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Rules & Regulations Questioned

July 6, 2015 Caucus & July 8, 2015 Council Meetings

PERTH AMBOY - Ordinance No. 3 - An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled "Police Department" (Ordinance No. C-74) Adopted on October 17, 1928) Also known as Chapter 95 Et Seq of the Code of the City of Perth Amboy. Re: Rules and Regulations.

City Attorney Mark Blunda answered some questions posed by Councilman Fernando Irizarry in reference to this ordinance. Blunda stated, "The Police are represented by one or two Unions who negotiate the terms. As far as insubordination, there are limitations on free speech and that applies to all Officers. The language in the Ordinance will cover what is going on currently and into the future. The consequences of anyone violating the rules and regulations set forth will depend on what kind of violation was committed."

Acting Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano also made a comment, "1993 was the last time that the governing body

adapted an ordinance governing the rules and regulations."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked Cattano. "Did vour Department prepare the last rules and regulations?"

Cattano stated, "The new Best Practices have been reviewed by us and we can ask the Rodgers Group to come to a future Caucus or Council Meeting for further questioning."

Former Council President Ken Balut came forward as he has done in the past and criticized the Rodgers Group. He had in hand a communication from an Officer to someone who works in the Police Department. This communication contained what Balut deemed inappropriate wording. Balut also wanted to know about the status of an OPRA Request that he had never received an answer. He also said "During negotiations the PBA President is equal to the Mayor. She (the Mayor) can't bring insubordination charges against

the PBA President because he disagreed with something she

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano replied to one of BAlut's concerns, "The Attorney General made recommendations and some Best Practices have been refined by the Rodgers Group. One example would be updating some of our electronic (technology) equipment."

At the 7/8/15 Council Meeting, Balut wanted to know if this ordinance would cover the Police Director (the Mayor). City Attorney Blunda replied, "This title is not subject to the Rules and Regulations."

Balut retorted, "The Police Director can only make budget recommendations to this Department. They cannot direct police to do assignments. The Attorney General's Office says that all complaints made about the department must be investigated."

Balut also complained, "There should be more de-



Frank Dann (2nd From Left) poses with the City Council and Business Administrator after the 7/8/15 City Council Meeting. Dann is leaving his position as Director of Public Works. This was his last Meeting.

tailed information about ordinances appearing on the Agenda."

Blunda responded back, "The Council has a right not to read the documents in public pertaining to this ordinance."

Balut made referenced to the Police and Fire Departments promotions on 7/7/15. "A person was promoted who worked on Accreditation, even

after we had lost it."

Cattano assured Balut, "I take what you said very seriously. I will investigate what information you requested through OPRA. It was submitted before I was appointed to this position. The Council has no input into what the rules and regulations are."

Shoddy Street Repairs 6/22/15 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was not happy with the road resurfacing work done on State Street. He said, "The City Streets seem to be getting shoddy work done by the contractors repairing the roads. Even when we do a brand new road, 2 weeks later it looks

DPW Director Frank Dann came up to address these concerns. "When a road is repaved, they use heavy equipment and our roads are old. There was a water main break and the street had to be open to repair it. If the gas company cuts open the street, they have to repair it. The roads are repaved to federal standards."

At a Council Meeting held in early June, Gonzalez had complained about his street (High Street) where Elizabethtown Gas had left a trench. He complained that the street



Director of Public Works Frank Dann

looked bad. "Is the City being compensated when streets are being blocked?"

At that Early June Meeting B.A. Jillian Barrick had explained that Elizabethtown Gas was replacing meters from low to high pressure. "This was a requirement from BPU as a result of what happened after Sandy. They repaved the entire street after all the work was done."

Controls Needed & Alternative Sites Discussed

PERTH AMBOY - 7/6/15 Caucus meeting - With summer upon us, festivals have been in full force. Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "People have been complaining about festivals being held in the same areas. Maybe future festivals should be located in one place." Gonzalez suggested Rudyk Park.

Councilwoman Lisa Nanton told Gonzalez that this was discussed in the past. "Maybe Rudyk Park would be the best place."

Councilman Joel Pabon was concerned about the use of Rudyk Park, "Especially if you have festivals held close together. If it rains, it's going to affect the grass at the park. That park is heavily used by sports teams and they have concerns about this."

Pabon's other concern was the littering that goes on dur-



Rudyk Park 2014 Puerto Rican Festival. Concerns about field conditions if multiple festivals are held there on a regular basis *File Photo by Paul W. Wang

ing the festivals. "I don't know if it's the residents or outsiders that are doing this. People are dumping garbage that they are bringing from fast food restaurants. This is ruining the festivals. Rules and regulations are not being enforced."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez concluded with, "We have to take control of what sizes the festivals can be, what groups are running the festivals and the durations (times and how long they'll run).

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Butting Heads

6/24/15 Caucus & Council Meetings & 7/6/15 Caucus Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - A bar located at 223 Smith Street was a topic that started a passionate conversation between the manager and residents on Maple Street.

A Resident came up to complain about the loud music.

Business Administrator Jillian Barrack addressed that comment, "There had been recent enforcement activity that took place at that establishment and last year the Police had shut them down."

Acting Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came forward to give an update on the situation. "Construction was done illegally and that's why the bar was shut down last year. This year they fixed the problem. This is the first time we're hearing about shattering windows. We (The Police Department) have issued many summons to this establishment."

The Resident responded by saying, "You should hit them in the pockets where it hurts the most."

The managers of the bar came up to speak and they pointed to Councilman Fernando Irizarry. They were concerned because Irizarry had taken pictures of the outside of their establishment. The bar's managers said, "There is one person (A Resident of Maple Street) who is constantly complaining." The managers continued, "We don't want to bother anyone or cause any trouble. We went to the Police Department and filled out an application to hire an Off Duty Police Officer to help with the problems and complaints. The neighbors get riled up when we are doing the right thing. The people complaining are doing so because their religion doesn't agree with what we are doing."

Another Maple Street Resident came up to voice her complaints about the bar. "The music from the bar is loud and it causes vibrations. This problem started 2 years ago, but it got worse. With a lot of liquor stores and bars comes alcohol and drugs and it's affecting the children. We all have an opinion, but let's all work together."

During the Council comments, Irizarry responded to comments made by residents at this meeting and past meetings. He started out by saying, "Damned if we do. Damned if we don't. Sometimes when I say something, my words are twisted. I didn't say anything about the video (Dixon Rodriguez case) because I didn't see a knife. Yes, I went to the bar (on 223 Smith St.) because of the complaints of loud music and mattresses in the back. It has nothing to do with religion or race. I didn't do anything illegal by taking pictures."

Councilman Joel Pabon commented, "I was there (at the bar), but you probably didn't see me. But I did take pictures. I kind of knew what you (the bar managers) were trying to do with the mattresses. I didn't think the music was too loud when I went, although Mr. Irizarry said it was loud when he was there. I know the business wants to be there and the residents also want it to be quiet."

Pabon also mentioned another problem that people were complaining about. "There are people loitering at the train station and they're going up to people and asking for money."

Acting Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano gave an update on the bar at the 7/6/15 Caucus Meeting. "The patrons cannot consume alcohol behind this establishment. What the owner built in the back cannot be used. We will advise Officers who patrol to make sure that the back area is not in use."

Paltry Cleanup at Poultry Business 6/24/15 Council & 7/6/15 Caucus Meetings

PERTH AMBOY - Some residents from Thomas Street were not happy with the Poultry Business at 950 Amboy Ave. They had a petition which circulated in the neighborhood because the conditions at this business, especially the smells.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was able to vouch for this. He stated that he visits friends in that neighborhood to play dominos. "After about 10 minutes I couldn't stay there. The owner of the place did call me after they cleaned the place and it was okay. I contacted the previous owner who always kept it clean. The neighbors just want to have the business kept clean. The current owners are not from Perth Amboy. They only clean just before inspection."

A Thomas Street Resident spoke again, "There is no freezer in the place and it smells year round." Councilman Joel Pabon said, "The Code Enforcement has to go to this business more often."

The Thomas Street Resident wanted to know, "Does this business have permits to operate 24 hours. They should not be working at 3:00 a.m. Neighbors from 5 blocks away can smell the odors from this business."

Business Administrator Jillian Barrick followed up



Poultry Establishment, 950 Amboy Avenue *Photo by Paul W. Wang

on these complaints at the er. I went by there on Sunday, 7/6/15 Caucus Meeting. "There was an inspection done and 2 summons were issued for the owners to update the cleaning procedures."

Fernando Gonzalez spoke up and said, "This business puts their waste in a dumpster at 7:00 p.m. where it sits there until it's picked up the next morning. The neighbors have been complaining for 4 years. There is no way they should have a passed inspection stick-

Attend Public Meetings: Have Your Voice Heard!

July 5. You need to go by there between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. when the heat makes the condition worse."

Correction

PERTH AMBOY - In the 7/8/15 Issue of the Amboy Guardian on Page 2 Article entitled "Not a Bad Idea." In the second column Paragraph 5, Councilman Bill Petrick's name was omitted for the following comment: "There are other parties interested in the property (Delaney Homes). If something isn't done, that money will go to another community and that will be a loss to generations of children. We need a negotiator."





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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Can of Worms

A can of worms has been opened even further. Since Mary Street residents received personalized assigned parking spaces. Other residents have asked, "Why can't we?"

Former Council President Ken Balut has been one of the most vocal voices in this matter. He presented pictures to the Council at one of the meetings and supplied one to the Amboy Guardian showing signs with specific addresses for parking spots on Mary Street assigned to Residents.

The biggest problem facing Perth Amboy are the number of people living in homes that exceeds the capacity of the resident's place of dwelling. Even if the home is occupied with a legal number of residents, it's not unusual for each person of age living in that place to own a car. Individuals may own multiple vehicles (e.g. one for personal use; one for work). Residents who don't have a driveway to park their car in are at a particular disadvantage. What about residents who live in mixed use buildings? If they have a vehicle, where do they park? Many of the side streets off of Smith Street have parking meters.

I (Carolyn) remember when I lived on New Brunswick Avenue. How many times residents had to go out to feed the meters. This is not fair to them. They should just make a resolution giving anyone who is in that particular dilemma a parking permit. There should be no discussion about it.

How can it be fair that you can't park in front of your own house without feeding a meter? This is especially true for the homeowner who pays property taxes. This is an additional hidden tax.

There was a lot of discussion about the parking spaces on High Street where the angled parking was eliminated for straight parking. Personally I think it is a safer situation. There are only 2 sections on High Street that still allow angled parking.

There has been much discussion about yellow lines being

painted restricting parking in residential areas. Some of these rogue yellow lines have been appearing a lot lately.

We always talk about how to attract people to shop in our town. You want to attract people – get Perth Amboy Stores in the BID District to validate parking to get people to patronize them.

Does every inch of Perth Amboy need to be developed? Are we becoming like New Brunswick and will need numerous parking decks? Where can people park? Even in residential areas, people vey for parking spaces. And more people are coming to live in Perth Amboy? How many people can fit in 4.702 square miles of land?

There are people waiting for affordable housing and there is a long list. In the meantime, these people are residing someplace. I know people who really wanted to stay in Perth Amboy, but instead of living under crowded circumstances moved to another community. I know Perth Amboy is between a rock and a hard place because of our financial situation. It would be worth it in our downtown district for potential business owners or patrons if they didn't have to feed the meters. To add injury to insult presently they have to move their car every 2 hours. What if a visitor has an appointment that may be running late? It's a double edged sword. You have to worry about feeding the meter and then you have to run and move your car every 2 hours or face getting a ticket. This is a poor way to attract people into town. It's bad for the business owner. It's bad for those who patronize that business. It's bad business period.

Another pet peeve of ours, was that during the past Christmas Season, they gave free parking on State and Smith Streets for 2 hours. It said in FINE PRINT for 2 hours. After 2 hours, you got a ticket. Also during the Holiday Sea-

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Street that still allow Also during the Ho arking.

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

The Beacon of Democracy (small d)

Although my recent sojourn as a guest at the Amboy Care Center Resort showed that my body has aged physically. However I am happy to state that my mind and spirit remains youthful and vigorous as ever. That is why I greatly read and enjoy the Amboy Guardian and watch TV Channel 34 as they report in great detail local events as they happen.

The photos that appear regularly in the Guardian further

illustrates the old adage that one picture is worth a thousand words. Now we know who the culprits or suspects are in the dramas. For instance, Alan Silber with his silvery locks strikes one as the modern Prince Valiant. All he needs is a sword and a sturdy steed in order to engage and defeat the enemy. However I wish that before the speakers begin their orations that they speak their names. So that we know who they are.

In this age of sloppy thinkers Perth Amboy stands out as the Beacon of Light, Truth, Hope and Reason. We are the best and purest form of democracy (small d). My high

school Math teacher Ferdinand Kertes used to admonish us with "How do you expect to be leaders of your community with such sloppy thinking!"

Unfortunately Washington and Trenton are loaded with sloppy thinkers. Which is why we are stuck with expensive non win wars, unchecked spending sprees etc. Meanwhile let us enjoy our status as the BEACON OF DEMOCRACY (small d).

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



Position for New Library Manager

Manager
I noticed the city website has a posting for a Library Manager. There is a requirement of a Masters in Library or Information Science from an accredited ALA school, but then it adds the planner phrase. I don't know if this is a common thing. I would think not. When I was a trustee for the Middlesex Library, the trustees vetted the applicants for a director, not a manager, and

made a recommendation to the council and mayor. I hope the trustees have some input in the hiring of Pat Gandy's replacement.

If the city hires someone without a librarian's certificate, the library won't have enough certified licensed librarians to receive the proper amount of state aid. Except for Melanie and the man who does the cataloging that I've never seen, there will only be two librarians. But they may have hired another certified librarian. Patty Gandy said they were considering hiring someone at the last meeting that I

attended, but that was awhile ago.

I've been asking them to add a librarian to the staff for years and to increase their staff with qualified people. The library doesn't get the amount of state aid per population because it hasn't had enough staff and certified librarians for years. I hope they hire a qualified certified experienced licensed librarian with a masters in library services or information science. Rutgers, from which I obtained my MLS, is an accredited school.

Barbara Sottilaro

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Administration on Inadequate ExxonMobil Settlement

News Release 7/8/15
WASHINGTON DC – Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, made the following statement on court briefs filed by the Christie Administration and Exxon Mobil to block environmental groups from testifying against a \$225 million settlement between the state and the oil company.

"I am deeply disappointed with the Christie Administration's more-of-the-same maneuvering to let big oil off the hook at the expense of New Jersey. At the very least, our state's environmental groups should be

permitted to present facts and speak out against the misguided and severely insufficient settlement with ExxonMobil. Attempting to silence environmental groups after settling for a fraction of the multi-billion dollar environmental damage lawsuit adds insult to injury for our state. I applaud the environmental groups for taking a stand as a united front in order to make clear that corporations cannot wreak havoc on our communities without consequence."

In June, Pallone sent a letter to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection urging the rejection the proposed settlement.

Keep those Letters Coming! We Love to Hear From You! E-mail letters to the editor to amboyguardian@gmail. com or write to the paper at Letters to the Editor, The Amboy Guardian, P.O. Box 0127, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862-0127. Letters must include your full name, address and daytime telephone number or cell phone number for verification. First time letter-writers must be called for verification or your letter will not be published. If you are a public official, please include your title. All letters are subject to editing or rejection. All submissions may be published or distributed by us in print, electronic or other forms. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the writers and do not represent or reflect the views of the Amboy Guardian.



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TUES. Jul. 14 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.

City Hall, High St. UEZ, 6 p.m.

UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.

BID, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

THURS. Jul. 23 Board of Education, 6 p.m.

Wilentz School, First St.

THURS. Jul. 23 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Jul. 15 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

MON. Jul. 27 Board of Education,

Business/Public, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

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Raritan Bay Medical Center Emergency Department Made Kid-Friendly by Perth Amboy High School Students *Photos Submitted





Press Release July 9, 2015

PERTH AMBOY - Children don't usually enjoy a trip to their local hospital emergency department. Feeling sick or being injured coupled with nurses and physicians taking blood for testing, inspecting injuries or sitting still for an X-ray doesn't help. Realizing this, Raritan Bay Medical Center's Perth Amboy Emergency Department recently enlisted the help of Perth Amboy High School art students and teachers to help create a kid-friendly, dedicated pediatric area.

"We wanted to decorate our walls in a way that would be more welcoming to children, to help make our emergency department less intimidating for them, and to provide areas exclusive for our pediatric patients," says the medical center's Director of Nursing, Emergency Services and Organizational Effectiveness Vincent J. Ciccarelli, MBA, BSN, RN. "The students and teachers really did an amazing job using their talents to paint beautiful murals in these dedicated areas."

More than 15 students and teachers painted underwater-themed wall murals in the emergency department's pediatric waiting area and treatments rooms in less than a week. "This was a fun project for our students and myself and my fellow teachers. Creating art to help children feel more comfortable makes this even better," says Perth Amboy High School Art Teacher Brooke Napoli. "We're going to explore other areas with the hospital, where we can paint decorative murals for patients in the future."

Photo (top) - Pictured during a recent unveiling event is, from left in the front row, students Rafael Ledesma, Ana Alarcon, Franny Leon Ayvar and Camila Castillo and teachers in the back row Luis Caraballo, Brooke Napoli and Cynthia Mitchell with her son Zander, in one of the Pediatric treatment areas. All the students graduated this year and will be attending Middlesex County College in the fall

Photo (bottom) - Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy Emergency Department's Pediatric Waiting Area

Police Unity Tour 5/2015

*Photos Submitted by Ken Puccio

PERTH AMBOY/PLAINS-BORO/WOODBRIDGE/EU-ROPE - Shown are some of the Officers who participated in the tour which is an annual event. Officers from all over the United States and overseas participated in the tour which ended in Washington DC.

Photo (Top) - Joe Bretya, David Guzman, Ken Puccio, Jessica Dejesus, Carlos Rodriguez. D.A.R.E. Students. The photo was taken at Ground Zero-Washington DC.

Photo (Bottom) - Carlos Rodriguez, Acting Deputy Chief Larry Cattano, Police Officers from Germany and (4th & 5th from Left) Jillian Sofield and Ken Puccio.

From http://policeunitytour.com - The primary purpose of the Police Unity Tour is to raise awareness of Law Enforcement Officers who have died in the line of duty.

The secondary purpose is to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Museum.

In May 1997 the Police Unity Tour was organized, by Officer Patrick P. Montuore of the Florham Park Police Department,





with the hope of bringing public awareness of Police Officers who have died in the line of duty and to honor their sacrifices.

For more info go to http://policeunitytour.com.

EMS Memorial Bike Ride, Perth Amboy 5/19/15

*Photos by Paul W. Wang







PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department announced the EMS Memorial Bike Ride which headed to Washington DC. They stopped at Perth Amboy Fire Headquarters on 5/19/15 and stayed for about an hour then bicycled from Perth Amboy to Edison.

Notice: Due to the large number of requests for our staff to take photos of local events we are unable to cover them all. Please inform us and we will let you know if coverage is available. Submitted Photos are always welcome.

Little Caesar's Films TV Commercial, 341 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy 6/10/15

*Photos by Joe Bayona



Film crew outside Little Caesar's Pizza at 341 Madison Ave.



Film crew relaxes between takes.



(L to R) – Federico Tejada, Fida Iqbal, Brianna Batista, Rick Khan (Owner), and Monty Singh of Little Caesar's Pizza.



Little Caesar's at 341 Madison Ave

An Interview With Nancy Swenton, Production Manager/Little Caesar's Commercial

By: Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - Little Caesar's TV Commercial Production Manager Nancy Swenton found Perth Amboy to be representative of every small town in the United States. "The street (Madison Avenue) and Town (Perth Amboy) are very charming. We were searching for a small village or town on the east coast. We found Perth Amboy to be an idyllic community. The crew arrived about 5:30 a.m. and we started production between 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. Noelia Colon (Public Information Office for the City) was very supportive from the moment we called. Chief Cattano was amazing. We wish we could do all of our projects in Perth Amboy. Jeanette Rios (Parking Utility) was very helpful. The nearby merchants, the Mayor's Office and the Police Force were amazing. Everyone was friendly, great and we had an amazing time."

3rd Annual Goulash Festival, Magyar Reformed (Hungarian) Church, Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy 5/30/15

*Photos by Vilma Novak & Rev. Andras Szasz



Making Goulash in an UST, an UST is the Hungarian word for the kettle used to make Goulash



Paul Daniels



Rev. Andras Szasz, Walter Uveges, Paul Daniels and Phil Adams. Walter entertained singing Neil Diamond songs, Paul as Elvis and Phil as Bruce Springsteen



Hungarian Rock Band "THE SMOKERS" played hard rock at the Goulash Festival

2015 Summer Lunch

ProgramPERTH AMBOY - Free Lunch for Children and Teenagers Up to 18 years of age. FREE organized activities, such as whiffle ball & board games. City of Perth Amboy Counselors on-site. July 1st through August 28. Serving time at 12 noon. No registration required: Caledonia/Roessler Park - 65 High St.; Francis Street Park - 966-972 Francis St.; Patten Park - 339 Reade St.; Stanley P. Rudyk Park - 820 State St.; Washington Park - 660 New Brunswick Ave.; Columbus Park - 679 Columbus Circle. Children under the age of 10 years MUST be accompanied by an adult or legal guardian. For more info call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 ext. 4306. The Summer Food Service Program is a federal program of the Food and Nutrition Services, US Dept. of Agriculture. This program provides all children 18 years of age and under the free lunch meal during the summer months in accordance with a menu proved by the state agency regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age.

ZPA Shows Appreciation to City Workers,

Perth Amboy 7/7/15

*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - (L to R) Andrew Toth, Randy Convery, Roxanna Troche, ZPA's Walter Geslak and Danuta Wyszynski

Trip to Medieval Times

PERTH AMBOY - Dinner & Jousting Tournament; Saturday, August 22; \$35pp. Show starts at 8 p.m. Transportation is included. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. For more info call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 xt. 4305.

Trip to Bronx Zoo

PERTH AMBOY - Wednesday, July 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$15 pp (Money Orders ONLY) Lunch not provided. Transportation is included. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. For more info call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 xt. 4305.

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Festa di San Antonio, Holy Rosary Church, Hopelawn 6/13/15 **Photos by Paul W. Wang & Toni Gianfrancesco



















Ukrainian Festival, Ukrainian Assumption Church Perth Amboy 6/27/15 *Photos by Paul W. Wang





















Blood Drive in Honor of Police Officer Robert Zisko, Olive Street Community Center, Perth Amboy 6/10/15

*Photos by Joe Bayona







PERTH AMBOY - There was a Blood Drive 6/10/15 at Olive Street Community Center in honor of Police Officer Robert Zisko who has been diagnosed with Cancer. Fajjis Owner Tom Griffin (Photo Right) is shown giving blood planked by two Officers from the Perth Amboy Police Department. Griffin offered coupons from Fajji's Ice Cream located on Amboy Avenue to all those who donated blood that day.





Portuguese Flag Raising, Perth Amboy 6/2015

*Photos by Joe Bayona















Andes Festival, Train Station, Perth Amboy 6/27/15

*Photos by Alejandro Roman















The Community Voice

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son, on the side streets, (off of Smith & State) you did not get same courtesy of the FREE LIMITED PARKING and had to feed the meters. Is this fair to our patrons? That was ridiculous. 2 weeks of TRUE FREE PARKING would have been the best gift to give.

How many people have had the displeasure of receiving parking tickets in Perth Amboy and decided it wasn't worth it to come back.

As long as you have the meters still in effect and they're being fed, there should not be a time limit. It's almost like a trap preying on people as they go one minute over the time limit.

And Carolyn doesn't even own a car, but she does sympathize to the car owner's plight. C.M. & K.M.

Minecraft

SOUTH AMBOY - Free Drop -in Minecraft Tuesdays at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Teens & Adults. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Plays in the **Park**

EDISON - All Summer Performances Begin at 8:30 p.m. No Performances on Sunday Adults - \$7.00, Senior Citizens - \$5.00, Children 12 and Under Free. Shows play every night of the week at 8:30, except for Sundays. Tickets are sold on the day of performance only. No advance sales. CASH ONLY at the box office for summer shows. Plays-inthe-Park is located 1 block south of the Menlo Park Mall off of Route 1, in Edison, N.J. The turn off is called Grandview Avenue. At the top of the short hill make your first right on to Pine Drive and the Park Rangers will guide you to a the Paper Mill Playhouse parking spot. Fax:732-548-1484 • Phone: 732-548-2884. Please bring a non-perishable food item to benefit less fortunate residents through M.C.C.F.O.O.D.S. This program is funded in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept of State. Young Frankenstein -Oklahoma - Wednesday, Jul. 8 through Saturday, Jul. 18. No Sundays; Showtime: 8:30 p.m. Jesus Christ Superstar -Wednesday, Jul. 29 through Saturday, Aug. 8. No Sundays. Showtime: 8:30 p.m.

BID Install Signs in Perth Amboy *Photo Submitted



One of the many signs that the BID has installed throughout the Business District throughout the City. Each sign touts a significant attribute of Perth Amboy. Look up and you will see this decorative addition to the City.

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.

X-Box

SOUTH AMBOY - X-Box Fridays from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Little Scientists

SOUTH AMBOY - Little Scientists Fridays at 1 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Ages 3-5 yrs. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Edison AARP

EDISON - Subscriptions for 2015-2016 season are now available. For information, call Doris at 732-603-8788. The following are a list of scheduled trips: 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.

Celebrate Stars & Stripes, Raritan Yacht Club 7/2/15 *Photo by Katherine Massopust



Carolyn Maxwell with Celebrate Stars & Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten at the Raritan Yacht Club

Cathedral International Honors All Graduates At **Special** Baccalaureate Service

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Join us as we celebrate all graduates at Cathedral International's Baccalaureate service, Wednesday, July 15, 7:30pm, at The Cathedral, 277 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. It's a time to honor Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College, Graduate and Post-Graduate School graduates. "Graduation is a special time of achievement. The time and work accomplished by the graduate should be marked and celebrated," stated Bishop Donald Hilliard, Senior Pastor at Cathedral International. Prayer for all graduates is included in this service as well as encouragement to continue learning. The Baccalaureate Service will acknowledge and honor all graduates in the community. Everyone is invited to attend this service.

Home Gardener Contest

PERTH AMBOY - "Come and join the Perth Amboy Home Gardener Contest sponsored by the Royal Garden Club by the Bay. Summer is in full bloom and we're excited to see Perth Amboy's home gardens of shrubs, flowers, and vegetables. All amateur gardens of beds/borders, containers, water features, porch/deck/patio are eligible to compete for the top three prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25. Applications are available at City Hall."

Middlesex County Art & Essay Contest *Photos Submitted by Rose Pennyfeather



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - 3 students from Perth Amboy Catholic School were winners in the Middlesex County Divisions of Solid Waste Management & Environmental Health Essay & Art Contests. Destiny Perez won 1st Place and Kaitlyn Ferreras won 2nd Place in the 6th Grade Environmental Essay Contest Category. Joel Sierra, in the 4th grade, was the 3rd Prize winner in the Environmental Art Contest. His artwork was chosen from among 400 entries in this category. The Awards were presented to the students at the Middlesex County Courthouse in New Brunswick, N.J. on June 18th at 7p.m. during the meeting of the Middlesex County Freeholders. The contest entries were sent in by Sr. Rebecca Piatek, Principal of Perth Amboy Catholic School and Art Teacher, Rose Pennyfeather. Photo (L to R) - Kaitlyn Ferreras, Joel Sierra and Destiny Perez.

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Zumba

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

Let's Crochet With Urian

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

Concerts By The Bay, Inc. Free Summer Series

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - "The free summer concerts presented by Concerts By The Bay, Inc. began Sunday, July 5 & will be presented through August 30, 3 PM at Bayview Park, at the foot of Market Street Perth Amboy. This series features The Garden State Symphonic Band, conducted by Chris Pedersen gssband.com. The audience is asked to bring a blanket or chair. In case of inclement weather (rain or excessive heat), Concert will be held at the Jankowski Center, 1 Olive Street, off Market St., Perth Amboy

The Garden State Symphonic Band can trace its history back to 1907 when it first emerged as the Goodwill Fife & Drum Corps, which, after a few short years, in 1910, became the Goodwill Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps. In 1920 it became the Goodwill Band, which, in 1958 changed its name to

the Bay City Band. In 1967 the name was again changed, this time to The Garden State Symphonic Band, the name that the band operates under to this day.

In recognition of its 100 years of music making, the Band has been the recipient of special congratulatory citations, resolutions and/or proclamations - in the House of Representatives by the Hon. Frank Pallone, Jr.; in the New Jersey State Legislature by Senator Buona and Assemblymen Barnes & Diegnan, and in the Woodbridge township Council Chambers by Mayor John E. McCormac and the Town Council.

Concerts by the Bay Contributions May Be Made To: "Concerts by the Bay, Inc." (A Non-Profit Corp.) c/o Dr. J. Santamaria, II,

104 Market Street, Perth Am-

Chairman boy, N.J. 08861"

Frog Hollow Run, South Amboy 6/27/15

*Photos by Joe Bayona



Participants register for the race



The race begins from the new start line, recently moved to Bordentown Ave. from South Pine Ave. this year.



Broadway's Image barber shop hands out favors to the



Zusette and Bob Dado join in the fun



First place went to Felix Olivo of Carteret, seen here crossing the finish line.



Kids line up for the "Run for Fun"



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Parlin's Michael Scalpen places 3rd

Puerto Rican Festival, Rudyk Park, Perth Amboy

*Photos by Angel Robledo





















Raritan Yacht Club Open House, Perth Amboy 4/2015

*Photos by Joe Bayona







Mayor's Summer

Concert Series

WOODBRIDGE - Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" or "On the Lawn." Bring out your lawn chair and relax with the Mayor's Summer Concert Series. Showtime at 7:30 p.m. at Woodbridge High School. FREE ADMISSION with a donation of a non-perishable food item for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Bank." Mondays, July 20 - The Brooklyn Bridge July 27 - The Fabulous Greaseband; August 8 - Jersey Sound. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

Rockin Tuesdays

WOODBRIDGE - LET'S **ROCK!** Tribute Bands Come To Woodbridge 2015 at Woodbridge High School, 25 Samuel Lupo Pl, Woodbridge. SHOW TIME at 7:30 p.m. FREE AD-MISSION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks." July 21 - Scarborough Fair - Simon and Garfunkle Tribute; July 28 - Hotel California - A Salute to the Eagles; August 4 - Back to the Garden - Woodstock Tribute. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

Woodbridge Wednesdays

WOODBRIDGE - Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" or "On the Lawn". Bring out your lawn chair and relax with live music every Wednesday. Showtime at 7:30 p.m. at Parker Press Park. FREE AD-MISSION with a donation of a non-perishable food item for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Bank." Free parking at NJT Parking Lot. For Inclement weather call the hotline at 732-602-6045. July 15 - The Black Lillies; July 22 - Yarn; July 29 - Brother Sun.

Local Band Thursdays

WOODBRIDGE - Woodbridge Bands take the stage at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge. FREE Parking at NJT Parking Lot. Live Entertainment Featuring LOCAL Bands and Musicians. Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" and "On the Lawn." SHOW TIME at 7:30 p.m. FREE ADMIS-SION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks." Beer& Wine for sale by Riffy's; July 16 - Steve Stone; July 23 - 9 South; July 30 - Smokehouse. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

Lego Toddlers SOUTH AMBOY - Ages 2-3 yrs. old. Mondays at 2 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!

Me Time

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

Country Sundays

WOODBRIDGE - At Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge; Show Time at 6:00 p.m. FREE ADMIS-SION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks" - July 19 - Moot Davis & the Good Americans; July 26; August 2 - Amy Helm - Front Country Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045.

Soles 4 Souls

PERTH AMBOY - Wearing Out Poverty - Soles 4 Souls at Sneaker Ferry & Love Only Veins Eternity 1st Annual Shoe Drive to help fight against global poverty. Donate any new or used shoes for our shoe drive. Drop off location: Sneaker Ferry 154-156 Smith Street Perth Amboy N.J. 08861. All participants who donate will be entered in to win a raffle of \$100 towards next purchase at Sneaker Ferry. For additional information about our Shoe Drive, follow us on Instagram @spreadlove_3 & @sneakerferry.

South Amboy Summer Concerts

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Concerts are FREE. Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, O'Leary Boulevard, South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front. Concerts will take place rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather, you will be directed to the South Amboy Middle/High School Auditorium by Park Rangers. Shuttle bus service will be available every week courtesy of Middlesex County Area Transit. Call 732-745-3936 for more info. July 8 - Walt Wagner & The Serenaders. July 15 -Zydeco-A-Go-Go - New Orleans style Rhythm & Blues, and 40's Jazz & Swing; July 22 - The Cameos - New Jersey's Favorite Oldies Group; July 29 - Bernie Goydish's Jersey Polka Stars - Polka and Variety Music.

Superhero Buttons

SOUTH AMBOY - Thursdays at 4 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Turtle Show

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesday, July 15 at 1:45 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Features a variety of live turtles and tortoises from around the world. Kids will learn where each species comes from and what they eat. They will also be given a Ninja Turtle mask! For more info call 732-721-6060. All Ages! Sponsored by the Friends of Dowdell Library.

Warren Park Mini-Theater

WOODBRIDGE - Sundays, 6:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m. All Concerts are FREE. Florida Grove Road, Woodbridge. Call 732-745-3936 for more info. July 19 - Sandy Sasso's Swingin' Big Band - past singer with the Dorsey, Goodman and Riddle Big Bands; July 26 - Mark Heter and His Band - Merry Melodies - music of classic Warner Brothers cartoons by Raymond Scott

MIY

Thursdays

SOUTH AMBOY - MIY Thursdays - SADIE'S STU-DIO 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.

Trip to Rocking Horse Ranch

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Spirit Seniors in Perth Amboy is sponsoring a trip to Rocking Horse Ranch Resort in N.Y. Mon. Sept. 28 to Fri. Oct. 2, 2015. All are welcome! Price is \$615 each person for double occupancy, \$605 each for triple occupancy and \$715 each for single. Initial deposit of \$100 is due now. Final payment is due Aug. 15, 2015. Price includes: all meals, activities, indoor pool, horseback rides, taxes, tips and bus. For more info, please contact: Sue Shevchenko 732-442-1976

Ladies Auxiliary #4699

SAYREVILLE - On Tuesday, July 28 at Sayreville Ladies Auxiliary #4699 will hold their monthly meeting at7pm at Jernee Road. All Members are invited to attend. Light refreshments served. Call 732-264-3031 for more info.

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.

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!**

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 18th, 19th and 20th. 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.

Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBRIDGE - Starting on Tuesdays, May 12 - Sept. 29 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Weather Permitting, Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge, (Wal-Mart Parking Lot). Trophy's Awarded. For More Info Call 732-585-7365

Writers Group WOODBRIDGE - In coopera-

tion with The Barron Arts Center, the Woodbridge Writers Group is a forum for writers of all levels to share ideas, voice opinions, and develop skills. We are aiming to cultivate an environment of trust and positivity designed to help local writers reach their goals, large or small. The door is open to all participants, whether you write as a hobby or have an eve toward publication, and we host a wide variety of genres. There is no entry fee or long term commitment to join this is an ongoing program with new topics and material each session. Our group is an open forum, so we invite you to bring any work you'd like to share. For more information, please email Brooke and Beth at woodbridgewritersnj@ gmail.com

Job Announcement for Firefighters

PERTH AMBOY - Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Are you between the ages of 18 and 35? Are you a resident of Perth Amboy? Do you have a High School Diploma or GED?

If you answered YES to all these questions a career with the Perth Amboy Fire Department can be rewarding while proudly serving the citizens of Perth Amboy with honor, tradition and excellence. Our department has a strong culture based on service, respect, leadership, unity, character, and moral courage.

The Perth Amboy Fire Department will be conducting an open house/career information day on July 21, 2015 at 7 p.m. and on August 8, 2015 at 9 a.m. to provide information on the application, testing and hiring process and about being a fire fighter.

Applications available online from JULY 1, 2015 to AUGUST 31, 2015. Visit the Civil Service Commission website at www.state.nj.us/ csc Select "Fire Fighter Announcement" to view the announcement. Scroll to the Bottom and "Click here to apply via the Online Application System" to access the application. Only online applications will be accepted. Application Deadline AUGUST 31, 2015.

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.

Mayor's Summer

Concert Series

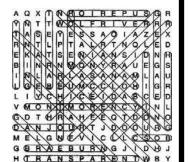
PERTH AMBOY - Brian Kirk and the Jirks. Thursdays - July 23; Victor Quezada & His Latin Jazz Band - July 30. 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Bayview Park, 250 Water St., Free of Charge.

Tiki Night SOUTH AMBOY - Come out and spend a beautiful "Tiki Night" with the South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy on Saturday, July 25 at 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. Music by DJ, Prizes and Delicious Food Included. Donation - \$20. Cash Bar. Contact: Donna @732-754-7180 or drop in to the Lodge for tick-

FREE Family Fun Fest

PERTH AMBOY - FREE Family Fun Fest in celebration of National Health Center Week, on Thursday, August 13th at the JRMC from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JRMC 275 Hobart Street, Perth Amboy. We are Looking for Vendors and Donations! If you would like to promote your business, make a donation, or provide a fun activity... please contact us: Sorangie Castillo, Planning & Development; Email: scastillo@jrmc.us; Call: (732) 376-6638

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AC Bus Trip

PERTHAMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino, AC will be on Thursday, August 6. Bus leaves 12 Noon from KOC, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost: \$30pp. Receive \$30 slot play. For additional info call Joe: 732-826-0819.

Atlantic City Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a bus trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday, August 9. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 Noon for a 6 hour stay at the Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$27.00 per person. You will receive \$25 in slot play. Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call:732-261-8726 . Payment due ASAP.

One Handed **Keyboard** Kontest

SOUTH AMBOY - One Handed Keyboard Kontest on Monday, July 20 from 1 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Adjacent to the South Amboy High School. Have fun with the library's organ! All Ages! Prize Categories: <10, 11-17, 18+

Military Assistance

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WED. Jul. 15 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. Jul. 16 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Jul. 20 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Jun. 21 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

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

WED. Jul. 22 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St. THURS. Jul. 23 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

MON. Jul. 27 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon

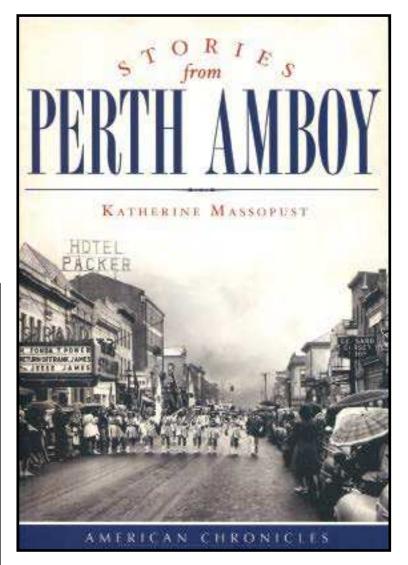
Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

MON. Aug. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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