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Mayor Response to Quality of Life Issues and Plans for Rateable's

PERTH AMBOY - In the last few Council Meetings, residents have complained that ordinances, especially when it comes to loud noises have not been enforced.

Mayor Diaz spoke at the 8/11/14 Caucus Meeting to remind the residents how she and the Police Department worked to have some social clubs close up earlier a few years back. "A lot of people were not happy with this because some of these establishments were located in residential areas. Some of these clubs were grand-fathered in by the previous administration." She also mentioned sites that have

been stagnate for many years that we are cleaning up. "Look at Veridian and Buckeye. Celotex is crucial to our City. RP's are going out to bring rateable's that will bring jobs to our residents to help our tax base. Ameristeel will build another facility. A lot of good things are happening in this City. We are now looking for industries instead of building more housing.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said in response to Quality of Life Issues, "We need to look at the noise ordinance. Some businesses and individuals get a slap on the wrist when they violate this ordinance.



Mayor
Wilda Diaz

They know how to play the game. They should get a fine to let them know we are serious."

Clearing It Up: Shooting Incident

PERTH AMBOY - A few weeks ago there was a shooting that took place in the early morning of 7/25/14. According to some reports, the incident took place at the Z Bar located on New Brunswick Avenue. At the 8/11/14 Caucus Meeting Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz appeared before the Council to clear up some facts concerning the incident.

Ruiz said, "Some media reports were inaccurate." According to Police Chief Ruiz, "Shots were fired and there were 5 separate leg injuries. Those who sustained those injuries sought medical treatment on their own. The Prosecutor's Office is now handling this case. The incident did not happen in the bar which was not open at that time. The shooting occurred at 1:15 a.m. and not 3 a.m."

In the 7/30/14 issue of the Amboy Guardian, we reported that the shooting occurred somewhere between 1:30 a.m. - 3 a.m. and that it was unclear if it took place inside the Z Bar or at a nearby parking lot.

During the public portion Businessman and Resident David Caba made reference

to the shooting. He brought up the quality of life issues. He asked the Council if they were aware of the shooting that took place 2 to 3 weeks ago. Some of the Council Members had puzzled looks on their faces. Caba told them, "That is your job to protect us (the residents). This shooting was not reported in the papers. We are losing quality of life. I am not blaming the police. We keep building and not getting the services. I went to Long Branch where there was a developer who had a dream for that town and they got their money's worth. Developers were selling dreams in Perth Amboy that never came true."

A resident who has lived in Perth Amboy for 22 years and who resides on Maple Street complained about a liquor store on the 200 Block of Smith Street. This resident said, "Since April of this year, there has been constant noise going on, especially on Sundays from 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. or sometimes up until midnight. This bar has a backyard where there's a D.J. playing loud music. There must be between 40 - 50 people back there dur-



Police Chief
Benjamin Ruiz

ing that time. I call the police and sometimes they come and sometimes they don't. This happens every day but the weekends are very bad."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry voiced concerns about the same bar. He noticed that there is a wooden fence and wanted to know if they had a permit for that enclosed area. "Heaven forbid that there is an emergency."

Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz said, "We have given out summons and will do more research and do an investigation."

Off the Table

Look Elsewhere For High School



Business Administrator
Jillian Barrick

PERTH AMBOY - 8/11/14 - Caucus Meeting Communication #21. Middlesex County Planning Board supporting the City's application to Green Acres Program for funds to develop a park on City owned property along the Raritan River adjacent to the Victory Bridge.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski wanted to know if the 5 acres for the park was contaminated, "The Council needs to get more information about this land to check for any possible contaminants. You should table this before you approve this."

Senior Planner with the City of Perth Amboy Office of Economic and Community De-



Senior Planner Office of
Economic and Community
Development
Annie Hindenlang

velopment, Annie Hindenlang answered the concerns of Sierakowski about this property. She said, "This property which is located near the Victory Bridge is City owned. We did environmental investigations. It is not part of any discussion related to the High School."

Business Administrator Jillian Barrick talked about the 50 acre Celotex property, "We are looking to make this into a retail/commercial area. There are RFP's (Request For Proposals) going out tomorrow (8/12/14). I talked to the Board of Education Jess about other options to build a High School. The Celotex property is off the table."

Half Paved Streets?

PERTH AMBOY - One of the topics of discussion at the 8/11/13 Caucus Meeting dealt with half paved streets. Council President Joel Pabon said, "Residents complained about these streets."

Department of Public Works Director Frank Dann came up to answer this question, but said, "It is a Code Enforcement issue."

Dann explained, "It's the gas company that are replacing the lines and they only dig up the side of the street where the lines are to make the connection. Sometimes the gas

company may have to go into a resident's property to complete the job."

Pabon said, "Some of the sidewalks on Madison Avenue where the gas lines were worked on have been replaced with tar instead of the cement which was originally there."

Ed Scala from Code Enforcement answered that question, "The gas company has to do large sections and not just of chunks of streets. Any sidewalk that presently has the tar will have it replaced with cement if that's what was there originally."

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Parking Headaches Resurfaces
Mary Street & Amboy Avenue

PERTH AMBOY – Along with Amboy Avenue 3 hour parking, Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez took up the concerns of some of the residents who were blindsided on Mary Street when was converted to one-way. Gonzalez says, “To have parking on only one side of the street is not helping the residents who complained of lack of parking. Perhaps we can do parking on both sides of the streets. Do we need 23 feet from the corner of the street for fire trucks to turn in there?”

Fire Chief Abraham Pitre answered that question. He mentioned Rector Street which is also narrow where it is difficult for some fire trucks to turn. Pitre said, “To have parking on both sides on Mary Street would be difficult, especially if you have vehicles parked directly across the street from one another.”

Council President Joel Pabon mentioned that there are a lot of back streets in the City that are narrow. “Now you have people flying on Mary Street and there are arguments that people are trying to hold spots for relatives or friends who come to visit. I spoke to Frank Dann (Director of Public Works) about possible solutions for the DPW vehicles. The only other spot for people to park who live on Mary Street is the highway.”

Business Administrator Jillian Barrick said, “We need to look at this further.”

Pabon suggested, “Public Works, the Police Department and the B.A. should meet with Residents who live on Mary Street.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, “Painting yellow lines

on the curbs will not solve the problem. People park there anyway. The City doesn’t need any more lawsuits. We have enough. The Business Administrator should look at the issues related to illegal housing.”

Barrick answered, “We are looking at other streets besides Mary Street when it comes to illegal housing. There should be enforcement and we should insure that secondary housing meets all legal requirements for secondary housing. The City Attorney and Code Enforcement are looking at other towns to see how they handle illegal housing.”

Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz talked about the notification process to determine whether or not there are any changes to streets. “We’ll survey the area, ask residents and look at various turning angles. This is done with help of the Fire Department and Department of Public Works. You see how many driveways and handicapped parking spots there are. A lot of residents (Mary Street) knew about turning their streets into one-way and was glad that something was finally done.”

Council President Joel Pabon was surprised at this because other residents from that street told him something different. He said, “These residents who he spoke to knew nothing about making Mary Street one-way until a few days before the signs went up.”

B.A. Jillian Barrick concluded this discussion saying that she and other directors would like to meet with residents (Mary Street) before we can make any recommenda-



Council Member
Kenneth Gonzalez

tions. Hopefully we can have answers by the end of September.”

Another Street that had its share of problems was Amboy Avenue’s active business section. 3 Hour Parking was recently implemented and some of the residents who live on that street were not happy.

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez said he met with a man who is about 80 years old who lives on that street. “Some of these residents have been adversely impacted by this 3 hour limit. The gentleman I spoke to said that he didn’t want to constantly move his car unnecessarily.”

B.A. Jillian Barrick said, “We are trying to get a meeting to be held on August 21st at 6 p.m. to be held either in the Council Chambers or in a place on Amboy Avenue, perhaps at the Charter School to discuss a solution with the residents who live on Amboy Avenue. The ordinance creating the 3 hour limit has been suspended temporarily until after this meeting takes place. This is a difficult street, because it’s heavily mixed with residents and businesses.”

I Have the Proof!

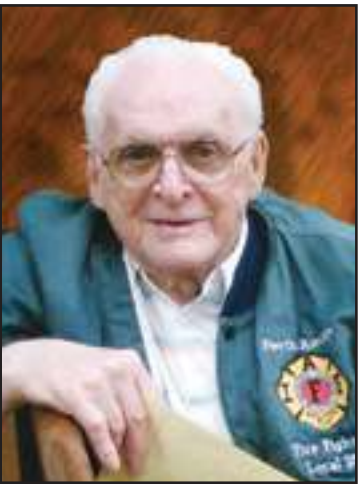
PERTH AMBOY - Resident John Siberry has been questioning a 2 hour limit on handicapped parking space on Market Street outside of City Hall. Siberry feels that this restriction was personally aimed at him. He said, “I saw a City Employee who is handicapped park there for more than 2 hours. I have the proof!” He asked the Council a series of 4 questions:

1. What is the intent of this ordinance?; 2. If I park in the handicapped spot, as I have a placard, do I get a ticket if I stayed longer than 2 hrs.?; 3. How about 39:4-207; How does it impact this law?; 4. Can a handicapped person still get a ticket under this ordinance despite 39:4-207? Is this not municipal legislation for the purpose of harassment in order to prevent political

dissent?

39:4-207. Parking overtime by driver of motor vehicle with placard or wheelchair symbol license plates; no penalty - No penalty shall be imposed for the parking overtime of any motor vehicle which has displayed thereon a placard or wheelchair symbol license plates issued pursuant to the provisions of this act under any law or municipal ordinance now in effect or hereafter enacted unless such vehicle shall have been parked in one location for more than 24 hours. This provision shall apply only when the person to whom the placard or special license plate has been issued is either the driver or a passenger of the vehicle.

Siberry said he had been harassed by cops twice on the same day while parking at the



John Siberry

handicapped spot.

City Attorney Mark Blunda told Siberry once again why there is a limit on that handicapped space. The limit on that particular spot is to give others who are handicapped a chance to use it if they have to do business at City Hall.



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The South Amboy Fire Department has secured a portion of the antenna from The World Trade Center. This Antenna has been installed at The South Amboy Train Plaza and will be formally dedicated at a ceremony in The Train Plaza on Broadway on September 6th. We Will Never Forget....

A "Paver Program" is available if you would like to dedicate a paver in the Memorial Area. Cost Is \$50. Please Contact Phil English At 732-688-7956 to Place Your Order.

Ladies Auxiliary #4699 Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary #4699 on Jerneen-Mills road will hold their monthly meeting on August 26 at 7 p.m. All ladies are invited to come and bring your ideas to our meeting. Light refreshments will be served. For more info call 732-264-3041.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Truth Will Set You Free
- Not All The Time -
The Plight of Shaneen Allen

I happened to be listening to a radio program the other day and my ears perked up. The radio host talked about a young mother from Philadelphia facing up to 10 years in prison. She innocently told a police officer that she was carrying a gun that she legally had a permit to carry in her state. This radio host went on to say that you can have confessed murderers or people who are here illegally get a slap on the wrist, yet they're going to come down hard on a young single mother.

I didn't get the name of the woman while listening to the radio show because it was near the end of the segment. So, of course I Googled the information on my Android Phone. (Single mother from Pennsylvania who was arrested for carrying a legal gun permit from Pennsylvania)

Shaneen Allen is a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the single mother of two young boys. She wanted to protect her family after having her home been broken into twice so she legally purchased a handgun going by the books.

On October 1, 2013 she was pulled over by the police for making an unsafe lane change while driving from Philadelphia to Atlantic City. She gave the officer who pulled her over all the information requested (driver license, insurance, registration, etc.). In her innocence she also volunteered that she had a license to carry a concealed weapon from her state and she had the gun in her possession.

Well, because of the gun laws in New Jersey, she was promptly arrested and could serve at least 3 1/2 years in jail with no chance of early parole.

I'm a person that likes very simple solutions. I know all the states love to get extra income. Just like you would pay extra to upgrade in a hotel room or a seat on an airline,

perhaps someone who has applied and qualified for a gun permit can also be upgraded. The states should establish a special fund, for instance to supply bulletproof vests for police. For an extra \$200 per year the qualified applicant can be placed into a national database that shows with this extra fee was placed in this national fund for that purpose. This would exclude this applicant from being fined and possibly imprisoned for carrying their firearm across state lines that does not recognize their permits. With this extra \$200 that the applicant paid, there should be a special stamp (similar to a passport) that shows they contributed to the bullet proof fund. If the motorist is stopped on a small traffic violation, they can produce the firearms permit with the special stamp the law enforcement officer. The officer can then run a check on the license plate issue a ticket or warning for the traffic violation and let the driver go on their merry way.

If someone else has a better solution I would love to hear it. What about people who can afford to take road trips across the country? They may have permits - and what do they do each time they cross a state border? As we all know people are attacked every day in broad daylight. What about salespeople who travel on the road all the time? They have a right to protect themselves. You have people who carry valuable merchandise. How many times have you read that because of an insider knowing the routine of that person, sometimes robberies occur and it's an inside job?

Innocent people, especially when they volunteer information should not be threatened with jail time. It's just not right. The Shaneen Allen Legal Defense Fund is online if you wish to contribute. **C.M.**

Observance on
Ferguson,
Missouri
Shooting

The city of Ferguson, Missouri had a so-called civil unrest (or a riot) in town over a police shooting. Now Police Officer Darren Wilson fatally shot Michael Brown as we see for now. Then a few decided to have a riot over this shoot-

ing and made thing worse for others. I knew that the U.S. Dept. of Justice was getting involved because of the way it happened. But now some are saying Michael Brown tried to take the officer's weapon (if this is true). Amnesty International is asking for an investigation. This is nothing new. They did it to the New York City Police Dept. We at one time had a police shooting right here in town and we did

not have a RIOT but the good citizens of Perth Amboy went to the city council meeting and asked questions and took it from there. Whenever there's a police shooting many people jump the gun and overreact or have a riot. This is why we have the U.S. Department of Justice and a group of lawyers for the people to call Amnesty International and the ACLU.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Judicial
Vacancies

The current problem with a shortage of judges shows a flaw in the NJ State Constitution. Adjoining states never have this problem because their judges are elected to a fixed term. A similar problem

with US Senators led to the adoption of the XVII Amendment to allow popular election of US Senators. That has worked well, nobody wants to go back to the old days when a millionaire bought their Senate seat by paying off political bosses.

You can learn how Pennsylvania, New York, and the

other states avoided this problem centuries ago. Isn't it time for NJ to enter the 20th century? These states also elect the District Attorney (County Prosecutor) for a fixed term. If it works in all the other states why can't it work here?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Statement Read By
Perth Amboy Democratic Chair Leslie
Dominguez-Rodriguez at the 8/13/14
Council Meeting

Early this year on February 2014 I asked this council to please consider changing the form of government from non-partisan to partisan. Now that our municipal elections are held together with a partisan general election in November.

This past primary the county paid out \$34,000+ for poll workers in Perth Amboy that only 1 had a 2.01% turnout. That means out of 24,000+

registered voters, only 496 people voted. That is a shame. Including Perth Amboy, a Primary will be at no cost to Perth Amboy. A primary will take place with or without Perth Amboy.

If this council moved to a non-partisan election to November with a general election where those who are running had a run-off in a primary, our municipal candidates should have to do the same. Not doing so cost Perth Amboy taxpayers money in November that could be avoided.

Where is the democracy here? People are not represented properly. It is an educational process. You have elected officials taking advan-

tage of our voters. They only come in to work hard so that they can get back in return. It's time to let the people of their party decide who should represent them on a general election and the only way to do so is to have a primary.

This change should come from our elected council members and especially those who moved the election to November.

I am asking this council to put this as a resolution for a vote in September's Council meeting.

Thank you,
Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez
Perth Amboy Democratic Chair

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Natalia Dunyak

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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430 or 732-324-3505.

Citizenship Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday: : FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER is offering a free course to assist those who plan on taking the USCIS Citizenship Test. All details will be discussed at the meeting. All who plan to take the course must attend Orientation. Call or visit the office to register. 149 Kearny Ave. (Proprietary House) Perth Amboy.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

THURS. Aug. 28 Board of Education, 6 p.m.
PAHS, Eagle Ave.
THURS. Sept. 4 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
MON. Sept. 8 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
TUES. Sept. 9 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
UEZ, 6 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
WED. Sept. 10 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Aug. 20 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Aug. 25 Board of Education, Business/Public, 6 p.m.
SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.
WED. Sept. 3 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
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Perth Amboy Democratic Org. Picnic

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Democratic Organization is having their annual picnic on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Warren Park from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Call 732-826-7876 for tickets.

Rainbow Loom

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

Atlantic City Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - There will be an Atlantic City Bus Trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday, September 21. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place of Perth Amboy. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 noon - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in A.C. Cost: \$25 pp. Receive \$25 slot play. Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: Julie Kopko - 732-261-8726.

Tricky Tray

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish at Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd. in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge will be hosting our Tricky Tray Auction in Msgr. Gambino Hall on September 21. Admission is \$15 which includes 25 Tray Tickets, coffee and dessert. Adults only. Hall is Handicapped Accessible. Doors open at 12 Noon and drawing will begin at 2 p.m. There are 4 levels of prizes and grand prizes including an iPad Air and Toro snow blower. For more information/tickets or reservations for tables of 6 or more, please contact the Parish Office @ 732-826-4859 or Marie @ 732-442-6916. Proceeds benefit Good Shepherd Parish and the Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund.

Trip to Mt. Airy Casino

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Senior Citizens are sponsoring a trip to Mt. Airy Casino on Wed. Sept. 3rd at 9:30 from the senior center on Stevens Ave. Price \$30, with \$25 return and \$10 for food. If interested, call Mary Ann at 732-721-3894.

E-Book Classes

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

PAHS Class of 1994 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School Class of 1994’s 20 year reunion being held at The Rosewood on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Price is \$65 a person with discount, Deadline Sept. 1st. Contact person: Virginia Morales cell 732.486.6382 or vmoralespps@yahoo.com

Sayreville Auxiliary Police Need Members

SOUTH AMBOY/SAYREVILLE - Sayreville Auxiliary Police are seeking new members to join its volunteer force. If you are interested in a future in law enforcement and have a desire to serve your community, this is a great opportunity! Interested applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be able to pass a criminal background check and possess a valid New Jersey driver’s license. Interested applicants can download an application from: www.sayrevillepoliceaux.org or send a letter of interest to: Sayreville Police Department, Attn: Auxiliary Police, 1000 Main St., Sayreville, NJ 08872. Include your full legal name, address, phone number and a brief summary about yourself.

2015 Ultimate Football Game of the Year

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Fire Department 125th Anniversary Committee is Sponsoring a Raffle for the University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Arizona from January 29 - February 2, 2015. The Winner Receives the Following Trip Package for Two (2) Persons: End Zone Tickets to the “2015 Ultimate Football Game of the Year”; Round Trip Airfare and Transfers; 4 Night Accommodations at the Aloft Tempe Hotel; Roundtrip Stadium Transfers on Game Day; Admission to the “Football Fan Experience” (Saturday); Commemorative Gift Package and Official Program; Custom Ticket Holder and Lanyard; And much more!

What better way to support your Local Fire Department than to purchase a Raffle Ticket and have the chance to win a trip for two people to the “2015 Ultimate Football Game of the Year!” The drawing will be held on October 18, 2014 or when all 500 tickets are sold, whichever comes first! Winner does not need to be present at time of drawing.

Tickets are available as follows: Sunday, August 3rd at the Independent Engine & Hose Co. #1, Inc. Antique Car Show on Broadway in South Amboy, in front of the Fire Department from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, September 28th at the BBQ Showdown at the Raritan Waterfront Park in South Amboy from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. See any South Amboy Fire Department Member or contact Anne Marie at 732-207-2848 or safd125th@gmail.com for tickets

We will gladly accept cash or checks made payable to “SA Fire Dept. 125th Anniversary Committee” Tickets Are Limited, Don’t Miss Out! The South Amboy Fire Department & Its Members Thank You For Your Support!

PAHS All Alumni Picnic- Warren Park 8/9/14

**Photos by Bob Ned*



Jewish Renaissance Foundation Health Fair - Perth Amboy 8/15/14

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Praise in the Park

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Oldies Concert- Perth Amboy 8/16/14

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Photo 1 – (L to R) Virginia Basile asst. director of recreation, Jason Craig singer, Amy Wendel Director of Recreation, J.T. Carter founder of the Crests, Arlene Brief managing Director of Arlene Brief Entertainment,LLC.



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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.

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - On Thursdays, Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai, Perth Amboy is available for any and all questions from everyone at 12:10 pm at the food court in Menlo Park Mall in Edison.

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.

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

Gateway

Neighborhood Collaborative

PERTH AMBOY - Be a Part of Gateway Neighborhood Collaborative on August 26th, 6p.m., 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy. The Gateway Neighborhood Collaborative (GNC) is a group of community organizations, residents and stakeholders, working together to create and form the "GNC Neighborhood Vision". Contact us at (732) 826-3110 or by email at eugenia@perthamboyha.org

BBQ

Showdown

SOUTH AMBOY - Best BBQ Event in Central NJ! Sunday, Sept. 28 at Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, South Amboy. Hundreds of Vendors, Live Music on Stage, Workshops & Demos, Kids Activities, Shuttle Service Available. No Parking on Site for Day of Event. Presented by the City of South Amboy. Produced by IRUN New Jersey. For more info call 855-478-6888 or go to www.irunnewjersey.com

Concert

Series in

South Amboy

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Concerts are FREE. Call 732-745-3936 for more info. Concerts are at the Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, O'Leary Boulevard. South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front.*Concerts will take place rain or shine. August 20 - Zydeco-A-Go-Go - New Orleans style Rhythm & Blues, plus 40's Jump, Jazz & Swing.

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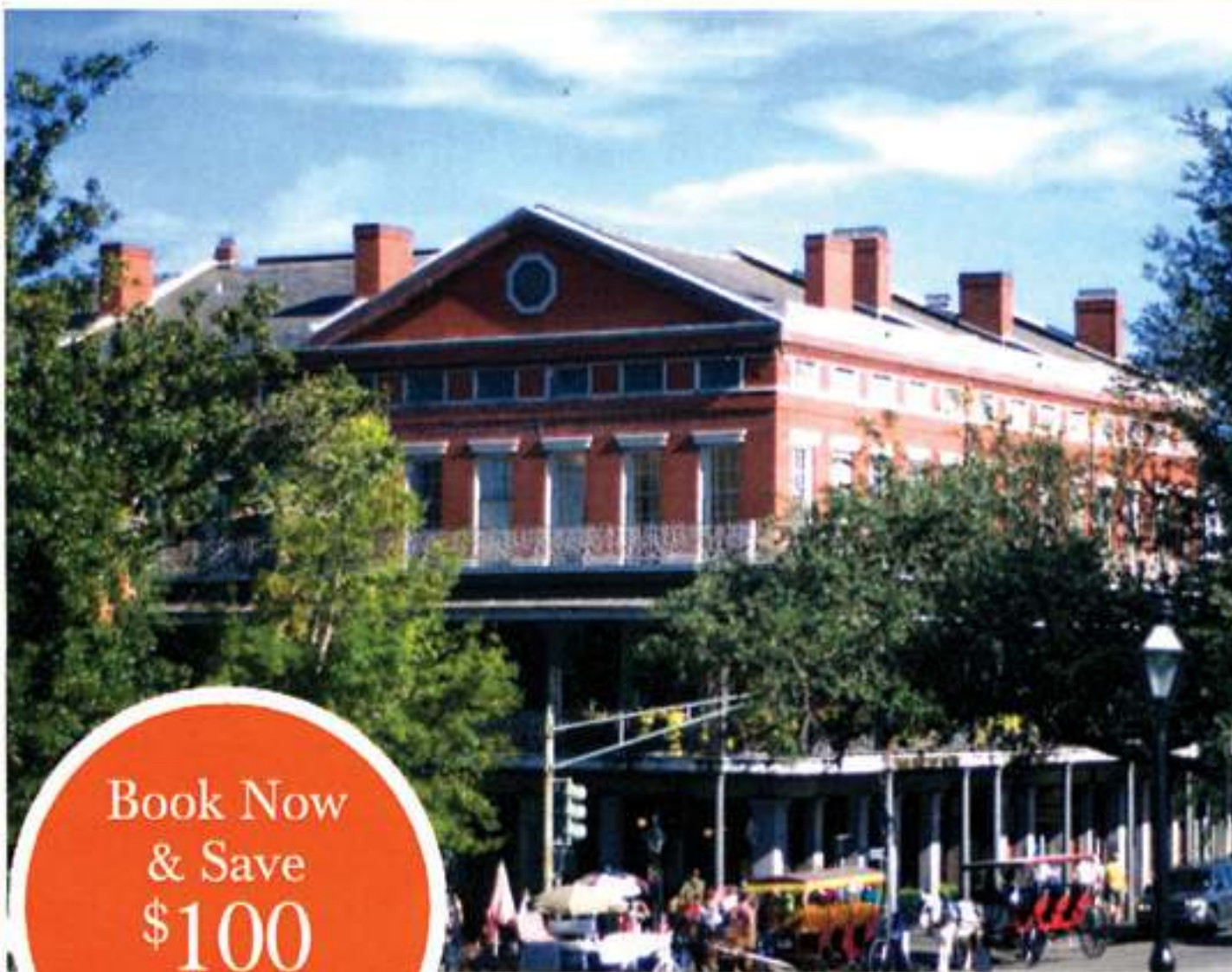
WOODBIDGE - FBC Food Pantry Fundraiser Flea Market. Been putting off that yard sale? Still haven't cleaned out that attic and basement? Well, if you have items to sell, please join us for a day of "SELL-ABRATION." Purchase a table for \$20 and sell your clothing, household items, books, knick knacks, etc. TASTY FOOD, BEVERAGES & DESSERTS FOR SALE Place: First Baptist Church of Woodbridge 130 Sewaren Ave, Sewaren. Date: Sat. Sept. 6 - Rain date: Sat. Sept. 13. Time: 9a.m. to 3 p.m. Contacts: Sis. J. Fleming (908) 612-5725 OR Sis. I. Roman (848) 565-1886. CASH OR CHECKS PAYABLE TO: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WOODBRIDGE BY 8/23/2014.

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National Night Out - Perth Amboy 8/5/14

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National Night Out

Keeping Our Community Safe

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Perth Amboy Police Department gathered with the community for National Night Out 2014 yesterday evening at the Perth Amboy Train Station.

“The Police Department has hosted this event for several years—to promote safety and crime prevention with a partnership between local organizations and government. It’s important to share safety information with our families especially with outreach through an enjoyable activities-filled event,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

There will be food, entertainment, activities, safety information, giveaways and more. The event is free and open to the public.

“National Night Out highlights the importance of our partnership with community-- Our strength comes within the unity between the community and businesses who are our eyes and ears, they allow us to address the quality of life issues that affect us on a daily basis,” said Chief Benjamin Ruiz.

Sponsors and participating organizations include: Perth Amboy Police Department, Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance, Jewish Renaissance Foundation/Perth Amboy Alliance of the Community, Wells Fargo Bank. Dr. Elaine Mariolis (Family Foot Care), Dr. Fausto Ramos (Medical & Surgery, Foot/Ankle), Middlesex County Human Services, N.C.A.D.D, HealthFirst, U.S.M.C., U.S. Army, Petra Best Realty, P.R.A.H.D, Capital One Bank, Sovereign Bank, Provident Bank, Investors Saving Bank, Catholic Charities, Banco Popular Bank, U.C.E.D.A. Institute, Acelero Learning, Middlesex County Health Department, Enterprise Car Rental, Chase Bank, 1st Constitution Bank, Food Bank of New Jersey, Thera Care, United Way of Central Jersey, BAYADA and New Jersey Transit.

About National Night Out: National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the development and promotion of various crime prevention programs including neighborhood watch groups, law enforcement agencies, state and regional crime prevention associations, businesses, civic groups, and individuals, devoted to safer communities. The nations premiere crime prevention network works with law enforcement officials and civilian leaders to keep crime watch volunteers informed, interested, involved and motivated. Since 1981, NATW continues to serve thousands of members across the nation.

Family Day - Perth Amboy 8/9/14

*Photos by Katherine Massopust



Dominican Festival - Perth Amboy 8/14, 8/15, 8/16/14

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Pallone Attends Disaster Recovery Workshop and Tour Rebuild of Sandy-Damaged Home

News Release 8/18/14

SEA BRIGHT – On Monday, August 18th, 2014, at 12:30 p.m., Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) attended a workshop, hosted by Farmers Insurance and the St. Bernard Project, a national disaster recovery nonprofit organization, to explore how public and private entities are working together in New Jersey to improve disaster recovery efforts, specifically with groups like Sea Bright Rising.

In May of this year, Farmers Insurance, in conjunction with the St. Bernard Project,

launched the “Disaster Recovery Playbook,” a compilation of best practices that communities can utilize to ensure a faster and more complete recovery following a disaster. Sea Bright Rising, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to helping residents rebuild in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, has partnered with the St. Bernard Project to implement a residential rebuilding program in the community of Sea Bright, New Jersey in order to serve residents who own homes but lack the financial means necessary to rebuild

on their own. In June, Farmers made a commitment to Sea Bright Rising to provide much needed funding and weekly volunteers through the end of 2014.

Congressman Pallone also toured a Sandy-damaged home currently being repaired by Sea Bright Rising. He will be joined by Deb Aldredge of Farmers Insurance, Zack Rosenberg of the St. Bernard Project, Chad Carson of Sea Bright Rising, and Sea Bright Mayor, Dina Long.

A Middle East Dialogue: ‘One Land, Two Worlds, One Painful Hope’

PERTH AMBOY - A dialogue between a Palestinian activist and an Orthodox rabbi settler on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 2:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy. FREE to all. This is a thought provoking event. This is their ONLY appearance in New Jersey.

Join Ali Abu Awwad & Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger as they tell their personal stories and of their efforts to build a better future. Listen as they share their painful hope that human understanding and trust will lead to peace on the tiny sliver of land they both call home. The two speakers have spoken together before and are honest and forthcoming in their thoughts.

MAKE RESERVATIONS ONLINE AT bethmordecai.org/events/painful-hope. FOR QUESTIONS, CALL 732.442.1373.

About the speakers:

Ali Abu Awwad - A leading Palestinian activist who teaches his countrymen non-violent resistance and reaches out to Jewish Israelis at the heart of the conflict. He tours the world to tell his riveting story of violent activism, imprisonment, bereavement and discovery of the path of non-violent resistance.

Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger - An Orthodox rabbi, teacher and passionate Zionist settler, who has been profoundly transformed by his friendship with Ali. Ali has introduced him to a parallel universe that has utterly complicated his understanding of the reality of the Middle East conflict and of Zionism.

St. Mary's Class of 1969 45+ Reunion

POINT PLEASANT - Please join us for St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, NJ Class of 1969 45+ Class Reunion on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. at White Sands Oceanfront Resort and Spa, Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey 08742. Appetizers, Dinner Buffet, Unlimited Soft Drinks, Tea, Coffee and Desserts Cash Bar Entertainment. Casual Dress \$70 pp. There is a \$35 non-refundable deposit due upon affirming your attendance. \$35 balance due by March 2, 2015. For Information: Facebook: St Mary's High School Class of 1969 South Amboy & Class of 1969 reunion. Contact: smhsclassof1969@gmail.com.

Rolling Thunder®, Inc. NJ Chapter 2 Ride For Freedom XIX

ROSELLE - Rolling Thunder Ride For Freedom XIX will be on Sunday, September 21. Registration: 8:00 a.m. Departure: 11:30 a.m. Assembly Area: Warinanco Park, Roselle, N.J. Destination: New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Holmdel, N.J. Cash Only - No ATM on site. (No Alcohol Permitted) Registration Fee - \$5.00 to cover expenses and donation to NJ Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Foundation & Vietnam Era Educational Center. Sponsored by Rolling Thunder, Inc., NJ Chapter 2, NJ Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Foundation and the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Budapest Neighborhood Association

Volunteers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Alliance for Community (PAAC) is a group of community organizations, residents, working together to create and form the “Budapest Neighborhood Association,” a resident-driven, neighborhood council. The Budapest area extends from and Inslee Street Washington Street and Amboy Avenue to Westside Avenue. We are looking for Resident Volunteers to build The Budapest neighborhood Association. Contact Jerry Lenor, PAAC Program Coordinator at (732) 324-2114 x114

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.

Tennis Returns! - Perth Amboy 8/15/14

*Photo by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Tennis returns to Perth Amboy. Pictured are youths with instructor Mingo Vargas in a group photo who are participating in tennis lessons down the waterfront this summer.

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.

Edison Jaquez Receives Recognition at Dominican Festival



PERTH AMBOY - On 8/16/14 United Dominicans of Perth Amboy presented Edison Jaquez with an award in recognition of his valuable work in the B-Men program which offers young men many opportunities. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Edison-Jaquez-Motivational-Speaker/693450660712801> for more information.

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Prayer to St. Joseph
for Employment

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen *W.D.*

Prayer to St. Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.
Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly *(Here make your request)* and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. *C.G.*

Novena to St. Jude

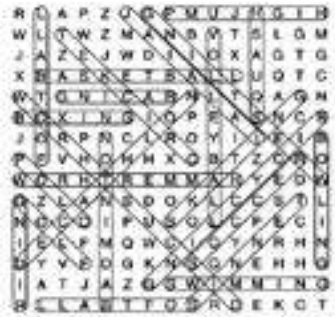
Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - *(make your request here)* - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen *J.G.*

Novena to St. Therese

Most gracious Little Rose Queen, remember your promises of never letting any request made to you go unanswered, of sending down a shower of roses, and of coming down to earth to do good. Full of confidence in your power with the Sacred Heart, I implore your intercession in my behalf and beg of you to obtain the request I so ardently desire: *(mention it)*.
Holy “Little Therese,” remember your promise “to do good upon earth” and shower down your “roses” on those who invoke you. Obtain for us from God the graces we hope for from His infinite goodness. Amen. *J.G.*

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Answers
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Dry Dock Company. This photo was taken on September 16, 1995.
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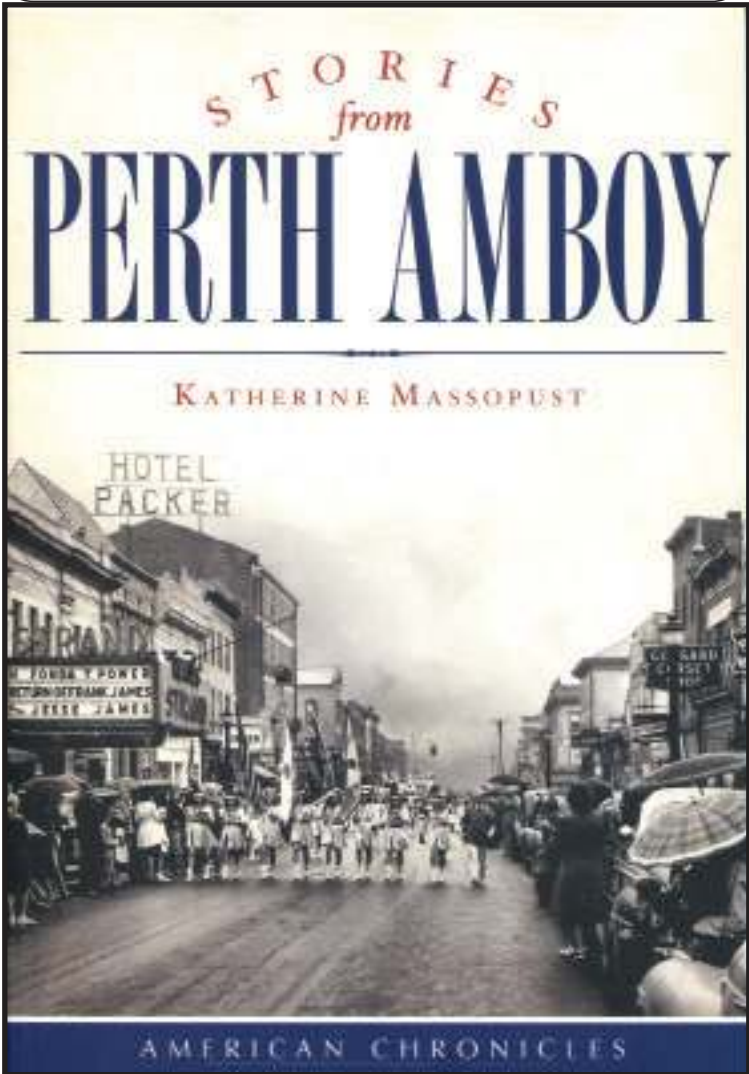
Senior Scene

Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
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• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
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