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## The Grill: Tag Teams 5/11/15 Caucus Meeting & 5/13/15 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - With the Special Election coming up the following day, Residents Ken Balut, David Caba and Alan Silber put the Council on the spot.

Ken Balut was concerned about Woodbridge Attorney James Nolan who has been awarded City contracts. "Would this be considered Pay-to-Play? Did he get penalized? He was indicted for voter fraud," Balut said.

Caba was concerned about out-of-towners who contributed to candidates running for office in the City election. He compared this to a mafia money trail. He said, "There were a lot of out of town people working in the Diaz Campaign Headquarters. Were you (the Council) looking out for the interest of people in town or outsiders? Sergio Diaz was fired from an \$80,000 a year City job."

When Resident Alan Silber came up, he was beside himself. He talked about the Etan Patz trial in New York. (Etan Patz was a young boy from New York who was kidnapped in 1979 and disappeared. He is feared to be murdered. His body was never found. Pedro Hernandez was arrested after he confessed to the murder. He went on trial for the murder but was acquitted because one juror was not convinced Hernandez was not guilty because of lack of evidence.)

Silber looked straight at Council President Lisa Nanton, "Miss Nanton, you stated that Fernando Gonzalez had something to do with the election fraud, even after Superior Judge Currier found that neither candidates were involved in it. You (Nanton) knew what Geneske (Former Chair of Democratic Party) was doing. You, yourself were a Committeewoman for 22 years. You

only believe certain things that Judge Currier said. Even though she said that the candidates were not involved in fraud."

Alan Silber asked Nanton if she had anything to say.

Nanton turned to the City Attorney Mark Blunda and said, "I will ask him to respond."

Blunda had no response.

During the Council Comments, the Council Members answered some of their critics:

"To those who accuse me of not wanting the residents to say anything during the meetings - this is not true. I'm not saying that you can't say anything you want. But what you say sometimes is not beneficial to the City," stated Councilman Fernando Irizarry.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "I didn't know a lot of the contributors and they shouldn't call me if they're looking for something from me. I am me, no matter how much money is given to me."

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "We are all approachable for all City Residents."

Council President Lisa Nanton said, "There was a lot of speculation here tonight. I am grateful for the Senators, Congressmen, Assemblymen that recognize how valuable this City is. Our Waterfront is valuable and so is our location to major highways. There was no way to verify those votes."

Petrick spoke again and said, "People complain about politicians when they show concern for our City, yet they will complain if these same politicians ignored our City. They should be happy that they are coming here."

Nanton concluded by saying, "You should ask the people who supported the opposition while they are now supporting us."

## Fernando Gonzalez In; Sergio Diaz Concedes

PERTH AMBOY - 5/12/15  
Special Election Results:

**Fernando Gonzalez:**

Machine - 1273  
Vote-By-Mail - 215  
Provisionals - 40  
Total 1528

**Sergio Diaz:**

Machine - 1298  
Vote-By-Mail - 78  
Provisionals - 30  
Total 1406

**Fernando Gonzalez is the victor by 122 votes.**

Fernando Gonzalez will again be seated as a Councilman. On 3/25/15 he was removed based on the ruling of Superior Court Judge Heidi Currier calling for a new election between Fernando Gonzalez and Sergio Diaz. This ruling was based on what Currier determined was election fraud. This fraud did not involve either candidate.

At the 5/13/15 Council Meeting Fernando Gonzalez was still seated in the audience pending a new swearing in date.

Fernando Gonzalez' family and some of his supporters were in attendance and extended their well wishes and concerns about how the campaigns were conducted.

Residents came forward to speak about problems that have been lingering for a long time and new ones that have arisen.

Market Street Resident Gudelio Gonzalez Jr. came up to speak. You could plainly see that he was severely handicapped. He said he was a diabetic and had several operations because of diabetes plus other injuries. "Parking is very hard where I live. I was turned down for a handicap parking space. I have to pay for a cab to go to my doctor's appointments and it's especially hard in the winter time. Although I have a handicapped placard, I still get tickets. There is a church nearby and when they have services, they take up all the parking spaces on the street and surrounding streets."



Some City Employees, Residents and Some Supporters of Fernando Gonzalez attend the 5/13/15 Council Meeting  
\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Former City Council Candidate Miguel Nunez (Far Left) Community Activist Alan Silber (Far Right) along with others surround Fernando Gonzalez (3rd From Right) who they supported in the May 12, 2015 Special Election where Gonzalez won the last seat on the City Council.

B.A. Jillian Barrick addressed Gonzalez' situation. "We cannot remove the parking meter in front of his house to put a handicap spot in that area."

City Attorney Mark Blunda, "We would have to amend the ordinance for that area."

Barrick made a suggestion, "We can get you a residential sticker so you can park at a meter all day long and not get a ticket."

Council President Lisa Nanton said, "In the meantime, we should get him a residential sticker." B.A. Barrick agreed.

Resident David Caba said, "The election is over. You guys (the Council) lied to us

and the people of the City. We want our refund back from this election." He cited the Mayor, Senator Vitale, the Courts and all the politicians that were involved. He even called out the Mayor's husband stating, "He's worse than Joe Vas. We're tired of outsiders controlling our town. The end is near."

A resident of Hidden Village came up to speak. She wanted to congratulate the citizens who voted yesterday (May 12, 2015). "We pay our taxes, but we never see police officers in our area. We need to use our tax money more wisely. Fer-

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**Gonzalez In**

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nando Gonzalez is the only one who we see even when there is no election. We need to see you (the Council) every day, not just at election day.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski voiced concerns about a large amount of Veteran Poll Workers being replaced. “A lot of them were Senior Citizens who are not political like I am. Frankel (Daniel E. Frankel, Commissioner of Registration of Middlesex County Board of Elections) did not answer emails or phone calls until after the May 12, 2015 election was over. A lot of the poll workers who worked that day came from out-of-town and are politically connected. By Frankel allowing this, it hurt the Seniors who rely on poll money to help with expenses.”

A State Street Resident stated, “In last month and half things were said about Fernando Gonzalez in reference to fraud charges. This said more about the people who accused him of this than Fernando himself. You didn't care about wasting this money. There are good people, but a few rotten apples spoil everyone. I didn't get up for the Pledge of Allegiance because some of the people said the Pledge are hypocrites.”

Resident Cathy DePow agreed with the people from Bricktown Commons (High Street) about their parking issues. She was also concerned about the quality of life, especially the loud noise situation. “We need to take action.”

Resident Steve Nascimento who is also on the Planning Board came up to speak, “The Planning Board Attorney said I had to recuse myself from discussions on Harbortown and could not even be in the audience during these discussions. There is a walkway promenade on the premises that is 8 feet below street level. The public offering said that pools and a water park would be a part of our amenities. Instead, we got a parking lot. There were stockpiles of concrete with steel pipes sticking out and children are playing on them.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry told Nascimento, “We need to have Code Enforcement look into this.”

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak. He said, “Vitale said the election is over and we should move on. He (Vitale) and his money should move on. To the Freeholders, County Clerk and Mrs. Nanton: you owe Fernando Gonzalez an apology. You knew a lot of the people who were straw donors. What happened to the poll clerks was terrible.”

Businesswoman Virginia Lugo was sympathetic to the plight of Gudelio Gonzalez Jr. of Market Street. “This gentle-

man who is diabetic and handicapped should be helped.”

Fernando Gonzalez' son, Daniel came up to speak. He talked about the Harbortown Walkway and agreed with the assessment that Steve Nascimento gave on the situation. He gave congratulations to Perth Amboy, “It's not about Fernando. It's about the people. I can't begrudge politicians for participation, but not to circumstance the votes. Trial Courts often get it wrong. That's why we have higher courts. The way things were done was disgusting. A motion was made by Fernando Gonzalez to recuse Scotland & McManimon (A lawfirm that has contracts with the City and Sergio Diaz' lawyer). It was a blatant pay-to-play. Being his (Fernando Gonzalez) son and campaign manager, it was disgusting because you all love Perth Amboy, but some are not loving it in the right way. Let's stop letting outsiders control us.”

Resident Arthur Brewer from Convery Boulevard was very concerned about the traffic situation near the Sayre Avenue Bridge. “The hours between 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. are terrible and that's the time when most traffic accidents occur.” He then turned his attention to the quality of life, especially near the Richardson School. He talked about the Remington Hotel (on the intersection of Smith and Bertrand Avenue) “The police have been called to that establishment several times because of the drug activity taking place during the day and evening hours. Move those people somewhere else.”

Israel Varela who owns a business near the Remington Hotel spoke, “I've been complaining about this for 10 years. I've had police sit in my office looking at all the illegal activity going on at this hotel. This hotel has been getting money from the State because of the type of residents living there. My life and my family's life have been put in danger because of this. There is a house on Bertrand Avenue that allows all sorts of illegal activities to go on. I'm inviting the Council to come to see for themselves. All you hear is the foul language. Some police are doing a fine job, but they still need your (the Council's) help.”

A Police Captain came up from the audience to talk about the situation at the Remington Hotel. “We need the public's help to do our job. An anti-crime unit is assigned to the Remington Hotel. We even have keys to the hotel, but we don't have the manpower to monitor the problem 24 hours. We utilize unmarked police cars. We've had many sting

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**Statement from  
 Sergio Diaz  
 Regarding  
 May 12, 2015**

**Special Election:  
 PERTH AMBOY - I would like to congratulate Fernando Gonzalez on a hard-fought campaign. Although the result is not what I would have hoped for, I am confident that we can now come together to work for the greater good of a city we all love.**

I am truly grateful for the support I received. I want to thank the volunteers who dedicated their time and hard work because they were truly the backbone of the campaign.

Sergio Diaz

**Statement from  
 Fernando Gonzalez  
 Regarding  
 May 12, 2015**

**Special Election:**  
 I would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated in the May 12 election. Especially those who supported the New Direction team. I promise that I will continue to be the voice of all the citizens of Perth Amboy. I look forward to once again serving our community and representing “you” on the City Council.

A great deal of negative campaigning took place in our city, as a result of a questionable ruling in the Middlesex County Superior Court. It is still our position that this election should not have happened, as no one did anything wrong in the November 4, 2014 election. I am extremely happy at the outcome of this election, as those who were unfairly accused of wrongdoings have been vindicated.

The people of Perth Amboy have once again reaffirmed who they would like to represent them on City Council. I am asking everyone including Mayor Diaz, Sergio Diaz and my fellow city council members to join me in turning the page on this chapter of Perth Amboy history. We must do our best to work together in moving our great city in a new and positive direction.

Thank you,  
 Fernando A. Gonzalez

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## LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

### EDITORIAL

#### Memorial Day: To Honor Those Who Have Made the Ultimate Sacrifice

When You Get the Chance - Will You Sit it Out or Dance? The Majority sat it out. Well, last Tuesday, May 12, 2015 was the Perth Amboy Special City Council Election - last seat. There was a winner, but only by numbers. In all honesty, and this is my OWN opinion - BOTH candidates LOST.

When you check the statistics from the November 12, 2014 election where 7 candidates were vying for 3 seats on the Council, there was a larger voter turnout. With this do over on May 12, 2015 with only 2 candidates on the ballot, I truthfully expected a blowout for the victor. Instead it was dust in the wind. To top it off, there were actually more registered voters added between the 2014 election and the one held in 2015.

In November 4, 2014, Sergio Diaz had 1810 votes from the machine vs. 1298 votes that he received in May 12, 2015. (-512 votes) For the Vote-By-Mail in 2014, he had 421 votes vs. 78 votes in 2015. (-343) For the Provisionals Diaz had 55 votes as compared to 30 in 2015. (-25)

Fernando Gonzalez had 1596 votes in November 4, 2014 by machine vs. 1273 votes in May 12, 2015 (-323 votes). In 2014 he had 633 Vote-By-Mail vs. 215 in May 2015 (-418 votes). For Provisionals he had 67 in 2014 vs. 40 in 2015. (-27)

In 11/4/14 there were 25,052 registered voters and 4907 voted on the machine (20%). In May 12, 2015 the number of registered voters increased to 25,156 (+104). On the machine 2571 voted (10% of Registered Voters).

My question is: "What happened to the supporters you had in 2014? How did you manage to actually lose votes instead of gaining?" I've noticed there was a candidate from 2014 who didn't win who was supporting one of the two candidates in the May 12, 2015 election. You think that losing Candidate would encourage the people who sup-

ported him to vote for you. What happened?

Well, the BIG WINNER was the candidate under the banner: I DON'T CARE WHO WINS! It's always good to have a balanced Council. You always need someone to question the issues. That's a good thing. But, my father would always say, "If you criticize something, you should have some sort of solution or idea on how to solve the problem."

Residents have spoken that there are a lot of political favors being handed out.

Term limits are a solution. Citizens can petition to have all offices subject to term limits by petition. People might argue that sometimes terms of service are too short. Maybe extend the amount of years for a term, but limit the amount of terms that can be served consecutively. It definitely is worth looking into.

We have people that come up and have talked about making Perth Amboy into Partisan or a Ward System. Talk is cheap. Why don't you go into action and get a petition going? Have residents sign it to get term limitations on the ballot.

In last week's paper we reported about an election that took place in 1950 in Perth Amboy where 18,299 people voted. In 1954, 18,330 people went to the polls. There were 20 candidates with the top vote getter receiving 8535 votes with a low vote of 3715 at the bottom of the totem pole. I don't know if absentee ballots and provisional ballots were implemented back then, but a greater percentage had to actually make an effort to go to the polls.

Remember it's Memorial Day on Monday, May 25, 2015. And is this how we honor those who make the ultimate sacrifice? By staying home and not being heard by refusing to vote, especially when we make it so convenient. It's so sad. People in other countries are dying for this right that we take for granted.

C.M. & K.M.

### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

#### The City of Perth Amboy Council is Heartless Against the Disabled

I suffer from diabetes, which causes bad circulation in my feet, creating frequent and severe foot ulcers. At this time, I have an ulcer on my left foot and "Charcot" foot illness on my right foot. I reside in an area where it is very hard to find a parking spot. Due to my illness, I was forced to retire in

2011, because my job required a lot of walking. On April 20, I received a letter from the Police Department denying a "handicapped" only parking spot in front of my home, because of an ordinance - Chapter 255-A-Section #1-Prohibits this. If you live in an area with parking meters, the City does not want to lose the income from the meter, so they will not give you the parking spot. The money is more important to the City than what happens to a disabled person.

Due to the extra walking, they are forcing on them, on May 13, I attended the Council Meeting and again requested the "parking spot." The Council stated "Sorry Charley." {Hit the Road} and denied my request. Recently reelected Councilman Fernando Gonzalez not included - > Perth Amboy City Council, Shame on you - You are heartless, cruel and inhuman.

Thank you,  
Gudelio Gonzalez Jr.

#### Municipal Consolidation

There is a claim that consolidating municipalities into fewer and large municipalities would cure the high property taxes in NJ. I think consolidating smaller municipalities would require a new layer of top management to oversee the enlarged workforce. Assuming a reduction in the labor force, consolidation does nothing for material costs and supplies. What about any increased travel time from a central location?

NJ did not have the highest property taxes in the nation with the old 1844 state constitution where property was assessed at "true value" rather than "assessed value", which escalates over time. Didn't California use Initiative and Referendum a few years ago to adjust property taxes?

Should municipalities be consolidated across county lines? Should counties be consolidated as well? NJ had only thirteen counties in the 18th century. The number was increased to meet the voters requests. Townships were divided into smaller municipali-

ties so the citizens had more control over local political priorities and taxes.

Why stop at municipalities? The ultimate consolidation would be to unite with the state of Pennsylvania (which has a similar latitude). Their state constitution is more democratic, voters can elect state officials, judges, and county prosecutors. If giving more power to voters leads to lower taxes, maybe we need Initiative and Referendum in NJ to cure any other problem.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

#### Keep Those Letters Coming! We Love to Hear From You!

#### Gonzalez In

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operations there. We are very aware of the situation. The owner of the hotel has built into the tenants' contract a waiver that they have to sign giving the owner permission to throw them out if they violate the lease."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, "Maybe we can have more patrols during school hours and school dismissal times. I don't think the State subsidizes the Remington Hotel."

The Police Captain said, "There are problems occurring when it comes to activities involving children who get into trouble. If parents don't discipline their children, we can take them in, but if they're under age and the parents come and get them, there's not much that we can do."

Reinaldo Aviles was not happy about the Waterfront, calling it "Disgusting, especially when comparing it to waterfronts in other towns. We allow developers to come here and do whatever they want.

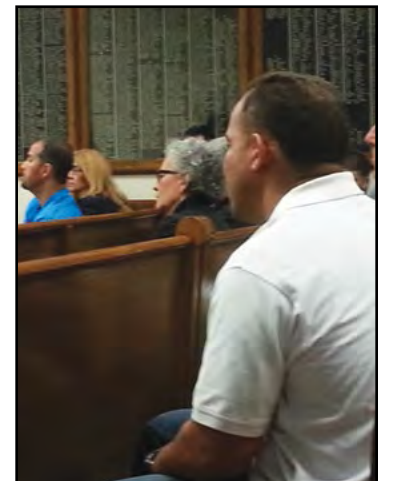
Can you blame them? I want to congratulate Fernando, even though I don't always agree with him. It's good to have a dissenting voice that asks questions that others won't. You need to look at ordinances when it comes to meters and mixed use areas where handicapped residents may live."

Resident Angel Leon was concerned about the conditions in the City Parks, "Especially with the summertime programs coming up." He wanted to know if there will be any exterminations going on. He was assured that the parks should be sprayed to protect against mosquito infestations.

Leon also wanted to commend those who are doing the powerwashing on Smith Street.

Fernando Gonzalez' daughter was very emotional when talking about her father when she came up to speak. "I want to address the language that was used against my father. It was mean and ugly. You have rejected my father and he deserves better."

Resident Jesus Varela said,



The Audience Listens at the 5/13/15 Council Meeting

"It's not just the Remington Hotel that's had drug issues, but there is also another establishment on Madison Avenue across from the Cathedral that is experiencing the same thing." Then he went on to talk about the election. Looking at the Council he said, "I would like to prosecute you, too. You are all liars. You will get nowhere here. The man won (Gonzalez)! You violated all the laws." Then addressing Councilman Joel Pabon, "We thought you were going to be the next mayor."

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**HIV Support**

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

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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Food Stamps Assistance**

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

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

**Community Calendar**

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
WED. May 27	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	• City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. May 28	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Jun. 3	Planning Board, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Jun. 18	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
WED. May 20	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Jun. 22	Board of Education, Business/Public, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

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## Presentation by Math Consultant Dr. Eric Milou

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – Dr. Eric Milou from Rowan University, New Jersey gave a presentation at the 4/2/15 Board of Education Meeting. He began by breaking the ice, “I’m a total geek. I had the honor of looking at your curriculum. It’s great, but curriculum is a living document. By that, I mean it constantly needs updating.”

“Teachers need to be more organized and assess every day.” He began his report with Kindergarten thru 4th Grades. He visited all 7 schools (5 elementary and 2 middle schools). “I find that instruction is very lectured based. Teacher talk is not successful. Kids do not learn by listening – they learn by doing. Assessment needs to be done every day. You need to teach to kids at all levels – sometimes to remediate, sometimes to enrich. You have to address the kids to do more.”

“At McGinnis School, there is a lack of vision. Teach To One is not working. Math is not about procedures. There is a lack of rigor (skill, concept and application).”

At Shull School there was way too much drill and skill websites being utilized. It is very teacher driven.

Dr. Milou’s recommendations were: “At every level there should be full assessment, remediation and enrichment. Limit Teacher Chatter. There should be student centered instruction and mathematics instruction vision. We have to show them how it’s done.”

When it came to the ques-

tion and answer period, Board Member Obi Gonzalez stated, “Something is missing in our math. We’re behind him (Milou). We need to know what we’re doing right and what we’re doing wrong. We’re grateful for that. We all want to do the right thing for our kids. Dr. Milou being here is a start.”

Resident Stanely Sierakowski asked, “Are there any schools that you would recommend to visit or observe?”

Dr. Milou answered, “Japan. Teachers in Japan will walk in and the kids immediately do work. They support and guide – not talk. The Asian model is excellent.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman asked about the PARCC exam, “In media, parents don’t agree to pass this test is necessary.”

Dr. Milou answered her, “In the USA, states have a right to educate anyway they want. The Federal Government has little to say. There is no common assessment. Every state has a different test. There are 50 different tests. All the governors got together to give us a national assessment of math. Some politicians view it as an infringement on State’s Rights. It’s nothing but politics. We are the only country in the world that does not have a National Test. Common Core are a set of standards – never methodology. There are different ways and different approaches. If a kid doesn’t understand one approach, maybe that student can do it another way. There are different ways to reach different kids. Math is the most hated subject in the world.”

## 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.



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**Diamond Dream Contest Winners**  
\*Photo Submitted by P.A. Catholic School



Press Release 5/11/15

PERTH AMBOY - Four Perth Amboy Catholic School Students won precious jewels in the Diamond Dream Fine Jewelers Essay contest for Mother's Day. Mr. & Mrs. Edward Shapiro of Diamond Dream Fine Jewelers in Bernardsville, N.J. asked elementary school students to write an essay entitled "My Mom Shines Like a Diamond." Perth Amboy Catholic School, under the direction and guidance of Rose Pennyfeather and Sr. Rebecca Piatek had 4 student essay winners out of the 10 essays chosen from Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Morris and Union counties. The winners were Damilola Borishade, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, (Diamond), Katelynn Barcheski, (Garnet), Nicole Rosas-Bendrell (Peridot) and Joel Sierra (Garnet). The students and their mothers attended the Award Ceremony on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3 p.m.

**Respect For Life Art Contest Winner**  
\*Photo Submitted by P.A. Catholic School



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Katarina Koziotova, a fourth grade student at Perth Amboy Catholic School was a 2nd place winner in the Respect Life Art Contest sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen. The students were asked to draw a picture for a calendar reflecting the theme "Love Is Our Mission - Family Fully Alive!", which was inspired by the upcoming World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, PA. The entry was submitted by her Art teacher, Mrs. Rose Pennyfeather.

**E-Book Help**

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

**Ladies Auxiliary #4699**

SAYREVILLE: The Ladies Auxiliary #4699 on 575 JerneeMills Road will hold their monthly meeting on May 26, at 7 p.m. at the Post Hall where there will be Memorial Services for our deceased Members and installation of new officers. A light refreshment will be served at the meeting. Any more info call 732-264-3041.

**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.

**Pasta Night & Tricky Tray**

PERTH AMBOY - The 6<sup>th</sup> 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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**Yoga Classes**

SOUTH AMBOY - Yoga classes at the Knights of Columbus in South Amboy, 308 fourth street, are ongoing. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. A mat is required. Part of the proceeds benefit the Colombian Club council No. 426. Drop in rate is \$10. Packages available at a reduced rate. Pre-registration required. Please call Denise 732-525-9536 or email healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com

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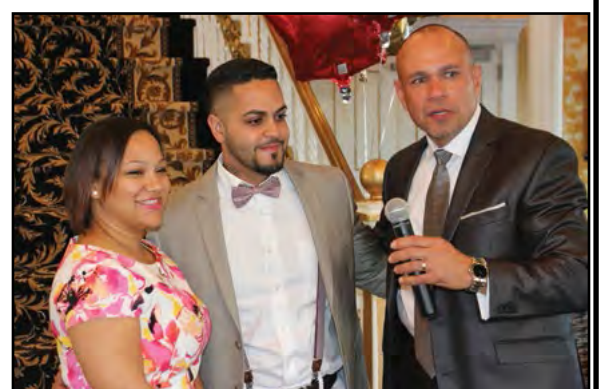
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**2015 Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame - PAHS & The ZPA, Perth Amboy**

*\*Photos by Joe Bayona & Paul W. Wang*



**Our Newest Inductees:** Hubert A. Carty – Class of 1941 – Poet/Military Service; John Grondelski – Class of 1977 – Government; Nicholas Juliano – Class of 1988 – Sports Producer; Dr. Ronald Mazurek – Class of 1962 – Composer; Kenneth Puccio – Class of 1974 – Law Enforcement; Dr. Joyce Richardson Melech – Class of 1975- Music/Education; Madonna Stack Barker – Class of 1962 - Healthcare

On May 7, 2015, the Hall of Fame inductees met at Perth Amboy High School for a gathering breakfast and then honored, during the plaque unveiling on the Hall of Fame wall in the school's main foyer. The inductees will then visit classes and speak with students, and/or will be videotaped on Channel 34 to discuss their accomplishments and professions. The event culminated with a dinner at the ZPA in Perth Amboy. The dinner highlighted the accomplishments of the inductees who will offer a few words of thanks and encouragement. The Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame honors outstanding graduates from Perth Amboy High School who have excelled in community achievement and service. The honorees serve as an inspiration to the students of Perth Amboy High School and act as an incentive for them to set goals necessary for success.



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## Special Open House

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage located at 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy will be open Saturday, May 23 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The first 40 people who donate \$5 will receive a limited reproduction of a 1956 William McGinnis Booklet that was published by the City of Perth Amboy telling the history of the Kearny Family. Light Refreshments available. For more info on this and upcoming events, call 732-293-1090.

### Knitting Club

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.



### 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 Show

SAYREVILLE - RJC Charities, Inc will be hosting their 5th Annual Car Show. Antique, Custom, Race Car, Street Rod, Muscle Cars, Restored, Motor cycles and many more are welcome. Pre-registration is \$5, the day of the show is \$15. Spectators are FREE. Proceeds will go to Jaclyn Squillace Olsen and The Monmouth Titans. The date is June 7th from 10am-3pm. Rain date is June 14th. It will be at Sayreville War Memorial High School, 820 Washington road Sayreville. There will be food, music, tricky tray, 50/50 drawings and a raffle for 4 Mets tickets which includes batting practice on the field and an additional 4 tickets for the Brooklyn Cyclones. For raffle purchase prior to show please call Denise 732-525-9536. To register for the Car Show please call Robert J. Caramella 908-307-4214 or visit [www.rjcharities.com](http://www.rjcharities.com)

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12 noon American Legion Post 45  
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## Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk

Press Release 5/14/2015  
SOUTH AMBOY - Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club's 38th annual 5K Run and Health Walk will be held Saturday, June 27th. Proceeds will benefit the city of South Amboy's Fire and First Aid departments. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and all day swimming and tennis for race participants. Entry fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 day of race. For more information or to download a registration form, go to [www.froghollowswim.com](http://www.froghollowswim.com) or register in person at the club 7:30 AM on race day. Fun Run steps off at 8:30 AM and the 5K Run starts at 9:00 AM. The Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club is located on Ferris St. off of South Pine Ave. in South Amboy, NJ. For additional information call race director, Danny McCrone at 732-721-6592.

## Band and Choir Performance of Jubilant Voices 5/6/15 Board of Education Meeting



PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Band and Choir under the direction of Helen Vassallo and accompanied by Teddy Kernizan gave a performance at the 5/6/15 Board of Education Meeting.  
*\*Photos by Katherine Massopust*

## Cinco De Mayo - Mariachi Day by the Bay, Perth Amboy Train Station, 4/3/15

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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.

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### Zumba

PERTH AMBOY - FSC is bringing Zumba back to our center. Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Military Assistance Center

WOODBIDGE - 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

### Atlantic City Bus Trip

PERTHAMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino will be on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.



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### Early Childhood Educators' Diversity Learning Session in Perth Amboy

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY - The American Conference on Diversity will hold a special "Attitudes Are Contagious" diversity learning session for early childhood educators, administrators and student teachers at the YMCA in Perth Amboy.

The American Conference on Diversity will empower early childhood educators with the skills to build more inclusive learning environments where all students, parents, and teachers feel welcome. Thanks to funding from the PNC Foundation, our 2015 Early Childhood Educators' Institute will help early childhood educators, service providers, administrators, counselors, and early childhood students address issues related to diversity and inclusion in their schools. Open to participants throughout Middlesex County, this event will be held at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA (Theater Breakout Room, 365 New Brunswick Ave. in Perth Amboy, NJ) on Tuesday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (check-in begins at 8:30 am).

Through instruction, facilitated dialogue, small group discussion, and opportunities for self-assessment, the thought-provoking session will enhance your ability to create positive change and to:

- ▶ Gain greater awareness of biases and how they can unintentionally be transferred to young children in your care
- ▶ Increase your knowledge of multicultural education
- ▶ Develop concrete skills to bring back to the workplace and share will colleagues

"The American Conference on Diversity understands the impact educators can have on youth and the entire school community!" says President and CEO Elizabeth Williams-Riley. "This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about innovative ways to build more inclusive learning environments and to stop the cycle of hate and misunderstanding that can be so contagious to children."

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## YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy Awards Ryan Patterson Scholarship to Perth Amboy Resident

Press Release May 13, 2015  
 MIDDLESEX COUNTY—Tanisha Cruz of Perth Amboy has been named the recipient of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy Ryan Patterson Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a youth member of any branch of the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy association who intends to pursue higher education in the fall of 2015.

Cruz is an extremely active student at Perth Amboy High School, where she is a member of National Spanish Honor Society and National World Language Honor Society, president of Literacy Club, Vice President of Civics Club, Secretary of Student Council and assistant manager of the school store. She has volunteered her time with many organizations, including UNICEF, Helping Hands, Operation Christmas Child, Raritan Bay Sandy Cleanup, Salvation Army and Raritan Bay Big Brothers Big Sisters. Cruz has also been a member of the Perth Amboy High School Sailing Club for four years.

The Ryan Patterson Memorial Scholarship recipient must strive for excellence in academics, sports or the arts, and must demonstrate overcoming

adversity, living by the golden rule, influencing others in a positive way and advocating for others who are less fortunate.

“As a Christian, I believe that it is a moral responsibility to not only influence others in a positive way, but to help others when they are down,” Cruz said. “I have mentored and tutored many students to encourage them to pass their classes to raise the graduation rate at my high school.”

Ryan Patterson believed every child should be provided the opportunity to sparkle, and she helped many children realize their gifts and share those gifts with the world. She believed that gestures both large and small had the power to make a difference in the life of a child. At a young age, Ryan was committed to helping those around her and began working with children as a member and coach of the Metuchen Branch YMCA Manta Ray swim team. She attended Colgate University, graduating with honors with a bachelor's of science in psychology, then received her master's degree in social work from Fordham University.

Ryan's caring, insight and persistence allowed her to help troubled children in need. At the time of her death, she

worked at the Morris Heights Health Center, counseling and supporting students at the Health Opportunities High School and Truman High School in the South Bronx. Ryan's passion for helping children is carried on by this scholarship.

Cruz was awarded the Ryan Patterson Memorial Scholarship May 6 at the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy Annual Dinner held at The Pines Manor in Edison.

### 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!

### Raritan Bay Medical Center Receives American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Recognition Award

News Release 5/7/15

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, with locations in Old Bridge and Perth Amboy, NJ, has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS Silver Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients experiencing severe heart attacks.

Agencies that receive the Mission: Lifeline Silver award have demonstrated at least 75 percent compliance for each required achievement measure for the entire year, and treat at least eight STEMI patients for the year. “EMTs and paramedics play a vital part in the system of care for those who have heart attacks,” said Nancy Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association.

### Pirohi & Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St., Perth Amboy is having a pirohi and cake sale from May 26<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup>. To place orders call: 732-826-7067 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All Gourmet Items are hand-made Potato pirohi - \$8.00; Cake: nut, poppyseed, apricot, raspberry and prune - \$11.00. Pick-up dates are June 2<sup>nd</sup> & June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Ukrainian Cultural Festival

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic Church located at 684 Alta Vista Place, Perth Amboy, NJ will hold its Annual Ukrainian Cultural Festival on the parish grounds on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 12 noon until 9 p.m. Based on last year's very successful 2000+ attendance by people from the local communities, we expect an even greater turnout this year. The festival will feature dazzling performances at 1:00 p.m. and at 3:00 p.m. in the school hall showcasing traditional Ukrainian dances. There will also be delicious homemade Ukrainian food, Ukrainian beer, delicious desserts, vendors, a church tour, live music throughout the event, a Beautiful Baskets raffle and 50/50 Money Raffle. Admission to the festival is free. No Outside Food or Drink Allowed. For vendors or more information call 732-826-0767 or visit us at www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net

### Celebrate EMS Week with Free Classes & Giveaways

PERTH AMBOY - Stroke Triage Guidelines - Tuesday, May 19 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 pm. Stroke Triage Guidelines - 2 CEU 150265136 - Raritan Room C&D, Perth Amboy. Light refreshments served. STEMI Care for EMS - Wednesday, May 20 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. - 3 CEU 150265289 - Centennial Hall. Dinner and tour of cath lab at Perth Amboy included. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS or visit www.njoemscert.com. For more information, call RBMC EMS Training at 732-324-5393.

### Festa di San Antonio

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd., in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge will be hosting its annual Festa di San Antonio Saturday, June 13 from Noon to 8 p.m. in Msgr. Gambino Hall. The day will include Italian food and desserts (eat in/take out), raffles, activities and games for children and more. Elevator service is available. Festa goers are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the parish food pantry. For information call (732) 826-4859 or visit good-shepherdpanj.org. Whether you call it sauce or gravy come on by and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship.

### PAHS Class of 1960 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The PAHS Class of 1960 will be holding their 55 year reunion at the Hotel Woodbridge at Metropark in Iselin, NJ the weekend of September 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. We have a Friday get together, Saturday dinner dance and Sunday brunch. You are able to come to any or all of the events. We have accommodation arrangements with the hotel for the weekend. For any further information, please contact Linda at 732-826-6794.

We are looking forward to a great reunion. Your being there will certainly add to the enjoyment!!! It's always great to revisit with you every five years, but we're also anxious to visit with those of you we haven't seen in a longer time - some not since 1960! Let this be the year you make the commitment to join us. Please don't let another reunion pass you by.

**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.*

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**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.

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**Hunger Games**

PERTH AMBOY - The JRF is having the Hunger Games Poverty Simulation on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 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 of poverty in our community. As participants come in, each will draw a character ticket 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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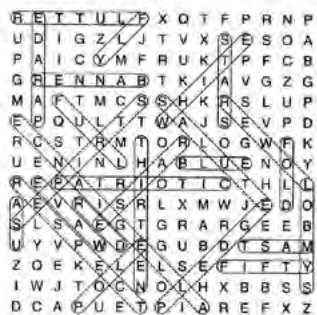
- WED. May 20 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
  - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
  - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. May 21 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. May 25 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. May 26 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
  - Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. May 27 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
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**South Amboy**

- TUES. May 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. Jun. 1 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Jun. 10 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

**Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com**

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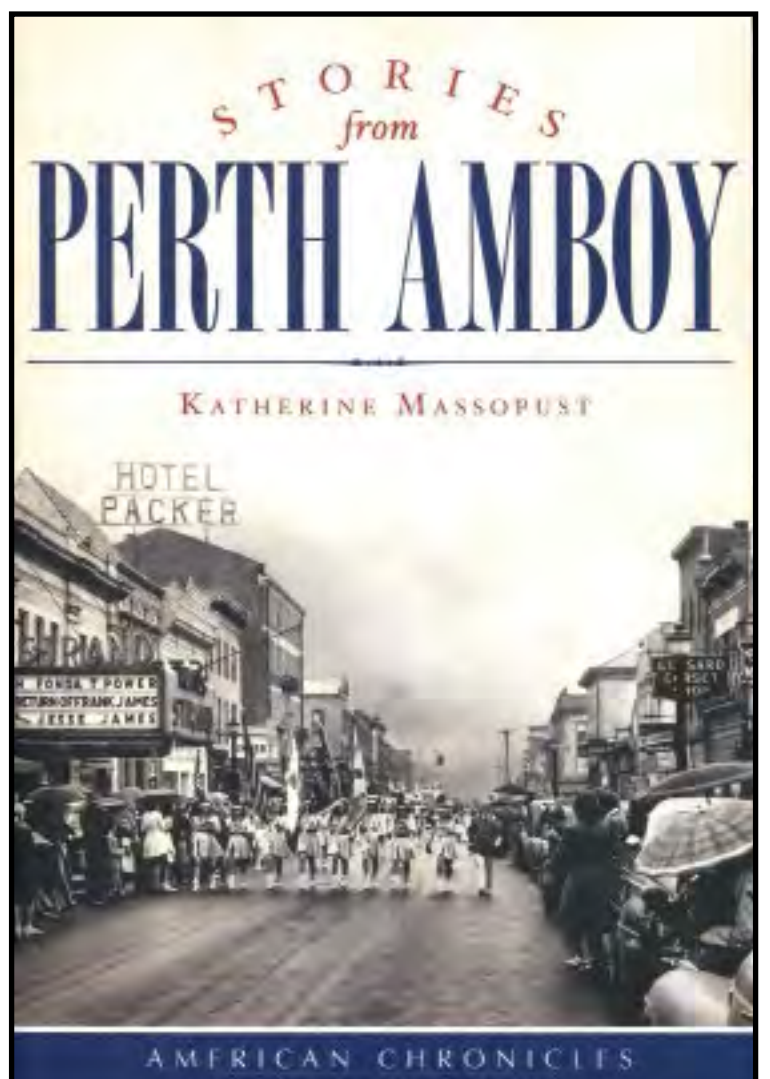
**LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - Dunlap Service Station and Garage, Circa early 1960's. Amboy Avenue across from Keene Street.

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**PERTH AMBOY** - SUBJECT TO 3<sup>RD</sup> PARTY APPROVAL. SOLD AS-IS (BUYER RESP. FOR C/O) **\$220,000**



**WOODBIDGE** - Rent the two unit building or one unit on the first floor for \$800.00 and second unit on the second floor for \$750.00. First unit has 3 rooms, 1 bath and bsmt. Second Unit has 3 rooms, 1 bath and attic. Building with private parking lot. **\$1,550 Mo/Rent**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Spectacular single family Hospital section, very good condition features large living room, nice dining room, garage, 3 bedrm, large bsmt and much more. **\$175,000**



**ELIZABETH** - BANK OWNED (AS IS SALE, BUYER RESPONSIBLE FOR C/O & ALL CITY REQUIREMENTS)!!! GREAT PRICE, BALCONY, DUAL SKYLIGHTS, 2 SPACIOUS BEDROOMS, MASTER BEDROOM HAS ON-SUITE BATH & WALK IN CLOSET. CONDO HAS BEEN UPGRADED, IN UNIT LAUNDRY HOOK UP. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, SHOPPING CLOSE BY. A MUST SEE. QUICK CLOSING AVAILABLE!!! **\$104,500**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Hurry to see, many kitchen upgrades. Cabinets, Ceramic counters and more. This 4 bedrms 2 bath 2 level home has lots to offer. Features. Central Air, Hardwood floors, Detached garage w/opener, Family room, party perfect yard with above ground pool and more! **\$334,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Great potential with this handy man special, all brick, no heat, electricity, needs lots of work but huge possibilities. Subject to sub-division. Buyer is resp. for all repairs and C/O. **\$159,000**