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Commercial Development Company, Inc. to Begin Demolition of the 70-Acre ASARCO Brownfield site in Perth Amboy

Press Release 3/27/15

ST. LOUIS, MO – Commercial Development Company Inc. (CDC) today announced plans to begin demolition at the former ASARCO site in Perth Amboy, NJ. Existing structures will be razed to clear the way for vertical development and return the site to productive re-use.

A ceremony to kick-off the demolition will be held at 1160 State Street on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, city council members and other city officials plan to attend.

“For several decades, outer State Street has been plagued with hundreds of acres of environmentally challenged sites, but today is a new day in Perth Amboy. The creation of local job opportunities and the realization of new ratables are the primary goals of establishing a sustainable project that will carry Perth Amboy into a successful future. I want to thank Mr. Steve Collins and the entire Commercial Development Company team for their investment in our community,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

This large demolition project will raze 13 structures with a combined area of 253,270 square feet. ENRC LLC, a New Jersey-based company with over 25 years’ experience in demolition and environmental remediation services, will perform the asbestos abatement and demolition.

Throughout 2015, CDC will prepare the site for redevelopment by constructing a groundwater treatment system that includes a 2,400 foot slurry wall and sheet pilings, and importing fill to raise the site above flood plan elevations. CDC will then partner with Bridge Development Partners, LLC to construct two industrial buildings totaling over one million square feet on the site.

For several decades, this



Mayor’s Aide, Irving Lozada, Executive Director Office of Economic and Community Development Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency Annie Hindenlang, Councilman Bill Petrick, Robert A Casagrande, DTZ, Council President Lisa Nanton, Doug Bansch, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano and two members of Enterprise Network Resolutions Contracting
**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



The Demolition Begins!

waterfront site was a smelting and refining facility owned and operated by ASARCO (American Smelting and Refining Company) until it closed in 1978. Since closing its doors, long-term tenants and other environmental hazards have prohibited redevelopment of the site. CDC acquired the site in a bankruptcy sale in 2009 and assumed responsibility for onsite clean-up of environmental liabilities.

With quick and easy access to the NJ-440, the Port of New York, and Newark International Airport, the site will attract significant interest from tenants. Perth Amboy’s

well-trained workforce and city infrastructure is also attractive to prospective tenants and employers.

“Commercial Development Company is excited to continue redevelopment of this Brownfield site” said Steve Collins, Executive Vice President at Commercial Development Company, Inc. Collins adds “There will be significant benefits to Perth Amboy from economic, social, and environmental perspectives. Completion of the demolition phase of redevelopment brings us another step closer to converting this Brownfield site into a community asset.”

C-Town Fire Main Topic at South Amboy Council Meeting Four-Alarm Fire Tore Through Building on April 13th



Firefighters douse the flames with water at the C-Town Fire in South Amboy
**Photos by Beverley Samuelson*



The intensity of the fire blackened the sky causing the water coming down to refract sunlight into a rainbow



The intensity of the blaze

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
SOUTH AMBOY - Members of the South Amboy city council discussed the recent fire that destroyed the C-Town supermarket on Bordentown Avenue.

Originally known as Frank’s Meat Market in 1928, the



property had been owned by the Paczkowski family for 86 years. The building was leased to a North Haledon group owned by Nasser Nasser in 2013 and was re-branded as C-Town in 2014.

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C-Town Fire

*Photo by Beverly Samuelson

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"The business was at the heart of the community...a family business for over 80 years," said Business Administrator Camille Tooker. "You can be assured that the city will be reaching out to Mr. Paczkowski to see if there's anything at all we can do to help him as he plans for the future of that sight."

"It's heartbreaking to have this kind of loss," added Councilwoman Zusette Dato. "It was such a big part of the community."

Mayor Fred Henry and the entire council praised the work of the first responders who worked tirelessly to control the fire and minimize the damage. Henry also thanked the surrounding towns that sent their crews to the scene to assist South Amboy.

"It was just incredible how many trucks showed up and how many firefighters and first responders were there to help us in our time of need," Henry



Firefighters battle the blaze at the C-Town Supermarket

said. "We lost a building, but we didn't lose any lives."

"We have the best of the best," Council President Mickey Gross added about the city's emergency response teams. "It did not go unnoticed."

This was not the first hardship the Paczkowski family has faced at this property. Damage caused by Superstorm Sandy forced Edmund Paczkowski to shut down the building in 2012, and an electrical fire in

January damaged part of the building after it was re-opened by Mr. Nasser months before.

"It's just a shame all around... a big loss for South Amboy," Henry said. He also sent his best regards to both Paczkowski and Nasser.

All council members were in attendance for Wednesday's meeting. The next city council meeting will be held on May 20th at 7 p.m.

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- > Member of the Planning Board and the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District.
- > Active members of the Knights of Columbus and former Commissioner of the Middlesex County Hispanic Affairs Commission.
- > Parish council president, Our Lady of Fatima Church.

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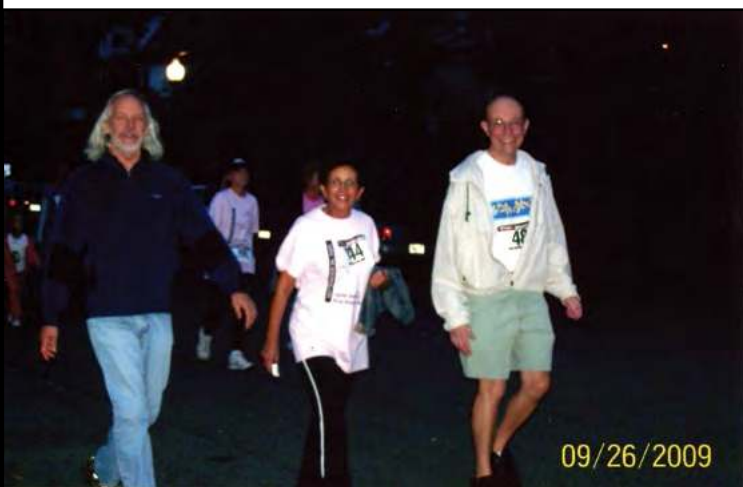
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Day to Remember 9/26/2009



THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Remember Our MIA's & POW's

Lately with all the talk about our President not requiring our armies to protect our country, it seems fit to speak of those MIA's and POW's who never returned home from defending our country. Obama deems it necessary to confront other countries and denounce us to them. At the present, he is on an apology tour to Cuba in which he throws us under the bus. But in the meantime, those warriors who fought bravely for us, shall not be forgotten.

I attended a state dinner of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and saw something which brought tears to my eyes along with everyone else in attendance. The following is what I witnessed at this

function:

Your attention is directed to the small table located in a place of honor near the head table. It is a way of symbolizing the fact that many of our Armed Forces are missing from our midst. Today they are commonly called POWs or MIAs. We call them Patriots.

They are unable to be with us this evening and so we remember them. The table, set for one, is small; it symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner against his oppressors. The table cloth is white, symbolic not of surrender, but of the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. The single rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades who keep faith awaiting their return. The red ribbon, tied to prominently on the vase, is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel

and breasts of thousands who bear witness to this tragedy and unyielding determination demand proper accounting for our missing.

Our table is also a Seder of military nature: A slice of lemon on the plate – to remind us of their bitter fate. There is salt upon the plate – symbolic of the family's tears as they wait. The glass is inverted – they cannot toast with us tonight. The chair is empty – they are not here.

The POW/MIA flag is the banner proclaiming our resolve. Today we take time to recall the plight of our POWs and MIAs. They were our comrades in arms; we depended on them for aid and support. Surely they would not have forsaken us.

Let us remember all POW/MIAs.

Barbara Skokan

Gadflies or Good Guys?

Richard Piatkowski and Bill George often drew sighs and groans as they approached officials with probing questions in their effort to uncover corruption that eventually helped end political dynasties.

Today's government watchdogs -- the modern day equivalent of Richard Piatkowski and Bill George -- are described as "gadflies," when in fact they are the good guys. They meticulously research and dare to comment about the goings on in City Hall. All to the end of simply attempting to make residents aware of the critical issues in our City.

Most people stay home, some complain to their neighbors, only a few keep returning to Caucus and Council meetings to ensure accountability in City Hall. Instead of being critical of these volunteer/community activists, we need to applaud their effort to keep our city government transparent and honest. Certainly our experience with our City government in the past has taught us about corruption.

Unfortunately, like some of her predecessors, Mayor Wilda Diaz wants a rubber stamp city council, so she can get away with blatant lies, tax hikes and joyrides with police

drivers. To this end, although she rarely attends council meetings, she actively supports candidates whom she refers to as the "Diaz Team." She played a large role in securing \$140,000 from powerbrokers in the November election, where less than 6,822 people voted! ! This is a big price to pay for a rubber stamp City Council. All while her lawyer and accomplices attempted to suppress 530 votes and only succeeded in suppressing 13. Please do not forget that Mayor Diaz once terminated Sergio Diaz from his employment at City Hall due to his involvement in past corruption. Why is it that they are suddenly on the same "Diaz Team?" It begs many questions. Did you know that the firm that represented Sergio Diaz, Joel Pabon and Bill Petrick during the election received a \$75,000 contract at the first council meeting after the election? Is this not corruption and a violation of pay to play?

Presently, by encouraging Sergio Diaz to challenge his loss by nine votes and seek a Special Election, she has given her support to spending over \$75,000 worth of tax-payer dollars. She attempts to blame others, but it is through her blatant ignorance that she has lost control of City Hall. In 2008 she ran with Fernando Gonzalez and Kenny Balut, but soon

lost their support when she continuously made the wrong decisions for our City and fell into the same pattern as those that came before her. If it were not for the real good guys like Kenny Balut, Alan Silber and others, the administration would go unchecked.

Fernando Gonzalez has given this city 40 years of public service. He has always been an active vocal resident, sometimes an elected official, and sometimes even a gadfly. His experience and record as a public servant speaks for itself. He is an honest and true community advocate, who wants nothing more than to better Perth Amboy.

Hopefully, Perth Amboy Voters, you can read between the lines Do not believe the ruthless political tactics and the negative spin of events that Mayor Diaz, Sergio Diaz and their minions effectuated by forcing this Special Election on May 12, 2015. They are attempting to control the media by maligning Fernando Gonzalez because they have nothing positive to say about their own candidate.

Getting back to the "gadflies"... those of you who honor the memory of Richie P. and Bill George, keep doing what you do. Keeping City Hall honest and transparent is not an easy job!!!

– David Caba

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THURS. Apr. 30	Special Budget Hearing, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. May 6	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
MON. May 11	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
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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

Waterfront Arts Festival

PERTH AMBOY - The Waterfront Arts Festival planned for Saturday May 23 from 12 Noon to 6 p.m. There will be live music, food vendors and artists selling original artwork on Sadowski Parkway. This is a family friendly event with free admission and will offer arts & crafts for the kids. The Perth Amboy Waterfront Arts Festival Facebook page has an event listing you can share.

Sandy Assistance

NEW JERSEY - Still need assistance to recover from Sandy? Housing assistance may be available for you. Visit www.renewjerseystroner.org to learn more about Sandy Recovery Assistance. Free Housing Counseling is available. Call 1-855-SANDYHM(726-3946) Hearing Impaired Users Text Telephone Service (TTY/TDD) 609-984-7300 or 1800-286-6613.

Boy Scout Troop 53 Scrap Metal Drive

EDISON - On May 9, Boy Scout Troop 53 shall be holding a Scrap Metal Drive at Our Lady of Peace Church Annex, 39 Walsh Avenue, Edison, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Please support our troop by donating your scrap metal. Acceptable Material includes: Steel, Cast Iron, Aluminum, Copper, Tire Rims, Car Parts, Appliances, I-Beams, Radiators, Air Conditioners, Stoves, Pipes, Fence Posts, Refrigerators, Aluminum Siding, BX cable, Compressors, Electric Motors and Engine Blocks,

To arrange for a pick-up of any items prior to the event please e-mail: bsaford-troop53@gmail.com

Vendors Wanted

SAYREVILLE - Looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville to be held on June 6th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly across from the Borough Hall. The rain date is June 13th. Spaces are available for \$15 for one space, \$25 for two. A very limited amount of tables will be available for \$5.00 extra. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net.

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).

Used Book Sale & Flea Market

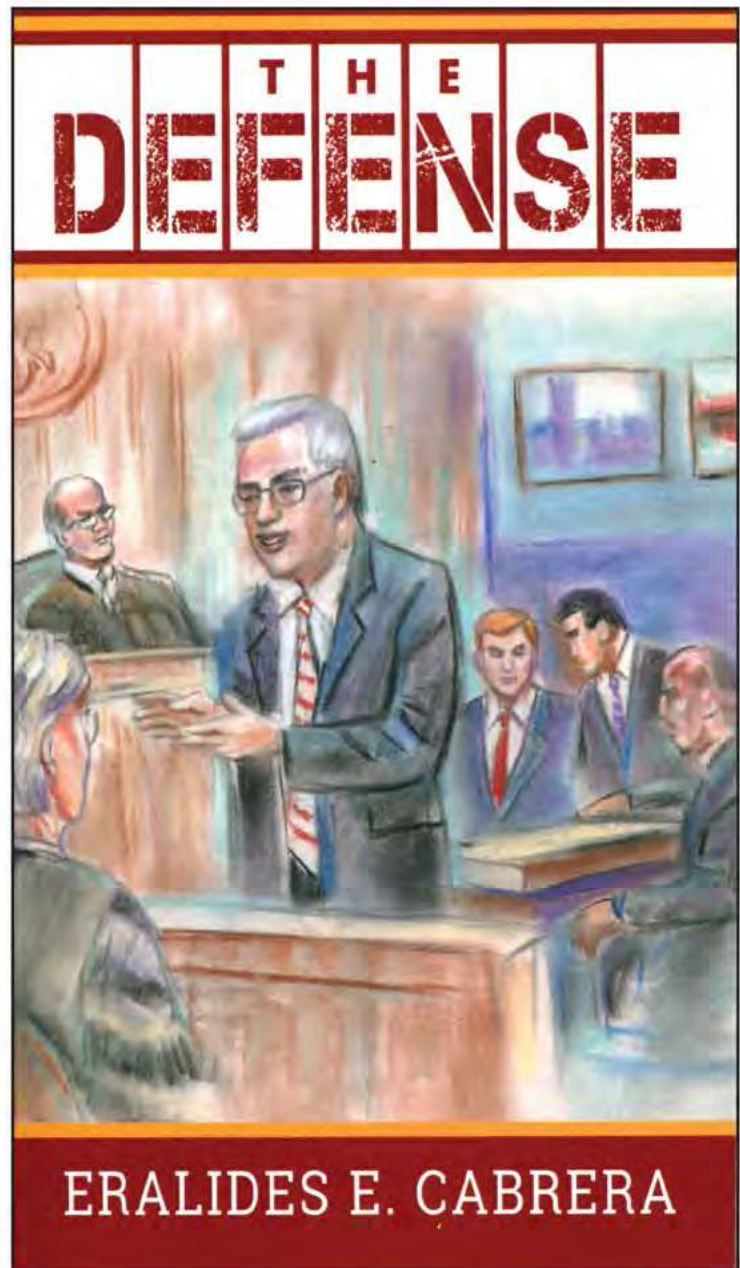
SEWAREN - There will be a used book sale and flea market on Saturday, April 25th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave., Sewaren (Corner of Marsh St.) Paperbacks, video tapes and DVD's at bargain prices, toys, clothes, furniture, accessories. Bag of Books Special. Rain Date Sunday, April 26th. For more info call 732-634-7571.

Pierogi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having a pierogi sale. Order date is from April 27th to April 30th. To place your order call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All Gourmet items are handmade. Potato pierogi \$8. Pick-up date is May 5th & May 6th.

Another Captivating Novel From Local Author Eralides E. Cabrera

The defense has its hands full in the case of State v. Berrazo, Pereira, and Lonas. A sect that seems to fester in animal and human sacrifice gets caught in what seems like a spinster crime perpetuated only for the purpose of offering the body to the dead. An evil cult, it seems that shakes the community. But things are not always as they seem. It takes skilled defense attorney and a relentless investigator to uncover the truth. It's a spellbound story of intrigue and shocking results. The defense takes a leap in its estimation of the truth, and it uncovers it as no one, not even the most diligent detective, would have expected. A captivating story.



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732-727-1291

Food Drive
 PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Post Office will take part in the National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive which will take place on Saturday, May 9. Non-perishable foods can be brought to the Post Office during regular business hours on that day. Containers will be located inside the Post Office to place your items.

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Elvis Dance
 SAYREVILLE - Sat. May 16, St. Stan's School Gym, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Buffet Dinner and Show, Doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts 8 p.m. \$30 pp. - Cash Bar. Please reserve your table early. A night to enjoy with the memorable music of Elvis. For tickets call: Connie - 732-651-6391; Bernie - 732-257-3077; Church Office - 732-254-0212. St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society would like to Thank You for your support!

Amboy Ave's Small Business Street Fair

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Small Business Street Fair on Amboy Avenue and Washington Street on Saturday, May 16th from 12 noon to 4 pm. We will have music, interactive entertainment, superb food, local vendors and kid friendly activities. We will also have activities such as the Amboy Quest and Food Battles. This day will be dedicated to providing a venue where people can come together to support one another and their local small businesses. See You There!

Summer Camp

EDISON - Metuchen High School Students Bridget Waldron and Rachel Suss organized an event at Kiddie Keep Well Camp in Roosevelt Park. Kiddie Keep Well is a 501(C) (3) non-profit that provides hundreds of kids each summer with a sleep away camp experience they would normally not be able to afford. They received a grant from the Disney Friends for Change program through the Youth Service America to host a Carnival for the campers and the children of Middlesex County to encourage them to get outside and be healthy. The carnival will be held on Sunday, April 19th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the open grove in Roosevelt Park and we would be honored if you would attend to show support for the kids and the community.

South Amboy Fire Department 125th Anniversary Fundraising Events

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 Geraltowski - 848-250-9903; Anne Marie Trapp - 732-207-2848; Kevin Riley - 732-715-1006 or email SAFD125th@gmail.com or any SAFD Member.

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Arts Festival Coming To Perth Amboy Waterfront On Memorial Day Weekend

News Release 4/15/15
 PERTH AMBOY - The Honorable Mayor Wilda Diaz is pleased to present the first "Waterfront Arts Festival" will take place on Memorial Day weekend Saturday, May 23, 2015 from 12:00 (noon) p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. (Rain Date: Sunday May 24th). The festival will feature art, music and food along Perth Amboy's beautiful and historic waterfront.

Art enthusiasts can choose from a variety of creative and original works of art including sculpture, painting, photography, woodcarvings, glasswork, jewelry, and more. The entertainment schedule features different local and regional musical acts from oldies to cool jazz, salsa and reggae. The Perth Amboy Arts Festival's performing arts stage offers an eclectic array of programs in dance and performance art, dedicated to enhancing the festival experience.

The Waterfront Arts Festival will feature 20 local and regional artists and artisans displaying and selling original artworks and handmade goods. Original art on display will include paintings and photography. Artisans will be selling handmade clothing among other goods.

Festival attendees will be treated to six bands taking the stage throughout the day playing reggae, rock, folk,

jazz and acoustic music. The lineup includes Knotty Rocker, The Rollbacks, Segunda Quimbamba, Roberto Poveda, Midnight Mosaic and Josh Cabrera. DJ Philip Santos will also be playing throughout the day.

A food court is being organized featuring a dozen local eateries and food trucks.

The family-friendly festival will also feature arts and crafts activities.

The Perth Amboy Waterfront Arts Festival is a free event in its inaugural year featuring a wide variety of artists, musicians, performers, local businesses and sponsors, organized by the newly appointed Perth Amboy Arts Council and the Office of Recreation.

The festival, introduced by the newly appointed Arts Council will include a variety of artists, artisans, food vendors, art happenings, performing artists, free interactive children's arts-n-crafts projects, and a variety of exciting live musical performances along the Raritan Bay in Perth Amboy.

This event is free and open to the public. To become a talent or artist participant or if you are an interested food vendor, please contact Viviana Acuna-Francisco, Arts Council Member at vfrancisco@perthamboynj.org by Thursday, April 23rd. For more information visit the Perth Amboy Waterfront Arts Festival Facebook Page.

CASA of Middlesex County Honoring Gov. and Mrs. Florio, a Toast to Benefit CASA of Middlesex County

Press Release 4/8/15
 NEW BRUNSWICK - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County will be honoring Former Governor Jim Florio and Mrs. Lucinda Florio at a Toast on May 3, 2015. It is an open house event occurring at Steakhouse 85 in New Brunswick from 11am-3pm. The program will begin at 12:30pm and will include a performance by the New Jersey Youth Chorus. The cost is \$100 per ticket. Sponsorships and ad journal entries are also available. Purchases can be made online at www.casaofmiddlesexcounty.org/events.aspx or by sending a check to CASA of Middlesex County at 77 Church Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

All proceeds benefit CASA of Middlesex County, a non-profit that serves to advocate for children living in foster care. CASA recruits, screens, trains and provides ongoing supervision to volunteers who are appointed by a judge to speak for a child's best inter-



Former Governor Jim Florio & Mrs. Lucinda Florio
**Photo Submitted*

ests in court. Ultimately, the advocacy of CASA volunteers helps children living in foster care find safe, permanent, loving homes.

If you have questions about the Toast or about CASA of Middlesex County please visit www.casaofmiddlesexcounty.org or contact Stephanie Brown at (732) 246-4449 x1 or stephanie@casaofmiddlesexcounty.org

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For more information, contact the Office of Recreation @ (732) 826-1690 ext. 4305

SPRING 2015

NEWS FROM THE HISTORIC CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

A Message From Mayor Wilda Diaz



Dear Friends:

It's spring time and I know we have all been looking forward to the warm weather.

We are working towards many new and exciting endeavors, while celebrating milestones. First, I am pleased to share that there is NO TAX INCREASE FOR 2015 and we've now introduced online tax payments for your convenience.

Additionally, we are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Raritan Yacht Club, the 2nd oldest in the nation. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

This Memorial Day weekend we will be hosting our first Waterfront Arts Festival organized by our Office of Recreation and our newly elected Arts Council. Visit, shop and eat by The Bay for unique crafts, music and food. Also, this Memorial Day, let's honor all of the valiant men and women who have given their lives while serving our nation-- join us for our annual parade and ceremony, on May 25th.

We are happy to announce that Perth Amboy and South Amboy are also now partnering with Staten Island for our 2015 Fireworks Spectacular on July 2nd. We are reaching out to the community for donations to help make this a memorable event at no cost to the taxpayers.

Lastly, don't forget to vote on **Tuesday, May 12th** for a Special Election being held for an open council seat. As always, stay posted on what's being done to better the City with my updates on Facebook. I wish everyone a fun and healthy spring season, God Bless!!!

At-a-Glance

Phone Directory

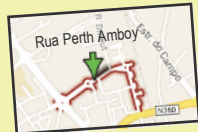
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City Hall	732.826.0290
Code Enforcement	732.826.0183
Fire Department	732.324.3500
Human Services	732.826.1690
Mayor's Office	732.826.7121
Municipal Court	732.442.6011
Parking Utility	732.826.9223
Police Department	732.442.4400
Public Library	732.826.2600
Public Works	732.826.2010
Recreation/Events	732.826.1690
Water Utility	732.826.5335
UEZ/BID	732.442.6421
Board of Education	732.376.6200
County Health Dept.	732.826.0440

AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR AT CITY HALL

On April 16, 2015, Mayor Wilda Diaz was visited by the Mayor of Caldas da Rainha, Portugal, **Fernando Manuel Tinta Ferreira**.

Perth Amboy is the sister city to Caldas da Rainha, which is on the coast of Portugal and is the hometown to many Perth Amboy Portuguese residents. Dr. Tinta presented the Mayor with his city's flag.



Did you know...

there is a street in Caldas da Rainha named **PERTH AMBOY STREET**.



SPECIAL ELECTION FOR PERTH AMBOY CITY COUNCIL VOTE AT POLLS ON TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015 - OPEN 6 AM TO 8 PM OR APPLY FOR "VOTE-BY-MAIL" APPLICATION BY TUESDAY, MAY 5TH

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:

- You have a right to vote your ballot in private: No political campaign is allowed to pressure you to vote a certain way.
- No one can take your incomplete or unsealed ballot away from you.

TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR FOR A "VOTE-BY-MAIL" APPLICATION, CONTACT:

- Perth Amboy City Clerk's Office at: 732-826-0290
- Middlesex County Clerk's Office at: (732) 745-3827 (application can be mailed to your home)
- Visit www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us for an application in English and Spanish.

KNOW THE PROPER PROCEDURE TO PROTECT YOUR VOTE:

- When you receive your application, mark on the top left corner that you want a ballot for the Special Election to be held on May 12.
- Sign your application and mail or hand deliver it to the County Clerk's Office.

Ballot Submission Instructions: When you receive your ballot, complete it. It must be received by the County Board of Elections Office BY TUESDAY, MAY 12. You may hand deliver the ballot UP UNTIL 8 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 12. If you mail your ballot, ensure that you allow enough time for it to be received by the Election Board by May 12. Questions??? Contact the Perth Amboy City Clerk's Office at 732-826-0290 ext. 4019. **Hablamos Español.**



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

PAFD BUILD ROOF FOR LOCAL FAMILY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Perth Amboy Fire Department assisted volunteered for a local Habitat for Humanity project to assemble the structure of the roof for a home on Laurie Street. To learn more about this project to sign up a volunteer group this spring season visit,

http://www.morrishabitat.org/project/lawrie_street/.



FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

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

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



SOCIAL MEDIA

Attention Business Owners:

Need help setting up a social media account for your small business?

Let us help you!

The BID offers FREE social media setup to all Perth Amboy small businesses.

For more information, please contact:

Randy Convery,

BID/UEZ Field Representative

(732) 826-0290 ext. 4050

rconvery@perthamboynj.org

BUDDY BASEBALL

Starting May 9th, 10:00 am

Perth Amboy Memorial Youth Sports Complex

No Cost

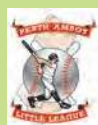
Ages: 7 -21 years
Each Child receives a full uniform Baseball for any ability level.

All players have a buddy for assistance.

EVERYONE BATS, EVERYONE SCORES, EVERYONE WINS!

The program utilizes the "buddy system": Children with physical and mental disabilities are paired, if necessary, with a buddy from our group of volunteers.

In collaboration with the New Jersey Institute of Disabilities and the Perth Amboy Little League



Going Green

The Department of Public Works is offering recycled wood chips to Perth Amboy residents **FREE OF CHARGE** to be used under trees and shrubs. Available on a first come, first served basis.

Pick-Up: Public Works yard, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Drop-Off: Truck will deliver (up to 4 yards of wood chips) load to end of driveway or onto front of the property. Free of charge. Truck will not go onto private property.

POT HOLES

Report a pothole for repair, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at **732-826-2010** or submit a request online at www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us.

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

Various Tree Species Are Between 2-4 Feet Tall

TREE SEEDLING GIVEAWAY

Wednesday, April 22, 2015
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Alpine Street Community Garden

Saturday, April 25, 2015
10 am – 1 pm
Fink Park on Smith Street & Madison Ave.

Thanks to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and their Sandy Tree Recovery Campaign, Perth Amboy will be giving away 750 tree seedlings (between 2-4 feet tall) to residents to plant on their properties in an effort to replace trees damaged by Superstorm Sandy. Ask about our community clean-up opportunities!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
ANDREW TOTH @ 732-826-0290 EXT 4046

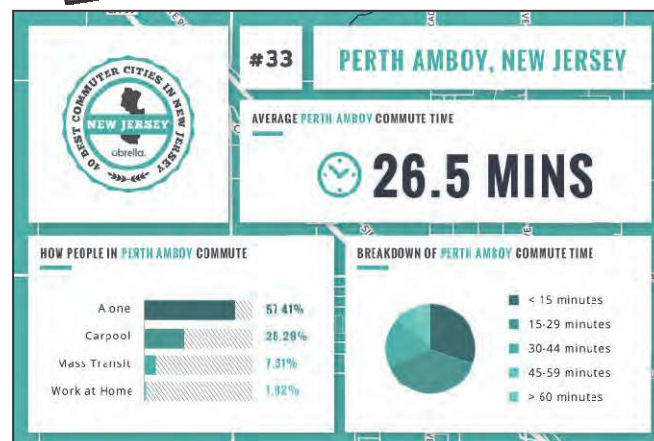
State Street Rehabilitation and Development

Commercial Development Company Inc. began demolition at the former ASARCO site at State Street. This large demolition project will raze 13 structures with a combined area of 253,270 square feet to clear the way for vertical development and return the site to productive re-use.

ENRC LLC, a New Jersey-based company with over 25 years' experience in demolition and environmental remediation services, will perform the asbestos abatement and demolition.

"For several decades, outer State Street has been plagued with hundreds of acres of environmentally challenged sites, but today is a new day in Perth Amboy. The creation of local job opportunities and the realization of new ratables are the primary goals of establishing a sustainable project that will carry Perth Amboy into a successful future," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Throughout 2015, CDC will prepare the site for redevelopment by constructing a groundwater treatment system that includes a 2,400 foot slurry wall and sheet pilings, and importing fill to raise the site above flood plan elevations. CDC will then partner with Bridge Development Partners, LLC to construct two industrial buildings totaling over one million square feet on the site.



Student/Summer Employment Program

Equal Opportunity Employer

The City of Perth Amboy will be accepting applications for the 2015 Summer Employment Program beginning **Tuesday, April 21, 2015**. Applicants must be age of 14–24 (by June 1, 2015) and a resident of the City of Perth Amboy.

Positions available:

- Park Counselor
- Camp Counselor
- Maintenance Aides
- Recreation Aides
- Clerical Aides

All applications must include a letter recommendation from a School or Community Representative. Application may be obtained on the City's Website or in person at City Hall, but cannot be submitted electronically. Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall, Office of Personnel, 260 High Street, 2nd floor, Monday - Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Questions??? Please contact 732-826-0290 ext. 4009.

Application deadline: Friday, May 22, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.



Spring Sports Programs Sign-up Today!

KARATE

Ages: 5 - Adult
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, Starts: 4/21
 6:30pm—7:30pm (Ages: 5-9)
 7:30pm—8:30pm (Ages: 10—Older)
 Robert N. Wilentz School
 \$40.00 per participant



RED RAIDERS MINI FOOTBALL CAMP

Ages: 8 & UP
Tuesdays & Thursdays, Starts: 4/21
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 Albert G. Waters Stadium
 FREE OF CHARGE

CHILDREN'S TENNIS

Starts: 4/21
Mondays & Wednesdays:
 Ages: 7 & 8: 6:00 pm— 7:30 pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays:
 Ages: 9 & 11: 6:00 pm—7:30pm
Fridays (Open Court):
 Ages: 12—17: 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.
Saturdays:
 Ages: 3 & 4: 10:00 am—11:00 am
 Ages: 5-6: 11:15 am—12:15 pm
 Waterfront Tennis Courts
 FREE OF CHARGE

ADULT TENNIS (18 yrs and up)

Starts: 4/21
 Ages: Adults
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Waterfront Tennis Courts
 FREE OF CHARGE

PRE SCHOOL CHEERLEADING

Starts: 4/22
 Ages: 3 - 5
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Location to be determined
 FREE OF CHARGE
*Instructed by the Unity Central Renegades
 Cheerleading Organization*

WOMEN WALKING FOR FITNESS

*Hosted by Mayor Wilda Diaz as part
 of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign*
 Ages: Adults
Tuesdays & Thursdays, Starts: 4/23
 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
 56 Brighton Ave., T-shirt included
 FREE OF CHARGE



WRESTLING CLINIC

Starts: 5/4
 Ages: 8—18
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
 (Starts: May 4th)
 Perth Amboy High School (Lower Gym)
 FREE OF CHARGE

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Starts: 4/22
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 Robert N. Wilentz School
 FREE OF CHARGE

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Ages: 18 & Over
Mondays & Wednesdays, Starts: 4/22
 \$45.00 PER PARTICIPANT

BOOTCAMP/FITCAMP

Every Monday & Wednesday, Starts: 4/22
 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
 Edward J. Patten School
 FREE OF CHARGE
*These classes are inspired by MMA Mixed Martial
 Arts, offering a variation of disciplined cardiovascular
 training, reduction of fatigue and other optional
 levels of exercises. The class will also target physical
 endurance, agility training, strength performance
 and time accuracy.*

PERTH AMBOY GALLERY



2015 SPRING Arts Program

REGISTER TODAY!! Classes begin **April 27, 2015** (8 week courses)

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

Arts & Crafts for Kids

Ages 5-9
Mondays 4:00-5:00pm **FREE**
 Students will embark on a magical art adventure with a variety of projects, including weaving, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking and more.

Story time... Let's Draw!

Ages 5-10
Tuesdays 4:00-5:00pm **FREE**
 Every week students will enjoy story time followed by a class on illustration. By the end of the course, students will have completed their very own illustrated story book to take home.

Open Art Studio for Tweens

Ages 10-13
Tuesdays 5:00-6:00pm **FREE**
 Where children create paintings, collages, drawings and sculptures. Projects are facilitated by professional artists. Children explore with clay, cardboard, fabric, found objects and more.

Intro to Dance at the Gallery Ages 4-6

Thursdays 3:45pm - 4:30pm **FREE**
 This exciting new class will introduce younger students to basic technique in a structured yet FUN setting. Simple coordination, musicality, rhythm and concentration will be emphasized. Students are encouraged to explore space and enjoy dancing.

Students are required to wear ballet shoes

Presented by JOY'S DANCE HOUSE

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

Oil Painting for Teens

Ages 13-17
Wednesdays 4:00-6:00pm **FREE**

Oil Painting for Adults

Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm
 Many people aspire to learn how to paint with oil, but few know where to begin. This class is catered to the beginning oil painter, with ample support and exercises provided for pleasant exploration into the foundations of oil painting. This class will provide technical information to get you started (brushes, basic mediums, color, surface, and applications), with the room to access and grow your own personal style. Materials will be provided.

Ceramics for Teens & Adults

Ages 13-Adults
Saturdays 11:00am-1:00pm **FREE**
 (Maximum of 12 students)
 Learn basic handbuilding and wheelthrowing skills and glazing techniques while working independently in a supportive atmosphere with other artists. Students will be encouraged to explore their own ideas while learning about the possibilities of clay.

Music & Dance Immersion Programs with LA CASA

Program Starts April 21st
 Ages 5 to 13

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

Guitar
 Tuesdays 3:30-7:30pm
 Thursdays 3:30-7:30pm
 Fridays 3:30-6:30pm
 (individual lessons)

Percussion
 Wednesdays 4:30-7:00pm
 New Student Placement available for 4:30 Class Only

Dance
 Saturdays 11:00-1:15pm
 Ballet, Hip Hop, Salsa/Casino
 Modern and Folkloric Dance

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



To register, and for more information:

Contact the Office of Recreation
 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
(732) 826-1690 x4305 | recleader@perthamboynj.org
www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts
339 Reade Street (in Patten Park), Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
www.facebook.com/perthamboygallery

Perth Amboy Adult Education Center
 Mrs. Maria Diaz—Coordinator (732) 376-6240

ZUMBA !!! For Adults (18 yrs and up)

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Starts: 4/22
 6:00 pm—7:00 pm
 STEM ACADEMY, 351 Mechanic Street
 FREE OF CHARGE

ESL FOR SURVIVAL for ADULTS

Mondays & Wednesdays, Starts: 4/22
 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
 STEM ACADEMY, 351 Mechanic Street
 FREE OF CHARGE

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH for ADULTS

Mondays & Wednesdays, Starts: 4/22
 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
 STEM ACADEMY, 351 Mechanic Street
 FREE OF CHARGE

Payment for programs by: Money Order Only

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The Club
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 Boys & Girls Club—Olive Street Drop In Center
 sponsored by
 Mayor Wilda Diaz
 and the Perth Amboy Recreation Department
 (open to 3rd & 4th grade Perth Amboy students)
 For more information or to register please call
 732-324-2114 Ext 122 Email: info@bgcpa.us
 Boys & Girls Club—Olive Street Center
 1 Olive Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

RED RAIDERS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION DATES

Ages: 8 – 14 (Boys & Girls)
 High School students not eligible
 Youth Complex (Behind Wendy's)

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

REGISTER ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Location: **Fieldhouse** (Behind Wendy's)
 May 15th 5:30pm to 7:30pm
 May 16th 11:am to 1pm
 June 19th 5:30pm to 7:30pm
 June 20th 11am to 1pm
 July 17th 5:30pm to 7:30pm
 July 18th 11am to 1pm

Location: **Family Day** (Sadowski Pkwy)
 Saturday, August 1, 2014—11:00am to 2:00pm
 (Rain date: August 8th.)

Non-refundable Registration Fee: \$75 per participant
 Register online: www.htosports.com/parr
 For additional info., please call: Sharon Coaxum
 (201) 206-6788 or Wanda Velasquez (732) 925-0155

UNITY CENTRAL RENEGADES COMPETITION CHEERLEADING

April 23 & April 24th—4 pm—9 pm
 April 25th—10:00 am—3:00 pm

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE
 (First come, First Served)

Ages: 4.5 — 30

Registration Fee: \$75.00 per participant
 Address: 337 Madison Avenue (near Little Caesar's)
 For additional info. please call:
 Coach Sharon Piper: (732) 406-9621
 Coach Christina Boyd: (732) 585-3744

Upcoming Events

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

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APRIL

Community Clean-Up

Saturday, April 25th, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(Registration at 9:00 a.m.)
Fink Park, Smith Street & Madison Ave.

Post-Sandy Perth Amboy Forum Discussion on Future Storms Impact/Infrastructure Upgrades

Saturday, April 25th, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers, 260 High St.

For Business Owners:

Neighborhood Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 29th, 12:00 noon
El Shaday Restaurant, 308 State Street

MAY

Mariachi Day by the Bay

Sunday, May 3rd, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Perth Amboy Train Station
(Parking Lot) Smith Street

“Those who CAN, TEACH”

Middlesex County Teachers Exhibit
Opening Reception
Thursday, May 14th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Perth Amboy Gallery, 339 Reade Street

Community Theater Performance: SOUL TIME

May 8th & 9th, 7:00 p.m.
YMCA Theater, 357 New Brunswick Ave.
Tickets: \$10

Free Rabies Clinic for Cats & Dogs

Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Public Works Garage 599 Fayette St.

Open Mic Night (All Ages)

Friday, May 16th, 7:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Perth Amboy Gallery, 339 Reade Street

Small Business Street Fair

Saturday, May 16th, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Amboy Ave & Washington St.

PA Waterfront Arts Festival

Saturday, May 23rd (Rain Date May 24th)
12:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Sadowski Parkway

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Monday, May 25th
Parade: 10:00 a.m.
Ceremony 11:00 a.m., Veterans' War Memorial
Call 732-826-1690 x 4306 to participate
in the parade

Greek Multi-Cultural Festival
May 29th, 30th and 31st
Sadowski Parkway (Non-City Event)

JUNE

Perth Amboy Portugal Day
Friday, June 12th
Flag Raising, City Hall Circle, 6pm
Musical & folk performance
following at Bayview Park

Puerto Rican Festival
June 12th, 13th and 14th
Rudyk Park (Non-City Event)

Andes Festival, Saturday, June 27th
Food, music, dances & history
12 noon to 5:00 p.m.
Train Station Parking Lot (north bound)
Smith Street (Co-sponsor by MCCHC)

Office of Aging

SPRING PROGRAMS

APRIL

Thursday, April 23rd

Transportation to NJ Division of Motor Vehicles
11:45 a.m.

Monday, April 27th

Billiard Tournament Home vs. Woodbridge, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 28th

Foot Doctor visits AJC, 10:30 a.m.
April Birthday Sing A Long, 11:45 a.m.

Thursday, April 30th

Trip to Walmart, 12:00 p.m.

MAY, Older Americans Month

Wednesday, May 6th

Presentation on Medicare Fraud, 10:45 a.m.
Educational Outreach Program,
Parkview Apts., 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 8th

Mother's Day Luncheon, 10:45 a.m.

Monday, May 11th

Blood Pressure Screening
Raritan Bay Medical Ctr., 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 21st

Wellness Program at Kiddie Keepwell Camp,
10:00 a.m.

Monday, May 25th

Nutrition Program by MC Office on Aging,
11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, May 26th

May Birthday, Sing A Long, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, May 27th

MC 90's Birthday Bash
(Registration a must), 10:00 a.m.

JUNE

Friday, June 5th

Visit to Rutgers Gardens, 11:45 a.m.

Thursday, June 11th

David's Touch Billiard Tournament, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, June 12th

Trip to Walmart, 12:00 p.m.

Monday, June 15th

Father's Day Breakfast, 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 23rd

June Birthday, Sing A Long, 11:45 a.m.

In addition, our office will be completing applications for
this year's Farmer's Market program starting in June.

Please call our office for an application and to
register for any of the above programs,
732-826-1690, Ext. 4326.

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12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Estacion del Tren en Perth Amboy

Rain Date:
Sunday, June 28th
Encaso de lluvia: Domingo, 28 de Junio

Argentina, Bolivia,
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This festival has been made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State,
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Saturday May 16
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Amboy Ave and Washington Street
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Woman's Club Art Show 4/13/15

**Photo by Marcella Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - The Woman's Club Art Show was held at the Barge Restaurant on 4/13/15. President Linda Cruz announced the following winners: Most Popular: Lianna Perez; Best Pastel - Khilisia Rosario; Best Drawing - Ana Alarcon and Best Painting - Camila Castillo of the Perth Amboy High School Art Program under the direction of Art Teacher Brooke Napoli. The judge was Co-President Eva Schlachter. Woman's Club Art Projects Chairperson Marcella Massopust coordinated the event.

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Comedy Night

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Motorcycle Club, 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy Presents Comedy Night on May 1st. Featuring: Fred Rubino, Tim Hayes and Joseph Anthony. Buffet @ 7 p.m. Show begins @ 8 p.m. Cost: \$30.00 (Includes Buffet and soft drinks) All proceeds to Charitable Causes. For more info contact - 732-727-7170.

Women's Resource Center Help Program

SOUTH AMBOY - Tuesday, April 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

The Citizens Campaign To Hold Perth Amboy Storm Resiliency Conference

Press Release 4/17/15
 PERTH AMBOY - The Citizens Campaign announced today that it is hosting a Building Storm Resiliency Conference on Saturday, April 25 in Perth Amboy. The Conference will focus on what the City is currently doing and on what more it can do to better prepare for the intense storms that scientists predict could be one of the weather impacts of climate change. Among the topics to be discussed are how to bring flooding and other storm-water impacts to the forefront of city planning, what kinds of infrastructure improvements are needed, and what steps can be taken to improve drainage citywide.

The Citizens Campaign Chair Harry Pozycki said, "We look forward to a robust and informative discussion about the steps Perth Amboy can take to become more resilient. It is essential to do all we can to prepare for future storms."

The conference will include a panel discussion featuring the following participants: Chris Sturm, Senior Director of State Policy, New Jersey Future, Michelle Hartmann, Design Specialist, Rutgers Water Resources Program and Greg Fehrenbach, Perth Amboy's former Business Administrator. Mayor Wilda Diaz will kick-off the Conference with opening remarks.

The Conference will be held at the City Council Chambers in City Hall, which is located at 260 High Street. It begins at 10 AM and ends at 100 PM.. There is no charge to attend and it is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. New Jersey Future and the New Jersey Urban Mayor's Association are co-hosting the Conference..

Building increased storm resiliency brings many potential benefits to a community. It not only saves lives and limits damage to property and buildings; it also saves money and fosters new and innovative economic development. According to Judith Rodin, author of the Resilience Dividend., "It costs 50 percent more to rebuild in the wake of a disaster than to build the infrastructure to withstand the shock." Further, more companies are considering whether communities are resilient-able to minimize and withstand storm damage--when making location decisions.

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Local New Jersey Bands Unite at the Stone Pony to Put on a Benefit Concert for Renowned Film Director Jose Escamilla

By: James C. Sullivan
ASBURY PARK - SUNDAY
 April 26, 2015 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at The Stone Pony located at 918 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey. Nine local New Jersey bands will put on a live show to raise money for Film Director Jose Escamilla's medical costs. Mr. Escamilla is better known for his documentary films: UFO's From Outer Space, ORBS, They Live in the Skies (Rods Film) and his new movie The Battle of Los Angeles which has not yet been released.

Michael O'Connor, lead singer of the NJ Band, Mikell's Plot and John Garoniak, owner of Stageright Music Studios in Woodbridge, NJ have teamed up to create, organize and promote this benefit concert at The Stone Pony. The benefit is being held to help Jose Escamilla raise money for his heart condition that requires expensive medical treatments.

Tickets for the April 26th

live benefit show are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Advanced tickets can be picked up at Stageright Music Studios in Woodbridge NJ. For more information on the tickets and directions, call Johnny G at 732-602-1355 or go to www.thestonepony.com and order them online.

The nine local New Jersey Bands performing at the benefit concert are Mikell's Plot, Mike Walsh and Departure, Broken Angels, Bullet Train, Chris Seabasty, Magical Voodoo Revue, The Dana Gaynor Band, Smoking Catfish and The Zamborys. All of these bands and their members have played a big role in helping promote this benefit concert for Jose Escamilla on their band Facebook accounts and to their family friends and fans.

This Benefit Concert is a great reason to take the family out at the memorable Stone Pony which is one of the most famous Rock 'n Roll Clubs in



Jose Escamilla

the world. Come enjoy some great live local New Jersey music, put on by dedicated local bands, who are playing to raise money for Jose Escamilla an icon in the documentary film business. Escamilla needs the communities to help raise money for his costly medical treatments. If you can't make it to the show, but want to help, stop by Jose Escamilla's [gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) website and make a donation.

Goodbye to Guggies



The last remains of AS&R. Photo taken 4/1/15 when demolition began.
 *Photos by Katherine Massopust

By: A.J. Massopust
 City Historian, Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - An old resident of Perth Amboy is slowly disappearing. On outer State Street are the last buildings of AS&R Co. -- The American Smelting and Refining Co. better known to older residences of our town as "Guggies" after the famous Guggenheims who owned it are being demolished. The plant has been in Perth Amboy since 1894. The Perth Amboy location was selected because of the salt water access, the Lehigh Valley Railroad and its road hub potential location. The plant eventually went from a swamp in an area which had very little else to a 75 acre facility and a complex of an adjoining 80 acres. In 1915 the plant started smelting tin - the first in the United States. It was a unique plant as it carried out a all non-ferrous metal processes in one place except treatments of ores and concentrates. The Perth Amboy location was the only place where all sorts of non-ferrous metals were smelted. Examples are gold, silver, platinum, copper, lead, palladium, antimony, antimonial lead alloys, bismuth and a complete line of lead sheet, lead pipe, rods and tubes. This was just some of the material produced. During WWII the plant made the cable-pipe sort of device which transported fuel across the English channel.

The first building which was of brick construction was still standing and it was the residence of John Allen, the plant's first superintendent. It is said Meyer Guggenheim even stayed there, the building eventually became the lab. The AS&R Co. left in the early eighties after keeping a small office in the building. It was in that building that the AS&R Co. gave the Volunteer Fire Dept. Parade Committee their beloved Ahrens Fox Fire engine which is housed in the Perth Amboy Fire Department Museum.

It was said (before labor laws) that you began work in the plant at 7:00 a.m. and left when done. The work was hard and laborious, three 8 hr. shifts per day. In this large facility our grandfathers, fathers, uncles and ancestors toiled and stoked the furnaces. It was here that our many nationalities of immigrants made their daily wage so that their children could achieve "The American Dream."

The AS&R Co. has made its mark on the city of Perth Amboy. Many, many splinter jobs and revenues were created from this plant such as health services, supplies, and of course, taxes. Many of our residents and past residents can find "Guggies" in their family history. Another chapter in our history has come to an end.

Before & After Cleanup - Hall & Atlantic

*Photos by Joe Bayona



Before



After



Before



After

By: Joe Bayona

PERTH AMBOY - Some of the neighbors stated that this house and property, (on the northwest corner of Hall and Atlantic) was immaculate when the previous owner lived here. Now the house is empty, although lights can be seen inside at night on occasion. Kids hang out on the porch drinking beer and smoking. A big raccoon frequents the property. Some of the neighbors say that cleaning up the property will do some good, but the place has become a dumping ground and the trash will just come back. Frequent complaints to the city doesn't seem to do any good.

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 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. at 881 Amboy Ave. Perth Amboy. No registration required.

Garden Guru Returns

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Association, 63 Catalpa Avenue, Perth Amboy Presents Stan-Lee, Author of "Garden Guru" on Sunday, May 3, 1 p.m. Stan Lee, local gardener and author of "Garden Guru", will give a lively and informative talk about his gardening experiences. Mr. Lee's talks at Kearny Cottage Museum have been a favorite because of his unique presentation and valuable gardening tips. Refreshments will be served. For more info on the Garden Guru go to: <http://www.dorrancebookstore.com/gardenguru.html>

C-Town Fire 4/13/15 - 4/17/15 South Amboy

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Spring Flower Fair 2015

NEW BRUNSWICK - Please bring your own garden cart. The Ultimate Plant Sale! The sale is on rain or shine. Come out to support the Gardens and our Student Internship Program. The Spring Flower Fair is a garden plant sale that provides you with the opportunity to purchase everyone's favorite varieties, as well as unique and/or difficult-to-find plants that will enhance your garden with flower, form or food. This year we increased the selection of those hard-to-find plants, but also focused upon those plants that will provide solutions to difficult sites in your garden!

Your purchase directly benefits the Rutgers Gardens Student Internship Program, which will provide hands-on educational experience for over 12 students this coming summer. Rutgers Gardens is entirely self-supporting, and your support is greatly needed and appreciated!

2015 Schedule of Events: Pre-order sales will be processed for Rutgers Gardens Members ONLY. Plants may be picked up on May 8 at the Preview Sale and Reception.

Plant Sale Highlights Class: April 23 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your landscape design questions to this class where Bruce Crawford, Director of Rutgers Gardens, will address them. Also, he will discuss the growing conditions and uses of some of the most popular

plants, as well as the rare and unusual plants available at this year's sale. Rutgers Gardens Members: Free please RSVP to Mary Ann Schrum - Non-Members: \$10.00 - Location: Holly House. Thursday, May 7 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Spring Flower Fair Preview Sale and Rare Plant Auction - Members and Special guests only. Must join or renew by May 1, 2015. Invitations will be mailed and RSVP is necessary to attend. Friday, May 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sale open to the general public.

Saturday, May 9 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sale open to the general public. Sunday, May 10 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sale open to the general public.

Mother's Day Special! - Bring Mom to the Gardens on Mother's Day and take part in our free container garden workshop. Rutgers Gardens staff and Volunteers will be on hand to provide demonstrations on putting together the perfect container. Pots and soil will be provided and participants will be able to purchase their own plants to put together own container. Workshop Times: 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m.

Rutgers Gardens thanks the following businesses for helping provide our Volunteers with t-shirts, lunch and snacks at this year's sale

Healthy Kids Day

SOUTH AMBOY - the South Amboy YMCA is holding a free community event to inspire more kids to keep their minds and bodies active. Healthy Kids Day will take place on Saturday, April 25, at 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Supported nationally by Humana. For more information, contact the South Amboy YMCA at 732-553-9622 or visit www.ymcaofmewsa.org.

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.

Vet's Coffee House

PERTH AMBOY - Attention area vets of our Armed Forces. The Salvation Army Vet's Coffee House meets once a month, every 2nd Thursday for coffee, donuts and conversation. Time is 19:00 - 21:00 located at the corner of Washington Street and State Street, Perth Amboy. We can be reached at the Salvation Army 732-826-7040. We look forward to meeting you.

Vendors and Shoppers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee will be holding a Flea Market/Vendor Sale on Saturday, May 2nd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Raritan Bay YMCA Parking Lot, 375 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. For Vendor info please contact Kim at 732-824-1719 or Kim62694@comcast.net

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 732-72 1-6060.

Ask the Rabbi

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

Learn with the Rabbi at Panera Yeshiva

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

Geranium Sale

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC's 37th Annual Geranium Sale, Monday, May 4. \$32 per dozen, \$3.50 each plant. Also available: Hanging Geranium Plants, \$20 each. Pick-up outside of the medical center at Groom Street entrance. Please remember to mark your calendar for the date and pick-up time: May 4, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Orders due by April 27. Return the form below with check payable to: RBMC Perth Amboy Auxiliary. Geraniums: Pink, White, Red, Fuchsia or Hanging Geranium (You will be called with colors) Mail checks to: Joan Volanin, 154 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

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.

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Call 732-826-4103 For Other Pick-ups & Times

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Cool Yard Sale

178 Market St.

Perth Amboy

Saturday, April 25, 2015

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Comics - Superman, Spiderman,
Batman, GI Joe & Others
Classic Movies on VHS, Clothes,
Toy Soldiers, Assorted Items

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!

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

Military Assistance Center

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

Open House

SOUTH AMBOY - The Historical Society of South Amboy is having their 3rd annual open house on Saturday, April 25 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the South Amboy Senior Center, 108 South Stevens Ave., South Amboy. Guest Speaker and Local Author Joanne Hamilton Rajoppi will speak on New Brunswick and the Civil War and The Brunswick Boys in the Great Rebellion with a Presentation at 1 p.m. Featuring a special exhibit on South Amboy's Finest: Our First Responders. Bring your old photos to be scanned in and featured on our website and Facebook page for others to be archived and enjoyed. Refreshments will be served.

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 Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.
 Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.
Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

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Bus Trip**

PERTH AMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino will be on Thursday, May 7th. 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.

**Toastmasters'
Open House**

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**Kolbas
Sandwich
Sale**

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Most Holy Name of Jesus Worship Site, Lawrie St., Perth Amboy, will host a kolbas sandwich sale in the Site's hall at 5:30 p.m., Sat., May 2. Tickets, \$8, will be sold only at the door. For further information call: 732-721-5914.

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.

**Financial
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

**PAHS Class of
1970 Reunion**

PERTH AMBOY - P.A.H.S. CLASS OF 1970, "45th Class Reunion," October 3, 2015, The Forge, Route 9, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, 6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m., Gourmet Buffet-5hr open bar-DJ, \$80 Per person. Payment due in full by August 1, 2015 -(sorry no refunds). Accommodations: Hampton Inn, Route 9, Woodbridge, NJ 07095. Mention PAHS REUNION & receive special rates (732-855-6900). Contacts: PAHS1970@aol.com, Tom:732-583-3527. Mail & Address checks to: PAHS CLASS OF 70, 10 Hamble Rd. Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!

Senior Scene

Happenings

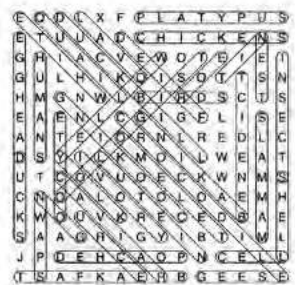
Perth Amboy

- WED. Apr. 22 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. Apr. 23 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Apr. 27 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Apr. 28 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Apr. 29 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Apr. 30 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Apr. 27 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. May. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. May. 13 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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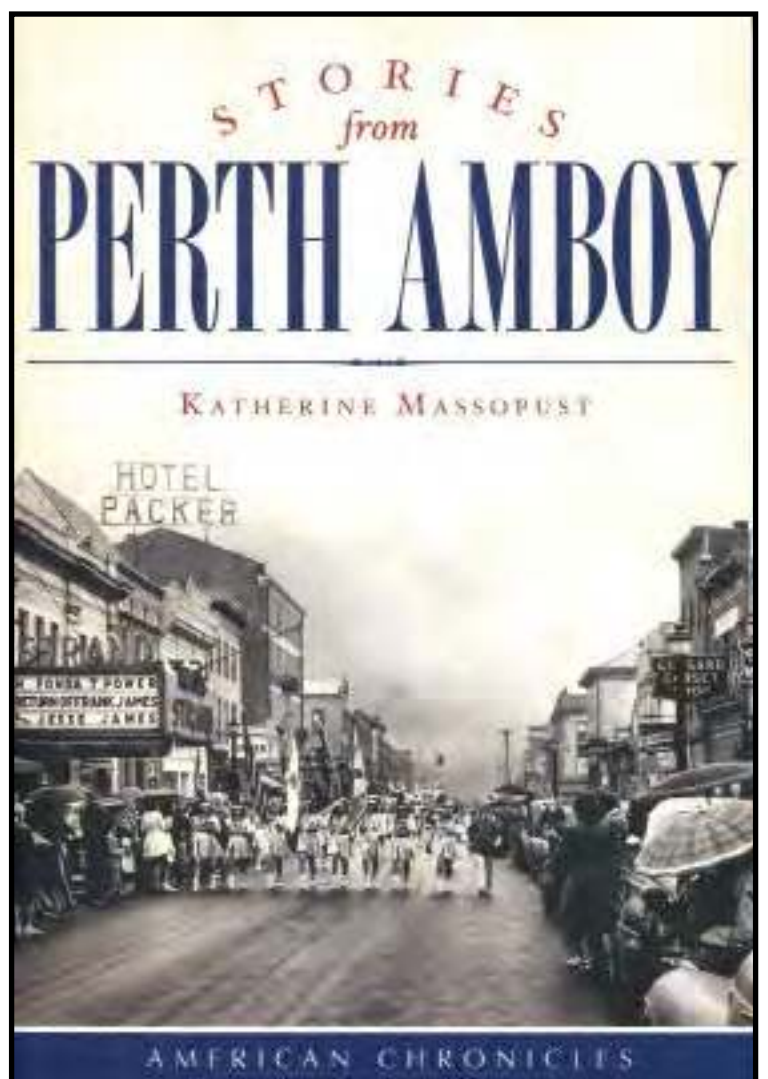


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School Concert circa 1950's
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