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Mayor Wilda Diaz State of the City 3/1/16

By Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY – In a crowded Perth Amboy YMCA auditorium, people awaited the State of the City. After a performance of the national anthem by Tiffany Granger of God's Army Ministry and invocation by Pastor Jesus Gomez of the Living World Church in Perth Amboy, Chief of Staff Lissette Martinez, Master of Ceremonies welcomed introductory speaker Former NJ Governor James Florio.

Florio began his welcoming of Mayor Diaz, "The State of the City is good and it's going to get better. She (Mayor Diaz) is the Chair of the Urban Mayor Association. She does well because she understands two things: 1.) a commitment to safety and 2.) Education is especially important. For good or bad, education is important. If you think the cost of education is high, try the cost of ignorance. The Mayor appreciates the importance of getting involved. She is involved, engaged and informed. Projects are successful. Your Mayor has shown the way to make democracy work."

Former Governor Florio introduced Mayor Wilda Diaz who now had the floor. Mayor Diaz



Master of Ceremonies Lissette Martinez introduced Former NJ Governor James Florio who introduced Mayor Wilda Diaz at the State of the City Address.
*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Former NJ Governor
James Florio



Mayor Wilda Diaz

began, "Times are changing. We've come a long way from eight years ago. We are eight

years stronger."

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South Amboy Announces \$1.3 Million Surplus Council Receives News at South Amboy Business Meeting



Mayor Fred Henry



B.A. Camille Tooker

By Joseph L. Kuchie
SOUTH AMBOY - Mayor Fred Henry announced a \$1.3 Million surplus in South Amboy's upcoming 2016 budget at last week's business meeting.

"We will be putting some of that [surplus] back into the budget to so we can help the taxpayers this year," Henry said. "There are no changes in [public] services, in fact in some areas we have actually added some things."

"Every year our goal is to grow our surplus," Business Administrator Camille Tooker said. "We've always tried to fund our budgets realistically and fiscally responsibly, which you as a council have been doing and that's why we have surplus."

Tooker explained that an increase in the city's net worth and the addition of miscellaneous revenue not anticipated (MRNA) were also key factors in having such a big surplus. South Amboy's net value increased from \$857 million to \$906 million this year, and the city received unanticipated

funding from the government including over \$200,000 from FEMA.

Tooker echoed Mayor Henry's comments by saying that the city's public services will stay at the same level and improve in some areas.

"We have a budget which maintains public services at the same level," Tooker said. "We will still have our summer recreation program for our residents...we are going to have GovPilot, which is increasing the public services."

Other improvements will include the city's ability hire a full-time mechanic to expedite repairs to city vehicles and equipment and an increase of funds to the city's library.

"It's good to have good news like we've had tonight dealing with the budget," Mayor Henry said. There's a lot of hard work that goes into this. It's taken a couple of years but we are on the right track."

Councilman Applegate was not in attendance for the business meeting. The next city council meeting will be held on March 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Second Fire at Apartment Complex In Six Months



PAFD Chief Abraham Pitre on the scene



Fire at Apartment Complex on Chamberlain Avenue.

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*

By: Carolyn Maxwell and Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – On early Saturday morning 3/5/16, the Perth Amboy Fire Depart-

ment responded to a fire at an apartment complex at 775 Chamberlain Ave. Previously in October 2015, this same apartment complex suffered a

fire in Apartment #4 and this apartment was severely damaged. The occupant in Apt.#4

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Fire at Apartment Complex

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in that October 2015 fire was severely burned and eventually succumbed to her injuries.

According to sources, the fire on 3/5/16 started in a switch for a kitchen fan. Besides damage to Apt#4, there were damage to apartments #5, #16 & #17 (See Photos) All the occupants of the entire apartment complex were instructed by authorities to vacate the premises.

There were no reported injuries. Four apartments were damaged.

Besides Perth Amboy Emergency Services, Hopelawn, Woodbridge, Keasbey, South Amboy, Sayreville, Iselin and Avenel responded. David Benyola from the P.A. Dept. of Housing and Social Services assisted fire victims who needed to be relocated. Fire victims were advised to go to the Olive Street Community Center in order to fill out forms in order to receive further assistance.



Interior of Apartments destroyed by fire on 3/5/16
**Photos by Katherine Massopust*

Hy Tavern's Outside Façade Suffers Partial Collapse

By: Carolyn Maxwell and Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY – Hy Tavern, a neighborhood bar located at 386 High St., Perth Amboy suffered a partial collapse of its side wall façade early Friday morning (3/4/16). The Amboy Guardian spoke with Shirley Santos who is the daughter of the owner of Hy Tavern, who also resides in one of the upstairs apartments. We asked her if she could send us some information of what happened that day.

Here is her account:

“Around 5:20 a.m. on Friday, March 4th residents were awoken by police and firemen banging on the door. The residents were informed to grab necessary items and to immediately vacate the building. All the utilities to the building were shut off as a precaution after the residents were vacated. Maria Santos, the owner of the building is the daughter of Delores and Gary Hermann who were Hy Tavern's original owners.”



The Historic Hy Tavern on High Street.
**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



The damaged facade on the side of the Hy Tavern

She said, “This great old building has survived a lot worse than a few loose bricks. We were lucky to have made it through Hurricane Sandy when a lot of other buildings have suffered a great loss. The Hy Tavern has been family owned since January 3, 1969. The tavern holds the second oldest liquor license in the City. (The oldest one is Gast Liquors located on State Street.) Former Historic Preservation Chair Russell O'Reilly believes the building

dates back to 1857 and it's first use was a two-family house.”

O'Reilly believes that after the Civil War is when the building was listed as a saloon. “We don't know what it was during Prohibition,” O'Reilly stated.

Shirley Santos stated, “My apartment is located above the side of the building where the façade crumbled, I never heard a thing. The Police, Fire Trucks, Ambulances were all

there, including some of the news media. As people were driving by, they slowed down and looked at us as if something major had occurred,” Santos said.

Besides O'Reilly and Santos, the Amboy Guardian reached out to City Historian Anton Massopust who stated that he believes the building has survived major Smith Street fires

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Does Perth Amboy Really Need a Transit Village?



Rahway Train Station
*Photo Courtesy of A.P.

The Mayor and Council speak about bringing businesses into town and making Perth Amboy a destination. The Transit Village is often mentioned. Do we really need a Transit Village? I'd be happy with a platform and an easier way to get up and down the stairs to the tracks in the Train Station. All the train stations on the North Jersey Coast Line were upgraded to become ADA compliant except for Perth Amboy.

How many community meetings, neighborhood meetings, studies and evaluations do we need? Enough with these studies!

Do we really need a monstrosity of a Transit Village in town? The plan is to take 1.3 sqmi. of the 4.7 sqmi. of Perth Amboy. This is a big chunk of the City.

Any informed citizen could walk down to the train station and see what needs to be done. The stairs need to be repaired and a new elevator installed. The waiting room needs to be cleaned and modernized. The bathrooms need an overhaul and most of all we need a train platform and ADA compliance.

The café is fine. A police substation could be put on the southbound side of the station that is not being utilized. By keeping a permanent police presence at the train station will allow commuters to travel safely without fear of being

harassed.

I've taken the train to Westfield, Summit, Rahway and Red Bank. When you get off the train and hit the downtown area, that's what makes the individual want to come into town. There is a variety of shops and stores which offer diversity in culture and destinations such as a theater with name entertainers. Take a clue from Rahway. Make something in Perth Amboy that people want to come to. Even in South Amboy there is a Baskin Robins/Dunkin Donuts in the same building near the station.

If you have empty stores sitting here for years, it's time you get the message. Look who is coming to local theaters. They have big name performers. New Brunswick has three major theaters. Even an amateur community or semiprofessional theater venue could be here (Like Club Bene). The old Club Bene in Sayreville was a Supper Club/Night Club where many new performers and well known performers would come and break in a new material. Bruce Springsteen sang at the Stone Pony many times, even after he became big. Bon Jovi once performed at Middlesex County College before the band made it big.

People from other towns will only come if there is a reason. We need to create a reason for

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE



Rainbow

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of natures wonder
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on all that he has created
Colors intermingling, how beautiful is
all of his creations, with all types
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We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center a member of the Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, March 11, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been told they need joint replacement or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call Nurse Navigator Clare Schuld, R.N., at 732-535-4746.

Healthy Heart Event

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management and blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Monday, March 14, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Office on Aging, 1 Olive Street. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

What Can I Eat?

OLD BRIDGE - The Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is providing a diabetes self management educational workshop "What Can I Eat?" Wednesday, March 9, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Suite 420, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. "What Can I Eat?" reviews how to plan meals, count carbohydrates, read food labels and provide education on carbohydrates present in participants' diets and how they affect blood sugar levels. Registration and insurance verification is required; call 732-360-4070

Tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts, designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1.800. DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is holding a Childbirth Education class Saturday, March 12, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. The class will be held at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

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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. Email: Info@proprietary-house.org.

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WED. Mar. 9	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Mar. 10	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
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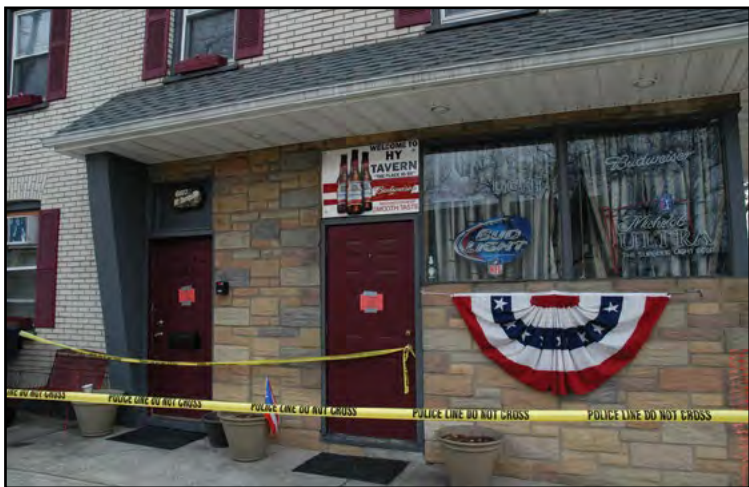
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Hy Tavern with police yellow line
*Photos by Katherine Massopust



Hy Tavern

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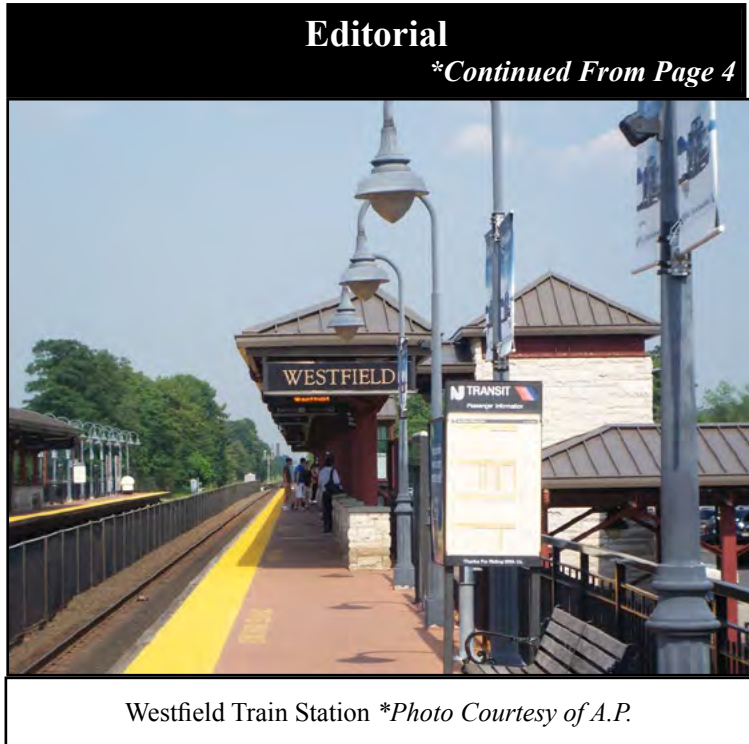
Besides fires, the building has endured natural disasters. “Hy Tavern has withstood everything,” Santos said. It was left unscathed after several minor earthquakes over the years.”

The Hy Tavern has had fundraisers for various causes such as: Breast Cancer Awareness, Alzheimer’s, etc. Check Presentations have been given to the Jewish Renaissance for

Women’s Health Services and other causes.

Marie stated that repairs would begin as soon as all necessary plans and permits were gathered and was hopeful the business would be open in a few weeks.”

“It looks like we’re going to miss St. Patrick’s Day, but we’re hoping to be open by the first week in April,” Santos stated.



Westfield Train Station *Photo Courtesy of A.P.

people to come to Perth Amboy. “If you build it, they will come.” Many people don’t want the hustle/bustle of New York and prefer to come to smaller venues for entertainment. Rahway has a downtown theater Union County Performing Arts Center which features performances from a multitude of artists.

When it comes to colors, everyone’s favorite is green when it comes to money and

we’re not talking about politics here. When people come to Perth Amboy’s stores from out of town, it’s good for everyone.

No more studies; just take a ride in various towns and talked to the people who turned around deteriorating structures into gold mines. The time for action is now. Sorry, everybody can’t live in Perth Amboy. **C.M., K.M. & P.W.**

2016 State of the City Address

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She mentioned a few citizens who recently passed away and held a moment of silence for them.

“Perth Amboy now has a better credit rating than the State of New Jersey. We have fiscal integrity. We never fail to meet the needs of the community. We have reduced millions of inherited debt. We are moving forward. For another year there will be no tax increase – that was no accident. We are committed to seek to increase a tax base. There are two new companies who have invested in Perth Amboy: Viridian Partners has a parent site on High Street. With the increase of demand for a port, Perth Amboy was the only location other than New York (for a port). They (Viridian) are building an E-port Logistics Center worth \$50 million. They changed reality in 2011, five years ago. They are later celebrating a great success. Phase#1 is an investment valued at \$180 million which will create 200-400 jobs. Phase#2 will quickly follow and add 68 acres to a total of 174 acres to be completed by 2017. Buckeye is the largest taxpayer in Perth Amboy and has added \$160 million in rateables. With the Harbortown expansion, we will add another \$30 million in rateables.”

Diaz continued, “There are also some small economic projects including 7-11, Ameristeel and the Hobart Street Complex. The Gateway entrance on Smith Street and Convery Boulevard has remained vacant for 20 years. A long awaited developer will begin shortly. This will create over 150 jobs in an additional investment of \$100 million on development of the former Celotex property with the redevelopment of Landings and the Rosengarten Project. I’d like to thank the JRF and PARTNER for seeking grants to develop the Willow Pond Complex.”

Mayor Diaz continued, “I’d like to thank the Perth Amboy Housing Authority who has reached an agreement (with the Board of Education) and the building of a new \$160 million Perth Amboy High School which is fully financed by State Dollars. The new facility will accommodate every child.”

“Our goal is to enhance the environment for residents and commuters. The BID has invested \$40,000 in a façade. The BID continues to hold seminars to help local businesses. 13 new small businesses have joined the BID, getting them on the map. There will be a pedestrian plaza and bands in the business district. The UEZ continues to make \$14.1 million in investments. We are creating hundreds of jobs in the City. It’s what mobilizes us. It’s continuing to support shopping and dining in Perth Amboy.”

“There were upgrades to the Jefferson Street Parking Deck and a decrease in parking tickets. The Parking Utility has a



Mayor Diaz (2nd Left) with her son, Greg Jr., daughter, Samantha, and husband, Greg Sr. *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Dianne Roman, Mayor’s Aide, Irving Lozada, Newark Deputy Mayor Jackie Quilles



A large crowd listens to Mayor Diaz’ Speech

surplus of \$60,000. There will be 13 new solar powered pay stations in our lots.”

“For our beautiful Waterfront we have invested \$17 million for recovery and stabilizing our Waterfront after Superstorm Sandy. There are improvements to Sadowski Parkway. To improve our Waterfront there will be more tennis courts, a volleyball court and boat ramp. Our goal is to make Perth Amboy a destination. The Bayview Park area is being fixed due to the damages from Superstorm Sandy.”

Diaz then thanked the City Workers in all departments but singled out the Department of Public Works and Code Enforcement, “They help keep our City clean. Code Enforcement works 7 days a week. They work hard all year round. We have over 50,000 people who live in this City and it starts with all of us to keep the City clean.”

Diaz turned focus to Sustainable New Jersey, “Of 189 New Jersey Towns, in 2014 we reached the bronze level of Sustainable New Jersey. We have Community Gardens and Clean Community 500 mini-grants.”

Mayor Diaz thanked the Fire and Police Departments. “There

is a reduction in fires; there is a 14% decrease in crime thanks to the PAPD.”

Diaz was excited to mention the new City ID Program, “In addition, Congressman Frank Pallone will be opening up a satellite office in Perth Amboy to serve our needs.”

Diaz emphasized the importance of the Federal Lunch Program who served 56 meals to kids this summer. She then mentioned that there is a new center open for Veterans at Olive Street and that the Public Library is now open. She also mentioned the opening up of the Surveyor General’s Office soon.

“The Fireworks Spectacular is July 1, 2016 in conjunction with South Amboy. Barry Rosengarten will chair. We will create lasting memories and good times with our families.”

Diaz concluded her speech, “We know we have an incredible team. I will never forget where I’ve come from. Every part of me is committed to the City. The reality is we have changed the dynamics of the entire City. We address your needs day in and day out. God bless the City of Perth Amboy.”

South Amboy Regular Democratic Organization is Looking for Residents to Run for City Council

SOUTH AMBOY- The South Amboy Regular Democratic Organization will be interviewing residents interested in a candidacy for the office of Councilperson in all three (3) City Wards.

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 22nd 2016. Camille Tooker, Secretary, South Amboy Regular Democratic Committee.

***Paid for by the South Amboy Regular Democratic Organization**

Mini Pizza Bagel Making

SOUTH AMBOY – Mon. Mar 14th from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Test out your cooking skills and make Mini Pizza Bagels!! For all ages. At the Dowdell Library, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Cooking Competition

SOUTH AMBOY - SAVE THE DATE! The Dowdell Library 102nd Anniversary Cooking Competition Festive Appetizers! Monday March 14th 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

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be holding a book sale on Saturday, March 12 from 1pm-5pm in the Brighton Ave. Community Center. Choose from mysteries, fiction, non-fiction and more. Paperback books are 50¢, hardcovers are \$1 and a bag of books is \$5. For more info, e-mail the Friends at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com. The Community Center is located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy.

Cabbage & Noodle Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Evg. Lutheran Church is having a cabbage & noodle sale. Orders taken Feb. 21st through March 13. Pick up will be at 664 Amboy Ave (use the side door on Meredith St.) on Sunday March 20th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Contact Lorraine at 732-996-8860 or kookie.mc@verizon.net to place your order. \$6.00 for 1 pound or buy 3 lbs. or more save \$1.00 per pound!

An Evening of Jazz

COLONIA – Sponsored by the Independent Club of Colonia featuring the Danny Mixon Trio or Quartet. April 2 at the Colonia Fire House, 250 Inman Ave., Colonia from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Advanced Tickets required. Limited Seating. \$30pp includes wine and beer, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. BYOB optional. For more info go to www.independentclub.org. For tickets call Glen 732-213-7797 or Phillip 908-337-1554 or Roz 732-734-7538 or Rhonda 732-925-0162. 2/10

MIA/POW Dinner, South Amboy Elks

**Photos by Mary Taylor*



By: Mary Taylor

SOUTH AMBOY – On February 6, 2016 from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. The South Amboy Elks #784, arranged for 20 veterans and 6 staff members from the Menlo Park Veteran's home, to attend a Valentine's Day Luncheon. During the luncheon members from the American Legion Post # 62, that are also members of the Elks, read the "MIA/POW Table Setting", which had to be set up in the dining room for all to see. When the veterans were ready to return to their home, each one was presented with a gift bag and a monetary donation along with other goodies. The Lodge was able to raise over \$2900.00 from businesses and member donations to support our Veteran's Committee. Lodge members also attended the Veteran's bingo that is held once, each and every month at the Menlo Park home.

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PERTH AMBOY – 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. This month's deadline is Feb. 10. Pick Up Date is Saturday, Feb. 20 between 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at 282 McClennan Street, Perth Amboy Check out <https://jolinfoodbox.com> or contact us at 732-826-8207.



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Irish Flag Raising

PERTH AMBOY - Happy St. Patrick's Day! Flag Irish Raising at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 17th at City Hall Circle, followed by Open House at 428 Brace Ave., Perth Amboy.

**2016
St. Patrick's Day
Parade &
Ceremony**

WOODBIDGE - 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. Patrick'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

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.

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.



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Knitting Club

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Teens & Adults. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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Luck of the Irish

PERTH AMBOY - The Women of the Moose Annual Tricky Tray, 989 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy, Friday March 18. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Calling begins 7p.m. \$7.00 includes 1 sheet/coffee, tea and cake. Please contact Donna for advanced tickets. Email: jndcarpenter420@gmail.com or visit the lodge. Kitchen will be open.

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.

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Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - Dowdell Library will be celebrating its 102 anniversary this year and is happy to announce that South Amboy residents have access to the latest and greatest in hi-tech! Check out the following services and either drop in or access downloadable services via the website at www.dowdell.org
Free Downloadable E-books & E-audio- Enjoy these collections on your computer (PC or Mac) or transfer the title to a compatible eBook reader (including Kindle, Nook, Sony, iPad, and iPod Touch). Browse the eBooks collection to find popular and classic novels, non-fiction, study guides, mysteries, romance, Young Adult literature, and more!! Just go to www.dowdell.org, select Dowdell Library, and sign in using your 14 digit library card number. Join in on the Advantage program to get first dibs on new releases. E-book help is also available.

Kindles- Dowdell Library has a selection of Kindles that adults can borrow for two weeks. Each kindle is loaded for every reading level. Patrons can borrow one kindle at a time, and parents must sign out Kindles for teens and young children.

Boopsie - Library App. Have the Dowdell Library at your fingertips 24/7. From any mobile phone connected to the Internet you can instantly tap into library resources, anytime, anywhere. You can search the library catalog, check your account, ask a question, and more! The App even offers a feature called BookLook that allows you to scan a book ISBN barcode anywhere you are to see if the Dowdell Library owns it. If you're at a bookstore you

can just scan the book's ISBN barcode, see if the library owns it, and if so, just place a reserve on it right from your phone.

Zinio - The award-winning digital magazine service is also available. Your library card gives you access to over 100 magazine titles, including Bloomberg Businessweek, Cosmopolitan, Elle, ESPN, Marie Claire, and much more! All you have to do is create an account, put in your 14 digit library card, and be all set to browse the collection!

Indieflix - This streaming movie service provides unlimited access to award-winning shorts, feature films, and documentaries. With thousands of films to choose from across more than 50 countries. Use your library card through our website to create an account and start viewing films immediately.

Free Wi-Fi - Dowdell Library offers free wireless web access for patrons using personal devices such as cell phones, Kindles, and iPads. Need to print a document off your wireless device? Now you can with the wireless printer. Log onto the Dowdell Library website to get the App to automatically print from your cell phone, laptop or iPad.

Scanner- Dowdell Library now has a large format scanner to preserve South Amboy heritage. Drop in any evening and ask us to add your South Amboy memorabilia to our archives; we'll scan the photograph or South Amboy memorabilia on the spot.

Sadie Studio - Children, teens and adults could have fun with make-it-yourself (MIY) projects that are geared towards STEM learning. Learn how to

use a 3D printer! Participants will be able to make three dimensional objects online, then transfer their work to the 3d printer; a Librarian will assist. Moreover, enjoy using fun electronic kits, making healthy smoothies, 3D printing, hand crafts and sewing, and many more technologies.

Faxes, photocopier, etc. - Dowdell Library provides the option to fax documents; a small charge covers telecommunications' costs. A photocopier and computer printer can be used any time during library hours.

SmartPay - Have a fine, but don't have cash on you? Now you can pay online with SmartPay. Just log onto the library website and type in your 14 digit library card number and four digit pin to access your account and pay online.

Need homework help? Ask your librarian! Get quality online resources such as JerseyClicks on the library's web page. Resources are available for consumer or health advice as well as educational resources for every age – from elementary school to college-level.

National Library Week takes place in April. Special programs as well as the monthly calendar will be highlighted on the library's webpage.

The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off O'Leary Blvd. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10 am – 8 pm; Wednesday and Friday 10 am – 5 pm and Saturday 12 noon – 4 pm. Directions: www.dowdell.org For additional information, contact the library at comments@dowdell.org or 732-721-6060.

Perth Amboy Creative Placemaking Plan Wins American Planning Association Award



The Arts Council receives the American Planning Assoc. Award.
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

Press Release 2/25/16
PERTH AMBOY, NJ— Mayor Wilda Diaz was joined by Perth Amboy City Council and members of the Perth Amboy Arts Council Wednesday night to announce that the City of Perth Amboy was awarded the “2015 Planning Award for “Outstanding Municipal Plan for 2016 – Municipal,” from the American Planning Association, New Jersey Chapter for the City's Creative Placemaking Plan.

The plan focuses on ways Perth Amboy can use arts and culture to empower economic and community development. The plan was developed by the City and the Jewish Renaissance Foundation with funding from a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) “Our Town” grant, and the Dodge Foundation. A Creative Team of 20 artists, stakeholders and officials from Perth Amboy, worked with the National Consortium for Creative Placemaking, Rutgers' Center for Latino Arts and Culture to develop the plan over the course of two years.

“I want to thank the members of the Creative Team for all your hard work and personal time spent over the past two years, and for your commitment to the City of Perth Amboy. This has been a vision of mine in the making and I am so pleased that we are gaining momentum in this area of community development,” said Mayor Diaz.

Members of the Creative Team, and later the Arts Council, which was an outgrowth of the Creative Plan, conducted interviews and physical surveys of the City to determine the size and location of the City's creative assets. The Team also conducted extensive mapping of potential sites for future creative uses. According to the plan, “creative placemaking focuses on building diverse and sustainable partnerships, and strategically organizing arts and cultural activities to address social and economic opportunities.”

The plan seeks to have a

significant positive effect on the future of Perth Amboy. Its role, according to Annie Hindenlang, AICP/PP, Executive Director of the Office of Economic and Community Development, is to “enhance the quality of life and empower economic development through Arts and Culture in Perth Amboy.” Some recommendations of the plan have already been successfully implemented, including the City Council's passing of a Public Mural Ordinance, the creation of the Arts Council, as a key advisory board and the first Waterfront Arts Festival. The plan also recommends the development of a registry of artists working in Perth Amboy and for zoning changes that would permit development of a downtown Arts District.

The Arts Council voted to endorse and adopt the plan to use as a guide for its future goals and activities.

A copy of the Perth Amboy Creative Placemaking Plan may be viewed on the City's website at: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us or at the direct link below. You may also visit the Perth Amboy Arts Council's Facebook page for additional information on local arts events.

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.

Lesniak & Vitale Want To Allow Students With Substance Abuse Problems To Qualify

For Special Services Resolution Urges Revision To Federal Disabilities Law

Press Release 3/3/16

TRENTON – A Senate committee today approved a legislative resolution authored by Senator Raymond Lesniak and Senator Joe Vitale urging a revision to federal standards so that students with substance abuse problems can qualify for special education services. The bill, SJR-21, calls on Congress and the President to update the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to include students with drug or alcohol problems, allowing them to receive special education and treatment services in schools.

“Alcoholism and drug addiction are recognized as a disease that should be treated as a medical condition,” said Senator Lesniak. “Substance abuse can cause significant impairment of the ability to function, health problems and the inability to meet responsibilities at school, home or work. If their condition is treated as a disability they can

qualify for school-based services that can help them to live free of drugs and alcohol.”

This bill would urge the President and the Congress of the United States to enact legislation amending the “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act” (IDEA) to include “substance use disorder” as one of the disabilities that would qualify a child as a “child with a disability” under the act. As a “child with a disability,” a student with substance use disorder will be eligible for special education programs and services.

“Exposure to alcohol and drugs during the vulnerable period of adolescent development can lead to acute cognitive difficulties,” said Senator Vitale. “These problems make it more difficult to function. Studies also show that substance use plays a role in increasing the risk for dropping out of school.”

According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Men-

tal Disorders, substance use disorders occur when the recurrent use of alcohol or drugs, or both, causes clinically and functionally significant impairment.

The 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration estimated 1.3 million United States adolescents, ages 12 to 17, had a substance use disorder in 2014. This represents 5 percent or about 1 in 20 of all adolescents.

There is a strong consensus among addiction and education experts regarding the necessary steps for improving youth recovery services in educational settings including the recognition of substance abuse as a disabling condition under the Disabilities Act so that students can receive services under the IDEA.

The legislation was approved by the Senate Education Committee.

**Dominican Flag Raising City Hall Circle,
2/27/16** *Photos by Bob Ned



**Author Visits Perth Amboy Library
3/2/16** *Photos by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Join us to Read Event with Author Doug Snelson at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library Children's Library, Sat., Mar. 5th. Snelson read his children's books: "Who's Got That Face" and "Fable of the Snake Named Slim." Snelson read in both English and Spanish.

AC Bus Trip
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, April 7th. 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

**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.

**Easter
Cake Sale**
PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having an Easter Cake Sale from March 7th -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

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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.

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**Black History Month, Olive Street
Community Center** *Photos by Bob Ned



**Happy Valentine's Day, Olive Street Community
Center Perth Amboy 2/12/16**
*Photos by Bob Ned



**Police Chaplains Present Award to Luigi's
Pizzeria 3/2/16** *Photo by Paul W. Wang



Have You Volunteered Lately?
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***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.*

In the North Atlantic west of Ireland on March 7, 1941, the British destroyer *HMS Wolverine* sinks the German submarine U-47 in a convoy engagement. The German vessel is commanded by highly decorated Lt. Günther Prien. Under Prien, U-47 since 1939 had sunk over 30 Allied vessels, registering nearly 200,000 gross tons, including the British battleship *HMS Royal Oak*. Prien is the first of three leading U-boat captains that will be killed, captured or lost over the next few weeks, staggering the German U-boat command.

On March 8, the U.S. Senate passes the Lend Lease Bill by a vote of 60–13. The House of Representatives had already approved the bill in February. In the North Atlantic a 55-ship convoy (SL 67) en route from Freetown, Sierra Leone, to Liverpool, England, escapes attack from the German battleships *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* because the British battleship *HMS Malaya* is among the eight escorting vessels. (Hitler had ordered that the two ships were not to engage, if possible, if there was risk of damage to them.)

Italian forces in Albania on March 9 launch an offensive involving 12 divisions against Greece. Mussolini himself travels to the front to supervise the attack. Greek intelligence has been aware of the assault plan, however, and defenders are well-placed. Over England, German planes bomb London, damaging Buckingham Palace.

Since taking Mogadishu, Somalia, on February 25, Commonwealth troops under Lt. Gen. William Platt have advanced northward for 600 miles into Ethiopia and only come into contact with Italian forces on March 10, at Dagabur, in the eastern part of the country. On the same day in Tokyo, Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Japanese Navy's Combined Fleet, is given the first draft of a plan to attack the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

On March 11, President Franklin Roosevelt signs the Lend Lease Act into law. Important amendments to the legislation have been made by Congress on the bill's way to the president's desk, however. A time limit has been imposed: the Act is valid only until June 1943. On the other hand, a previous restriction in the House version of the bill forbidding U.S. warships from providing convoy protection to foreign shipping has been removed. Also to be allowed are the transfers of ships to other nations solely on presidential authority without requiring the approval of Congress. The legislation also mandates that Great Britain must pay cash for goods for as long as it can, nor can it export anything containing materials provided under Lend-Lease.

The next day, March 12, President Roosevelt presents to Congress an appropriations bill for Lend Lease in the amount of \$7 billion.

In Albania on March 13 the Italian attacks continue on the key Klisura Pass, among other objectives, but the Greek defenders — who captured the pass in January — are comfortably holding off the offensive. At Scheveningen, Occupied Netherlands, 15 members of the Dutch resistance are executed by a German firing squad.

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Jammin for Jaclyn
SOUTH AMBOY - Jammin for Jaclyn has joined with RJC Charities, Inc., a non-profit organization. We will be running the Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert annually. 100% of the proceeds will go to families in need due to cancer. The benefit this year will be for Wyatt Scott a 2 year old little boy who has Neuroblastoma. He will need multiple surgeries, Chemo and Radiation. Please help this family help their son. The 3rd annual Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert will be April 16th Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth Street, South Amboy. 4 p.m. to 1 p.m. Continuous Live Bands. Huge hot and cold buffet. Adults only please. \$25/pp. Tickets sold at the door.

Cancer does not discriminate. Anyone can be struck at anytime, please help. Contact Denise Morgan at 732-525-9536 for further information. If you would like to donate prior to the event, checks can be made out to RJC Charities Inc.-please put Jammin for Jaclyn in the memo. Mail to 292 Stevens Avenue South Amboy NJ 08879.

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Easter Egg Hunt
PERTH AMBOY - Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, March 27 at 11 a.m. at the Radiance Church. The Easter Egg hunt will take place after service. Also, special performances and giveaways. Radiance Church is located at 446 Market St. in Perth Amboy

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 post-vote roles in his latest presentation.

The lecture will be at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., on Sunday, April 3rd at 2 p.m. Donations welcome. Light refreshments available.

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.

Lenten Dinners

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks #784, will be holding their annual Lenten Dinners, starting on Friday, February 12th thru March 25th 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

21st Annual Charity Ball

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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

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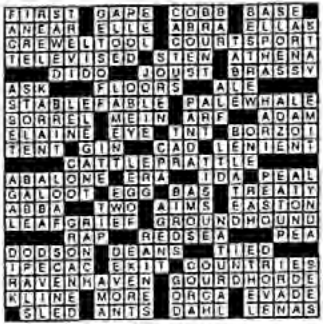
- WED. Mar. 9 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
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- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.
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- THURS. Mar. 17 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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- MON. Mar. 28 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- WED. Apr. 6 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Apr. 11 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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

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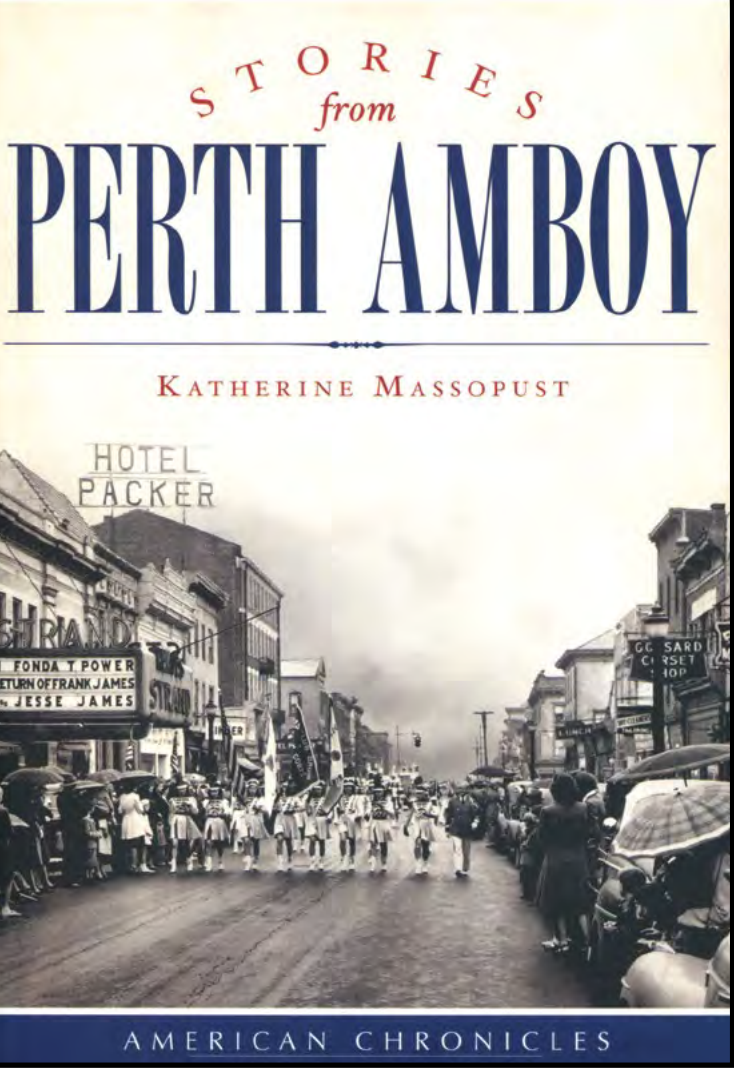


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Building the Outerbridge outside State Street.

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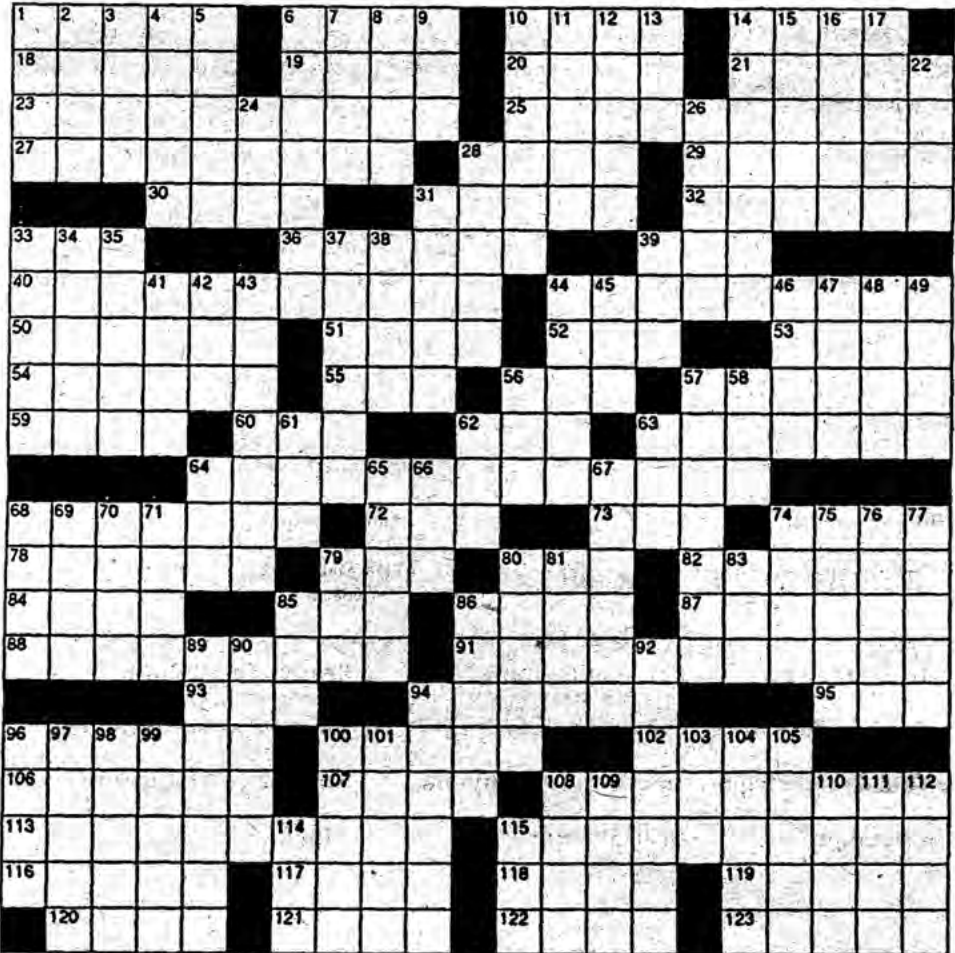
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