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# Is It High Time for High Street? Seeking Parking Permits or Meter Removals 4/22/15 Council Meeting





Both Photos above show Part of the 200 Block. It is located NE of City Hall on High Street with mixed use buildings, most which have their own parking garages or private lots.

PERTH AMBOY – Communication 8: Joseph B. Vas, on behalf of himself and tenants and owners of the Perth Amboy Commons located on Rector Street and High Street between Smith and Fayette Streets requesting that the meters be removed in the areas of High and Fayette Streets or that residential decals authorizing parking be issued.

During the public portion, J.B. Vas argued that all of the City Buildings that were located in that area (Police Department, Courthouse and First Aid Squad) are now closed. "The Rector Street side has no meters there." He questioned why meters on the residential side of High Street are still there. "Residents have to feed the meters up until 6 p.m. I can understand the part of High



Parking meters on part of the 300 Block of High Street (Northeast of City Hall) between Smith and Fayette Street. Residents who wish to park in front of their homes must feed the meters or get ticketed.

\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



J.B. Vas

Street where the Rosengarten Properties are located having meters. There is a larger concentration of commercial buildings there, most which have their own parking. Visitors who drive their cars to the residential properties have a hard time parking because of the meters. Some time ago there were a need for meters because the town homes that are there now were not built yet."

Former Councilman Kenneth Balut came up to speak and drew a chuckle for those in attendance when he said, "I usually don't agree with Vas about anything, but I totally agree with him in this case. Other residents can get personalized spaces in front of their homes. Why not those on High Street?"



Ken Balut

In the past, Balut has said, "Any resident that has meters in front of their homes should get residential permits."

A Rector Street Resident came up to speak, "I don't understand why there are meters in front of resident's homes on High Street. It doesn't make sense that you constantly have to feed the meters in front of your house. A lot of people wind up parking on my street where there are no meters. This makes parking hard for the residents who live there."

Council President Lisa Nanton remarked, "The Police Department and Parking Utility are working together to gather data. They're looking at all of High Street to see what would be a feasible solution."

Councilman Joel Pabon was absent due to illness.

## 2015 Municipal Budget Points of Interest

PERTH AMBOY - 4/20/15 Caucus - Former Councilman Kenneth Balut cautioned B.A. Jillian Barrick in how items are worded on the agenda. He questioned the numbers of personnel given in reference to the Police and Fire Departments. "Sometimes the wording on the agenda indicates that the numbers are increasing in these departments when in fact they are not. The same number of officers hired are replacing those who retire. That is not an increase in personnel."

Balut was pleased to see that Code Enforcement would actually be increasing their personnel.

B.A. Jillian Barrick agreed that Balut was correct, "Plus there will be no personnel changes in the dispatch department."

Balut also questioned what was included in the Mayor's budget, referencing if bodyguards and drivers are included. The B.A. responded, "The Mayor's budget covers her staff."

He continued questioning Barrick, "How is the former B.A. (Fehrenbach) paid for special services that he performs now? Out of what budget?"

Barrick answered, "Fehrenbach's contract is under consulting fees under a separate line item under my budget."

C.F.O. Jill Goldy referenced Resolution R-166-4/15 amending the CY-2015 Budget. "We had to include the cost of the special election because of the budget hearing that was held on 4/13/15. Adjustments had to be made, especially for the Department of Public Works. Additional costs are 10% of amended line items. Those items will be on the agenda of the special meeting to be held on Thursday, April 30th."

B.A. Jillian Barrick added, "Revenues have to be amended to include the special election, Landings Negotiations, Planning and Zoning Board Expenses, Salaries and Overtime for the Police Department. Department of Public Works



B.A. Jillian Barrick

costs were increased due to a very harsh winter, especially during March. Several Civic Activities took place and additional names will be placed on the Veterans Memorial."

Resident and Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman said, "The interest and principle are factored into our debt services." She questioned the \$6 million, "Where was it applied? Also the water company used to pay the City concession fees. What happened to them? How are we getting our debt down? We received Sandy funs of \$8 million."

B.A. Jillian Barrick said, "There are two caps that are factored into the budget: One is a legislative cap of 5.5% and the governor's cap which is 2%. We can bank 3.5% of the cap if it is in excess. As far as the water concession fees - that was ceased within the last two years. Those fees were known as short term fees. With the Sandy funds, we borrowed \$17 million in which \$8 million were reimbursed by FEMA. We only bonded \$12 million."

There will be a special Budget Hearing on Thursday, April 30 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers.

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## **Enough is Enough?**

PERTH AMBOY - Two residents appeared before the Council during the 4/6/15 Caucus Meeting. They wanted to know what steps they need to take to start another taxi business.

They said, "The population has increased significantly since the limit on existing taxi services went into effect. Residents have told us that they wait a long time for taxicabs to arrive."

City Attorney Mark Blunda a the time told them, "There is an ordinance in place which indicates how many cab companies can exist." He recommended that they should get a petition with signatures and addresses. They should acquire as much data as possible and present it to the Council."

During the 4/22/15 Council Meeting, a cab owner came up to speak about this issue. He said, "A lot of the existing cab companies have issues with another taxi service coming aboard. The two gentlemen that came up to speak at a previous meeting did have a petition which they have a right to do. You (the Coun-

cil and Blunda) should look at the signatures and some of the other items on that petition handed over to you. They did not meet all the requirements requested."

Resident David Caba came up to speak next. Addressing Attorney Mark Blunda, Caba said. "There is an ordinance in place about tax alliances and the numbers can be issued. Just because someone has a petition and signatures you should have told them about the ordinance already in place restricting cab licenses. I have a relative in the cab business and I have driven taxis myself. Why aren't the people who turned in the petition not here?"

Blunda replied, "I told the two gentlemen about the ordinance already in place and the Council has the power to amend an ordinance. The Police Department is studying whether another taxi company is needed.

Caba replied, "There are 45 cabs right now which is enough for a town this size.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, "People came



Some of the Attendees at the 4/22/15 Council Meeting \*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

here because they wanted to explain why they feel there is a need for another taxi company. We didn't tell them that we would be doing anything about that. We look forward to working with the existing taxi services and the residents for what's best."

City Clerk Elaine Jasko said, "The taxi companies, myself and the Police are meeting to discuss problems with servicing the residents."

Councilman Joel Pabon was absent due to illness.



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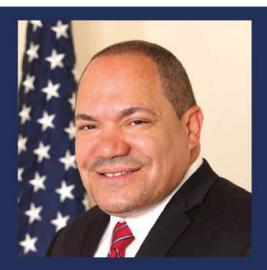
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## LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

#### **EDITORIAL**

## For Better or For Worse??????

I happened to be listening to the John Catsimatidis Radio Show which aired Sunday Morning (4/19/15). For those who are unfamiliar with John Catsimatidis, he was one of the New York Mayoral Candidates in 2014.

There was a gentleman that John interviewed by the name of Nick Adams. Mr. Adams is from Australia. What he said made my ears perk up. He loves the United States and is working towards becoming an American Citizen. He was elected to his town City Council as a teenager and eventually became Deputy Mayor. According to his bio: Nick Adams is an educator and professional speaker. He holds an undergraduate and post-graduate degrees from the University of Sydney, Australia. At the age of 19 he was elected to his first public office, and he became the youngest ever Deputy Mayor in Australian history at age 21. He is also a survivor of childhood cancer. He was given a 5% chance of survival at age 16 months.

Adams book, The American Boomerang: How the World's Greatest Turnaround Nation Will Do it Again speaks on American Exceptionalism how we're losing it – and how we can come back. He also authored a book: America: The Greatest Good.

Sometimes it takes an outsider to show those who take it for granted living in America just how great a country we are, even though we have our share of warts and faults.

The most astounding part of that interview is when Mr. Adams said, "It is mandatory that anyone of voting age has to vote in the elections. This is mandatory!"

Of course, I had to Google this to make sure this is factual. Of course, this is where he lives and he should know.

What I found out was absolutely astounding, but maybe this is the way to go.

This is what I found out about Australia's mandatory voting

Layout & Asst. Writer

rule called Compulsory Voting. On the Australian Government Website it stated that the argument for compulsory voting is that voting is a civic duty such as serving on a jury.

You can have a hearing to dispute your reason for not voting. It is at the discretion of the judge hearing your case as to whether your excuse is legitimate or not. You can be fined up to \$170 or do community service if your excuse is not valid. There is a list of exclusions for not being able to vote. Our suggestion is to look it up. The information can be found at http://www.aec.gov. au/voting/Compulsory Voting.htm

Our research indicated that out of 31 Countries with compulsory voting only 12 actually enforce it.

Here are some examples of consequences for nonvoters in countries that have compulsory voting:

In Bolivia, if a voter fails to take part in polls, he or she is denied withdrawal of the salary from the bank for three months.

In Peru and Greece, government privileges (like obtaining new passport or driver's license) are denied to those failing to vote.

In Tunisia, all should vote except for the police and military, people with mental disorders, the ones who have served more than three months in prison on criminal charges and those who have been given a suspended sentence of more than six months.

Belgium has the oldest existing compulsory voting system, introduced in 1892 for men, and 1949 for women. People who do not vote face a moderate fine or, if they fail to vote in at least four elections, they can lose the right to vote for 10 years. Non-voters also face difficulties getting a job in the public sector.

In some countries you are exempt from voting if you are

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# **Operation** Jade Helm

Look at this, the U.S. Military will be having drills from July 15 to Sept.15 of 2015. It's called Operation Jade Helm 15 by Special Forces (SOCOM). It will be held at the southern states from midnight to 5:00 a.m. Very odd. Add get this Texas and Utah will be use has **HOSTILE STATES!** I wonder why? What's with these military drills? Can it be mind control or the BIG ONE is coming? I have seen many movies about the military taking over towns and local government such as "Deep Impact (1998)"

but this military drill which has many people in Texas and Utah wondering - FAKE or REAL? NOW can this happen in New Jersey? I wonder or maybe it's the plan already. Let's see what will happen in

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

# Cruel & Inhumane **Ordinance**

On April 8th, I spoke to Mayor Diaz of my need for a handicap parking space in front of my house at the Council Chambers. I gave her two letters from my doctor. On April 20th, I received a letter from Sgt. Montalvo PAPD

stating that "Chapter 225A-Section '01 City of Perth Amboy" prohibits this. I am a diabetic and suffer from frequent diabetic ulcers. This law is cruel and inhumane. My ulcers are on the bottom of my feet. Extra walking puts stress on my ulcers and slows down the healing process. This law, I feel discriminates against handicapped taxpayers. Many times, I am forced to pay a cab, because if I drive, I will have to park far from my house. When I have an ulcer and have to wear an open healing shoe in the winter weather, this is a real problem. My doctor has operated on me several times for my ulcers. All the City has to do is check my medical records and they will see my need for a parking space.

Gudelio Gonzalez Jr.

## Whoopsie Doodle!

To err is human; to forgive divine. This is a maxim applicable to us mortals. It ought not to apply to judges in their decisions which are to be solely on the facts and the Law. This is lacking in the decision of the judge in ordering a Special Election on May 12 to decide the 5th City Council Member.

This has caused great harm and confusion to our beloved city. For weeks the City Council cannot be effective in taking action! These perilous times are critical! Individuals have been harmed! And, of course the expenses are formidable and not affordable!

As a graduate of the Amboy Care Center Resort I find it demeaning and insulting. My fellow patients and I are quite distressed. Our bodies may be disabled. But not our minds! We appreciate any help in attending to our civic duties. There is no way to prove we are focused to do anything!

I am confident that we are tough and resilient. We shall rise above this unpleasant interlude!

In closing I thank and bless the swell treatment I received from the wonderful people at the Resort! I was reluctant to leave! WHOOPSIE DOO-DLE!

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

## Facts and Fiction

A lot has been said about the court decision that is leading to the special election...I want the public to examined the FACTS, don't take any sides just concentrate in FACTS...

From the beginning of the election there was an obvious plan from the Fernando Gonzalez camp along with the Milady Tejada BOE campaign to win at any cost. They are claiming that they are the good guys and I am all for good guys but, in my estimation a good guy stand for the right thing no matter what. The reality is that when this case went to court it was not about Sergio Diaz it was about the law, the right of people who freely choose who they will vote for and the RIGHT THING TO DO.

Fernando Gonzalez in the speech that he gave when he was sworn to office before the voter fraud case when to court he claimed that this was a voter suppression tactics by the Mayor and others. The reality was decided in a court of law that Fernando Gonzalez along with Milady Tejada, Jose Rodriguez (husband of Leslie Dominguez Rodriguez) and Manuel Nunez benefited by the fraud that was committed by Leslie Dominguez Rodriguez and Gilfrank Nunez.. The Facts which are a stubborn thing indicates the following ....Fernando Gonzalez received a total of 1596 votes at the polls got 67 provisional ballots and 634 absentee ballots, Sergio Diaz received a total of 1810 votes at the polls got 55 provisional and a total of 449 absentees, it is quite

obvious that if it wasn't for the absentee ballots Fernando wouldn't had won it is also a facts that a lot of other absentee ballots that Fernando is not talking about were disqualified before the count due to major irregularities by the board of elections. The matter of the voter fraud is not due to only 8 votes is based on horrendous abused of our most vulnerable citizens and the seniors.

In the court case witness after witness pointed the finger at Leslie Dominguez Rodriguez and these are some of the testimony given by them.

A blind man and a woman who couldn't recall either her own address or having voted. Nursing home resident testified that Dominguez Rodriguez pressured them into voting for her husband while pretending to be someone

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Board of Education, 6 p.m.

WED. May 6 PAHS, Eagle Ave. MON. May 11

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

TUES. May 12 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.

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#### A New Face in an Old Place

By: Joe Bayona

SOUTH AMBOY - There's a new face in an old place. What once was "Henry's Raritan Barber Shop" is now "Carmine's Barber Shop".

The new owner, Carmine Moore, has 26 years of experience since graduating from the Reignbow Academy in Perth Amboy.

Born in Red Bank Carmine has lived in New Jersey all of his life.

When asked why he became a barber, Carmine replied; "A friend of mine offered me a job in a nail salon. When I went to the Reignbow Academy, I decided to go for the whole course; I really didn't want to do nails."

Carmine's first barbers' job was with "Crazy Johnny's Barber Shop" in Port Monmouth. "He has since passed, but was a great guy," says Carmine. "I also worked at: "John's of Jamesburg,"- another great guy."

According to Carmine, the best part of being a barber is meeting a lot of different people.



Carmine Moore takes a few moments to talk to the Amboy Guardian

\*Photo by Joe Bayona

Since opening, many of Carmine's old customers have found him, but he is looking forward to meeting many new ones, and has, since opening for business.

Carmine's barber shop is an "Old School" barber shop with a relaxed atmosphere.

Carmine's is located at 330 Bordentown Ave, (across from the gazebo and cannon) in South Amboy. See his ad above for coupons and hours.

# Free Income Tax Preparation PERTH AMBOY - FSC is

(Back of Proprietary House).

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

#### Letter Entitled "Gadflies or Good-Guys" was written by David Caba. Caba's name was mistakenly omitted. The Amboy Guardian regrets this er-

Correction

In the 4/22/15 Issue of

the Amboy Guardian the

**Lego Toddlers**SOUTH AMBOY - Ages 2-3

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!

# **Knitting Club**SOUTH AMBOY - There will

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. Teens & Adults. For more info call 732-721-6060.

### Convenience for Our Perth Amboy Taxpayers

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz is pleased to announce that the City of Perth Amboy's tax office is now offering online tax services for payment. This online program would also allow residents to access their tax account information through the City's website for their convenience. Taxes are due by: May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Visit the City's website at: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

For additional information contact the Tax Office at: 732-826-0290 ext. 4027 or for more information about the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us.

# Healthcare Provider CPR Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR class Wednesday, May 6, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Participants will receive certification CPR for adults, infants and children and learn about ventilation devices, automated external defibrillators and how to clear an obstructed airway in responsive and unresponsive patients. Cost is \$80 per person. Make checks payable to RBMC. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS. (1-800-362-8677)

# **Billiard Champions**



PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz, Council President Lisa Nanton, and Office of Aging Director Dianne Roman surround Roberto Pagan, Silver Medalist and Jeremiah Raysor, Gold Medalist who participated in the 2014 NJ Senior Olympics Billiards. Dianne Roman explained that this is a Statewide Competition and there were a total of 6 Perth Amboy Residents who brought home medals. Not present included: Bronze Medalists Rafael Colon, Ernie Ervin, Armando Lopez and Silver Medalist Fred Pizzi.

\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

### **Volunteer Award**



PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy was recognized by the American Red Cross with a Volunteer Community Partner Award. A Representative from the American Red Cross (Center) is surrounded by (L to R) Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano, Councilman Bill Petrick, Council President Lisa Nanton, Business Administrator Jillian Barrick, Councilman Fernando Irizarry, Fire Chief Abraham Pitre and Deputy Municipal Department Head David Benyola

\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

# News Release 4/25/15

The Middlesex County Republican Organization have announced its Republican slate for the upcoming Middlesex County election. Alex Barletta of South Plainfield for Middlesex County Clerk, Jose Alonso of Edison and Sharon Hubberman of Perth Amboy for the two Middlesex County Freeholder seats. Each of the candidates were unanimously supported at the Middlesex County Republican Convention and each GOP candidate is running unopposed in the primary.

Jose Alonso, a small business owner, joins Sharon Hubberman, who is a Financial Executive, Entrepreneur, and former Mayoral Candidate of Perth Amboy, in the race for the Freeholder seats against incumbents Ron Rios, and James Polos.

Both Alonso and Hubberman are looking forward to tackling two problems that have been ongoing concerns for many residents of Middlesex County; a stagnant job market, and rising property taxes.

"Living in Edison for 34 years, I've experienced how the property tax bill keeps climbing and the regulations keep mounting, and these issues are both a top priority.

My concerns for the economy stem from the fact that we continue to see an exodus of people and companies leaving New Jersey at a very fast rate and we need to find solutions that keep our residents and businesses invested in our communities," Alonso said.

Hubberman also plans to help find solutions to these issues. "Working families are the pillars of America, and small businesses are the future of our economic growth. It is important to recognize this and have a plan to adopt a much needed property tax relief strategy, and a plan for job growth. In helping small businesses grow through nnovation and access to capital, our economy will grow and this in turn will help our working families build their earnings potential," Hubberman said.

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

# Vote By Mail - Voto Por Correo

#### **VOTE BY MAIL**

#### NOTICE TO PERSONS REQUESTING MAIL-IN BALLOTS

If you are a qualified and registered voter of the State who wants to vote by mail in the **Perth Amboy Special Municipal Election** to be held on **May 12, 2015** complete the application form below and send to the undersigned, or write or apply in person to the undersigned at once requesting that a mail-in ballot be forwarded to you. The request must state your home address, and the address to which the ballot should be sent. The request must be dated and signed with your signature.

If any person has assisted you to complete the mail-in ballot application, the name, address and signature of the assistor must be provided on the application and, you must sign and date the application for it to be valid and processed. No person shall serve as an authorized messenger for more than 10 qualified voters in an election. No person who is a candidate in the election for which the voter requests a mail-in ballot may provide any assistance in the completion of the ballot or may serve as an authorized messenger or bearer.

No mail-in ballot will be provided to any applicant <u>who submits a request therefore by mail</u> unless request is received at least 7 days before the election and contains the requested information. <u>A voter may, however, request an application in person from the county clerk up to 3 p.m. of the day before the election.</u>

Voters who want to vote only by mail in all future general elections in which they are eligible to vote, and who state that on their application shall, after their initial request and without further action on their part, be provided a mail-in ballot by the county clerk until the voter requests that the voter no longer be sent such a ballot. A voter's failure to vote in the fourth general election following the general election at which the voter last voted may result in the suspension of that voter's ability to receive a mail-in ballot for all future general elections unless a new application is completed and filed with the county clerk.

Voters also have the option of indicating on their mail-in ballot applications that they would prefer to receive mail-in ballots for each election that takes place during the remainder of this calendar year. Voters who exercise this option will be furnished with mail-in ballots for each election that takes place during the remainder of this calendar year, without further action on their part.

Application forms may be obtained by applying to the undersigned either in writing or by telephone, or the application form provided below may be completed and forwarded to the undersigned.

DATE: April 28, 2015

ELAINE M. FLYNN MIDDLESEX COUNTY CLERK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING P.O. BOX 1110 NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. 08903 (732) 745-4463 TDD (732)745-5553

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#### VOTO POR CORREO

#### AVISO PARA LAS PERSONAS QUE DESEEN RECIBIR UN VOTO POR CORREO

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Si usted es un elector que está inscrito y cumple los requisitos del Estado y desea votar por correo en la elección **Municipal Especial de Perth Amboy** que tendrá lugar el **12 de mayo 2015** complete el formulario de solicitud a continuación y envíelo al suscrito, o escriba o aplique personalmente al suscrito pidiéndole que le envíe un voto para votar por correo. Su solicitud debe indicar la dirección de su domicilio y la dirección a la cual desea que se le envíe el voto. La solicitud debe estar fechada y firmada por usted.

Si alguna persona lo ayudó a completar la solicitud de voto por correo, en el mismo formulario debe señalar su nombre, dirección y firma y usted deberá firmar y fechar la solicitud para que ésta sea válida y pueda ser procesada. Ninguna persona puede servir de representante autorizado para más de 10 electores calificados en una elección. Ninguna persona que sea candidato en la elección para la cual el elector está solicitando un voto por correo puede ayudar a llenar el voto o servir de representante autorizado o portador de éste.

No se entregará ningún voto por correo a la persona <u>que presente una solicitud por correo</u>, a no ser que ésta se reciba al menos siete días antes de la elección e incluya toda la información solicitada. <u>Un elector, sin embargo, puede solicitar un formulario personalmente al funcionario del condado hasta las 3 p.m. del día anterior a la elección.</u>

A los electores que deseen votar únicamente por correo en todas las elecciones generales futuras en las que les corresponda votar y que así lo estipulen en su solicitud, luego de su solicitud inicial y sin acción ulterior de su parte, el funcionario del condado les enviará un voto por correo hasta cuando los propios electores manifiesten que ya no desean que les sigan enviando dichos votos. Al elector que no vote en la cuarta elección general siguiente a la última elección general en la que haya votado, se le podrá suspender su derecho a recibir un voto por correo para todas las elecciones generales futuras, a menos que complete una nueva solicitud y la haga llegar al funcionario del condado.

Los electores también tienen la opción de indicar en la solicitud de voto por correo que prefieren recibir los votos por correo para cada elección que tenga lugar durante el resto de este año calendario. Los electores que ejerzan esta opción recibirán sus votos por correo para cada elección que tenga lugar durante el resto de este año calendario, sin que deban ejercer acción adicional alguna.

Los formularios pueden obtenerse solicitándolos al suscrito ya sea por escrito o por teléfono o bien se puede completar la solicitud que se acompaña más abajo y enviarla al suscrito.

FECHA: 28 de Abril, 2015

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PERTH AMBOY - Thursday,

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275 Hobart St., 2nd Floor,

Community Room. Attend the

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. at 881 Amboy Ave. Perth Amboy. No registration required.

# National Day of Prayer

SOUTH AMBOY - The 64th National Day of Prayer will be held on May 7 in front of the South Amboy City Hall on Broadway - under the flag - at 12:00 noon. People of all different faiths will gather that day to pray for the nation and its leaders.

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## **Military** Assistance Center

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

## Healthy **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.

# Vet's Coffee House

portance of Vaccinations.

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**

Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee will be holding a Flea Market/ Vendor Sale on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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@

# Needed

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# 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.



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# City of Perth Amboy Business Improvement District Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival and Mariachi Day by the Bay

May 3, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Train Station

Press Release PERTH AMBOY - On May 3, 2015, the City of Perth Amboy and Perth Amboy Downtown Business Improvement District, Inc. (PA-BID), will be hosting the Annual Cinco de Mayo Festival and Mariachi Day by the Bay in celebration of Perth Amboy's rich Mexican heritage. All are welcome to attend free event that will take place from 12pm to 6pm at the Perth Amboy Train Station. This year's Cinco de Mayo Festival will feature live

mariachi music, cultural dance

performances, food vendors

and more. Now in its 5th year,

the Cinco de Mayo Festival

has been embraced as one of

Perth Amboy Downtown's highly anticipated traditions as each year residents, shoppers, and businesses come together to explore and enjoy the Mexican Culture within the City.

For sponsorship or vendor opportunities, please contact Roxana Troche, BID Coordinator, at rtroche@perthamboynj.org. For more details and information on the Annual Perth Amboy Cinco de Mayo, please call the BID, (732) 442-6421 or Blanca Guerrero at PRAHD, (732) 442-1081 ext. 2830. Also, visit the City of Perth Amboy website, ci.perthamboy.nj.us, or the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District Facebook

page: www.facebook.com/ PerthAmboyBID.

The Perth Amboy City Business Improvement District promises to be a diverse and unified public-private business development partnership that provides excellent customer service, enhanced value and professional management capacity to create and sustain the City of Perth Amboy as an historic gateway to Central New Jersey , and a regional destination for shopping, dining, travel and entertainment. We produce results.

This is who we are. This is what you can count on.

## 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

# Pasta Night & Tricky Tray PERTH AMBOY - The 6th

Annual Pasta Night & Tricky Tray Auction to raise money for the Jennifer Elizabeth Metzger Scholarship Foundation Inc. will be on Friday, May 29. Dinner will be served from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. followed by the Auction at 8 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy (corner of Kirkland Place & Fayette St.) Dinner Cost: \$10 Adults; \$6 Children under 12 (Tricky Tray tickets sold separately). Door Prizes & 50/50's. Tickets available by email: metzgerl@ymail.com or call Lisa Metzger: 732-850-4156. Please make checks payable to JEMMS Foundation Inc., c/o Lisa Metzger, 467 E. Woodbridge Ave., Avenel, NJ 07001. Dinner tickets will not be sold at the door.

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Mariachi Angeles de Puebla



Sol Azteca Danza Folklorica Mexicana



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# Happy Mother's Day!



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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 27<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 & May6th.

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.

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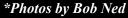
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# Spring Flower Fair 2015

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 vour 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: Preorder sales will be processed for Rutgers Gardens Members ONLY. Plants may be picked up on May 8 at the Preview Sale and Reception.

NEW BRUNSWICK - Please 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.

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other than his wife. These are quotes from the judge as reported by newspapers: "This is really egregious, this woman (Leslie Dominguez Rodriguez) in my opinion, needs to definitely step down. There should be an investigation by the Attorney General's office ...I have called for voters rights and fair voting system all my life. We are a nation of laws and we are a democracy. One vote one person."

There is talk about the cost of the election and I agree it should be paid by those who perpetuated the fraud and those who benefited by it. This is not the first time that Fernando Gonzalez has been a liability to the taxpayers of Perth Amboy...Joseph Vas had to spend one hundred thousand dollars of our money to knock down a house that Fernando Gonzalez owned and abandoned. When, Fernando and Kenny Balut took office what did they do in those four years? These two spent millions of our money on investigations that went nowhere and Fernando Gonzalez' plan for our city is to declare Bankruptcy - something

that he has experience in.

In conclusion, do we want a person who supported the abuse of seniors and our most vulnerable to win an election? Do we want someone representing us who did represent us in the past and his plan was to spend our money on things that lead to nothing along with fiscal irresponsibility? Can we trust someone who up until today has not apologized to those that suffer the abuse, intimidation and whose right to vote was taken from them for his own gain?

Fernando Gonzalez was never for the people of Perth Amboy. Fernando Gonzalez has been for Fernando Gonzalez. In the years that I battled Joseph Vas - he has never once helped me or the others like Richard Piatkowski ever...

Character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking. There are too many people who think that the only thing that's right is to get by, and the only thing that's wrong is to get caught. - J. C. Watts

Maria Garcia

# What Do You Think? Send us Your Response!

# We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, May 15, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732-535-4746

# Healthy Heart Event

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is holding a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management and blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Monday, May 11, 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Office on Aging, 1 Olive Street. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

# 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.

# Tour of Berkow Maternity **Pavilion**

PERTH AMBOY- Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to take the tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1.800. DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

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over 70 years old.

In Brazil, a person who fails to vote is barred from obtaining a passport until after he or she has voted in the two most recent elections. Military and Security personnel in Brazil do not vote by law, as is the case in the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Kuwait and Lebanon.

How many men and women died so Americans have the right to vote and so few people exercise that right. Should voting be viewed as a civic duty instead of a privilege?

It would be an interesting experiment to require people to vote. Maybe the states should decide individually if they want to make voting mandatory. It might be worth trying for a specific time frame such as 10 years. The decision can always be reversed as it has been done in other countries.

Would more people become politically aware and more civic-minded? It wouldn't hurt anyone to come to the polls or at least vote by mail. There are some people who wouldn't care and just vote without knowledge just to escape being fined. Hopefully others would take voting more seriously, especially the youth.

Some of these consequences for not voting which are given in other countries are rather harsh. If America tries compulsory voting, the consequences for not voting should be some community service or a reasonable fine or something along that line.

Let's hear it from you. What do you think? We'd love to hear from you!

C.M. & K.M.

## **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: bsafordstroop53@gmail.com

#### Holocaust Remembrance Day 4/16/15 City Hall, Perth Amboy \*Photos by Bob Ned













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# City of Perth Amboy 10th Anniversary of the Annual Andes Festival

June 27, 2015 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Train Station

Press Release 3/20/15 PERTH AMBOY— Today, the City of Perth Amboy and the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (PA-BID) expressed their excitement to host the Tenth Annual Perth Amboy Andes Festival, "Festival de los Andes", on June 27, 2015. The City of Perth Amboy and PA BID will continue to support and celebrate the rich and diverse Andean Culture which is comprised of the following countries: Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, Venezuela and Chile. Now in its tenth year, the Andes Festival has been embraced as one of Perth Amboy Downtown's most anticipated traditions as each year residents, shoppers, and businesses come together to explore and enjoy the Andean Culture within the City. Furthermore, the Perth Amboy Andes Festival is the only Andean festival celebrated in

Middlesex County.

On Saturday, June 27th from 12pm to 5pm, the greater Perth Amboy area is encouraged to take part the Andes Festival which will located at the Perth Amboy Train Station. This free event is open to the public and will feature live music, cultural dance performances, educational workshops, refreshments, vendors, face painting, arts and crafts, and more. This festival is being sponsored by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Arts awarded through the Middlesex County and Heritage Commission and the Board of Freeholders. In addition, it will be sponsored by the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District and co-sponsored by the City of Perth Amboy, Office of Recreation. In the event of inclement weather, the Andes Festival will take place on Sunday, June 28th.

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opportunities, please call Olga Bautista at (908) 510-8181. For more details and information on the 10th Annual Perth Amboy Andes Festival, please call (732) 826-0290 Ext. 4050, visit the City of Perth Amboy website, ci.perthamboy.nj.us, or the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PerthAmboyBID.

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### **Tax Facts**

### **Important May 15 Deadline For Nonprofits**

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka, C.P.A.

The much-publicized April 15 tax deadline has come and gone. But for many charities, May 15 is just as important. That's the deadline for calendar year nonprofit annual returns, and missing it could be a serious problem for your charity

Why? Failure to file required returns for three years in a row can lead to automatic revocation of your tax-exempt status. The consequences of this are severe - donors can no longer deduct contributions to your organization, and your organization might be taxed as a corporation.

With some exceptions, such as qualified churches and certain other religious organizations, every nonprofit is required to complete Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-N. Private foundations must file Form 990-PF.

The good news is that filing your charity's return might be easier than you think. A nonprofit with annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less can file Form 990-N, known as the "e-Postcard." Form 990-N has eight questions and is filed electronically. Nonprofits with gross receipts of less than \$200,000 and assets under \$500,000 can use Form 990-EZ. Larger organizations must use the standard Form 990. If your charity runs a business to help raise funds, you may also need to file Form 990-T to report and pay tax on income from those sales.

What can you do if your nonprofit fails to file a return by May 15?

Your first step: Contact our of-

fice to determine the full extent of the delinquency.

Here's why: May 15 is the filing deadline for charities with a December 31 year-end.

However, your charity might have a fiscal year-end if, for example, you need to accommodate government grants. In that case, the due date of your annual federal return is the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your fiscal year.

Need more information on filing requirements? Give us a call

Please visit us on the following social media pages. We will be offering accounting tips, updates, and insight. Just click on the link below that you prefer, then LIKE or FOL-LOW the pages to receive our free, informational service!

## 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!

## 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.

#### 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.

#### B.A.A.D. (Basketball Against Alcohol and Drugs) 3/17/15 PAHS















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#### Flea Market

SEWAREN - The First Bap- SOUTH AMBOY - South tist 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.

# 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.

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

# Comedy Night

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.

# 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.

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#### 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

WOODBRIDGE - 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.

# Carefree Bus Tours



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# Toastmasters' Open House

ISELIN - Looking to improve your speaking skill? Then you're invited to attend Woodbridge Toastmasters' open house on May 4th, 7 p.m. at the Iselin Library on 1081 Green Street, Iselin. For additional information call: 732-596-2116.

# Atlantic City **Bus Trip**PERTH AMBOY - The month-

ly 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.

# May Events

Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?

Mon., May 11 - 7 to 8 p.m. Wed., May 27 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Institute for Weight Loss, Old Bridge Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME.

### 8-Week Tai Chi/Qigong Course

Exercises to reduce stress & improve strength, stability, balance and coordination

Mondays, May 11 to June 29 Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Perth Amboy

Thursdays, May 14 to July 2 3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge

7 to 7:50 p.m.

Registration required, call 732-324-5257.

### 8-Week Meditation/Guided Imagery Course

Sitting, standing & guided meditations to manage pain and stress

Mondays, May 11 to June 29

Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Perth Amboy Thursdays, May 14 to July 2

3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge

8 to 8:50 p.m. Registration required, call 732-324-5257.

#### Free Balance Screening

Open house, physician Q&A session and free refreshments

Tues., May 12 - 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Center for Balance, Perth Amboy Registration required, call 732-324-5030.

#### Reiki I Training Workshop

Become a Reiki provider, a healing practice that balances the body & promotes well-being

Sat. & Sun., May 16 and 17 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Perth Amboy Cost per person \$185 Registration required, call 732-324-5257.



Visit rbmc.org/events for a complete schedule of events.

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#### 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.

Kolbas Sandwich Sale

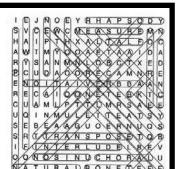
PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Most Holy Name of Jesus Worship Site, Lawrie St., Perth Amboy, will host a kolbas sandwich sale in the Site's hall at 5:30 p.m., Sat., May 2. Tickets, \$8, will be sold only at the door. For further information call: 732-721-5914.

Hunger Games

PERTH AMBOY - The JRF is having the Hunger Games Poverty Simulation on Thursday, May 21st at the Knights of Columbus, 228 High St.: Tribute Drop-off 5 p.m.; Survivor Pick-up 7 p.m.; Report to the Capital: Pre-Registration required by May 8th. May the odds be in your favor. Poverty Simulation is to an interactive dinner experience intended to bring awareness to the issues **PAHS Class of** of poverty in our community. As participants come in, each that will randomly assign them to one of three income tiers and dinner experiences. This event is geared to proactively tell the poverty story, demonstrate the results of people who have overcome poverty, and most importantly ignite a call to action.

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tural and Heritage Commission



#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

# 1970 Reunion

will draw a character ticket 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!** 

# **LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - Shull School Cheerleaders - Class of 1954. Back Row (L to R) Joan Zaleski, Barbara Meszaros, Charlotte Telis, Mary Anne Lucas, Anna Brancati, Lenora Wasilewski, (Front Row) (L to R) Johanna Maslak, Harriet Buck, Rita Suich, Kathy Convery

\*Photo Courtesy of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bresnock This Photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cul-

# **Senior Scene**

# Happenings

#### **Perth Amboy**

WED. May 6 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. May 7 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. May 11 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St. TUES. May 12 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

Church Hall, Brace Ave. Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Presbyterian Center, Market St. WED. May 13 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium,

Florida Grove Rd. St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

THURS. May 14 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

#### **South Amboy**

MON. May. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,

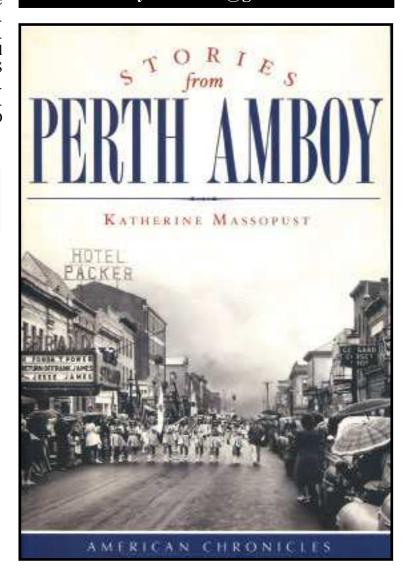
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