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Meridian Health Completes Merger with Raritan Bay Medical Center

Merger With Region's Leading Not-For-Profit Health Provider Positions Hospitals in Perth Amboy and Old Bridge for Future Success

NEPTUNE - Meridian Health has completed its merger with Raritan Bay Medical Center,

Press Release 1/4/16

Raritan Bay Medical Center, adding Raritan Bay's two campuses in Middlesex County – a 338-bed hospital in Perth Amboy and 113-bed hospital in Old Bridge – to its growing family as of January 1, 2016.

The merger follows state approval and due diligence review. Through the merger, Meridian and Raritan Bay will utilize their combined talent and resources to enhance access to care and improve clinical quality and service to the community, decrease costs through shared efficiencies and purchasing opportunities, and provide new academic and research opportunities for physicians, nurses, and clinicians.



Front view of Raritan Bay Medical Center which has now merged with Meridian Health. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

"We are very excited to welcome the trustees, physicians, nurses, team members, and volunteers of Raritan Bay Medical Center to the Meridian team," says John K. Lloyd,

FACHE, president of Meridian Health. "The merger of Raritan Bay with Meridian will

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Agreement Reached with Housing Authority to Purchase Delaney Homes Property

First Step Made in Construction of New High School 1/7/16 Board of Education Meeting

By Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - 10.B.11 - (Addendum) Approval to enter an agreement with the Perth Amboy Housing Authority for the purchase of the Delaney Homes Property, located at 901-959 Convery Boulevard, Block 339.04, Lot 1.02, at a price of \$7,400,000.00, for the construction of a new high school. The purchase of this property is contingent upon approval from the New Jersey Department of Education (subject to attorney review).

The item was moved by Board Member Manuel Nunez and seconded by Board Member Milady Tejada. Everyone voted "Yes" except for Board Member Anton J. Massopust who abstained.

Board Member Anthony Bermudez stated, "I am happy we are purchasing this property. It is definitely needed at this time. I'm happy."

Later during the Old Business portion of the Meeting, Board Vice President Israel Varela stated his opinion on the matter, "I am very glad we are building a new high school. If we had a great facility – if you look at the amount it comes millions of dollars. No one spoke of why I wanted 72 acres. The time has elapsed. We had to look at the 72 acres. I speak for myself. Developers had interest in the property (Celotex Site). It would have met our needs and more. No one was interested in the 72 acres. This school will be obsolete (on Delaney Homes Property). I know for a fact we got swindled. You could have had the best. If you look at the Seaman Avenue Property it's contaminated. No developer wanted that property. If you look at the property (Celotex) it had more value. I never will be happy and will feel we got

scammed by people with deep pockets."

Board Member Obi Gonzalez then stated, "We are resilient as a Board and we will do as best as we can. In the future we will think about another high school (in addition to the one to be built on Delaney Homes Property). We are a system divided. We have to look to addresses that will solve the problems. We need to look at properties. As long as the City brings in more people, there will be need for more schools. We work hard to solve problems and work together with the community."

Board Member Anton Massopust then stated, "I'd like to reiterate what Mr. Varela said. I have seen more schools and school systems. I've seen teachers carry books 3 to 4 blocks because they have no

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Update On Ferry Project1/6/16 Business Meeting

SOUTH AMBOY - Business Item: Resolution approving contract between the County of Middlesex and the City of South Amboy.

Business Administrator Camille Tooker said, "This will be a draft of agreement for the road from Broadway to Radford Ferry Road. This agreement is under review. The City Engineer, City Attorney and I will have a meeting about

this. There are items which are highlighted that the County says are our responsibility. A lot of these items on this agreement has already been completed. We have to make sure so that the County can do this project. If the items in question that the County says is our responsibility have actually been completed, then the money can be used for other projects.

Resident Aware of Future Repercussions

SOUTH AMBOY - 1/6/16 Business Meeting: Request for easement at 217 John Street.

There was cause for concern with granting this request for this resident. B.A. Camille Tooker said, "I checked with the Planning Board Secretary and there is no issue with this easement."

Councilman Donald Applegate said, "This resident has done work without permits before."

Mayor Henry interjected that this resident has been dealt with before, has incurred fines and has been warned about doing other unauthorized work."

Tooker told the Council, "If you want to deny the request, it's up to you."

Council President Mickey Gross spoke to City Attorney John Lanza about preparing paperwork for any fees for this easement.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, "Going forward, this resident now knows he always needs permits before doing any work. I'm okay with approving this."

Councilman Tom O'Reilly agreed with Dato. "The resident knows about the repercussions."

City Clerk Laura Kemble-Kalantsis said, "I have the files for this resident if anybody wants to look at it."

City Attorney Lanza said, "I will do the paperwork for the ordinance."

Promotion of Eight Police Officers - 1/5/16 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - On 1/5/16 at the Perth Amboy YMCA the City of Perth Amboy gave promotions to eight Police Officers: one Police Captain, three Police Lieutenants and four Sergeants.

Nicholas M. Simone Jr. was promoted to Police Captain, Carmelo Jimenez Jr., Andy Montalvo Sr., and Joseph Sulikowski, were promoted to Police Lieutenant; Brandon Bucior, Armando Lagomarsini, Frank J. Szeg, III and Richard Zaleski were promoted to Police Sergeant. Congratulations to the new Officers! (See Pg. 6 for more photos)

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New High School

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place to park. For various reasons we are being forced on a property. I feel this is not the way to go. It is the only thing we can do. I feel very, very, very sad."

Board President Sam Lebreault then added, "We desperately need space for our children. We cannot afford to lose the opportunity presented to us by the State."

During the Public Portion Resident Stanley Sierakowski made some comments, "Mayor Diaz was opposed to Celotex for the next 20 years. She opposed a new high school initially in the Rte. 35 Delaney Homes Property. They had to give us 11 acres. She was opposed when her candidates lost the election. Seaman Street was decontaminated. You have a mayor against it. There is an election this November. It may not be too late. If she's not reelected we another dimension. The power of eminent domain. 10 months is not a long time. Maybe another high school?"

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Meridian

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better position our organizations for the future, with continued growth of outstanding care throughout Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, and Middlesex counties."

While Meridian Health serves primarily Monmouth and Ocean counties and parts of Middlesex County, Raritan Bay services Middlesex County and parts of Northern Monmouth County. The combined entity has eight hospitals - Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune, Ocean Medical Center, Brick, Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank, Southern Ocean Medical Center, Manahawkin, Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel, K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital, Neptune, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge and Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy — and a network of physician practices, ambulatory surgery centers, home care, long-term care and assisted living facilities, ambulance services, fitness and wellness centers, and outpatient centers.

Meridian Health will now serve a regional population of about 1.5 million residents, and the system will employ approximately 15,000 team members, have more than 2,700 physicians on staff, offer more than 2,300 acute hospital beds, and have more than 81,000 annual inpatient admissions.

"With shared missions and values, this partnership will provide many benefits to patients, including expansion of services currently available at Raritan Bay and enhanced access to the full continuum of services available at Meridian through a coordinated and seamless fashion," says Michael R. D'Agnes, FACHE,

president and CEO of Raritan Bay Medical Center.

Raritan Bay Medical Center is a New Jersey state-designated primary stroke center, a recipient of the American Association/Ameri-Stroke can Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines® - Stroke Silver Plus Performance and Heart Failure Gold Performance Achievement Awards, recognizing the optimal care of stroke and heart failure patients respectively. Raritan Bay is one of a few hospitals in the world to achieve Magnet Recognition for nursing excellence three times. Raritan Bay is also a recipient of the AHA's Mission: Lifeline®EMS Silver Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients experiencing severe heart attacks. The Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay Medical Center provides the latest advances for treating diabetes and its complications as well as patient education and support services. Among its flagship programs are the Human Motion Institute, a comprehensive musculoskeletal program, and Institute for Weight Loss, specializing in bariatric surgery. Raritan Bay provides specialty services for wound healing, sleep medicine, women's health, balance, pulmonary rehabilitation and physical therapy.

"Our primary focus has always been our extended family—our communities," says Lloyd. "From care coordination to prevention and treatment strategies, we remain focused on not only improving outcomes and overall health, but in also reducing health inequities. This merger will allow us to extend these efforts to a larger segment of the population."

Meridian Health and Hackensack University Health Network also signed a definitive agreement to merge on May 12, 2015. That merger still requires state and regulatory clearance.

About Meridian Health:

A leading not-for-profit health care organization in New Jersey, comprising Jersey Shore University Medical Center and K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital in Neptune, Ocean Medical Center in Brick, Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, Southern Ocean Medical Center in Manahawkin, Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel, and Meridian Partner Companies that include home health services, skilled nursing and rehabilitation centers, ambulatory care, ambulance services, fitness and wellness centers, and outpatient centers. In May, Meridian Health and Hackensack University Health Network signed a definitive agreement to merge. Meridian Health has consistently been rated among the top performing health systems in New Jersey for clinical quality, is one of the FORTUNE "100 Best Companies to Work For" for six consecutive years, and is the recipient of numerous state and national recognitions for patient care and nursing excellence. Meridian Health is a member of AllSpire Health Partners, an interstate consortium alongside six of the nation's leading health systems, to focus on the sharing of best practices in clinical care and achieving efficiencies. With more than 100 convenient locations, over 1,800 beds, nearly 13,000 team members, and affiliations with more than 2,000 of the area's finest physicians, Meridian Health is a leading health care provider in New Jersey, providing quality health services, facilities, and programs. For more information, please visit www.MeridianHealth.com.

Check out Our Website for Breaking News! www.amboyguardian.com

Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee

will be holding their 6th Annual

Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, January 16, 2016 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Cafeteria of St. Stephen's Church
Mechanic Street Entrance, Perth Amboy
Adults \$10 Children under 5 - Free
Come out and support your local heroes!

Gas Tank Mojo Cafe PERTH AMBOY - Friday Night Jan 15 at 8 p.m. at the Ke-

PERTH AMBOY - Friday Night Jan 15 at 8 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Coffee, cake, poetry, stories & opinions. In the spirit of Beat author Jack Kerouac, of "On the Road" fame who, as a merchant marine, shipping out of Perth Amboy, on his way to Tangier, referred to Perth Amboy as "Gas Tank Mojo Town." For more info call 732-293-1090 or 732-675-8826. Bring Your Own Bongos.

Book Drop/Book Exchange/Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have established a use for the books you have read and would like to recycle!!! Drop off your books. Exchange them for books you have not read pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ... or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Please no text books or reference books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays, January 9 and 23, February 13 and 27 and March 12. We will be there from 12 noon until 2 p.m. (weather permitting).

For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com



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MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MEETINGS



"I invite you to join me and several department directors for our community meetings to discuss what's happening in our City."

-Mayor Wilda Diaz

Thursday, January 14, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center

1 Olive Street

Thursday, January 28, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Brighton Avenue Community Center

56 Brighton Avenue

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AT: 723-826-7121.

Book Sale

SAYREVILLE - There will be a Friends of Sayreville Public Library January Book Sale at the Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin Saturday, January 16, 2016 and Sunday, January 17 from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$10 for FULL bag or \$15 for FULL box (Must use bags/boxes provided). Tuesday, January 19 -Not for Profit and Teacher Appreciation Day ~ Books and Media FREE of charge from 12 noon to 4 p.m. (Must provide ID).

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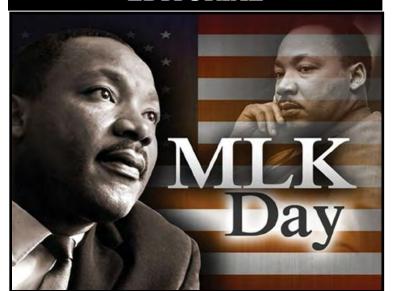
SOUTH AMBOY - Your fall cleanout is done and you're wondering what to do with all of those unwanted DVD's, CD's, and video games. How about donating them to South Amboy's Sadie Pope Dowdell Library? Just bring those unwanted items to the library, during regular hours. No VHS please!

This program has been running since 2012 collecting thousands of DVD's and other electronic media for the library. Those generous donations have enabled the library to increase its resources for the benefit of South Amboy residents and the surrounding communities.

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



Martin Luther King, Jr January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day became a national holiday in 1986 and is celebrated on the third Monday in the month of January. Although Dr. King was closely associated with nonviolent protests for African Americans he also fought for equality for all to make decent living wages.

The year he was assassinated in 1968 he was slated to have a Poor People's March in Washington. This was an effort to gain economic justice for poor people in the United States. The focus of his campaign was a multiracial effort which included not only African Americans, but Whites, Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans and Native Americans aimed at alleviating poverty regardless of race.

King's intentions were to bring poor people to Washington forcing politicians to see them and to think about their needs. He wanted the participants to come by any means of transportation necessary. He wanted the politicians to see the poor that are here, how they didn't have any money and that the politicians made them this way and we've come to stay until you do something about it.

This included prioritizing money to help the poor. This antipoverty package included a commitment to full employment, a guaranteed annual income measure and more low income housing.

One of King's concerns was the crisis of unemploy-

ment and low wage jobs. The following was taken from a Speech given to the Illinois State AFL-CIO, Springfield, Illinois, Oct. 7, 1965:

What kind of security do we have when jobs can disappear for periods and families must abruptly sink to lower living standards? Why should older workers be put in competition with younger workers; why should Negro workers and white workers compete for jobs?

Where are the unemployed automation has created? Many, numbering millions, are walking the streets. A large proportion are Negroes who are half hidden in the ghettos. Some have found employment in service industries in low-paid jobs largely unprotected by unions in these unorganized trades. Other millions have retired, some on pensions, some on Social Security, others on relief.

Our belief is that any group can suffer when jobs leave the community. Although trade between nations is understandable, it's important to make sure that Americans are not hurt by this. We can make quality products that can last instead of having cheap imports that have to be replaced in a short period of time. Although we may have to pay higher wages, if the quality is there, in the long run it will have a positive impact for all.

Sources: Wikipedia: Poor People's Campaign

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Perth Amboy Needs Panache ...

If you are passionate about this city as much as I am, doesn't it make you cringe when people associate it with the vernacular of being a poor, decayed urban city void of any promising future.

It sure agitates me when this historic city that is neatly nestled along the Eastern Seaboard, of the State of New Jersey, that possesses magnormous possibilities has repeatedly failed to capitalize on its attributes. Other cities and towns along these same peripheries have ferried themselves to fortunes, whereas we have sat ineffective for many years, and watched aimlessly as our sister cities have eaten our lunch.

Geographically our city lies in the soils of some of the priciest real estate in the country with boundless opportunities. Yet we toil along capitulating to the voices that we are an impoverished city that has reached its ceiling. We need to raise our possibilities, impose higher expectations on ourselves, fabricate a limitless ceiling and imagine greatness.

We are mired in the smog of complacency rather than one of panache. Perth Amboy doesn't have to be this poor city. An upward crusade starts when our elected leaders of today and tomorrow, are called to task, and begin laying the groundwork to make Perth Amboy something special, so that its rich resources and potential can be passed on to the great citizens of this city to enjoy. They deserve it... so "lead, follow, or get out of the way" ...

Dr. James Wolff

The Sport of Gambling The trip to Atlantic City is

The trip to Atlantic City is not what it used to be. Perhaps it is my age catching up to me. In any event the gambling in the casinos has gotten to be dull and boring. Every casino pays off at the same rate and odds at the tables and slot machines. The only difference is the change in scenery.

I was sorely disappointed when I went to play the slot machines and discovered that you do not play with coins. Each quarter slot machine is equipped with a gadget which takes in paper money. Then you press a button in order to play. If you wish to cash out all you get is a receipt which you have to take to the cashier to be paid in cash. Slot machines without coins! Zounds! What is this world coming to? This, of course saves the casinos the expense of dealing with coins. But I have noticed that this has not been reflected in the odds or payoffs. Another example of never giving the sucker an even break.

In spite of the above, it is still a great adventure to go with a group like the gang from the

Knights of Columbus on High Street. We are like a bunch of kids on an outing. We forget about the cares of the world for a few hours. No telephone calls. No bills to worry about. The Helfrich bus ride from Perth Amboy to Atlantic City exactly 100 miles usually takes about 1 hour 45 minutes. No stops at toll booths. The Parkway south is one of the best highways in the country. It follows the contours of the countryside. The scenery is marvelous! What's even more enjoyable is the absence of the huge tractor trailers, the kind that make driving on the Turnpike and Rte. One extremely dangerous.

Come to think of it gambling was much more fun when it was illegal. In those days when shopping for the day's lunch in the local grocery store there were usually about a half dozen ladies chattering in different languages. All bought numbers after consulting the dream books on the counter. Bets as small as 10 cents were written on pads with carbon copies. And the mob paid off at 500 to 1. This is better than the state pays today.

Once J.D. Lightweight, as distinguished from J.D. Heavyweight, both local well

known gentlemen, whispered to me in church to play 451. I thought this was divinely inspired and bound to hit. I told Butch who ran the poolroom to put a dime on it until it came. They even took numbers on credit! Well! After a few months the number came out. After the credit was deducted, I walked off with 40 plus dollars. Gee! I felt richer than I feel now! And that was a few weeks before I joined the army in July 1942! Don't you think that I am overdue to hit a winner. But not at the payoff by the state.

And then here were the crap games at the lumber yard. They would begin after payday on Friday and continue through the weekend. When it began to get dark matches would be lit to see the numbers on the dice. The only time the games were raided by the police was before Election Day. For obvious reasons! The kids would have a field day scrambling for the coins on the ground while the players fled the gendarmes!

Yes! They were certainly the Good Old Days! Thank you for your courtesies.

Very Truly Yours
Peter Book a.k.a. Pedro Libro

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Problems at Harbor Terrace and Tickets Issued at Curb Cuts

PERTH AMBOY - 12/9/15 Meeting - Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "There are complaints about the placement of garbage cans in Harbor Terrace. People who are not living there are dumping their garbage at that property. Maybe the dumpsters should be moved to the back. Code Enforcement should look at the situation."

Gonzalez also said, "People are getting tickets at curb cuts near driveways. He mentioned one particular area on Elm Street.

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came forth to address the curb cut issue. He asked Gonzalez to please give him the addresses. "I haven't heard about this problem. If it appears it's a legal driveway, a ticket can be issued."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "I've heard about the same garbage problems in Harbor Terrace. Code Enforcement should continue to monitor the situation."

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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.

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

Tea Room

Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House is now open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for tea and tours. The tea room has reopened, serving their usual delicious homemade cakes and assorted teas. Hostesses Dot, Helen and Joanne are back to greet you. A \$7.00 donation includes both the tea and a tour of the mansion. Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated, and we have acquired several pieces of antique furniture, including a 1700's desk and game table. The gift shop is also opened. A visit to the tea room is the perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel: 732-826-5527. Info@proprietary-Email: house.org.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TUES. Jan. 12 Special Board of Education, 5 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.

> Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Library, Jefferson St.

WED. Jan. 13 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

> City Hall, High St. City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

MON. Jan. 25

WED. Jan. 20 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Hall, N. Broadway

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Lung Cancer

Support GroupPERTH AMBOY - Lung Can-

cer Support Group, Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy. For more information please call Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffery 732-826-1594.



SAYREVILLE - The monthly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of #4699 will be on January 26, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Jernee Mills Road. Many items to discuss for the new year. All members are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served. For more info call 732-264-3041.





Promotion of Eight Police Officers - 1/5/16

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Services at Cathedral International

Press Release

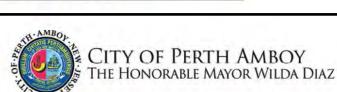
PERTH AMBOY - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life, legacy and dream continues to be celebrated at Cathedral International. On Monday, January 18, 2016, 10 a.m., the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day services takes place in the Cathedral Sanctuary, 277 Madison Ave., and the entire community is welcome to attend.

The program encompasses participants from inside Cathedral International as well as from the community. Following the service, the church is hosting a faith and community roundtable discussion on mass incarceration communities.

Dr. King was known for his ability to give people a sense

of hope in distressful times. When negativity and fear were rampant, he would persuasively speak hope and optimism: "Somehow, I still believe we're going to get there," Dr. King would say. "Shall we say the odds are too great? Shall we tell them the struggle is too hard? Or will there be another message, of longing, of hope, of commitment?" The service at Cathedral will continue Dr. King's message of hope, optimism and commitment. It's a message that will inspire and empower the community.

More information is available by calling (732) 826-5295 for more information or by stopping bywww.cathedralinternational.



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Puccio, Gonzalez Reelected, Massopust Elected to First Three Year Term

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Board Member Obi Gonzalez is sworn in with her husband, Fernando and son, Daniel holding the Bible *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Board Member Anton Massopust is sworn in with is wife, Marcella, son, Anton and daughter, Katherine holding the Bible



Board Member Ken Puccio is sworn in with Rebecca Dix and Lillian Dix holding the Bible



PERTH AMBOY - At the 1/7/16 Board of Education Reorganization Meeting, the Board welcomed back Members Ken Puccio and Obi Gonzalez. Anton Massopust was the top vote getter and is starting his first full three year term. Massopust was previously appointed to the BOE in December 2012 to replace Board Member Kurt Rebovich who left the BOE to take an outside position.

Sam Lebreault was reelected President of the Board and Israel Varela was reelected Vice President. (L to R) Board Members Ken Puccio, Obi Gonzalez and Anton Massopust

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Early Fireworks for Perth Amboy AFT President Pat Paradiso

Doctrine of Necessity Invoked



Perth Amboy AFT President Pat Paradiso

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY – At the first public portion of the 1/7/16 Board of Education Meeting, Perth Amboy AFT (American Federation of Teachers) President came up to the podium. She started to read a prepared statement about the contract negotiations for teachers for the school year with the AFT and the Board of Education (see below).

About a third of the way through her speech, Resident Stanley Sierakowski who was sitting in the audience began booing Paradiso stating to the Board that Paradiso was out of order and her statement should be read during the public portion at the end of the meeting (not in the beginning of the meeting which is for agenda items only).

Paradiso continued reading her statement which couldn't be heard over Sierakowski's loud booing. Board President Sam Lebreault banged his gavel stating that Paradiso had to wait until the end of the meeting to read her statement but she continued anyway unable to be heard.

There were many teachers and other supporters in the audience who applauded Paradiso's efforts.

The Board went into closed



Teachers, Staff and Other Supporters applaud Paradiso
*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Board President Sam Lebreault reads a statement citing the reasons why the Doctrine of Necessity was invoked

*Photo by Katherine Massopust

session at 6:52 p.m. The Meeting resumed at 9:20 p.m. By then, many of the large crowd of disgruntled teachers and supporters had already left.

During the second public portion (when the public is free to speak on any topic they choose) one Teacher spoke, "I came across a bank deposit from 2011 and compared my paycheck from 2011 to now. My salary is \$12 down from back then. I pay 10% of my salary for my health insurance. You have the power to compensate us before the law. I am a widow with two children in college. Because of what I pay for health insurance, I had to refinance my house. You have the power to renegotiate."

During the Meeting, Board President Sam Lebreault stated that 100% of the Board had a conflict of interest as far as negotiations with the AFT contracts. He went on to read a statement indicating why each BOE Member was in conflict what their conflict was. Lebreault then invoked the Doctrine of Necessity according to NJ State Legislation. Because all 9 Members were in conflict, Lebreault chose a committee consisting of 4 Board Members: Ken Puccio, Anthony Bermudez, Israel Varela and himself. This committee will meet with the AFT in order to negotiate the contract with the union members.

Statement by AFT President Pat Paradiso

PERTH AMBOY: *This state-*ment was read by Perth Amboy

AFT President Pat Paradiso at the 1/7/16 BOE Meeting:

staff. We have heard that this also gotten really good deals on health insurance contributions.

We would hate to see a two-

First I would like to offer my support for the approval of the 2015 Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2015-2016 school year. I come from a family of law enforcement officers and I know how important it is to have a cooperative, professional relationship with the people who protect us. Staff members have voiced concerns about their safety and the safety of our students. We hope this represents a new commitment to the safety of our students and staff.

Second I would like to comment on the hiring of our new

Board is striving to be the kind of district that attracts only the best and the brightest. Yet at the Federation we have been receiving phone calls from both new hires and current staff members concerned about the state of the district. As you know we have never had the most generous salary guide, and recently the rising cost of healthcare has caused most staff members to take home less money each paycheck. We would like to be able to tell people some good news, but as you know we can't. We all know about The Doctrine of Necessity, but we feel that this board has not made negotiating our contract a priority. We also know that other employees outside of our unit have received

also gotten really good deals on health insurance contributions. We would hate to see a twotiered system in this district where some people get a good deal and the rest of us must face the reality of taking home less money each paycheck. When you give people at the top of the pay scale the best deal on healthcare and do not offer the same deal to the rest of us - you deny us, you deflate us, and you disrespect us. No worker should pay more for healthcare than central administration. That sends a message that policy makers are valued more than those of us who directly touch the lives of children. We are asking that you do whatever it takes to get the job done. Thank you.

This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

By: Phil Kohn. Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at ww2remembered@yahoo.com.

The Lend-Lease Bill championed by President Roosevelt — whereby the U.S. would provide food, oil and other needed war materiel to nations fighting the Axis in return for leases on naval and military bases — is introduced to Congress on January 10, 1941, amid much opposition. Among prominent and outspoken opponents are former ambassador to England Joseph P. Kennedy and renowned aviator Charles Lindbergh.

On January 11, in the Mediterranean, the British Royal Navy light cruisers *HMS Southampton* and *HMS Gloucester* depart Malta for Gibraltar. An attack by the *Luftwaffe* sinks Southampton with a loss of 81 sailors, and damages *Gloucester*. In Berlin, Adolf Hitler issues "Directive 22," which outlines his plans for limiting British gains in the Mediterranean. It includes an order establishing the Afrika Korps.

Malta-based British aircraft attack airfields in Catania, Italy, on the east coast of Sicily, on January 12 to prevent German and Italian planes from attacking Malta while temporary repairs are being made to the aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious, damaged in an air attack on January 7th while the vessel was at sea off Malta, sailing for Greece.

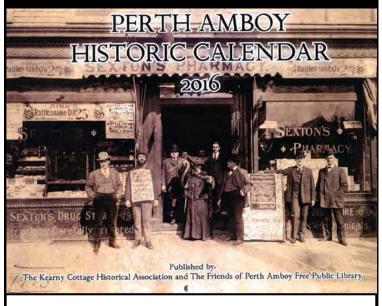
On January 13, planes of the German Luftwaffe drop incendiary bombs on Plymouth, England. Later that night, RAF bombers attack the German U-boat (submarine) base at Lorient, in Occupied France.

In Athens, Greece, on January 14 British Middle East Commander Gen. Archibald Wavell and Air Marshal Arthur Longmore meet with the Greek prime minister, Ioannis Metaxas, and the Commander-in-Chief of the Greek Armed Forces, Gen. Alexandros Papagos. The Greeks ask for nine divisions and a substantial air component to be sent to support their forces. The Greeks have the equivalent of 13 divisions facing a larger Italian force in Albania and four facing the Bulgarians. Metaxas and Papagos point out that the Germans, as well, have 12 divisions in Romania and still more in Bulgaria. To meet such a force, Wavell is able to offer only a small contribution now, but promises more later.

With Allied Commonwealth forces pushing the Italians in East Africa, Emperor Haile Selassie returns to Ethiopia from exile in England, crossing from Sudan on January 15. That evening, in Europe, a force of 76 British bombers attacks Wilhelmshaven, Germany.

On January 16, despite British efforts to curtail attacks on Malta, a force of about 80 German Stuka dive-bombers attacks the under-repair aircraft carrier HMS Illustrious at Valletta. Although 10 of the German planes are shot down, the remainder get through and score many hits. The cruiser *HMS Perth* is also damaged, and the harbor facilities are left in a shambles.





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Edison AARP Ch. 3446

FORDS - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, Franklin Avenue, Fords, NJ. A program related to disabilities entitled "Thought and Decision Making" will be presented by Venus Majeski.

Planned Trips: May 17-18: Pennsylvania Package Tour - includes "Samson" at the Sight & Sound Theater, "Million Dollar Quartet" at the Dutch Apple Theater, Turkey Hill Taste Lab, and a hotel stay at Eden Resort in Lancaster. PA. Contact Bob at 732-885-1789 for reservations. All trips are open to non-members. For information on the Knitting & Crocheting club, contact Kay at 732-548-1976. Canned food for MCFOOD, miscellaneous items for nursing homes & hospitals, used eyeglasses for the Lions Club, and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House will be collected at the meeting. For additional information, visit our website at www. edisonaarp.org.

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3rd Annual African American History Month Celebration

PERTH AMBOY - PRAHD will be honoring Carole Dortch-Wright with the Arturo Alfonso Schomburg Award for all the love and care she gives to our community in the City of Perth Amboy. Please join us as we celebrate the many contributions of Carole Dortch-Wright during African American History Month. Special Guest: Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Dean Schomburg, Adrian A. Council, Sr. - Publisher, Community Positive Magazine. Friday, Feb. 19 from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. at PRAHD, 100 First St., Perth Amboy. RSVP Lillian Marti-



Carol Dortch Wright

nez at lmartinez@prahd.org or 732-638-2811.

Need Rent, Food or Utility Assistance?

PERTH AMBOY - The JRF Family Assistance Center provides rent, food or utility assistance to qualifying individuals or families in the community. To be eligible you must meet program requirements. For more information, please call 732-324-2180. You can also stop by our office on the 2nd floor! (149 Kearny Ave. – Rear of Proprietary House)

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.

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.

Tricky Tray PERTH AMBOY - Mother's

Guild Tricky Tray, Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy. Admission is \$5. For more info please call 732-826-1594.

Lego ToddlersSOUTH AMBOY - Ages 2-3

vrs. old. Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060. Come build with us!

Lecture by Donald Peck

PERTH AMBOY - Donald Peck will lecture and sign his new book "The American Journey of Hope" on Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. at the Kearney Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy.

Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a pirohi sale from Jan 25th to Jan 28th. All gourmet items are handmade. Place your order between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon by calling 732-826-7067. Price is \$8.00. Pickup date is Feb. 2nd and Feb 3rd beginning at 2 p.m. Pick up orders at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy.

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Uncle Floyd SOUTH AMBOY - The SAFD

Merchandise Hose Company presents, "An Evening with Uncle Floyd." Appearing on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. Buffet, Beer and Wine. \$40 pp. For tickets call 732-642-4608 or email SAFD1LMartinJr@ gmail.com

Little Scientists

SOUTH AMBOY - Little Scientists Mondays 12/4 & 12/18 - Little Magformers; 12/11 & 12/25 - Play-Doh at 1:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Ages 3-5 yrs. For more info call 732-721-

Social Media for Local Markets -Lunch and Learn

EDISON - Join Bonnie Kantor of Pressing Issues, Inc. at the newest great restaurant in Edison, Elixir Bar and Grill, for a Lunch and Learn that can't be missed.

This seminar will show you the value of using social media to reach your customers, members and prospects - plus how it can drive repeat business from your current customers, and how it can lead to new customers, members and volunteers! We'll take a look at the most popular social media networks like Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter.

Thursday, January 21 at 11:30 a.m. - registration, 12:00 noon - presentation by Bonnie Kantor of Pressing Issues at the Elixir Bar and Grill, 2222 Woodbridge Ave., Edison. Fees/Admission: \$15 for members; \$25 for non-members. To register

call Tricia at 832-738-9482.

LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Slovak Flag Raising - October 1960's - City Hall Circle.

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. Jan. 13 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

THURS. Jan. 14 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Jan. 18 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Jan. 19 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

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

WED. Jan. 20 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

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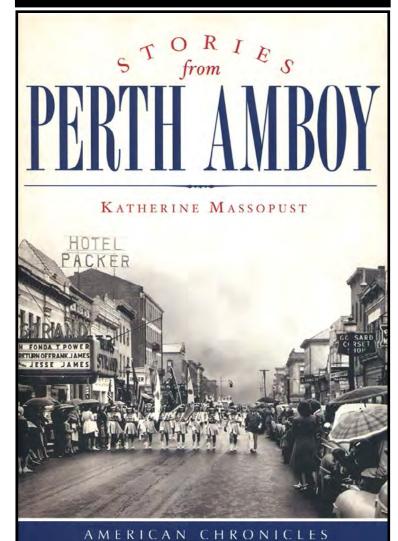
MON. Jan. 25 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon

Memorial Hall, Wash Ave. WED. Feb. 3 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave TUES, Feb. 8

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

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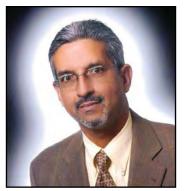
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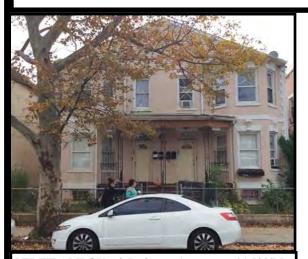




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EDISON - Beautiful cape cod. Lots of potential. Is being sold strictly "as is". Buyer responsible for smoke cert, termite cert., and all repairs. \$280,000



PERTH AMBOY - Nicely updated colonial in the heart of Perth Amboy. Ready for a new family. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, new kitchen(granite/stainless steel appl), new washer/dryer in bsmt. Great covered patio for grilling. A must see. \$154,900



PERTH AMBOY - ESPECTACULAR WATER VIEW ON THIS TWO LEVEL APARTMENT. JUST MOVE IN AND ENJOY THE VIEW FROM THE WIDE OPEN WINDOW. COMMISSION TO BE SPLIT 50/50 TEN-ANT/LANDLORD. \$1,825/Mo Rent



SOUTH RIVER - Great Potential. Handyman Special. I Being Sold "as is." Buyer resp. for smoke cert., termite cert., and all repairs. \$168,000



PERTH AMBOY - LOVELY HANDYMAN SPECIAL Minutes away from the beach and boardwalk. "As Is" Buyer resp. for smoke, termite, and C/O certifications



PERTH AMBOY - Just blocks from High School, Grocery Stores, Public Transportation and Hospital. Move-in condition cape Cod-style beautiful oak kitchen cabinets 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, finished bsmt and much more. \$169,000



PERTH AMBOY - Ideal location with lots of exposure ample parking space. Many possibilities. Location, Location triple NNN \$2,600/Mo Rent



PERTH AMBOY - Wow, absolutely beautiful single family in the water front section of Perth Amboy, in fact you can watch the ships pull into the Raritan Bay from this stunning 4 bedroom, fire place, sun room, custom built, quality shows in its design. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. will not last!!!!!!!!!! \$259,000