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## Fernando Gonzalez Sworn in as Councilman



PERTH AMBOY – Before the 5/27/15 Caucus Meeting began, Fernando Gonzalez was sworn in by Judge Mathias Rodriguez. None of the other Council Members were present except for Council President Lisa Nanton who stood outside in the hall leading into the Council Chambers. In attendance were wife, Obi Gonzalez, son and Campaign Manager, Daniel Gonzalez and daughter Marisol Gonzalez.

*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Fernando Gonzalez poses in the City Council Chambers with his family and supporters

## Parking Permits, Transit Village, & 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Park 5/27/15 Caucus & Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY - There were many topics of discussion at the 5/27/15 Caucus and Council Meeting which was held on the same date due to Memorial Day. First on the agenda was addressing traffic on State Street. Councilman Joel Pabon suggested there be an opening to Rudyk Park to alleviate traffic. Annie Hindenlang Executive Director Office of Economic and Community Development Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency proposed to use the area behind High Street where the railroad

tracks are. "The Second Street Grant has some additional funding and we can use that. There's accessibility issues and I'm processing those proposals. The Rudyk Park High Street Tracks are not active."

There was an ordinance proposed to give parking permits to portion of High Street, Smith Street and Fayette Street residents. During the public portion of the Council Meeting Resident Reinaldo Aviles asked about the permits. "What are the specifics?"

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By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY/SOUTH AMBOY/STATEN ISLAND – On Friday, May 22, a press conference luncheon was held on the Cornucopia: Riverboat St. Charles announcing signing a contract with Garden State Fireworks. This year, the Fireworks Spectacular is a tri-city collaboration of Perth Amboy, South Amboy and Staten Island. The event is coordinated by "Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes" Chair Barry Rosengarten and co-chaired by South Amboy City Council President Mickey Gross, Perth Amboy Councilman Bill Petrick, Perth Amboy B.A. Jillian Barrick and Staten Island Minority Leader Vincent Ignizio. Honorary Co-Chairs are Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry and Staten Island Borough President James Oddo.

City Officials, Sponsors, and the Media attended the press conference. Staten Island Borough President James Oddo was unable to attend the press conference due to Fleet Week events in New York.

Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten is proud to announce that the Fireworks Spectacular will again be at NO COST to the taxpayers. The event is solely funded by private sponsors and donations. "We've got a great group of people," Rosengarten said.

The press conference was opened by a Prayer by Msgr. John Gordon who blessed the occasion and the food.

Rosengarten spoke first at the press conference. He thanked his UEZ/BID Chair Roxana Troche, "In her off hours she volunteers her precious time to help lead and assist in our Celebrate programs."

He also thanked his Personal Assistant, Yolanda Flores, "In addition to her other full-time jobs, she has taken on the immense responsibility of following through on all the details necessary to present

## Fireworks to Return on Thursday, July 2, 2015



Celebrate Stars & Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten, B.A. Jillian Barrick, Perth Amboy Councilman Bill Petrick, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross *\*Photos by Angel Robledo*



(L to R) Petra Owner Enrique Hernandez, UEZ/BID Coordinator Roxana Troche, Yolanda Flores and Celebrate Stars and Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten

to you the greatest show on Independence Day weekend. . We owe these beautiful ladies a huge thank you."

Rosengarten thanked all the sponsors who are making this event possible singling out Aristicare as a major sponsor and Cornucopia Owner Mustafa Kilic who hosted the press conference.

"The simulcast music will be broadcast on radio station WCTC 1450 AM & WMGQ MAGIC 98.3 FM." Rosengarten thanked Bert Baron of WCTC who was present at the conference.

Mayor Wilda Diaz thanked Rosengarten and Gross who have been at the forefront of the Fireworks Spectacular as well as Mayor Fred Henry. "Perth Amboy has made an effort to restore our waterfront

which is nearly complete. We thank everyone who is making this possible."

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry thanked Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz for the partnership. He spoke about the history of South Amboy including the First Air Mail Flight between South Amboy and Perth Amboy and the history of the America's Cup. He thanked the Fire Departments, First Aid Squads, Police and Department of Public Works who makes this a safe event. "It's a great cause and family oriented entertainment."

South Amboy Council President Mickey Gross took over the speaking for Rosengarten who was suffering from Laryngitis. He thanked Raritan

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**South Amboy City Council Meeting - Wednesday, June 3, 2015 - 6 p.m.**



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Fireworks



The Fireworks Press Conference on the Cornucopia Riverboat St. Charles, Perth Amboy on 5/22/15  
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Bay Medical Center who took care of him when he had health issues.

Perth Amboy Councilman Bill Petrick spoke next. "For many years Barry Rosengarten has put things together at no cost to the taxpayers. I have to give credit to the City Council of New York who is joining us in the festivity. James Oddo, Borough President of NY (Staten Island) Vince Ignizio, Minority Leader and B.A. Jillian Barrick met at the Conference House in Staten Island. It's been unbelievable."

Co-owner of Garden State Fireworks Chris Santore offered some brief remarks, "I have a very cool job. We thrive on enthusiasm. It's driven by so many people. You give me the opportunity to bring flowers for everyone. It's a great privilege and honor. We're delivering a display for some-

thing everyone wants to see. It's a lot of long nights and lot of hard work."

Sponsors of the event are listed on the banner.

Rosengarten gave closing remarks, "For us it is not the Fireworks and the Holiday that motivates this endeavor. It is the genuine belief that if we do not remember, share and hold the values that our forefathers defended, then pride and patriotism will slowly disappear and the meaning behind Independence Day will be lost. It is vital that we provide for our families and friends a living tradition of our Nations birth best celebrated with the spectacular fireworks display providing an amazing fireworks and simulcast music that absolutely creates an impression in our children, parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts and everyone that lasts until the next years exciting July evening. What better place than

to watch from Staten Island's Conference House and South Amboy's Waterfront Park and Perth Amboy's magnificent beautifully restored extensive waterfront... What wonderful places to uphold those, moments, raise our spirits and Take pride in being an American. It is a great reason to Celebrate our Stars & Stripes along the shorelines of the Raritan whose waters wash our shores. As they say on Broadway, This will be the start of something wonderful..."

The celebration in Perth Amboy will begin at 7 p.m. with fun, entertainment, and food vendors in the waterfront area. The fireworks display is scheduled for 9:20 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2015. Rain Date is Friday, July 3, 2015.

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5/27/15 Caucus & Council

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B.A. Jillian Barrick stated, "The current residential parking permits has no cost or time restrictions."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated, "We're doing it for this area at this point. Are there any other areas where residents are getting ticketed and so on? Are we doing this in every area?"

Councilman Bill Petrick answered, "Market Street."

Fernando Gonzalez stated the residential stickers benefit the town as a whole. You owe it to them to represent them. People have been coming up to me. (about residential parking permits in other areas)

Council Lisa Nanton stated, "Now we are amending the ordinance. Why didn't you come to me?" (about the parking complaints)

Gonzalez had no response to Nanton's question. He reiterated, "I'm urging anyone out there to come forward and we will hear them."

The ordinance passed unanimously.

Another Ordinance to allow for Hardship exemptions for



Newly Sworn in Councilman Fernando Gonzalez takes his seat once more on the Council at the 5/27/15 Caucus and Council Meeting.

\*Photo by Katherine Massopust

handicapped parking in business districts was proposed. A handicapped resident on Market Street had previously complained about the lack of parking on Market Street causing a hardship for him.

During the Council Meeting, all the Council Members voted "Yes" but Fernando Irizarry who voted "No," stating he did not feel comfortable with the ordinance.

The third ordinance was to create some new positions replacing older ones. One position is a Sanitary Inspector who would drive around and

see if trash is put out after 5 p.m. and whether or not it is in the right type of cans, etc. This position will be a part of the Department of Public Works. Another position is a Senior Housing Inspector who will be in charge of all the other Housing Inspectors. This employee will be a member of Code Enforcement.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez questioned the \$80,000 salary for the Senior Housing Inspector. Councilman Joel Pabon questioned about it not being a "second tier."

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# 2015 FIREWORKS!

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

“Perth Amboy is a Diamond in the Rough”  
-Tracy Jordan (Former Perth Amboy Resident & Community Activist)

One of our past contributors of the Amboy Guardian was Tracy Jordan. Tracy was not born in Perth Amboy but seems to be the type of person who would be active in any community which she would reside in. In one conversation I (Katherine) had with her, Tracy described Perth Amboy as: “A Diamond in the Rough.” But the diamond needs “polishing.”

Perth Amboy is a unique town. Many residents often feel that we can handle our problems and don’t need the help of “outsiders.”

Sometimes it takes an outsider to see a different perspective on how to solve problems than a person who has lived here all their lives.

Tracy was an “outsider” who became an “insider,” and in turn was one of the assets to our town. She revitalized part of the train station by opening up a successful coffee shop/café (Raritan Bay Coffee Shop) which featured open mic, artists and musicians. Tracy wanted to help bring out Perth Amboy’s native talents and showcase them. By doing so, other “outsiders” were drawn in to see talent that was showcased at her venue.

A second individual not born here (but her father was) is Carolin Pozycki. Pozycki is the Chair of the Perth Amboy’s Art’s Council created months ago. They had a successful Art’s Festival on Sadowski Parkway on Saturday, May 23. The Arts Council was the brainchild of Pozycki. She had been an advocate of Perth Amboy for many years. Every time she has come to a Council Meeting to talk about the City, she has never uttered a negative word.

I remember one time when she came up to speak about the Train Station and one thing that Caroline doesn’t do is compare apples to oranges. When she talks about a vi-

sion for Perth Amboy, she will use a city that has similar attributes to what part of town she is talking about. She spoke about murals in Orange, New Jersey where old fire houses were converted to art galleries.

As we walk past the Historic Buildings on High Street with overgrown shrubs and trees, you could still see the beauty of their exteriors. This is especially so in the springtime when the buds on the trees start blossoming. This makes a beautiful frame and backdrop for the architecture of the building.

We acknowledge some of the negative comments said about the Waterfront, especially where there are broken lights near the Yacht Club, and garbage polluting the beaches. Yet the Waterfront is still beautiful.

Someone had made a comment at a recent Council Meeting that our Waterfront was disgusting in comparison to the Waterfront in Hoboken and another one down the shore. I (Carolyn) have never been to either of these waterfronts, but I’m sure those two waterfronts took a big hit from Superstorm Sandy just like ours did.

In comparison you have to remember that our Waterfront had suffered damage from two major storms a few years apart prior to Sandy. Just ask the owners of the Barge and Armory. The Waterfront is one of the most important assets that Perth Amboy has.

After the May 23 Arts Festival, I decided to take a walk by the Barge and Armory Restaurants. The parking lot along Front Street were filled. I could not find one space available. So I say if Perth Amboy’s Waterfront is so disgusting, why were there so many people there? I guess a lot of people didn’t get the memo.

In addition Perth Amboy is

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Transportation Funding

Reports say the Transportation Trust Fund is going bankrupt. The cure is to abolish it like any other failed enterprise. It was a mistake to only use the gasoline tax. Everybody benefits from roads, not

just those who drive gasoline powered motor vehicles. Money for highways, roads, and streets should come from general funds. Highways, roads, and streets were all built and maintained before automobiles were invented in the twentieth century.

Why did they create a

“Transportation Trust Fund”? Perhaps it was meant as an excuse to raise the gasoline tax year after year? What do other states do?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

On Tuesday, June 2 Vote Column A.

Dear Perth Amboy Voters,

I would like to correct some misinformation recently printed in the May 27 edition of this paper.

Barbara Sottilaro wrote that myself, Sharon Nagy and Wilma Matey “viciously went after” Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez because she supported Billy Delgado for mayor. The Wilma Matey incident was in 2009. Sharon Nagy was not involved nor was I. Neither were present at

the meeting referenced by Ms. Sottilaro. What’s more, I have never “viciously gone after” anyone, and am surprised and concerned by Ms. Sottilaro’s description.

I am also concerned that Ms. Sottilaro, as the organization’s secretary, would confuse such events. This demonstrates the importance of accurate minutes, which have never been distributed at the meetings, nor given to me when requested.

After a Superior Court Judge overturned an election as a result of Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez taking advantage of vulnerable members of our City, all of the elected officials

in the City of Perth Amboy petitioned the County Chairman to allow them to reorganize the Perth Amboy Democratic Organization.

All voters in Perth Amboy have the opportunity to support our efforts to rid the Perth Amboy Democratic Party of individuals that take advantage of voters and all those who have turned a blind eye or worse, defended such efforts to take away our right to a free and fair election.

On Tuesday, June 2 Vote Column A

Respectfully,  
Lisa Nanton

Authentic Democrat?

I read with interest the letter from Mrs. Sotillaro and I am baffled by her recollection of events. Maybe she has selective memory or she just wrote this letter to get political support in her effort to run for Committee Person. Mrs. Sotillaro asked us, the citizens of Perth Amboy, to vote for the most authentic Democrats. What is an “authentic Democrat?” She claims that Democratic Senators want to control Perth Amboy. Is she against Senators, who were elected by the people, cooperating with our city and Mayor? Isn’t it in our best interest to get assistance from Senators and to maintain a good relationship with them? I do not recall Mrs. Sotillaro being upset when the same legislators and freeholders were involved in the politics of Perth Amboy during the Joe Vas era. She had no problem with the same sort of financial help and support at that time!

It is laughable that Mrs. Sotillaro claims the lives of Mr. Kevin McCabe and the Mayor revolve around one major thing... thinking of ways to get rid of Leslie Dominguez Rodriguez. She claims there is some sort of vendetta which she doesn’t explain. She also claims claims that her position

as the chair of the Board of Library Trustees was taken away from her due to some imaginary hatred that the Mayor has for her.

Let me clarify her claims with facts:

1. The court-ordered new City Council election had exactly the same result as the first. Fernando lost at the polls, but was able to claim victory with absentee ballots. If he is so popular why can’t he get his supporters to come out and vote at the polls? Fernando was a councilman for four years. His only big ideas were for the City of Perth Amboy to declare bankruptcy, and to conduct investigations which led nowhere and wasted thousands of taxpayer dollars.

2. Leslie lost the election for Committee Woman of her district. Yet, against the will of the people, Barbara Sotillaro and others who had supported Joe Vas and Leslie gave her back her position as Chair of the party.

3. When she mentions the protests of Council President Nanton, Wilma Matey and Sharon Nagy-Johnson, she fails to state the truth about Leslie’s actions. Leslie circumvented the rules to appoint herself and others into positions in the party which previously did not exist. She also neglects to mention the rudeness and bad behavior of Leslie’s supporters

toward newly elected committee members.

4. In the court case regarding the City Council election, the judge stated that Leslie facilitated fraud in the absentee ballot process. This is not simply an allegation. This is a fact that was proven in court. After the court decision and the judge’s statement regarding Leslie’s fraud, Mayor Diaz and Mr. McCabe(Chair of the Middlesex County Democratic Party) asked for Leslie’s resignation. This was completely appropriate and something we all should be supporting and applauding. Our community deserves to have a fair democracy that values each person’s vote as a sacred right. However, Mrs. Sotillaro persists in claiming Leslie’s proven behavior is “alleged.” I am in agreement with the actions of Mr. McCabe and Mayor Diaz. We should never allow our party to be associated with these types of things. This is not about vengeance; it is about doing the right thing.

5. Mrs. Sotillaro claims the Mayor doesn’t support unions simply because the Governor of this state came to her inauguration. This is absurd. We should all be attempting to unite instead of divide. The Mayor also attempted to unite our local party by try-

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## Community Calendar

### Perth Amboy

WED. Jun. 3	Planning Board, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Jun. 8	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Jun. 9	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.
•	UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.
•	BID, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Jun. 10	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Jun. 18	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.

### South Amboy

WED. Jun. 3	City Council, Business, 6 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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**Caught by Chance, Perth Amboy 5/16/15**  
*\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



PERTH AMBOY - Newlyweds Karen & Danilo Lopez pose for a photo after exchanging marriage vows. The couple were married on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at the First Presbyterian Church, Perth Amboy. They took a horse drawn Cinderella themed Carriage ride around City Hall Circle on their way to their wedding reception. Congratulations to the happy couple.

**Schoolchildren Experience Walking Tour of Historic Sites in Perth Amboy 5/28/15**  
*\*Photos by Kerry Dyke*



Anton Massopust (as a Revolutionary soldier) informs students about Perth Amboy being the Colonial Capital of New Jersey. John Dyke portrays William Dunlap.



Kurt Epps as Royal Governor William Franklin & Perth Amboy Catholic School students in the center hall of the Proprietary House.

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**Fluke Tournament**  
PERTH AMBOY - The 2015 Fluke Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 18.

**Mayor's Fluke Tournament**  
WOODBIDGE - Mayor John E. McCormac Fluke Tournament will be on Saturday, June 20 from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sewaren Boat Launch. \$125 Per Boat (\$100 if paid before June 1). For more info call the Recreation Dept. at 732-596-4048.

**Community Flea Market**  
SAYREVILLE - Community Flea Market - June 6. Residents & Non-Residents Invited at Borough Hall Fields from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Vendor's can register at Sayrevillerec.com

**Classic Car Show**  
SAYREVILLE - Blast from the Past Classic Car Show: Saturday, September 12, 4 p.m.- 8 p.m., located in Kennedy Park on Washington Road. Refreshments available at the Food court. Admission is free to spectators. To enter a classic car, please provide 2 non-perishable food items for the Sayreville Food Bank at the registration table. For Info call: 732- 390- 7092 / 7096.

**Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting**  
PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-797-8074.

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



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### Italian Festival Preparation, Good Shepherd Parish at Most Holy Rosary Church, Hopelawn \*Photos by Toni Gianfrancesco



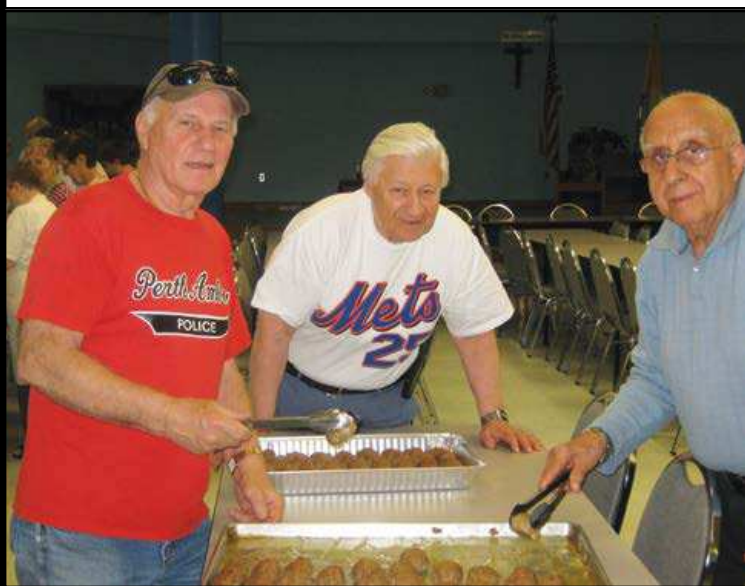
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## Festa di San Antonio

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 goodshepherdpanj.org. Whether you call it sauce or gravy come on by and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship.

## 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.

## 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

## 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Saturday, June 13 12-8pm**

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200 Club of Middlesex County Honorees, Pines Manor, Edison  
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Woodbridge Twp. Honorees with Mayor McCormac; (L to R), Ex-Chief Todd Howell WFD, Firefighter Matt Mizak Avenel FD, Ex-chief Robert Bader WFD, Wdbrdg Firefighter/Police Dispatcher Eric Seniakevgch, Sgt. William Draina WPD, Police Officer Nicole Hubner WPD, and Police Officer Carlos Villegas WPD



South Amboy Fire Chief Mike Gerahtowskwi with honorees Tom and Dave Szatkowski.



Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz and Fire Chief Abraham Pitre (center) with Honorees (L) Lt. Roman McKeon PAPD, Capt. Larry Cattano PAPD, (R) Firefighter David Ramos PAFD, and Bob Dahill

Thank You Loman Auto Sales & Service



Steve Jobin, President/CEO Raritan Bay Area YMCA; John Loman, Loman Auto Sales and Service; Louis Quinones, Sports Director Raritan Bay Area YMCA \*Photo Submitted

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY - RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA would like to give a special thank you to Loman Auto Sales and Service in Woodbridge. John Loman is working with the Y to help us DO MORE for our Community this year. Loman's is offering a special deal to ANYONE purchasing a car from them. For every sale made by someone who mentions our Y, they will donate \$200 to us! On their first day of the "Loman's Care for Your Y" program, they raised \$900 for our community! These funds go towards the Y to support children and families in need of YMCA services. After-School Care, Summer Camp, teen programs, water safety and so much MORE!  
"It is through the generosity of individuals and businesses like Loman Auto Sales and Service, that we are able to affect change in our community. Keeping kids safe and active afterschool and during the summer, saving lives through water education, providing early learning experiences, and cultivating healthy opportunities, is at the very core of our mission" stated Steve Jobin, CEO of the Raritan Bay Area YMCA.  
"We are in business for the people and we want to give back to our community" said John Loman. "Years ago, a family member of mine needed support and a place to live and the YMCA gave him a warm bed and a sense of self. This kind of commitment to the community and its people, is why the Raritan Bay Area YMCA is our Charity of choice."  
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## 5/27/15 Caucus & Council

B.A. Jillian Barrick explained that these are non-union positions and are not in union titles. “There are some full time and some part time.”

Pabon asked, “What is the salary range of an employee placed in this title in that salary range?”

“If you feel uncomfortable with the title and that it is given the wrong impression, the language can be revised,” Barrick stated.

Gonzalez then stated, “These are all new positions in the City. We’re spending this kind of money. We have the highest taxes in Middlesex County.”

Pabon asked, “Are we looking to promote from within? Is that set in place?”

B.A. Barrick answered, “Each one of these titles is being filled by existing employees.”

Pabon then asked, “Is the Sanitation Inspector going to have set hours? Is this person going to be flexible? Are you adding on to Code Enforcement during the day and weekends and after 5 p.m.?”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry added, “We should emphasize why we are creating this position? We’ve had a number of people express concerns with garbage.”

Barrick again asked, “Would you like this ordinance to be revised? (not in short steps - the proper language)

All of the Council Voted “Yes” to the ordinance except for Fernando Gonzalez who abstained. (due to his affiliation with PARTNER)

Resolution R-216-5 –Authorizing the Planning Board to investigate the properties (from Elm Street to Maple Street, Market Street to New Brunswick Avenue. This proposal will be a study using \$7000 which is available. City CFO/Comptroller Jill Goldy stated, “We can approve a certain amount of money not used for Bayview Park. We can use it for a down payment (for some necessities) in the future.”

City Council President asked, “The money was not used at Bayview Park? What was not done at Bayview Park?”

Goldy explained, “The money was used for many things: animal shelter improvements – not all was done in Bayview Park.”

Annie Hindenlang stated, “This is only a study. We’ve been looking to achieve a transit village. The Best way is to look at a core area around the train station. The first step is putting into effect where we’re planning to build.”

Irizarry asked, “Is there a clause for Eminent Domain?”

Hindenlang answered, “It’s the fairest approach, if you approve. It’s mostly parking lots. They are owned by three large owners. We hope not to use

Eminent Domain. We talked to the largest property owners.”

Fernando Gonzalez asked, “Were there any public input? Any community meetings?”

Hindenlang stated, “We had one community meeting. A lot of students from the High School met with us for that project.”

Irizarry asked, “Is this the study that was done with Rutgers?”

Hindenlang answered, “It was one of the studies done with Rutgers and a culmination of a lot of projects. We’ve already got the grant.”

Councilman Bill Petrick asked, “The Grant will fund the process?”

“The grant and the Redevelopment Agency,” Hindenlang answered him.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

Council President Lisa Nanton asked about the Second Street Park.

Hindenlang answered her, “We are resolving funding for the cleanup process. I feel by hoping that cleaning will happen during the year and will be finished.”

“When it came to what was on the ground - the contaminants that is.” Councilman Pabon added.

“If you stand on the ground for more than seven hours, you’ll turn into a light bulb!” Councilman Gonzalez joked.

“There’s hot spots depending on the location. They have it marked,” Pabon stated.

Hindenlang continued, “There is a certain level of cleanup. We’re not going to cap where we’re going to clean up.”

Nanton added, “I still have concerns about a community garden without an irrigation system. I would like more basketball courts.”

Councilman Joel Pabon agreed.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated, “We need to bring in rateable’s. I don’t think the Waterfront is a place for parks.”

B.A. Jillian Barrick answered, “You will get no bigger cheerleader than me for rateable’s. This money is green acres funding. It has to be used as a park. We’re in great need for parks. Because of this park, two developers are interested in mixed use buildings.”

Gonzalez added, “The waterfront has a tremendous amount of park area. I’m just concerned.”

Hindenlang continued, “In January we designated a developer for that area. (For creating a park under the Victory Bridge)

*What Do You Think?  
Send us Your Response!*

## Editorial

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still trying to get out from a huge financial burden. Those storms didn’t help. I (Carolyn) remember about 15 years ago, I was on the bus coming home from New York. I heard a conversation between two passengers. One said to the other, “You know that Perth Amboy is the sewer of New Jersey.” My heart dropped into my stomach. How could these people say such a thing? I wanted to ask them why, but I couldn’t muster the courage.

For some reason, especially in the springtime, if I see a piece of property or a home that has been neglected, and my eye is always drawn to something that is beautiful growing on that property. It could be a flowering tree, flowers or a beautiful bush. Mother Nature takes care of her own. I imagine what these properties could become with a little TLC.

Coming from Sewaren into Perth Amboy (in outer State Street) there are still many old and abandoned buildings. In the meantime while we wait for those properties to be sold and redeveloped, someone should plant some kind of shrubbery to beautify the area.

Unkempt property is not everywhere. Let’s face it, some parts of town are more pleasing to the eye than others, but every single neighborhood has a hidden treasure. Start from City Hall Circle and walk the length down High Street all the way down to Sadowski Parkway. The homes and properties are stunning, even the ones that are unoccupied. When I (Carolyn) walked down that

street, sometimes I would love to knock on the door of those homes and ask if I could take a tour. I was fortunate one time when my dream came true and I was able to take a tour of the Wilentz home on High Street. About three years ago, I was walking past that property, saying to myself I would love to see the inside of that house. Suddenly I heard someone call out my name. The house was being renovated and the person who called me happened to be working on the renovations. He took me on a tour inside and I was stunned to see there was an elevator inside.

The Garden Club runs tours of some of the houses on High Street and Water Street. I would urge anyone to take those tours to do so. It’s worth every cent that you pay.

To see beautiful landscaping on a private home is not unusual, but I notice that there are more commercial properties that are beautifying their establishments. Surprisingly the most beautiful landscaping are the gas stations.

You can just walk down the street and see why New Jersey is called the Garden State.

A majority of the town is conducive to walking. Many residents don’t own a car and can easily get from one part of town to the other, even by walking. When I (Carolyn) was growing up, there was more diversity of stores in Perth Amboy. There were two movie theaters in town (circa 1970) that I can remember. I wonder why we can’t at least bring one back. I have gone to other towns where there

are movie theaters doing good business, such as Morristown. Rahway has a venue where there are stage plays and well-known performing artists appearing there.

How do you bring these people here? We need outsiders to come and spend their money here.

Besides Tracy Jordan and Caroline Pozycki, there is another Perth Amboy resident who was originally from Fords who is an integral part of putting Perth Amboy in a positive light. Vilma Novak brought the ship, the Peacemaker here twice to Perth Amboy. The Peacemaker was brought in so the residents could take advantage of a sailing vessel with a working crew. The first time the Peacemaker made its visit it docked down the Waterfront in Front Street. The ship came back two more times and the schools even brought their students down for private tours.

Its activities and events like this that will draw outsiders to come to Amboy again and again.

Our festivals have been enjoyed by residents and outsiders alike. Recently the Greek Festival featured Channel 12 News. Other festivals are coming down the pipe: Italian, Ukrainian, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Mexican, etc.

We as residents have to take responsibility for ourselves for the image that Perth Amboy projects to others. No town is spotless – image-wise or otherwise. We residents have in our power to show the outsiders what we insiders already know - what the true Perth Amboy can be. **C.M. & K.M.**

## The Community Voice

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ing to have Leslie considered for the position of Vice Chair of the Democratic Party. Why would the Mayor do this? Because she wants to unite the party. The Mayor was gracious enough to allow Leslie to run her campaign from the Mayor’s headquarters. So, while the Mayor continues to attempt to unify the party, Leslie continues to divide it. One only needs to look at Leslie’s actions over the past seven years to understand the truth. 6. It is interesting that Leslie and Mrs. Sotillaro attack others who changed their party from Republican to Democrat. However, when Billy Delgado ran for Mayor, they seemed to have forgotten that he too was once a Republican. 7. Mrs. Sotillaro and Leslie are very selective in their principles regarding campaign finance. It seems strange that they suddenly believe certain campaign contributions to be

attempts to take over our city. When Mrs. Sotillaro and Leslie were part of the Joe Vas team, and when her husband ran for City Council (5 times), she never objected to similar campaign contributions. 8. While Mrs. Sotillaro was in charge of the Perth Amboy Library Board of Trustees, employees were forced to work in a building with no heat, mold, leaks and lack of funding. I remember attending a meeting of the Perth Amboy Library Board of Trustees, and asking Mrs. Sotillaro what steps she had taken to address these conditions. This was during the time that Joe Vas was Mayor. Her answer was that she had sent a letter to the Mayor but received no answer. I then asked her if she had sent an email. She responded that she did not know how to send an email. I then asked if she had sent a follow-up letter including a return receipt to ensure the Mayor received it. She stated that she hadn’t thought

of that. The strange thing is that her husband was a councilman for years and nothing was done to alleviate the poor and hazardous conditions that the employees of the library had to endure all those years.

We need to start evaluating our leaders and elected officials for what they DO. This is not about who is an “authentic Democrat.” This is about doing the right thing for ALL citizens instead of just a few. It is about ensuring we have a fiscally solvent government, a quality educational system, public buildings and services that ensure the health and safety of our people, and a fair democratic process. In order to achieve these things we need people to work together and to reach across the aisle. A true leader will understand what’s at stake, stop creating diversions for personal political gain, and take actions to move our city forward.

Maria Garcia



## 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.

## Sandy Assistance

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## 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



## Comedy Show

PERTH AMBOY - The 8th Annual Puerto Rican Weekend Comedy Show featuring Smokey Suarez, Gina Brillion, Mike Troy and Edgar Rivera, hosted by Ron Snipes. Music by DJ Hayes. Mi Tierra Restaurant, 315 State St., Perth Amboy. Doors open 8:30 p.m. Showtime 9:30 p.m. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. For tickets and reservations text or call 732-585-7733. Casual attire is a must- 18 to laugh; 21 to drink. 2 drinks or 2 item minimum. Raffleing off 2 r/t tickets to Puerto Rico. Drawing will be after the show. Winner need not be present. Line up subject to change.

## Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Monday from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Ages 5 and under For more info call 732-721-6060.

## \$100 Groceries for \$39

PERTH AMBOY - \$100 of Groceries for \$39...Does That Interest You? The Jolin Food box program is designed to provide families with nationally branded food products at wholesale prices. On behalf of the Cathedral's Community Development Corporation, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's AmeriCorps is helping promote the Jolin Food Box. Check out [https://jolinfoodbox.com/Home\\_Page.html](https://jolinfoodbox.com/Home_Page.html) or contact us at 732-376-6642.

## Civil War Library & Research Center

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E. Lee Civil War Library and Research Center, located at 94 Green St., Woodbridge, is open Saturday mornings at 10:00. The library has one of the largest collections of books, magazines, and newspapers in New Jersey. You can also find us on Facebook. Our address is [www.facebook.com/releecwrtlbrary](http://www.facebook.com/releecwrtlbrary)

## Cathedral CDC Summer Enrichment Program

PERTH AMBOY - For children ages 5-13 - July 6-August 28, 2015. \$1120.00 will provide your child with 8 weeks of fun. Before and Aftercare hours provided from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for an additional fee of \$50.00 per week. A \$75.00 non-refundable registration deposit is required. Registration begins May 15, 2015. Early registration: deposit fee waived if paid in full before June 24, 2015. Payment plans are available for your convenience. Child care vouchers accepted. FREE Breakfast, snacks and Lunch for campers!!!! Camp hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Our summer program will be held @ our Campus located at 277 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Come learn while having fun, visits to museums, amusement parks & various places of interest. For more info call: Damaris Ramirez - 732-826-8206 or Juana Kearney - 732-442-1546.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Rain date is June 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.rjccharities.com](http://www.rjccharities.com)



*Hear Ye, Hear Ye*



*Royal Governor William Franklin will be arrested at:*

*The "Royal Governor's Mansion", 149 Kearny Ave.  
Perth Amboy, NJ*

*On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 1pm by Colonel Nathaniel Heard  
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## Narrative on Blemur Home Contamination and Legislator's A Tour

News Release 5/8/15

SAYREVILLE - On Friday, May 8 Assemblymen John Wisniewski and Craig Coughlin toured the home of Mr. Herve Blemur of Sayreville, which is undergoing remediation work through the NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Publicly-Funded Site Remediation Program. The contamination at the home is thought to have resulted from industrial activity that had previously been conducted in the area.

Mr. Blemur has lived in his home for 16 years. After Hurricane Irene and an earthquake in Virginia which affected New Jersey, he noticed an increased volume of water in his basement and visitors commented on an odor. As a result, Mr. Blemur sent samples of the basement water and his tap water to an independent testing facility. The results showed high levels of VOCs (volatile organic compounds). Mr. Blemur sent the information to the USEPA, which then contacted NJ's Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Health. DEP undertook a site investigation to determine the cause of the VOC contamination while the Department of Health reviewed testing results to assess whether there was any threat to the health of residents in the home. While the Department of Health determined there was no health threat, the DEP characterized indoor air quality to be at a level of concern and has begun work to lower vapor levels, which is ongoing. DEP also made a determination that the area's previous industrial activity was the like-

ly cause of the contamination though no specific liable party has yet been identified.

The primary contaminant of concern is the cancer-causing tetrachloroethene (PCE). In addition, benzene and ethylbenzene have been identified in indoor air samples at the Blemur residence. The Department is working to correct the problem so that the residents can continue to live there. Mr. Blemur, however, has ongoing concerns about both the cumulative effect of the contamination on the health of his family as well as the diminished value of his property. Mr. Blemur has six children, two who were born while living in the house and both have respiratory problems.

With the commencement of remediation work in March of this year, public notice was sent to area residents, one of whom contacted the offices of Assemblyman Wisniewski and Coughlin. The legislators then reached out to Mr. Blemur to discuss the work being done and Mr. Blemur's concerns. As a result of those discussions Mr. Blemur invited the assemblymen to tour the site. Following their discussions with Mr. Blemur, the Assemblymen announced their intention to introduce legislation that would allow the DEP to buy out homeowner properties that are discovered to have industrial-related contamination after the homeowner purchased the property and which occurred through no fault of the homeowner. Any residential structure on such land would be demolished and the land would be permanently

preserved.

The legislators pointed out that, under current law and given the previous industrial activity at the site, the property would have been evaluated prior to any sale of the property and would have been cleaned to residential standards prior to home construction. Mr. Blemur's home, however, was constructed prior to these requirements.

"Mr. Blemur, through no fault of his own, has seen the value of his property significantly diminished," said Assemblyman Wisniewski. "He has acted responsibly and it is only fair that he be made whole given the previous industrial contamination at the site, about which he knew nothing."

"For most families, a home represents a major investment and, in hindsight, we now know that this home should never have been built here," added Assemblyman Coughlin. "It is only right and just that the state take responsibility."

Both legislators pointed out that the state currently has responsibility for cleaning the property to residential standards and that, under their proposal, the state may actually save money. By permanently preserving the land, the clean-up would likely cost significantly less.

The legislation proposed by the Assemblyman is currently being drafted and is expected to be introduced in the coming days. In the meantime, the Assemblymen have begun discussions with DEP and will be monitoring the work at the site.

### Edison AARP

EDISON - Subscriptions for the Paper Mill Playhouse 2015-2016 season are now available. For information, call Doris at 732-603-8788. The following are a list of scheduled trips: June 9-10: Lancaster, PA - Features - "Joseph" at the Sight and Sound Theatre, Dutch Apple Dinner Show, and overnight at Eden Resort. For information, call Bob at 732-885-1789. July 28-30: St. Lawrence Boat Cruise - For information, call Bob at 732-885-1789. AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the Edison Senior Center on June 16 + 18. To register, call Bob at 732-885-1789.

Canned food for MCFOOD and miscellaneous items for nursing homes & hospitals will be collected at the meeting, as well as metal can tabs for Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick, and eye glasses for the Lions Club. For additional information, visit our website at [www.edisonaarp.org](http://www.edisonaarp.org).

### LIVESTRONG at the YMCA

#### 12 Weeks of Healing

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Y is offering a FREE 12 week program for cancer survivors. The program will begin Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and ends Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Extensive research has shown that exercise for individuals recovering from cancer can help reduce fatigue and loss of strength. The program meets twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7pm, and will give participants a gradual approach to exercise as they work hand in hand with our experienced trainers and staff. There will be a focus on cardio exercise and progress into weights, stability and endurance. For more information, contact Cindy Vazquez at 732-553-9622 or email [cindy.vazquez@ymcaofmews.org](mailto:cindy.vazquez@ymcaofmews.org).

### No Booza Palooza Teen Festival

PERTH AMBOY - Washington Park on Friday, June 19, 2015, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. No Booza Palooza aims to promote healthy choices by providing entertainment and socialization without the presence of alcohol or drugs. The event targets high school aged youth in grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. We will have music, interactive entertainment, local vendors and teen-friendly activities. We are asking organizations to assist us by sponsoring activities for attendees, i.e. equipment rental, interactive activity. Your organization can also recruit staff volunteers to assist with the event. Join us in our efforts to provide an amazing event for Perth Amboy's youth. For more info call Yamilet Febo Gomez at 732-324-2114 x120 or email: [yamillet@jrfnj.org](mailto:yamillet@jrfnj.org)



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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.

### MIY

#### Thursdays

SOUTH AMBOY - MIY Thursdays - SADIE'S STUDIO Programs at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Come and join us as we Make, Create, Innovate! Ages 7-17 Enjoy fun hands-on electronic projects! Recycled Bead Bracelets Doodling Robots Kinect Remote Control Cars Learn Coding- RPG Combat Coding & Frozen Coding Little bits, Smoothies and MUCH MORE! For more info call 732-721-6060.

### DVD

#### & Recorded Media Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Your spring cleaning is done and you're wondering what to do with all of those unwanted DVDS, CDs, and Video games. How about donating them to South Amboy's Sadie Pope Dowdell Library? The Library Foundation DVD and Media drive is on-going, with collection boxes at Madura Pharmacy, and the library.

This is an on-going program and your generous contributions enable the library to increase its resources for the residents of South Amboy. All donations are fully tax deductible and the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Please call (732)721-6060 for library hours. To schedule a pick-up for larger collections, please contact Grace at 732-721-6592. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### 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.

### Step Into Fitness

WOODBIDGE - Walk the Middlesex County Greenway Join Mayor John E. McCormac & The Woodbridge Wellness Campaign. Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 Time: 6:00 p.m. at Middlesex County Greenway ~ Dudash Park Entrance: May Street at Fords/Edison border.

### 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](http://www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net)



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.*

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.

Senior Scene

Happenings

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
WED. Jun. 3	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. Jun. 4	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Jun. 8	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Jun. 9	Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
	• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Jun. 10	Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
	• St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Jun. 11	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
	• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
MON. Jun. 8	St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
WED. Jun. 10	South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Jun. 29	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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.

Atlantic City Bus Trip

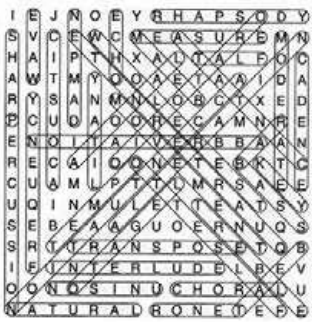
PERTHAMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar’s Casino will be on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves 12 Noon from Knights of Columbus, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost \$30 per person. Receive a \$30 slot card. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

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!

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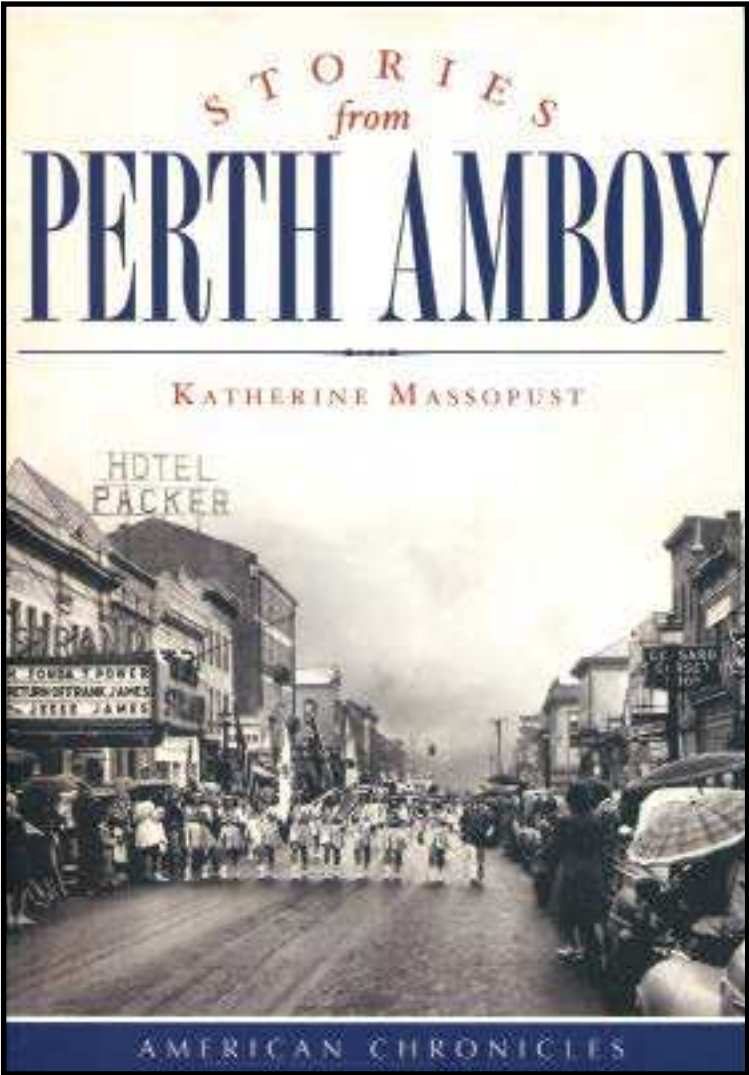
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy’s first airfield circa 1920’s  
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