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## An Array of Topics Discussed At the 2/23/15 Caucus and 2/25/15 Council Meeting *Clarification Needed*

PERTH AMBOY – 2/23/15 Caucus Meeting. It happened again. During the public portion, City Resident and Former Housing Authority Commissioner Pedro Perez came to ask the City Attorney a legal question. Perez wanted to know if it was unlawful to delete or edit a tape of a meeting. He stated that he was a Vietnam Veteran. “I did not see the Meeting (2/9/15 Caucus) when it was shown on PA-TV, but I heard there was a glitch. During that meeting when I was talking during the public portion, that part was deleted from the broadcast shown on TV. This was very disrespectful to me.”

Councilman Joel Pabon acknowledged that Mr. Perez had reached out to him. “I talked to someone in charge of showing the meetings on Channel 34 and they told me that a glitch had occurred when Mr. Perez was speaking. The tape was restored, and the full content will be shown when it’s rebroadcast.”

Resident Alan Silber said, “I’ll look at the PA-TV schedule to see when meetings will be shown and sometimes they are not broadcast. I suggest you (the Council) call the Board of Education to see why this is happening. I also read Ms. Nanton’s letter in the newspaper (the rules of decorum), but she should have shown samples. Which is worse - people who talk about someone who did something illegal or something illegal that the person did? It was offensive to people who come here to pay taxes when you appoint someone to be a judge who did something illegal.”

Perth Amboy Resident Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez wanted to know if the City website has been updated. “The last time I looked, Kenny Gonzalez was still listed as Councilman and the 1/2/15 Reorganization Meeting was listed. It is not offensive unless someone

curses or threatens someone during a meeting. The City Attorney and Business Administrators are paid by the taxpayers. Because of politics I was not reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. I just want you to know that Mr. Farber (who was appointed as an alternate to that Board) missed the first meeting. You also put a municipal employee on that Board and you’re causing more black eyes by doing so. You (the Council) should lead by example.”

Resident David Caba was concerned about the ordinance pertaining to the Police Chaplains. He OPRA’d the application form and was surprised about the requirements for the position. “As a matter of fact the requirements are very easy. How come there isn’t anything on the application asking about criminal background checks? What about those who were chaplains that want to renew? They’re supposed to fill out a renewal form every year. This ordinance is not being followed.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski asked the City Attorney, “What is the proper procedure to OPRA information on properties that are being sold or donated? Can I get correspondence that is sent between owner of the property and the City?”

City Attorney Mark Blunda said, “Once your request is made and is filled out, you can return it to the Clerk’s Office. They’ll distribute it to the appropriate departments that will have all the documentation requested on the form by the applicant on the form.”

Former Councilman Ken Balut agreed that portions of public meeting tapes being deleted has been happening more often now. Balut, too was concerned about ordinances not being followed. He brought up the case of a bar at 417 Fayette Street. “Ms. Barrick (Business Administrator) said that there

would be no leniency at this bar, but even after she made that statement that bar is still making a lot of noise.”

At a previous meeting Balut had asked the Council, City Attorney and B.A. if Ben Ruiz (Ex- Police Chief) was still receiving his salary and health benefits after he was suspended.

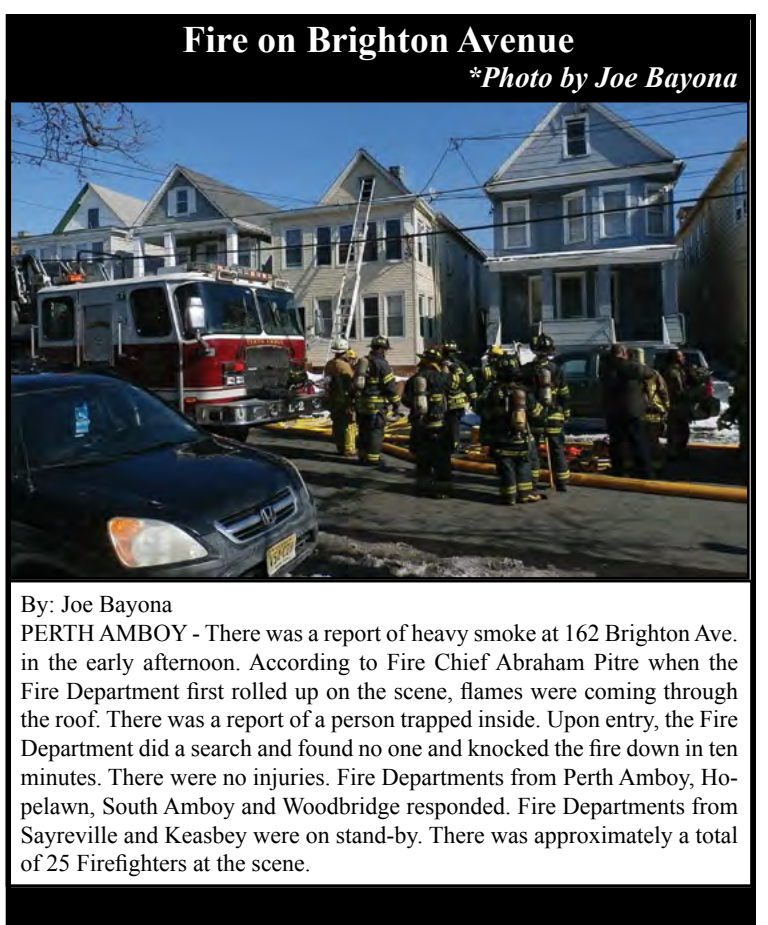
Blunda said, “A person who is on indefinite suspension can get their vacation and personal time that was accumulated pay. If a person on short suspension, they can receive health benefits, but for long term, you cannot receive your pension contribution if you’re not working during that time.”

Another sticking point with Balut was about the Landings: “I feel the Landings Residents get punished unfairly and the developer, Kushner who served time in Federal Prison has nothing done to him. Studies are always done about what amenities are needed in the City and parks are mentioned all the time, but you are forgetting about all the illegal housing. You (the Council) are too concerned about stopping people from talking at meetings. You’re following the Vas and Vitale playbook.” At this point he handed a printout of a town in New Jersey that has an anti-corruption ordinance placed on their books.

Business Administrator Jillian Barrick answered Balut’s questions about the Landings Property: “Code Enforcement violations pertaining to Landings would be issued to the Condo Association. It’s up to the residents to voice their concerns to Kushner.”

Addressing Balut’s concerns about illegal housing, Barrick stated, “Code Enforcement has issued several violations in the last couple of months and a lot of these problems have been alleviated.”

Resident Angel Leon had a suggestion about how the gum issue problem could be solved.



Fire on Brighton Avenue

\*Photo by Joe Bayona

By: Joe Bayona  
PERTH AMBOY - There was a report of heavy smoke at 162 Brighton Ave. in the early afternoon. According to Fire Chief Abraham Pitre when the Fire Department first rolled up on the scene, flames were coming through the roof. There was a report of a person trapped inside. Upon entry, the Fire Department did a search and found no one and knocked the fire down in ten minutes. There were no injuries. Fire Departments from Perth Amboy, Hopelawn, South Amboy and Woodbridge responded. Fire Departments from Sayreville and Keasbey were on stand-by. There was approximately a total of 25 Firefighters at the scene.

He noticed that the gum-buster machines haven’t been seen for a while. “They were only in use for a short period of time before that program went down. Let the store owners take care of the gum on their property. They can use the services of power-washers which can do the job.”

Department of Public Works Director Frank Dann said, “We found the two gum-buster machines that were out of service. We have the generators needed to put them back together. In the meantime we obtained two steam cleaners at a government surplus auction to help alleviate the gum problem.”

Ramon Soto from Brace Avenue who has been a resident of Perth Amboy for 47 years could not believe he received a summons for parking in his own driveway.

Acting Chief Cattano came up to speak because he was familiar with this particular case. “The vehicle was parked on the sidewalk while it was running, which he could have also received a summons for but

he did not. Mr. Soto should go to court and plead not guilty. Nothing could be done because the ticket is already in the system.”

Resident Cathy DePow gave kudos to the Department of Public Works whom she thinks is doing a great job. “We need to handout warnings and tickets to violators who litter.” She was happy to report that Vopak sold property to Kinder-Morgan. She also made a suggestion to the Council, “Sometimes agenda items should be tabled until you have all the facts. In some cases all the facts may not be represented properly.”

DPW Director Frank Dann addressed concerns about the gazebo at Caledonia/Duarte Park. “There was a lot of vandalism done to that gazebo near the Duarte Monument location. The gazebo will be put back but located in a different spot. The foundation will be more structurally sound.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wasn’t present at either meeting.

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By: Katherine Massopust  
 PERTH AMBOY/SOUTH AMBOY – Celebrate the Amboy's Chair Barry Rosengarten announced at a luncheon at the Royal Yacht Club on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 that Fireworks will be back to the Amboy's on Thursday, July 2, 2015. Garden State Fireworks Company will again be back for the show. As in the past, this is a joint venture with the Cities of Perth Amboy and South Amboy.

Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz stated, "It does take a lot of planning, a lot of effort and a lot of work. Perth Amboy is at the forefront of a lot of development. I want to thank everyone who is a part of it." She also noted that Perth Amboy has only one of 52 liberty bells in the entire Country.

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry stated, "July 2, 1776 was the actual date that we declared our independence but we celebrate our freedom on July 4th. Fireworks brings everyone together. It's a family oriented event. I want to thank all the sponsors. We hope to continue the tradition throughout the years."

Rosengarten added, "It's us doing the job. I want to emphasize that not one penny of taxpayers' dollars is going toward the fireworks. Everything is through private sponsors."

South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross thanked Rosengarten for his work. "Wilda Diaz said, 'Let's do it!' With people knocking government, it's almost a sound bite, but that's what's good with government for a change." He also introduced 98.3 WCTC Radio Talk Show Host Bert Baron and thanked WCTC for getting the message out.

Baron said, "I thank everyone for their great contributions. We add to the great history of this town."

Garden State Fireworks owners: brothers Chris and Augustine Santore offered remarks, "We see a connection here and your support. You get lost in it. We're happy to be back."

Rosengarten then added, "We're a nation that's strong and powerful. We can overcome anything."

Also present was Freeholder Director Ron Rios who offered a few words. "It takes a team. Middlesex is the second largest County in New Jersey. We support you always." He thanked the Veterans, "They make the country what it is today." He also thanked the Fire



Jack, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Council President Mickey Gross, Chief of Staff Lissette Martinez, Nicole Rosengarten and Chair of Celebrate the Amboy's Barry Rosengarten  
 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Freeholder Director Ron Rios, Mayor Diaz, Mayor Henry and Celebrate the Amboy's Chair Barry Rosengarten



Sponsors and Celebrate the Amboy's Committee are pictured with Fireworks Experts - the Santore Brothers, City Officials, Community Leaders and Radio Personality Bert Baron.



UEZ Coordinator Roxana Troche, Yolanda Flores, Dan Henrickson who won the gift basket, Business Administrators Jillian Barrick and Camille Tooker

Departments, the media and everyone who contributes to the Fireworks. "It's about going out and volunteering – not just about going to meetings." At the end of the luncheon, there was a patriotic bingo game. Dan Henrickson won a gift basket.

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# LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

## EDITORIAL

### Remembering a Devoted Contributor & One of Our Biggest Supporters

To those of you who read the letters written to the newspaper are probably well aware of the name: Thomas Francis Clark.

Sadly, Mr. Clark passed away in late February.

Mr. Clark would often write about his childhood and would often compare it to what the current generation is going through. He often wrote about everyday people that he encountered in his life, whether it be a school crossing guard, patients in Veteran's and Nursing Homes (where he often volunteered) or well known personalities especially in the field of sports.

Most of his stories were based on baseball which he played since childhood and loved with a passion. He also wrote about family, educators and friends and how much they influenced him as he grew up.

He was nearing his 80's when he started to write letters to our paper. He always was up on all of the current hot topics and had comments and words of wisdom to make about each one.

He wrote about topics such as school lunches comparing them to when he was growing up and he looked forward to getting to school early to help out the priest. He would be rewarded by having breakfast at school. He agreed how important it was for a child of today to have a breakfast because it's not always available at home.

He was a big supporter of newspapers. In one of his letters he wrote: "Cell phones, computers and TV's are great, but you're missing the boat if you don't have a newspaper in the house."

He was very concerned about the suicide rate on the Victory Bridge and how many deaths would it take before something is done.

Tom always wrote about his love of baseball. He expressed that love in the letter: "Field of Dreams," when the St. Louis Cardinals came to visit



Thomas Francis Clark

Metuchen to play.

Mr. Clark was in failing health, but whenever he felt a little better, he would often call us. He delighted in telling us that people would either call him or stop him on the street to let him know they saw his letters to the editor. They often agreed in what he said.

Whenever he had a doctor's appointment he would take a copy of our paper and leave it in the waiting room.

If I wasn't available when he called, I always made sure when I called him back that I had at least 15 minutes to talk to him. I knew when I was going to talk to Mr. Clark, that we would lift each other's spirits up.

Reading his obituary, one learns that he accomplished so much and touched so many lives not only personally, but professionally.

There is a song called: "If I Can Help Somebody." Part of the lyrics are: "If I can help somebody, as I pass along, If I can cheer somebody, with a word or song, If I can show somebody, how they're travelling wrong, Then my living shall not be in vain. . . If I can help somebody, as I pass along, Then my living shall not be in vain."

This is how I believe that Thomas Francis Clark was taught from the cradle and he did so until his grave. We'll miss you, Tom.

C.M. & K.M.

## THE COMMUNITY VOICE

### Good-bye to a Good Friend

February 27, 2015

The time has come which I have dreaded now for some time. I have known Tom Clark for many years and consider him a very special friend. We made an agreement many years ago that whoever outlived the other would write a letter to the people that he cared about.

Sometimes someone comes into your life and may stay a short while or in our case, for many years. To know someone is one thing but to have them make a difference in your life is something really special. Tom and I would commiserate about bowling and teaching. He was a teacher who really cared for his students and as

a psychologist; he was a frequent visitor to VA hospitals, consoling our Veterans.

I would see Tom at the bowling lanes many times. He would practice while I bowled in league play. This was a man who never gave up. His medical condition brought him to the point of just standing at the foul line and throwing the ball (he was quite good at even doing that).

I knew Tom as an articulate writer who brought memories of younger days to people. He made me feel young just reading about life when he was young. Tom had a wit about him. We used to laugh and tell jokes to one another. He appreciated the simple things in life and made people he met proud to have known him.

Tom was 83 years old but as of last year he went to two

cemeteries in December and placed Christmas wreaths on over ten graves. When I told him that it was too cold to be out, he just said: "they would do it for me". I had no reply to that.

Tom will always and forever be in my heart because of his kindness, thoughtfulness and sincerity. I thank God that God loved him so much that he gave him the ability to affect people the way that he did.

Friends like Tom are few and far between. Those that knew him know that he will be missed but most importantly, the legacy of caring he left will be felt by many.

God Bless You Tom Clark. You are a good man. Thank you for being a part of my life.

Barbara Skokan

### Perth Amboy Teachers Run Weekend Lesson Planning Marathon

PERTH AMBOY - How many workers jump at the opportunity to toil long hours over the weekend to refine their craft? Thirty-five Perth Amboy teachers spent Friday through Sunday Feb. 6 to 8 reviewing lessons, collaborating with colleagues to critique and refine classroom practices and sharing successful plans.

Veronica Cueva found quality lesson plans in Spanish on ShareMyLesson.com, a free site where teachers share their lesson plans. Cueva, a Fourth Grade/Dual Language teacher spent the weekend working with colleagues to identify effective Spanish-language plans in subject areas such as science and history.

Although Cueva has six years experience teaching in other districts, she is in her

second year in Perth Amboy at Richardson School and her students are those newest to the country. "I can use what I learned this weekend through collaborating with other teachers to create a ladder for my students, many of whom lack basic skills," said Cueva.

The collaboration amounts to high quality professional development for teachers focused on what students need, according to Pat Paradiso, a third-grade teacher at Wilentz School. By developing lesson plans that meet Common Core standards instead of overemphasizing standardized testing skills, "My children will be reading and writing and doing activities that young children should be doing in the classroom," she said.

Paradiso and high school bilingual social studies teacher Larry Bello have been working with teachers throughout the country to develop lesson plans to share and brought the project back home to New Jersey, hosting the weekend event in New Brunswick with the

support of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and ShareMyLesson.com.

The New Jersey marathon weekend focused on developing lessons for early childhood educators and bilingual and English as a second language (ESL) teachers. "It is very important for our English language learners to have a strong Bilingual/ESL program so they can learn English without falling behind in all the subject areas," said Bello.

The Perth Amboy educators were joined by teachers from Newark and North Bergen who collectively created, reviewed and uploaded more than 500 lessons to www.ShareMyLesson.com

Videos of five Perth Amboy teachers talking about their much effective lesson plans are on the Perth Amboy Federation-American Federation of Teachers web site at www.paf-aft.org.

Nat T. Bender  
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the law office of Mr. Joseph B. Vas and decided to request a consultation with the hope that he may be able to help me. It was the best decision that I took as his office treated me with the utmost respect and sincerity. Mr. Vas ensured me that he would work hard to get me the result that I deserved, and he was right. Mr. Vas and his staff successfully concluded my case resulting in an out-

come far better than expected.

Working with Mr. Vas was a refreshing experience because it felt personal. A resident of Perth Amboy himself, he was quick to place himself in my shoes and dedicate the attention and respect that I deserved. I can't thank him enough for all of his hard work and hope to encourage others to engage his services, particularly now around tax appeal

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

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**Community Calendar**

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
THURS. Mar. 5	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
MON. Mar. 9	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Mar. 10	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	BID, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Mar. 11	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
WED. Mar. 4	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Mar. 18	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Mar. 23	Board of Education, Business/Public/Budget Hearing, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

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# The Community Voice

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season as he proved to be extraordinarily successful on my tax appeal.

It is the work of people like him that give me hope for the future of my dear city. It is no secret that Perth Amboy has recently been suffering due to the lack of administration. Crimes are occurring in broad daylight, scaring our residents and damaging the reputation of our once prosperous city. Taxes are through the roof and yet nothing has been done, no one has accomplished anything. We hope to attract and retain more young smart dedicated individuals like Mr. Vas to Perth Amboy with the hopes that they can help rejuvenate our city.

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### Funeral for Richard Pryce, Cathedral International, Perth Amboy 2/26/15

*\*Photos by Eric Salvary*



Cathedral International Senior Pastor Bishop Hilliard and other Clergy spoke during the service.



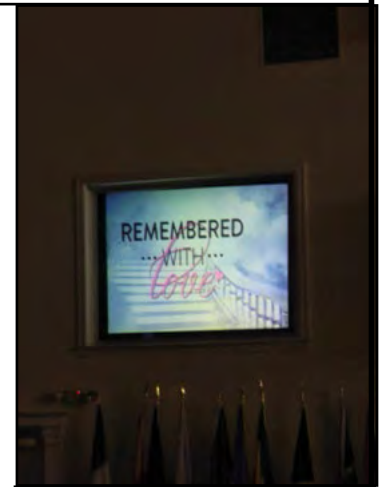
(L) Ken Ortiz , Head of the Dept. of Recreation (R) and one of the members of the Clergy reflected on the life of Richard Pryce



Part of the large crowd of mourners who attended the service



Kanisha and Jamal Pryce Richards older sister & baby brother



Richard Pryce Remembered

### Grand Opening Mo's Pharmacy, 201 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy 2/19/15

*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*



**Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School**  
 will be holding a Lottery for **Sophomores and Juniors** (Current School Year 2014-2015) on **Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** All completed applications must be submitted to the main office by **Wednesday, March 4, 2015 by 3 p.m.** Location at 612 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ **Call 848-203-3742 for Information.**

**Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School**  
 will be holding a Lottery for **Incoming-Freshmen** (School year 2015-2016) on **Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7 p.m.** All completed applications must be submitted to the main office by **Wednesday, March 4, 2015 by 3 p.m.** Location at 612 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ **Call 848-203-3742 for Information**

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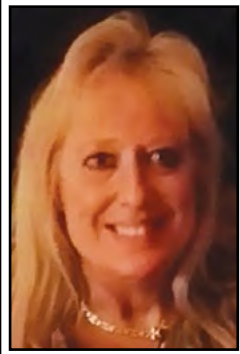
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## Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Saturday March 7 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy following the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Cost is \$10. Sandwiches and take-outs are also available. For more information call 732-721-2025.



## 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.

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## South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - Saturday, March 7 stepping off at 2:00 p.m. There will be many bagpipe bands, marching bands, civic and non-profit organizations showing their support for the City and the Irish. All are welcome. Absolutely no open containers and or consumptions of alcohol on city streets. Any group wanting to sign-up for the parade must sign-up on the parades website [www.southamboyparade.com](http://www.southamboyparade.com) All rules, regulations, directions for the parade are on our web-site. Please make this a family friendly parade and enjoy a "Great Daay for the Irish!" The Grand Marshal will be Mr. Hugh Rone; Deputy Grand Marshal will be Mrs. Phyllis Stratton; Honorary Grand Marshal will be Mr. Peter Barnes Jr.; Special Honored Guests will be Bert Baron, Fr. Dennis Weesorak, and Fr. Stanley Gromadzki.

## Saint Patrick's Day Harp & Violin Duo Concert

SOUTH AMBOY - Calling all Irish! Join Merynda Adams and Christopher Collins Lee as they team up for this wonderful concert of music for violin and harp. Mr. Lee is a world-famous violinist who holds degrees from the Juilliard School of Music, a Doctorate from SUNY Stony Brook, and five Honorary Doctorates from foreign institutions. Adams, an internationally renowned harpist, has performed throughout the United States, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Puerto Rico. Ms. Adams has performed with the New Jersey Symphony, New York Grand Opera, New Philharmonic, and many others. Sunday-March 8, 2015; 4:00 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta St., South Amboy! Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A special IRISH RECEPTION will follow the concert in honor of Saint Patrick's Day.

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## Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

WOODBIDGE - The American Irish Association of Woodbridge proudly presents the 42nd Annual Woodbridge Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 8 starting at 1:30 p.m.

## 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

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## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

PERTH AMBOY--On March 14, 2015, there will be a St. Patrick's Day Celebration sponsored by St. John Paul II Parish. It begins with Mass at Noon at St. Mary's Church at 104 Center Street followed by a luncheon at St. Stephen's Church Auditorium at 500 State Street. Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage or Chicken & Pasta will be served along with cake, coffee, and Irish soda bread. The cost is \$20 per person. For tickets, call Millie at 732-826-0282.

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## Honorees – Today's & Tomorrow's Educators Grand Marshall, Miss American Irish & Lady-in-Waiting are all in Education

By: Ken Gardner, Publicity Chairman  
 WOODBRIDGE - The Woodbridge American Irish Association will host its 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 8<sup>th</sup> for Woodbridge area residents (stepping off at 1:30 pm). The theme of this year's parade is education.

Notably our Grand Marshal is Matthew Jago School Principal Robert Patten. For the last forty-three years he has received praise from colleagues & education associations for his work as a teacher & Principal. He has been named Young Educator of the Year, Teacher of the Year & Principal of the year. Mr. Patten said "Our programs are second to none and we offer opportunities for students to use their talents and learned skills to make contributions back to the town that has nurtured them. We are truly fortunate to have a Board of Education & Central Administration that recognizes the value of education and the importance of providing programs that meet students' individual needs."

At the age of 7 his grandfather Nate Patten took him to the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. He used that experience to learn the history and pride of our great Irish traditions. Using the surnames on their family tree such as Patten, Crowe, O'Hara and Walsh, "Nate" told him the stories of other family members' immigration, railroad building, seafaring adven-

tures and struggles, which shaped their places as Irish Americans in this great society. Those lessons followed him during his years at Saint James School, where Saint Patrick's Day was always a holiday!

The Assn also recognizes Irishman of the Year Don Brown. Don chaired the 50/50 committee for six years and has been an active participant in street fairs and coin collections. His dad was an NYC police officer and both of his parents are of Irish decent. Don is currently a crossing guard but retired from Verizon Communications.

Dee Hahn is this year's Irish Lady of the year. She was the Association's Co-Chair of our Hospitality Committee for 2 years. She continues to offer guidance to the new committee members. She also works with our veterans, pancake breakfast, 50/50 & parade committees. She is also an active Columbiette where she served as President.

This year's Miss American Irish is Rebecca Gardner. She is a junior at Monmouth University studying English Elementary Education and also pursuing a concentration in Special Education. When her degree is complete she hopes to work with children who have autism. She has been inspired by her mom who teaches at WHS. Rebecca is currently volunteering in a mentoring program where she works with young boys and girls

in an elementary school. At Woodbridge High she served as secretary of the Senior Class, captain of the cheerleading team and was treasurer for both concert and show choir. Her other outside activities include the Senior Olympics, volunteering at the boys and girls club and working with Heroes and Cool Kids a program that teaches younger students about the danger of drugs and alcohol. Rebecca has supported the Woodbridge American Irish Association by marching in the Veteran's Day Parade, helping with the Veteran's bingo night and has also joined in feeding the homeless.

Another future educator is our Lady in Waiting Kylie Cahill. Kylie is a sophomore at Montclair University entering the teacher education program. She is a graduate of Edison High where she was a scholar athlete and captain of the cross country team. Kylie is proud to have marched in many Woodbridge parades with her Aunt Joan Dias and Aunt Arlene.

The Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade is organized by the volunteers of the Woodbridge American Irish Association. The parade is funded with ads from local businesses & donations. To find out more about the Assn go to Amerirish.com, email kengardnerjr@comcast.net or call 732-742-0909.

The parade is March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. It starts at Woodbridge High School & ends at Townhall on Main St.

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## South Amboy Fire Department 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Events

### Super Raffle

SOUTH AMBOY - The SAFD 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is sponsoring a Super Raffle for your choice of Travel (with a prize voucher) through a chosen local travel agent. Tickets are only \$10 each. 1st Prize Winner: \$2,500 voucher; 2nd Prize Winner \$1,500 voucher. Tickets will be on sale December 2014 through March 2015!!! Drawing will be held Saturday, March 28, 2015.

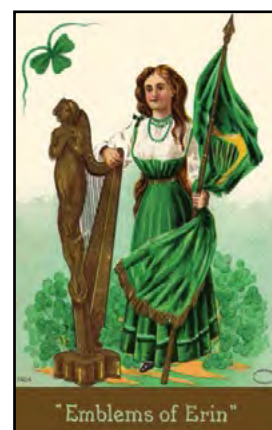
### Murder Marinara!

SOUTH AMBOY - The SAFD 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee presents our FINAL Murder Mystery Dinner Murder Marinara on Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Annex Hall, Washington Ave., South Amboy. Price \$40 pp. Includes Show, Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda & Dessert! (Feel Free to BYOB!) Seating IS Limited Get your tickets beginning 3/1/15!

### 2015 Golf Outing

OLD BRIDGE - The SAFD 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee 2015 Outing will be on Monday, April 27 at the Glenwood County Club, 1655 US Hwy 9, Old Bridge. Cost \$110/player. Early Bird Registration; \$30/Non-Golfer 19th Hole Luncheon 8 a.m. Registration 9 a.m. Shotgun Start.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact: Mike GERALTOWSKI - 848-250-9903; Anne Marie TRAPP - 732-207-2848; Kevin RILEY - 732-715-1006 or email SAFD125th@gmail.com or any SAFD Member.



## Jersey

### Handbags Sale

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Old Bridge Auxiliary is holding a Jersey Handbags Sale, Friday, March 13, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the medical center's Old Bridge location, Auxiliary Hall B&C in the Medical Arts Building, 3 Hospital Plaza. Proceeds benefit patient care services at the medical center.

### OLV Senior Group Casino Trip

SAYREVILLE - The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring casino trips for 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.

### Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public

### Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be meeting on Wednesday, March 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.

### Strike Out Cancer And Spare Lives

HOPELAWN - Net proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society - Relay For Life of Woodbridge, Saturday, May 2nd from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Registration starts 12:30 p.m. The festivities will be held at Majestic Lanes, 525 Rte. 9 North, Hopelawn. Costs: \$5 for Non-Bowlers (Food and Beverage Only) or \$20 pp. Includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, ball, food & beverage. Teams or individuals please fill out form below and submit with your check payable to the American Cancer Society by April 20th to: Relay for Life C/O Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce, 91 Main St. Woodbridge, NJ 07095. No refunds or cancellations. Teams of 6 recommended. If you do not have a full team, other bowlers may be added to fill in the lane. Maximum of 8 bowlers per lane. Any questions contact Amy - 732-887-5640. Lane sponsorship available. \$100 gets your business banner hung over 2 lanes. (Businesses supplies the banner).

### Grand Opening of Bizcochos Bakery & Pizzeria 475 State St., Perth Amboy 2/26/15

\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Owner Marcell Ysaac holds a certificate presented to him by Mayor Diaz while his proud mother beams with pride



Cutting the Ribbon (L to R) Ana Zevallos, Owner Marcell Ysaac and his Mom, Mayor Diaz, UEZ Coordinator Roxana Troche, Jason Conway VP Area Manager Provident Bank and Sergio Diaz BID Board Member and Manager of 1st Constitution Bank.



An array of pastries and one of the popular pizzas on the menu.



L to R Sergio Diaz, Ana Zevallos, Roxana Troche, Marcell Ysaac's Mother, Mayor Diaz, Marcell Ysaac, BID Chair Barry Rosengarten, Mayor's Aide Irving Lozada



Display case of cakes, pastries and meats for sandwiches

### Grand Opening of El Encanto Mexican Gifts and More, 337 State St., Perth Amboy 2/26/15

\*Photos by Eric Salvary & Carolyn Maxwell



**Lost Dog - Blue**



See Classified p. 14.  
908-338-6191

**Civil War Round Table**

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will hold its next meeting at the Woodbridge Public Library on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be John Heiser and his topic will be "The 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg." The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.

**Audra McDonald Performance**

PERTH AMBOY - With the growing need to serve more individuals in need, the Jewish Renaissance Family of Organizations (JRFO) has partnered with NJPAC as part of their 2015 fundraising campaign. The JRFO invites you to a night of captivating performance with Audra McDonald on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at NJPAC. Contact Lisette Lebron at 732-376-6642 for ticket information.

**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.

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

**OLV Senior Group March Meeting**

SAYREVILLE - The OLV Senior Group will hold their March meeting on Friday, March 6 at 1:00 p.m. in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After a short business meeting, we will have a guest speaker. Members are invited to wear their favorite St. Patrick's Day attire. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. Trip money is due for Sands trip, Biltmore trip and the Radio City trip. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

**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 unique opportunity to connect with people on a personal level, advance RBMC's mission and help provide high-quality healthcare to those in need. Those interested, adults only, should call Manager of Volunteer Services Susan Pasternack at 732-324-5006.

After a brief orientation and training, volunteers will be able to greet and assist visitors through the medical center. In addition to escorting and greeting visitors, volunteers gain a feeling of personal satisfaction, meet new friends and support the medical center. A uniform, free parking and meal allowance are also provided.

**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!

**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 DeLuca at 732-553-9622 or email kaleigh.delucca@ymcaofmews.org if you have any questions.

**Teen Summit**

PERTH AMBOY - Think, Act, & Believe Youth Development's mission is to create an atmosphere for scholars to learn key life skills while exercising creativity through self-expression and realization of their passions. We have created a weekend long event called the T.A.B. Teen Summit, which will allow us to fulfill our mission.

The Summit takes place on the weekend of March 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at The Perth Amboy Community Center. (FRI 6pm-9pm, SAT. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., & SUN 10 a.m. - 1p.m.)

Think, Act, & Believe Youth Development & the Perth Amboy Recreation Dept. will present our T.A.B. Spring Teen Summit. This is a free event catered to High School students as a way to empower and encourage them to be the best versions of themselves. Some topics that will be covered during this event will include teamwork, self-awareness, compassion for others, and the importance of support. Empowering our youth in a positive way creates a brighter future for not only themselves but for our city and community as a whole.

Registration Ends on March 6th. You can also register at: www.ThinkActBelieve.com/Youth-Development. 848-459-9947 or email LD@ThinkActBelieve.com

**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.**

**Easter Party**

PERTH AMBOY - Attn: Staff, Residents & Families. Alameda's Annual Easter Party will be on Sunday, March 15 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Aristicare at Alameda Center, 303 Elm St., Perth Amboy from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reptile Show 2 p.m. Photos with the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg Hunt, Free Easter Basket Raffle. All children of staff & families are invited. Refreshments will be served (While Supplies Last). Please RSVP Carmen or Amy by March 12. 732-442-9540 ext. 7733.

**K of C Lenten Linguini Dinners**

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring their annual Lenten Linguini Dinners every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. The dinners will be served from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the cafeteria below the Church.

The menu includes Linguini, with a choice of Red (Marinara) or White clam sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee, soda and desserts. The menu will also include our FAMOUS HOME-MADE PIZZA! The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for Senior Citizens, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free. There is a special family price of \$20 (EAT IN ONLY). A family would consist of only 2 adults and any children under 12. No reservations are necessary and take-out is available. For more info call Tony at 732-233-4473.

**Knitting Circle**

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

**Photography Classes**

PERTH AMBOY - Come learn Portrait Photography. Lessons take place at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave. at 7 p.m., Tuesdays starting 2/24/15 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.

**Fish and Chicken Fry**

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish Rosary Altar Society is having their Annual Fish and Chicken Fry this year at the Most Holy Rosary Church: Gambino Hall. Lots of parking and an elevator. The date is Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. For takeout 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; sit down times 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The price is adults \$15 before and at the door \$16. Children under 12 are \$7. Limited tickets. The tickets are available after all masses or call the Parish Center 732-826-4859 or Carol 732-826-2153. Get your tickets in advance. Come and enjoy the good food and company of people you haven't seen in a while because of this snowy cold winter.

## Atlantic City Bus Trip

SAYREVILLE - Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a trip to Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, March 28. The bus will be leaving 815 Bordentown Ave. parking lot at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and you'll receive \$15 in return. Call Lori at 732-763-6232 to reserve a seat.

## Italian Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be an Italian Dinner on Saturday, March 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave. Tickets are \$13. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, eggplant parm, ziti, stuffed shells, salad, bread, desserts and drinks. All items are homemade. Takeouts are available. Call Lori at 732-763-6232. Proceeds are donated to local food banks and outreach programs.

## Vendor Fair

SOUTH AMBOY - Saturday, March 28 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Rd, South Amboy. Light refreshments available for purchase. Free admission. Vendors needed: \$20 per round table; \$30 per rectangle table (space is limited). Booth space will be assigned prior to the show and will be determined by the order that contracts and payments are received. Electricity is available, but limited. Please let us know if you will need it. Extension cords will not be provided. One table and two chairs will be provided. A \$30 fee will be collected for returned checks. Tables are non refundable after March 15. For more info email Saelks784@yahoo.com

## St. Mary's Class of 1969 45+ Reunion

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

## Buffalo Soldiers Presentation at the Kearny Cottage - Perth Amboy 2/22/15

\*Photo by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - In honor of Black History Month, Gloria Spear gave a lecture at the Kearny Cottage on the Buffalo Soldiers on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The event was sponsored by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library and the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.

## HyTaverngang Check Presentation - Perth Amboy 2/27/15

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PERTH AMBOY - The HyTaverngang presented a check on 2/27/15 to Ms. Donna Pryga, a Perth Amboy cancer survivor, to help with the purchase of a much needed chairlift. The group held a Cigar Night last week to raise the money. The HyTaverngang was formed by Perth Amboy police officer Harry Scheman who got together a group of friends and fellow officers who wanted to help out our community. In the past few years we have held various fund raisers including Pig Roast, yard sales and cigar nights. We have contributed to JRC for cancer screenings, the Eddie Febles Scholarship Fund, Project Lifesaver and National Night Out among others. Our next event is a fundraiser for Project Lifesaver, to buy 2 new bracelets for the safety of Alzheimer's and dementia patients. It will be on St. Patrick's Day at the Hy Tavern. We will be serving up Mom's famous corned beef and cabbage for a five dollar donation.

## Community Emergency Response Team Training

SAYREVILLE - Following a major disaster, Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services professionals may not be able to fully meet the demand. People may have to rely on each other to meet the immediate life-saving needs, especially in isolated neighborhoods.

The Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management and Preparedness is offering this basic training in safety and life-saving skills.

The course curriculum will cover the following:

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- Disaster Medical Operations - Part 1
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- Search & Rescue Operations
- CERT Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism
- Review & Disaster Simulation

Classes will be held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy 1001 Fire Academy Drive Sayreville, NJ 08872

Additional Dates: Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2015; April 6, 13 & 20, 2015

To enroll, please contact: Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management Tom Bykowski (732) 316-7152 tom.bykowski@co.middlesex.nj.us

\*Students must complete all the training modules to receive a certificate of completion.

## Veterans Valentine's Day Dinner - South Amboy 2/14/15

\*Photos Submitted



SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks #784 located at 601 Washington Avenue in South Amboy held a Valentine's Dinner/Dance for Veterans on February 14th. Sixteen Veterans from Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home along with local veterans attended this event which honored our heroes. The veterans were treated to a fabulous dinner buffet, numerous desserts and all enjoyed the music provided by the DJ. Gift Bags and Gift cards were given to the veterans in attendance. All of this was made possible through the Elks National Veterans Service Commission Freedom Grant.

## 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.

**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.*

**Healthy Heart C is for Cookie 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, March 4, 11 a.m. to 1 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.

**Infant & adult/child CPR Awareness**

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing infant and adult/child CPR Awareness Programs Wednesday, March 4, 6 to 7 p.m. for infant and 7 to 8 p.m. for adult/child at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Cost is \$50 per session and includes an adult/child or infant CPR anytime kit. Make checks payable to RBMC. These programs are not for certification. To register for either or both sessions, call 1-800-DOCTORS. (1.800.362.8677).

**C is for Cookie**  
 SOUTH AMBOY - Ages 3-4 yrs. old. Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060. Decorate Cookies - Hear a fun story!

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Drawing is Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Auditorium, 500 State St., Perth Amboy. No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize. NO one under the age of 18 is permitted to participate. Winner need not be present. Winner is responsible for all Federal and State Tax. For more info call 732-826-1395. All proceeds benefit St. John Paul II Parish. Tickets are \$20 each. R.L.-3099

**Senior Scene**

**Happenings**

**Perth Amboy**

- WED. Mar. 4 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. Mar. 5 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Mar. 9 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Mar. 10 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Mar. 11 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Mar. 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

**South Amboy**

- WED. Mar. 11 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Mar. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. Apr. 6 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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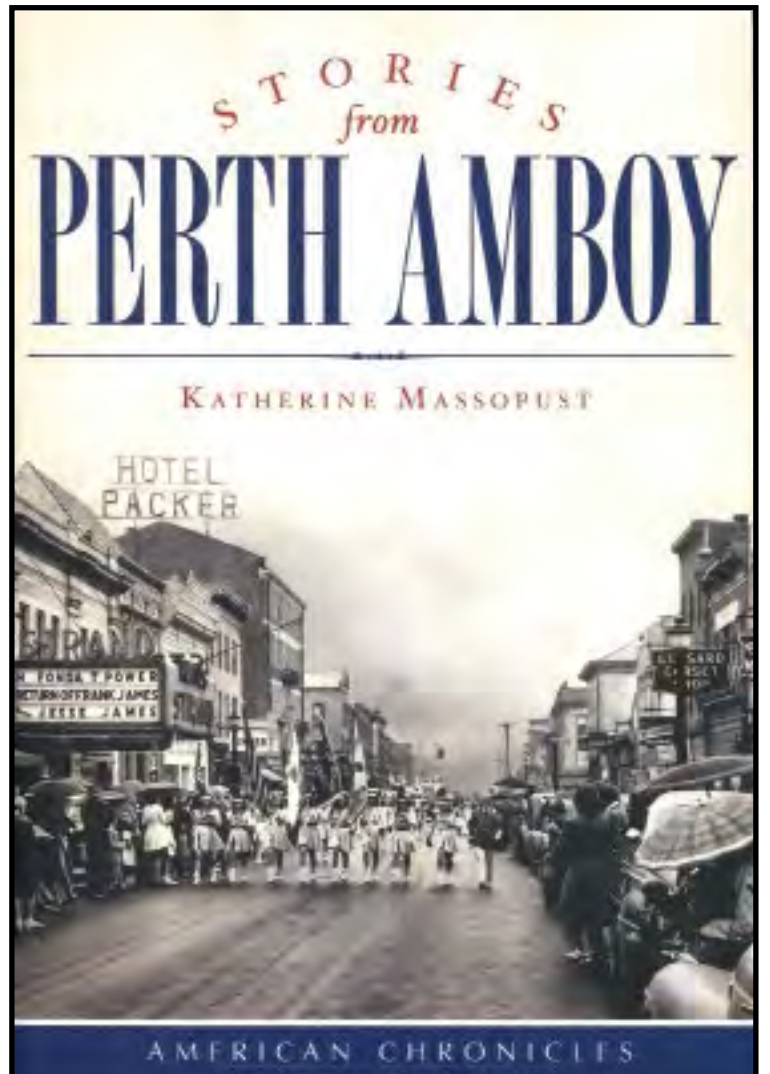


**LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - Sexton's Pharmacy, Smith Street 1903.  
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- 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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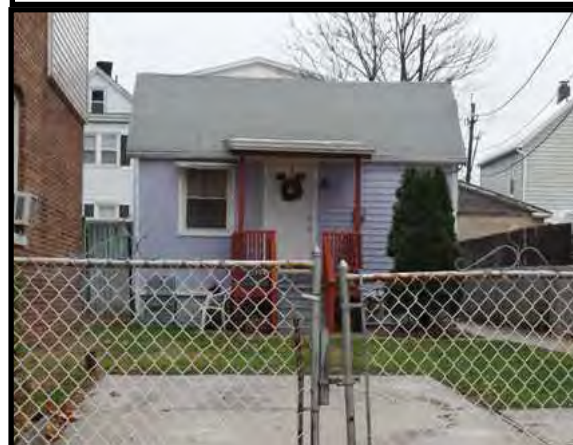
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