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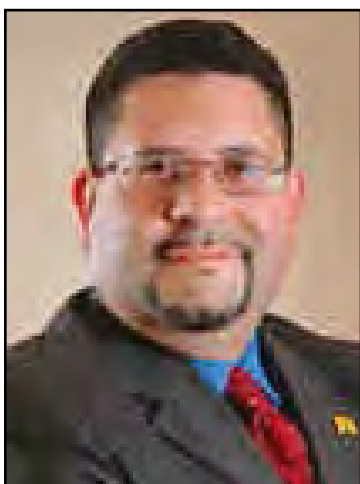


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BID To Expand to 15 Board Members



**Councilman
Kenneth Gonzalez**



Residents attending the 11/12/14 Council Meeting
**Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*



**BID Board Member
Virginia Lugo**



Reinaldo Avelis



**BID Chair
Barry Rosengarten**

PERTH AMBOY - BID (Business Improvement District) Board Member and Business Owner Virginia Lugo spoke at the 11/12/14 Council Meeting. Lugo told those in attendance, "On February 6, 2015 there will be an election for BID's. None of the business owners can vote on this - only members that are on the Board already. I voted against this resolution. The Board voted against an amendment to allow business owners to participate in the election. I'm hoping the Council can initiate something."

City Attorney Mark Blunda said, "The BID is a corporation which makes its own by-laws It is self-governing."

BID Chair Barry Rosengarten stated to the Council that the Board will be expanded to 15 members. Business owners are invited to submit their resumes. The BID meeting was

held earlier that evening at the YMCA. "We have an open forum."

Resident Reinaldo Avelis said, "People that are being assessed should be allowed to vote." He also mentioned the fact that there are 3 employees from the City who are on the BID Board. Besides the Mayor, these employees are: Jeanette Rios, Annie Hindenlang and Yvonne Lopez, "Whom I love dearly. To say it's representative of businesses is not so. These individuals are not paying assessments. There seems to be some collusion. 501c3s are not government. Non-profits and City Employees should not be on the BID."

Former Councilman and Council-Elect Fernando Gonzalez retorted, "The City Council created the BID," and asked Blunda, "Can the Council abolish it?"

Blunda answered an affirma-

tive, "Yes."

F. Gonzalez continued, "You (the Council) have the responsibility to create what is best for the community and businesses. I've been to many BID meetings. I don't know how they got there. It is incumbent of this council to look to see if the BID is being run properly. You created it (the BID) and you can abolish it and start with something better on behalf of the business community."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez who did not seek reelection, mentioned the divisive campaigning, "But we have more in common than differences. Lugo and Avelis brought up valid points. I'm hoping the BID attorney can help the BID move in a more positive direction. Perhaps the Business community will be able to see positive results for themselves."

Board of Education Meeting 11/20/14

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - Resident Alison Perez addresses the BOE concerning childcare for her 2 yr. old granddaughter. "I have 4 children. My daughter joined the military. She has a 2 year old daughter. What (childcare facilities) are available for children under 3? She just turned 2. I don't want to put her in private care. I want to keep her in day care. Perth Amboy has nothing. For everything in her age group there's a waiting list."

Board Secretary Derek Jess answered, "The BOE has nothing set in place for children under 3."



William Kurzenberger from the JRF and Donna Stewart present a new Code of Conduct to the Board of Education. Board President Obi Gonzalez thanked the Citizen's Campaign who contributed to the contract and for their community involvement.



Robert Sanchez Tlantpa was one of 120 Students who achieved a perfect score on the 2014 NJ Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJSAK) statewide test in the Perth Amboy School System. The students were honored with T-shirts and flowers.

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Total Joint Replacement Education

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, December 12, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746.

Grandparents Newborn Care Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a Grandparents Newborn Care Class Monday, December 15, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. The class is about learning to help in your grandbaby's growth and development. The newest research in baby care will be discussed. Cost is \$50 per couple. Make checks payable to RBMC. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.



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Reiki 1 Training Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - The Division of Integrative Medicine at Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a Reiki 1 Training Workshop, Sunday, December 14, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Learn to practice Reiki, (also known as energy balancing) a simple and effective healing practice for relaxation, pain relief and overall well-being. The workshop is presented by Reiki Master Sharon Yeskel and all participants will be Level 1 Reiki providers upon completion. Cost is \$185 per person. Registration required, call 732-442-3700, ext. 5861, or emailintegrativemedicine@rbmc.org.

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Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Monday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Ages 5 and under. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Thanks-Giving

Thanks - an expression of gratitude for something. **Giving** - to pass on something to someone. To give of oneself for the betterment of their fellowman.

The community of Perth Amboy lost one of their champions on 6/2/13 with the passing of Jack Cerulo.

I remember standing in line with another staff member of the Amboy Guardian for almost 2 hours for his viewing.

I'm sure most people standing in line to convey their condolences to Jack's family, had their own personal story to tell about Jack.

That is why I was taken aback at a Perth Amboy City Council Meeting when some people spoke out against the YMCA honoring Jack.

I spoke to 2 of my older siblings who knew Jack when they were growing up. They said, "Jack went to St. Mary's H.S. but he easily got along with the students from PAHS."

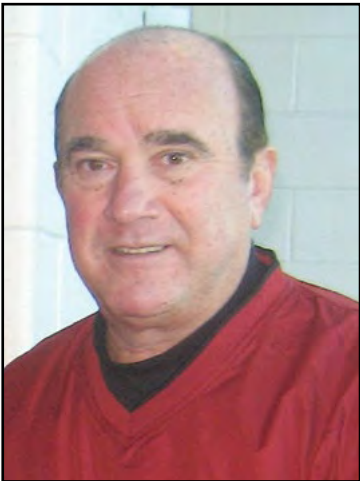
My sister recalled that Jack looked at people as individuals and did not group them by their ethnicity, religion or their background. She remembers that Jack always was willing to help out anybody in anyway that he could if he thought they needed help.

My brother said he and Jack belonged to the same fraternity. He recalled when Jack worked at First Savings Bank (now Provident), how he was always willing to help out our father whenever he was having a problem.

In 2012 Katherine interviewed some of the Board Members and Staff of the Perth Amboy YMCA. Here are some of the comments made by Cerulo:

"Our Mission Statement has not changed."

On the YMCA's website, it states: The YMCA is dedicated to building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities through programs that develop the values of caring, honesty, respect, and respon-



Jack Cerulo

sibility. The YMCA serves all people regardless of age, religion, sex, or financial means and is committed to developing a healthy mind, body and spirit. The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA is committed to providing our life-changing services to all health seekers who desire to participate.

Jack Cerulo stated, "I have been a proud volunteer for over 50 years and as a volunteer/board member I will continue to live the mission of the "Y" in Perth Amboy.

Volunteerism- the practice of using volunteer workers, especially in community service or educational organizations and programs.

Cerulo served as Chair of BD of the Y for over 24 yrs. He served on various City Boards, was active in the business community, his church and was a devoted family man.

He was member of the Perth Amboy Rotary Club. The main objective of Rotary is service - in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. They develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, dealing with children, poverty, hunger and other social issues. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. The Rotary motto is *Service Above Self*. This is Jack Cerulo. **C.M.**

New Fencing on Bridge????

OK, WHO WAS THE MORON that designed this? And who were the idiots that

OK'd it?!!! Even a 5 year old knows that this does not stop jumpers....Why waste taxpayers money.....another embarrassing stupidity from people that don't care and like to

spend our money! DAMN! SOMEBODY WITH COMMON SENSE TAKE OVER PLEASE!!!

Wilma R. Matey

Mail

Censorship?

Should NJ pass a 'Do Not Mail' list that allows state government to ban advertising sent through the mail? Does any state have the right to control the operation of the Post Office? What will be next?

What about the advertisements on radio, television, and in newspapers? Why not con-

trol them as well? I find these more annoying at times than the "junk mail" that is placed in the circular file. Is this proposal a scheme to shift advertising dollars to the broadcast media? While the intention is good, the means are wide open to abuse.

Why aren't our legislators looking into ways to lower the highest property taxes in the nation? Splitting the sales

tax with each county could reduce property taxes. Allocating the first 1% of the income tax to each municipality could reduce property taxes. The methods are known, the political will to do this is lacking. What do Pennsylvania and New York do?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Planet X

Remember last year when someone said that the world was going to end? That's because he was talking about a planet called X that was to fly by the earth which it never did. So, I started looking into this so-called Planet X. It's a big red planet with a trail dust that's very long. Planet X was found in the late 1950's then it was forgotten. In 1979 the U.S. Navy made a coastal flood map from east to west

and the southern states for a reason. In 1983 a group of scientist had a talk with President Reagan about this Planet X. What they told him was to be on what man can think.

So President Reagan signed an executive order to keep it close for 20 years. In 2003 a man named Marshall Masters started looking into this Planet X and continued to study it and where it will be headed. Before NASA knew about this and kept this top secret. The Vatican in Rome knew this,

too. That's why they have a telescope in Arizona watching this. And there's many other telescopes watching this Planet X. What will this Planet X do if it flies by the earth? I don't want to say anything yet. But you can look it up yourself on the internet. It's called Planet X or 2003-UR 313 . Now it's up to you to decide what's true or false.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

That Gold Standard

There is a candidate for an elective office who promises to return to the "gold standard", which means tying the value of US money to a rare commodity. Gold money did not prevent the Panic of 1837, the Panic of 1873, the depression in 1893 (the worst in the 19th century), the Panic of 1907, or the Great Depression of the 1920s-1930s. A "panic" was the old name for an economic depression.

President Roosevelt ended the use of gold money in his first term. Gold specie and notes (paper money redeemable in gold) ended, but silver specie and notes continued in use. President Johnson ended silver coins and notes in 1964. Paper money was only produced by the Federal Reserve

Banks, a private cartel that charges a yearly fee to the US government for its product. President Kennedy had issued US Treasury Notes in \$100 denominations to avoid a payment to the Federal Reserve Banks and keep costs down. That ended with his death. President Nixon ended the gold standard for US money; he had been advised to raise the rate to \$60 an ounce, which was similar to President Roosevelt's change from \$20 to \$35 an ounce. Nixon also ended the production of notes with a value more than \$100; such as \$500, \$1000, \$2000, or \$5000 notes.

Presidents Reagan, Bush, Clinton, and Bush did nothing about returning to a gold standard, or even a silver standard. So what is the purpose to make this promise at this time? Will it end the worst depression since the 1930s? Will it lower

the tax burden or raise wages for most Americans? I wonder if the powerful Federal Reserve Banks would even allow this proposal to be voted on by Congress? How would a gold standard affect most people?

The Panic of 1873 was caused by a financier trying to monopolize the market in gold. A gold standard could allow billionaires to buy up most of the gold as a form of economic warfare against people, and then we would have to issue paper money again. Is this what they want? A gold standard should be a solution to a problem, not the cause of problems. Money is a medium of exchange, wealth is produced from agriculture or manufacturing items that people need or want. Would it prevent outsourcing jobs?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

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Food Stamps
Assistance

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday there will be a Food Stamps Assistance Program 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.: JRF’s Family Success Center families to come in and meet with a representative from the Community Food Bank of NJ to assist with food stamps application and eligibility guidelines. For additional information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Proprietary House).

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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.

Kearny
Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

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Perth Amboy

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TUES. Dec. 9 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.
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Community Health Centers Celebrate Awards that Continue to Ensure Quality Healthcare - JRMC
Perth Amboy 11/3/14 Photos by Paul W. Wang

Healthy Heart Event
WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is holding a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management and blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Tuesday, December 16, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

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Press Release 10/28/14
PERTH AMBOY- Earlier this fall, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell announced over \$15.6 million in Affordable Care Act (ACA) funding to 20 health centers in New Jersey to expand primary care services.
These awards enable health

centers to increase access to comprehensive primary health care services by hiring an estimated 79 new full time employees, staying open for longer hours, and expanding the care they provide to include new services such as oral health, behavioral health, pharmacy, and vision services. These investments will help health centers reach an



Listening to Jackie-Cornell Bechelli at the JRMC on Monday, 11/3/14

estimated 32,240 new patients new patients in New Jersey.
Health centers are vital to implementation of the ACA, not only by providing critical health services but also by linking individuals to coverage through enrollment in the Health Insurance Marketplace. Preparations have begun for the next Open Enrollment Period which begins on

November 15, 2014 and runs through February 15, 2015.
In the coming days, Region II Director, Jackie Cornell-Bechelli, will be joined by the New Jersey Primary Care Association's incoming President, Jillian Hudspeth, to tour health centers throughout New Jersey and give congratulatory remarks to health center staff.



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Santa Fly-in

Press Release
PRINCETON - Thirty-nine years ago, the idea of having Santa fly into the Princeton Airport for the area children to watch was brought to life. Throughout the years, this has evolved into a wonderful annual event for families and those less fortunate.

The tradition will continue this year on Tuesday, December 24th, when the Nierenberg family, owners of the airport, will open the hangar doors to children awaiting Santa's arrival. Santa is planned to arrive at 11:00 A.M. Parents are advised to bring the children prior to then, as the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies, and local folk singer Pat McKinley will be leading the audience in holiday songs during the wait for Santa.

If parents would like to have a gift waiting for their child, they should bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it

in large print to the Princeton Airport lobby. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa. (Deadline Dec. 16th) If parents have more than one child participating, the gifts should be wrapped in the same paper and tied together to speed up the distribution. Also, to have their child participate, parents need to bring a gift for the less fortunate as well. This is the most important feature of this event. These gifts must be new and unwrapped, and will be collected by the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Personal checks made out to the "FoodBank Network of Somerset County", as well as canned or boxed food will also be collected at the airport. Donations from non-participants are kindly accepted as well.

The collection of the gifts will begin the day after Thanksgiving and will end on December 16th in order to enable county workers to arrange the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby of the airport between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Once Santa's plane lands, he will head into the hangar, along with all the participants, to distribute each gift individually.

In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Children will also have the opportunity to take a picture on Santa's lap. Usually, distribution is completed by 1:00 P.M. and Santa continues his journey.

There is no charge for this event. The Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 miles north of Princeton on Route 206. The full address is 41 Airpark Road, Princeton, N.J., 08540. For further information, call 609-921-3100 or visit www.princetonairport.com.

Christmas Bake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church located at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having a Christmas Bake Sale from December 1st to December 5th – call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to place your order. All gourmet items are handmade. Cakes: Nut, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry and prune – Cost \$11. Pickup dates are December 9th – 11th at the church hall.

Christmas Tea

PERTH AMBOY - The Karmy Cottage Historical Society is sponsoring a Christmas Tea at the Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy on Sunday, December 14 at 1 p.m.

Join the Society members for tea and pastries, with Dennis Nanton on the keyboard.

Donations are appreciated. For more information call 732-293-1090.

Holiday Stroll on Main Street

WOODBIDGE - In Celebration of Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a Holiday Stroll on Main Street. Attractions include: horse drawn carriage rides, holiday carolers, DJ, special performances, crafters, vendors and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus! Donate your canned foods and new toys to those in need!

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Holiday Lighting Ceremony

HOLMDEL - The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800 from Bergen County and the Jewish War Veterans Department of New Jersey annually host a Holiday Lighting Ceremony at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel, N.J. The ceremony includes the lighting of a Christmas tree and Menorah, and a reading about Kwanzaa.

The ceremony will be at the N.J. Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Garden State Parkway, Exit 116 on Saturday, December 6 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The N.J. Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center are located on the grounds of the PNC Bank Arts Center. The Memorial is open 24 hours, 7 days a week. The Educational Center is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Regular admission to the Museum & Educational Center is FREE for veterans and active-duty military personnel. Regular adult admission is \$7, student and senior citizen admission is \$5 and children under age 10 are admitted FREE.

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Train Show

WOODBIDGE - The Barron Arts Center presents the 24th Annual Holiday Model Train Show. A running layout of Lionel 027 Gauge Model Trains from the Collection of Michael Gelesky. On view from November 29 thru December 28 (Closed 12/25) Exhibit Hours: Mon.- Fri. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission; Donations welcome. Available for schools and groups. Reserve your group's preferred time and date by calling the Barron Arts Center at 732-634-0143.

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Recreation Department Presents "Decorate and design your very own Gingerbread Cookie." We will provide the cookie and all of the toppings! Children of all ages are welcome. FREE EVENT. Woodbridge Residents Only. Saturday, December 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Parker Press, 400 Rahway Ave. Woodbridge. If you are interested in participating, you must register in advance one form per child, by completing a form and sending it to Woodbridge Recreation Department, 600 Main Street, Woodbridge New Jersey 07095. For more info call 732-596-4048. Forms are due no later than December 1, 2014. No Exceptions! Sorry we will not accept walk-ins.

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Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church located at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having a Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 20th. Gourmet items are hand-made – also ethnic food! For more info call 732-826-7067. (Please call between 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.)



Woodbridge Center Shopping Spree Raffle

WOODBIDGE - Mayor John E. McCormac, Woodbridge Community Charity Fund, and Woodbridge Center Mall have teamed up and purchased three gift cards in the amounts of \$5000 (1st Prize), \$2,500 (2nd Prize), and \$1,000 (3rd Prize). Raffle tickets are \$5 each to individuals through the Mayor's office at the Woodbridge Municipal Building.

The Shopping Spree Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 8 p.m., Center Court at Woodbridge Center Mall. Winner need not be present to win.

Christmas Friendship Dinner

WOODBIDGE - Thursday, December 25 there will be a Christmas Friendship Dinner from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church, 436 Port Reading Ave., Port Reading. 732-634-1403.

Winter Festival

SAYREVILLE - Winter Festival on Saturday, November 29th from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. Kennedy Park Washington Road. Come celebrate "The Holiday Season" with musical entertainment, Holiday displays, Pictures with Santa and refreshments. Free admission and Toy drop off for Sayreville Recreation toy drive.

The 54th Annual Holiday Parade

WOODBIDGE - Parade Starts at Woodbridge High School 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 7th.

Pizza Fundraiser

AVENEL – Tired of Turkey? Sick of stuffing? The solution is simple! The First Presbyterian Church of Avenel's Youth Mission Group is holding a Restaurant Fundraiser at Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza, 80 Parsonage Rd., Edison (in front of Target) on Monday, December 1st.

20% of all receipts for that day will be donated back to the Youth Mission Group. You do not need to bring in a flyer. Just mention our group to your waiter/waitress.

Each summer for 1 week our group goes to an area in need and provides assistance repairing homes for those who cannot afford to do so themselves. This year we will be going to Sunbury, PA. The Cost for each work camper to go is \$625. All of the money raised goes toward our trip expenses. Not only are you getting a great meal but you are helping us to help others. Our 2015 youth mission group would like to thank you for your support.

Spaghetti With Santa

A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser in Memory of Ed Curtis

COLONIA - Take a break from shopping during this busy holiday season and stop by the Colonia VFW for lunch or dinner between 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 15. Tickets are \$10 per adult, \$8 for Seniors and \$5 for children under 12. TAKE OUT AVAILABLE! You and your family can enjoy a homemade spaghetti dinner while visiting with Santa and Mrs. Claus. After your meal stay and do a holiday craft and decorate a cupcake. Bring your camera and take a picture taken with Santa. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the family of Edward Curtis who passed away in October leaving behind his wife and young son.

Please give of yourself this holiday season while enjoying a nice hot meal and helping a local family in need. No advanced tickets to be sold all tickets sold at the door. Baskets needed....if you can donate a basket please call Councilwoman Debbie Meehan at 732-382-0273.

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Breakfast With Santa

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville United Methodist Church will be having their annual 'Breakfast with Santa' on Saturday, December 13, 2014 from 9:00 am to 11 am at the Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville. Cost: Adults: \$5.00, Children under 12: \$3.00. Breakfast Includes: Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Coffee, Tea and Juice. Please join us for Fun, Fellowship, Food and Gifts. Bring the whole family. Please contact Winsome Melvin at (732)432-9072 for more information.



St. Stan's Annual Pierogi & Blintze Sale

SAYREVILLE - St Stan's Rosary Altar Society will be selling pierogies and blintzes. The pierogies are sold 12 per package at \$4.95 per package. You have your choice of cheese, (cottage cheese \$5.50), potato, potato & cheddar cheese, potato & onion, sauerkraut and sauerkraut mushroom. The blintzes are sold 3 per package at \$5.50 per package. You have your choice of cheese, apricot, blueberry, cherry, and strawberry. You may call the following numbers for orders: Yvonne- 732-257-4634, Rose - 732-257-6728, or you can mail the order to St Stan's Rosary Altar Society, 225 MacArthur Avenue, Sayreville, NJ 08872. Orders are due by December 7th. Pick up dates are Friday December 19th from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday December 20th from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Please use back door of school cafeteria for pick up.

Happy 100th Birthday to Joseph Chiarella!

**Photos Submitted*

Submitted

WOODBIDGE - Joseph Chiarella was born on September 19, 1914 in Richmond Hill, New York. He came to Perth Amboy in 1936 where he met Assunta Nardiello. They were married in 1938 and were together for nearly 70 years.

He worked as a general foreman for American Smelting and Refining Company for 41 years, retiring in 1976.

Joe has always loved to cook and garden for his family. For 60 years he was an avid bowler, traveling to Nevada, Texas and other states to bowl in National tournaments. He was also President of the Middlesex County Bowling Association from 1961 to 1962.

In 2003, Joe moved to Woodbridge where he now resides with his daughter and granddaughter. He is the proud father of Joanne and Eugene; grandfather to Leigh, Angela, Cindy and Joe; and great-grandfather to Mason, Gavin, Adam, Abby and Emily.

As long-time member of the Seniors, Joe was chairperson for quite a few luncheons for the Seniors. He was always available to serve at the luncheon, cook and make salads.



Joseph Chiarella with Woodbridge Mayor McCormac



Antoinette Auiaui (Age 101) Joseph Chiarella (Age 100)



Granddaughter Leigh, Daughter Joanne & Joseph Chiarella

St. Stan's Christmas Grave Blanket and Wreath Fundraiser

SAYREVILLE - The St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society will be taking orders for grave blankets and wreaths. Additional bows will also be on sale. This sale will take place the weekend of November 22nd and 23th. Samples will be in the main lobby and the elevator lobby. Three sizes are available. Pick up date is Saturday, December 6th from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm in the parking lot behind the School, 225 MacArthur Ave, Sayreville. Payment due when order is placed. On your check on memo line please write "grave blankets." Deadline for orders is Nov. 30, 2014. If you need more information please call: Bernadine - 732-257-3077; Alfreda - 732-257-4839; Julie - 732-254-4908. Thank you for your support!

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Holiday Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY- Bingo at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Annual Toy Drive

SAYREVILLE - November 3rd -December 8th from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Location: Recreation Department, Dolan Street. New toys only please.....Help us to provide some holiday cheer for those special residents of Sayreville.

Grave Blanket Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Ukrainian Assumption Parish Holy Name Society are selling grave blankets. Price \$25. Order by Dec. 10 - Pick-up on 12/13 or 12/14 before or after Mass. Order by Dec. 17 - Pick-up on 12/20 or 12/21 before or after Mass. Pick-up orders at Ukrainian Assumption Church, Meredith St. All blankets are handmade. We cannot guarantee that multiple items will look identical. Douglas Fir grave blankets are approx. 36" long. They are diamond shaped and are decorated with pine cones, plastic poinsettias, fern and velvet bow. For questions contact: Mark at 732-586-0398 or Charlie at 732-586-0405.

Benefit Concert

SOUTH AMBOY - Benefit Concert for Jaclyn and Baby Nicholas, Sat. Nov. 29 at 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 308 4th St., South Amboy. \$25 minimum cash donation at the door. Free Buffet, Cash Bar, Raffles and 50/50. There will be performances by 9 different bands starting at 3:20 p.m. Jaclyn Suillace Olsen, daughter of Ron and Denise Morgan, is a 26 year old new mother to Nicholas. She was 5 months pregnant when she was diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer. All proceeds raised will be used for ongoing medical expenses and other expenses so that she can concentrate on winning this battle. Prayers and Positive Energy are much appreciated. Any questions please contact Denise Morgan at 732-525-9536. Sponsored by the Sayreville Education Association Pride & K of C Council 426.

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Jeremiah's Refuge

PERTH AMBOY - Jeremiah's Refuge: An Emergency Shelter for Homeless Men has a Wish List for the holidays. The following items are needed: Bath Towels, Wash Cloths, Personal Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash (alcohol free), bar soap, soap dishes, disposable razors, shaving cream, combs; handkerchiefs; winter hats, gloves, scarves, shower shoes/flip-flops - assorted sizes; men's sweatshirts - assorted sizes; men's sweatpants - assorted sizes; white socks; thermal lunchbags; men's bathrobes - one size fits all; duffle bags; men's new underwear - assorted sizes; hand warmers. Please contact the Salvation Army, 433 State St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861; Lt. Alex Rodriguez, Commanding Officer - 732-826-7040.

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting And Fire Truck Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - At the Transit Plaza on Broadway Wed. Dec. 10. "Come visit Santa at our Christmas Village!" Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. for the "Kids Annual Meet And Greet" Free hot chocolate, cookies, candy and holiday entertainment! Don't miss our annual fire/first aid holiday parade! Prize for the best decorated vehicle! This year, local food banks need your help more than ever!! Please donate a non-perishable food item at this event! Mark your calendar and don't miss this event sponsored by the city of South Amboy! For additional information please contact South Amboy Recreation Office at 732-316-8212 or email events@southamboynj.gov



Trip to Radio City Christmas Spectacular

WOODBIDGE - Come join us to see the world famous Rockettes perform at the Radio City Christmas Spectacular on Thursday, December 11. Bus will leave the Woodbridge Community Center at 4 p.m. sharp! Tickets are \$85 pp. Space is limited. It is on a first come, first serve basis. There are no refunds given once payment is received. For more info call the Recreation Department at 732-596-4048.

Christmas in the City

PERTH AMBOY - The Royal Garden Club by the Bay and The Proprietary House Association are pleased to present the "It's Christmas in the City" house tour! Sunday December 7th from 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m. Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue. Perth Amboy.

This tour will showcase Perth Amboy's most historic and prestigious homes at the most festive time of the year. Starting at the only original Royal Governors' Mansion in the country, the tour is sure to delight history buffs and enthusiasts of fine architecture alike. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$25 or at the door when the tour begins at the Proprietary House for \$30. Please send all checks to 32 Gordon St. Perth Amboy, NJ payable to: The Royal Garden Club, along with your phone number.

For more information call Lisa Nanton: (732) 324-2361 or Betty Crews: (732) 442-3662



Toys For Tots

EDISON - The United States Marine Corps Reserve will be collecting New Unwrapped toys for its Toys For Tots Program every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from November 28 to December 22, 2014 in the Menlo Park Mall, Edison located by Santa Court of the Nordstrom Wing. Cash Donations are also accepted. For more information call Eddy Androvich Sr. 908-565-1339. "Every Child Deserves a Little Christmas."

Handel's Messiah

SOUTH AMBOY - Come join the South Amboy/Sayreville community for the Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra and Choral Society's presentation of George Frederik Handel's timeless oratorio, **MESSIAH**; Saturday, December 6th, 2014, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879! This highly acclaimed annual performance, under the baton of Maestro Christopher M.C. Deibert, conductor, will include the Advent/Christmas portion of this work in its entirety; along with excerpts from the second and third parts. Don't miss this delightful candlelit concert, set in beautiful Victorian-Gothic architectural surroundings. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested).

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PERTH AMBOY - Don't Miss Dowdell Library's Open House Centennial Salute. You're invited to a special family program! Holiday cheer + Refreshments + Music & fun events! Mon. Dec. 8 From 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. For all ages.

Holiday Parade

WOODBIDGE - Kick off the Holiday Season by welcoming Santa to town at Downtown Woodbridge on Sunday, December 7 at the 54th Annual Holiday Parade. Parade starts at Woodbridge High School at 1:30 p.m. For more info call 732-596-4048.

Pasta Night

SOUTH AMBOY - Come for Dinner, Stay for Music at Open Mic Night. Friday January 30, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. hosted by the Columibettes at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus, 308 4th St., South Amboy. Pasta Night - Spaghetti or Baked Ziti, Meatballs or Sausage, (1) beer, wine or soda, salad/bread/dessert and coffee - \$10 per adult \$7 per child - children under 5 yrs old free....Please call Maria for tickets 732-313-6483.

A Drive Through Christmas Story

OLD BRIDGE - A Drive Through The Christmas Story" will be presented again this year by Sayre Woods Bible Church. This is a display of ten life-sized Bible scenes including live characters, animals, holiday music, scripture, and a running storyline by way of a CD which enables you to go on a guided tour both hearing and seeing the Christmas story within the convenience of your own car. The Drive Through The Christmas Story is now also available in Spanish.

Held on the circular grounds of Sayre Woods Bible Church, Route 9 South, Old Bridge, on November 28, 29, 30 and December 5, 6, 7. Open from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 on Fridays and from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Voluntary donations of canned food (no money) for the Bread of Life Ministry will be accepted. For further information on this free holiday event contact 732-679-5989 or go to www.sayrewoods.org

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Chanukah Celebration

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Tree Lighting and Parade

PERTH AMBOY - The Annual Tree Lighting and Parade will be on Sat. Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. on the corner of Smith and Wilson Street. Tree Lighting to immediately follow parade.

Holiday Concert

WOODBIDGE - There will be a Holiday Concert with Jazz Vocalist Cynthia Holiday on Friday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m. at 1st St. Andrew's Church, 244 Avenel St., Avenel. With a sparkling personality, charm & sense of humor, Ms. Holiday is sure to delight! Join us for traditional jazz standards and holiday favorites! NO RESERVATIONS NECESSARY!

Tricky Tray

LAURENCE HARBOR - St. Lawrence Altar Rosary Society will hold their annual Tricky Tray on Sunday, December 7 in the Parish Hall, Laurence Pkwy, Laurence Harbor. Refreshments will be available for purchase. The event will feature more than 100 prizes, including gift certificates, theme baskets, and more guests. Tickets are \$10 and include two cards. NO ONE UNDER 18 WILL BE ALLOWED. For additional information or tickets, call Maria at 732-290-3002 or Karen at 732-721-3774.

Inaugural Pre-Thanksgiving Charity Alumni Bowl

PERTH AMBOY - Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy & Carteret are hosting a Charity Alumni Bowl at Albert G Waters Stadium Venue Phone: 732-324-7460 Phone: 732-324-2114, ext. 122Fax: 732-324-1989. Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. Ticket Pricing: \$5 and \$3 with student ID. 70 football players from Perth Amboy and Carteret will have an opportunity to meet up in their first alumni game. Kick-off for the event will be at Waters Stadium and is set for 6 p.m. Players, who will take the field, graduated from one of the two high schools between 1980 and 2010. The alumni game has a greater purpose than recreating a rivalry. Its efforts will to support the Boys & Girls Club of Perth Amboy and Carteret. Funds will benefit numerous BGC programs.

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Thanksgiving Eve Bash

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784,601 Washington Ave., South Amboy presents the 4th Annual Turkey Shuffle Bash: Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26th from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Live Music by the fabulous "Girls Gone Acoustic." All Welcome - Come Join the Fun!!! Refreshments and Drink Specials. Benefit: Elks Peer Leadership. For more info call: 732-727-7170.

Food Pantry

SEWAREN - The First Baptist Church of Woodbridge is offering a free food program for families in need of food assistance. To register, please complete the application form on the day of distribution and present one form of identification. Acceptable forms of ID are: Driver License, Non-Driver ID, Photo ID, Other ID. Food Pantry Hours: Wednesday's 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. For More Info Call: Deacon Jones 347-930-4764 or Trustee Jones 732-442-3629. The First Baptist Church of Woodbridge is located at 130 Sewaren Ave., Sewaren, Rev. Neva Lawson, Pastor www.firstbaptistwoodbridge.org. If you need - we feed.

Charity Games for Needy Families

SOUTH AMBOY - On December 20 the Friends of South Amboy will be sponsoring a night of charity basketball to help needy families in South Amboy. The basketball games will feature teams from Cardinal McCarrick and South Amboy high schools. The event begins at 4 p.m. with a boys' JV game, followed by girls' varsity at 5:30 p.m. and boys' varsity at 8 p.m. All games will be played at South Amboy high school located at 200 Governors way in South Amboy. All proceeds from the games will go to the needy families. For tickets and information on donations please contact Tom Reilly at 732-721-0853.

Turkey Giveaway From the Stars

**Photos by Eric Salvary & Submitted*



Derek Dennis and Edison Jaquez



Edison Jaquez



Families

By: Eric Salvary
PERTH AMBOY - On a Cold November night in Perth Amboy 50 families left with warm hearts and hope from the 1 Olive street community Center. They received turkeys and other Thanksgiving fixings from stars local and national. This was the second annual Edison Jaquez Motivational speaking non Profit turkey Giveaway.

An evening that featured Current Carolina Panthers Offensive lineman Derek Dennis, free agent TE/FB Evan Rodriguez, and For-

mer Steeler and current CFL Wide receiver Kashif Moore.

Edison who grew up in the Stockton Street projects in Perth Amboy said that, "Having this event yearly is a dream come true." Leader of the B-Men Mentorship Program, Jaquez reminisced about his days growing up and being a part of a family who received these kinds of donations. As a child he vowed, "When I get a chance, I want to give back in the same way." A sentiment that was echoed by his Professional athlete friends

who all share the same qualities as Jaquez. This is the reason why they showed up to show support to a community that they have no connection to.

Dennis from New York City mentioned growing up in a "Rough background having family members who didn't make the right decisions." He recognized, "Giving back is my way of not forgetting where I come from." Rodriguez enjoys the concept of Thanksgiving because, "Family can put aside their different agendas and come together and be one."

It was his fuel for giving back. Moore thinks, "Community is everything and to give back is a blessing."

The night was capped off with a dance performance by a nonprofit group called Paranormix led by Nicole Figueroa. Figueroa was "Happy the girls could follow her footsteps in giving back."

The night ended with giveaways and photos with the athletes. This matched Jaquez' goal of instilling hope and warmth in to the community with goals to double and triple giveaways in years to come.

Vet's Coffee House

PERTH AMBOY - Attention area vets of our Armed Forces. The Salvation Army Vet's Coffee House meets once a month, every 2nd Thursday for coffee, donuts and conversation. Time is 19:00 - 21:00 located at the corner of Washington Street and State Street, Perth Amboy. We can be reached at the Salvation Army 732-826-2040. We look forward to meeting you.

OLV Knights Of Columbus Blood Drive

PARLIN - Our Lady Of Victory Knights of Columbus located at 775 Washington Road in the Parlin section of Sayreville will be holding a blood drive on Sunday, December 7th from 8:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. Please give the gift of life this Christmas. The Council home phone number is 732-257-2061 if you need more info.

Health Coverage

PERTH AMBOY - The Health Insurance Marketplace helps uninsured people enroll in health coverage. From November 15, 2014 to February 15, 2015, the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center at 275 Hobart Street can help you apply for health coverage through the Marketplace. Plans cover essential health benefits, pre-existing conditions, and preventive care. Our Patient Navigators are available to help. Call us at 732-376-9333.

Edison AARP Chapter 3446

EDISON - A package is being offered to Resorts casino in Atlantic City for their Holiday Branson Show on November 19. Call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 for reservations. For reservations to the December holiday luncheon, contact Adele at 732-985-0150. Canned food, metal can tabs, eyeglasses, as well as holiday gifts for the veterans home will be collected at the meeting. For additional information visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

Car Raffle

St. John Paul Parish - Perth Amboy 11/23/14

**Photo by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - Ana Zevallos stands in front of the First Prize (a 2015 Chevrolet Cruze) in a Car Raffle sponsored by Saint John Paul II Parish. Tickets are on sale now and are \$20 each. For more info call 732-826-1395.

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.

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 p.m. at the food court in Menlo Park Mall in Edison.

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Sayreville Police Auxiliary Recruitment Drive

SOUTH AMBOY/SAYREVILLE - Attention South Amboy/Sayreville Residents: The 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.

100th Anniversary

SAYREVILLE - The Parish of St. Stanislaus Kostka is celebrating its 100th Anniversary of faith, family, education and service to the community. On Dec. 14 there will be the 100th Anniversary Gala. with a 3 p.m. Celebratory Mass at St. Stanislaus, then Gala will be held at the Grand Marquis on Rte. 9 South in Old Bridge starting at 5:30 p.m.


Perth Amboy Catholic School Make a Difference Day

“Seniors Count” *Photos Submitted

PRESS RELEASE
PERTH AMBOY - To celebrate National Make a Difference Day on October 25th, 2014, Perth Amboy Catholic School students, under the direction of Art teacher Rose Pennyfeather, made 185 care packages of winter socks, fruit and handmade cards for the Senior residents of the Stack and Hansen Street buildings in Perth Amboy. The project called “Seniors Count” was accepted by the National Make a Difference

Day committee. Perth Amboy Catholic School students personally delivered the packages with their parents and Art teacher, Mrs. Pennyfeather to the Seniors and had the approval and support of the Office on Aging, under the direction of Ms. Dianne Roman.

Pictured in photo are : Mrs. Rose Pennyfeather, Mr. Ramon Arce-Rodriguez (recipient), with students, Julian and Hannah Ceballos.



Xbox Club

SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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Basic Newborn Care Class

Learn diapering, feeding, sleeping habits and CPR from an experienced RN. \$50 per couple.
Mon., Dec. 8
and Grandparent Class, Mon., Dec. 15
6 to 8:30 p.m.
Raritan Bay Area Y, Perth Amboy
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Pet First Aid Class

Learn basic care for cats & dogs, when to call poison control, visit a veterinarian. Cost is \$35.
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Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God’s grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. (*Mention your request.*)

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.
Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.
Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each.
K.M. & C.M.

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.
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Atlantic City
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Bingo News
Samsung LED SMART
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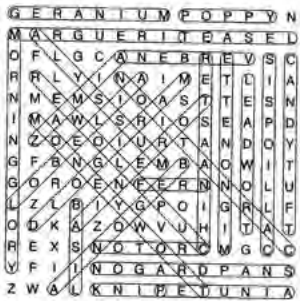
- WED. Nov. 26 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- MON. Dec. 1 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Dec. 2 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Dec. 3 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. Dec. 4 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Dec. 8 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Dec. 10 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Dec. 22 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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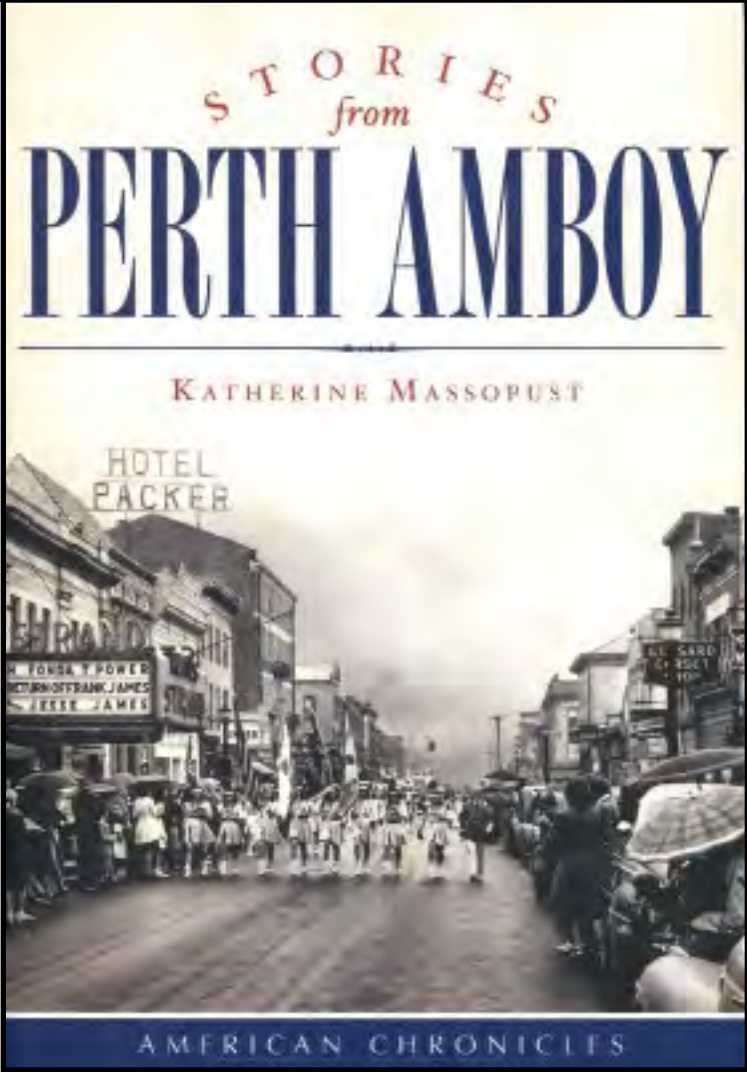


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - School No. 5 on Cortlandt Street - Miss Doyle’s Fifth Grade Class Thanksgiving Play “Pilgrims Going To Church,” 1948.

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PERTH AMBOY - 2 family in great move-in condition, investor dream all separated utilities, 2 bedroom each apartment, nice eat-in kitchen, 2 updated bathrooms, full basement. unfinished attic. A "must see" to appreciate. Hurry!!!!!!!!!!!! **\$209,000**



SEWAREN - VERY NICE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER. THIS IS A SHORT. HOUSE HAS DAMAGE FROM SANDY IN PROCESS OF RENOVATION. **\$209,900**



PERTH AMBOY - DO NOT MISS THIS ONE. !!!! SHORT SALE !!!! ONE BLOCK FROM WATERFRONT. BUYER RESP. FOR C/O, SMOKE CERT. AND ANY REPAIRS. **\$129,900**



PERTH AMBOY - You will love this charming large single family featuring 4 bedroom, 2 zoned A/C, above-ground pool near water front section, needs some TLC great potential. Being sold strictly in "AS IS" condition. **\$259,000**



PERTH AMBOY - WOW!!! WOW!!! GORGEOUS TWO FAMILIES HOUSE IN THE WATERFRONT SECTION WITH FINISHED BASEMENT. SECOND FLOOR FEATURES SOME HARDWOOD FLOOR AND A/C. PROPERTY SOLD IN "AS IS" CONDITION. **\$309,900**



WOODBIDGE - Sold strictly in "AS IS" condition. Not Short Sale. **\$125,000**



PERTH AMBOY - MOVE IN CONDITION, !!!NOT SHORT SALE!!! SOLD STRICTLY "AS IS" CONDITION. BUYER RESPONSIBLE FOR C/O, SMOKE CERTIFICATE AND ANY REPAIRS. BRING OFFER, SELLER MOTIVATED. **\$159,900**



PERTH AMBOY - Completely updated interior. This establishment has a large following of patrons which also includes appearances by Celebrity DJs, and Professional Athletes, This is a great opportunity to be your own Boss and run a business. Liquor License and Restaurant Business. **\$315,000**