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# **Losing Confidence**

# Firestorm Opens Up 2/22/16 Caucus & 2/24/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – At the beginning of the 2/22/16 Caucus, Charles Ferraioli Jr., City Auditor from the Audit Firm of Ferraioli, Weilkotz, Cerullo and Cuva, P.A. came forward to speak about his firm, the City's finances and some of the ordinances and resolutions. "Our firm which is over 60 years old was appointed as an auditor for the city in 2009. We work with the Mayor and Council. We do audits on several municipalities and their entities, such as a City's library. At that time, the City was \$242 million in debt. There was \$100 million in bonds not on the books. The City's debt is now \$206 million and they are not relying on extraordinary aid. Under the Faulkner Act, salaries are by ordinances or resolutions."

This prompted Councilman Fernando Gonzalez to ask a question, "If an ordinance is passed that has a salary range and someone gets appointed outside that range, even though it's not required. We don't want anyone to go bevond that range."

Ferraioli answered Gonzalez. "We need memos, an ordinance or a resolution to back up what you (the Council) are saying."

body have control over an ordinance?"

**Public Comments: Former** Councilman Ken Balut still had comments to make about the first female Hispanic Police Officer who was finally promoted to and became a Sergeant. He was not happy that some people who should have been notified about this promotion were left out. He felt that the Mayor violated civil service rules. "She (Mayor Diaz) touted the new Law Director coming in." He also made reference to the City Auditor from the firm of Ferraioli, Weilkotz, Cerullo and Cuva, P.A. who made a pre-

sentation earlier in the meeting. "This firm has been employed by the City for a good number of years. I notice that Ferraioli mentioned that his firm has a clean record." Balut asked the Council if they knew how often the City is supposed to change auditors? We have unfair labor practices for Veterans (active officers who are on leave for military service). Former Mayor Joe Vas started the transit village. There's another Hispanic Officer that should be made whole and given a promotion."

Resident David Caba directed a question at Councilman Joel Pabon, "Why would you vote for an ordinance you thought was illegal?" Then making a reference to a past statement by Councilman Irizarry, Caba said, "I keep repeating myself because you guys are doing nothing." The he addressed Councilmen Pabon and Petrick and said, "I respected that you both admitted that you didn't know all who contributed to your campaign in 2014. Bernie Sanders got arrested for fighting for the rights of African-Americans. Are you representing the people or the big bosses?"

Resident Alan Silber spoke next. He first welcomed Adam Councilman Bill Petrick Cruz, the new Business Adondered, "How can we as a ministrator and told him, "Enjoy your time here." Silber continued, "When I asked the Council if you (Cruz) ever served as a Business Administrator before, the Council did not answer. I believe ordinances are drawn up by the Law Director. The Council allowed the Interim B.A. (Peter Pelissier) to be here weeks past his contract allowed. Before you (the Council) signs an ordinance, you should make sure it's legal. There's nothing wrong with the ordinance except the question of the salary, which was stated for the Interim B.A. Where did they get the extra money to keep his original salary when he became the Assistant B.A.? (As Interim B.A. he was paid a salary of \$157,000. When he was reassigned by the Mayor as Assistant B.A. his salary remained the same instead of being reduced to \$106,000 for the Assistant title.) The City Council should have brought a lawsuit."

Councilman Joel Pabon was the first one to address the statements made by the public in regards to Pelissier. "We are not experts. I base my opinion on what was explained via the Faulkner Act. I am looking for clarity. Do we need to be more specific in our ordinances? We make mistakes. Was it right? Was it wrong? The Faulkner Act sets the pay guidelines for Directors." Then addressing Caba's statements, Pabon said, "I don't know who the big bosses are. As far as the Police Officer who was promoted to Sergeant – she's a beautiful person and I'm very happy for her. I know what she's going through."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez made remarks next. He did not hold back on his feelings about Assistant B.A. Pelissier. "He (Pelissier) was extremely disrespectful to me. He (Pelissier) at a previous meeting said he was going to prepare a report and give it to everyone and then he addressed me and said, "But not you," and nodded his head towards me. People only say things when it's to their benefit. We were not required to pass resolutions of those personnel in the Faulkner Act. Can the City get an Attorney to get back the difference of the money that we paid the former B.A. (Pelissier) and give what is owed to the Citizens of Perth Amboy?"

Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez answered the last statement from Gonzalez, "I am the City Attorney and the Mayor has to make that decision."

Council President Lisa Nan-



PERTH AMBOY - Judy Verrone from the DeCotiis Law Firm was present at the 2/24/16 Council Meeting.

\*Photo by the Carolyn Maxwell

ton agreed with Fernando Gonzalez and said, "We need to have an independent Attorney to address the salary that Pelissier received after he became the Assistant B.A."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry was absent from the Caucus due to another commitment.

During the public portion of the 2/24/16 Council Meeting, Ken Balut was still fired up by the unfair labor practices for the Police serving in the military. "The City should be changing our auditors every five years." At that point, Balut had a copy of the recommendations by the State of New Jersey for all government units that are required to have auditors. In that communication, the State recommended that there be a competitive selection process for choosing an auditor at a minimum of every five years. Another recommendation was that in no event should a government unit use the same audit firm for more than ten years. The State recommended that the Legislature consider an acting legislation that would impose this ten year time limit. Balut continued, "You (the City) would have more money for more important things if you paid accordingly. We lost accreditation. There are more lawsuits and you should be

reading them all. The YMCA

got over a million dollars from the Board of Education, but that's not in the audit. We're having a party for the last Business Administrator (Pelissier). You (the Council) are supposed to be transparent. A lot of citizens are not getting help with OPRA's. You have to take control if you're not getting the information."

Alan Silber questioned why the Auditor was at the Caucus Meeting. "If we (the public) can find out information, why can't you (the Council)? The City Council of Orange originated a lawsuit to get money back from their former Deputy Business Administrator. You should have been questioning Pelissier Lasked for information on him. You said he was on salary when he was on vacation. This was a willful and unlawful act by the Mayor." At that point, Silber was so annoyed that he started to pound his fist on the wooden partition in front of him causing some of the paperwork he placed there to fall on the side of the Council's chambers. As the papers fell, he said, "These actions are outrageous and egregious! The City of Orange took action!" He also wondered who the anonymous donor was paying for the luncheon for Pelissier.

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Businesswoman Virginia Lugo came up to speak. She told the Council that they received a lot of information from us (the public). She also made reference to the Mayor backdating memos. "If this Lawyer (Arlene Ouinones-Perez) had municipal experience, she should have known this was not correct. We need an outside counsel and another firm."

Resident David Caba moved quickly to come up to the podium to speak, "I don't know what legal opinion she's (Arlene Quinones-Perez) is giving, but now we're in a mess. You should impeach her. I live in the City of Perth Amboy and I need someone to look out for us. I don't see Pelissier here tonight to help train the new Business Administrator. I made a bad decision supporting someone who ran for Mayor in 2012. The good thing is that he did not win."

Resident Susan Batista came up to the podium, "What did Pelissier do when he was acting Mayor? Did he change any ordinances or write any up?"

Councilman Bill Petrick answered Batista, "Ordinances must be voted upon by the Council."

Council President Lisa Nanton said, "We get information by the Law Director and Business Administrator. I assume he did the same responsibilities as he did as Business Administrator."

Batista shot back, "There is money being spent and no one knows where it went to. I don't know if they told you anything about it. This is a federal crime. If you participate in cover-ups, then you're an accessory. They are doing everything low-handed."

During the Council comments, Fernando Gonzalez did a complete turnaround from his initial impressions of Quinones. He stated, "I have lost confidence in our Lawyer. I called the State Comptroller about this. (Pelissier's salary/appointment/title change). They said they're already investigating. I also called the Department of Community Affairs." Gonzalez wanted to know if the City owed Pelissier any more monies.

Business Administrator Adam Cruz confirmed that Pelissier does have more money coming to him.

Gonzalez continued, "We should pass a resolution to stop payment to Pelissier until we get a legal determination."

Judy Verrone, who is a Partner in the Teaneck New Jersey Office of DeCotiis was at the Council Meeting in place of Arlene Qinones-Perez. Verrone read a passage from the Faulkner Act: "The Mayor has the authority to set salaries for subordinates (administrative salaries) as long as funds are available in the budget."

Gonzalez didn't give up his argument and said, "We are not getting proper legal advice and the Council needs its own separate attorney."

Council President Lisa Nanton agreed again with Councilman Fernando Gonzalez, "The Attorney should have told us about the salary guide change. We need to have an independent advisor."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez made a motion to have a resolution drawn up for an independent counsel and Bill Petrick seconded it.

Verrone left the Council Chambers to draw up the resolution. After a few minutes, she came back to present the resolution to the Council. It was moved by Petrick and seconded by Irizarry.

Councilman Joel Pabon and Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez was absent from the Meeting.

R-120-2/16

**AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO RETAIN AN ATTORNEY** TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ASSISTANT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND RELATED ISSUES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY:

That the Council President is directed to engage an attorney to provide the Council with advice related to the Council's investigation regarding the appointment of the Assistant Business Administrator and related issues.

Council President

ATTEST:

Claire m. Jasko ELAINE M. JASKO City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ARLENE OUINONES PEREZ Director of Law

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Applicants must be registered Democrats and reside in the Ward they seek elective office in. Interested parties shall submit 25 copies of their resume and 25 copies of a cover letter outlining why they want to serve as Councilperson and what strengths they would bring to the Office.

Resumes, Cover Letter and a \$25 Application fee **MUST** be received by: Mayor Fred A. Henry, Democratic Chairman, 304 Main Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879; No later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15th 2016. Applicants will be contacted to participate in a screening process before the Committee to be held no later than Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016. Camille Tooker, Secretary, South Amboy Regular Democratic Committee.

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# Mini Pizza Bagel Making

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# **Celebrity** Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY – Wed. Mar 16th at 3:30 p.m. Join Councilman Tom Reilly as he reads Octopuppy by Martin McKenna and celebrates the Libraries 102nd Anniversary with cake & smoothies!! At the Dowdell Library, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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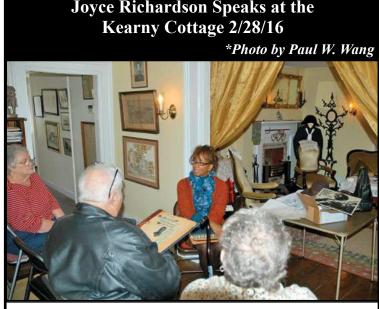
# Gift Auction

PERTH AMBOY - The St. Assumption Church, hold their annual Tricky Tray & Gift Auction - Bunny Hop Tricky Tray on Sunday, March 6 at the Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 370 Meredith St., Perth Amboy. Doors open at 12 Noon. Drawings begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Cruise through rows of Table Prizes while listening to tunes from the 50's and 60's. Rock on over to stage prizes, Money Raffle, Calendar Raffle, Basket Raffle and More! Food available for purchase in the kitchen. Free cake, tea and coffee. No outside food, Please! For tickets and info call Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption Office: 732-826-0767.









For Black History month, Joyce Richardson gives a talk about her father, Dr. Herbert Richardson at the Kearny Cottage on Sunday, Feb. 28. Shown listening are (L to R) Linda Ludin, Dave Bennett and Barbara Stack.

# LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

## **EDITORIAL**

# The War Reignites

I said I wasn't going to touch the subject of elections again, but a comment made at a Perth Amboy Council Meeting really irked me.

The Perth Amboy Board of Education and the Perth Amboy City Council are at war. The issue: the election date of the BOE.

In past years, there could be several (3-4) separate elections held in Perth Amboy: April for the Board of Education, May for the Mayor/ Council, June for Primary (depending on what year) and the General Election (President, Governor, Senate, Assembly, etc.).

Let's face facts. The people who are probably loving this when these elections were held separately were the poll clerks.

If these elections were held separately this year, any poll clerk who worked each election would earn over \$715 vs. three elections (BOE, City, Primary, & General).

If we have one-stop shop, there's only two elections this year (Primary & General), any clerk that works both of those polls top off at \$400 per poll clerk.

With the election consolidated to one General Election, the City saves over \$30,000.

This year alone, if just factor in only the poll clerks, the cost for them alone would be \$10,725 for the BOE election.

The calculation would be different for the General Elec-

One Councilman remarked that in 2012 there were 57 names on the ballot. My point is: "What's your point?"

First of all, on the ballot, there were boxes that separated the School Board from the other races. Anybody who physically went to a polling place: what did you see? People holding out huge signs and literature for specific canwas bilingual and/or had the candidates' photo with their

ballot position.(Letter & Number) Unless there was some heavy duty photo-shopping going on the candidates should be easily recognized.

Let's not forget this literature is floated out months before the election is held.

So, when a statement is made that people get so confused by having so many candidates on the ballot, it's just not flying.

It doesn't matter to me when the elections are being held. It does make sense that the elections should be held all at one time. Let's face facts: we make it VERY EASY for people to

If our men and women who are stationed overseas are able to get their ballots in on time, then what's our complaint? There are people who complain about inclement weather in the colder months as a reason not to get to the polls. Winter is not the only time we have severe weather.

During election time, many candidates headquarters will have signs: Register to Vote Here. Not only that, they offer rides to the polls to those who request it. How much simpler can it be? How many times can you bend over backwards to make it easier?

The books do need to be purged. One way that this could be done is through the public's help. Have you ever filled out a form to let the Board of Elections know that a relative has relocated out of town or has passed away? My suggestion is the next time you vote, you should make sure that the person's name that you asked to be removed is not on the books. If it is, please notify the Board of Elections and continue to do so until the situation is rectified.

Hopefully a two-time notification sent to the Board of Elections about removal of a name should be sufficient. But please no more statements that didates. Most of the literature dumbs down your constituents. *C.M.* 

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While he was in the nation's Congress, he also served on the House Armed Services Committee, so he is knowledgeable about the working of the Defense Department.

Perhaps most importantly, in temperament, he seems sensible and balanced. He is also compassionate. I was very moved by his passion in describing the reduction in the recidivism rate in his state's prisons.

Finally, Kasich is sincerely pro-life, vital to many generations of children.

**Gregory Voss** 

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A black cloud rolled in from the Vatican in Rome, Which decreed that masses in church in Latin be sung. That priests no longer could marry; the bishop ran the parish. People reacted with rage! They were dealt a frightful wrong!

Then began a long and expensive court battle, Which tested the faith and strength of us all. With Depression Days money we fought the good fight Till we won the court battle and broke the Byzantine Wall.

Back in the Orthodox fold we entered a long, prosperous era Under the benign reign of Father Stephen Sedor. Native sons became priests; one became the beloved Bishop Nicholas! Our people achieved heights never reached before!

In the midst of our rejoicing there comes a sad strain, The staunch, solid parishioners are no longer alive. Church membership is fading; the ugly, black cloud is here! Under these conditions how long can St. John's Church survive?

The answer, dear friends, is up to us, and you, and you! We must bolster our flagging spirits! Renew our failing hearts! For in the long run we can only rely upon that good, old-time religion For the continued glory of St. John's Church we must all do our parts!

AMEN! NA MNOHAJA I BLAHAJA L'IT BUDTE S BOHOM!

Peter Book An Old Time Parishioner



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# **Community Calendar**

**Perth Amboy** 

WED. Mar. 9

MON. Mar. 7 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.

TUES. Mar. 8 BID, 4 p.m.

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

City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Mar. 2

City Council, Business, 6 p.m.

City Hall, N. Broadway

WED. Mar. 16 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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# St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner

SAYREVILLE - St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ on Saturday, March 12 from 6 P.M. to 8 p.m. Cost: Adults \$12; Seniors/Students/ Children 5-12 \$8; Children under 5 - Free. Dinner of Spaghetti & Meatballs. Dinner includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage, Dessert. Take out is available. For questions or additional tickets, please contact Winsome at (732)432-9072.

# Resident Neighborhood Meeting

by your local Neighborhood Program Manager. Neighborhood Meetings are a group of residents who meet regularly to accomplish specific goals in their neighborhood. We identify challenges and concerns and support change and improvement efforts. Join us and help improve the quality of life through 3 main goals set for the Gateway Neighborhood. The Gateway Community extends from Route 35 to Fayette Street and Elm Street to the Raritan River. Friday, March 4th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Neighborhood Associations Shape our Community. 2/24

# Designer Bag Bingo PERTH AMBOY - Saturday,

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, March 5th, St. John's Church Hall, 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. Doors Open 1p.m., First Game 2 p.m. Tix \$30pp 50/50,Tricky Tray. For Info/Tix (732) 826-4442.

# Fish/Chicken Fry

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday Night Fish/Chicken Fry - Sponsored by: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy on March 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Price: \$15. For ticket purchase contact the church office: (732) 826-1594

# Fish & Chicken Fry

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville located at 172 Main St. will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on March 4. Tickets are \$13 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door for \$15. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5 p.m. and dining room seating will be from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or email us at churchoffice172@ optimum.net. 2/10

# 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade & Ceremony

WOODBRIDGE - Flag Raising Ceremony @ Town Hall is Sunday, March 13, 2016 (starts at 9:00 a.m.) Parade is Sunday, March 13, 2016 @ Woodbridge High School (steps off at 1:30 p.m.) Ends at Woodbridge Town Hall. Parade Chairman is Daniel Harris. Contact Information is 732-754-5970 and/or via email at WoodbridgeIrishParade@Gmail.com. Interested in Sponsoring and/or Marching, please visit this Resource Page: Parade Applications and Sponsorship. 2016 Parade Information can also be found on Facebook: 2016 American Irish of Woodbridge St. Partick's Day Parade.

The 2016 Parade Theme "Ireland - 100 years - Independence."; 2016 Parade Honorees: Grand Marshal - Jack Wall; Irish Woman of the Year - Pat Nixon; Irish Man of the Year - Ed McSherry; Miss American Irish - Kylie Cahill; Lady-in-Waiting - Brianne Carey Dowd. The Woodbridge Channels will be providing a replay of their coverage starting on or about March 14, 2016. You can also watch the parade coverage online

# Cooking Competition SOUTH AMBOY - SAVE

SOUTH AMBOY - SAVE THE DATE! The Dowdell Library 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Cooking Competition Festive Appetizers! Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> Enter the competition and enjoy soft drinks & appetizers 6:30-8 pm. See rules for details. Sadie Pope Dowdell Library - Adjacent to High School, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell. org 2/17

# Citizen Peterson

PERTH AMBOY - "Citizen Peterson: How Thomas Mundy Peterson Made the Most of His Historic Vote." If you have heard the name Thomas Mundy Peterson, it is likely because he was the first African-American to vote under the Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1870. But he didn't just cast his ballot and disappear into history. Peterson used his status to fully-embrace the role of citizen in the face of those who questioned a black man as a sociopolitical equal. New Jersey historian and author, Gordon Bond, has discovered how Peterson ran for local office, switched from the Republican to Prohibition Party, and calls into question some of the often repeated aspects of his postvote roles in his latest presentation.

The lecture will be at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Donations welcome. Light refreshments available.

# 2016 St. Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - Join us for the Annual South Amboy St Patrick Day Parade. The parade starts on Pine Street and Bordentown Avenue, proceeds on Pine Street to Main Street, then down Broadway. Bring your lawn chairs and wear your green! Keep an eye out for the schedule of events for the day! Saturday, March 12th, 2016 starting at 2 p.m. Richie Moran will be Grand Marshal; Deputy Grand Marshal will be Harold Dennen, Jr. The Honorary Grand Marshall will be the Honorable John E McCormac, Mayor of Woodbridge. Special Honored Guests will be William Schwarick, Jacqueline & Joe Julian (owners of Jacqueline's Florist & Gifts). The Master of Ceremonies will be Barry Rosengarten. No open containers, please. We are always looking for new members to help out with their time and talents with the parade. For more information or to join us, please contact Cathy Schwartz at saparade3@gmail.com. Parade Chair is Mickey Gross.

# 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.

February 28, 1941, sees the British Royal Air Force, which has established air superiority over the combat zone, bomb Asmara, the capital city of Italian Eritrea.

On March 1, Prime Minister Bogdan Filov brings Bulgaria into the Tripartite Pact, joining the Axis forces of Germany, Italy and Japan. On the same day, in Nashville, Tennessee, W47NV comes on the airwaves, becoming the first FM radio station in the U.S. In the Red Sea, the British aircraft carrier HMS Formidable — still blocked from transiting the Suez Canal by German mines (that are being cleared as quickly as possible) — unleashes another sortie of its planes, with Massawa, Eritrea, as the target. In North Africa, Kufra, in southeastern Libya, is captured from the Italians by a Free French force from Chad, commanded by Col. Philippe de Hauteclocque (known by his nom-de-guerre, "Leclerc"). In Washington, D.C., the U.S. Navy forms a Support Force for the Atlantic Fleet: three destroyer squadrons comprising 27 vessels. In German-annexed Poland, Heinrich Himmler, head of the SS, inspects the Auschwitz concentration camp and orders it expanded to hold 30,000 prisoners.

Per a treaty agreement finalized the previous day, German troops — part of Field Marshal Wilhelm List's Twelfth Army — begin moving into Bulgaria in force on March 2. Some reach the border with Greece.

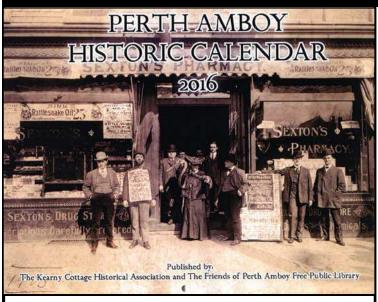
The next day, March 3, the Soviet Union condemns Bulgaria's signing of a pact with the Axis. President Roosevelt signs an order freezing Bulgarian assets in the U.S. In the Balkans, Italian Air Force planes bomb Larissa, Greece, where a powerful earthquake two days earlier had left some 19,000 of 24,000 residents homeless. Returning from the raid, five of the Italian bombers are shot down by RAF Hurricanes over the island of Corfu.

In Germany on February 4, at Berchtesgaden, Hitler meets secretly with Prince Paul of Yugoslavia, attempting to convince him to join the Axis. Paul makes no commitment, but returns home realizing he must soon make a decision between aligning with either Germany or Great Britain. Additional talks in the next few days, however, convince Paul that the United Kingdom has few resources it can offer to help Yugoslavia. In Occupied Norway, the British launch "Operation Claymore," a raid by some 500 British commandos and 52 Royal Norwegian Navy sailors on the Lofoten islands, a center for the production of fish oil and glycerin, used by German war industries. The raid is successful — 10 German ships are sunk and 228 prisoners are taken — but German reprisals against the local populace are fierce once the raiding party leaves.

On March 5, the British government severs relations with Bulgaria. In the eastern Mediterranean, "Operation Lustre" begins: the movement of British troops from Alexandria, Egypt, to Greece. By April 2, some 58,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers will be deployed in Greece. In Vienna, German Reich Marshal Hermann Göring meets with Romanian Prime Minister Ion Antonescu to seek that country's assistance in the invasion of the Soviet Union.

In Occupied Netherlands on March 6, in retaliation for "the February Strike" that protested the arrest of Jews in Amsterdam and attempts to send workers to jobs in Germany, the Germans condemn 18 suspected members of the Dutch underground resistance to death.

# 2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079 or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.

# Teen Tech Week Selfie Contest

SOUTH AMBOY – Mar. 7th to Mar. 11th at 3 p.m. Teens! Come up with the best selfie picture to win a selfie stick!! Submit your photo to comments@dowdell.org for entry with your name, phone # and age! At the Dowdell Library, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

# PERTH AMBOY - The

PERTH AMBOY – The United States Postal Service Woodbridge Branch will be hosting a US Passport Fair on Tuesday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive, Street, Perth Amboy. For more information please contact, 732-826-1690, Ext. 4307.

United States Postal Service Passport Fees: Adult, Passport Book & Card \$140.00 + \$25 (Execution Fee); Passport Book only: \$110.00 + \$25 (Execution Fee); Applicants 16 years and younger Passport Book/& Card: \$95.00 + \$25 (Execution Fee); Passport Book only: \$80 + \$25 (Execution fee); Individuals must bring: 2 color passport photos (2 x 2), taken within the last six months.

# 21st Annual Charity Ball

OLD BRIDGE - Sunday, March 20 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Grand Marquis, Rt 9, Old Bridge. Tickets \$105 pp. Includes cocktail hour followed by dinner & music with open bar throughout. Sponsored By The Sayreville Association For Brain Injured Children, a non-profit organization that provides year round recreation programs to children and adults with special needs. Also seeking sponsors for our ad journal. For more information or to reserve call Jim Gilleite or Laurie Ventolo @ 732-254-8530.

# Open Jam Night

PERTH AMBOY - Stageright Studios Presents Open Jam Night every Wednesday Night at 9 p.m. at Al Cibelli's Night Club, 1096 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy. Music lovers can enjoy great food at the lowest drink prices in town as you watch the best entertainment in New Jersey. Listen as amazing musicians jam with one another. As always, no cover charge in the downstairs lounge, all back line provided. 21 to enter and drink. Extra parking across the street. Hosted by John Garoniak. For more info call: Stageright Studios 732-602-1355. Bands welcome - all styles.

# AC Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819. 2/10

# Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

# 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.

## 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: Saturday 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

# **Seed Swap**PERTH AMBOY – The City

PERTH AMBOY – The City of Perth Amboy Seed Swap Event - Grow with your community! Bring your seeds and leave with: Pro Gardening Tips; New Friends; More seeds! PLUS: Technical Assistance to Help You Develop Your Own Neighborhood Garden from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 5th at PRAHD Headquarters, 100 First St., Perth Amboy.

# Easter Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having an Easter Cake Sale from March 7<sup>th</sup> -March 10th. Pick up your order at 404 Division St. To place your order call: 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All gourmet items are homemade. Cakes: Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune (Lekvar), Raspberry. Price - \$11.00 each. Pickup dates are March 15th & March 16th. after 2 p.m. 2/17

## Dowdell Library Foundation DVD &Recorded Media Drive

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.

# **Notice: Community Announcements or "Shorts"**

The Amboy Guardian is committed to serving the community. However, due to the rising cost of print publication, we are forced to now charge a small fee for community announcements. We will provide one complimentary short paragraph or "short" per event. After your event "short" is published for one week, there will be a \$5.00 fee per week charge for each additional "short" published pertaining to that particular event. For those who pay for a display ad, there will be no fee for additional shorts pertaining to the event in the paid display ad. To our regular loyal advertisers who hold community events, your "short" announcements will remain complimentary. Effective 1/1/16. Thank you.

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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.

**Answers** 

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# Lenten Dinners

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks #784, will be holding their annual Lenten Dinners, starting on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> thru March 25<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Every Friday). Take-outs are available by calling 732-727-7170 or stop by the Lodge located at 601 \Washington Ave., South Amboy. The Dining room will also be open for sit down meals. All proceeds will benefit the Elks charities. 2/17

# St. Patrick's Day Dinner

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# Support Our Troops Buffet Dinner

SAYREVILLE - VFW Post 4699 Auxiliary Fundraiser at 575 JerneeMill Rd., Sayreville. Classis Rock/Oldies Night--Music by: Clem & Friends on Saturday, March 19 --Doors open at 6 p.m.--Open Bar, Buffet Dinner at \$40 pp-contact Carmen 732-254-9425 or Post at 732-254-4789. For more info call 723-264-3041 or Carmen. 1/20

## "All You Can Eat" Lenten Linguini Dinners

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring their annual "All You Can Eat" Lenten Linguini Dinners every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. The dinners will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria below the Church. The menu includes Linguini, with a choice of Red (Marinara) or White clam sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee, soda, water, iced tea and desserts. The menu will also include our FAMOUS PIZZA! The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for Senior Citizens, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free. There is a special family price of \$20 (EAT IN ONLY). A family would consist of only 2 adults and any children under 12. No reservations necessary and take-out is available. For more information, call Tony at 732-233-4473. 1/20

# Happenings

**Senior Scene** 

#### **Perth Amboy**

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

• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St. THURS. Mar. 3 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Mar. 7 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St. TUES. Mar. 8 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

Church Hall, Brace Ave.

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

WED. Mar. 9 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St. THURS. Mar. 10 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

 Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

#### **South Ambov**

WED. Mar. 2 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

MON. Mar. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,

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MON. Mar. 28 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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PERTH AMBOY - Coffee & Tea House, Smith Street 1888

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