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Leaving on a Bittersweet Note

PERTHAMBOY - The 6/25/14 Council Meeting was the last official meeting for Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach. He was first appointed Business Administrator when Wilda Diaz started her first term as Mayor in 2008. She also appointed Mark Blunda as City Attorney. Fehrenbach was briefly replaced by Jane Feigenbaum. Fehrenbach was rehired after Feigenbaum left. There was concern when Diaz appointed nonresidents to the B.A. and City Attorney positions.

Fehrenbach and Blunda did a forensic investigation and uncovered a large debt left by the previous administration due to unethical practices. Residents were grateful for this, but there were some City Employees whose jobs were eliminated or downsized. Some of the City's debt was reduced by negotiating agreements with Middlesex Water Company and Chevron.

The City Council showed their appreciation for what Fehrenbach was able to accomplish.

Some of the accolades included remarks by Council President Joel Pabon who said, "You might not have lived here, but you always were here. I thought we were paying you too much money in the beginning. But I have to say, you were worth every cent. You always returned my e-mails and calls promptly." Pabon told the new B.A. Jillian Barrick, "I wish you the best of luck."

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton told Fehrenbach, "You kept my mind sharp. Sometimes I couldn't figure out if your answer was yes or no. It was a privilege to sit here with you. You are an intelligent and good soul and Jillian will have big shoes to fill."

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "During the big storms you (Fehrenbach) were here. I appreciate everything you have done and you pulled us through financially. You will



PERTH AMBOY - The City Council, City Clerk and City Attorney pose with outgoing B.A. Greg Fehrenbach (Back Row 3rd from Left) and welcome the new B.A. Jillian Barrick (Back Row 2nd from Left)
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

be missed. I appreciate your experience, knowledge and ability to pull us through."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry noted Fehrenbach's integrity, intelligence and patience.

Mayor Diaz became emotional and said, "I am thankful and grateful to Greg. I did not always agree with him, but he stuck by me in the hard times. No one wanted to give the City a loan. Now we have an A+ rating. You will always have a home here in Perth Amboy." She also thanked Jillian Barrick for working hard.

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez said, "The wisest decision the Mayor made was bringing you on board. People recommended that we let the State take over, but the Mayor took the difficult route. I'm glad that Jillian Barrick, the new B.A. will be moving here. She was impressive as the assistant B.A."

Attorney Mark Blunda said, "The Mayor's hiring of Fehrenbach was the best decision she made. The Mayor would call him (Fehrenbach) seven days a week. In my 38 years in my profession, Greg has been the hardest working and the most honest public official I've known. He will be greatly missed."

Then it was time for Greg Fehrenbach to speak, "The City will be happy to have Jillian Barrick here. She has skills I may be lacking and I

have 150% faith in her. I started in June 2008 and I want to thank the Mayor and all the Council Members I've worked with."

Greg Fehrenbach started to choke up with emotion when he said, "This position has been the hardest of my career. I also want to thank the taxpayers and residents. S&P (Standard & Poors) recognized the hard work of the City. The tax levy was reduced in 3 of the last 4 budgets. You can only control the City's taxes - not the decisions of other State Tax Boards. The residents have had many discomforts in the past years and had every right to be upset. Many of the City Employees worked overtime without compensation. The Mayor's only objective was to protect the citizens. We've had disagreements and shouting matches. She wants to support the values of the City."

"I also want to recognize all the industries that are located here, the Department and Division Heads, Administrative Staff and all the residents."

Fehrenbach thanked City Attorney Mark Blunda and said, "Hiring Blunda was the best decision that the Mayor made."

He also warned that the City's fiscal condition is still fragile. "I want to thank you all for the opportunity for me to be here."

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Fireworks - Celebrating Our Nation's Independence.



Fireworks in Sayreville
*Photo by Aaron Beers



Fireworks in South Amboy
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Fireworks in Perth Amboy (photo 4)
Fourth of July Ceremony (photo 5) *Photos by Paul W. Wang

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Our We Living in a Bradburyan State?

The more I see what’s going on in our society; the only comparison I could make is to numerous novels by Science Fiction and Fantasy Author, Ray Bradbury. These novels include short stories that reflect a major change in society. One such short story is “The Pedestrian.” Two friends are questioned by the police: “Why are you walking out at night?” We find as we read along the story, everything you would ever want is at the tip of your keyboard where there is no need to go out shopping for anything. You could get exotic meats from across the world and it will be delivered to you by a drone at your doorstep. You could consult a doctor on your monitor screen. You are never bored because there is a vast array of entertainment on your screen. Surprisingly in the story what they called a “wall unit” we call a “flat screen TV.”

Recently Amazon.com announced they are investing in drone delivery services. You already can shop online for groceries exotic or not that are delivered to your doorstep. WebMD is often consulted periodically by concerned individuals who diagnose themselves (correctly or incorrectly). There’s a new APP called Doctor on Demand where you consult a live doctor on you cell phone or tablet. There are new APP’s in the works where your electronic device can take your blood pressure and other vitals.

It’s a scary thought that that things are coming to be like they were in science fiction novels. If anyone ever read *Fahrenheit 451* (*The Fireman*) the book starts out with the mention of changing novels to not offend anyone. Isn’t this happening now? Look at Mark Twain’s *Huckleberry Finn* or H.P. Lovecraft’s *Rats in the Walls*. When these novels were written it was what it was; that’s the way things were. Will it come to be that all

books will be just pictures and no words? In this way, words cannot offend people. Videos too, are being censored, such as “The Little Rascals” and “E.T.” as an example.

It was brought to my attention cigarettes are no longer going to be sold at certain drug stores because it’s bad for your health. For now, they still sell candy, which might be next on the chopping block. I remember when movies, ads, TV commercials, movie theaters allowed and encouraged smoking. As a former smoker, I believe it’s like anything else; it’s up to the choice of an individual - not big business or the government. Recently on the news it’s upsetting to see a summer time staple such as grilling may be banned in certain areas.

It’s becoming a Bradburyan State where bus benches are being removed because they don’t want “undesirables” sleeping on them. At the same time, aren’t you defeating the purpose of a bus stop bench where people could sit and wait for a bus instead of standing? Isn’t this also unfair to the handicapped whom it is difficult to stand for long periods of time?

If someone sees an “undesirable” sleeping on a bench just report it to your local authorities. Everyone has a cell phone these days – use it. They will find other places to sleep or rest.

Another thing that baffles me – I’m 50+. When I was in school, I was taught script in second grade and it was part of our education. I find it shocking and confusing why our youth of today cannot write or read script. How can these kids sign their names on documents when they are no longer capable of writing or reading script?

Also I’m a little confused why the game of dodge ball is banned in many states. The argument is that dodge ball

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

What About Our Own?

Now here’s something very odd about 50,000 children who came across the border into the United States ILLEGALLY from the south of the border. What’s going on? And whose plan is this? NO! I’m not a bad person, but who is going to take care of them? Also, we

have children in America who are living in POVERTY. Let’s look right here in New Jersey. How many children are living like low class citizens because mommy and daddy have work with low paying jobs. YES, New Jersey is becoming a low paying State. And what do you see here for jobs? STAFFING SERVICES! Yes, there are some companies that pay very well but the cost of living

in New Jersey went up BIG TIME. Will New Jersey become a Welfare State? Or will every city become looking like a 3rd world country? By the way, I live in a city that the Mayor, City Council Members and the good citizens of Perth Amboy will have to decide what kind of future is best for our children.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Attracting Tourists to Perth Amboy

Your editorial “A Shot in the Arm Proposal” in the June 11th issue got me excited. A New Jersey Transportation Heritage Park would be a wonderful way to showcase the assets of our “City of History” while at the same time increasing tourism to Perth Amboy. Visitors would discover our beautiful waterfront, marina areas, historic sites, restaurants and shops. These are the goals our city is striving for with their Perth Amboy Bay City Transit District Strategy plan. The focus would be to revitalize the area around the NJ Transit railroad station as well as upgrading the station itself. It is already a hub served by local bus lines. Visitors would be enticed to arrive by mass transit and not bring more vehicle congestion into our business district.

The Transportation Heritage Park could link the rail station with the waterfront park to the south by trolley and rail shuttles. Authentic ride experiences could be provided in lovingly restored antique rail vehicles which once operated in our city and New Jersey. The beauty of the rail shuttles would be that they could operate in parallel along the NJ Transit North Jersey Coast Line, giving visitors an opportunity to observe operating heritage vehicles as well as NJ Transit trains; the bridge over the Raritan River with it’s swing span; passing Cornucopia Cruise Line vessels; commercial boats; and pleasure vessels. It would be a desirable experience, like no other.

The Transportation Heritage people also have a significant fleet of vintage buses - several of which operated in Perth Amboy in the past. It would be true living history to once



This Public Service bus #5479 was built in 1936. Two vintage buses of this model survive in collections of the Transportation Heritage Park

*Photo Courtesy of Bill McKelvey

again transport visitors from the train station down Smith Street to City Hall and the Marina areas in their restored buses. This is done in New York City with historic buses operating on 42nd Street during the Holiday Season - why not in Perth Amboy? A vintage trolley bus could provide a sightseeing loop tour linking the gems of the city’s historic district with the rail station. It would educate and be fun - enjoyment attracts more visitors! A rewarding experience also generates repeat visits, not to mention the spreading of satisfaction by word of mouth.

So, the Transportation Heritage Park would be a wonderful way of boosting the economic benefits of the proposed Transit Village. Such a facility would aid in drawing visitors from the entire tri-state area. The effect is called ecotourism - the money spent or brought in by tourists.

The primary organization behind the museum effort is the United Railroad Historical Society of New Jersey, which has benefited immensely from millions of dollars of grants and donations since their founding in 1987. They own exquisitely restored locomo-

tives and cars which would be a major attraction to draw visitors to Perth Amboy. Mark your calendars: September 21st will be the Annual Transportation Heritage Festival at the URHS Boonton, NJ location - drawing thousands of visitors. Come and see for yourself!

Successful examples of transportation oriented tourist attractions can be found in Lowell, MA; Branford, CT; Scranton and Strassburg, PA; New Orleans, LA; Sacramento and San Francisco, CA; Union, IL; Tampa, FL; Baltimore, MD; and in many other locations. The proposal is an opportunity to utilize a narrow strip of dormant land along the railroad tracks, undesirable for development, but uniquely located for an historic trolley and rail shuttle ride experience in conjunction with the Perth Amboy rail station revival. The bottom line is that the leaders of Perth Amboy need to realize and be enthused by the benefits of inviting the Transportation Heritage Park to locate in our city. Don’t miss the train.

Tracy Jordan

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WED. Jul. 9	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
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Group B streptococcus (strep) is a common bacterium often carried in the intestines or lower genital tract. Group B strep is usually harmless in adults.

Most babies born to women carrying group B strep are healthy. Some newborns, however, who are infected by group B strep during labor can become critically ill. In the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, group B strep is the leading cause of meningitis, an infection of the fluid and lining around the brain, and sepsis, an infection of the blood, in a newborn's first week of life.

Group B strep can also cause dangerous infections in adults with chronic medical conditions such as diabetes, HIV infection, cancer or liver disease. Older adults are at increased risk of illness due to group B strep, too.

If you're a healthy adult, there's nothing you need to do about group B strep. If you're pregnant, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a group B strep screening between weeks 35 and 37 of pregnancy. About 25 percent of pregnant women carry group B strep. If you have group B strep, antibiotic treatment during labor can protect your baby.

In infants, illness caused by group B strep can take two forms: early onset or late onset. A baby with early-onset group B strep disease becomes sick within one week after birth. Signs and symptoms may include fever, difficulty breathing and lethargy. On average, about 1,200 babies in the U.S. less than one week old get early-onset group B strep disease each year.

Late-onset group B strep disease develops within a week to a few months after birth, usually within the first month. Your baby may experience difficulty breathing, fever, difficulty feeding, lethargy and irritability.

If you notice that your infant has any of the signs or symptoms of group B strep disease, contact your baby's doctor immediately.

If you experience any signs or symptoms of group B strep infection, particularly if you're pregnant, have a chronic medical condition or are older than 65, contact your doctor right away.

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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
 - 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Antique appraiser on premises - Free appraisals for maximum of 2 items (Fee for any additional items)
 - 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Firearms Demonstration (Black Powder)
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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.

68th Red Grant Regatta

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 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.

Remembering Your Best Friend Chuckie's Angels Providing a Fun Day for Children Suffering with Cancer and Paralysis

News Release
PERTH AMBOY - Charles Barnes was a resident of Perth Amboy prior to losing his battle with leukemia at a young age but his memory continues to win in the heart of his best friend, Destiny Hilliard-Thomas. She is Founder and President of Chuckie's Angels, Inc., a nonprofit organization named in honor of Charles Barnes. Chuckie's Angel's mission is to uplift youth by providing them with essential resources including housing to not only survive, but to become successful and productive individuals.

Chuckie's Angels will host its first fundraising event: "We [R] S.T.A.R.S. (Seeking to Acknowledge Real Strength)." The fundraising event will be held Saturday, July 12th, 2014 at the New Jersey Expo Cen-

ter in Edison, New Jersey between 10:00am-4:00pm. Eric LeGrand's "Team LeGrand" is partnering with Chuckie's Angels for this day of celebrating children living with terminal illnesses including cancer, HIV/AIDs and sickle cell anemia. We [R] S.T.A.R.S will celebrate children living with cancer with a day full of fun, live entertainment, performances, giveaways, and special guests. A Beyoncé and J-Z Concert ticket will be given away at this event.

"Our goal is to provide a day filled with fun, happiness, and worry free joy to children who may otherwise not experience this excitement and enthusiasm. We want to bring awareness to the community about paralysis and childhood cancer," said Destiny Hilliard-Thomas.

This event will mark 10 years that Charles, the late best friend of Destiny Hilliard-Thomas, lost his battle to leukemia. The stars of the day will include children from the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation along with other organizations from the surrounding area. Special guests including NY Giants Player Walter Thurmond, Eric LeGrand, musical artists Leah Joy, JT Cotton, Vincent Walker and the Forgiven Experience along with Tajah will all be in attendance.

Chuckie's Angels is seeking additional sponsors and vendors and invites everyone to attend to help bring awareness and raise funds for paralysis and cancer. For tickets and more information, visit <http://www.ChuckiesAngels.net>.

Send Your Events to:
AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

South Amboy High School Graduation - June 20, 2014

*Photos by Joe Bayona



SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy High School Graduation Class of 2014 was held on June 20, 2014. Pictured on Left: Photo 1- Valedictorian Sabrina Meyers, (L) and Salutatorian, Natalie Ghigliotty (R); Photo 2: National Honor Society; Photo 3 - South Amboy High School Graduating Class of 2014

Perth Amboy High School Graduation - June 27, 2014

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Class of 2014 top 20 1-10

Class of 2014 top 20 11-20

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Congratulations to the Class of 2014!



Editorial

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teaches you to prey on the weak. As a youth, I was considered to be a “weakling” by the kids’ standard. Yes, I was picked on and I was targeted. I learned quickly how to dodge the ball. It did not make me any worse than I am. Sooner or later, most kids will have to face a few balls thrown at them and being knocked down a few times.

In the short story, “The Playground,” a child is protected by his father. He felt that his child was the target of ridicule and torment on the playground. The child’s aunt said to just let him play and the boy would work through it. The father took the boy’s place on the playground and took the ridicule for him. What were the results? The boy never learned social skills or how to protect himself. This brings up the question of the anti-bullying campaign – Is it really effective? There are bullies in every walk of life – not just kids. Adults on the job can be bullies, too. What are these kids going to do when they are grown and bullied at a workplace and don’t have a parent to run to for protection?

We are becoming a Bradburyan society where everyone is rewarded for participation. Every kid gets a trophy; every kid gets a medal. When I grew up only the top athletes or students got an award. This motivated kids to try to achieve the best they could. Now, in some places they play sports and don’t keep score. It doesn’t matter if you win or lose. The culture of winning is being taken away.

The argument is “Let’s just have fun.” This does not prepare a child to enter into a workplace where mediocre production is fine. Look at the recent current events pertaining to some companies that accepted mediocre quality of products. It cost some people their lives and the companies millions of dollars in recalled products and lawsuits.

To me, this is the beginning of the downfall of society. If we have to fear our own words such as: “In God We Trust” or “God Bless America,” which offend certain individuals. Our country was founded on these words and also: “Freedom of Choice.” Slowly these inalienable rights are being taken away.

Like in Fahrenheit 451 when the Captain asked Montag, “What will you do when it becomes illegal to cut your lawn?”

Montag replied, “I’ll just watch the grass grow.” We as a society are on the track of just sitting by and watching the grass grow. *P.W.W.*

2nd Annual David’s Touch Pool Tournament
*Photos by Joe Bayona



WOODBIDGE - On June 12th a pool tournament was held at the Woodbridge Community Center. This was no ordinary tournament. It was the second annual 9 ball single elimination tournament for the “David’s Touch Foundation”, put on by the Woodbridge Seniors Billiards Club. Members of the Perth Amboy Seniors Billiards Club also participated in the tournament.

The David’s Touch Foundation was founded in 2009 by Jenny Rosado in memory of her son David, who passed away in February of 2005 at the age of eight, after battling lymphoma.

One recipient is chosen to receive 100 percent of the proceeds from this tournament. This year the foundation chose a 6 year old named Sasha who is suffering from Childhood Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

All of the people who worked on the project are volunteers. The use of the facilities and lunch were donated by the Woodbridge Community Center and breakfast by Liberty Bagel of Fords.

Photo 1 (Top)– Players compete in 2nd annual 9 ball tournament; Photo 2 (Bottom) – A check from Woodbridge Twp. For \$1,700.00 - (L to R) Tournament Organizer Harry Witt, David’s Grandfather Lauro Perez, David’s mom and Founder of DTF Jenny Rosado and Woodbridge Seniors Billiard Club President Tom Colandro.

Fehrenbach

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Not everyone was a fan of Fehrenbach. Businesswoman and BID Board Member Virginia Lugo made scathing comments regarding Fehrenbach’s involvement in BID matters. She talked about an item in the BID budget. This had to do with an administrative salary which was \$45,000 and was voted to be cut by the BID members. Fehrenbach and Barrick recommended that this salary be reinstated and

the majority of the members decided to do this.

Lugo said, “In September of this year will be the first time that the BID Board will be voted on by the businesses who are BID members. These owners can submit their own candidates to be elected to sit on the BID Board.” Lugo hoped that Jillian Barrick will be fair - unlike Greg Fehrenbach.

Jillian Barrick became the City’s new Business Administrator on July 1, 2014.

Help the Planet Day
Morton Salt Adopts School#7 6/9/14 - Perth Amboy
*Photos by Joe Bayona



Elaine Barcheski teaches students about recycling



Morton Salt facility manager Sharon Mohan and Elaine Barcheski pass out awards to the children.



Matt Leahey of the Coast Guard Auxiliary talks about the Coast Guards roll in battling pollution.



Dave Street lectures on how litter is harmful to wildlife



Students having fun learning how to plant flowers around the flag pole.



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

Correction on Date

PERTH AMBOY – Trip to Tropicana Casino Atlantic City will be on Thursday, July 10th. Bus will depart from Olive Street Community Center at 9 a.m. \$20 pp. \$25 Casino return. The incorrect date was reported in the Summer Fun Guide in the June 25th issue. Trip is run by the Office of Aging. For more info call 732-826-1690 xt. 4307.

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 8 AM 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.

Civil War Living History Weekend

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will host its annual Civil War Living History Weekend at Parker Press Park on Rahway Ave., Woodbridge on Saturday and Sunday, August 2nd and 3rd.

Take a step back in time 150 years ago and see how soldiers from the North and South lived and fought in America's Civil War. Walk thru the military and civilian camps and speak with the re-enactors and Civil War living historians. Both days will feature a small battle followed by a medical demonstration. Also, you may purchase wares from Civil War era sutlers.

The camps are open to the public 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday evening there will be a special 150th Civil War Commemoration Ceremony at 8:00 p.m. followed by a candle light walk thru the camps 8:30-10:00 p.m.

All are welcome and admission and parking are free. This event will be held rain or shine.

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Perth Amboy Adult School Graduation 6/26/14

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Welcoming remarks made by Dr. Senovia Robles



Vice Principal Luis Ortega



Student advisor Fortunata B. Valenty addresses the crowd.



Student Counselor Christopher Criscera



Board of Education President, Obdulia Gonzalez



Mayor Wilda Diaz talks of attending her mother-in-law's graduation from the Adult School

Congratulations to the Class of 2014 Perth Amboy Adult School!



Guest speaker, Abraham Lopez, Executive Director of Hispanic Affairs and the Center for Hispanic Alliance.



Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Vivian Rodriguez



Student reflection by Stephanie M. Vella



P.A.H.S. Chorale sings the Star Spangled Banner



Graduating Class of 2014

Mi Escuelita Preschool End of School Year Luncheon - June 20, 2014 - Perth Amboy

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Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run - 6/12/14 - Perth Amboy

*Photos by Joe Bayona



Perth Amboy Fire Dept. creates arch to receive runners



Deputy Harvey Ballman and Special Olympics athlete Adam Fleissner lead the runners bearing the Special Olympics torch.



Runners under the arch.



Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz



Mayor Wilda Diaz presents Adam Fleissner with Mayoral citation



Chief Ruiz presents Deputy Ballman with citation



Deputy Harvey Ballman of the Kootenai County Idaho Sheriffs Office.



Chief Ruiz presents athlete Adam Fleissner with a citation



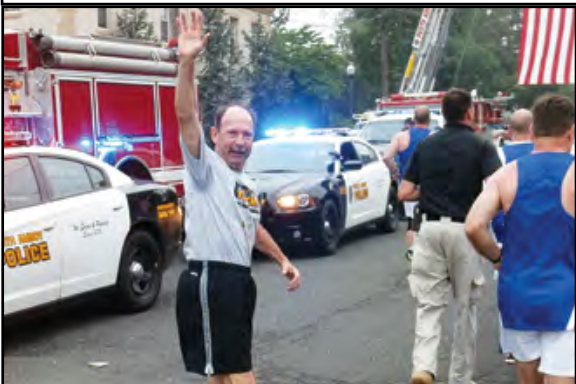
Deputy Ballman and Adam Fleissner present Mayor Diaz and Chief Ruiz with Torch Run Medallion



Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg medallion.



The Participants and dignitaries.



Retired Perth Amboy police officer Joe Holland ran with the runners.

LAW ENFORCEMENT FINAL LEG RUN- TORCH RUN CEREMONY SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2014
USA Games New Jersey

News Release 6/12/14
PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz and Chief of Police, Benjamin Ruiz welcomed the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg team members to the City of Perth Amboy on June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Circle, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy for a Torch Run Ceremony.
“I want to thank the Perth Amboy Police Department and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for their fundraising efforts and for their community support. On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy, I want to also give a warm welcome and best wishes to Adam Fleissner at the 2014 Olympic Games,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.
The Perth Amboy Police Department has supported the Law Enforcement Torch Run since 1995 and in the past ten years they have raised over \$40K. Perth Amboy was selected as the only city in all of Middlesex County for their torch run visit.
“The Police Department is committed to the Special Olympic athletes in the City of Perth Amboy and in the State of New Jersey to allow them to compete at their fullest potential, at no cost,” said Chief Benjamin Ruiz.
Visiting members of “Team Three” include, Torch Runner Deputy Harvey Ballman of Kootenai County, Idaho and Special Olympics Athlete, Adam Fleissner of Cranford, New Jersey as they make their final stop at Perth Amboy on Thursday.
ABOUT ADAM FLEISSNER - Adam Fleissner is the youngest member of the Final Leg team, being just 18 years of age. He lives in Cranford, New Jersey which is a few miles south west of Newark with his parents and sister. He is an active Special Olympics athlete, competing in Soccer, Swimming and Basketball. He has won Gold medals in all three disciplines, and his Soccer team has been undefeated for the past two seasons.
Adam enjoys watching WWE wrestling and playing electronic games. He is reputed to have a great sense of humor.
ABOUT HARVEY BALLMAN - Deputy Harvey Ballman is currently employed with the Kootenai County Sheriff’s office as a Patrol Deputy. He is also an active member of the SWAT team and the county’s Criminal Interdiction Unit. Deputy Ballman also served over eight years in the United States Marine Corps both active and reserve. Deputy Ballman has been involved in, and/or has supported multiple Special Olympics events since the start of his law enforcement career in 2011.
ABOUT THE LETR - The 2014 USA Games provides an incredible opportunity for athletes to travel to New Jersey to embrace the Olympic ideal, display their talents and abilities, and to compete against other athletes from around the country. It will undoubtedly be an amazing and historic event that will leave an indelible mark on everyone associated with the USA Games!
As an important part of the USA Games, the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg® for Special Olympics will heighten awareness and take the message of Special Olympics to every corner of New Jersey and around the country. Law Enforcement officials and Special Olympics athletes, unified together as a part of the Final Leg Team, will serve as true Guardians of the Flame™ and promote the powerful messages of inclusion, acceptance, and ability every step of our Final Leg journey to promote the 2014 USA Games.
For additional information about the 2014 Special Olympics visit, <https://www.2014specialolympics.org/> and for the Law enforcement Torch Run visit: <http://www.lettr-finalleg.org/page36/index.html>

Dine to Donate

PARLIN - (Free Press Release Distribution | iNewswire) June 27, 2014 - Join Team Cindy's Stars for DINE TO DONATE Night at Texas Roadhouse in Old Bridge, NJ to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Simply bring a copy of the flyer to Texas Roadhouse (located at 1000 US Rte. 9 N in Parlin, NJ) on Mondaynight, July 28, 2014 from 4pm-10PM and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your entire check to LLS.

In addition, we will be holding a raffle with prizes to be determined that will also benefit LLS. Texas Roadhouse has generously donated dinner for two as one prize.

Team Cindy's Stars was formed as a LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK team in 2009 in memory of Lucinda Dingman who succumbed to Leukemia in February of that year. Since 2009, Team Cindy's Stars has raised over \$15,000 for LLS. This year, we will once again be walking in the Light the Night Walk in Long Branch, NJ on Saturday, Oct 18. Our team goal for this fundraising season is a generous \$5,000.

Since 2009, our team has grown and we now walk with over 20 people who walk in memory of either Lucinda or other loved ones who have been lost to Leukemia and Lymphoma.

LLS has an important mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

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Outdoor Flea Market

WOODBIDGE - The Barron Arts Center Annual Outdoor Flea Market will be on Saturday July 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.

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).

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.

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.

Mother Goose

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

Civil War Round Table

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central N.J. will be on Thursday, July 10th at the Woodbridge Public Library. Time of the meeting will be 7 p.m. This month's speaker is Dan Weinfeld and his topic is: "The Freedman's Bureau in Jackson County, Florida." The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.


Christmas in July Vendor Fair

HOPELAWN - Are you interested in doing some of your Christmas shopping in July? If the answer is yes, then you will enjoy visiting and purchasing at the Christmas in July Craft Fair sponsored by Good Shepherd Parish. The event will be held in the air-conditioned, elevator accessed Msgr. Gambino Hall at Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn on Sunday, July 20 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unique vendors and gold buying opportunities available for the shopper's eye and homemade refreshments provided at a reasonable price for your palate to taste. Entertainment and a visit from Santa will delight your children. Free parking. Call Joyce (732-887-7800) for details.



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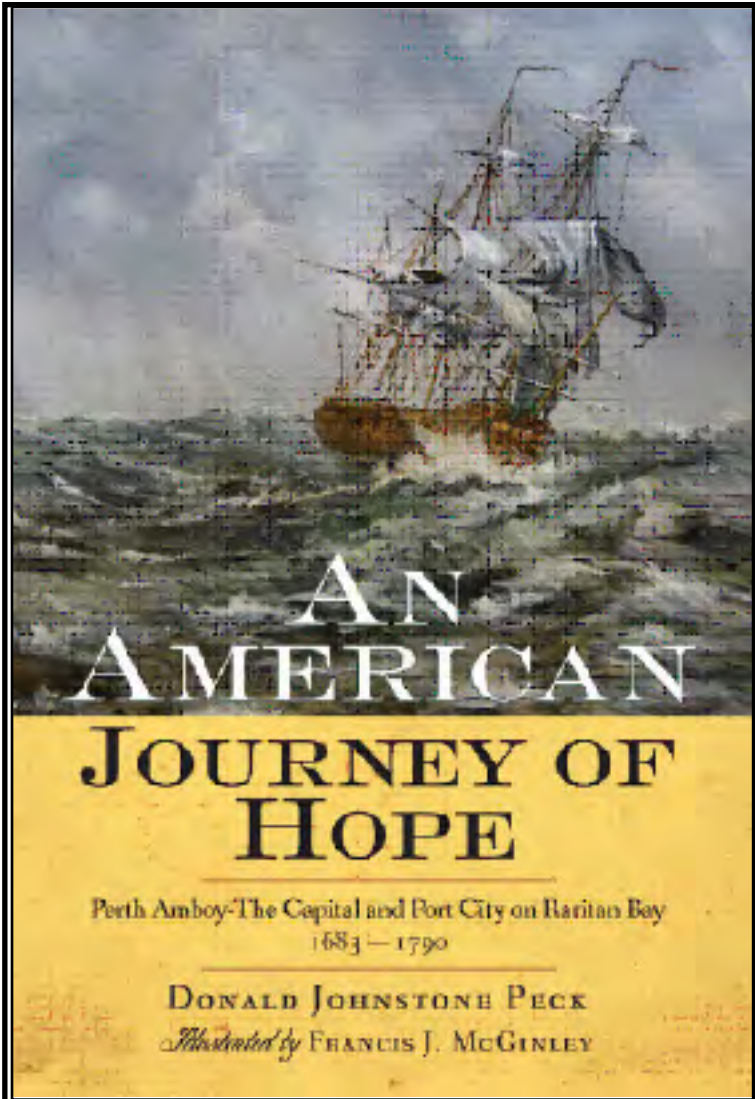
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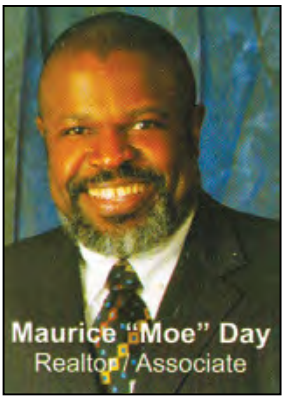
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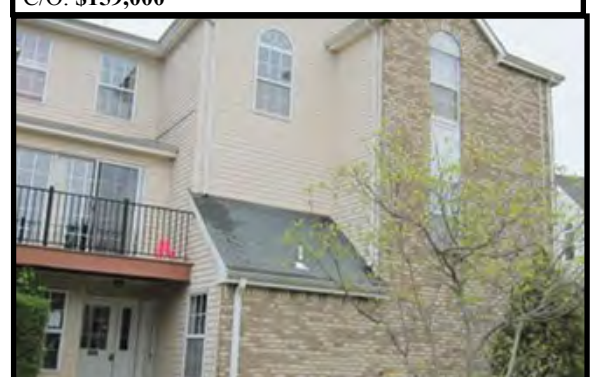
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