WHERE: Preschool - Ignacio Cruz School E.C.C. 601 Cortland Street, Perth Amboy NJ School Age - Dr. H.N. Richardson School 318 Stockton Street, Perth Amboy NJ

FEES: Registration: \$30

Weekly Fee: \$130/member

\$150/non-member

Before Care: \$20 per week After Care: \$30 per week

B&A Care Combo: \$40 (\$10 Savings)

15% Sibling savings & financial assistance available, Sibling savings does not apply to before & aftercare.

Day Camp Contacts: Marivel Ramirez, 732.442.3632 ext. 6512 Maritza Rodriguez, 732.442.1081

Sessions:	Dates:	Member Fee:	Non Member Fee
Session 1*	June 30-July 3	\$104.00	\$120.00
Session 2	July 7-11	\$130.00	\$150,00
Session 3	July 14-18	\$130.00	\$150.00
Session 4	July 21-25	\$130.00	\$150.00
Session 5	July 28-August 1	\$130.00	\$150,00
Session 6	August 4-8	\$130,00	\$150,00
Session 7	August 11-15	\$130.00	\$150.00
Session 8	August 18-22	\$130,00	\$150.00



SPORTS & SPECIALTY DAY CAMP Ages 6-12

WHEN: Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4pm

WHERE: The Y

357 New Brunswick Avenue Perth Amboy NJ

Session 1* June 30-July 11 Session 2 July 14-July 25 Session 3 July 28-August 8

Sessions:

Camp: Swim or Basketball Martial Arts or Soccer Cooking or Baseball

*Camp is closed on July 4, 2014

Dates:

FEES: Registration Fee: \$30.00 2-Week Fee: \$299/member \$339/non-member

Also available weekly, half day and daily rates. Please call Louis Quinones, 732.442.3632 ext. 6522 for more information on Sports & Specialty Camps.



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Pre-teens ages 13

Teens ages 14-15

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NEW... Weekly Trips!



New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center Calendar of Events

HOLMDEL -

Saturday June 14, - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. What You Should Know about the VA Health Care System. The seminar will be held in conjunction with the Veterans' Administration Health Care Community Outreach Team. All Veterans and their families are encouraged to attend. Veterans seeking information on how to enroll in the VA health care system should bring a copy of their DD214 separation papers to the seminar. A 45-minute presentation regarding health care eligibility and benefits will be followed by a Q&A session with VA staff. Information about non-health related benefits including home loans, life insurance, filing disability claim and death and burial benefits will be covered. The VA mobile health unit will be on sire for brief health care assessments and patient education. This program is free to the public as a service provided by the Outreach Team.

Saturday, July 5 - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. FREE tours of the Memorial with our Vietnam Veteran tour guides. Tours start in the Museum lobby.

Monday, July 14 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.- 19th Annual Golf Outing, Eagle Oaks County Club, Farmingdale, NJ

Saturday, August 2, 2014 - 11 a.m. -1 p.m. FREE tours of the Memorial with our Vietnam Veteran tour guides. Tours start in the Museum lobby.

Saturday, September 6 - 11 a.m. -1 p.m. FREE tours of the Memorial with our Vietnam Veteran tour guides. Tours start in the Museum lobby.

Saturday, September 14 - 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. New Jersey Auto Retailers Run for the Warriors

Friday, September 19 - 11 a.m. - 12 noon POW/MIA & Gold Star Mother Ceremony

Sunday September 21 - 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Ride for Freedom

Saturday, September 27 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 3rd Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. Presented by the Vietnam Veterans of America New Jersey State Council. A fun-filled day featuring DJ entertainment, vendors, food and vehicle displays at the PNC Bank Arts Center Parking Lot, Exit 116 off the Garden State Parkway. (Rain or Shine) All registration fees go directly to support the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and the Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center. \$20 donation to register vehicle, \$5 donation per spectator, Children under 12 are free. Please note we have no ATM on site, bring cash with you for the event. For additional information call Herb at 732-849-5737

Sunday, September 28 - 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. - NJ Run for the Fallen. One Mile – One Flag – One Hero, September 27-29, 2013. In an apolitical reflection of remembrance a team of active duty military personnel from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and other bases across the country will come together to embark on a 186 mile run that honors every NJ service member killed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn and all Wars and Conflicts. Each mile is dedicated to a NJ Hero and their family. The run team will stop at each Hero Marker presenting a flag and personalized biography to waiting loved ones and comrades. A 186 mile memorial trail will be created across NJ. "NJ Run for the Fallen" will kick off Friday, September 26th at 8:00 am from the Cape May Lighthouse. The Run will end at the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial (exit 116 off the Garden State Parkway) on National Gold Star Family Day, Sunday, September 28th.

Saturday, October 4 - 11 a.m. -1 p.m. FREE tours of the Memorial with our Vietnam Veteran tour guides. Tours start in the Museum lobby.





Mayor's Fluke Tournament

WOODBRIDGE -The Mayor John E. McCormac Fluke Tournament will be on Saturday, June 14 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sewaren Boat Launch. \$125 per boat. Mandatory captains meeting at the Woodbridge Elks, 665 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge on Friday, June 13 at 7 p.m. For more info call the Rec. Dept. at 732-596-4048. The proceeds will go to seven year old Megan Knight Manheimer who is diagnosed with an optic glioma, an inoperable brain tumor and a seizure disorder.

The 37th Annual Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk

SOUTH AMBOY - "The Run Through the Streets of South Amboy Hills & Flats" The event will be timed and there will be 2 water stations. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and all day swimming and tennis. The run will be held on Saturday, June 28. Rain or Shine! \$20 Advanced Registration, \$25 at the Gates. Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club is located on Ferris St. off of South Pine Ave. in South Amboy, NJ. For more info call 732-727-9094 or go to www. froghollowswim.com.

7:30 a.m. - Registration Begins 8:30 a.m. - Fun Run Starts 9:00 a.m. - 5K Run Starts

9:15 a.m. - Health Walk Starts

10:00 a.m. - Awards

11:00 a.m. - Picnic Begins
All proceeds will be given
to the South Amboy First Aid
Squad and South Amboy Fire
Department evenly.

Sandy Hook Beach Concerts

Wednesday Nights 6:00 P.M.

Beach E **2013**



June 18 After The Reign (Country)

June 25 The Carl Gentry Band (Classic Rock)
July 2 British Invasion Tribute (Beatles Tribute)
July 9 Brian Kirk & The Jirks (Party Rock)

July 16 Tim McLoone & the Shirleys (Americana) July 23 Rip Tide/ The Haven (Rock & Roll

Rip Tide/ The Haven (Rock & Roll (note: 5:30 start for the cover band Harpers Fellow)

July 30 Motor City Review (Motown)

August 6 Pat Guadagno & Candle Brothers (Rock) August 13 JoBonnano & Godsons of Soul (Rock & R B)

August 20 Rain Date

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In case of rain, decision to cancel made after 2 p.m. on day of concert **Call 732-291-7733 for recording**



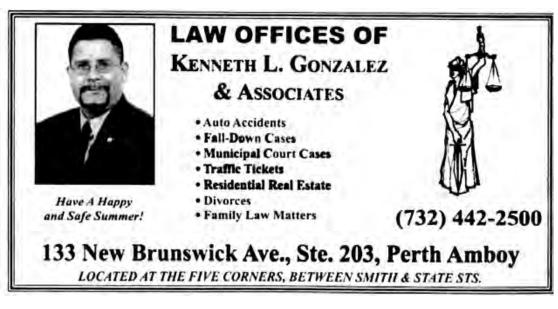
Poet's Wednesdays

WOODBRIDGE - Barron Art's Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge at 8 p.m. -10 p.m., Workshop 7 p.m. - 732-634-0413. Free Admission.

June 11 - Robert Hambling Davis July 9 - Gregg G. Brown & Carrie Pedersen Hudak August 13 - Joe Weil & Emily Vogel

For more info, contact Poetry Director Deborah C. LaVeglia at 908-272-3141 or Email: poetred@aol.com www.poetswednesday.cib.net







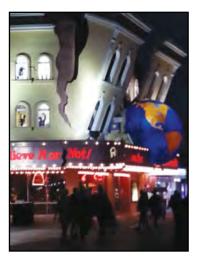


























South Amboy Summer Concerts

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
All Concerts are FREE
Call 732-745-3936 for more info
Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, O'Leary Boulevard
South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front
*Concerts will take place rain or shine (see below)

JULY

- 2 Sandy Sasso's Swingin' Big Band past singer with the Dorsey, Goodman and Riddle Big Bands
- 9 Walt Wagner & The Serenaders
- 16 Irish Night featuring The Perry Brothers Irish Band
- 23 The Robert Murdock Band (A Classic Rock Tribute to the 60's 70's & 80's)
- 30 Bernie Goydish's Jersey Polka Stars Polka and Variety Music

AUGUST

- $6-Danny\ V$'s $52nd\ Street\ Band-A$ tribute to Billy Joel
- 13 Rave On Band The Hits of Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly
- 20 Zydeco-A-Go-Go New Orleans style Rhythm & Blues, plus 40's Jump, Jazz & Swing
- 27 The Tim Gillis Band (The Greatest in Country Music)

*In the case of inclement weather, you will be directed to the South Amboy Middle/High School Auditorium by Park Rangers. Shuttle bus service will be available every week courtesy of Middlesex County Area Transit.

Celebrate The Amboy's Concert & Fireworks

SOUTH AMBOY - Thursday, July 3rd, 2014 at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park John T. O'Leary Blvd. Free Concert starting at 6 p.m. featuring: "High Street Band," "The Dayton Five," "Brian O'Connor's All Star Band," 9:20 PM FIRE-WORKS DISPLAY. Bring Your Lawn Chair And Spend An Evening Under The Stars On The Beautiful Raritan Bay!! Free Shuttle Service To The Park Will Be Available From The Nj Transit Parking Lot And The Community School Lot On O'leary Blvd. Food Vendors Will Be Available As Will Children's Rides! Look For Our Stiltwalker!! For Additional Information Please Contact events@southamboynj.gov NO-TICE FROM THE SOUTH AMBOY POLICE DEPART-MENT - ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED. State Law prohibits the use of personal fireworks. This law will be STRICTLY ENFORCED. Pets are STRONGLY DISCOURAGED from being present during the fireworks performance. This is for both their safety and the safety of the general public.

Email The Amboy Guardian Amboy Guardian agmail.com

Sayreville Community Events

Community Flea Market - June 7th - Residents & Non-Residents Invited Location: Borough Hall Fields Time: 8 a.m. -1 p.m.

Independence Day Celebration - June 28th at 4 p.m. Kennedy Park. Live Entertainment, Children's Games, International Food Court, Children's Rides and culminating the days events a speculator Fireworks Display Starts approximately 9:30 p.m. Rain date: June 29th

Blast from the Past Classic Car Show & Concert - Sept. 13th 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Food court, Classic Cars & Motorcycles to view, awards given in many categories. Call the Rec center to enter @ 732-390-7092/7096. Admission is free!

Sayreville Day - September 14th - Kennedy Park 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sun, Contact Patti Burch, Community participation. Children's games, rides, foods from around the world, entertainment, craft vendors, and much, much, more.

Woofstock - Responsible Dog Ownership Day - Date: Sept. 27th Location: Kennedy Park 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For more info call 732-390-7092 or 732-390-7096





Summer Concerts at PNC Bank Arts Center Exit 116, Garden State Pkwy, Holmdel, NJ 07733

732-203-2500

Tues., June 10 - 7 p.m. - Dave Matthews Band

Wed., June 11 - 6:45 p.m. - Journey & Steve Miller Band

Sun., June 22 - 7 p.m. - Sheryl Crow, Rascal Flatts & Gloriana

Thurs., June 26 - 7 p.m. - Peter Frampton & The Doobie Brothers

Fri., June 27 - 7:30 p.m. - Lionel Richie & CeeLo Green

Sat., June 28 - 7 p.m. - Monumentour: Fall Out Boy & Paramore

Sun., June 29 - 7 p.m. - Boston - The Band

Sun., July 6 - 11 a.m. - Vans Warped Tour

Thurs., July 10 - 7 p.m. - Zac Brown Band

Fri., July 11 - 7 p.m. - Zac Brown Band

Sat., July 12 - 7 p.m. - O.A.R & Phillip Phillips

Thurs., July 17 - 8 p.m. - James Taylor

Fri., July 25 - 7 p.m. - Toby Keith

Sat., July 26 - 7 p.m. - Kiss & Def Leppard

Sat., August 2 - 7 p.m. - Nine Inch Nails & Sound Garden

Sun., August 3 - 6 p.m. - Under the Influence of Music Tour: Wiz Khalifa & Tyga

Mon., August 4 - 7:30 p.m. - John Fogerty & Jackson Browne

Sun., August 10 - TBA - OneRepublic

Tues., August 12 - 6:45 p.m. - The Goo Goo Dolls, Daughtry & Plain White T's

Fri., August 15 - 7 p.m. - Keith Urban, Jerrod Niemann & Brett Eldridge

Sat., August 16 - 7:30 p.m. - Chicago & REO Speedwagon

Mon., August 18 - 7 p.m. - Carnivores Tour: Linkin Park, 30 Seconds To Mars & AFI

Fri. August 22 - 7 p.m. - Brad Paisley, Randy Houser, Leah Turner, & Charlie Worsham

Thurs., August 28 - 7 p.m. - King of Leon, Young the Giant & Kongos Fri., August 30- 7 p.m. - Motley Crue & Alice Cooper

Woodbridge Fireworks

SEWAREN - Alvin Williams Park, Cliff Road, Sewaren. Thursday, July 3rd. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. Musical Entertainment, Vendors, Food for sale. Fireworks begin at nightfall.

Car Show

WOODBRIDGE - Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show starting on Tuesdays from May 13 to Sept. 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Weather Permitting at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot) 50/50s & Trophy's Awarded. For More Info Call 732-585-7365

LET'S ROCK!

Tribute Bands Come To Woodbridge 2014
ROCKIN TUESDAYS

at Woodbridge High School, 25 Samuel Lupo Pl, Woodbridge

SHOW TIME at 7:30 p.m. FREE ADMISSION*

*With a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks"

July 8 - CSN Songs - A Crosby Stills, Nash & Young

July 15 - Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles

July 22 - Bell Bottom Blues - Clapton Tribute

July 29 - The BSTREETBAND - Bruce Springsteen Tribute

August 5 - Introduction "The Chicago Experience"

August 12 - The Gutrie Brothers - Simon & Garfunkel Tribute

August 19 - Beatles Faux Sale

August 25 - TUSK

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Outdoor Flea Market

WOODBRIDGE - The Barron Arts Center Annual Outdoor Flea Market will be on Saturday 12 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Rain or Shine! Benefits the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission & future programming at the Barron Arts Center. For Vendor info call 732-634-0413.

City Wide Yard Sale

Correction

SOUTH AMBOY - The City Wide Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, June 21 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.

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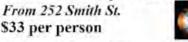
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Festa di San Antonio

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 goodshepherdpani.org.

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

Xbox Galaxy

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

Dominican **Festival**

PERTH AMBOY - The United Dominicans of Perth Amboy will be having a Dominican Festival on Friday, August 15 from 5 p.m. to 10 a.m.; Saturday, August 16 from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, August 17 from 12 noon to 9 p.m. Parking available in the Municipal Parking Lot (Next to Wilentz School Field).

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.

Saturday, June 7 12-8pm Festa di San Antonio Good Shepherd Parish @ Most Holy Rosary Church 625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn, NJ Msgr. Gambino Hall - Elevator Service Available 732-826-4859 goodshepherdpanj.org Italian Food & Desserts (Eat In/Take Out) Benvenuti . Raffles . Games & Activities for Kids Magic by GianCarlo 6p.m. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the parish food pantry FREE DRAWING Bring This Coupon for a chance to win a gift certificate for dinner, Drawing at 7:30p Name Address Phone # Festa di San Antonio



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Chapter 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday June 16, at 12 noon at The Rosewood, 2863 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, for a luncheon and installation of officers for the coming year. "The Elderly Brothers" will provide entertainment. will be collecting food for the Middlesex Food Bank and eye glasses at the luncheon. Visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org for additional information.

Edison AARP 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.

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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

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!! Lodg-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.

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.

David's Touch **Fundraiser**

WOODBRIDGE - 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 t 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.

Atlantic City

Bus TripPERTH 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.

Play TripSOUTH 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.

The Community Voice

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are a great way to get this message to others who are still not aware. Cities would not have budget problems if their pension funds weren't robbed like everyone else. This is why are taxes are through the roof. I haven't stopped for one second in (7) years from fighting the Big Banks. Everyone needs to write a letter of disgust on how the government is destroying our America by robbing every single American. FORECLOSURES ARE FAKED WITH FRAUDLENT DOCUMENTS. They banks their lawyers and even the courts will lie right to your face and deny the fraud. You must prove it or you lose everything. I will say it again, if YOU don't prove the fraud you lose everything. This is crazy and it has to stop. Do your homework and fight to prove

they are not entitled to your home. Go on "Google" and send the liar Bank a "Qualified Written Request" immediately but seek legal counsel first and never take no or you can't for an answer. I won the fight, but for now I'm standing on my principles to help you all prove your case. For now stop fighting to clean up the streets and call on all public officials to demand justice to CLEAN UP THE BANKS. We want our jobs, pension and homes secure from Big Bank corruption. We want are equity back and our homes free from evil BANKS. This is so big that everyone needs to get on board. WE WERE ALL ROBBED!!!!!! THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SHY. ASK A THOUSAND QUESTIONS AND DEMAND A THOU-SAND ANSWERS.

Susan Batista



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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.

Answers

K.M. & C.M.

Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-72 1-6060.

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.

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, 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.

Vendors Wanted for Artisan Craft Show

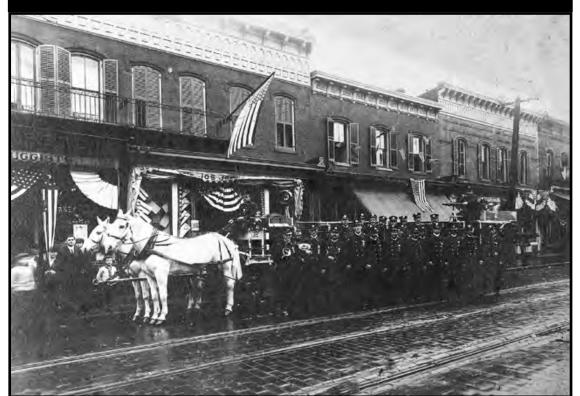
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy YMCA is looking for vendors to participate in an artisan craft show on Saturday June 14th from 10am-3pm. Local artisans will be selling their unique and hand-crafted creations – including jewelry, knit wear, quilts, beads, chocolates and much more! Table registrations will 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@

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY – Liberty Hook & Ladder Company #2. Note the Tiller on the Right. It had 2 steering wheels. The 3rd man on the right (with the horn) is my Great-Great Uncle William Massopust. The photo was taken on State Street. Note the Trolley Tracks. - Katherine Massopust

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

THURS. Jun. 5

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.

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

MON. Jun. 9 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Jun. 10 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

Church Hall, Brace Ave. Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. Jun. 11 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.

Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

THURS. Jun. 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave. Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

South Amboy

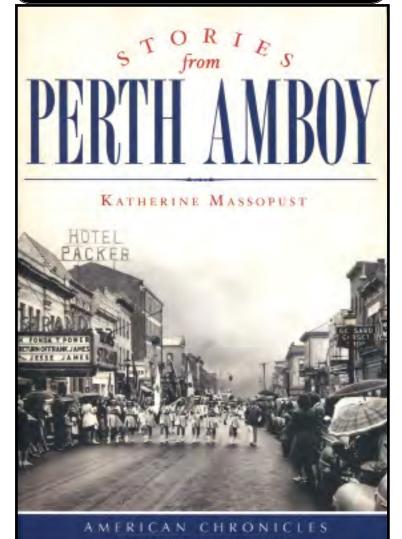
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MON. Jun. 9 St. Mary's Seniors, noon,

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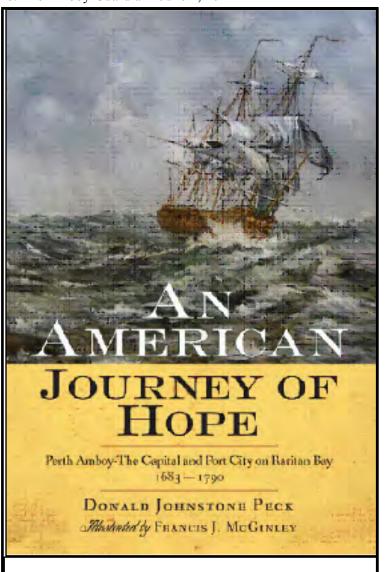
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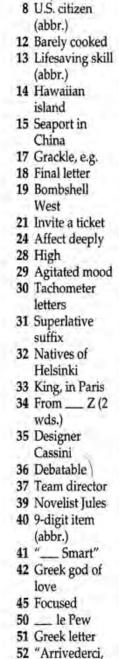
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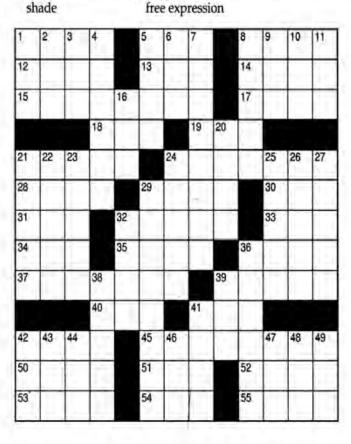


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WOODBRIDGE - Good location, close to train station, shopping center, downtown and schools. \$180,000



PERTH AMBOY - Great Corner location inside a busy salon, the retail space could be used for any business agreed upon with tenant and Salon owner, Metro PCS was a prior tenant, Could be used as for a Barber Shop, has 5 stations already in place that could be used. MoRnt:



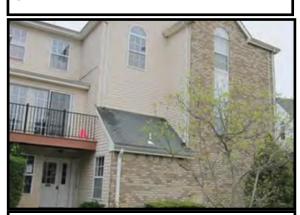
PERTH AMBOY - Nice 3 bedroom house, new kitchen and bath, big back yard. Buyer responsible for C/O inspection. \$150,000



PERTH AMBOY - Great investment property, all sepa rated utilities FULLY RENTED 3 apartments with 1 bed room and 3 apartments with 2 bedrooms. close to every thing. \$429,000



PERTH AMBOY - Nice 1/2 duplex in great neighbor hood. Nice size rooms, open floor plan on main level hardwood floors, finished basement with family room. HOME IS BEING SOLD IN AS CONDITION. \$129,900



NORTH BRUNSWICK - Great potential, This property is subject to auction terms that require all new offers and counteroffers to be submitted through Do not miss this unique opportunity. being sold in "as is" condition buyer is resp. for Termite Cert, C/O and all repairs. \$182,800



SOUTH AMBOY - LOOKING FOR CLEAN MOVE IN CONDITION HOUSE, DO NOT LOOK FURTHER COME TO SEE THIS ONE. DEAD END FOR QUIET AREA. CLOSE TO TRANSPORTATION. PROPERTY SOLD "AS IS". BUYER RESPONSIBLE FOR SMOKE CERT. AND C/O SECOND FLOOR HAS EXTRA ROOM THAT COULD BE USED FOR OFFICE, BED-ROOM, PLAYROOM, ETC. \$174,900



PERTH AMBOY - Great starter. Home move in condition, excellent high school location 3 bedrooms, laundry facility a must see, off street parking. don't miss this unique opportunity. NOT A SHORT SALE!!!!!!!



EDISON - Ready to move in, very Good location & close to schools, transportation and shopping malls. \$150,000