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Rearing Its Ugly Head Again Abandoned Properties

PERTH AMBOY - At the 3/9/15 Caucus Meeting Councilman Fernando Gonzalez questioned how many vacant houses are in the City. Annie Hindenlang - Executive Director Office of Economic and Community Development Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency came up to answer that question. She told the Council that last year 6 volunteers walked around the City and at that time there were 50 abandoned properties. She listed the basic criteria for what is considered abandoned property: "6 months with no utility services or maintenance and the taxes are in arrears. Notifications are given to the owners on record before the properties are taken over for sale."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "I have gotten calls from residents living in the area on the corner of Hall Avenue and Atlantic Street about a property there that's in very bad shape."

Council President Lisa Nanton stated, "We need spreadsheets listing troubled properties with a summary violations they were given."

During the public portion of the meeting, Virginia Morales said, "I didn't realize the scope of abandoned homes in the City." She talked about an abandoned home near the Patten School where animals congregate. "Teenagers use that abandoned home to conduct illegal activities."

Mayor Wilda Diaz came

forward to address the Council about what steps the City is looking to take to address this problem. "The State has a program and I was at a meeting that included bankers and others associated with how to handle abandoned properties. One of the items discussed included what fees would be charged depending whether or not an owner is in-State or Out-of-State."

At the 3/11/15 Council Meeting, former Council President Ken Balut said that there was illegal housing by his neighborhood and complained about a trailer where people were living in. "When I was on the Council, I turned in several properties where illegal housing or violations took place."

House Fire on Brighton Avenue - 3/11/15

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Flames shoot out of the top floor of the home.



Heavy smoke surrounds some of the firefighters



A snorkel is needed to douse the flames from above.

Statement from Chief Abraham Pitre, Perth Amboy Fire Department

PERTH AMBOY - The fire department was dispatched at 3:09 p.m. to 227 Brighton Avenue for a reported fire spotted by a police officer working a traffic detail. Upon arrival an extremely heavy smoke condition was coming from the attic and the eaves. Crews made an attempt to extinguish the fire but were met with heavy fire conditions. A search was conducted of the building and the building was determined to be empty. At that time crews were ordered out of the building and the fire was fought from the outside using two ladder trucks and hand lines in order to contain the fire and to prevent spread to the adjoining properties. The fire was brought under control within an hour. Eventually crews were able to go back in and make final extinguishment from the inside. 8 members of a family were displaced and were assisted by the Red Cross. Mutual aid was brought in to assist with manpower and to help cover the City, those departments were from Fords, Keasbey, Hopelawn, South Amboy, Sayreville, Woodbridge. The fire originated in the attic area but the cause was undetermined. This is the second house fire on Brighton Ave within a week.

Controversy Over School Meal Bill Recently Passed in New Jersey

3/11/15 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY - Resident Stanley Sierakowski spoke strongly against the bill (A-1796/S-2000) which Gov. Chris Christie recently signed into law. This law prohibits a school district from denying a student a school meal because payment is in arrears without prior notice to parent. The law requires that the district give a 10 day notice to the parent/guardian, then another warning is issued. If payment is not given by the required time, the student is to be denied a meal until that bill is paid. The bill does not specify the age of the student that the law applies to.

The BOE was sent a notice that this bill was signed into law and must be complied with effective immediately.

The Amboy Guardian asked Board President Sam Lebreault the reason why this law was passed. According to Lebreault, "In Perth Amboy, most of the students qualify for free or reduced lunches. In other higher income districts, where the majority of the students pay the full amount for their lunches, many students take advantage of the situation. These students receive a free lunch by pretending they don't have any money. This puts a burden on the school district and their cafeterias are not making a profit. Presently, in Perth Amboy, if a student (who does not qualify for a free meal) does not have any money to pay for their meal, they are given a free meal, but it's not the same meal you would get if you pay (i.e. a simple sandwich) so the student does not go hungry."

During the Board Meeting, Sierakowski stated, "Even for a 7 year old? This is one of those stupid laws. You're going to send these kids to class without eating. The only victim here is the child. Until that problem is solved - feed them!"

Board Member Ken Puccio added, "In the beginning of the school year if a parent/guardian puts in for a free or reduced lunch and then qualifies - what then? It's a shame that we take food out of kid's mouths. It's morally not right. We throw the food out at the end of the day. This isn't the same school as South Brunswick, etc. (i.e.



Board President
Sam Lebreault

higher income school districts) This is Perth Amboy. A good number of our families are not working and live below the poverty line. Students apply, then qualify and then are they being billed?"

Board President Sam Lebreault stated, "We have to fine tune the system with the Department of Food Services."

Lebreault stated to the Amboy Guardian that the Board Attorney will examine this law and determine how it should be applied.

South Amboy City Council Meeting, Wednesday 3/18/15 - 7 p.m.

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Mayor Replies
Back To Critics



Mayor Wilda Diaz
*File photo

PERTH AMBOY - The Mayor has been criticized at Council Meetings by residents who brought up the fact that she contributed to the campaign of Perth Amboy United. At the 3/9/15 Caucus Meeting she emphatically stated, "I support people I believe in and this is not the first time I've done so. I have donated \$5000 to School Board candidates. If I believe they will do a good job, I will support them. I make no excuses. In the meantime, we have some good projects coming up involving Viridian and the Waterfront."

She addressed the critics in reference to the employee who was involved in a Facebook comment. "I stand by my employees. Personal issues are just that - personal issues - and they are kept private."

David A. Roman Hired as
New Superintendent



David A. Roman
*File photo

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – At the 3/11/15 Board of Education Meeting, Board President Sam Lebreault stated, "We have spent several months in search for a new Superintendent. We now invoke the Doctrine of Necessity. The Perth Amboy Board of Education finds it necessary to appoint a new Superintendent of Schools. The following have a relative employed by the Board of Education: Anthony Bermudez has a sister employed, Milady Tejada has a brother employed, Israel Varela has a wife employed, Sam Lebreault has a sister-in-law employed, Obi Gonzalez has a sister-in-law employed and Jose Rodriguez has a niece employed. By this resolution for the past 30 days compliance made with the School Ethics Committee: David A. Roman will be hired from 7/1/15 until 1/1/19."

Both Milady Tejada and Anthony Bermudez stated that even though they were not involved in the selection process they trusted the judgment of those who were involved.

The vote to hire Roman was unanimous: 9 - 0.

Roman offered some re-

marks, "I spoke with my wife and took a leap of faith. I can recall from the youth days of my life and recalled many obstacles. Public education is the equalizer. This is a community for someone to contribute - not to lead and take over, but to contribute. We're dream makers. I look forward to achieve this. Please join me to let the children know what the world has to offer them and what they have to offer the world. I thank the Board of Education for this opportunity."

Roman's hiring must still be approved by the County and the State.



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The After Party



Resident Reinaldo Aviles remained until the 3/11/15 City Council Meeting was adjourned. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

City resident Reinaldo Aviles was on the agenda to speak about the lack of a civil tone and working relationship between the Council and some members of the public. Some people may leave the Council Meeting before it is adjourned because of other obligations that they have. Then there are some people who leave because they assume those who are left in the chambers will have nothing important to speak about or they are going to repeat the same thing over and over again.

Well, my dears, sometimes that could be furthest from the truth . . .

I remember not that long ago when the late Richard Piatkowski would frequent the meetings. He along with other frequent attendees of the Council Meetings would stay long after the meetings were over. They either discussed what was said at the meeting or talked about current events. There were even times when there will be discussions about political climates past and present which may or may not have dealt with Perth Amboy.

Lately there has been a ton of discussion about the new parks that are slated to come into Perth Amboy. The first park will be located on Second Street. The second park (a county park) will be located on Washington Street. There

were some comments made about these parks that were mentioned during the Council comments. Some Council Members stated why these parks were sorely needed and why those particular locations were chosen. These comments made a lot of sense to me.

Every speaker that comes before the Council should have an equal right and respect for each other. You should never make assumptions about something that you think may be said by a particular person.

I'll give you a perfect example: One of the speakers towards the end of the meeting had some very wise words to say to the Council in regards to the rules of decorum they should follow. I assumed when that person came to the podium, that they were going to speak about a historical building in town. I was wrong.

There is a saying: "Do not assume!" Check out the Original Odd Couple TV Series episode, "My Strife in Court" (Assume Scene).

So my suggestion is, if you can - to stay until the very end and wait until the Council President says: "Meeting adjourned."

Sometimes the After Party is when the real party begins. And the people who used to stay for the After Party know exactly what I mean. *C.M.*

What Do You Think?
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Francis Clark

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ary showing his great deeds in the Academic, Psychological and Veteran's field.

It is therefore proper that the good people of Metuchen and Middlesex County start a fund to perpetuate on February 27th a Memorial, the day of his death, with a declaration of the

"Thomas Francis Clark" holiday for all the school children.

Thank you for your courtesies.
Peter Book/a.k.a. Pedro Libro



Habitat for Humanity



PERTH AMBOY - Some members of Perth Amboy Fire Department Battalion 1 donated some of their time on Saturday March 7th, 2015 and assisted in the construction of a house on Lawrie Street in Perth Amboy. The house which Noris Mercado, her 16-year-old daughter, 14-year-old son and grandson are planning to move in to once it is completed still needs a lot of work. Debbie Walter from Habitat for Humanity contacted me a while back to see if I can help get some individuals to donate some time and I put it out to the members of the department.

Although this was not a Fire Department project the members happily donated their time and expertise to help a family in need. (*Photos Submitted)

Chief Abraham Pitre
Chief of Department
Perth Amboy Fire Department



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MON. Mar. 23 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

WED. Mar. 25 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

THURS. Mar. 26 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Mar. 18 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

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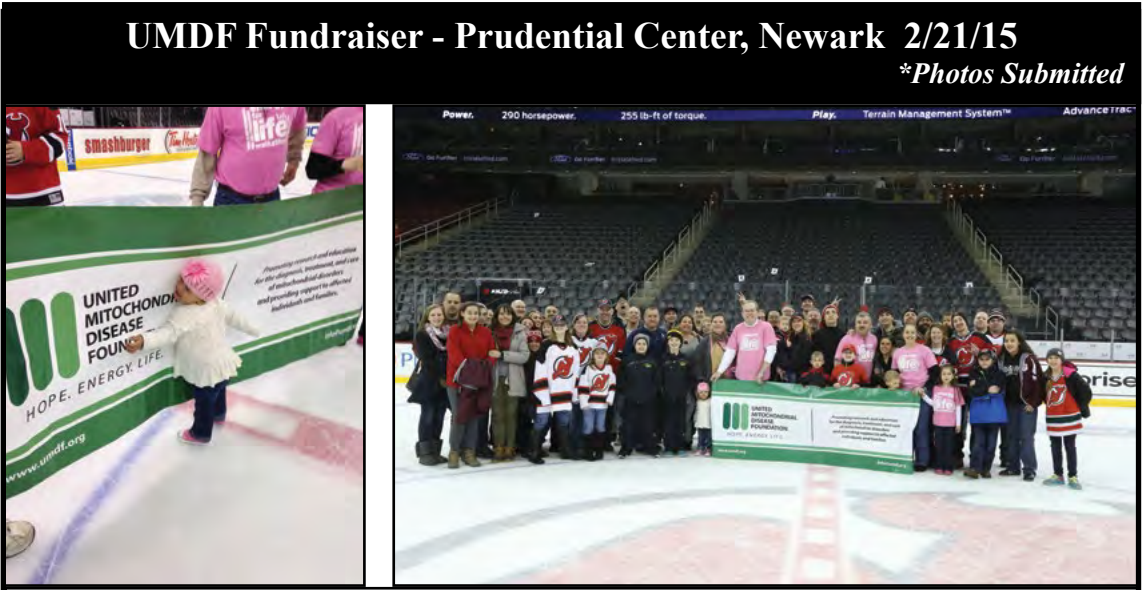
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UMDF Fundraiser - Prudential Center, Newark 2/21/15
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Press Release 3/5/2015
NEWARK - On Saturday, February 21st, over 75 people attended the NJ Devils hockey game at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ, to support the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF). Through the Devils Fundraising Program, a portion of each ticket sold was donated to the UMDF.

Perth Amboy resident Susan Roque, who is also the principal of the Ignacio Cruz Early Learning Center in the Perth Amboy Public Schools, was one of the event organizers. She and her husband, Lloyd Roque, fundraise for the UMDF on a regular basis in memory of their daughter, Grace Roque, who passed away from mitochondrial disease in 2011 at the age of 13 months.

"I'd like to thank everyone who came to the game in support of this cause, especially the residents of Perth Amboy and my colleagues from the school district," Roque said. "It really means a lot to our family to remember Grace in this way as we work to help others who are affected by mitochondrial diseases."

Mitochondrial diseases result from failures of the mitochondria in the cells of the body. When this occurs, cells produce less energy and major bodily systems can be affected in significant ways. The United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (www.umdf.org) promotes research and education for the diagnosis, treatment, and cure of mitochondrial disorders. In addition, the UMDF provides support to affected individuals and families.

As part of the festivities for the evening at the Devils game, the group supporting the UMDF took a picture on the ice after the game.

"We really had a great time at the game and I can't thank the Devils organization enough for supporting a charitable cause in this way," said Ryan Green, Grace's uncle, Godfather, and co-organizer of the event. "We definitely want to do it again next season with an even larger group of UMDF supporters."

For additional information, contact Ryan Green at (732) 614-5810.

Pallone Urges FCC to Enhance 9-1-1 Location Accuracy to Save Lives

Press Release 2/23/15
WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06), Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, continued to urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to enhance the accuracy of location identifiers used during 9-1-1 emergency calls. The issue has garnered attention, most recently on the TODAY Show this morning, after reports showed that emergency responders were unable to locate and, ultimately, rescue an Atlanta woman who accidentally drove her SUV off the road and into a pond back in December. Pallone made clear that having precise information is critical so that law enforcement and emergency services professionals can respond as quickly as possible when callers find themselves in dire circumstances.

"When someone calls 9-1-1, the difference between life and death can be a matter of seconds," said Congressman Pallone. "First responders cannot afford to waste precious time struggling to identify the caller's whereabouts. We need to make sure that,

when it matters most, first responders have the precise information that they need in order to locate those in need of immediate assistance."

Last month, Congressman Pallone, along with Congressman Fred Upton, Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, sent a letter to Tom Wheeler, Chairman of the FCC, requesting that the agency continue efforts to improve location identifiers in order to provide first responders with the exact location of callers.

Pallone and Upton also expressed their bipartisan support of the Commission's efforts to establish indoor location accuracy rules for 9-1-1 calls. The lawmakers argued that without this improvement to the nation's 9-1-1 policies, first responders can be delayed, which can cost lives. In the letter, they encouraged the FCC to adopt a technology-neutral solution that leverages all available technologies.

In response to the letter from Pallone and Upton, the FCC quickly adopted improved 9-1-1 policies that will ultimately give first responders the technology-neutral tools they need to keep us safe.

National Library Week 2015 Bookmark Design Contest

SOUTH AMBOY - In celebration of National Library Week the Friends of the Dowdell Library and the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library are sponsoring a "Bookmark Design Contest". South Amboy children between grades 1 & 8 are invited to create their own bookmark design celebrating your library. Bookmark Contest winners will be announced on April 12th, 2015 in time for the National Library Week Celebration. 4 Winners will receive gift cards from the Friends of the Dowdell Library and have their creations reproduced and distributed in the library. All designs become the property of the Dowdell Library and cannot be returned. There is a limit of one entry per child. Visit the Dowdell Library website www.dowdell.org to download the entry form. All entries must be received in person by March 31st, 2015 at the Dowdell Library. For further information please contact the Dowdell Library at comments@dowdell.org or call 732-721-6060. The library is located at 100 Hoffman Plaza located off of O'Leary Blvd adjacent to the High/Middle School. Library hours are Mon-Tues-Thurs 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wed-Fri 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat 12 noon - 4 p.m.

Sciortino's Supports South Amboy YMCA At Proceeds Day Fundraiser

Sciortino's Harbor Lights Gives Back by Supporting the Y's Annual Giving Campaign Which Provides Scholarship Assistance to Local Families

Press Release
SOUTH AMBOY — Sciortino's Harbor Lights and the South Amboy Branch YMCA are excited to announce "Proceeds Day" benefitting the Y's Annual Giving Campaign. Proceeds Day will be held at Sciortino's on Thursday, March 19th from 11:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Sciortino's has generously offered to donate 15% of all bills, dine-in only, to the Y's Annual Campaign when a Proceeds Day flyer is presented. The restaurant is located at 132 South Broadway in South Amboy.

Sciortino's Harbor Lights is a fourth generation family-run restaurant, and one of the oldest pizzerias in the country. Their brick oven pizzas and family style pasta are well known in the community, dating back to their restaurant in Perth Amboy. Owners Lou Seminski, Sr., and his son Lou Seminski, Jr., have established a sense of community pride at Sciortino's where all are invited to enjoy great company and great food. They are also recognized for their philan-

thropy to many local causes. "The YMCA has a long history of supporting families in the communities they serve, so it was natural for us to join this initiative through Proceeds Day," said Lou Seminski, Jr.

The Y is one of the nation's leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Because we believe in giving back and providing support to our neighbors, no one is turned away for the inability to pay. With your support at Sciortino's Proceeds Day, we hope to give more families and individuals the chance to pursue their wellness goals and connect with the community through a Y membership.

More information about South Amboy Y's Annual Giving Campaign can be found by visiting www.ymcaofmews.org. Please call the Y at 732-553-9622 for more details about the Proceeds Day Fundraiser. Flyers are available at the South Amboy Y's Welcome Desk, as well as local businesses.

Zumba

PERTH AMBOY - FSC is bringing Zumba back to our center. Every 1st and 4th Wednesday from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Recreation center located at 1 Olive St. Perth Amboy. For further information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy.

Let's Crochet With Urian

PERTH AMBOY - FSC has partnered up with NJIT - BRIDGES in bringing a crocheting class for beginners. This class will be held every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5pm-6pm at 881 Amboy Ave. Perth Amboy. No registration required.

Hungarian Homemade Nut Rolls

WOODBIDGE - The Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge. Each individually hand rolled. Made from the best ingredients, each weighing 1 lb 8oz. Available in English Walnut, Poppy seed, Prune - Lekvar, Apricot and Raspberry. Price \$15 each. Orders accepted by Sunday, March 15 between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Please use Ross Street Entrance. All orders must be paid in full ordering. Please call: Florette Pastor 732-636-2868. Pick-up date and time: Friday, March 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall, Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge. Please use Ross Street Address.

Comedy Night

FORDS - The Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring "Comedy Night." Come on out for a night of fun, food and festivities!! The date is Saturday, April 11, 2015 and will be held in the cafeteria under the church. The church is on the corner of Ford Ave and Amboy Ave. Cost is \$30 advance sales and \$35 at the door. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Three professional comedians, a roast beef dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee & desserts. There will also be door prizes, 50/50 raffle and an entertainment package raffle.

For tickets by mail, send check to Anthony Girgenti, c/o Knights of Columbus, 514 Crows Mill Road, Fords, NJ 08863. Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus #9199. For more info, call Anthony at 908-616-2570.



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Peace**


PERTH AMBOY - FSC will be bringing a nine-week curriculum based class on how to make your money work for you. This class will be every Monday from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy (Back of Proprietary House) Registration is required. "More than one million families have done it and you can too" - Dave Ramsey

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Cooking
Classes**

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the JRF-Family Success Center, 149 Kearny Ave. (Back of Proprietary House) starting March 11. Registration is a must! Spaces are limited. 732-638-5063.



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**Atlantic City
Bus Trip**

PERTHAMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar’s Casino will be on Thursday, April 2nd. 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.

**Fish &
Chicken Fry**

PERTHAMBOY - St. Peter’s Episcopal church is having a Fish Fry on Saturday, March 21 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at our Parish House, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. Tickets are \$15 pp. Includes Fish & Chips, tartar sauce, coleslaw, soft drinks, cake and coffee. For tickets call the parish office at 732-826-1594. Bring home a meal! For your convenience “take outs” are available.

**Easter Bunny
Breakfast**

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their annual Breakfast With The Easter Bunny, Sunday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Bring your camera to get photos with the Easter Bunny. An Easter egg hunt will also be held. Cost is \$7 Adults, \$3 Children, Children aged 2 to 12 FREE. For reservations call Steve or Cheryl at 732-727-1707.

**South Amboy
Saint Patrick’s
Day Parade
Rescheduled**

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy St. Patrick’s Day Parade has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 22 stepping off at 1:30 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 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 Wezorak, and Fr. Stanley Gromadzki.

Reactivation of the Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288, St. Demetrios Church 3/1/15
**Photos by Joe Bayona & Submitted*



(L to R) Andy Zachariades, AHEPA Supreme Secretary; Phillip T. Frangos, AHEPA Supreme President; Phil Vogis, AHEPA Supreme Governor Region 3; George N. Petrakakis, AHEPA District 5 Secretary.



Group Photo

Press Release

By: George N. Petrakakis, AHEPA District 5 Secretary

PERTHAMBOY - On Sunday, March 1st, Sunday of Orthodoxy, a great milestone in AHEPA history took place as the Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288 became reactivated after being dormant for nearly twenty years; and was warmly welcomed by Fr. Angelo J. Michaels and Parish Council President Hon. Judge Marina Corodemus (ret).

Many thanks to all who made this event possible which resulted in such a resounding success including the complimentary luncheon and the subsequent events of the day. The list of donors and volunteers who contributed is immense, and is indicative of the huge support for the return of the Raritan Chapter #288, once a strong and vibrant chapter of the AHEPA Fifth District which now encompasses 18 chapters in NJ and Delaware; and over 400 worldwide.

Congratulations to all for becoming members of the Order of the AHEPA, founded in 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia. The AHEPA is the largest and oldest American-based, Greek heritage grassroots membership fraternal organization in the world whose mission is to promote Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence through community service and volunteerism.

We were very blessed to have so many dignitaries, members and guests present on March 1st. A true testament to the strength and unity of the AHEPA District 5 Family, which also includes the ladies Auxiliary known as the Daughters of Penelope; and the Junior Order of the Sons of Pericles and Maids of Athena; almost all of whom attended the Divine Liturgy and many participated in the celebration of Sunday of Orthodoxy during the procession of the icons.

Dignitaries present March 1st included Pastor Gregory Pabon, member of the Perth Amboy Police Chaplain’s Corps; Mayor of Perth Amboy Honorable Wilda Diaz; and Assemblyman John Wisniewski representing the 19th Legislative District. Members of the AHEPA Supreme Lodge included Honored Guest and Keynote Speaker Supreme President Phillip T. Frangos, Supreme Secretary Andy Zachariades, and Supreme Governor Phil Vogis. AHEPA District 5 Lodge Members included District Governor Stanley Gerondelis, District Lt. Governor Asteris Fanikos, District Secretary George N. Petrakakis, District Marshall Zenon Christodoulou, District Warden Steve Marmarou, and District Sons of Pericles Advisor Ted Vittas. Additional AHEPA dignitaries included: Past Supreme Governor Ted Fanikos; Past District Governor (PDG) and AHEPA District 5 Cancer Foundation Chairman George G. Horiates; and PDG and Chairman of the AHEPA District 5 Projects Committee Lee J. Millas.

AHEPA Chapters represented that day included: Cherry Hill, Clifton, Holmdel, Jersey City, Piscataway, Roseland, Trenton, Westfield, and Wyckoff.

Daughters of Penelope District 5 Lodge members included District Governor Anna Zavros, and District Secretary Isa Velez. Sons of Pericles Supreme Vice-President Andreas Christou was also present.

We were privileged to have the Perth Amboy High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer’s Training Corps under the direction of Captain Karen J. Hard, U.S. Navy Reserve (ret), and USMC Gunnery Sergeant Peter Ramirez, present the colors; the singing of the US National Anthem by Irving Daniel Lozada; and the singing of the Greek National Anthem by Stavroula Wagner and Nikolas Vosinas. Carolyn Maxwell, a long-time friend of the St. Demetrios Church Community provided photographer Joe Bayona to capture the day’s events.

The reactivation of the Perth Amboy AHEPA Chapter has been a long time coming, and I am honored each of the chapter’s new initiates made the commitment to become part of the local chapter.

Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288 welcomes the following initiates, reinstatements, and transfers:

Fr. Angelo J. Michaels, Atef A. Azous, Christy Corodemus, Steven Corodemus, Spero Coutros, Joseph DaCunha, Bennie DiBlasi, Dimitrios Koudis, Chris N. Kusulas, Dino Kusulas, James A. Lukas, Constantinos Mariolis, George N. Petrakakis, Mark Rasimowicz, Stavros Tsapatsaris, Glenn Viega, Alexandros G. Vosinas, George A. Vosinas, Nikolas P. Vosinas; and posthumously reinstated Eureka #52 Newark, NJ Past President James S. Corodemus.

Upcoming AHEPA Chapter #288 Events: Saturday, March 21st - Raising of the Greek Flag commemorating 194 years of independence. The ceremony shall take place at The Circle across from City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy; AHEPA Sunday, May 24th – we shall commemorate our dearly departed Brothers with a memorial service and sponsor the fellowship coffee hour following church services; Memorial Day, May 25th – City of Perth Amboy Memorial Day Celebration, City War Memorial across from St. Demetrios Church on Sadowski Parkway.

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!

Easter Bazaar

SOUTH RIVER - Saturday, March 28. Prepare For The Holiday with Us! 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Russian Orthodox Church (Hall), 9 Jeffrie Avenue, South River. Easter Themed Gift Baskets, Home Made Ethnic Foods, Religious & Ethnic Sale Items, Church Tours.

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.

Flea Market

SEWAREN - The First Baptist Church of Woodbridge Food Pantry Presents Spring 2015 Flea Market. Come for food, fun, crafts and bargains: Saturday, May 9th (Rain Date May 16th) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 130 Sewaren Ave., Sewaren. Vendors: reserve your space now! \$25 (Space - bring your own table); \$10 Table (You rent one of our tables); \$35 Both (You rent a space & table) For more information call: Deacon Jones 347-930-4764 or Sister Roman: 848-565-1886.

Seed Swap

PERTH AMBOY - "The Perth Amboy Alliance for Community of the Jewish Renaissance Foundation and the Royal Garden Club by the Bay is pleased to present the first "Perth Amboy Seed Swap" on Saturday, March 28th at 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. The Seed Swap will be a showcase of Perth Amboy's public and community gardens as well as a great resource for those looking to garden at home. Hosted at St. Peter's Parish House, the event is sure to delight gardeners of all levels of experience. Learn from our pro workshops, pick up some seeds, and be a part of making your city blossom. No advance reservation is required so come on over and kick off the spring with the greenest thumbs in all of Perth Amboy! For more info call William Kurzenberger at (732)-324-2114 ext 114"

Kolbas Sandwich Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity Church, Lawrie and Johnstone Sts., will host a kolbas sandwich sale at 5:30 p.m., Sat., March 21 in the church hall. A limited number of Italian sausage sandwiches also will be available. Tickets, \$8 each, include sandwich, cake and beverage. Takeout available.

Easter Bake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having an Easter Bake Sale with an order date from March 23rd to March 26th. All gourmet items are handmade, therefore call early before quota is reached. Cakes - Nut, Poppyseed, Apricot, Raspberry and Prune - Price: \$11.00 Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to place your order. Pickup dates are: March 31st to April 1st.

Communion Breakfast

HOPELAWN - the Good Shepherd Parish Communion Breakfast is Sunday, March 22 at 9 a.m., after 8 a.m. mass at Most Holy Rosary, Msgr. Gambino Hall (basement of Most Holy Rosary Church). There is an elevator to the hall/auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 yrs. Tickets are available at the rectory, from Holy Name Members, including Walter - 732-442-7258 or John - 732-442-5252. They will also be available at the door. Join us for a good food and fellowship. Please forward this to anyone who may like to come.

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

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.

HSE (GED) Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Interested in obtaining your high school equivalency (HSE formerly known as GED) diploma while getting paid to learn? If so, please contact the Civic Justice Corps program at (732)324-2114 Ext. 102 or Ext. 100 or visit us at 149 Kearny Ave. (Proprietary House) Room 401 Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. CJC is a project of the Jewish Renaissance Foundation. We provide academic, leadership and career support to males between the ages of 18-25 years old. We also offer a modest stipend to all our participants.

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.

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Pallone Applauds President Obama's Keystone Veto

Press Release 2/24/15
WASHINGTON, DC — House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) released the following statement after President Obama vetoed the Keystone XL pipeline legislation:

"I applaud the President for rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline legislation. The American public understands that the environmental risks of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline—for our drinking water, land, and climate—far out-

weigh any perceived benefit of its construction. Congress has wasted enough time on this Canadian pipedream. We need to be working on legislation to support a clean energy economy, improve domestic energy security, reduce carbon emissions, and combat the impacts of climate change. Keystone XL is a lose-lose proposition for energy security, a safe climate, and a healthy environment, and I commend the Administration for rejecting the dirty and dangerous pipeline."

Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay Medical Center Adds Dr. Dragana Jokic

Press Release 3/12/15
OLD BRIDGE - The Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay Medical Center has added Dragana Jokic, MD, to its team of clinical specialists providing services. Dr. Jokic is board certified in Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism and Internal Medicine, and in 2014 completed Fellowship Training in Endocrinology at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. She is fluent in English, Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian.

Raritan Bay Medical Center (RBMC) became an affiliate of the world's preeminent diabetes research and clinical care organization the Joslin Diabetes Center in spring 2014 and now provides some of the latest advances for treating diabetes and its complications as well as patient education and support services. A multi-disciplinary team, including Medical Director Dr. Reema Patel, board certified in Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism and Internal Medicine, a registered dietitian, nurse educator and other medical and support professionals provide services. Offices are currently located in Suite 206, Medical Arts Building, 3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ, and 2045 Highway 35 South, Suite 200, South Amboy, NJ. In spring 2015, the Center will open a new location on the 4th

floor in RBMC's new medical arts building, 2 Hospital Plaza, which includes a demonstration kitchen and comprehensive services including one to one and group education sessions focusing on diabetes and nutrition. To make an appointment, call 732-360-4070.

Dr. Jokic completed her residency in Internal Medicine at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, NJ, and her Endocrinology rotation at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ. She previously worked at Elite Medical Care in Freehold, NJ. Dr. Jokic received her Doctor of Medicine degree from University of Banja Luka Medical School, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

According to the American Diabetes Association, there are 29.1 million people or 9.3 percent of the population in the U.S. who have diabetes. While an estimated 21 million have been diagnosed, unfortunately, 8.1 million people are not aware that they have this disease. Each day approximately 4,657 people are diagnosed with diabetes. Many will first learn that they have diabetes when they are treated for one of its life-threatening complications – heart disease and stroke, kidney disease, blindness, and nerve disease and amputation.



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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 732-442-1079 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 \$8 Each.

Photography Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Come learn Portrait Photography. Lessons take place at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave. at 7 p.m., Tuesdays starting 2/26/15 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.

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.

South Amboy Fire Department 125th Anniversary Fundraising Events

Super Raffle

SOUTH AMBOY - The SAFD 125th 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 125th 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 125th 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 Gerahtowski - 848-250-9903; Anne Marie Trapp - 732-207-2848; Kevin Riley - 732-715-1006 or email SAFD125th@gmail.com or any SAFD Member.

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!

Job Fair

WOODBIDGE - There will be a Job Fair on Wednesday, March 25th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge. For more information visit Middlesex County Office of Workforce Development or www.co.middlesex.nj.us/Government/Departments/BDE/Pages/- Check the website after March 18th for a link to visit a list of registered employers and jobs. Job fair advice: Bring multiple copies of your resume; Dress appropriately for a job interview; Be prepared to interview on the spot; Bring the information you will need to complete a job application. For further employment opportunities visit www.jobsw4jersey.com. Co-sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, NJ Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development. Woodbridge Township and Middlesex County Office of Workforce Development. For more info call: 732-745-3970.

Car Raffle

PERTH AMBOY - Sponsored by Saint John Paul II Parish. 1st Prize - 2015 Chevrolet Cruze; 2nd Prize - Two round trip airline tickets to Florida, Puerto Rico or Dominican Republic - donated by Ana Maria Zevallos/Skrocki Home for Funerals; 3rd Prize - Flat screen 55" TV donated by Toshiba; 4th Prize 15.6" Touch-Screen Laptop, donated by Tropical Cheese Industries; 5th Prize - iPad 16 GB, donated by United Poles Federal Credit Union; 6th Prize - X-Box One, donated by Zylka Funeral Home; 7th Prize - \$500 Gift Certificate Card, donated by Quisqueya Restaurant; 8th Prize - Home Theater System, Donated by K&K Project; 9th Prize 4 Burner Stainless Gas Grill, donated by Petra Best Realty; 10th Prize - Microwave Oven, donated by Flynn & Son Funeral Home.

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

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.

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 18 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.

A.C. Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Bus Trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday, April 19 Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy. Bus leaves the church at 12 noon - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$27 pp. Return of \$25 in slot play. Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment due by April 1st.

Bingo for Bags

PERTH AMBOY--There will be a "Bingo for Designer Bags" sponsored by St. John Paul II Parish on Friday, April 24, 2015 at St. Stephen's School Auditorium at 500 State Street. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Games start at 7:30 p.m. The cost of \$30 per ticket includes 12 games, dessert, and coffee. Outside food is welcome. You must be 18 years or older. For more information, please contact Liz at 201-921-6030 or the office at 732-826-1395. EMAIL: of-fice@johnpaulsecond.com

Lenten Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Lenten Dinner at the Magyar Reformed Church Center, Corner of Fayette Street and Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy on Friday, March 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Donation \$13. Entrees (Choose 1) - Oven Fried Fish; Cabbage Noodles; Shrimp Linguini. All dinners are served with soup, salad, dessert and coffee or tea. Reservations required. Takeout available. Proceeds to benefit Church Steeple Repair Fund. Call Pat: 732-442-0224 or Pam: 732-257-7182.

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.

Lost Dog - Blue



See Classified p. 14.
908-338-6191

Fresh
Hungarian
Kolbasz Sale

WOODBIDGE - Kolbasz made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge. Sale is Friday, March 27. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak: 732-494-1431. Price: \$5.50 per lb. Deadline for order: Sunday, March 22. Orders may be picked up on the day of the sale between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Use Ross Street entrance. If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your order for Kolbasz at the same time.

Free
Income Tax
Preparation

PERTH AMBOY - FSC is partnering up with United Way and is bringing back V.I.T.A. Anyone interested in this opportunity you must first schedule an appointment and come into our center to pick up the paperwork that must be completed prior to your appointment. If interested or for additional information/details please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Back of Proprietary House).

Indoor
Flea Market

PERTH AMBOY - The Fellowship Circle of Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church is having a Flea Market/Yard Sale on Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church Center, 347 Kirkland Pl, Perth Amboy. Entrance to hall is on Fayette Street. 1 Table is \$20, 2 Tables are \$30; 3 Tables are \$40. Make Checks Payable to Magyar Reformed Church. Doors open for setup 7:45 a.m. on the day of the Flea Market. For more info call Laura at 732-324-0180 or call the Church directly at 732-442-7799.

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Tax Facts

New Tax Benefit For
The Disabled

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Included within the “extenders” law passed in December is a new tax benefit designed to help the disabled. The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act allows those who become blind or disabled before age 26 to open tax-exempt savings accounts to pay qualified expenses related to their illness.

ABLE accounts operate much like a Section 529 college savings plan. For example, investment earnings are not taxed. Withdrawals are tax-free as well, as long as they are used to pay qualified expenses such as home health aides, transportation, and medical technology. Disbursements for nonqualified expenses (to the extent they represent investment earnings in the account), are subject to income tax plus a 10% penalty. Upon the death of the account holder, the assets are first used to pay back Medicaid benefits received after the ABLE account was established. The balance goes to the account’s designated beneficiary.

Each eligible person can open only one ABLE account. The annual contribution limit is the same as the gift tax exclusion (\$14,000 for 2015). This amount is the maximum no matter how many people contribute to the ABLE account. Keep in mind that contributions to an ABLE account are not tax-deductible.

The accounts do have some limitations. Balances in an ABLE account can only be transferred into another ABLE account belonging to the same individual or to a family member who also qualifies. Older disabled people may not qualify because of the stipulation that the disability must have occurred prior to age 26.

On the plus side, the amount you accrue in an ABLE account will not affect financial eligibility for Supplemental Security Income or Medicaid payments. However, SSI eligibility is suspended once the account reaches \$100,000.

To learn more about this and other important health-related tax benefits, please give us a call.

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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:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety & Utility Controls
- Disaster Medical Operations - Part 1
- Disaster Medical Operations - Part 2
- 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.

Police Blotter

Pair Charged with Multiple Counts
Including Armed Robbery

Press Release 3/15/15

PERTH AMBOY - Deputy Chief Larry Cattano announces the arrest of Raul Zarco a city resident and Pedro Ortiz a Woodbridge resident charged with multiple counts including armed robbery.

On March 13th at approximately 12:15 a.m., Perth Amboy Police Det. Jessica DeJesus, while off duty, observed two suspicious males in the area of Hebert St. and Smith St. near the 7-11 convince store wearing all black clothing and having their faces covered. Det. DeJesus immediately notified Police headquarters of the situation and patrol units were quickly dispatched to the area. Det. DeJesus continued to monitor the actions of the two individuals and updated headquarters of her observations. A quick response from patrol resulted in both males being stopped prior to their completion of a crime. Mr. Ortiz upon being approached by Police Officers was non compliant with directions of Police Officers when confronted he began to physically resist the Officers, during the struggle with Police he was found to be in possession of a weapon used in previous robberies, a BB gun, fortunately even though his aggressive resistance to Officers he was arrested without injury to himself or others.

Upon follow up investigation by our Investigative Division the pair was tied a total of seven robberies in the City as well as neighboring jurisdictions over the past several months.

The above resulted in the following charges from our jurisdiction:

Mr. Raul Zarco 38 years old of Perth Amboy was charged with 4 counts of armed robbery, 1 count of criminal attempt: armed robbery, 4 counts of conspiracy, 2 counts of unlawful possession of a weapon, 2 counts of possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose and 2 counts of certain persons not to possess a firearm. Total bail of \$350,000 no 10% cash option imposed by the honorable Municipal Court Judge Kenneth Gonzalez.

Mr. Pedro Ortiz 45 years old of Woodbridge was charged with 3 counts of armed robbery, 1 count of criminal attempt: armed robbery, 4 counts of conspiracy, 3 counts of unlawful possession of a weapon, 3 counts of possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose and 3 counts of certain persons not to possess a firearm. Total bail of \$325,000 no 10% cash option imposed by the honorable Municipal Court Judge Kenneth Gonzalez.

The actions of the off duty Detective as well as all Officers involved exemplify the dedication and professionalism of the men and women of this Department to keeping the citizens of this great City safe on a daily basis.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Det. Jessica DeJesus at 732-324-3822

Novena to St. Rita

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

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the
helpless, pray for us.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (*make request*). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 *times*).

Holy Mary, I place this cause
in your hands (*3 times*).

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

Me Time

PERTH AMBOY - FSC has partnered up with the AUL Charter school in bringing a Parent Support Group to the community. They meet the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at 333 high St. Perth Amboy.

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

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).

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. Mar. 18	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. 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Mar. 16	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
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TUES. Mar. 23 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,
Church Hall, Brace Ave.

- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,
Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. Mar. 24 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium,
Florida Grove Rd.

• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Mar. 25 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

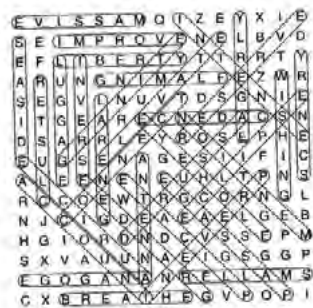
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MON. Mar. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon
Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

MON. Apr. 6 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,
Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

WED. Apr. 8 Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,
 Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

***Answers
From Puzzle
On Page 15***



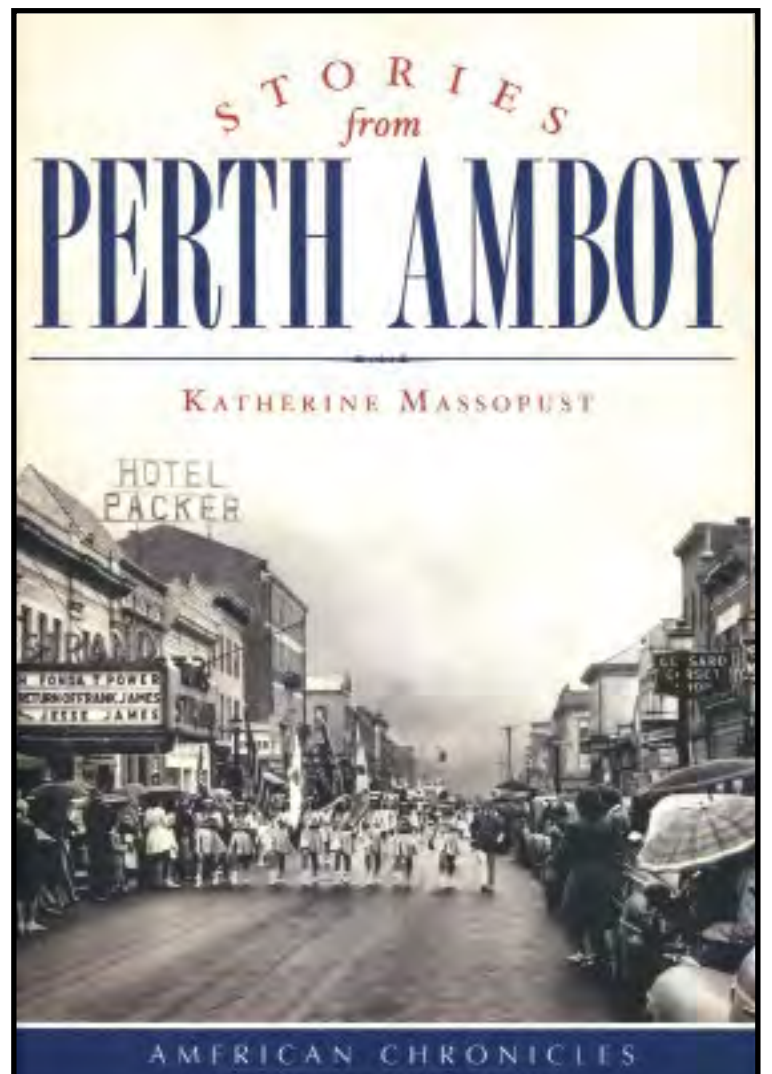
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - PEP Boys 1960's New Brunswick Avenue.

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Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig's Department Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig's at 732-442-1079 - A Great Gift!

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19. INTENSE
20. INVERSE
21. LIBERTY
22. LUGGAGE

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23. MASSIVE
24. MENTION
25. PASSAGE
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