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# Was the Meeting Out of Order?

Did the Meeting Violate the Ordinance?

PERTH AMBOY - Resident Alan Silber questioned the Council as to the reason to the reason that the Council Meeting originally scheduled for 8/12/15 was changed to 8/10/15 at 7 p.m. This would be after the regular scheduled 8/10/15 4:30 p.m. Caucus Meeting. Silber continued, "The meeting schedule is published early in the year and there are only one Council and Caucus Meetings in the months of July, August and December. The Council is paid and some spent a lot of money to get elected. You should plan your personal schedule accordingly so you can attend the meetings."

He read the ordinance pertaining to the Caucus and Council Meeting schedule, "When did you and the Coun-



Alan Silber addresses the Council

cil decide to change the Council Meeting date?"

Council President Lisa Nanton stated that they wouldn't have a quorum on 8/12/15 and there was a public notice on 7/23/15.

Silber stated that in his opin- time this has happened."

ion anything voted on tonight should not count.

City Attorney Mark Blunda said, "Meetings can be rescheduled for a lack of quorum"

Silber said, "This is the first time this has happened."

# Pallone and Pascrell Call on Christie Administration for Transparency in Sandy Recovery Effort

Press Release 7/28/15 WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressmen Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) and Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-09) called on the Christie Administration to release additional information detailing how Sandy aid funds are being spent in New Jersey. In their letter to the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, the Congressmen called for more transparency in its Sandy Integrity Oversight Monitoring reports. Specifically, the lawmakers referenced an NJ Transit report, released this month, which failed to include information on the work performed by NJ Transit with millions of dollars in recovery funds.

In their letter, the Congressmen wrote, "The public has a right to know how NJ Transit is utilizing its recovery funds and whether this money is being spent properly. We fought hard in Congress to pass the Sandy aid package by assuring our colleagues that Sandy re-

covery funds were desperately needed and would be spent wisely."

The Congressmen also called for the public disclosure of NJ Transit's disaster preparedness plans, as they wrote, "so the public has confidence New Jersey's rail infrastructure will be protected should another storm hit"

The full text of the letter follows.

July 28, 2015

Robert A. Romano Acting State Treasurer Department of the Treasury P. O. Box 002 Trenton, NJ 08625-0002

Dear Acting State Treasurer Romano,

We write today regarding a recent integrity oversight monitoring report reviewing NJ Transit Superstorm Sandy recovery funding. We are concerned with the lack of detail in this integrity monitor report and request that more transparency be provided so the public can understand what mistakes have been made in the Sandy recovery process and how Sandy aid funds are being spent in New Jersey.

This integrity monitor report does not include any information regarding the work performed by NJ Transit with millions of dollars in recovery funds. The public has a right to know how NJ Transit is utilizing its recovery funds and whether this money is being spent properly. We fought hard in Congress to pass the Sandy aid package by assuring our colleagues that Sandy recovery funds were desperately needed and would be spent wisely.

As the agency responsible for supervising the reporting process it is incumbent upon you to ensure NJ Transit ap-

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# C-Town Property Moves Closer to Demolition

South Amboy Council Gives Update at Business Meeting



C-Town Property as of 4/17/15

\*File photo by Katherine Massopust

By: Joseph L. Kuchie SOUTH AMBOY - The destroyed C-Town property located on Bordentown Avenue is moving closer to being demolished, according to the South Amboy City Council.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato again raised concerns about the facility after initially bringing the matter to the council's attention last month. City Attorney John Lanza explained that the court was making progress in getting the money freed up to demolish the building.

"There's a court order where the money is coming in from the insurance company," Lanza said. "The money is coming to do it and [Owner Edmund Paczkowski] plans on cleaning it up and taking it down."

Mayor Fred Henry noted that Paczkowski has been very cooperative while this process unfolds and he is going through the necessary steps to make sure the building gets torn down when the money is received.

"He has received bids for demolition and he has gone through the process getting the permits," Henry said. "He's been very cooperative in what he needs to do. The money hasn't been released yet but the order is there."

"He's been very cooperative," added Tooker. "I have to say nobody wants that building cleared anymore then he does. Every time he passes there it's a reminder of a family business that's gone."

Dato had also raised concerns last month about the fencing that is surrounding the remains of the building. Tooker noted that the conversation was had and the fence will be getting pushed back.

"He is going to push that fence back to allow people to walk on the sidewalk," Tooker said. "The night of the fire the police and fire department were there and I guess right after they wanted something to be far away from the building just in case things fell, that's why the fence was put there."

One of the other big issues holding up the process is the Prosecutor's Office investigation of arson. There has been much discussion regarding whether or not the case was closed, and the building cannot be torn down until it is made official.

"According to our Police Department they were told by the County Prosecutor that their investigation is done," Tooker said.

"The Middlesex County Fire Marshall said it was okay to knock down the building but please check with the prosecutor's office and please check with your own local construction official," Council President Mickey Gross added.

All members of the council were in attendance. The South Amboy city council will hold their monthly council meeting next Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m.

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propriately discloses information to the public. However, attempts by the public to access NJ Transit's policies and plans to address flooding risks to its infrastructure have been repeatedly denied. We believe that NJ Transit must publicly disclose its disaster preparedness plans, in addition to the contents of integrity oversight monitoring reports, so the public has confidence New Jersey's rail infrastructure will be protected should another storm hit.

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We respectfully request that all Superstorm Sandy integrity oversight monitoring reports provide full transparency and details on how the recovery funds have been spent, including the "observations and recommendations [that] have been provided to NJ Transit Internal Audit Department" listed in the NJ Transit 2015 first quarter report. The public deserves to know whether tax-payer dollars are being spent properly. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sincerely,

FRANK PALLONE, JR. BILL PASCRELL, JR. Member of Congress Member of Congress

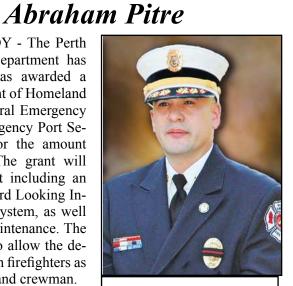


Congressman Frank Pallone

# Statement by PAFD Chief Abraham Pitre PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department has

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Voice Heard!

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department has applied and was awarded a U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency Port Security Grant for the amount of \$144,544. The grant will fund equipment including an outdated Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) system, as well as complete maintenance. The money will also allow the department to train firefighters as both operators and crewman.



PAFD Chief Abraham Pitre

## Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation Names New Executive Director

Press Release 7/17/15
PERTH AMBOY - Raritan
Bay Medical Center Foundation, a private, non-profit
organization that has raised
millions of dollars to support
various healthcare services at
Raritan Bay Medical Center
(RBMC), has appointed Linda
M. Hill, PharmD, as its new
Executive Director.

"I am delighted that Linda will be leading the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation. Given her leadership abilities and her fundraising knowledge and experience, we are fortunate to have her," said Russell Azzarello, chairman of the foundation's board of directors. "In partnership with our board members, to realize our vision, Linda will play a key role in moving our philanthropic plan forward."

Hill, of Princeton, NJ, previously served as Senior Director of Development for Major Gifts for the Princeton Healthcare System Foundation. She also served as Director of Development for the Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Princeton, NJ, and was a Principal and founder of WriteChoice, Inc.,

a medical communication business. Hill received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science, and Bachelor's Degree of Science from Rutgers College of Pharmacy, Piscataway, NJ.

"Linda enjoyed a successful career with the Princeton Healthcare System Foundation, partnering with physicians and gaining the support of businesses and the community to increase annual giving and number of donors. This includes leading fundraising events and campaigns surrounding the construction of a new hospital," said Raritan Bay Medical Center President and CEO Michael R. D'Agnes. "I'm confident she will also find success here and continue to raise the level of philanthropic giving for Raritan Bay Medical Center."

"It is with great excitement that I join the RBMC family. I look forward to engaging with our community, board, local businesses, physicians, and employees to provide the resources RBMC needs to deliver outstanding care," said Hill.

Raritan Bay Medical Center



Linda Hill

Foundation was established in 1985. Its mission is to raise funds in support of RBMC by working closely with community groups, the business sector and individuals. In today's challenging economic climate, fundraising is critical to the medical center's continued investments in state-of-the-art technology, clinical innovations, facility modernizations, community outreach and other vital programs that enrich the health of the community. Thanks to continued philanthropic support, the RBMC Foundation has funded many important projects.



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August 12 - James Reese, Raymond Hammond & Amanda Bradley

September 9 - Rick Kearns

For more info, contact Poetry Director Deborah C. LaVeglia at 908-272-3141 or Email: poetred@aol.com website: www.poetswednesday.com



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.

# **Military** Assistance Center

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

# 2015 New Jersey Recovery

Walk\*Rally
JERSEY CITY - New Jersey Recovery Walk\*Rally, - Sunday, September 27. Rain or Shine at Liberty State Park. Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Team and banner registration starts at 9:00 a.m. Rally to follow at Noon. For information, banner contest and team registration, email: NJRecoveryRally@aol.com Join Us in Celebrating the Reality of Recovery! \*\*FREE\*\*

Open Mic
SOUTH AMBOY - Friday, September 25. South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host Open Mic again Friday September 25 beginning at 8 p.m. at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Free admission. If you like to sing, play a musical instrument or play with a band, come and join us. For more information call 732-721-2025

# 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.



## LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

#### **EDITORIAL**

#### Public Alert!

If you see something (suspicious) say something. That has been drilled into our heads since 9-11. But a bigger step needs to be made. I've had a couple of calls about an armed robbery that has taken place down by the Waterfront in Perth Amboy.

When I looked on Nixle, I didn't see anything about the robbery that had taken place. I checked Nixle to no avail a couple days later to see if this had been reported.

The Amber Alert program has been successful when it comes to locating a child that has been abducted.

I would feel better when a crime has been committed and when a police report is being taken as soon as the victim of the crime (if possible) is able to describe the perpetrator, this information should be inputted into a police computer and automatically put in as a Nixle Alarm to be on the lookout for a person of interest.

This should be as descriptive as possible and to alert anyone who sees this person or persons to alert the authorities asap. Please do not try to approach this person on your own.

We've had several people come to meetings that talk about the lack of transparency when it comes to reporting crime. I think that the public will appreciate you more when crimes are reported more easily to alert the public. This will make the residents feel a lot safer and they will appreciate the concerns that you show the community.

It's not enough for us if you see something, say something, but it's just as important for you to also see something, say something, report something. This is a way you can all work together to make our community safer.

If you are attacked, be as descriptive as you can be. Don't think about being politically correct. Just go with your gut. Don't worry about offending anyone. Just describe the person.

The faster you get the information out to the general public, the easier it's going to be to apprehend the perpetrator. It only takes a few minutes for them to go on to the next victim. Sometimes that next victim will not be so lucky. C.M.

# Celebrate Perth Amboy: Pink Ribbon Gala

Press Release 8/6/15 PERTH AMBOY - "Celebrate Perth Amboy/Pink Ribbon Run" is pleased to announce that it will be sponsoring its First Annual "Pink Ribbon Gala".

The GALA is a formal attire event. The attendees may wear Pink or Black ONLY. It is scheduled to take place on October 10, 2015 at the Cornucopia – St. Charles Vessel, 401 Riverview Drive, Perth Amboy, NJ. The cost of the ticket is \$100.00 per person. The cost includes dinner and dancing. The donations are tax deductible.

The event honors "Mary's Place by the Sea" which is a non-profit organization lo-

cated in Ocean Grove, NJ. "Mary's Place" provides an innovative approach to caring for women with cancer during and after treatment. It provides a comfortable place for women to rest during their cancer treatment. The services provided to guests of "Mary's Place by the Sea" include: Reiki Therapy, Oncological Massage, Spa Services, Guided Meditation, Yoga, and Nutritional Counseling.

To purchase tickets, contact Raquel (732) 586-2789 or mail your check to: "Celebrate Perth Amboy – Pink Ribbon Run", P.O. Box 1905, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862.

For further information please call: (732) 586-2789

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#### Great Job!

I am writing this letter to tell you what a great job Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano is doing. In our neighborhood (Patterson Street), the loud music is almost zero due in part to a sign that was put up by the police on Sadowski Parkway, which states that playing loud music will result in a summons.

It's a great feeling when I take my early morning walk to see police cars are checking out the area. It is quiet during the day and evening and people are showing respect for their neighbors. The Chief has done quite a great job in the short period of time he has been serving as Acting Chief of Police.

The men and women of the Police Department also to

have to be credited for doing such a great job enforcing the ordinance regarding the citizen's quality of life. I hope the next time I write a letter to the editor it will be Chief Cattano of the Perth Amboy Police Department. The best of the best.

Rocky DeNardo Semper Fi USMC Veteran/Boxer

#### What Do You Think? Send Us a Response!

#### Pallone Commends Historic EPA Clean Power Plan

Press Release 4/3/15 WASHINGTON DC - Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06), Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, commended the final version of the Clean Power Plan released today by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Plan establishes emission guidelines for states to follow in developing plans to control carbon pollution from existing power plants. These plants are the largest source of carbon pollution in the United States, and currently they can emit unlimited quantities of carbon pollution. The Clean Power Plan will help cut carbon pollution from the power sector by 32% in 2030.

"The Clean Power Plan is the single most significant step the U.S. has taken to reduce carbon pollution and take action on climate change," said Congressman Pallone. "This historic Plan will cut energy costs for consumers, protect the health of our children and grandchildren, create jobs in the clean energy economy, and help mitigate the disastrous effects of climate change. Lives will be saved, and New Jersey and the entire country will benefit from this long-overdue rule."

New Jersey citizens submitted 108,780 comments to EPA in support of the Clean Power Plan, under which New Jersey's power plants will reduce carbon emissions by 10 million metric tons by 2025. In 2013, New Jersey's electric power sector emitted 16 million metric tons of carbon, equivalent to the yearly pollution of over 3 million cars. Furthermore, New Jersey's five dirtiest power plants combined make up 58% of New Jersey's power sector emissions.

The Clean Power Plan is

the first federal requirement to limit greenhouse gas emissions from power plants. If complied with, through a program like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), it can have significant and positive economic and environmental impacts. From Maine to Maryland, nine states currently participate in RGGI in an effort to reduce carbon emissions. Unfortunately, Governor Chris Christie has withdrawn New Jersey from participation in the program.

"In New Jersey, we have seen first-hand the detrimental impacts Governor Christie's decision to leave a program that would help reduce carbon pollution, support economic development, and help the state comply with the Clean Power Plan," continued Pallone. "I am glad that the final Clean Power Plan will directly address the negative impacts of power plants to public health and pollution in our state."

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

#### Cooling Centers in Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - The Office of Emergency Management has designated cooling centers for the public in two Perth Amboy facilities due to high temperatures.

- 1. Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center located on 1 Olive Street; Open M-F from 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
- 2. Raritan Bay Area YMCA gymnasium located on 357 New Brunswick Avenue; Open M-F from 5:30 a.m. 9:45 p.m.

If anyone sees a person who needs help, they are urged to call the Perth Amboy Police Department at 732-442-4400. If needed, transportation will be provided by local emergency responders.

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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# HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday's at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

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

# Volunteer **Firefighters** Needed

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

# Vet's Coffee House

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

# Food Stamps Assistance

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

# Kearny Cottage Open

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

# **Community Calendar**

#### **Perth Amboy**

TUES. Aug. 11 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.

THURS. Aug. 20 Board of Education, 6 p.m.

PAHS, Eagle Ave.

**South Amboy** 

WED. Aug. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

MON. Aug. 24 Board of Education,

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

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#### Do you or someone you know have **Old Photographs or Documents?**

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Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area) For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.

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#### First Responders Luncheon, ZPA, Perth Amboy - 7/23/15

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# City of Perth Amboy First Responders Appreciation Luncheon

"Not All Heroes Wear Capes"

Co-sponsored by the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District and ZPA Banquet Hall

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On Thursday, July 23, 2015, the City of Perth Amboy, in partnership with the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District and the ZPA Banquet Hall, hosted a First Responders Appreciation Luncheon titled, "Not All Heroes Wear Capes," for all Perth Amboy Emergency Personnel. The new ZPA management and members of the ZPA Board of Directors approached the Perth Amboy BID with a desire to give back to the men and women who so diligently serve and protect our community.

All emergency personnel were invited to attend this free luncheon which was hosted at the ZPA Banquet Hall on 281 Grace Avenue. Guests were encouraged to stop in between the hours of 11:30am and 2:00pm, during their respective lunch hour. There was be a mid-lunch presentation by Mayor Wilda Diaz, Police Chief, Lawrence Cattano, Fire Chief, Abraham Pitre, ZPA Owner, Walter, BID Manager, Roxana Troche, Monsignor John Gordon, and students of the All Stars Academy Summer Program. At the end of the presentation, the students gave out handmade thank you gifts to the emergency personnel guests all the while exchanging smiles and high fives with their hometown heroes.

On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy, we would like to thank the ZPA Banquet Hall for their warmhearted generosity to our men and women of service.

#### Kearny Cottage Berry Festival, Perth Amboy 7/12/15

\*Photos by Katherine Massopust & Vilma Novak















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# 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.

# Family Movie Night PERTH AMBOY - Come join

the JRF for movie night every third Wednesday of the month for movie night from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Raritan Bay YMCA, New Brunswick Ave. This month's movie is "Home.

## Safety Saturday: **Pool Safety** Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - Pool Safety Workshop Saturday August 15 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Raritan Bay YMCA to learn pool safety tips. All those that attend can utilize the YMCA pool immediately after the workshop. Registration is required. For more info call 732-638-5063.

# Success **Coaching**

PERTH AMBOY – The JRF Family Success Center helps families reach their goals. Feel free to stop by and meet with or family partners for goal planning, helping you and your family members reach your individual success. The JRF Family Center is located in the rear of the Proprietary House (149 Kearny Ave.) For more info call 732-638-5063.

# **Girl Scouts Trip to Venice** \*Photo Submitted



Perth Amboy girl scout troop starts there first part of their Trek across Europe in Venice, on a ten day adventure.

Beverage Tasting, Radiance Church, Perth Amboy \*Photo Submitted



Wendy's fast food restaurant blessed Radiance church with a day of free beverage tasting for the church and the Perth Amboy com-

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# The Leonard Sendelsky 6th Annual Golf Outing

PERTH AMBOY - The Raritan Bay Area YMCA requests the honor of your presence at The Leonard Sendelsky 6th Annual Golf Outing. As most of you know, Leonard Sendelsky was a staunch supporter of ing together for the good of the community was the best way to make headway and help more people! He began this golf event with the intent of getting our supporters together with the purpose of having some fun and of course helping more people!

When someone in our community is in need, where do you think they turn? If they're like most in our community, they come to the Raritan Bay Area YMCA. Why? Because they know they will receive absolute top notch care and service for themselves and their loved ones. They also know that they will be treated like a real person, by dedicated, compassionate professionals in a warm, caring environ-

Your contributions have helped to make the Raritan Bay Area YMCA the leading provider of quality services to our community. We know there is so much more to our the Y, and he knew that work- Y than one might think. From exercise to education, from volleyball to volunteerism, from preschool to preventative health. The Y doesn't just strengthen our bodies, it strengthens our community. Fortunately, where some see obstacles, we see opportunities for our members, volunteers, staff and community to make a difference. Together, we will:

- Make a positive impact on the lives of many
- · Engage and support families · Build future leaders through youth programs
- · Encourage healthy lifestyles

We do hope that you will join us for this year's very special golf outing and/or dinner, as we honor Mr. Sendelsky's life

achievements, while at the same time continue his dream of doing more for our commu-

Below you will find a brochure with all of the event details and sponsorship information. You may click here www. rbaymca.org to sign up online (click on the golf event button on the homepage and then type in GOLF under programs). We can't wait to celebrate Mr. Sendelsky's life with you!

Can't join us on October 13th? Don't worry, you may still support our cause! Donations in any amount help, just go to the link above and click on the blue "GIVE" button for an easy, secure way to make a donation.

October 13, Metuchen Country Club, 244 Plainfield Rd, Edison, NJ.

Funds to this event enables the Y to assist families with full day pre-school, afterschool supervision, drownproofing skills and healthy family activities.

# VERY IMPORTANT!

#### **Dear Parents/Guardiams**

It is mandatory that you come and fill out a Lunch Application for Free/Reduced meals for your child/ children for ALL public schools in Perth Amboy ON THE DAYS LISTED BELOW AT THE SAMUEL E. SHULL SCHOOL.,380 HALL AVE., PERTH AMBOY, NJ

There will be trained staff to assist you in completing the application and processing it as soon as possible.

By doing so, this will stream line the process and most students will have determination as early as the first day of school.

PLEASE BE ADVISED WE NO LONGER SEND THE APPLICATION HOME WITH THE STUDENT, THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO OBTAIN AND PROCESS THE APPLICATION!

THE SAMUEL E. SHULL SCHOOL., 380 HALL AVE., PERTH AMBOY, NJ AUGUST 3rd THROUGH AUGUST 28th, 2015 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM (EVERYDAY) MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

ATTENTION!

IF YOUR CHILD RECEIVES A LETTER
SAYING: "Notification for Free Meals/ Free
Milk through Direct Certification"

BRING THE DIRECT CERTIFICATION LETTER TO SHULL SCHOOL

# United Dominicans of Perth Amboy and Irving Lozada Entertainment Host Annual Dominican Festival

PERTH AMBOY - On August 14, 15 and 16, the Dominican community of Perth Amboy will be celebrating the 152nd Anniversary of the Dominican Republic's Restoration of Independence; this event is organized by The United Dominicans of Perth Amboy (UD of PA) in association with promoter Irving Lozada.

The Festival will take place at the beautiful, scenic and spacious Waterfront "La Playita" in Perth Amboy.

Over 25 musical attractions are set to perform, including 4 bands directly from the Dominican Republic. The musical performances will be highlighted by Fefita La Grande, Yoskar Sarante, Vakero, Sexappeal among others. Festi-

val goers can expect a combination of different rhythms such as merengue, bachata, salsa, reggeton, Dembo etc. There will also be food from different cultures, in addition to rides for both children and adults.

We invite the entire community of Perth Amboy and surrounding communities to come and enjoy this great event dedicated for the entire family.

The hours for the event: Friday, August 14 from 5pm to 10 p.m., Saturday, August 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. & Sunday, August 16 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please contact Sergio Diaz @ (732) 277-9330 for any additional information.

What: 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Roberto Clemente Gala When: Friday, October 23, 2015, 6:30 p.m. Where: Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, Iselin, NJ





# CELEBRATING 41 YEARS

#### **Press Release**

PERTHAMBOY - The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD), will be once again celebrating its monumental achievements for Middlesex, Hudson and Bergen County's most vulnerable residents at the 29th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala. This year's Gala will take place on Friday, October 23rd, 2015 and we are endeavoring to make it our greatest gala yet.

PRAHD's Annual Roberto Clemente Gala is an event where the agency's support network gathers to reflect on PRAHD's role in the community and to honor a group of extraordinary individuals. The honorees this year are: Wells Fargo Bank receiving the Corporate Excellence Award, Valerie Montecalvo receiving the Goodwill Ambassador Award and Barry Rosengarten receiving the Outstanding Business Leader Award. In addition, PRAHD will be presenting the inaugural Roberto Clemente Award to Steve Jobin— an honor that is representative of Roberto Clemente's humanitarian legacy.

The 29th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala will feature delectable food, exquisite libations, live musical performances and a silent auction table filled to the brim with incredible items including stays at word class resorts in beautiful Puerto Rico. All proceeds collected at the Gala directly support the agency's mission, programs and overall operations. PRAHD could not exist without your support and the 20,000 children, families and seniors assisted annually directly benefit from your attendance and advocacy.

Partnering with PRAHD in planning the 2015 Gala is a dedicated team of community leaders, business professionals and representatives from various local organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Antonio and Zaida Cruz are serving as Gala co-chairs. Additionally, Perth Amboy's Mayor Wilda Diaz and Roberto Clemente Jr. serve as honorary members for the 29th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala Committee.

Please join us and we hope to see you there!

# THE PARTY OF THE P

Pictured are the honorees of the 29th Annual Roberto Clemente Gala (from left to right) Wells Fargo, Steve Jobin, Valerie Montecalvo and Barry Rosengarten.

#### About PRAHD:

The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) was created in Perth Amboy, New Jersey by a group of concerned community leaders/professionals who sought to provide supportive services to disadvantaged Perth Amboy youth. In May 1974, PRAHD was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and began to operate state funded anti-delinquency programming within Perth Amboy. After the success of PRAHD's youth services, the organization expanded into more comprehensive activities and re-dedicated its efforts towards ensuring the success and advancement of individuals in need. Forty one years later, PRAHD has grown into a thriving comprehensive human services agency that serves thousands of New Jersey residents throughout Middlesex, Union and Hudson counties.

PRAHD operates 10 programs across a wide spectrum of unmet human service needs which target education, housing, benefits access, youth development, preventative health, respite home care for the developmentally disabled and senior services. All agency programs integrate a variety of methodologies to maximize positive results and ensure sustainable social impact. Furthermore, all activities are designed to afford clients the opportunity to become self-sufficient; allowing for the achievement of their personal, educational and financial goals.

PRAHD is dedicated to "developing human potential and promoting self-sufficiency through programs designed to improve the social, economic, health and educational status of the community in a culturally sensitive environment". Complimentary to PRAHD's mission, the organizational vision is to "empower the individual to reach their highest potential and to participate meaningfully in their community". PRAHD is an active community provider and steward that constantly campaigns for the rights, dignity and betterment of impoverished individuals and communities.



Tricky Tray
PERTH AMBOY - Tricky
Tray Auction September 20.
Doors open at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Parish House
183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. Admission is \$5.

## 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 26 - Mark Heter and His Band – Merry Melodies - music of classic Warner Brothers cartoons by Raymond Scott; August 9 -Bernie Goydish's Jersey Polka Stars - Polka and Variety Music.

# Classic Car Cruise Night

SOUTH AMBOY – Friday, September 11. South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host their fall Classic Car Cruise Night Friday September 11 from 6-9 p.m. at the parking lot on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Hot dogs, beverages, and music will be on hand along with vintage cars. Bring a non-perishable food item and receive a free hot dog. For more information call 732-721-2025

#### Me Time: Support Group for Spanish Speaking Women

PERTH AMBOY – Thursdays 8/13 & 8/27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come learn on how to live stress free while managing your daily responsibilities. Great opportunity to learn from other women managing many jobs like you. Child care and food will be provided. Registration is a must! Call Carmen Pena at 732-638-5063.

# 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/Savreville 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. August 12 - Irish Night featuring The Perry Brothers Irish Band; August 19 - Danny V's 52<sup>nd</sup> Street Band – A Tribute to Billy Joel

## AC Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino, AC will be on Thursday, September 3. Bus leaves 12 Noon from KOC, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost: \$30 pp. Receive \$30 slot play. For additional info call Joe: 732-826-0819.

# Sayreville Auxiliary #4699

SAYREVILLE – Meeting on August 25 at 7 p.m. at Sayreville # 4699 on Jernee Mills Road. The Auxiliary will hold their meeting at the Post Hall. All Auxiliary Members are invited to attend. For more info call 732-264-3041.

# 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. Show Time 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, August 17 - Cameos - 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." August 4 - Back to the Garden - Woodstock Tribute.; August 11 - The Glimmer Twins - "Rolling Stones Cover."; August 18 - Introduction - "The Chicago Experience" 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 ADMISSION 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. August 12 - Ari Heist; August 19 - Joe D'Urso and Stone Caravan.

#### 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.

#### MIY

# Thursdays SOUTH AMBOY - MIY

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.

# 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; August 13 - The Kickback Band; August 20 - Smokin Catfish Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-

# Plays in the Park

EDISON - Alladin Jr.: Our 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Indoor Children's Musical Adults - \$3.00, Children 12 and Under \$2.00.; Oct 10, 11, 17, 18 and 24 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. 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 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.

# Lesniak-Vitale Bill Allowing Medication-Assisted Treatment in Drug Court Signed Into Law

Part of Legislation Package that Takes Comprehensive Approach to Battle State's Heroin Plight

TRENTON – Legislation sponsored by Senators Raymond Lesniak and Joseph Vitale that would permit medication-assisted treatment as a form of treatment in drug court programs was signed into law today.

As part of a series of bills aimed at tackling the heroin and prescription drug epidemic that is occurring across the state, the law, S-2381, allows those who are in the special probation drug court programs to graduate with medicationassisted treatments, defined as the use of any medications approved by the federal FDA to treat substance use disorders, including extended-release naltrexone, methadone, and buprenorphine, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies.

"Recognizing that drug and alcohol addiction is a major problem plaguing our state's prison population is the first step in addressing the problem. Matching that problem with an appropriate solution is what will move us forward and keep New Jersey's drug court graduates on the right path to staying clean," said Senator Lesniak, D-Union. "In order to improve public health and safety and for our efforts in drug court policies to be successful, these policies must be built on adequately meeting the treatment needs of these individuals, and in some cases, that means medicationassisted treatment."

The law clarifies that any urine test for drug or alcohol

use conducted in the course of the drug court program which shows a positive result for an individual using medicationassisted treatment would not constitute a program violation unless the positive test result is for substances unrelated to the individual's medication-assisted treatment.

"We need a method of treatment that is proven to work in order to provide drug court graduates with a real opportunity for recovery and to successfully reduce the rate of recidivism among that population, and medication-assisted treatment works," said Senator Vitale, D-Middlesex and chair of the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee. "The heroin epidemic is only growing worse in New Jersey, and a proactive and effective treatment approach in our drug courts is in order for such highly vulnerable individuals."

The law further clarifies that an individual's temporary or continued management of drug or alcohol dependency by medication-assisted treatment, whenever supported by a satisfactory report from the treatment provider of progress and predicted long-term success, could not be used as the basis to declare a violation of the drug court program or unsuccessful completion of the required program treatment.

The bill was approved by the Assembly with a vote of 76-0 and the Senate with a vote of 39-0. The law takes effect immediately.

# 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.

# 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" - August 16 - Cricket Tell the Weather; August 23 - Spirit Family Reunion - Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045.

#### \$100 Worth of Food 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 <a href="https://jolinfoodbox.com/Home\_Page.html">https://jolinfoodbox.com/Home\_Page.html</a> or contact us at 732-324-2114 x113

# Amboy Spotlight: ZPA Banquet Hall

By: Carolyn Maxwell PERTH AMBOY - The ZPA Banquet Hall, 281 Grace St., Perth Amboy, 732-442-2660.

The ZPA Banquet Hall turns gold. The ZPA will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an event to be held on Saturday, October 10, 2015.

When the building was purchased in 1965, the small hall was not in existence. A few years later, the building was enlarged and the smaller hall was added along with additional improvements. An added bonus is the large on site parking lot which has spaces for 80 to 90 vehicles. Halls/Room can accommodate groups from as small as 40 guests or as large as 300.

All the halls are tastefully decorated and can be accessorized to accommodate any event. One of the first events held at the ZPA hall was a Millennium of Poland's Christianity in (966 - 1966). The event was held on June 5, 1966.

Two main halls are on the ground level and are handicapped accessible. Both banquet halls can be used at the same time without either event interfering with each other.

You can be sure that you will receive personalized service.

The menu selections are diverse and will be sure to please all their guests along with competitive prices.

The ZPA honors those of Polish ancestry who have made significant contributions to the community.

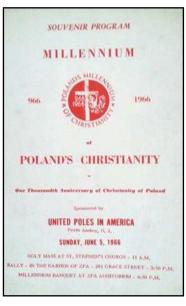
The first recipient of Civic Award was George J. Otlowski. He was honored on June 6, 1971 when he was a Freeholder Director. His son, George Otlowski, Jr. was bestowed with the same honor in May 2014.

Events that have been held at the ZPA include: sweet sixteen parties, political events, after funeral repass meals, class reunions, wedding receptions and baby and bridal showers.

Some organizations that have held their events there include the JROTC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance, the Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner. Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team Comedy Show Fund-raiser just to name a few which was a fund-raiser which played to a packed room.

Recently the ZPA held an appreciation lunch for Perth Amboy City Employees. On July 23, the City of Perth Amboy, the BID and the ZPA teamed up to host a luncheon called, "Not All Heros Wear a Cape." This appreciation luncheon reconginzed our First Responders. The First Taste of Perth Amboy was held in the ZPA large banquet room (which also has a large adjacent bar).

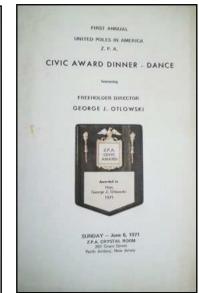


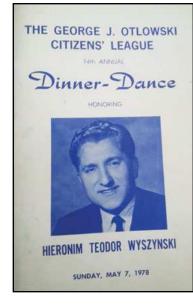
















Some of the many programs held at the ZPA Banquet Hall

This event was also held in 2014 and will also be repeated this year on October 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

A business expo is forth-coming with a date to be announced.

The ZPA is looking to utilize its large parking lot and ground hall floors to possibly hold flea markets on Saturdays.

Some of the future events in discussion include: wedding expos (limos, makeup, music, and photography vendors).

If you are interested in having other vendor events held at the ZPA, please contact them.

The ZPA has the facilities to accommodate small groups for meetings, presentations, etc. or large groups for dinners, dancing or corporate events. Whatever your needs, the ZPA Banquet Hall will be happy to help. For more information about hall or meeting room rentals, call 732-442-2660 or 732-744-6888 or go to www.zpabanquethalls.com



An entertainer



Uncle Floyd



One of the halls



The audience enjoys the show

# Fed Up! Addiction Awareness Event

SAYREVILLE - Fed UP! is going Local! United We C.A.N Present for International Overdose Awareness Day. Monday, August 31st from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Kennedy Park, N. Ernston & Washington Rd., Sayreville. Speakers on Substance use awareness/educational information and a Candlelight Vigil. Calling for an end to our nation's epidemic of addiction and overdose deaths attributed to opioids (including heroin) and other prescription drugs. All are welcome. For more info email: Kim Seber - RootsToAddiction@yahoo.com or Mariel Harrison - mariel.harrison.yprnj@gmail.com

# PAHS Class of Point Pleasant 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. Tom:732-583-3527. com, Mail & Address checks to: PAHS CLASS OF 70, 10 Hamble Rd. Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. LOOKING FOR-WARD TO SEEING EVERY-ONE! Please try and reserve your hotel room by Sept 5 to get the "discount" price.

#### 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.

# Trip to Medieval **Times**

# Cancelled

PERTH AMBOY - The, August 22 trip to Medieval Times is cancelled. For more info call the Office of Recreation 732-826-1690 xt. 4305.

#### 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 Am-

# Beach Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, August 15 from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$20 Adults; \$15 Children under 11. (Money Orders ONLY) Includes Beach Pass, Aquarium Tour & Miniature Golf. 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.

# PAHS All Alumni Picnic

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School All Alumni Picnic, Saturday, August 15 from 12 Noon to 6 p.m. at Warren Park, Florida Grove Rd, Woodbridge. Tickets \$20 in Advance; \$25 at the Door. For tickets contact Kathy: 908-217-6064 or Kyle: 732-425-2417.

## Writers Group

WOODBRIDGE - In cooperation 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 eye 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 woodbridgewritersnj@ gmail.com

## Ask the Rabbi

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

## Learn with the Rabbi

WOODBRIDGE - Every other Wednesday, Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Panera Bread in Woodbridge (across from Wegmans) from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. He will be teaching different Jewish subjects each week. Upcoming sessions are on August 5, August 19 and September 2.

# New York Mets Trip PERTH AMBOY - Friday Au-

gust 14; \$55 pp. (Money Orders ONLY) Food voucher & transportation 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.

# Mayor's Summer

## **Concert Series**

PERTH AMBOY - Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Bayview Park, 250 Water St., Free of Charge. August 18 - Soul Groove Band - Motown. Rain Date: Following Tuesday.

#### Health Fair

PERTH AMBOY - Thursday, August 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JRMC, 275 Hobart St., Perth Amboy. Medical & Dental Screenings, Farmer's Market, Giveaways, Nutrition Demonstrations, Fun Games, Live Entertainment, Refreshments, & Much More. FREE to the public. For more info call 732-376-6638.

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

# Tax Facts

# **Monitor Your** Accounts Receivable

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Monitoring your accounts receivable may seem like one more chore in an already busy workday. But this simple activity is important. Here's an illustration: Say you're operating with a gross profit margin of 20% and your uncollectible receivables are \$10,000. Your business must generate an additional \$50,000 in new sales to make up for the \$10,000 of uncollectible receivables.

How can you determine whether you need to tighten credit and/or intensify your collection efforts? Different formulas applied to your receivables collections can help you make the determination. For example, the "accounts receivable collection period" ratio gives you the average length of time customers take to pay.

To calculate the collection period ratio, divide your average outstanding receivables by annual credit sales. Then multiply the resulting decimal by 365 (the number of days in a year). This gives you the average number of days customers take to pay their accounts.

Once you've done the calculation, put your new knowledge to use. Compare the collection period ratio from year to year. If you find customers are taking longer to pay, you may want to strengthen your policies for extending credit and pursue collections more vigorously. Even when sales are growing, the average number of days customers take to

pay should not increase.

Here are more suggestions to improve collections on receivables:

- 1. Check the credit status of new customers.
- 2. Invoice promptly. Your customers may not pay for products or services until you send a bill.
- 3. Consider offering discounts for early payment of invoices.
- 4. Prepare an accounts receivable aging schedule every month and monitor past-due accounts.
- 5. Invoice for partially filled orders and bill for ongoing services as performed.
- 6. Put customers who habitually pay late on cash-on-delivery
- 7. Hire a collection agency to pursue delinquent accounts.

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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!

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# 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

#### 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.

#### Petition to St. Joseph

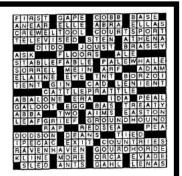
Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of His mother Mary, I confidently place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. I ask that, through your powerful intercession with God, you obtain for me all the help and graces that I need for my spiritual and temporal welfare and in particular, the special favor I now ask there mention or think of your home sale or any other petition, especially family needs. Good St. Joseph, I know with confidence, that your prayers on my behalf will be heard by God and that He will grant my request, if it be for His glory and my greater good. Thank you St. Joseph, for having responded to my call. Amen. R.G.H.

# Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

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Answers From Puzzle

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# FREE Family Fun Fest

PERTH AMBOY - FREE Family Fun Fest in celebration of National Health Center Week, on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 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

# 2015 Summer

**Lunch Program**PERTH 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.

# **Senior Scene**

# Happenings

#### **Perth Amboy**

WED. Aug. 12 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. Aug. 13 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Aug. 17 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Aug. 18 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. Aug. 19 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St. THURS. Aug. 20 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

#### **South Ambov**

WED. Aug. 12 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,

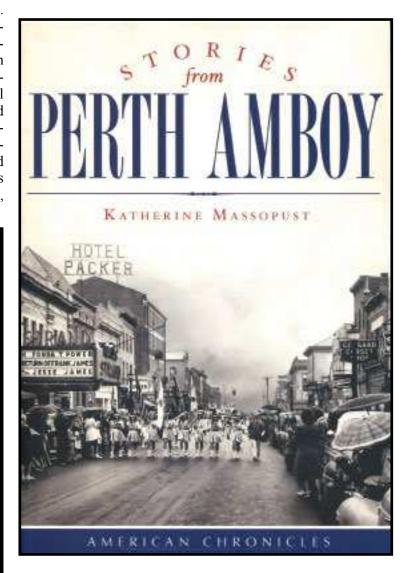
Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

MON. Aug. 31 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon

Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

MON. Sep. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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



# **LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - Citgo Gas Station on a corner of Market Street. Note Dana Hall (A Danish Fellowship Hall) in the rear.

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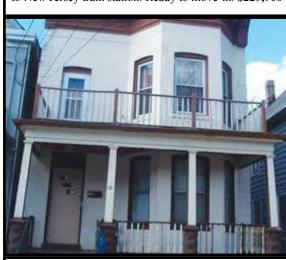
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