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## Council President Joe Connors' Last Meeting



SOUTH AMBOY - (L to R) Councilwoman Zusette Datom, Councilman Mickey Gross, Council President Joe Connors, Mayor Fred Henry, Councilwoman Christine Noble, B.A. Camille Tooker and Councilman Donald Applegate pose under the City Seal in the Council Chambers after the 12/17/14 meeting.

*\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

## Residents Concerned About New Development and Possible Consolidation of Fire Houses

SOUTH AMBOY - During the 12/17/14 Council Meeting, a resident was concerned that the square footage of the two bedroom apartment sizes going up at The Manhattan Beach Club will be too small to attract buyers.

Joseph Bauman, the Special Legal Counsel for the Redevelopment Agency said that, "We deferred to the developer's judgement. The Council wanted to make sure that the larger buildings were further away from Broadway."

Resident George Gonzalez said, "I am in favor of the Beach Club project. I just want to make sure that the proper planning is done and that the

developers will not move forward until it is approved by the Planning Board."

The project consists of over 1700 luxury residential units, affordable housing units, parking and commercial uses.

Resident Beverly Samuelson talked about Resolution 173-2014 which increased the maximum amount for evaluation, consulting and appraisal services and Amending resolution 89-2014. (Increasing the maximum to be paid under the contract to total of \$33,500.) Samuelson wanted to know, "Is this for the Rocky-Top Appraisals only?"

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## Mayor Diaz Appoints Acting Police Chief Cattano Takes Over For Suspended Chief Ruiz

### Mayor Diaz's Statement on Police Chief Allegations

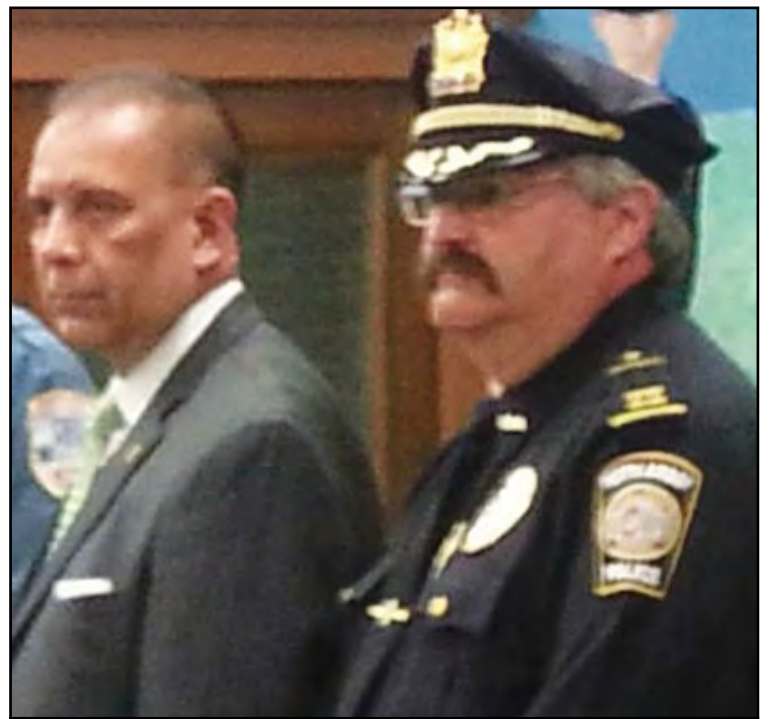
News Release 12/16/14

PERTH AMBOY — Mayor Wilda Diaz responds to the Middlesex County Prosecutor's charges against Chief Benjamin Ruiz, below:

"I have been informed by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office that it has charged the Chief of Police with allegations announced in a statement by Prosecutor Andrew Carey.

Throughout my six years as Mayor of Perth Amboy, I have prided myself on running an open and ethical administration. I have taken immediate action to ensure the best interest of the residents of our community.

Although we live in a society where each one of us is innocent until proven guilty, the Middlesex County Prosecutor's charges are serious enough that I am immediately moving to suspend Chief Ruiz



Benjamin Ruiz with Larry Cattano

*\*File Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

without pay until the final resolution of the charges against him.

Effective immediately, I have appointed Captain Larry Cattano, as Acting Deputy Chief of Police. He has been

placed in command of all Police Department operations until further notice."

All questions regarding the matter should be directed to the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office.

## Kenneth Gonzalez Sworn in as Perth Amboy Municipal Court Judge 12/12/14



PERTH AMBOY - Kenneth Gonzalez is sworn in as a Perth Amboy Municipal Court Judge in the Perth Amboy City Council Chambers (L to R) Mayor Wilda Diaz, Kenneth Gonzalez, son, Michael, daughter, Kimberly and wife, Jeannette. (Story on Page 2) *\*Photo by Katherine Massopust*

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**Kenneth Gonzalez is Sworn in as Municipal Court Judge, 12/12/14  
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The JROTC present Colors



The Gonzalez Family poses for a photo



A crowded City Hall Chambers watches the swearing in



Barry Rosengarten, Judge Maria Del Valle Koch and Kenneth Gonzalez



Kenneth Gonzalez greets fellow Board Member Austin Gumbs. Standing behind Gonzalez is Cherrill Garoniak and behind Gumbs is his daughter, Joycelyn Gumbs-Alsup.

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- Volleyball

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Private Sessions:  
Swimming Lessons  
Sports Training  
Tai Chi

### Senior Programs:

Group Exercise Classes  
Personal Training  
Swimming Lessons  
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Jet Blue is Just One of Many Who Stepped Up to the Plate

The other day when I was listening to the radio, my ears perked up. There was an announcement that Jet Blue would pay the airfare for any Police Officer or any other law enforcement agency that wished to attend the funeral services of NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos. Of course, I had to Google this information, and I found out that it was true.

People always complain about Corporate greed. It feels refreshing when you have the softer and generous side of large corporations front and center. If I ever have to fly anywhere, I will see if Jet Blue has flights there first.

There is an organization called the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. The mission of this Foundation is to honor the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. The foundation also honors our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country.

They have set up an account to make sure that the families of assassinated NYPD Officers Rafael Ramos and Wen-jian Liu have the mortgages to their homes paid off.

Whatever your thoughts are of former Mayor Rudy Giuliani, he personally went into his own pocket to make a donation to the families of the assassinated officers. Here's something to brighten your spirits when your view of your fellow man becomes jaded. It has been reported that hundreds of people, not only in the United States, but from around the world have contributed money for the Officers' families to survive.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio had asked for the protestors to cease demonstrating until both Ramos and Liu have been put to rest. I guess it was asking too much for some of the protestors to comply, but I was hoping against hope.

Speaking of the protestors,

I'm still not understanding why they would protest inside a department store or disrupt traffic, which I believe is against the law.

I admire the strength of the NYPD officers who in spite of being viciously verbally attacked and in some cases physically attacked, that they have the courage to protect those who do so.

I disagree with Mayor de Blasio when he said the media focused too much on the protestors who chanted and held signs up with vile statements against the police.

Instead, he should have denounced them.

There was controversy with some of the police officers who turned their backs against de Blasio when he went to the hospital where the officers were taken after they were assassinated.

This scenario was again repeated at the funeral of Officer Ramos.

There was mixed feelings as to whether or not these officers were wrong to do so. Each officer had to do what their heart told them to do and I cannot fault them for that. I agree with former Mayor Giuliani that de Blasio needs to make an apology to the NYPD. I believe that it's the duty of any responsible adult in charge of a child to tell them to respect law enforcement. If someone believes they were unfairly treated, there are channels to go through to make a complaint.

I was pleased that NY Commissioner William Bratton made Officer Ramos a honorary Police Chaplain and both Ramos and Liu were posthumously promoted to Detectives.

God Bless the families of both slain officers and those organizations and individuals who gave so charitably to those families. Most of all, God Bless the NYPD for protecting all of the citizens of New York. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Letter to the Voters 2014

Dear Voter, and Citizens,

Thanks for exercising your right to vote this past November 4, 2014. This letter is to alert you of actions taken by Mr. Sergio Diaz, candidate to the City Council in the past elections.

Mr. Sergio Díaz submitted various petitions before the Board of Elections of the Middlesex County, with results that did not get him elected. For this reason, he decided to hire a private company, **Nicholas Soranno** President "STATEWIDE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIONS INC". Mr. Soranno has been visiting voters who voted by mail falsely introducing himself as a Policeman or Federal

Agent questioning the voters how they filled out their vote, who assisted on their vote using scared tactics; these are some of the questions that is asked which violates your privacy and your constitutional rights.

We are asking that if this person comes to your house tell him to leave or you will call the police. His questions regarding your voting process or any other private issue are of no business to his and you are not obligated to respond. This is just an attempt to suppress you vote. You can contact the Middlesex County Board of Elections at 732-745-3471 regarding your vote and your right to vote. You can also tell him to contact your lawyer, Daniel González 732-697-1134.

This is an action to attack the citizens of Perth Amboy, creating panic, terror, and insecurity among the members of our families, to create a precedent for violating the right to vote freely in future elections. This is the right that our fathers fought for and we will do the same.

If you feel that your rights have been violated by the visit of this investigator or you simple do not agree with this action please come and join us to defend our/your rights as citizens of this great city. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED WHERE, WHEN AND WHAT TIME. PLEASE JOIN US!

Concerned Citizens / Fight for your rights group and Leslie Dominguez Rodriguez

Addiction In Our Community

With drug addiction plaguing our community, yes OUR community. I have some questions for our leaders, where are the parent education forums ? Where is the awareness ? I have seen other counties pro actively working to hold opi-

ate / heroin education forums for parents and the public, I have yet so see anything here.

This epidemic has grown to enormous numbers, it is touching t every single family, drug overdose deaths are at an all-time high, this problem cannot be arrested away or swept under the rug.

Our community must be educated on the warning signs, educated on what to do, where to turn if a loved one has be-

come addicted. Many sit in silence alone, afraid, and lost. Families need help. We must come together as a community, open the lines of communication and all work together. These are scary times for our youth, let's do what we can for their future.

Get rid of Stigma and Shame and let families be heard.

Kim Seber

Invitation Letter To Prospective Board Members

December 15, 2014

Dear Esteemed Business Owner and/or Community Member,

In February of 2015, The City of Perth Amboy Downtown Business Improvement District, Inc. will be electing new members to its Board of Directors. The BID is seeking interested board member candidates who believe in our mission and are willing to be active in their governance roles.

On November 12, 2014, the board adopted a resolution, in accordance with the By-Laws, to expand the number of board members from 9 to 15. Pursu-

ant to this resolution, there are now 12 slots available for one and two year terms.

Individuals interested in becoming a member of the BID Board of Directors must meet the following eligibility criteria for further consideration:

- Perspective member must be a property/business owner within the Perth Amboy BID area OR community member interested in serving
- Business must be in good standing New Jersey Department of Treasury to qualify for nomination
- Perspective member must be willing to attend monthly meetings and BID functions as required

The Perth Amboy Downtown Business Improvement District is entering a challenging and exciting time, as economic pressures on our customers in-

crease and the demand for our services continues to rise. We have a tradition of high quality service provision and activism related to business improvement and community engagement.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the BID Board of Directors, please complete and submit the attached application packet by January 7, 2015 to:

Roxana Troche, BID Manager  
Attn: Executive Committee  
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Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861  
rtroche@perthamboynj.org | (732) 442-6421

Sincerely,  
Downtown Business Improvement District Board of Directors

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

## Food Stamps Assistance

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## Kearny Cottage Open

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## Community Calendar

### Perth Amboy

WED. Jan. 7	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
MON. Jan. 12	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Jan. 13	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St. UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Jan. 14	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

### South Amboy

MON. Jan. 5	City Council, Reorganization, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
	• Board of Education, 6 p.m. South Amboy Middle/High School Cafeteria, Governor Harold Hoffman Plaza

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EDISON - The following is a schedule of events for the coming months, which are open to non members. Dec. 18: Paper Mill Playhouse - "Elf." Dec. 31: New Years Eve Day at Doolans, Spring Lake - For info call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. Jan. 13 & 14, 2015 (9 a.m. to 12 Noon): AARP Drivers Safety Program - To register call Bob at 732-885-1789. Feb. 19, 2015: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse - "Jukehouse Heroes" - For more info call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. For additional info visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

Healthy  
Heart Event

SAYREVILLE - The 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 testing Friday, January 2, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Sayreville Borough Hall, 167 Main St., Sayreville, NJ. 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.

Christmas Caroling at 315 High St.  
\*Photo Submitted



PERTH AMBOY - The Chapel Choir of Perth Amboy Catholic School sang Christmas Carols to the Senior Citizens of 315 High Street in Perth Amboy on December 18th, 2015, under the direction of Ms. Anna Lawrence, music teacher, and with the supervision of Rose Pennyfeather. Photo: Ms. Anna Lawrence with Chapel Choir of Perth Amboy Catholic School and Senior Citizens.

Perth Amboy Volunteer  
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The Raritan Bay Cruisers

We would like to thank everyone who sponsored us at Raritan Bay Cruisers and let you know how grateful we are for your support. With that support we were able to donate \$1500.00 to Breast Cancer Assoc. and \$1400.00 to the Boys and Girls Club of Perth Amboy/Carteret. This money helped to change lives and we look forward to making an impact on more people next year.



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## Correction



PERTH AMBOY - Police Officers Miguel Morales, Jorge Martinez and Harry Scheman cook a meal for the poor. Martinez was misidentified a the previous issue. \*File Photo by Henry Rodgers

[www.amboyguardian.com](http://www.amboyguardian.com)

## Healthcare Provider CPR Class

PERTH AMBOY... Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR class Wednesday, January 7, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Participants will receive certification CPR for adults, infants and children and learn about ventilation devices, automated external defibrillators and how to clear an obstructed airway in responsive and unresponsive patients. Cost is \$80 per person. Make checks payable to RBMC. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS. (1-800-362-8677)

## Suicide Prevention and Depression Awareness Event

WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a Suicide Prevention and Depression Awareness Event Sunday, January 11, 12 noon to 4 p.m., Center Court, in the Woodbridge Center Mall, 250 Woodbridge Center Drive.

## Chamber Players

WOODBIDGE - Happy New Year! 2015 at the Barron Arts Center. All Seasons Chamber Players on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 8 p.m. Their 26th Season at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge. Reservations Essential. Call 732-634-0413.

## Toastmasters

WOODBIDGE - For those who are looking to improve their speaking and leadership skills, Woodbridge Toastmasters is accepting new members for 2015. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 5th, 7pm at the Iselin Library, 1081 Green St., in Iselin, NJ. For further information contact: 732-596-2116

## Healthy Heart Event

SOUTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management, blood pressure screening and heart rate testing Wednesday, January 7, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. High blood pressure and irregular heart 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## New Year's Eve Party

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks No. 784 will be hosting their annual New Year's Eve Party on December 31st from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the lodge located at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy. Tickets are \$50.00 per person which includes: D.J., Hot and Cold Buffet and Champagne Toast. To reserve call 732-718-3125 by Dec. 24th.

## City of Perth Amboy Business Improvement District Public Announcement

The Perth Amboy Business Improvement District is seeking perspective candidates to serve on the 2015 Board of Directors.

If you are interested in serving on the BID Board of Directors or would like more information, please contact:

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South Amboy

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B.A. Camille Tooker responded to Samuelson by saying, “This only pertains to one property, which is taking longer than expected. This accounted for the increase from \$35,000 to \$55,000.”

Samuelson questioned, “What services that the City requires to be done by contractors have to go out to bid?”

Council President Joe Connors said, “Requests go out for vendor qualifications first.”

B.A. Tooker followed up with, “Then we meet with the qualified vendors to negotiate for a contract. Projects have to go to bid, but for professional services, it’s a different process.”

Bauman stated, “The Manhattan Beach Project is private property (Amboy Aggregates). They still have to go to the Planning Board and utility reports have to be shown. Our agency decides if they are acceptable redevelopers. As far as private property, it would be the owners of that property who deal with the developers.”

Ms. Pasternack wanted to know, “Will this project involve any bond issuances?”

Bauman said, “The developer will be paying \$3.8 million, which will help the town.”

B.A. Camille Tooker responded to a question regarding the town’s low bond rating. “We’ve got a new bond rating from MOODY and we are out of a negative rating.”

Tom Kross, from the Me-



Council President Joe Connors is seated next to City Clerk Laura Kemble-Kalantsis at the 12/17/14 Council Meeting

chanicsville Fire Department was concerned about a safety issue. “We need a better signaling and traffic lights by our location. The Business Administrator told me to meet with the Chiefs. There are safety issues that need to be addressed at he fire house to protect us and the public.”

B.A. Tooker said, “We have gotten many things done for the Fire Department and one of our Councilmen has addressed the issue. We will look further into it.”

A John Street Resident was concerned about the eight story buildings going up for the Manhattan Beach Project.”

Bauman said, “We have standards, and the new buildings cannot go above eight stories. Parking unit sizes and other criteria are considered.”

That same resident talked about a \$500,000 donation earmarked for a public safety complex. It was acknowl-

edged that safety complex will take awhile.

That same resident from John Street had a question for Mayor Henry: “I hear there’s a rumor going around that some firehouses are slated for closing and to build another one for consolidation.”

Henry replied, “We brought it up and there have been talks to see if it could be cost effective. I will not do anything until then.”

Before the Meeting began, it was acknowledged that this would be Council President Joe Connors’ last Meeting.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, “Joe is a devoted family man, smart, kind and I remember how welcoming he was when I was appointed the first female on SARA.”

Connors was also thanked for his service on many City Boards, and on his terms as a City Councilman.

Perth Amboy Police Chief Charged With Theft

News Release 12/16/14

Middlesex County Prosecutor Andrew C. Carey announced that the chief of the Perth Amboy Police Department was charged today with using a department mechanic to repair personal vehicles while the mechanic was supposed to be fixing police vehicles for the city.

Benjamin Ruiz, 53, of Perth Amboy was charged with one count of theft of services for authorizing the repairs on various occasions between December 8, 2013, and July 29, 2014.

Ruiz was released in his own recognizance after he surrendered at the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Department in New Brunswick.

He was charged after an investigation by Sgt. Michael Daniewicz of the Middlesex

County Prosecutor’s Office determined that the chief had the city mechanic make repairs to two of the chief’s personal vehicles, as well as having repairs performed on a vehicle privately owned by a personal acquaintance of the chief.

After being charged, the chief was suspended without pay. He began working as a police officer for the city on May 23, 1988, and was appointed chief of police on September 10, 2012.

The investigation is active and is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to call Sgt. Daniewicz of the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office at (732) 745-4018.

As is the case with all criminal defendants, the charge against Ruiz is merely an accusation and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Reward offered for Homicide Any information in regards to the death of Jean Carlos Morel, 26. Contact Crime Stoppers / middlesextips.com

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Middlesex County Prosecutor Andrew C. Carey and Anthony A. Caputo, chairman and president of Crime Stoppers of Middlesex County Inc., announced today that a reward is being offered to anyone who anonymously provides information that leads to an arrest in the fatal stabbing of a Perth Amboy man more than two weeks ago.

The reward is being offered as an investigation continues into the death of Jean Carlos Morel, 26. He was pronounced dead on December 7, 2014, after police were dispatched to his second-floor apartment on Smith Street in Perth Amboy.

No arrests have been made. Anyone wishing to offer information anonymously may con-

tact Crime Stoppers of Middlesex County Inc. The phone number is: 1-800-939-9600. The website is: middlesextips.com. Text messages may be sent to 274637 (CRIMES) with the keyword ‘midtip’ followed by a message.

Those who call will be given instructions on how to collect cash rewards by using a numerical code that will be recognized by a local bank, which will pay the rewards following approval by Crime Stoppers of Middlesex County Inc.

In addition, anyone with information may call Detective Andreea Capraru of the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office at (732) 745-4274, or Detective Sandy Rivera of the Perth Amboy Police Department at (732) 324- 3856.



Christmas Party Olive Street Community Center, Perth Amboy 12/17/14 \*Photos by Bob Ned

Christmas High Tea

PERTH AMBOY - Come to the Christmas High Tea on Saturday, January 3, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Saint John Paul II Parish Office, 490 State St., Perth Amboy. Enjoy a variety of scones, savories and sandwiches and sweets. Limited Seating, reservations required. Cost - \$25 pp. For information and reservations call: 732-826-5362.

Cardiac Club

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center’s Cardiac Club will meet Monday, January 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the hospital’s Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Meetings are held in the hospital’s Centennial Hall and provide education and support for those managing chronic heart conditions. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 732.324.5178.

Not a Good Sign

SOUTH AMBOY - A resident of the Beacon Point Complex was disturbed by a very rusted sign by Krauszer’s. “It just looks bad. Just paint the sign or something!”

Business Administrator Camille Tooker acknowledged the resident’s concerns and said, “Krauszer’s North were told to take care of it.”

The resident also was concerned that there were no signs on the Boulevard by the Middle School to let cars know that there is no parking on one side of the street. “This needs to be taken care of.”

Tooker nodded in agreement.

New Year’s Eve Celebration

PERTH AMBOY - Come to our New Year’s Eve Celebration on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. at St. Stephen’s Auditorium, 500 State St., Perth Amboy. Donation: Adults \$40, Children under 14 free. Includes music & food B.Y.O.B. Reservations Required: Parish Office - 732-826-1395; Anna - 732-947-0458; Ana Maria - 732-485-9367. Come and join your Parish Family to welcome the New Year!

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# Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery May Be Right for You

By: Dr. Sripad Dhawlikar

With the use of small incisions, customized instruments, and innovative imaging techniques, minimally invasive spinal surgery (MIS) may be performed with less pain, blood loss, and hospital time as well as reduced risk. This muscle-sparing approach leads to rapid recovery, high patient satisfaction, and the best possible outcome.

The goal of minimally invasive spine surgery is to stabilize the vertebral bones and spinal joints and/or relieve pressure being applied to the spinal nerves — often a result of conditions such as a spinal instability, bone spurs, herniated discs, scoliosis, or spinal tumors.

Minimally invasive spine surgery was developed out of the desire to treat disorders of the spine with minimal muscle related injury, and with a more rapid recovery. Traditional surgical approaches to spine surgery often involve large incisions which naturally result in damage to muscle. A smaller incision normally means less muscle damage as a result of the incision. Less muscle damage can result in quicker recovery, decreased blood loss, and faster return to normal function.

Because MIS procedures use video-assisted equipment, the surgeon normally has bet-

ter visualization and magnification of internal organs and structure. For patients, this translates into a more accurate and definitive procedure. Because of the reduced trauma to the muscles and soft tissues - compared to open spinal surgical procedures - benefits include:

- Better cosmetic results from smaller skin incisions
- Less blood loss from surgery
- Reduced risk of muscle damage since less or no cutting of the muscle is required
- Reduced risk of infection and postoperative pain
- Faster recovery from surgery and less rehabilitation required
- Diminished reliance on pain medications after surgery

In addition, some MIS surgeries are performed as outpatient procedures and utilize only local anesthesia, so there is less risk for an adverse reaction to general anesthesia.

Conditions using MIS procedures include degenerative disc disease, herniated disc, lumbar spinal stenosis, spinal deformities such as scoliosis, spinal infections, spinal instability, vertebral compression fractures, and spinal tumors.

Your spine specialist will be able to tell you which MIS surgeries, if any, may be a treatment option for your spinal condition. In some situations, MIS surgery may not be as safe or effective as traditional

open surgery. If so, your doctor will be able to inform you about the relative risks and benefits.

When considering minimally invasive spinal surgery, always seek a consultation with a board certified surgeon specializing in spinal procedures. Your doctor will ensure an accurate diagnosis of your condition, and together with you, determine the best course of treatment.

*Board certified orthopedic surgeon Dr. Sripad Dhawlikar is part of the Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center's Neck and Back Center. The Institute is a comprehensive musculo-skeletal program dedicated to returning patients to normal activities quickly and safely with help from a nurse navigator who guides patients and their families through surgical care. The Neck and Back Center uses a multifaceted approach to accurately diagnose and treat back and neck pain. Treatment options include physical therapy, medication, alternative therapies, lifestyle changes, non-surgical and minimally invasive surgical procedures. For referral to an orthopedic specialist at the Center, call 1.877.MDS.RBMC. For more information about The Human Motion Institute, call 1.855.5.MOTION.*

# Studies Show Bariatric Weight Loss Can Improve Fertility

By: Dr. Ayotunde Adeyeri

There is a strong association between obesity and infertility, and several recent studies are showing that weight loss can increase fertility in obese women. In one study from the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, 100 percent of women who were diagnosed with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), a condition that can occur with weight gain and cause infertility, successfully achieved pregnancy after bariatric weight loss surgery.

Obesity, especially centered in the abdomen, among infertile women seeking pregnancy is also associated with poor response to ovulation induction and with decreased pregnancy rates. Doctors usually tell obese women who want to get pregnant to lose weight. For women who have struggled with weight gain and loss throughout their lives, this is no easy task.

Though this is a small study it has a big result, one that morbidly obese women who are having trouble conceiving should discuss with an experienced, board certified bariatric surgeon.

These studies overall suggest that women with morbid obesity, who are infertile due to PCOS, may have a new surgical option to help them conceive. Many other studies have shown bariatric surgery can improve or resolve a multitude of diseases and conditions. Infertility now joins that list.

Bariatric surgery is an increasingly popular, safe, and effective approach for achieving sustainable weight loss, as well as reducing infertility and other health problems associated with severe obesity, such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, sleep apnea, and joint problems.

*Dr. Ayotunde Adeyeri is a board-certified and fellowship-trained laparoscopic, bariatric and general surgeon and serves as medical director of the Institute for Weight Loss at Raritan Bay Medical Center. The Institute provides individualized medical and surgical solutions and support for individuals seeking weight loss, including nutrition and lifestyle counseling. For more information or to attend a free bariatric surgery seminar, held twice monthly, call 855.TIME.4.ME.*

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## Tax Facts: Deductible Medical Expenses

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka

As medical costs continue to soar, it might be a good idea to reconsider whether or not you might benefit from a medical expense deduction (page 3). If so, you'll want to start keeping track of your medical expenses. Attached is a list of many deductible medical expenses, some of which you may not have realized were allowable as medical deductions. This list can help you get an idea as to how much you are spending on unreimbursed medical expenses. Keep in mind that only expenses that aren't reimbursed are deductible.

To receive a tax benefit from unreimbursed medical expenses, you'll need to jump two hurdles. If your unreimbursed medical expenses will exceed these hurdles, you may benefit from keeping up with them. The first hurdle is the 10% (7.5% if you or your spouse are age 65 by the end of the year) of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) hurdle. Only unreimbursed medical expenses exceeding this hurdle are deductible as an itemized deduction. You can use the following chart to get a rough idea as to whether your unreimbursed medical expenses will get over this hurdle.

Expected AGI	10% Limitation (Under Age 65) that Expenses Must Exceed	7.5% Limitation (Age 65 or Older) that Expenses Must Exceed
\$80,000-99,999	\$8,000-10,000	\$6,000-7,500
\$100,000-119,999	\$10,000-12,000	\$7,500-9,000
\$120,000-150,000	\$12,000-15,000	\$9,000-11,250
\$150,000-250,000	\$15,000-25,000	\$11,250-18,750

The next hurdle is the itemized deduction hurdle. Here, medical expenses that exceed the 10% or 7.5% limit, as applicable, are combined with other itemized deductions (such as, interest, taxes, and charitable contributions) to determine total itemized deductions.

You'll benefit from your itemized deductions only to the extent they total more than your standard deduction for the year. The 2014 standard deductions are generally as follows:

Filing Status	Basic Standard Deduction
Married filing jointly	\$12,400
Single or married filing separately	\$6,200
Head of household	\$9,100

If you are married, your standard deduction is increased by \$1,200 for each spouse who is blind. It's increased by another \$1,200 for each spouse who is age 65 or over. If you are single, your standard deduction is increased by \$1,550 if you are blind/age 65 or over.

Finally, high-income taxpayers are subject to the phaseout rules, which cause a taxpayer to lose itemized deductions. For 2014, the phaseout begins when AGI exceeds \$305,050 for a married filing joint (\$152,525 for married filing separate) filers, \$254,200 for single filers, and \$279,650 for head of household filers. Because the mechanics of this limitation is complex, we will not try to explain it here. If your AGI exceeds these amounts, you may want to give us a call. To the extent that you have control over the timing of medical expenses or other itemized deductions, you might consider bunching deductions into a lower income year in order to lose fewer dollars to the phaseout.

Bottom Line: If it looks like your unreimbursed medical expenses will be high enough to jump all these hurdles, it's time to start keeping up with your receipts. Please give us a call if you have questions or want to know more about medical deductions.

**Call us to discuss the types of deductible medical expenses available.**



Perth Amboy & Woodbridge Law Enforcement Joins David's Touch to Distribute Christmas Toys

\*Photos Submitted



Franklin's Royal Governor's Mansion: A Christmas Tour

\*Photo by Matthew Telliho



By: Guy Hogan  
PERTH AMBOY - Benjamin Franklin, enriched the Christmas Tours, of The Royal Mansion, on Sunday, 12/21/14. The Mansion, was decorated by the Royal Garden Club, of Perth Amboy, to the enjoyment to all that came. Located at, 149 Kearny Ave, Perth Amboy N.J..  
Franklin's Royal Governor's Mansion, is the last Royal Governor's Mansion, left in our country from the Original 13 Colonies. William Franklin, the Royal Governor, of New Jersey, and son to Benjamin Franklin, resided at the Mansion. Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, British General Cornwallis & British Commander Howe, among other notables of the Revolutionary War, all spent time inside the Mansion.  
If you have interest in receiving a tour or would like to have your next special event at the Mansion, contact us @theproprietary-house.org. If you would like to be personally involved with The Royal Mansion, we are now excepting new memberships. We are also seeking Private & Corporate Donors, interested in preserving American, history for our future generations. The Royal Mansion, is owned by, The New Jersey State Parks. Photo: Benjamin Franklin Reenactor Barry Stevens with Prop House Members



David's Touch Foundation  
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Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095  
Phone: (732) 896-0656

December 19, 2014

Mayor Wilda Diaz, City of Perth Amboy  
Perth Amboy City Hall  
260 High Street  
Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861

Dearest Mayor Diaz:

On behalf of the David's Touch Foundation I would like to thank the City of Perth Amboy.

The assistance provided by the Perth Amboy Police Department at our 2014 David's Touch Toy Distribution held on December 18 was remarkable. The involvement from the Police Department made a significant impact and plays such an important role in our mission to deliver hope and joy to children at their greatest time of need.

The escort service provided by the Police Motorcycle Unit was well-thought and beautifully coordinated. As a result of their passion and willingness to participate we were blessed to visit the following New Jersey Children's Hospitals:

Bristol-Myers Squibb at Robert Wood Johnson - New Brunswick  
PSE&G Children's Specialized Hospital - New Brunswick  
Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey - New Brunswick  
St. Joseph's Children's Hospital - Paterson  
Children's Hospital of New Jersey at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center - Newark

The officers assisted in hand-delivering toys to hundreds of hospitalized children in memory of my beloved David. I am convinced that this memorable event would not have been a success without their participation. I truly appreciate all of the support we have received from the City of Perth Amboy and I send my thank you to you and to all of those involved.

Words cannot express the joy that fills my heart knowing that I can help others while keeping my son David's memory alive. I thank you for your efforts and contributions which have kept David's Touch thriving - I will forever be grateful.

With deep appreciation and gratitude.

Gratefully yours,

Jenny Perez-Rosado  
President & Co-Founder  
David's Touch Foundation

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Fire Truck Christmas Parade South Amboy 12/17/14 \*Photos by Joe Bayona and Carolyn Maxwell



South Amboy Middle/High School Band led by Ms. Veronica Aleuri



South Amboy Middle/High School Chorus



Santa with kids



The Crowd enjoys the parade



Girl Scouts of South Amboy Sayreville chorus



Students from Cardinal McCarrick High School man the hot chocolate and cookies



Chanukah Celebration 12/16/14, City Hall, Perth Amboy \*Photos by Bob Ned



PERTH AMBOY - Chanukah was celebrated at a ceremony held on 12/16/14 at the City Hall Council Chambers. Those who participated included Herschel Chomsky, Rabbi Ari Saks and family, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Rabbi Shabsi Ganzweig (Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps) and Chaplain Shmuel D. Fried. Chanukah songs were performed by the children from the Wilentz School Gifted and Talented Chorus under the direction of Diane Squillace and Claudine Bishop. The Council was represented by Bill Petrick, and Council President Joel Pabon. Assemblyman Craig Coughlin represented the 19<sup>th</sup> District. As you can tell by the photos above, everyone had an enjoyable time.



## ***Military Assistance Center***

WOODBIDGE - Sansone Auto Mall and Woodbridge Township are sponsoring a Military Assistance Center, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Town Hall. Ronald G. Davie, Coordinator. 732-634-4500 ext. 2037. Email - Ron.Davie@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

## ***Atlantic City Bus Trip***

### ***Date Change***

PERTH AMBOY - Trip to Caesar's Casino Thursday January 8, 2015. Bus leaves 12 Noon from Knights of Columbus, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost \$30 per person. Receive a \$30 slot card. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

## ***Ask the Rabbi***

EDISON - Every Wednesday, in December and January, Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall Food Court at 12 noon to 1 p.m. for his "Ask the Rabbi" program. He will offer a Jewish perspective on any question that you would like to ask.

## ***Learn with the Rabbi at***

### ***Panera Yeshiva***

WOODBIDGE - Every Wednesday, in December and January, Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Panera Bread in Woodbridge (across from Wegmans) from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. He will be teaching different Jewish subjects each week.

## ***Childbirth Education Class***

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education class Saturday, January 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. It will be held at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 1.800.DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

## ***Food Bank Donation by United Methodist Church***

*\*Photos Submitted*



SOUTH AMBOY - Once again, Trinity United Methodist Church (815 Bordentown Avenue) has been fortunate enough to be able to provide both the South Amboy Food Bank in the Presbyterian Church and the Sayreville Food Bank located in the Senior Center with \$1000 each for their ministry. These donations are enabled through our Actions, Bazaar, when applicable, dinners. We feel blessed that we can support our community for these wonderful causes.

## ***Free Tai Chi/ Qigong class***

PERTH AMBOY...The Division of Integrative Medicine at Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a Free Tai Chi/ Qigong class Monday, January 12, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Practice this system of exercises, practiced slowly and smoothly, to promote calmness, relaxation and reduce stress, and to improve strength, stability, balance and coordination. Registration required, call 732-324-5257 or email [integrativemedicine@rbmc.org](mailto:integrativemedicine@rbmc.org).

## ***Free Meditation/Guided Imagery class***

PERTH AMBOY - The Division of Integrative Medicine at Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a Free Meditation/ Guided Imagery class Monday, January 12, 7:35 to 8:35 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn quiet, sitting, standing and guided meditations for peace of mind and to manage pain and stress. Registration required, call 732-324-5257 or email [integrativemedicine@rbmc.org](mailto:integrativemedicine@rbmc.org).

## ***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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 732-826-7040. We look forward to meeting you.

## ***Tour of Berkow Maternity Pavillion***

PERTH AMBOY- Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, January 14, at 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to take the tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1.800.DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861

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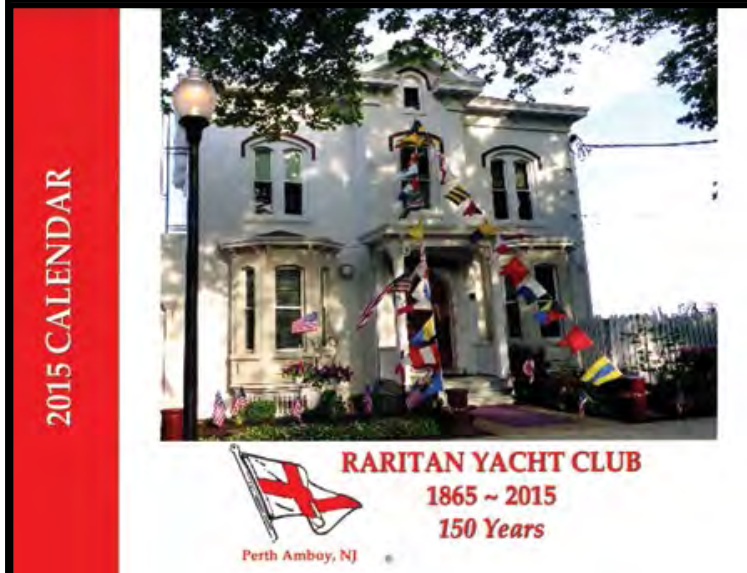
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## ***Ladies***

### ***Auxiliary #4699***

SAYREVILLE - There will be no meeting this month for the Ladies Auxiliary # 4699, Sayreville due to the holiday. The next meeting will be on January 27, 2015 at 7 p.m. For more info call 732-264-3041.

## ***South Amboy YMCA Registration for Winter Programs***

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy YMCA Winter Programs starts on Monday, January 5 through March 1. Registration opens up for full facility members on Monday, December 15 and open registration on Monday, December 22. You can either stop in to register at the Members Services Desk or online which is a convenient way to register for your favorite YMCA programs. Just go to [ymcaofmewsa.org](http://ymcaofmewsa.org) and follow the directions to log onto your membership account. If you have any questions, please call our Member Services Desk at 732-553-9622.

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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. **A.L.S.**

Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures made you worthy, when on earth, to posses miraculous powers.  
Miracles waited on your words, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me *(request)*. The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.  
O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. *Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be. M.S.K.*

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. **M.S.K.**

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Babe Ruth along with his wife, Claire Merritt Ruth visit Perth Amboy circa 1930’s  
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Senior Scene

Happenings

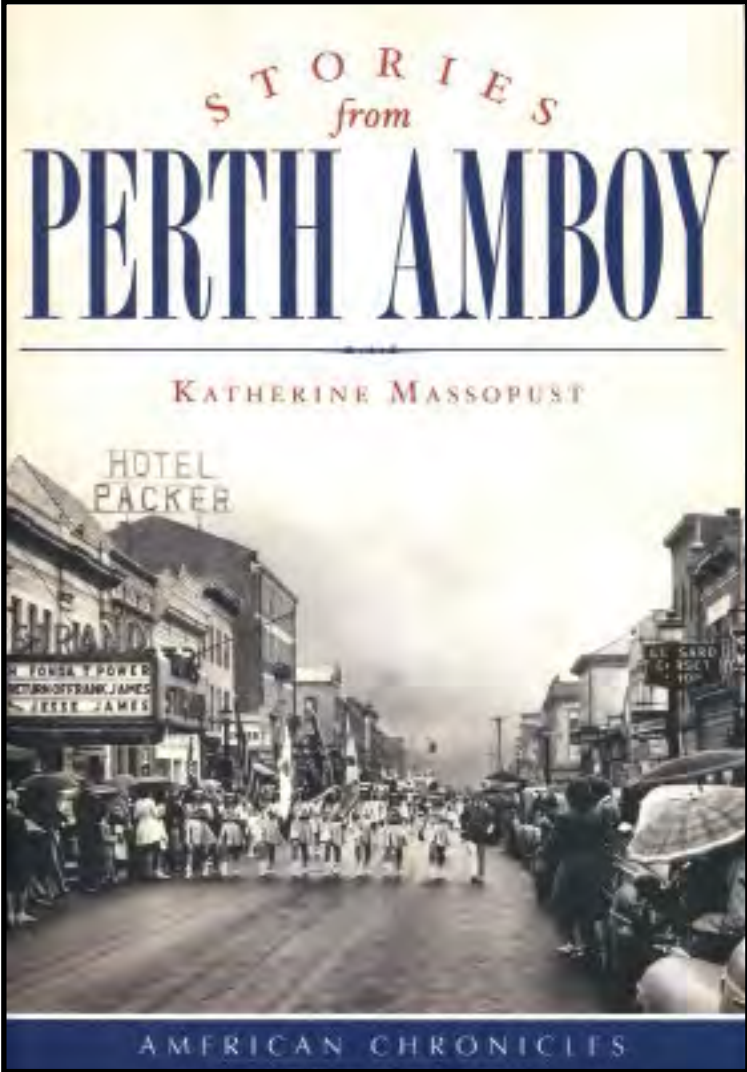
Perth Amboy

- WED. Dec. 31 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. Jan. 5 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jan. 6 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Jan. 7 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
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- THURS. Jan. 8 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Jan. 12 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Jan. 14 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Jan. 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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### ACROSS

- 1 Military rank (abbr.)
- 4 Dusting powder
- 8 Furtive whisper
- 12 Turn soil
- 13 Butter's rival
- 14 Least bit
- 15 Long time
- 16 Cap and \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 Wolverine's group, with "The" (hyph.)
- 18 Ruckus
- 20 Birds and bees
- 22 Ship's letters
- 23 "Oh, sure!" (2 wds.)
- 24 Firefighter's weapon
- 27 Letters after a dentist's name
- 28 Follower of (suffix)
- 31 Hit makers
- 32 Strive
- 33 Cars from Munich
- 34 Hockey great Bobby
- 35 Cozy place
- 36 Some summer babies
- 37 Sailor's affirmatives
- 39 \_\_\_\_\_ Paulo
- 41 Whirlpools
- 43 Christmas beverage
- 47 Guy
- 48 Shamrock land
- 50 Departure's

### opposite (abbr.)

- 51 "\_\_\_\_\_ keep" (pro-crastinator's motto)
- 52 Fancy
- 53 Skid causer
- 54 Watched
- 55 White flakes
- 56 Order's partner

### DOWN

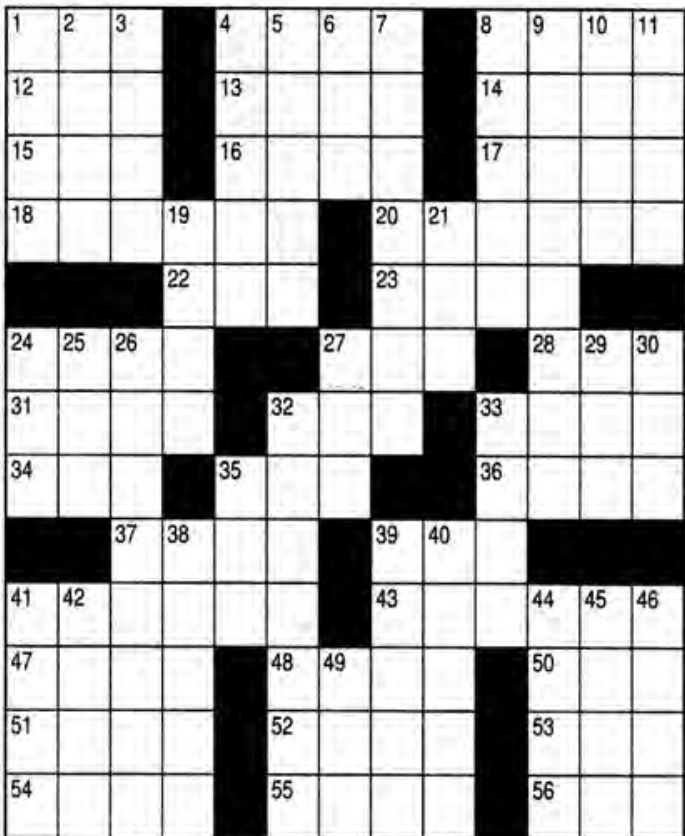
- 1 Professional cook
- 2 Opposite of wealthy
- 3 Singer Horne
- 4 Caesar's

### garments

- 5 At \_\_\_\_\_ (puzzled, 2 wds.)
- 6 Writer Wallace
- 7 Entrust secrets
- 8 Elf's cousin
- 9 At any date in the future
- 10 Pun or gang ender
- 11 Works with leather
- 19 Hints
- 21 Pounds (abbr.)
- 24 "Entourage" channel (abbr.)
- 25 Dinghy accessory

### 26 Sit astride

- 27 Tumult
- 29 Tango need
- 30 Double curve
- 32 Ships
- 33 Internet journal
- 35 Grade an egghead never gets
- 38 Give way
- 39 Watchmaker
- 40 Politician Spiro
- 41 Falco or Adams
- 42 Obligation
- 44 Finger feature
- 45 Killer whale
- 46 Expanded
- 49 "\_\_\_\_\_ Tin Tin"



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