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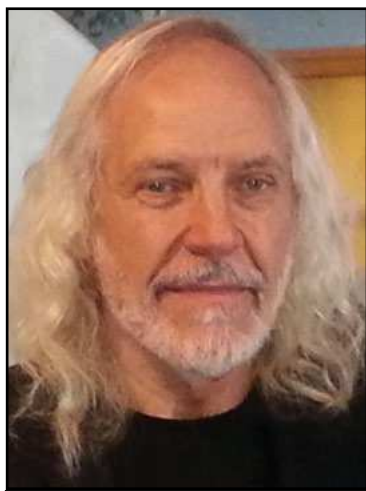
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“You Guys are Wrong About This!” The Battle Over the Replacement for Blunda



Alan Silber



Councilman Fernando Gonzalez



David Caba

PERTH AMBOY - During the first public portion of the regular 8/10/15 Council Meeting, Resident Alan Silber was concerned about how the Council decided on the appointment of Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq. to replace City Attorney Mark Blunda. Silber stated,

“You (the Council) went into a closed session after the conclusion of the Caucus Meeting. Then you came out and started the regular Council Meeting. You didn’t say what you were going into closed session for. When they came back out, there were three late

starter Resolutions, one which dealt with the appointment of a new Law Director.”

The Amboy Guardian obtained a copy of this resolution which states: Resolution consenting to the appointment

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Appointment of a New Acting Law Director



Mayor Wilda Diaz



Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq.
Acting City Attorney

Press Release 8/14/15
PERTH AMBOY - Today, Mayor Wilda Diaz is making a historic decision by appointing Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq. from DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP, as the Acting City Attorney for the City of Perth Amboy. Mrs. Perez will be the first woman and first Latina to ever serve as the Acting City Attorney for the City of Perth Amboy.

“Mrs. Arlene Perez is committed to the people of Perth Amboy and possesses a unique blend of legal and government experience that will benefit our community. I look forward to having Mrs. Perez join the Perth Amboy team,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Mrs. Perez joined the DeCotiis law firm as a Partner in March 2015. Prior to joining the DeCotiis law firm, she served as General Counsel to the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters (“NRCC”). Prior to joining the NRCC, Mrs. Perez was an Associate with Kroll Heineman Carton, LLC, where she focused on labor law, securities fraud, election law and municipal law. From 2011-2012, Mrs. Perez served as a Judicial Term Law Clerk for the Honorable Michael A. Shipp, a United States District Judge.

Mrs. Perez has extensive government experience that includes service as a Councilwoman in the Town of Clin-

ton, New Jersey (where she was the youngest member of the municipality’s governing body and the only Hispanic woman to serve as an elected official in Hunterdon County), a member of the Town of Clinton’s Board of Adjustment and working as a Confidential Assistant in the Office of the Governor and in the Office of the Attorney General for the State of New Jersey.

Mrs. Perez is the Vice President of the Northern Region for the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey. She previously served as a member of the Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Judiciary and the Board of Directors for the Girls Scouts Heart of New Jersey.

She was recently featured in the Hispanic Executive Magazine, listed by PolitickerNJ on the 40 Under 40 Power List, as one of New Jersey’s top 50 rising stars, and featured in the Star-Ledger as a Person of Interest. This past June, Mrs. Perez was awarded the Power of Women Award by Latinas United for Political Empowerment (LUPE) and in 2009, she also received the National Association of Women Lawyers Award.

Mrs. Perez and the current City Attorney will work together until August 31, 2015, to ensure a smooth transition for the City of Perth Amboy.

Batista Questions Council on Status of Lawsuit Filed/Diaz Response

PERTH AMBOY - Resident Susan Batista has appeared at several Council Meetings asking why the lawsuit that she filed against the Mayor, Former Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz and other City Employees has not appeared on any other Council Agendas.

She told the Council at the 4:30 p.m. Caucus Meeting that they were all given a copy of the suit.

City Attorney Mark Blunda stated, “The Federal Law Suit of Batista vs. The City of Perth Amboy will be discussed in closed session. There is no obligation for the governing body to discuss lawsuits. They (The Council) can do so after the Disposition of the case.”

Later on during the evening, Batista read a statement where she gave a synopsis of her lawsuit and where she asked for the resignation of the Mayor. She also believed that the Police, “Are monitoring me and my computer.”

Blunda countered with, “Ms. Batista failed to mention that she was a defendant in a trial and Police Officers were subpoenaed to testify. The Court found no wrong doings on the part of the Police.”

Batista in the past made reference in the past regarding the sunshine law where the public has to be informed of any suits filed against the City.

At a meeting held on 7/8/15 City Attorney Blunda stated “Lawsuits and claims are filed daily against the City. Depending on the claims or suits, some are forwarded to public insurance companies.”

At that same 7/8/15 meeting, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, “I wanted to be aware of why we were being sued. I would like a copy of all suits against the City or any of their Employees.”

Blunda responded to Gonzalez stating, “You can give the Council all the lawsuits against the City, Employees or



Susan Batista reads a statement at the public portion of the 8/10/15 City Council Meeting
**Photo by Paul W. Wang*

Departments. The information can come from the Clerk’s Office or the Law Office - Your preference.

The Amboy Guardian contacted Mayor Diaz by phone.

When asked what her comments were in reference to the

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Wrong About This!

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of Arlene Quinones Perez as Director of the Department of Law effective September 1, 2015 and waving the residency requirement.).

Silber continued, "Are you going to vote on this and did you research this potential appointee?"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was the first to answer Silber, "I did research and had questions about this appointment."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski said, "This law firm (DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP) where this appointee comes from has a bad reputation. This is taxpayers money being spent. This resolution should be tabled or maybe be a temporary appointment."

Resident David Caba asked Councilman Gonzalez, "How long did you research this firm?"

Gonzalez responded, "One day," then continued, "My son is a lawyer. I looked up articles on this firm and specifically the individual considered to be hired (Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq.) With modern technology, it's very easy to do research very quickly. I did some research on the whole firm and more research on the individual we will work with. I even researched other firms she worked with and I know she's only been with this present firm for five months. She has had excellent reviews from all she's worked for and

has not been involved in any scandals."

Besides the back and forth with Councilman Gonzalez, Caba asked other Council Members if they had researched this lawyer.

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "Not enough."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "Yes, I did."

Council President Lisa Nanton said, "No."

Caba appreciated the Council's truthful responses.

During the second public portion, Silber came up to speak again. "You're hiring the law firm - not just the individual lawyer from that firm."

When voting on the ordinance came about, everyone voted "Yes" except for Councilman Fernando Irizarry who voted, "No."

No action was taken on this resolution. A "Late Starter" Resolution requires unanimous vote to be placed on the agenda for consideration. There was no unanimous vote on this resolution with Councilman Fernando Irizarry's "No," vote. The Resolution therefore was tabled.

Alan Silber congratulated Irizarry for voting "No" to hire this lawyer, then turning towards the outgoing Attorney, Mark Blunda, Silber complimented him on being a fine representative, "Although I many have not agreed with everything you say."

David Caba told those in attendance, "We (people who come up and speak about is-

sues concerning what's going on in the City) are not gadflies. We are just informed. If we didn't come up here, this ordinance would not have been tabled and it would have passed. We're not getting paid for coming up here. Don't look out for the interest of McCabe and Vitale. I've come to the Council Meetings since 1992 and I respect Mr. Blunda. He should not be going through this."

"I called many people today regarding this young lady. When Mr. Blunda was hired, I did zero research and I was very happy with him. Some of the people (County Democratic Party Chair, Kevin McCabe, Senator Joe Vitale) who you claim want her here, but they really don't want her. The fact of the matter is she is fighting the people you claim that want her here."

Gonzalez mentioned that he's also the one that wanted another late starter resolution.

This pertained authorizing an independent evaluation of the delivery of legal services to the City of Perth Amboy and the structure of the department of law to recommend the most efficient and cost effective method of delivering legal services to the City.

Irizarry was absent for the Caucus Meeting and the Regular Council Meeting did not start until 8:46 p.m. Irizarry arrived at that meeting at 8:57 p.m. during the first public portion. He had been waiting at the hospital for the birth of his first grandchild.

Water Department Questioned About Bill

PERTH AMBOY - The owner of the PayRite Liquor Store on Smith Street came before the Council ask for their help about a discrepancy in his water bill. He explained, "On April 21, 2015 our water was turned off because the bill wasn't paid. One bill was for \$4800 where I was fortunate to be able to borrow money to pay that bill. And then there was another bill for \$454. There's two meters: one for upstairs and one for downstairs. They would

not turn the water on until both bills were paid in full. They would not accept a payment plan. Both of these bills were paid in cash. On June 3, when I got another bill, it said I owed \$1400. I don't know how come the bill was that much in a short period of time. They said there was a balance on the last bill. I'm asking the Council for your help."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak and had

some advice for this gentleman, "I will go back to the Water Company records because they said, you will have to pay the whole amount in full to get the water turned back on. (Therefore there could not be a balance)

The Council and Business Administrator requested that the gentleman give his name and other information so they could look into it.

Pallone to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act

PERTH AMBOY - Please join U.S. Congressman Frank Pallone on Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 10 a.m. at the historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church located at 183 Rector St. in Perth Amboy, NJ. Congressman Pallone will commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Voting Rights Act and will discuss the importance of restoring the law and protecting the voting rights of all Americans. Congressman Pallone will honor the memory of all those who marched in support of voting rights in 1965 and pay tribute to Thomas Mundy Peterson, the first black voter in the United States, who was a parishioner of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and is buried at its cemetery. For more information, or to RSVP please contact Congressman Pallone's Office: 732-571-1140. RSVP preferred, but not required.

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Batista Lawsuit, Diaz stated, "The City Attorney (Mark Blunda) was the one who handled all the details. He was very thorough with his explanations considering this matter in the Council Meetings. If Ms. Batista has any issues with the Superior Court Judge's decision, she should take it up with them."

On Page 4 of this issue of the Amboy Guardian, you can read the statements read by Susan Batista and William Mason (who supports her) at the 8/10/15 Council Meeting.

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EDITORIAL

The Qualities of an Effective President

Presently there are 5 Democrats, 17 Republicans and 1 Third Party Candidate running for President of the United States. Some candidates are getting much more press than others and you know why? -- Because they shoot not only from the lips, but from the hips.

Candidates not only from this year, but from years past running for all spectrums of the political office have made controversial comments or statements that they truly believed in, but later apologized for them.

If you make a statement and believe in your heart that it's true, stand up and own it. Take the slings and arrows coming your way, but at least you showed that you have a backbone. If you lose votes for standing up for what you believe in, then at least you are true to yourself. Why compromise your principles?

Looking at local politics, endorsements can be a hindrance or help no matter what office you are seeking.

It's been said that a candidate running for office should have at least held a political office to "learn the ropes."

To us, the most important quality when running for the highest office in the United States is to be an excellent judge of character. One must know the best qualified person to fill your Cabinet. You should be willing to work with all political parties. Your Cabinet should know who to hire, based on merit not political favors. Remember, every single position in the government, your alternate BOSS is your constituents (a.k.a. the taxpayers/citizens). There's an old saying: "If Momma's not happy -- no one is happy!"

Some voters may already have made up their minds as to whom they are going to vote for, but the election is still a long way off. Some of these candidates may drop out

before the primary comes to your state.

Although you may have your candidate picked out, it would be wise to do a little research on each one. You might be pleasantly surprised and it could be a game-changer. You should pick the issues that are most important to you. See if any candidate have addressed these issues in a manner that satisfies you.

The late Mayor of New York Ed Koch was leary of people that agreed 100% with his policies. (He hated "Yes People") He rather people to be honest with him in their opinions other than to placate him. It's going to be hard for any one candidate (or maybe not) that is going to make most decisions to your liking. The best you can do is to find a candidate that you'll agree with to the issues most dear to you.

The following Presidents were not ELECTED to any prior political office: Herbert Hoover - had been Secretary of Commerce; he was active duty military until 5 months before the election; Ulysses S. Grant - he was military up until the election; Zachary Taylor - military; James Madison - was Secretary of State, not an elected position.

Is an elected political office a necessary item on your resume when seeking the office of President?

To wrap it up, we just want someone who is smart enough, strong enough and have the wise enough to be an effective leader. One who picks a knowledgeable team behind him/her and will not be afraid to speak the truth and lead the USA. Without that strong support team, who will protect our nation from those who wish do us harm? Who will help the United States economy to grow and unite us instead of divide us will get our vote.

We hope to hear back from you with your opinion.

C.M. & K.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

A Neighborhood Kid

A neighborhood died last month. Well, I knew him as a neighborhood kid. I hadn't seen him since I was 18. I used to walk to grammar school with him up Madison Avenue. He went to Amboy High School with me. His mother worked in the front office along with Mrs. Polack and Miss Cladek. So we sort of had a bond with people whose parents worked in the school. He never really said much, but we used to talk about neighborhood stuff. He was always an academic. He liked to read and we would talk about books. He had a brother, Shelly who also

walked to school with us and he and the rest of the neighborhood would trudge to school every day as school kids do.

When he graduated, I never saw him again. But this last week, I read in the New York Times that my old school companion had died from injuries in an automobile accident in California. I never realized what he had done. In the New York Times, he had a three column obituary. He got his doctorate from Rutgers and taught at various colleges, but he went on to become a well-known reviewer of books. He wrote for "All Things Considered" and wrote over 1200 reviews of books. He hosted a radio program called, "The Sound of Writing," but he al-

ways wanted to write, so at the age of 40 he started to write.

The New Yorker published his first short story, "Fishing for Coyotes." After that, he wrote prolifically a dozen novels and short stories as well as four nonfiction books. He said, "I am a novelist who once lived cleverly disguised as critic." His credo was: "Live, read and write." And this he did. Alan Cheuse lived in California, but was to me he was a "Neighborhood Kid" who did good. Rest in Peace Dr. Alan Cheuse.

Anton J. Massopust
City Historian
and Friend of Alan Cheuse

Susan Batista v. City of Perth Amboy

Your firm is attempting to fight in the Federal Court while you got a second law

firm to pretend to fight in the State Case which was closed out! How can you both fight the case at the same time?

Ms. Batista brought the Order for TRO forward from the State case. It was your responsibility to inform the Court of the TRO.

You purposely left it out because it was against your client. How many illegal attorney of records do you have for this case? The State case is closed and yet you still pretend to be fighting it.

William Mason

Statement by Susan Batista

These are some of the alleged factually allegations from Susan Batista v. City of Perth Amboy, Wilda Diaz, Mayor/Police director, Police Chief Ruiz et al.

About March 20, 2014 the defendants willfully conspired during trial and prior to trial to destroy, conceal, fabricated and forge police evidence imperative to the plaintiff's case to obtain proper due process of the law. The Police Chief Ruiz refused to comply with any of the items that the Chief of the Perth Amboy Police Ruiz was subpoenaed to bring to trial. He refused any of the plaintiff discovery request and pleaded on the stand in front of a Judge as the Chief of the Perth Amboy Police Department that he didn't know why for what reason he was present, when he was clearly subpoenaed to present to the court all of the evidence in the case and he went on the stand and on record WITHOUT offering any police reports, evidence logs or ANY factual evidence in the case. No evidence was provided. In fact, it was admitted to me the Plaintiff that evidence had been destroyed prior to trial.

The Plaintiff had gone to Po-

lice Headquarters initially to report the crime and was told by the Defendant report taker Campos that it was 5:02 p.m. and too late to report a crime. I responded again to Campos. I want to report a crime. Defendant Campos told me that I would have to come back that they don't take police reports after 5 o'clock. I left after the Defendant Campos refused to take my crime report. I was robbed of my life savings and was left destitute. All of my money was taken and I was not able to pay bills and had my heat and electric shut off. I ran a generator for a few days and the police attempted to make me shut it off. I left the Police Department both times attempting to report a crime in severe emotional distress, but I returned for a THIRD TIME to report the crime and to prove the name of the suspect, a witness and to give physical evidence. The crime was reported and evidence was provided and when the evidence was subpoenaed to trial, there was nothing provided. I am alleging evidence tampering, dereliction of duty, police misconduct and obstruction of justice amongst many other violations.

The Mayor/Police Director Wilda Diaz, former Business Administrator Ferhenbach, Police Chief Ruiz were re-

sponsible for protecting the Plaintiff's civil rights and direct supervision of the Defendant Police Officers and Civilian report taker Campos. I personally went to the Mayor's and Police Chief's office to apprise them both of the seriousness of the situation. It is because of the defendants action that the plaintiff was deprived of her State and Federal Rights and suffered from severe emotionally and financially distress and also suffered numerous health related problems.

Due to the Defendants actions, it became necessary to report this matter to the New Jersey Attorney General's Office in Trenton.

Police Chief Ruiz has been indicted on theft charges and is currently suspended.

Wilda Diaz is the boss of this City as Mayor and the Police Director. She must take full responsibility for the Police Chief's actions as well as her own.

The Citizens of Perth Amboy need a leader who will protect them - not ignore them.

I demand that Mayor Diaz be indicted for her actions and removed as Mayor and Police Director immediately!

Susan Batista

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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**
THURS. Aug. 20 Board of Education, 6 p.m.
Wilentz School, First St.
THURS. Aug. 27 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
TUES. Sept. 8 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
• UEZ, 6 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
• BID, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
WED. Sept. 9 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
• City Council, Regular, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
- South Amboy**
WED. Aug. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
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For more info please call 732-293-1090

Congratulations to the Garden Guru

**File Photo by Katherine Massopust*

PERTH AMBOY - Congratulations to Stanley Jaremczak, the "Garden Guru." This year was the Garden Guru's 25th anniversary in the Middlesex County Fair. He won 12 ribbon's this year. Eight First place blue ribbons. I now have 100 First Place Blue Ribbons. He now has close to 200 total Ribbon's. The Garden Guru won First Place for the biggest cucumber (17 straight years), biggest green pepper, biggest carrot, purple basil vinegar and hot cherry pepper's to name a few.



Girl Scouts & Garden Club Plant Colonia Garden at the Kearny Cottage - 7/23/15

**Photo by Paul W. Wang*



Perth Amboy Girl Scout Cadet Troop# 81456 is planting a Colonial Garden at the Kearny Cottage with help from the Royal Garden Club for their Silver Award Project. The Royal Garden Club is serving as a mentor to the Troop. The Colonial Garden will be maintained by the Girl Scouts and the Royal Garden Club. Supplies were donated by the City of Perth Amboy and private donors.

Tennis Camp Kids Visit Kearny Cottage

**Photo by Paul W. Wang*



Perth Amboy Recreation Department Tennis Camp visits the Kearny Cottage. After tennis lessons, the camp visited the Historic Kearny Cottage to help to encourage history awareness.

Business Expo

PERTH AMBOY - At the ZPA, 281 Grace St.,Perth Amboy. The BID will be holding a Business Expo to take place on Thursday, October 1, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more info call UEZ/BID Coordinator Roxana Troche: 732-442-6421.

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."

Car Show

EDISON - Our Lady of Peace Church "Hollywood Night Cruisers" Classic/Custom Cruise Night, 2nd Annual Classic Car Show. Free Admission. "Pig Roast & BBQ," Live DJ; Classic Cars. Saturday, September 12th (Raindate: Sept 19th) at the OLP Parish Center, Amboy Ave & Franklin Ave. Edison from 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.

Summer Youth Outreach Program

PERTH AMBOY - Come to the 4th Annual Perth Amboy End Of Summer Youth Outreach Celebration! Friday, August 28th from 5p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA Parking Lot 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. (Rain Date: Friday, September 4th) S.A.T.E. (Soaring Above The Expectations) Sponsored By Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps & Neighboring Partners. Questions??? Please Call (732) 324-3841

Polish Night Buffet and Dance

SAYREVILLE - St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville presents: Tony Blazoncka, "New Phaze," Son of the late and great Eddie B. Sr. of Chicago Push preserving the music we love! Please join us and witness "his father in him". Keep Polkas alive in 2-0-1-5! Saturday, September 26. Doors open at 6:00 pm, buffet at 6:30 p.m. \$30 Buffet and Dance; \$15 Dance only (Not admitted before 7:30 pm). For further information, please call Bernie 732-710-0016 or 732-210-4081 or Connie: 732-614-3835 or the Church Office: 732-254-0212. Please reserve your table early.

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Pallone Announces \$3.6 Million to NJ Community Health Centers

Press Release 8/11/15
WASHINGTON, DC - Today, Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ-06) announced \$3.6 million in Affordable Care Act funding to community health centers in New Jersey. This funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will provide access to services to Medicaid recipients and the uninsured in underserved communities. "Community Health Centers attend to hard-to-reach populations and are a vital community resource that have a significant impact in improving health in New Jersey," said Congressman Pallone. "This funding, which is yet another example of the positive and transformative impact the Affordable Care Act is having in New Jersey and across the country, will be instrumental in our efforts to continue serving those who need it most."

Community Health Centers are locally-controlled, non-profit entities that provide primary care, oral, behavioral, and pharmacy services in our most underserved rural and urban areas. New Jersey is home to 20 federally supported health centers serving 483,113 patients, over 42% of whom are uninsured.

Specializing in providing cost-effective and high-quality primary and preventive health care, Community Health Centers generate \$24 billion annually in savings to the health care system, due largely to their success in reducing the need for patients to seek care in costlier health care settings (like emergency departments and hospitals). These centers deliver care at a total cost of just \$1.51 per patient per day and serve as drivers of economic activity in the communities where they are located.

Pallone has been an outspoken advocate for Community Health Centers throughout his career. The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA), which Pallone co-authored and helped usher through the House of Representatives earlier this year, addressed the looming expiration of funding for Community Health Centers. The funding was set to expire at the end of this year, but the law instead extends funding through 2017.

For years, Congressman Pallone has consistently advocated for Community Health Centers, leading bipartisan efforts the House Appropriations Committee resulting in increased support for these safety net health providers.

The total \$3,697,689 in funding for New Jersey includes \$566,667 for Perth Amboy's Jewish Renaissance Foundation in the Sixth Congressional District. A full list of the funding recipients can be found at: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/programopportunities/fundingopportunities/NAP/0815awards/index.html>

Me Time: Support Group for Spanish Speaking Women

PERTH AMBOY - Thursdays 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.

Afterschool Program

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy YMCA is offering an Afterschool program. In the South Amboy YMCA's afterschool program youth receive help with homework and can also explore art, swimming, sports, and so much more. Financial assistance is available to those in need, to ensure every child and teen has the opportunity to learn and grow at the Y. For more information call 732-553-9622.

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***Women's Political Caucus of
 New Jersey's Statement (WPC-
 NJ) Lauds Perth Amboy Mayor
 Wilda Diaz's Appointment of
 Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq. as
 City's First Latina Municipal
 Attorney***

Press Release 8/14/15
 PERTH AMBOY - The Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey (WPCNJ) lauds Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz's appointment of Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq. as the City's first Latina municipal attorney. As the mayor of one of the fastest growing cities in the state, Mayor Diaz has led the city's successes effectively due in large part to her strong leadership.

Perez is a top attorney with extensive experience in labor and employment law who joined DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP as a Partner in March 2015. The DeCotiis law firm specializes in municipal law and represents several hundred governmental entities across the State. She is Vice President of the Northern Region for the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey, previously served on the Supreme Court Committee on Women in the Judiciary, and was recently featured as one of New Jersey's top 50 rising stars. She is a recipient of the National Association of Women Law-

yers Award and has worked with prominent judges and attorneys throughout her tenure. Coupled with her own extensive government and political experience, Perez's experience in the law is unparalleled.

"Mayor Diaz's selection of Arlene Quinones Perez, Esq. represents the kind of leadership that has moved Perth Amboy forward," said WPCNJ President, Michel Bitritto. "Quinones Perez continues to break the glass ceiling for women in the state."

WPCNJ, founded in 1972, is a chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus, and is the authoritative voice for women in New Jersey politics. WPCNJ is a multi-partisan organization dedicated to increasing the number of women in elected and appointed positions in government, protecting reproductive freedom, and promoting equal rights for women.

For more information on the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey visit www.wpcnj.org.

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Press Release
 PERTH AMBOY – The City of Perth Amboy and the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District are excited to announce this year's Classic Car Show taking place on Saturday, September 12th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Historic City Hall Circle. All are welcome to attend this free event which will feature DJ sensation, "Richie the DJ," live music by doo-wop group, Sounds of the Street, delicious food by our local, Perth Amboy vendors and over 75 classic cars of all makes and models. For this year's event, we are asking all participating car owners for a donation of a non-perishable canned food item which will be donated to the Perth Amboy Salvation Army. In case of inclement weather, this event will take place on Sunday, September 13th, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you have any questions or would like to display your classic car at this event, please call the Business Improvement District office: (732) 442-6421, rtruche@perthamboynj.org

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

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**Barnes-Vitale Bill Requiring
 Colleges to Provide Substance
 Abuse Recovery Housing Now Law**

Press Release 8/11/15

TRENTON – A bill sponsored by Senator Peter J. Barnes, III and Senator Joseph F. Vitale that would require New Jersey's colleges and universities to provide substance abuse recovery housing options was signed into law yesterday.

The law, S-2377, requires four-year public colleges and universities in which at least 25% of the undergraduate students live in on-campus housing to establish a substance abuse recovery housing program. The program will provide a supportive substance-free dormitory environment that recognizes the unique risks and challenges that recovering students face and offers support programs to assist them in their efforts to remain substance-free.

"Combining the everyday struggles of college students with the challenges of recovering from drug and alcohol addiction is a formula for disaster without the necessary support and services to aid them in their full recovery," said Senator Barnes (D-Middlesex). "With the right kind of support system, college and university students who are recovering will have the chance to get back on their feet and lead healthy lives. This program is not only essential for their health and wellbeing but also crucial for their chance to navigate through the challenges of college with the right tools to succeed."

Recovery housing offers college students who are in recovery and living on campus an opportunity to live in a community that provides the necessary emotional, social, and environmental support to maintain sobriety through onsite counseling, mentoring, and peer support. Rutgers University in New Brunswick and Newark and William Paterson University already offer programs where students can have

a typical college experience while surrounding themselves with people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction.

The program will include on-site counseling, mentoring, peer support, and other appropriate services for students recovering from substance abuse.

"We must expand recovery housing options for New Jersey's college students who are in need of services that can help end their substance use," said Senate Health Committee Chairman Vitale (D-Middlesex). "This is why providing a welcoming environment where they can be surrounded by others who can relate to their struggles is important. Addiction is a tough battle to fight and win, and the demands of college life are exceptionally high. If we can alleviate some of the burden from these young adults who are pursuing a college education and trying to succeed, we should do so."

Higher education institutions have a four-year period to develop the substance abuse program. Under the law, an institution may designate a floor, wing, or other designated area within a dormitory building for the substance abuse recovery housing program, and is not required to designate an entire dormitory building for the program.

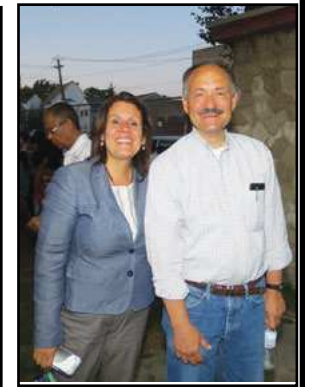
The law is part of a bipartisan 21-bill package led by Senator Vitale aimed at tackling the heroin and prescription drug epidemic that is occurring across the state. The package focuses on the need to improve paths to evidence-based education, prevention, treatment and recovery efforts for those addicted to opiates.

It was approved by the full Senate with a vote of 40-0 and the Assembly with a vote of 72-0 in June. The law takes effect immediately.

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National Night Out, Water's Stadium, Perth Amboy - 8/4/15

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National Health Fair Week, JRMC Hobart St., Perth Amboy 8/13/15

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WIC Mural, 5 Corners Building, Perth Amboy 8/8/15

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At the Y, we are dedicated to strengthening our community by giving back and supporting our neighbors. Collecting school supplies, donating blood, feeding the homeless, or running a park cleanup are just some examples of ways Y members and their friends and families can come together in service to their community. We know you have ideas on how to improve and strengthen our community—let's work together to make them happen today!

If you are a member at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA and would like to join the Togetherhood™ committee or volunteer your time to the project team, please contact: Sholonda Chipepo at 732.442.3632 x6506 /email: schipepo@rbaymca.org.

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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

WOODBIDGE - At Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge; Show Time at 6:00 p.m. FREE ADMISSION 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.

Mayor's Summer

Concert Series

WOODBIDGE - 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 24 - Emil Stuccio & the Classics; August 31 - The Infernos - Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

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.

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Code Combat

SOUTH AMBOY - Code Combat Tuesdays 1 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Sayreville Day

SAYREVILLE - September 13th at Kennedy Park 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sun., Contact Patti Burch. Community participation children's games, rides, foods from around the world, entertainment, craft vendors, and much, much, more.

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

Rockin Tuesdays

WOODBIDGE - 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 ADMISSION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks." August 18 - Introduction - "The Chicago Experience"; August 25 - Beatles Faux Sale; September 1 - Abba Girlz. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

Woodbridge Wednesdays

WOODBIDGE - 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 19 - Joe D'Urso and Stone Caravan August 26 - El Caribefunk; September 2 - Kenny White

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.

Celebrity Storytelling

SOUTH AMBOY - At the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Tuesday, August 25, Councilwoman Zusette Dato will read, "I Wanna Igauna" by Karen Kaufman Orloff at 6:25 p.m. Come early for the best seat. Mango Smoothies! For more info call 732-721-6060.

Ballroom Dancing Social

SOUTH AMBOY - Always wanted to learn Latin ballroom and swing dancing? Here's your opportunity! The "Women with Purpose" committee of Christ Church South Amboy invites you to their Ballroom Dancing Social with Instruction to be held on Friday, September 18th from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Memorial Hall on 210 Main Street, South Amboy. The evening will feature 1 hour of formal Latin ballroom dance instruction followed by dancing social mixers with instructors available to assist you. Admission is \$15 per person. There will be light refreshments served. Door prize giveaway. BYOB-Beer and/or Wine only. For more information and/or to purchase tickets call 732-525-9759 or 732-598-0134.

Military Assistance Center

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

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.

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

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**

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.

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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. August 19 - Danny V's 52nd Street Band - A Tribute to Billy Joel; August 26 - The Robert Murdock Band (A Classic Rock Tribute to the 60's 70's & 80's)

\$100 Worth of Food for \$40

PERTH AMBOY - \$100 of groceries for \$40 ... Does that interest you? The Jolin Food Box program is designed to provide families with nationally branded food products at wholesale prices. On behalf of the Cathedral's Community Development Corporation, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's AmeriCorps is helping promote the Jolin Food Box. Check out https://jolinfoodbox.com/Home_Page.html or contact us at 732-324-2114 x113

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.

Family Day, Sadowski Pkwy, Perth Amboy - 8/1/15

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Perth Amboy Department of Recreation Trip to the Bronx Zoo 7/29/15

**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell, Anton Massopust & Katherine Massopust*



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.

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 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! 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.

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!

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.

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.

Writers Group

WOODBIDGE - 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 at woodbridgewritersnj@gmail.com

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.

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 20 - The Cathedral International Gospel Singers. Rain Date: Following Tuesday.

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 to ask.

Learn with the Rabbi

WOODBIDGE - 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 19 and September 2.

Yoga Classes

SOUTHAMBOY - 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

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

Summer Fun - Volleyball on the Beach, Sadowski Pkwy, Perth Amboy - 8/9/15

**Photo by Angel Robledo*



Some friends enjoying a game of volleyball on the beach

Local Band Thursdays

WOODBIDGE - 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 ADMISSION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks." Beer & Wine for sale by Riffy's; August 20 - Smokin Catfish; August 27 - Marty & The Martians September 3 - City Hicks. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

Plays in the Park

EDISON - Alladin Jr.: Our 23rd 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-in-the-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.

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.

MIY

Thursdays

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

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.

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Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. (*Mention your request.*)

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.
 Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.
Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Prayer to St. Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.
 Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (*Here make your request*) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. *I.N.S.*

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Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE - 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

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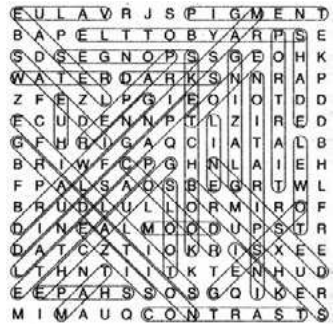
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- THURS. Aug. 20 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Aug. 24 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Aug. 25 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 - Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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- 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.
- WED. Sep. 9 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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

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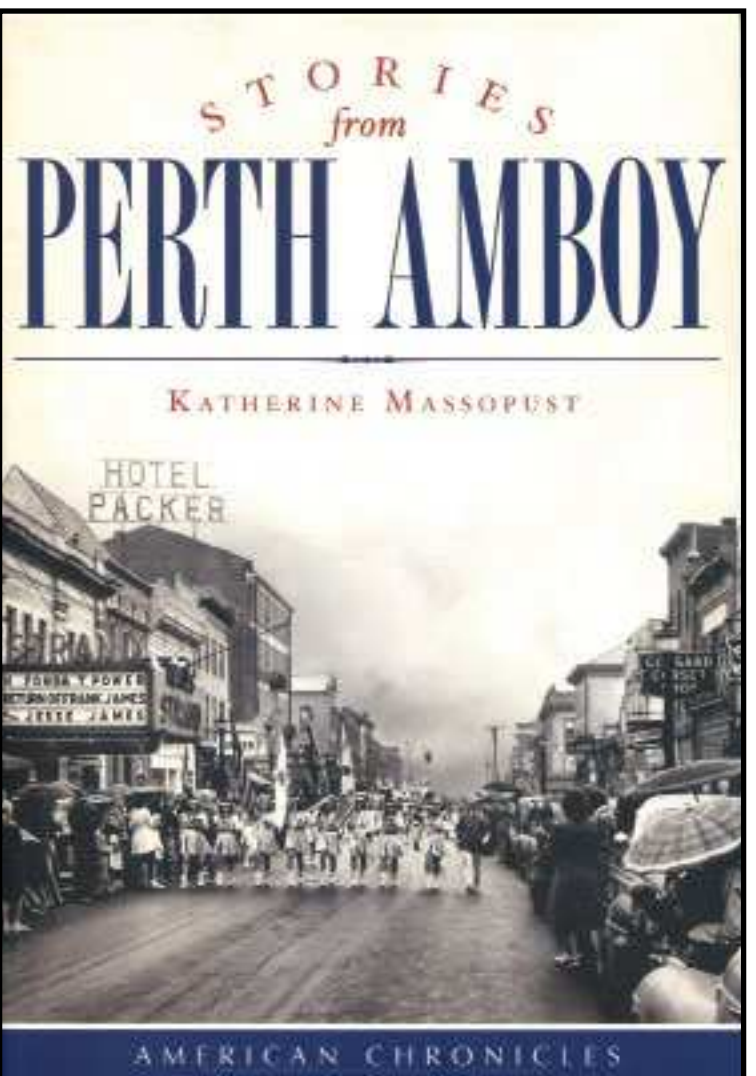
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Harbor Lights Tavern circa 1970's.

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FORDS - Very charming 3 bedroom cape cod, move-in condition close to all major highways, A/C. large deck, Hurry!!!!!! **\$225,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Great well maintained multi-family home. Just unpack and live. Owner wants to sell. **\$234,000**



PERTH AMBOY - Huge two family all separated utilities, move-in condition and much more a must see. **\$289,000**



FORDS - Large two family moving condition great location 3 Bedroom each apartment great layout, corner property and much more. **\$389,000**