



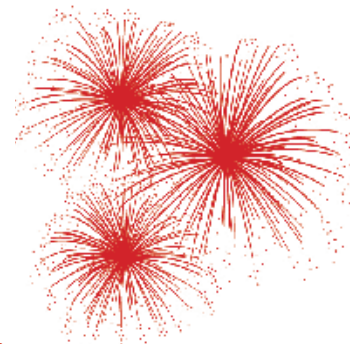
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Leaning On Each Other



Some Members of the Class of 2014 - 2017 pose for a group photo with former students and some teachers and counselors after speaking at the Perth Amboy Board of Education 6/19/14 Meeting
**Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

PERTH AMBOY - The 6/19/14 Board of Education started off on a very emotional note that continued throughout the evening. During the discussion on agenda items, Nilda Rivera who is the mother of Stephanie Rodriguez spoke. She thanked those who supported her daughter during her difficult two years at PAHS. This included her husband, the community and some of the Board Members. She was also concerned about the online programs which she felt were not put up on the internet in a timely manner.

"Stephanie is leaving PAHS, but there are still students who may still face the same challenges as my daughter."

Linda Cruz, a retired Perth Amboy School employee was concerned by the PSI (Progressive Science Initiative) and the PMI (Progressive Math Initiative) programs. The programs she spoke about are designed to help students achieve success in Physics, Chemistry and Biology, Algebra and A.P. (Advanced Placement) Calculus.

"The results are sometimes skewed by forty points," stated Cruz. "Six of the regular teachers for these classes were out for at least five months and substitutes came in to teach in their place. The Stem Academy was without a lab for three years, and there's no criteria. Two staff members were doing

schedule changes of students which should only be done by counselors. There's only two counselors for over 300 Seniors which doesn't make academic sense."

Sophomore Stephanie Rodriguez who will be transferring to Colonia High School for her last two years of high school spoke next. She said, "Vice-Principal (of the Stem Academy) Roberto Reyes has told students who sought to pursue Visual Arts that it's a useless course. How dare he tell students that? Also Mr. Collazo is to blame. And I also agree with everything that Ms. Cruz said."

Others followed who agreed with Stephanie. A former PAHS student who will be entering his Senior year in college said, "There are a lot of chaotic problems going on the schools. The environment reflects the leadership. The administration downplays the importance of the visual arts programs. If students are pushed into A.P. courses and are not passionate about that you can set them up for failure. I had the support of administrators when I was here."

Other students who spoke told the Board Members, "Look more carefully at the people you're placing or appointing to their positions to make sure that they deserve it. We want teachers who want us to learn and not just base

everything on statistics and scores.

Charles Simmons who is the fiance of Bernice Marshall (whose title of Human Resources was abolished) still was smarting over that decision. He wanted to commend the young people who came up to speak and said, "They were courageous. We need to have more diversity in our schools. You put a notice in the Star-Ledger for a HR person, but the description was very brief. There are too many staff appointments."

A Staff Member from the Perth Amboy School System spoke about the new teacher evaluation programs and asked what happened to the vision and goals of the students not enrolled in the Stem Programs. "Some graduation requirement classes have had no teachers. Administrators should be held to the same rigorous standards as the teachers are."

A PAHS Senior told the Board, "I spoke to Dr. Collazo about my class ranking. He told me that it was not my concern." As the student continued she became emotional and said, "I worked my butt off for four years. I want to thank the Counselors for pushing me hard, and they don't get enough credit. They have become a second mother to me."

More students came forward to complain about the lack of

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Waterfront Walkway Construction on Schedule in South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry Addresses Possible Mayoral Election Recount



The walkway in South Amboy

**Photo by Joe Bayona*

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz confirmed at last Wednesday city council meeting that construction of the Waterfront Walkway is still on schedule and should be ready to go for the fireworks display on July 3rd.

Rasimowicz explained that the lights and fences are currently being worked on and are expected to be in place before the fireworks show next weekend. He also noted that the only part of the project that won't be completed will be the sprinkler system installation and landscaping.

"[The project] is moving along nicely out there...the weather's been cooperating and we expect to have the walkway completed and the fencing installed before the July 3rd fireworks," Rasimowicz said. "The only thing that won't be done by July 3rd is the sprinkler system and landscaping...obviously you don't want to put landscaping in July because of the heat."

There were also concerns about the state of the beach area as the big event approaches. There have been complaints about broken glass and other trash accumulating

on the beach, but Business Administrator Camille Tooker assured residents that a cleanup is scheduled.

"Clean ups are scheduled... We really couldn't do any cleanup while construction was going on but they are scheduled," Tooker said.

The recent mayoral primary election between Mayor Fred Henry and John O'Connell was discussed as well when resident Barbara Pasternick inquired about the possibility of a recount. Mayor Henry commented on the situation and confirmed that a recount was asked for.

"From my understanding there was a recount that was asked for today," he said. "I don't have a date on when that will take place...but I believe it's going to take place. After that I don't know... that's where we are right now."

Mayor Henry defeated John O'Connell 580 to 577 in the June 4th election. The close call comes four years after Henry defeated Mary O'Connor by one vote in the 2010 mayoral election.

Councilman Mickey Gross was not in attendance. The next South Amboy city council meeting will be held on July 16th at 7:00 p.m.

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South Amboy's Sergeant First Class
Benjamin L. Sebban United State's Army
July 14, 1977 - March 17, 2007



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Ronald A. Sobieraj

A Big Thank You

The Board of the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and I personally would like to thank Danny Cleaver and the Department of Public Works for their help in maintaining

the Kearny Cottage through a severe winter such as this past one. I feel it is important to recognize their effort. Danny Cleaver and his staff, Annie Hindenlang and the Office Human Development and the City Council were invaluable in getting the long needed brickwork done. Thank you

also for the completion of many other necessary repairs to maintain a City Treasure, the Kearny Cottage.

Yours Truly,
Paul W. Wang
President Kearny Cottage
Historical Association

Field of Dreams

Some of you saw a film called Field of Dreams. This took place on a farm and a cornfield in Iowa.

You probably say, "It was a good film, but it was not true and could not happen anywhere."

You are right when you say the story was not true but you are wrong when saying it could not happen anywhere because it happened in your own backyard.

The true Field of Dreams begins on State Street in Perth Amboy, NJ. That's where my family (The Clarks) and the Regan Family lived. My father and Edward (Blackie) Regan graduated from Perth Amboy High School together. Regan excelled in baseball and played Semi-Pro Baseball for many years. In 1928, both the Clark and Regan Families decided to move to the farmlands in Metuchen. My Dad and Blackie were World War I Vets and were members of the American Legion in Metuchen. Regan was getting to old to play the game so he decided to form and manage a team of his own. He had a good Semi-Pro Team but all of his games were on the road because Metuchen had no baseball field. My father and Blackie Regan went to every Legion Meeting together so I know this part is true because I've heard it from my mother and father plus Mrs. Nick Regan who was one of my mom's best friends. One evening at a Legion Meeting, Regan raised his hand and said, "I have a good Metuchen Baseball Club, but I need a home field to play



The St. Louis Cardinals and local children in front of the YMCA building on High Street, Metuchen, July 1936

*Photo Courtesy of Thomas Francis Clark

on," Regan added, "If you build me a field, I'll bring the best Semi-Pro Teams to play here."

Everyone at the meeting liked the idea and the Fugle Hummer Post built this field. They called it, "The American Legion Field," and it was located on Durham Ave. Yes my friends, they built it and they did come. Regan got Semi-Pro and Minor League Teams to play in Metuchen. Edward Blackie Regan created a True Field of Dreams when he invited the St. Louis Cardinals to play in Metuchen. St. Louis accepted his offer and on Monday, July 20, 1936 at 9 p.m. the Metuchen Baseball Club played the St. Louis Cardinals. Metuchen won that game 10-7.

Rev. George Humphries was our neighbor and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church. His son, Bud pitched that game. He was 26 years old and graduated from Metuchen High School. He must have

been a good pitcher, because several Yankee farm teams wanted him.

St. Louis had won the World Series in 1934 and were up there again in 1936. The Cards had seven Hall of Famers on that team. They were Johnny Mize, Jesse Haines, Joe Ducky Medwick, Paul Dizzy Dean, Leo Durocher, Walter Alston and Manger Frankie Frisch & Joe Medwick from Carteret. He hit 64 doubles that season. This is still a National League Record. I think Bill Campbell was a member of the American Legion and owned Legion Field. He sold it to the Borough of Metuchen in 1944. Campbell School was built there in 1952. I pitched on the Field of Dreams before the Korean War.

I want to thank everyone that helped me put this article together. May God bless all of you.

Thomas Francis Clark

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 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
 MON. Jul. 7 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
 TUE. Jul. 8 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.
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 WED. Jul. 9 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
- South Amboy**
 WED. Jul. 2 City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
 WED. Jul. 16 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
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**Festival of
the Andes**

PERTH AMBOY - This year's Festival of the Andes, a Celebration of the Andean Culture and Heritage will be enjoying its ninth anniversary! We will commemorate it with exciting events and special programming. The Andes Festival will take place on Saturday June 28, 2014 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. A rain date on Sunday June 29th. We will be featuring continuous folk music, dance, educational workshops, face painting and arts and crafts. We will also present musical performances of groups from Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, Venezuela and Chile. This event is free to the public and co-sponsored by the City of Perth Amboy, Office of Recreation and the Business Improvement District. The festival is being sponsored by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Arts awarded through the Middlesex County and Heritage Commission and the Board of Freeholders.

**Festival De
Los Andes**

PERTH AMBOY - SATURDAY JUNE 28, 2014 12:00-5:00 P.M. Estacion de Trenes de Perth Amboy, Smith Street

El Festival de los Andes esta celebrando su noveno aniversario el Sabado Junio 28 de 2014 en Perth Amboy!, En caso de lluvia el Domingo 29 de Junio. Lo conmemoraremos con excitantes eventos y nueva programacion. El festival presentara grupos andinos de danza y musica tipica de Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina y Bolivia. Tendremos instrumentos autoctonos de esas regiones y pintura de caritas para niños, talleres de danza. Ademas tendremos artesanias y comidas tipicas tradicionales de nuestros paises andinos. El festival es auspiciado por la Ciudad de Perth Amboy, la Oficina de Recreacion, la Asociacion de Mejoramiento de Negocios y, por el apoyo monetario de la Comision de la Herencia y la Cultura de Middlesex.

Local History DVD's Presentation**Photo Submitted*

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy librarians Melanie Bolick, Vilma Novak & Ashley Miranda hold a documentary DVD. This brand new documentary is available at the Perth Amboy Library currently located at Brighton Ave & Sadowski Parkway. The DVD is free to the general public, courtesy of the Dyke Family. It is entitled "George Inness: Peace & Plenty In Perth Amboy." John Dyke's documentary takes an in-depth look at the times, the circumstances, and the people surrounding the creation of Inness' landscape masterpiece. Here a saga is put forth detailing a long forgotten place within Perth Amboy history---a place that helped shape what America was about to become.

Board of Education*Continued from Page 1*

support from the administrative staff and said, "Dr. Collazzo does not correspond with his staff. The administrators downgrade the Staff and the Performing Arts Programs. That program has saved my life."

Other comments made by teachers and students include the following: The students like to know their principal. They soon realized that a connection was not going to happen. A lot of social activities were eliminated. People were afraid to speak out because they were afraid of retributions. Parents elected you (the Board) only to do the best job for the students. Test scores have been lowered with these administrators with new visions. Students said they were told by some administrators that it was a waste of time to take music courses. Teachers and Counselors have been put down by the administrators. This has made them wonder if what they are teaching is worthwhile. Sometimes they are in tears. Don't think that we don't know what's going on. It's something when we have to have former students to come here to talk and support us.

When Board President Obi Gonzalez gave her report, she mentioned the summer programs which will begin right after the July 4th holiday. "Teachers will also be attending enrichment programs. We will work diligently on behalf of the students and teachers. We also want to thank the donors who contributed money for scholarships." She thanked the parents for her support and how they support their students.

There were some who were

concerned that some people were using the students to further their own agenda.

During the second public portion a Union representative said that Mr. Reyes has a dry sense of humor and some of the people that he spoke to may have taken his comments the wrong way.

"We need to work together for the common good of our children and to put our personal agendas aside."

Donna Stewart who is very active in the PAHS PTO said, "We have to stop using our students to further other people's agendas. I'm embarrassed when people do this."

Stewart is also glad to report that the PTO awarded scholarships of \$430 each to nine students. "Everyone who applied for these scholarships got one."

She also told the Board, "You have been saying for the past seven years about getting a new high school. During your closed sessions, there are many meetings going on in the hallway. Stop using our kids for your private agendas."

A teacher from the Stem Academy Said, "Three of our bilingual students received awards. One was a former bilingual student who was inducted into the National Honor Society. Our students attended A.P. and Honor's classes. Keep your eyes on the prize which are our students."

Acting Superintendent Vivian Rodriguez said, "We have turned a corner and there is more to unite than divide us. I am confident we will fulfill our mission and make our district proud."

BOE Member William Ortiz was not present. BOE Member Anthony Bermudez was late.

Kearny Cottage Historical Association *Annual Berry Festival* 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy Sunday, July 13, 2014



9 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Flea Market

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Civil War Re-enactors

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It Will Be Hard

PERTH AMBOY - Educational Consultant for Literacy and Bilingual ESL education Fred Carrigg gave a data report at the 6/19/14 BOE Meeting focusing on the Elementary Schools.

Carrigg compared Perth Amboy Schools with Union City which shares similar dynamics. "An intervention program is needed and the schools need to drop a 2nd phonics program. 1st Grade should emphasize learning skills. Grades have gotten worse in the 4th Grade. The dual language programs are bright spots, but not good enough to make up for the poor grades. There is a discrepancy in how new words

are taught in the different Elementary Schools in Perth Amboy. You need to benchmark the progress of the students in Kindergarten. They are 5 to 6 months behind when they are promoted to the 1st Grade. The reading comprehension and writing are very poor. High frequency words and vocabulary need to be a priority. I used to bring people to Perth Amboy years ago to show as model of what a successful school can be. You can fix the Kindergarten and first grade problems in a year. The DRA (Developmental Read Assessment) should be reinstated."

**Raritan Bay
Festival**

STATEN ISLAND - Come to the 5th Annual Raritan Bay Festival at Conference House Park at Ward's Point, Saturday, June 28 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Fishing, crafters, live music, NY Aquarium Touch Table, food & drink, free rides, kayaking, kids activities, arts & crafts, park tours and NYC Parks Mounted "Horse of Course." For more info go to www.conferencehousepark-conservancy.org

**No Paper Next Week!
See You July 9, 2014**

Raritan Yacht Club Dedicates 68th Red Grant Regatta as Fundraiser *For WeCare-Perth Amboy Coalition of Food Pantries*

News Release - June 19, 2014

PERTH AMBOY - The Red Grant Regatta, held annually in Perth Amboy, has been one of the highpoints of competitive sailing in the New York New Jersey area for 68 years. This year, the Red Grant Regatta will occur July 11-13, 2014 and once again the Club will sponsor a charity fundraiser during the regatta. The 2014 charity will be WECARE-Perth Amboy Coalition of Food Pantries.

The first day of the regatta, Friday, July 11, will highlight fundraising for WECARE-Perth Amboy Coalition of Food Pantries. WECARE comprises seven food pantries and two soup kitchens. In 2013, Mercy House in Perth Amboy alone fed 6785 adults and 3626

children. These statistics underline the urgency of need for all food pantries and soup kitchens.

The Red Grant Regatta began to honor Adolph "Red" Grant, a Perth Amboy yacht racer and veteran who lost his life in World War II at a very young age. This annual event is a major part of Raritan Yacht Club's 149-year history in Perth Amboy. The regatta has grown to become one of the premier regattas in the Metropolitan area.

The 100 plus boats expected to compete in the sailboat racing July 11-13, 2014 on Raritan Bay, travel from New York, southern New Jersey and other yacht clubs on the bay to attend this prestigious event. Friday events include junior racing and will highlight small sailboats and approximately

75 junior competitor sailboats. On Saturday and Sunday, the large PHRF boats and one-design boats will race. Saturday is also the day when the Mayor's Cup race for cruising sailboats will take place. The Mayor's Cup race has become a very popular event and Mayor Diaz, Honorary Chairperson of the Red Grant Regatta, will be on hand to present the award.

The Red Grant Regatta is open to all sailors who are current members of US Sailing. Information is available on the Raritan Yacht Club website: www.ryc.org.

Raritan Yacht Club was established in 1865 and is 149 years old this year. The Club is looking forward to celebrating its 150th birthday and 69th Red Grant Regatta in 2015.



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Woodbridge

Fireworks

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The People's Party

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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).

Women's

Open Center

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Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary of Sayreville #4699 of 575 Jernee Mill Road, are holding a Flea Market on August 16 2014 with a Rain Date of August 17, 2014 at 8AM to 3 PM. \$15.00 will hold a space for you. This will help our servicemen and women overseas by sending them care packages every month. For more information call Lorraine Rock at 609-448- 2587.

Beach Blanket Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784 at 601 Washington Ave. is hosting a Beach Blanket Bingo event on Sunday, June 29th. The event will run from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a lunch menu available from noon to 1:00 p.m. Bring a wrapped summer themed gift to enter and receive two (2) free bingo cards. Admission without a gift is \$5.00 and includes one (1) free bingo card. All proceeds will benefit the Army of Hope. The Army of Hope assists families who have had a father or mother called to active duty with the military reserve or National Guard. For additional information call 732-727-7170

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Joshua Bishop-Mbachu Receives the Award of Eagle Scout at Ceremony held at Faith Fellowship Church, Sayreville
**Photos by Eric Salvary*



SAYREVILLE - Faith Fellowship Church in Sayreville was the venue where a celebration of Joshua Bishop achieving the status of Eagle Scout was held. Family, friends, Scout Leaders and his fellow scouts took part of the ceremony. Perth Amboy's Mayor Wilda Diaz presented Joshua with a citation from the City for his accomplishment. Perth Amboy Police Officer Henry Rodgers who is very active with helping the youth in Perth Amboy was also in hand to honor Joshua.

Local Band Thursday

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Bands take the stage at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. FREE Parking at NJT Parking Lot. Live Entertainment Featuring LOCAL Bands and Musicians. Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" and "On the Lawn." Show time at 7:30 p.m. FREE ADMISSION with a donation of Nonperishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks" Beer & Wine for sale by Riffy's. July 10 - Steve Stone. Inclement weather hotline - 732-602-6045.

The Wizard of Menlo Park

WOODBIDGE - Raconteur Radio presents "The Wizard of Menlo Park" on Tuesday, July 29 at 7:30 p.m. Raconteur Radio returns to the BAC this July commemorate the 350th anniversary of the state of New Jersey by celebrating one of its most notable residents. A staged radio drama that details the life of Thomas Alva Edison, complete with costumes, lighting & sound effects. Reservations Essential 732-634-0413.

Lego Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library of South Amboy is looking for donations of LEGO's for future programs! We are asking that anyone that wishes to donate any regular model making size pieces to please drop them off at the library during our regular business hours. The library is located at 100 Harold G Hoffman Plaza off of O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to the High/Middle school. For hours and directions please visit our website at www.dowdell.org.

Bus Trip to Atlantic City

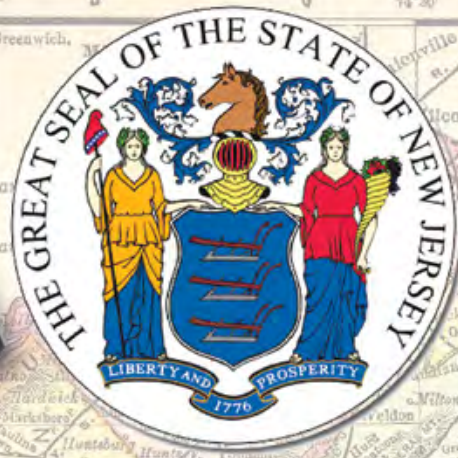
PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee will be sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, July 13. The bus will depart the Perth Amboy Fire House, 375 New Brunswick Ave. at 12 Noon for a 6 hour stay in Atlantic City. Tickets are \$30 each and you will receive a \$30 slot card. Valid ID is required. No one under 21 will be allowed on the bus. Tickets available same day as trip in advance or by contacting Joe Rodzinka at 732-826-0819.

Home Gardener's Contest

PERTH AMBOY - 2014 Perth Amboy Home Gardener's Contest Sponsored By The Royal Garden Club By The Bay. Contest is open to amateur gardeners only. Apply by June 30, 2014. Contact: The Royal Garden Club By The Bay; C/O Betty Crews, 557 Neville Street; Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861. For Additional Info call: Betty Crews (848) 203-4642. All winners must agree to have their names and gardens used in publicity about the contest. Judging Dates: July 14 and July 15, 2014. Prizes: First: \$100.00; Second: \$50.00; Third: \$25.00.

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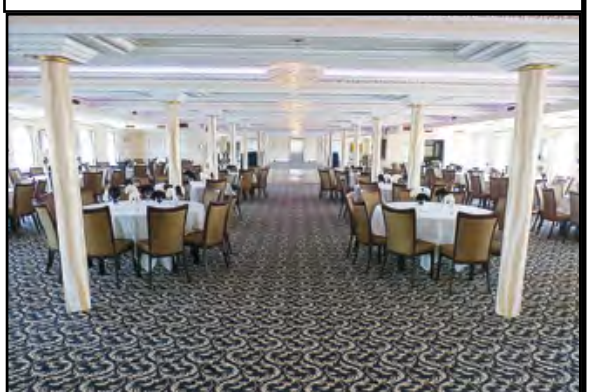
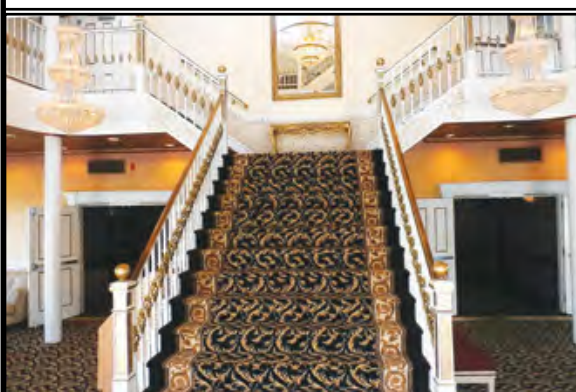
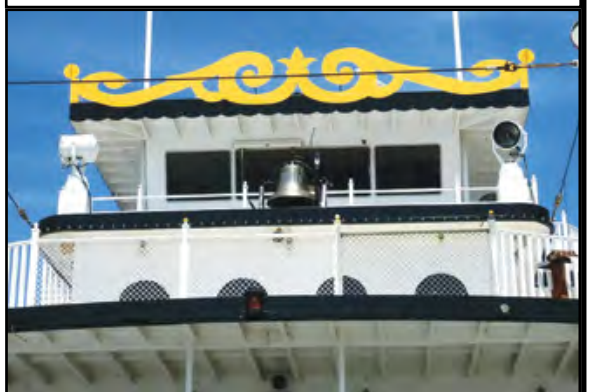
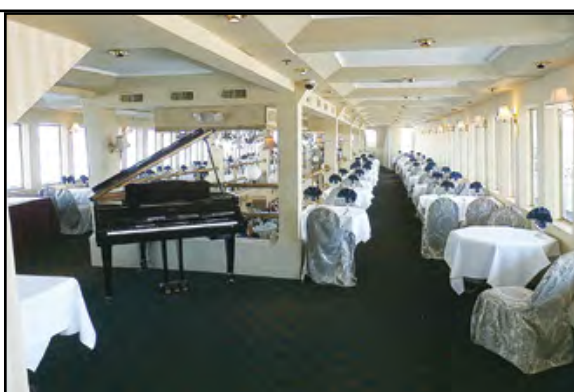
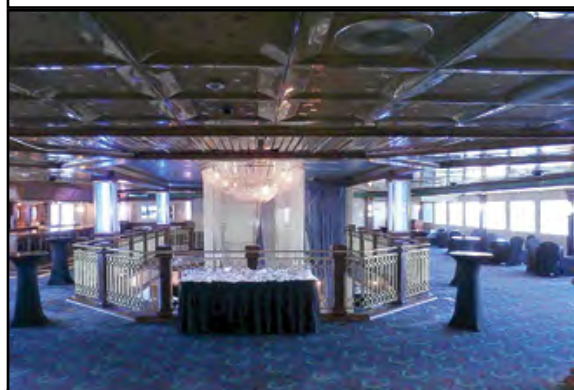
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Cornucopia Open House & Job Fair, Perth Amboy - June 8, 2014

**Photos by Joe Bayona*



PERTH AMBOY - On June 8, 2014 the Cornucopia showcased three of their four ships: The Majesty, which can hold up to 1200 passengers, the Princess which holds up to 400 passengers and the Riverboat St. Charles which is still under renovation and the only vessel that stays dockside. The Cornucopia can host any social event whether you wish to go sailing or stay diocside. Check out their website www.CornucopiaCruise.com for upcoming special events such as the Spectacular Independence Day Cruises.

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.

Learning with the Rabbi

WOODBIDGE - Every Thursday, Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai, at 9 a.m. will be in the Woodbridge Panera Bread across from Wegmans.

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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.

Car Show

WOODBIDGE - 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 (Walmart Parking Lot) 50/50s & Trophy's Awarded. For More Info Call 732-585-7365

DVD & Recorded Media Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Your spring cleaning is done and you're wondering what to do with all of those unwanted DVDS, CDS, and video games. How about donating them to South Amboy's Sadie Pope Dowdell Library? The Library Foundation DVD and Media drive is on-going, with collection boxes at the South Amboy Y, Madura Pharmacy, and the library.

This is an on-going program and your generous contributions enable the library to increase its resources for the residents of South Amboy. All donations are fully tax deductible and the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Please call (732)721-6060 for library hours. To schedule a pick-up for larger collections, please contact Grace at 732-721-6592. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Jun. 25 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. 26 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Jun. 30 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jul. 1 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Jul. 2 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. Jul. 3 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Jul. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Jul. 9 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays Please give us two weeks notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610

Please Submit Community Events 2 Weeks in Advance!

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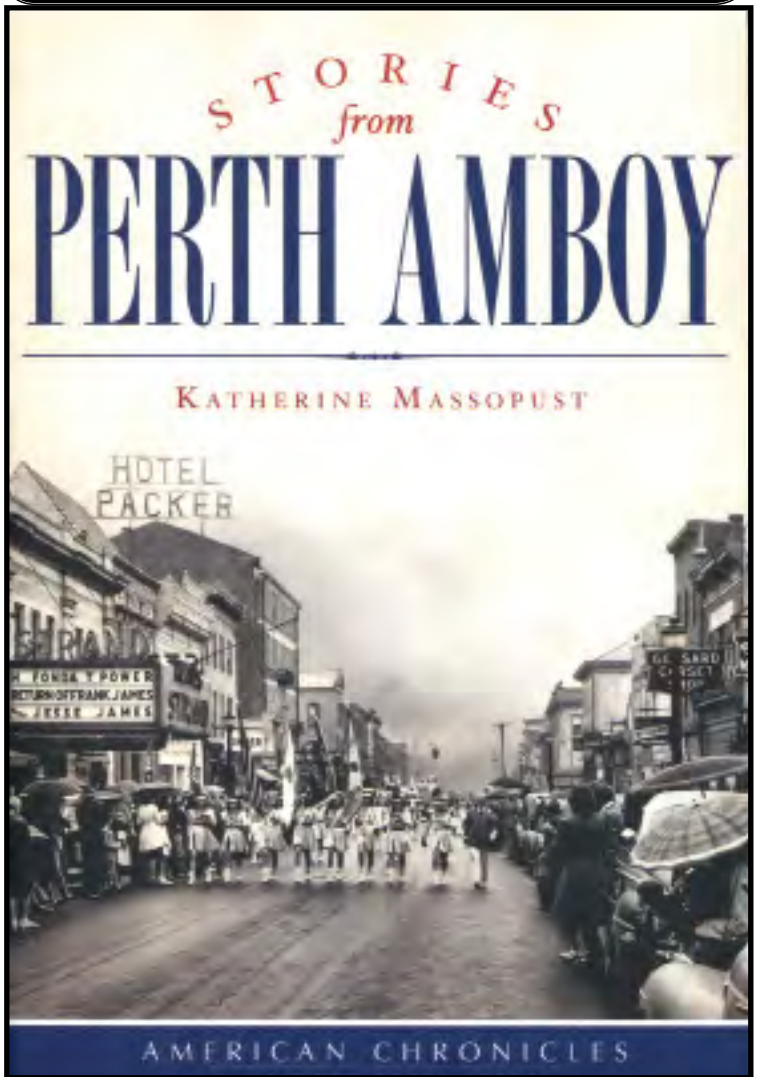
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Panoramic view of High Street circa early 1930's. Note the Kearny Cottage at it's original location. The Kearny Cottage was moved in the early 1930's to where the Tennis Courts are now and again to 63 Catalpa Ave. where it now stands.

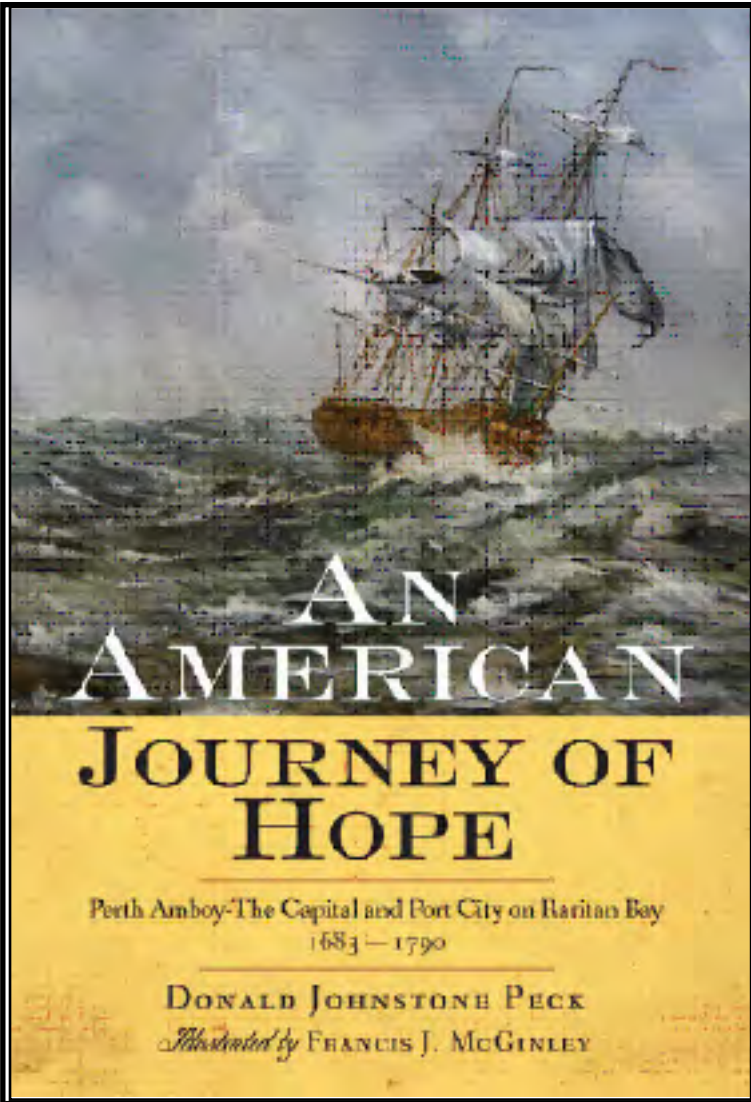
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This Photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission



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



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A Petition to St. Jude

May the sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. *Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.*

Thank you, St. Jude
F.M.J.

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