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Fire on Broad Street



PERTH AMBOY - Early morning on 2/5/15 there was a 2 alarm fire on Broad Street. The fire started in an apparent abandoned building at 50 Broad St. and spread to an occupied building at 52 Broad St. No injuries were reported but a family was left homeless.

*Photos by Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez



The police and firefighters speak to the occupants of the Broad Street Fire. One family was displaced due to the fire.

Mayor Diaz's Statement on Police Chief Indictment

News Release 2/6/15

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz responds to the Middlesex County Prosecutor's indictment of Chief Benjamin Ruiz, below:

"The City of Perth Amboy has been informed by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office that the Chief of Police, Benjamin Ruiz has been indicted with allegations previously announced on December 16, 2014. At this time, Chief Ruiz is currently suspended without pay and there is no additional comment until the matter is resolved."

All questions regarding the matter should be directed to



Benjamin Ruiz

the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office.

In Need of a Snorkel & Raising of Fees Discussed

SOUTH AMBOY – At the 2/4/15 Business Meeting, Item G was a request submitted by the South Amboy Fire Department. Business Administrator

Camille Tooker told those in attendance that Fire Chief Mike Geraltowski said that there are issues with the fire snorkel. "It has been out of commission several times and we've had to borrow equipment from other towns. They said that a new snorkel is needed which would be an estimated cost of \$1.5 million. I have researched equipment with similar specs and we found one for about \$800,000."

Tooker encouraged the Council to reach out to the Fire Chief or to herself if they had any more questions that they needed answered before deciding which course to take. She could make available to the Council the letter sent to her by Geraltowski where he laid out specifications of the snorkel that is needed.

Item #G - The Department also requested \$25,000 for 10 sets of turnout gear. This would include all clothing and footwear with the exception of helmets.

Council President Mickey Gross asked the Members if there was any problem with this request. They said, "No."

Ordinance 2-2015 – First Reading – An ordinance to amend Chapter 46, Construc-



SOUTH AMBOY - Newly Appointed Councilman Tom Reilly at the 2/4/15 Business Meeting
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

tions Codes, and other Fees for the City of South Amboy.

Law director John Lanza said, "There is a need to see about increasing fees pertaining to some items that need attention. The increase in fees will pertain to some items that the Planning Board or Board of Adjustment have to submit to applicants." Lanza said, "Former City Clerk Kathy Vigilante left a memo regarding notary and peddler fees. When it comes to fees for the taxi and limo drivers they are under 2 different statutes. We have to redo the taxi ordinance and liquor licenses first. With some licenses the fees can't increase more than 20% per year. A fee could range from \$150 to \$2,500 depending on what needs to be done. We need to move on this."

Newly chosen Councilman Tom Reilly wanted to know

if there is an open window to raise fees.

Lanza replied, "No. We have delayed raising fees for a while." Lanza continued to talk about additional fees, some of which included a tax map fee which ranges between 50 Cents and \$5. FedEx fees and duplicate tax sales records were also discussed. "A person may come in and a picture ID is needed. We have to make sure that they know what they are signing, especially when requesting or filling out taxi and limo forms. A person filling out a form for a taxi or limo license must show proper ID and it has to be for themselves – not for someone else. I will do the ordinances for these fees. Some of these existing fees are so low that you can't even buy a milkshake with them."

Health Benefit Resolutions

SOUTH AMBOY- R-47-2015 A Resolution to Authorize Participation in the State Health Benefits Program in the State of New Jersey; R-48-2015 A Resolution to Adopt the Provisions of Chapter 48 (N.J.S.A. 52:14.17.38) under which a public employer may agree to pay for the State Health Benefits Program (SHBP) and/or School Employees' Health Benefit Program (SEHBP) coverage of certain retirees.

Business Administrator Camille Tooker said, "The State Health Benefits Programs for

the School Employees are the cheapest plans available. Resolution R-47 authorizes participation and Resolution R-48 is letting the plan know who is eligible. The Resolution names Benecard as the Prescription Drug Plan and Delta Dental as the Dental Plan."

For R-47, Dato moved, Aplegate seconded. R-48, Dato moved, Noble seconded.

"Those qualifying must have a 33/hr minimum average work week for full time status. The Resolution shall take effect immediately and coverage



B.A. Camille Tooker

shall be effective as of 5/1/15 or sooner pursuant to statutes and regulations."

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OLV Senior Group Casino Trips

SAYREVILLE - The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring casino trips for February 22, and March 22, 2015. The Group will be going to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The cost of the trips is \$35.00 with \$20.00 slot play and \$5.00 in a food voucher. For further information or to make a reservation, contact Geri at 732-257-4351.

NFL Flag Football League

SOUTH AMBOY - The NFL and the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, & South Amboy are teaming up again for our annual Association wide Flag Football League. The League is open to boys and girls ages 8-12. Teams will be made and given an NFL team name. Players who register early will receive a NFL jersey. The season will run from March 8 through May 31 with games played on Sundays between fields in Metuchen, Edison and South Amboy. Time to be determined. Registration is now open and will close on March 2. Please contact Kaleigh DeLucca at 732-553-9622 or email kaleigh.delucca@ymcaofmews.org if you have any questions.

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 February 17 through May 7. 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@ymcaofmews.org.




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Private Sessions:
Swimming Lessons
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Tai Chi

Senior Programs:

Group Exercise Classes
Personal Training
Swimming Lessons
SilverSneakers Fitness Program



LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

One Voice to Speak for Many

At the “National Prayer Breakfast” at the White House President started out his speech by giving praise and honor to God and welcoming those in attendance. He pointed out special guests including the Dalai Lama and other well known clergy in attendance. He mentioned others in the audience who were political prisoners and NASCAR Driver Darrell Waltrip.

But Obama made headlines when he compared the violent past of the Crusades and Spanish Inquisition which took place over 900 years ago and compared it to modern day terrorism. He then added the Jim Crow laws and America’s history of slavery.

While history is full of violence in the name of God, is this necessary to highlight at a National Prayer Breakfast? To reach back 900 years is kind of stretching it. When was the last time that there was a mass concentration of Christians who are performing atrocities as today’s radical ISIS and the Taliban?

17 year old Pakistani Malala Yousafzai became the youngest person ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize. In 2009 she defied a Taliban edict that banned girls from going to school. She was 11. She was 14 when she was shot by the Taliban just because she spoke about the importance of education and girls going to school. Malala believes that the Taliban want women to be oppressed so they forbid them to go to school.

Malala was interviewed on the Jon Stewart Show in 2013. She discussed how the Taliban took over the city where she lived and how they killed and suppressed the people, especially the women. She said that if a Taliban militant would come into her house now, she thought to herself that maybe she would pick up a shoe and hit him. “But that would make me almost as bad as him. I prefer to use peace and dialogue first. I would tell him how important education is not only for you, but your children as well. Now do as you want.”



Malala Yousafzai

When Malala was 14, she was coming home with other girls on a school bus. The Taliban stopped the bus and demanded to know which girl was Malala. When the girls turned and looked her way Malala was shot and gravely wounded and two other girls suffered minor injuries. Malala was taken to military hospital in Peshawar, and transferred to a hospital in Birmingham, England. In spite of the severity of her injuries, she had no permanent brain damage.

Because of her bravery and continued activism she continues to bring to life the importance of education not only for girls but for every child. We may not agree with everything she says, but we do agree that education is important for everyone. Malala had an audience at the White House in October 2013.

She has written an autobiography : *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban.*

Is it fair to compare ISIS military extremists with Christian Crusades of almost 900 years ago? ISIS is not an “organization” as President Obama indicated when he made comments in reference to the Jordanian pilot that was burned alive by ISIS militants. ISIS is a well-funded terrorist machine that is determined to destroy everything and everyone that they deem as not embracing their ideology. King Abdullah II of Jordan has vowed vengeance for the pilot burned to death and to target the group in Syria responsible. **C.M. & K.M.**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

The Citizens Campaign Seeks Civic Trustees for Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - The Citizens Campaign is seeking applications from Perth Amboy residents interested in becoming Civic Trustees - Trustees who work together to identify and gain adoption of proven solutions for problems facing their City. Civic Trustees will be members of the Perth Amboy Civic Trust, formerly Impact Perth Amboy. Civic Trustees and the Perth Amboy Civic Trust will receive significant support from The Citizens Campaign’s top government lawyers, urban policy experts and experienced political coaches. They will be trained to use the power levers of local government to get results on the issues they care about.

They will develop and advance their solutions within the four guiding principles of the Civic Trust- the solutions must be: (1) cost-effective (2) evidence-based (3) of benefit to the City as a whole and (4) implemented with a “no blame” approach.

Perth Amboy and Trenton are the first two cities in which The Citizens Campaign is launching this innovative, new

approach to building a powerful problem-solving force for cities across the State. Harry Pozyski, The Citizens Campaign Chair, said, “It’s an opportunity to get in on the ground floor of creating a new and powerful civic force to take on the tough challenges that Perth Amboy faces. It gives interested and committed citizens a way to use their own skills, talents and ideas to forge and advance solutions, all aimed at bringing about a better Perth Amboy, without having to run for office.” He went on to say, “We are asking people to take the civic challenge, by making the Civic Pledge that they will work together to leave their City better than when they found it.”

Trustees will have monthly meetings to find solutions for Perth Amboy, drawing on ideas that have succeeded in other cities. Meetings are limited (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.) during which dinner is served with no charge. There are no meetings in August or December.

Perth Amboy was selected as one of the two pioneering cities for this effort, according

to The Citizens Campaign, because of the impressive number of committed and effective citizen leaders that have been participating in Impact Perth Amboy and their record of substantial success. These include conducting a survey with more than 500 respondents that is advancing school discipline policies that have proven to dramatically improve graduation rates; creating the Perth Amboy Green Team for environmental sustainability and the new City Arts Council. These successes and others that are in the works convinced The Citizens Campaign that Perth Amboy could lead New Jersey’s cities by providing an example of civic leadership second to none.

The Citizens Campaign is accepting applications for Perth Amboy Civic Trustees on a rolling basis until Monday, February 23, 2015. Applications may be filled out online at www.thecitizenscampaign.org or printed and mailed to The Citizens Campaign, ATTN: Civic Trust Selection Committee, 450 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ, 08840.

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy takes Ash Wednesday to the Perth Amboy Train Station

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On Ash Wednesday, February 18 St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, will be offering “Ashes to Go,” a new approach to a centuries-old Christian tradition, from 6:45 am to 9 am at the Perth Amboy Train Station.

St. Peter’s, a community that has been worshiping in Perth Amboy since 1685, is joining the nationwide movement that has clergy and lay people visiting transit stops, street corners, coffee shops, and college campuses to mark the foreheads of interested passers-by with ashes and invite them to repent of past wrongdoing and seek forgiveness and renewal.

In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday marks the

start of the holy season of Lent, a time for reflection and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Easter. For centuries, Christians have received a cross of ashes on the face at the beginning of that season as a reminder of mortal failings and an invitation to receive God’s forgiveness. Ashes to Go provides the opportunity to participate in that tradition for people who have lost their connection to a church, or have never participated before.

“Ashes to Go is about bringing the important traditions of our faith out from behind church walls and into the places we need them every day,” says the Rev. Emily Mellott, who maintains the website

AshesToGo.org with resources and stories about this ministry. “As people get busier and busier, we need the church in new and non-traditional ways. We especially need reminders of forgiveness in the tough places of our working lives. The people who accept ashes on the street are often people longing to make a connection between their faith and the forces of daily life, and Ashes to Go helps them feel that connection.”

Contact Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffery/ ajeffer@stpeterepiscopal.com/ 732 826 1594 for more information about this event. More information about the Ashes to Go movement can be found at www.AshesToGo.org



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HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday’s at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital’s Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

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

Food Stamps Assistance

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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

Citizenship Classes

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
TUES. Feb. 10	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	• BID - General Meeting, 6 p.m. Perth Amboy YMCA, New Brunswick Ave.
WED. Feb. 11	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Feb. 12	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
MON. Feb. 16	Arts Council, 6:30 p.m. Gallery Center for the Arts, Reade St.

South Amboy	
WED. Feb. 18	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Feb. 23	Board of Education, Business/Public, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

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Photography Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Come learn Portrait Photography. Lessons take place at the Kearnyn 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.

Lenten

Fish Fry's

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks No. 784, 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy, N.J. Fish Fry's every Friday Night During The Lenten Season. 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Starting February 20th until April 3rd. Come and join us every Friday!!! For more info: call 732-727-7170

Spaghetti Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - The NJROTC is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, Feb. 20th at American Legion Post 45, 530 Smith St., Perth Amboy from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. For tickets or questions speak to the NJROTC Unit SNSI by emailing PAHSNJROTC@GMAIL.COM. Menu: Choice of Pasta Salad, mini sandwich/bread, choice of drink.

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.

Children's Valentine's Day Party

SEWAREN - Free Event: A Children's Valentine's Day Party, February 14, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave., Sewaren. Story, snack, crafts and a Special Guest. Registration required, please call 732-634-7571

A Valentine's Day card for Gustav J. Novak Funeral Home. The card features a large red heart in the center, surrounded by a decorative floral border. At the top, the funeral home's name is written in a stylized font, flanked by two red devil figures. Below the name, the address and phone number are listed. A black box on the left contains a list of services. On the right, a large red heart contains the text 'HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY'. At the bottom, the names and titles of the two staff members are displayed, each within a decorative frame.

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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.

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Pirohi Sale
PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church is having a Pirohi Sale. Order date is Feb. 23rd to Feb 26th. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to place your order. All gourmet items are handmade. Potato Pirohi - \$8/dozen. Pickup date is March 3rd & March 4th at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy.

Raritan Bay Medical Center Seeking Volunteer Greeters

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is looking for compassionate adults who are interested in volunteering their time to serve as customer greeters. At the hospital's Perth Amboy location, volunteer customer greeters are stationed in the main entrance lobby to assist patients, families and visitors, answer their questions and guide them through the facility. Bilingual English and Spanish speaking greeters are most needed.

Volunteers can make a difference for visitors and provide a valuable contribution by donating as little as four hours of time, once a week. Hospital volunteers have a

E-Book Help
SOUTH AMBOY - There are free E-Book Help on Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Edison AARP Chapter 3446
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.

Arturo Alfonso Schomburg An Afro Puerto Rican Contribution to African American History Month

PERTH AMBOY - In honor of African American History Month on Friday, February 27 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.; The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) will present the organization's 2nd annual Arturo Alfonso Schomburg African American History Month Award to Ms. Edna Dorothy Carty-Daniel, an individual who exemplifies excellence and service to the Perth Amboy community. New Jersey Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno will give remarks.

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.

Atlantic City Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Trip to Caesar's Casino Every First Thursday of Each Month. 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.

Gift Auction

PERTH AMBOY - The St. Ann's Society Of Ukrainian Assumption Church is sponsoring a Gift Auction that will be held on Sunday, March 1 at Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 380 Meredith St., Perth Amboy. Doors open at 12:00 noon and auction starts at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$8. Cake and coffee are included. There will be great prizes, raffles and more. The kitchen will be open for lunch. For more information call the rectory, 732-826- 0767.

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.

8th Pastoral Anniversary of Concord Missionary Baptist Church

PERTH AMBOY - The Concord Missionary Baptist Church, 795 State St. celebrates its 8th Pastoral Anniversary of The Rev. Fred E. Sharp, On Sunday, February 15, 2015. The Guest Preacher For The 10:30 a.m. Service will be the Rev. Ernest Jackson, Associate Pastor Of New Hope Baptist Church, Metuchen, New Jersey. Preacher For The 4:00 p.m. Service will be the Rev. Dr. Ronald L. Olwens, Senior Pastor Of New Hope Baptist Church, Metuchen, New Jersey. All Are Invited.

Tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, February 11, 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.

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.**

Edison AARP Chapter 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, February 9. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall located at 167 Brower Avenue, Edison, NJ. Mr. Geoff Goyette will present a program alongside his therapy dog. Canned food for MCFOOD, and miscellaneous items for nursing homes & hospitals will be collected at the meeting, as well as metal can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. For additional information, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

Grandparents Newborn Care Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a Grandparents Newborn Care Class Wednesday, February 18, 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. The class is about learning to help in your grandbaby's growth and development. The newest research in baby care will be discussed. Cost is \$50 per couple. Make checks payable to RBMC. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

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Buffalo Soldiers Presentation New Date

PERTH AMBOY - In honor of Black History Month there will be a presentation on the Buffalo Soldiers at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 22 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.

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Feb. 11 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. Feb. 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Feb. 9 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Feb. 16 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Feb. 17 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
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 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
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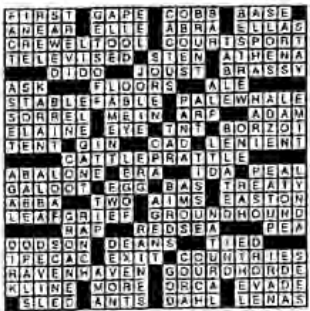
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- WED. Feb. 11 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Feb. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. Mar. 2 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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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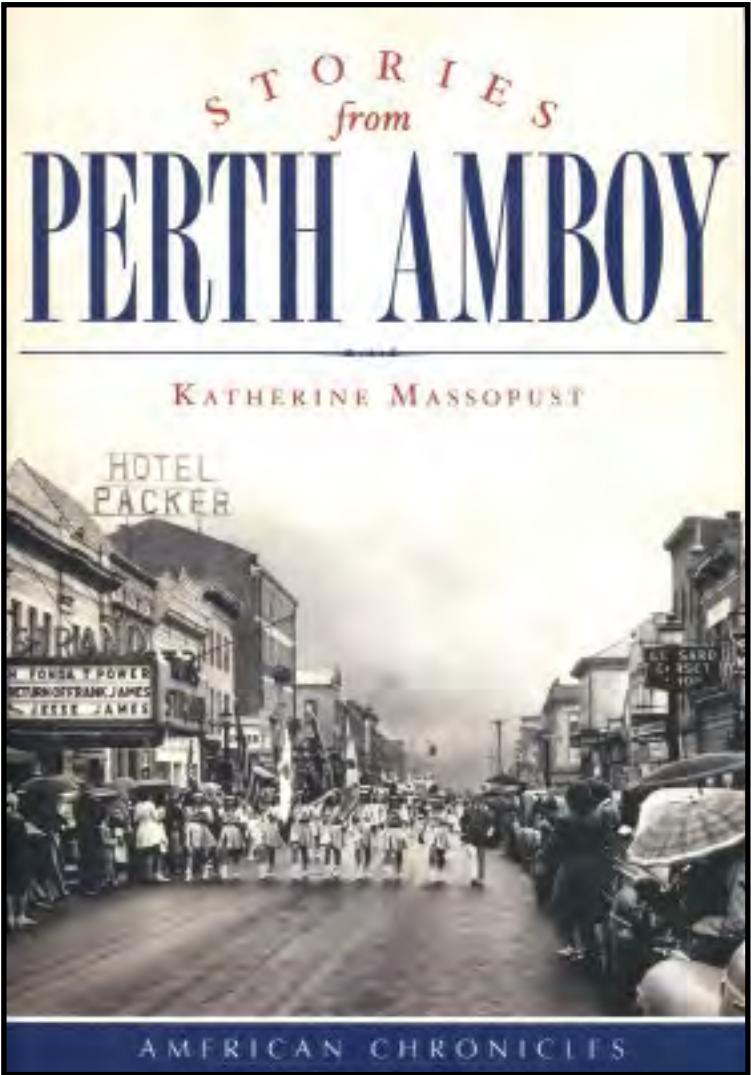


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Robert Hall Clothes circa 1950's

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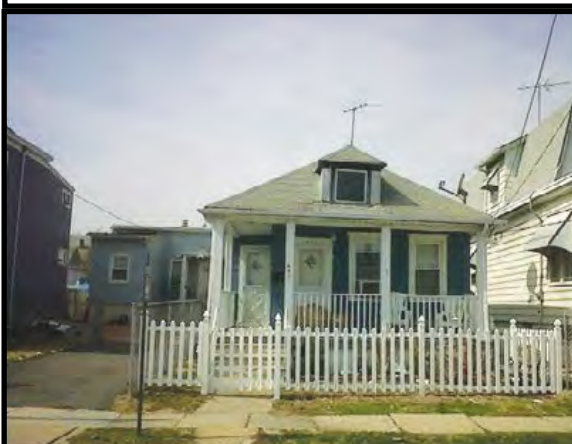
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