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Y.O.U. MATTER March and Forum *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service*



PAHS Senior Class President Abdul Diof reads a speech at City Hall Circle about how youth play a part to bring together unity in the community.

PERTH AMBOY - The skies were overcast, but the weather held up as a community march began from the Cathedral International and ended in City Hall Circle for a second ceremony.

This was the first Y.O.U. MATTER March, appropriately held on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Y.O.U. is an acronym for Youth Organized for Unity, a nonprofit community service organization. Y.O.U.'s purpose is to have a positive relationship between law enforcement, urban youth and community leaders. The sole purpose of this day was to have a forum to engage in having a positive and uplifting spirit which embraced the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Those in attendance at the church included local Politicians, members of the Police Department, Community Leaders (Civic and Spiritual) and most importantly youth organizations. There was a mixture of all different age groups and ethnic backgrounds. Performances included dancing and singing. Speeches were delivered by clergy, politicians and local youth and community leaders.

There is Facebook page with more information about the Y.O.U. MATTER organization. <https://www.facebook.com/YOuthmatter2015>



Participants clasp hands during the service at the Cathedral.



We are unified as One.



Marching from the Cathedral to City Hall Circle.



An Officer and a Participant exchange smiles.

**Photos by Eric Salvary*

Appointment Made to Finish Out Term of Joe Connors

SOUTH AMBOY - The City Council, City Attorney, Business Administrator and City Clerk went into closed session to discuss personnel matters. One topic of discussion included appointing someone to finish the unexpired term of Councilman Joe Connors of the Second Ward.

When they came out of the closed session, City Attorney John Lanza read a resolution appointing Thomas B. Reilly to fill that position. He advised those in attendance that the proper procedures were used for this appointment.

Council President Mickey Gross said, "The South Amboy Democratic Party met with three candidates and they were all highly qualified to take the seat."

The resolution was moved



City Attorney
John Lanza

by Councilman Donald Applegate and seconded by Councilwoman Zusette Dato.

Reilly was to be notified so he could be sworn in before the next Council Meeting which will take place on February 18, 2015.

Statement by Board of Education President Sam Lebreault 1/14/15 City Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Good Evening! My name is Samuel Lebreault. As the Board of Education president, I am here with Interim Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez to speak on behalf of the school district on the matter of the perceived or real lack of communication about the McGinnis School closing last week. This closing, as you know, was prompted by a health emergency and the district's responsibility to protect our students, staff, and community in general.

It was at 9:57 PM on Thursday night that Dr. Rodriguez made the decision to close the school. At 10:26 PM, Deputy Chief Cattano contacted our Security Director Mr. Charlie Wolff, and Dr. Rodriguez received a text from Noelia at 10:41 PM. Therefore, by 10:41 PM, both City Administration and the Police Department were fully aware of the incident and our response. Nevertheless, it is true that notification to any City official on our school closing came



BOE President Sam Lebreault listens to Interim Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez field questions from the Council. Lebreault read a statement about an incidents that occurred at the McGinnis School. He also addressed the lack of communications between the City and the Schools. (See full statement)
**Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

about 40 minutes after the decision to the close school was made. For that, we take full responsibility. However, I would

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Lebreault
Statement

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like to offer the following, not as an excuse, but as a backdrop to try and understand how this oversight took place. Four out of the last 5 years, I have been designated as the Board's City Liaison. Therefore, I can attest to what I am saying. The City has been reticent in communicating with the Board. As a matter of fact, in the last year alone there have been several major issues in the city that the board and our schools were never notified about.

(1) The shooting in the vicinity of Hall Avenue – police shot a resident who threatened them with a knife. This was in the vicinity of Patten School, yet neither the school nor the board office received notification. Mr. Wolff received a call from one of the security officers from Ignacio Cruz stating that he heard gunshots. That's how the district found out about the shooting.

(2) A person was found stabbed multiple times behind the Patten School, on the other side of our fence, yet no one from the city ever contacted the school or the board office.

(3) An FBI swat team with some help from the PAPD was set up behind the high school to arrest someone who was living behind the high school. There were snipers on the roof tops and officers on the ground, yet neither the high school nor the board office were notified.

(4) In a time when this school system is so in need of a high school, last year the city had



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conversations with the School Development Authority and the Housing Authority about the purchase of a property to construct a high school. And, at no time did the city reach out to the board to have the board participate in these conversations.

(5) Late last year, instead of simply picking up the phone and calling the board, the city chose to use Facebook to communicate its feelings on the possible purchase of a property to be developed for a new high school.

(6) Let us also realize that last Thursday we were confronted with a type of emergency not seen in this city, or at least not in many decades. Thus, we were all immersed in

mitigating this event, developing recommendations, and implementing those recommendations. This, undoubtedly, contributed to the communication gap; if you will.

Let us remember that communication is a two-way street! The residents of this city expect and deserve better from all of us. I want to emphasize that we failed to communicate to city officials and or the police department in a timely manner our decision to close the school. The district is addressing this shortfall and is institutionalizing a process by which we can all be assured that this will not happen again. We are here to take responsibility for this miscue.



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Y.O.U. MATTER
Forum and March
A Perfect Way to Embrace One of the
Principles of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Let the pictures speak for themselves - C.M.



Y.O.U. MATTER mingle with
a local resident



Martin Luther King, Jr.



*Photos by Eric Salvary & Carolyn Maxwell

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

“Thank You”

I would like to publicly “Thank” Mark, the owner of “Lee’s Market,” on Smith Street, who on Sunday, January 18, 2015, came to my aid when I could not get to his

store for my newspapers, (as my husband was not well). The sidewalks were a sheet of ice and he saw me slipping, and not able to get to his store. He brought me the newspapers and said, “pay me tomorrow,” and then proceeded to scrape

the ice and make a path to my car! Thank you, Mark, we need more people like you in our world!

Lillian T. Wolff

Sloppy
Thinking

I wish to commend you and your staff for your account of the reorganization meeting of the Council in the 1/7/15 issue of the Amboy Guardian. Reading it was almost as good as being present. I regret that I could not attend the meeting like I used to. But then watching local news on TV Ch 34 is great! With my whiskey baritone I add:

Miss that Saturday dance when they crowded the floor! Awfly different without you! Don’t get around much anymore!

With the straight thinkers like our Mayor Wilda and Council our unique City by the Bay looks forward to better times. I drive this term

from the words of our PAHS Mathematics teacher Ferdinand Kertes who with a Continental accent would intone to us students, “How do you expect to be leaders of your community with such sloppy thinking?”

We here in Perth Amboy enjoy the purest form of democracy. Which is more than can be said of the sloppy thinking in Washington and Trenton. The corruption of the greedy lawyers and politicians place our country and state in a deeper hole than ever! For instance the useless and unconstitutional wars in the Middle East wasting thousands of lives and billions of dollars. And on the state level our bully governor is riding for a fall while neglecting his job. Once the truth comes out about Bridge Gate

he will resign as did President Nixon in Watergate. Then he could live in Texas and root for the Cowboys to his heart’s content! He share won’t be welcome back here in Jersey! Hopefully we can get rid of the sloppy thinkers and enjoy a better future!

To my fellow Perth Amboyans I propose the following toast: SALUD! AMOR! i PRES-TAS! i TIEMPO PARA GASTARLAS

HEALTH! LOVE! and MON-EY! and Time enough to enjoy them!

Thank you for your courtesies. Very truly yours,
Peter Book a.k.a. Pedro Libro



I Remember
Rinny

I don’t usually remember dates, but this one was easy because it was Jan. 1, 2015. I never reply to a letter to the editor written by someone else so this is my first and I have written many articles of my own.

Rinny was a little 3 year old dog. She was hit by a car and killed on 1/1/15. I grew up and lived on State Street in Perth Amboy. Rinny’s House was only one block away from us. I know Barbara Skokan and she used to tell me how Rinny

would play in her backyard.

I have an Oriental Cat. He is pure white. He was a Show Cat. I call him Cotton Clark.

The thing that Barbara said that impressed me very much was when she said, “Rinny was my best friend. She followed me around and in her eyes you could see her devotion.”

I want to share a story with all of my friends out there. My parents decided to move to Metuchen. My brother wanted to stay with all his friends and go to St. Mary’s High School. My Grandfather got him a puppy. His name was Buster. He would follow my Brother

around, sleep by his bed at night. He would see my Brother off to school in the morning and wait by the door till school was over. My brother graduated but WWII came along. Buster waited by the door for 2 or 3 years. He didn’t eat anymore. Guess he even slept by the front door. One day Buster wasn’t moving. My Grand-Ma had a Vet check him out. He said, “This dog died from grief.”

Think this over my friends and perhaps you got something out of this article.

Thomas Francis Clark

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Correction
PERTH AMBOY - On page 2, Paragraph 8 of the 1/21/15 Issue of the Amboy Guardian Story "Now it's Their Turn," there was a comment by Resident David Caba. "He was concerned about derogatory comments that were made on social media by the Mayor's Chief of Staff and an acquaintance."
In response to Caba, Lisette Martinez, the Mayor's Chief of Staff states: "Comments were made by a "Facebook Friend" regarding a speech made by Councilman F. Gonzalez during the Reorganization of the City Council. Just to verify I made no comments, I just hit "Like.""

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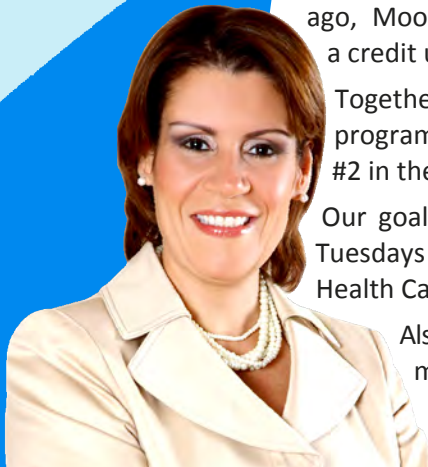


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FROM THE HISTORIC CITY OF
PERTH AMBOY

A Message From Mayor Wilda Diaz



Dear Friends:

It's a new year and we have a lot ahead of us.

We're learning every day how we can best serve our residents and improve city-wide. Just a few weeks ago, Moody's credit rating agency recognized our improved financial management practices with a credit upgrade.

Together, we have been able to improve our recreational facilities, recover from Sandy, expand programs, as we continue to address the needs of our constituents. We're proud to have been named #2 in the State as the Most Caring Small City in America and #39 in the nation, this past October.

Our goal is also to meet the needs of your family. Be sure to stop by our Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays (flyer inside), if you need assistance from our trained staff for the Affordable Health Care application.

Also, March is Women's History and National Nutrition Month—visit our website in the upcoming month to find out more about the Mayor's Wellness Campaign partnered with Rutgers for educational sessions and recreational health kick-off activities. And don't forget to save the date for our upcoming events in April and bring out your friends and family for an enjoyable season in the historic City of Perth Amboy. Read more about these programs inside.

As always, stay posted on what's being done to better the City with my updates on Facebook. I wish everyone a warm and healthy new year, God Bless!!!

Sincerely,
Mayor Wilda Diaz

At-a-Glance

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3. **Raritan Bay Area YMCA**
357 New Brunswick Avenue
Monday- Friday; 5:30 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

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Sgt. Panagiotis Boulteris
Sgt. Michelle McKeon
Sgt. Gilberto Simao
Sgt. Joseph Sassine



Sanitation Reminders

NO GARBAGE COLLECTION ON THE FOLLOWING 2015 HOLIDAYS

Monday, February 16
Monday, May 25
Friday, July 3
Monday, September 7
Monday, October 12
Wednesday, November 11 (No Recycling)
Thursday, November 26
Friday, December 25

President's Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

NOTE: IF A HOLIDAY FALLS ON YOUR GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY, YOUR GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED UP ON YOUR NEXT REGULAR SCHEDULED GARBAGE COLLECTION PICK-UP.

SCHEDULED RUBBISH APPOINTMENTS

Scheduling for rubbish appointments will resume on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. on a first come, first served basis. All rubbish appointments must be scheduled in person only. There is a collection fee of \$30.00. Payments are to be paid by check or money order only, no cash will be accepted.

Bulk waste can be dropped off Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the **Public Works yard**.

Must be a Perth Amboy resident. Please contact the Department of Public Works for additional information: 732-826-2010.

\$ Fundraising Opportunity



The City of Perth Amboy is working hard on measures to help keep Perth Amboy beautiful, with the aid and resources of the New Jersey Clean Communities grant funding. We now offer a Clean Communities Mini-Grant program for (501C3) volunteer organizations clean-ups, up to \$500 for groups of 25 or more, this year. For more information, please contact the

Department of Public Works, Recycling/Clean Communities Coordinator, Geri Barcheski at: 732-826-2010 ext. 4204 or email: gbarcheski@perthamboynj.org.

PHOTOS: Volunteers of the State Street Area clean up in Nov. 2014



2nd Street Park Project

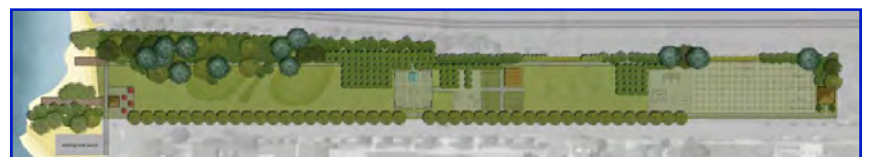
Final Park Design Thank you for your feedback!!!

The final concept design for the 2nd Street Park in Perth Amboy was presented to the Perth Amboy City Council on December 8, 2014. Over the past 6 months, a team of planners and landscape architects from Rutgers University have been working with City and Middlesex County Improvement Authority officials to develop a concept plan for a new park to be constructed on a vacant tract on 2nd Street, the six-acre former Harry S. Goldberg Scrap Metal Yard site, across the street from the Wilentz elementary school.

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant of \$200,000 allowed MCIA to assist the City in investigating environmental issues, conducting public outreach and park design, performing additional site testing, if necessary, and plan the process for cleaning up the site. The City and MCIA are working with the former owner and his consultant to complete necessary environmental investigations and begin the process of cleaning up the site. Additionally, the City is actively pursuing grant opportunities to help pay for site clean-up and construction of the park.



Artist sketch of 2nd Street Park looking towards the pier



Conceptual design for 2nd Street Park



The Rutgers design team has just released a video presentation that describes the final concept design for the proposed 2nd Street Park and the community participation process that led to the final design. The new video presentation is available in English and Spanish and can be accessed online at www.2ndStreetPark.blogspot.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAPTAIN JOHN BREYTA AND OUR FIVE NEW MEMBERS OF THE PAFD, SWORN-IN ON NOV. 25TH

F.F. Joseph Sepelyak, F.F. Frank Schumera, Jr., F.F. Eric Lewis, F.F. Jaime Tavera and F.F. Kevin Metz.





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PERTH AMBOY GALLERY



2015 Winter Arts Program

REGISTER TODAY!! Classes begin **February 2, 2015** (8 week courses)

Our afterschool and weekend programs offer art and music classes that provide creative, unique learning experiences while having fun. Your child will learn from professional artists and musicians, develop new skills, and tap into their creative side.

Arts & Crafts for Kids

Ages 5-9

Mondays 4:00-5:00pm

FREE

Students will embark on a magical art adventure with a variety of projects, including weaving, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking and more.

Story time... Let's Draw!

Ages 5-10

Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm

FREE

Every week students will enjoy story time followed by a class on illustration. By the end of the course, students will have completed their very own illustrated story book to take home.

Open Art Studio for Tweens

Ages 10-13

Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm

FREE

Where children create paintings, collages, drawings and sculptures. Projects are facilitated by professional artists. Children explore with clay, cardboard, fabric, found objects and more.

Intro to Dance at the Gallery Ages 4-6

FREE

Thursdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm

This exciting new class will introduce younger students to basic technique in a structured yet FUN setting. Simple coordination, musicality, rhythm and concentration will be emphasized. Students are encouraged to explore space and enjoy dancing.

Students will required to purchase ballet shoes

Presented by JOY'S DANCE HOUSE

Visit **JOYSDANCEHOUSE.COM** to learn about our new instructor and other classes offered in her studio.

Oil Painting for Teens

Ages 13-17

Wednesdays 4:00-6:00pm

FREE

Many people aspire to learn how to paint with oil, but few know where to begin. This class is catered to the beginning oil painter, with ample support and exercises provided for pleasant exploration into the foundations of oil painting. This class will provide technical information to get you started (brushes, basic mediums, color, surface, and applications), with the room to access and grow your own personal style. Materials will be provided.

Ceramics for Teens & Adults

Ages 13-Adults

Saturdays 11:00am-1:00pm

FREE

Learn basic handbuilding and wheelthrowing skills and glazing techniques while working independently in a supportive atmosphere with other artists. Students will be encouraged to explore their own ideas while learning about the possibilities of clay.



Music & Dance Immersion Programs with LA CASA

Ages 5 to 13

The following classes are scheduled directly through LA CASA, please contact **Maria Alvarez** for more information at (434) 515 2783

Guitar

Tuesdays 3:30-7:30pm

Thursdays 3:30-7:30pm

Fridays 3:30-6:30pm

(individual lessons)

Percussion

Wednesdays 4:30-7:00pm

New Student Placement available for 4:30 Class Only

Dance

Saturdays 11:00-1:15pm

Ballet, Hip Hop, Salsa/Casino

Modern and Folkloric Dance

Music students are advised to review lessons learned from last semester. Dance students are to dress comfortably in sweats, tights or spandex, sock or ballet shoes.



To register, and for more information:

Contact the Office of Recreation

1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

(732) 826-1690 x4305 | recleader@perthamboynj.org

www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts

339 Reade Street (in Patten Park), Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

www.facebook.com/perthamboygallery

RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

\$2.3 MILLION IN PUBLIC RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Since we initiated the Mayor's Wellness Campaign in Perth Amboy through the Office of Recreation, we're serving everyone from our active seniors to our children. These new facilities not only maximize under-utilized property and beautify neighborhoods, but they are initiatives that keep our community healthy.

FITNESS TRAIL ON SADOWSKI PARKWAY

The \$9K Sustainable Jersey grant partially funded the installation of three exercise stations with a total of six pieces. The fitness trail will also include mile markers on the waterfront esplanade starting at Second Street, as both the beach and sidewalk areas are utilized for fitness by the community. The total cost of the project is about \$13K.

WATERFRONT RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

The \$2 million Neighborhood Community Revitalization grant funded by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) will allow for recreational upgrades and additions. The grant funds the following proposed facilities:

Installation of five new adult tennis courts, fencing and lighting, public restrooms, seasonal beach showers, Drinking fountains, volleyball courts, bleachers and boat Ramp and storage

BASKETBALL COURTS:

The construction of three half basketball courts (80'x153') will soon occupy the underutilized open space adjacent to the Robert N. Wilentz Elementary School and playground area. Construction will be complete by this Spring. The courts provide recreational facilities in the residential and school area. The project funded by the City of Perth Amboy totals \$88K.

FLYNN PARK:

The Flynn Park near the James J. Flynn School on Chamberlain Avenue has also received upgrades to a 134'x44' children's (Ages 5-12) playground valued at \$182K and purchased for \$55K. The nearly 25 year old recreation space will be replaced with eight play stations. The total cost of the project is \$91K.

SUSTAINABLE NEW JERSEY



Sustained Applause!

Did you know that Perth Amboy is one of only 117 New Jersey towns that are Sustainable Jersey certified? Perth Amboy achieved Sustainable Jersey certification at the bronze level in program year 2014.

Across New Jersey, hundreds of towns are now working on sustainability programs to help the environment and their bottom lines. Efforts to curb carbon emissions, protect natural resources and reduce waste are happening at the local level. Through the voluntary program, communities are implementing solar power and wind turbine projects, rain capture and reuse efforts, new walking and biking programs, building and operating community food gardens, launching community outreach programs on recycling and energy, and dozens of other initiatives.

To become Sustainable Jersey certified, Perth Amboy had to complete a balance of the rigorous program sustainability actions. In addition, we created a green team and had several priority actions. To get involved with Perth Amboy's Green Team and sustainability initiatives, contact City Hall at **732-826-0290**. To learn more about Sustainable Jersey, visit www.SustainableJersey.com.

Welcome to Perth Amboy! Small Business Grand Openings

Smith Pharmacy
81 Smith Street

Coming Soon!!!
Mo Pharmacy

201 New Brunswick Ave

Farmer's Insurance
257 Madison Avenue

Dominican Cake & Something More
475 State Street
(732) 442-0001

Lu's Garden
774 Convery Blvd.
732-826-2388

Bread -N- Butter
281 Madison Avenue
732-324-0191

El Encanto Mexican Gifts & More
337 State Street
848-250-9210

Attention Business Owners: Upcoming Seminar

The UEZ/BID Program in cooperation with Perth Amboy Merchants Association and 1st Constitution Bank will present a Business Seminar on **Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m.** at 1st Constitution Bank located on 145 Fayette Street for all business owners. Please contact 732-44-6421 to confirm your attendance.



Spring Sports Programs

Sign-up Today!

Tee-Ball

Ages: 3 – 4

\$35 – Money Order ONLY

Limited Space Available

Rookie Baseball

Ages: 5 – 7

\$35 – Money Order ONLY

Limited Space Available

Girls Softball

Ages: 8 – 16yrs

\$40 – Money Order ONLY

Limited Space Available

All participants will receive a t-shirt, pants, hat & socks.

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!

If interested contact the Office of Recreation for more information



Payment due upon registration
Money order only

Registration for these programs are completed at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center
Last day to register is March 13th, 2015

Children's Tennis

(Starting April 6th)

Mondays & Wednesdays:

Ages: 7 & 8

6:00 pm— 7:30 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays:

Ages: 9 & 10

6:00 pm—7:30pm

Saturdays:

Ages: 3 & 4

10:00 am—11:00 am

Ages: 5-6

11:15 am—12:15 pm

Waterfront Tennis Courts

FREE OF CHARGE

Adult Tennis

Ages: Adults

(Starting April 6th)

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Waterfront Tennis Courts

FREE OF CHARGE

Perth Amboy Little League

will start **REGISTRATION** for our **2015 Spring Season** in January.

Registration Requirements:

Must be League Ages 8-17

\$60.00 Registration Fee

Each Player Must sell a box of chocolates

CASH, MONEY ORDER

or CREDIT CARD (Now Accepted)

Perth Amboy Recreation Department

1 Olive St, Perth Amboy, NJ

(Off of Market St.)

REGISTRATION DATES:

Starting February 3, 2015

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00pm

Starting on February 7, 2015

Saturdays 12:00 – 2:00pm

(No Registration on 2/14/15)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 7, 2015

Any Questions please call President, Ramon Rivera 732-586-4919 or Vice President, Thomas Thor 732-881-7670

You can also email: perthamboylittleleague@gmail.com

Office of Recreation | 1 Olive Street | Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 | 732.826.1690 x 4305 | www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

Teen Nights – Every Saturday Night

7:00– 10:30 pm, Ages 13–18, Free of Charge, High School I.D. required

Activities: Basketball, Dodgeball, Weightlifting, Fitness Equipment, Movies, Game Consoles (PS4), Swimming, Dance Lessons and much more

Sponsored by:

Raritan Bay Area YMCA,
City of Perth Amboy,
AmeriCorp, Perth Amboy
Municipal Alliance.

Upcoming Events

All events are FREE and Open to the Public, unless otherwise stated.

OFFICE OF RECREATION

1 Olive Street | Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

732.826.1690 x 4305 | www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us



FEBRUARY

3rd Annual RED³ Fine Art Exhibit

Opening Reception
Thursday, February 12th
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts
339 Reade Street

Dominican Independence Celebration

Sunday, February 22nd
Flag Raising at 2:00 p.m.
City Hall Circle
Art Exhibit immediately following at
Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts
339 Reade Street

Dominican Independence Day Bachata Dance-off

Saturday, February 28th
Time: TBD
Location: TBD

Black History Month

Sponsored by the Office on Aging
Friday, February 20th
11:00 a.m.
1 Olive Street

MARCH

Int'l Womens Art Exhibit

Opening Reception
Thursday, March 12th
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts
339 Reade Street

Seminar for Business Owners

Wednesday, March 18th
6:00 p.m.
145 Fayette Street
Call to RSVP: 732-44-6421

2015 State of the City Address

Thursday, March 26th
1:00 p.m.
YMCA Auditorium

APRIL

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th
1:00 p.m.
Albert G. Waters Stadium
(Eagle & Francis Street)

Easter Pageant

Sunday, April 5th
2:00 p.m.
Municipal Complex (YMCA) Theater Room
357 New Brunswick Avenue

Perth Amboy Little League Opening Day

Saturday, April 11th
11:00 a.m.
Perth Amboy Youth Sports
Memorial Complex

“Those who CAN, TEACH”

Middlesex County Art Teachers Group Fine Art Exhibit

Opening Reception
Thursday, April 16th
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts
339 Reade Street

Recreation T-Ball/Rookie Ball/ Girl's Softball Opening Day

Saturday, April 18th
11:00 a.m.
Perth Amboy Youth Sports
Memorial Complex

City of Perth Amboy

Office of Aging

WINTER & SPRING PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY

American Heart Month/Pride in Food Service

Friday, February 13th

Valentines Bingo

1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 17th

Mardi Gras

11:00 a.m.

Friday, February 27th

Black History Month Program

“Urban Legends” History of Motown

10:30 a.m.

MARCH

Thursday, March 5th

Trip to Sands in Bethlehem, PA

Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 17th

St. Patrick's Celebration with Irish Dance Company

10:30 a.m.

Cooking classes at MC Vocational and Technical High School*

Kiddie KeepWell Camp Wellness Program*

APRIL

Saturday, April 4th

Easter Luncheon

10:30 a.m.

Theatre Trip*

Stress Awareness Month (Massages & Chiropractor Visit)*

National Volunteer Recognition*

*Contact the Office on Aging for
additional information at: 732-826-0290 ext. 4307



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ



OPENING RECEPTION
Thursday,
February 12, 2015
6:00 pm - 8:00pm
Exhibit runs thru – March 4th, 2013


This exhibition focuses on the colorful and dynamic ideas of love, passion, and lust. RED3 highlights the work of over 30 artists and photographers that were inspired with the color and/or the allegories on the theme of love. New visions of romanticism and modern love will adorn the walls of the gallery.

PERTH AMBOY GALLERY
Center for the Arts

PERTH AMBOY GALLERY
CENTER FOR THE ARTS
339 Reade Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
(732) 826-1690 x 4325



Gallery Hours:
Monday-Thursday 5:00-8:00pm
and by appointment.
Free and Open to the Public.



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

OFFICE OF RECREATION IN COLLABORATION
WITH THE RARITAN BAY AREA "V"







EASTER EGG HUNT
1:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 4th
Waters Stadium (High School)
Games, Prizes, Goodie Bags & Much More

For additional information,
please call the Office of Recreation
732-826-1690 ext. 4306


EASTER PAGEANT
Sunday, April 5th at 2:00 p.m.
Municipal Complex (YMCA)
Theatre Room
357 New Brunswick Avenue
Come out and join us in your Sunday Best!


Age Groups:
• Infant – 3 years old
• 4 – 5 years old
• 6 – 7 years old
• 8 – 10 years old







CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ






**Bachata
CONTEST**
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015
7:00-9:00PM
at The Raritan Bay Area YMCA

Contact the Office of Recreation @ 732-826-1690 x4325
Maria Gomez or Isamar Payano for more information.






CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE ACT
FREE OPEN ENROLLMENT PROGRAM
FOR ALL PERTH AMBOY RESIDENTS

Every Tuesday & Thursday
6:00-9:00 P.M.
ALEXANDER F. JANKOWSKI COMMUNITY CENTER | 1 OLIVE STREET, PERTH AMBOY, NJ



FREE Registration assistance is available until:
Tuesday, February 17th

Certified staff will be available to assist residents step-by-step with the quick online registration & application process for health insurance in English and Spanish.
**No appointment needed. Registration is first come, first served.*

The screening process is confidential and no registration information is withheld by the City of Perth Amboy or volunteers assisting. The following information is **REQUIRED ONLY** for the registration and application process:

- E-mail Address • Social Security Number • Residency Card • Mailing Address
- Phone Number • Household Income (Bring proof, i.e. pay stub)
- Family Composition (# of people in household)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
OFFICE OF HOUSING & SOCIAL SERVICES
732-826-4300

MWC Volunteers for Habitat For Humanity, Perth Amboy

**Photo Submitted*



PERTH AMBOY - Middlesex Water Company employees volunteered on a Habitat for Humanity project building a home in the City of Perth Amboy. Pictured L to R (front row): Greg Risoldi, Dan Krakowski, Summer DeFeo, Raquel Koukourdelis, Chris Andresen (back row): Bill Maxwell, Bernadette Sohler, Rick Nolan, Alex Albelo, Gary Colfer and Dennis Doll.

Perth Amboy Scientist Excites Middle School Students About Science at FMC STEM Career Days



FMC Lab Tech Laura Briceno, a resident of Perth Amboy, speaks to a group of children about the worlds of STEM. **Photo Submitted*

News Release 1/13/15

PHILADELPHIA, PA – Creepy, crawly and captivating: two-inch hissing cockroaches and turquoise worms were among the star attractions at a science career day given by scientists and other volunteers from FMC Corporation’s Innovation Center in Ewing and its corporate headquarters in Philadelphia.

Thirty FMC volunteers traveled to Drexel University’s Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia to share hands-on science activities with 1,200 sixth through eighth grade students over the course of two days. Petting bugs and exploring an interactive map were just two of the activities at FMC STEM Career Days, designed to help students think about future careers in science, technology, engineering and math. The program was funded by a \$25,000 grant from FMC.

“Our goal was to help young people make connections between their science courses and everyday life, meet real scientists, and get excited about the wide range of career options they might consider,” said Linda Froelich, Director of Global Sustainability. “For example, one of our activities showed that careers in agriculture range from entomology to food processing to finance to veterinary, just to name a few.”

Research says that unless students become hooked on math and science by 8th grade they may never become interested.

“We can literally impact the future of technology by exciting students about opportunities in these fields,” said Froelich.

About FMC Corporation

FMC Corporation is a diversified chemical company serving agricultural, industrial and consumer markets globally for more than a century with innovative solutions, applications and quality products. In 2013, FMC had annual sales of approximately \$3.9 billion. The company employs approximately 6,000 people throughout the world, and operates its businesses in three segments: FMC Agricultural Solutions, FMC Health and Nutrition, and FMC Minerals. For more information, visit www.FMC.com.

Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public

Library Meeting

PERTHAMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be meeting on Wednesday, February 4 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-797-8074.

Buffalo Soldiers

Presentation

PERTH AMBOY - In honor of Black History Month there will be a presentation on the Buffalo Soldiers at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 8 at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. \$5 Suggested Donation. Light refreshments available.

Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education class Saturday, February 28, 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.

Healthcare Provider CPR Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR class Wednesday February 4, 6 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-DOC-TORS. (1.800.362.8677)

2015 Commemorative Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2015 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-646-8337 or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. This year, the Calendars feature full color paintings by Artist Francis McGinley from Donald Johnstone Peck’s book, “An American Journey of Hope.” Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$15 Each.

2015 RYC Commemorative Calendars For Sale



PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Yacht Club, Perth Amboy will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary in 2015. To “Kick Off” the New Year, a limited edition, commemorative calendar with 13 vintage photographs is available for \$15 by contacting the RYC Office 732-826-2277 or Barbara Booz 732-442-4234.

Piroghi and Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having a potato piroghi and cake sale starting on Mon. Jan. 26 to Friday, Jan. 30. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to place your orders. Cakes are nut, poppy seed, apricot, raspberry and prune. Price \$11. Pick up date is Tues. Feb. 3 and Wed. Feb. 4 at the above address. Price is \$8 per dozen potato piroghi. All gourmet items are handmade.

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 732-826-7040. We look forward to meeting you.

Veterans Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance

SOUTH AMBOY - Love is in The Air For Our Veterans. South Amboy Elks #784 @ 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy, N.J. is hosting a Valentine's Day Appreciation Dinner/Dance for our Veterans on Saturday, February 14th (Valentine's Day) from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Cost: Free to all Veterans - All others \$5. Reservations are required - Call 732-718-3125 to reserve and/or for add'l info.

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA 12 Weeks of Healing

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Y is offering a FREE 12 week program for cancer survivors starting January 2015. Extensive research has shown that exercise for individuals recovering from cancer, and individuals going through treatment for cancer, can help reduce fatigue and loss of strength. The program meets twice a week, Tuesdays 6-7pm and Thursdays 1-2pm, and will give participants a gradual approach to exercise as they work hand in hand with our experienced trainers and staff. There will be a focus on cardio exercise and progress into weights, stability and endurance. For more information, contact Lois Griffin at 732-316-8219 or lois.griffin@ymcaofmewsa.org.

Apokriatiko Glendi Carnival - Mardi Gras - Masque

WOODBIDGE - Saturday, Feb. 21, The Forge Inn, Rte. 9 N., Woodbridge. Live Band for dancing by Maria L Stavros Damore. Fun, Prizes and Surprises. Doors open 7 p.m. Cash Bar. All are invited. Dress in your Favorite Jester, Joker Costume (Optional). St. Demetrios Board of Trustees will be honoring: Lambros Simatos (Elevator Committee/Past President); Kateina Ganiaris (Past President); Soterios Petroustos (Sexton); George Seitis (Chief Chef), Presvytera Eva Michaels and Zeffie Filindras (Beautification Award Winners). Must make Reservations in advance. Must RSVP on or before Feb. 15, 2015. Donation: \$45 pp; Children 7 to 16 yrs \$25; Under 6 yrs. Free. Seniors over 65 yrs. \$40. Please make checks payable to St. Demetrios Church and mail to Olga Mamaligas, 40 Henry St., Sayreville, NJ 08872. (732-254-0311). For more info call Irene Pakis - 732-591-1878; Afroula Kanelides - 732-423-7256 or Helen Horan - 908-756-6352.

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - Every Wednesday, in January and February, Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall Food Court at 12 noon to 1 pm 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 January and February, 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.

Birthday Parties at the South Amboy Y

SOUTH AMBOY - Relax and let the Y host your child's next birthday party! No fuss, no mess, no worries... Parties can be almost totally customized by you. Try a Y! Party featuring traditional games, mat play, face painting, and parachute, or a Dance Party with your choice of music. Of course, most children love our Swim/Gym Parties with an hour of swim time, followed by an hour of sports play in the gymnasium. All parties include pizza and party hosts. Dates are booking quickly for the winter, so reserve your child's birthday weekend today! For more information on Birthday Parties, please contact our Member Services Desk at 732-553-9622.

Chamber Players

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

Photography Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Come learn Portrait Photography. Lessons take place at the Ke-army Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave. at 7 p.m., Tuesdays starting 1/27/15 will last an 8 week session. Must have a Digital Camera. \$50 pp for 8 week session. For more info call Paul at 732-293-1090 or 908-812-4549.

Lego Toddlers

SOUTH AMBOY - Ages 2-3 yrs. old. Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060. Come build with us!

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.



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Stroke Screening: Go Red for Women

Fri., Feb. 6 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Blood pressure screenings, heart healthy information & how to identify stroke.

Seven locations: Provident Bank in Old Bridge, South Amboy, Iselin, Woodbridge & Perth Amboy and Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Perth Amboy & Sayreville Borough Hall.

Visit rbmc.org/events for more info.



Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?

Mon., Feb. 9 - 7 to 8 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 25 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Institute for Weight Loss, Old Bridge
Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME.

Tour of the Berkow Maternity Pavilion & Family Health Open House

Wed., Feb. 11 - 7 p.m.
530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy
Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS reference zip code 08861.

Grandparents Newborn Care Class

Learn the latest in baby care and how to help in your grandbaby's development. Cost is \$50 per couple.

Wed., Feb. 18 - 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Raritan Bay Area Y, Perth Amboy
Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

Babysitter Safety Class

Interactive class for those ages 10 to 16; learn first aid, household safety & fundamentals of childcare. Cost is \$35.

Tues., Feb. 25 - 4 to 7 p.m.
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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.

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EDISON - The following is a schedule of events for the coming months, which are open to non members. 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.

St. Patrick's
Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville United Methodist Church will be having their annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 6 - 8 pm at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872. Cost: Adult: \$10.00, Seniors/Students/Children 5-12: \$8.00, Children under 5: Free Dinner of Spaghetti & Meatballs. Dinner Includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti & Meatballs, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage and Dessert. For questions or additional tickets, please contact: Christine Glace (732)613-8768.

Flower Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - The Motorcycle Club of South Amboy Elks Lodge #784 will be having a flower sale just in time for Valentine's Day. Flowers and Roses will be available: Friday 2/13 from 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday, 2/14 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Contact: Tracy 908-510-4161

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.

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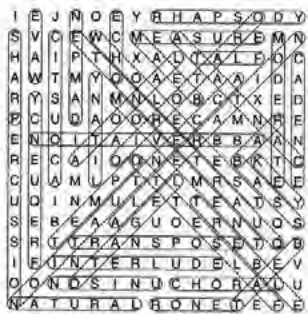
WED. Jan. 28 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Jan. 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Feb. 3 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Feb. 4 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Feb. 5 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. Feb. 6 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

MON. Feb. 2 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
WED. Feb. 11 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Feb. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

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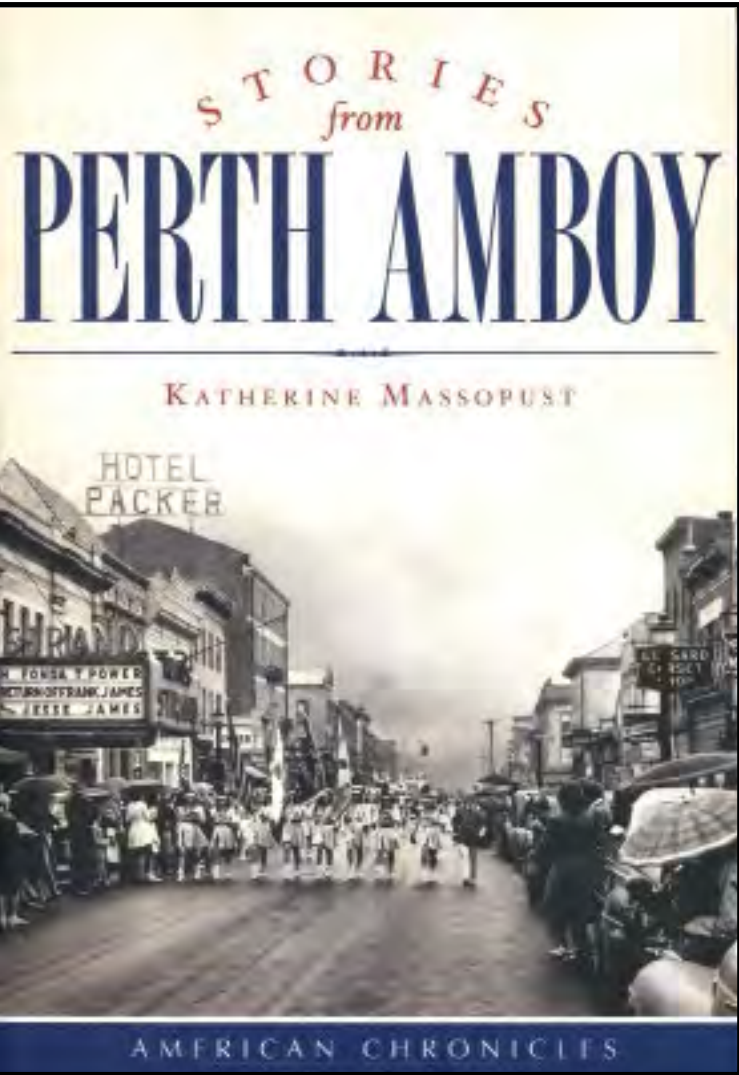


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - First Formal Reception - Sodality of Blessed Virgin Mary - Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption - May 1951.

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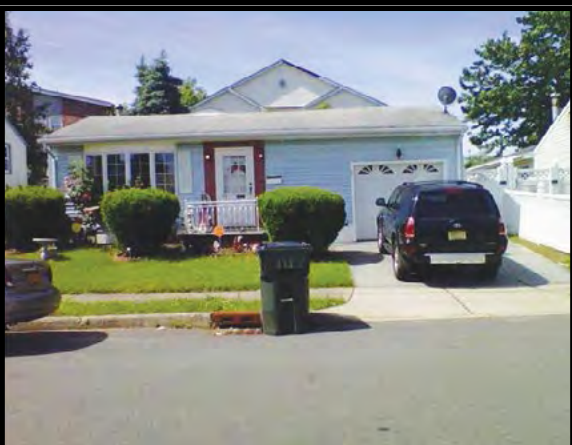
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