

### **CFO Goldy Answers Concerns About Cap Bank** 4/18/16 Budget Review Session

PERTH AMBOY - 5 Department Heads (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Recreation/Human Resources and Department of Public Works) were on hand to give their departmental reviews.

Deputy Chief Cattano was scheduled to speak first, but before he did so, CFO Jill Goldy wanted to clarify what the Cap Bank entailed. The whole Council was in attendance along with City Clerk Elaine Jasko and Business Administrator Adam Cruz.

Goldy stated, "There's two parts to the cap: appropriations and a tax levy. Each has a 2% cap. We did a cap of 3.5% which is allowable. The general cap is usually 2.5%. The Cap Bank has nothing to do with the surplus. It's not cash, but appropriations. It's not the City's money per se. The cap laws are rather complicated. The excess revenue and the under spending surplus appropriations have nothing to do with the cap. The cap is based on surplus we had in previous years. It went from \$2 million to \$3 million this year. We had an increase in a lot of building permits which will increase the surplus to \$5.9 million. Of that amount, we have \$3 million to use and we can cap the excess \$2.9 million."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez had concerns. "We should at one point start thinking about giving money back to the taxpayers."



### **CFO & Comptroller Jill Goldy**

nance plus administration fees (for people who hire off-duty police) and workers compensation. Purchase of new vehicles went down \$20,000. For operating cost, the purchasing of vehicles to replace the older ones (which had large maintenance bills). We have been able to maintain an increased amount of training. Officers are sent out to get additional training. When they come back, they are now able to do inhouse training of other officers in those additional skills that they learned. There's a \$10,000 decrease in purchasing of firearms and ammunition.'

CFO Jill Goldy offered additional information on the Police Department. "New Officers starting salary will be \$19,000 until the end of the year."

# **South Amboy's Mayor Fred Henry State of the City Address** Local Restaurants' Cuisines Showcased

4/20/16



B.A. Camille Tooker was Mistress of Ceremonies



Fr. Dennis Weezorak from St. Mary's Parish gives the benediction



South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry Gives the State of the City



Residents, City Employees and invited guests listen as Mayor Henry delivers the 2016 State of the City which was held at the Senior Center on Stevens Avenue. \*Photos by Katherine Massopust

SOUTH AMBOY - Before the start of Mayor Henry's State of the City, Business Administrator Camille Tooker had a surprise announcement. She stated, "The Mayor will be discussing the progress of the past year and the prospects for the coming year. We will be taking a departure from the usual schedule. We are presenting a Taste of South Amboy featuring samplings of the delicious multicultural food we can experience throughout the town." Tooker then introduced Fr. Dennis Weezorak from St. Mary's Parish who blessed the food. Mayor Henry started his speech by saying, "I hope you all enjoyed the "Taste of South Amboy." Please patronize the to please patronize the participating restaurants."

the local County Politicians (DOT) provided a grant to the which were present which included: Asm.John Wisniewski and Craig Coughlin, Freeholder Dir. Ronald Rios, Council President Mickey Gross, Councilwomen Zussette Dato and Christine Noble. Henry gave his opening statement, "Last year, I closed my remarks with a challenge that we as a City pursue a positive path and do the right thing. We set goals that were in the best interest for the citizens of South Amboy and I'm here today to relate to you the results of those pursuits."

this asset. Two years ago the He acknowledged some of Department of Transportation City to defer the cost repaying the entire length of Pupek Road which has been completed. A year ago, another grant was received to defray the cost of repaving the entire length of Barkalow Street which will be completed this year. " Henry spoke about road improvements under the South Amboy Road Improvement Program. The 500 Blocks of the following Streets will be paved: John, Catherine and Lefferts Streets and the lower part of Raritan Street all the way to Main Street.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry answered back to Councilman Gonzalez, "You didn't mention the debt the City owes."

Gonzalez countered with, "We have had the same amount of debt for the last 8 to 10 years. It's taxpayers money, and we should figure how to start paying it back."

After this exchange between the two Councilman, Deputy Police Chief Cattano spoke, "There has been a decrease of 8% in the Police Department's Budget. There is a \$80,000 trust fund for vehicle mainte-

Deputy Chief Cattano answered a question posed by one of the Council Members about the salary. "There is a 10 step salary scale for new Officers and I will get back to you with this information. 8% of our Officers have less than 5 years on the job."

There was also a question about a line item of \$75,000 for software. CFO Goldy responded to that question, "The software in question is a priority maintenance cost for the Police Department. This information cannot be shared with other departments."

Henry continued, " The cornerstone of any town is its infrastructure and it is important to maintain and improve

"Our historical town is over 200 years old, and our cen-

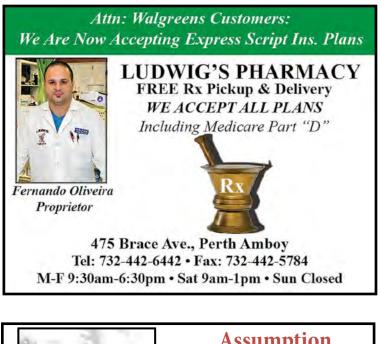
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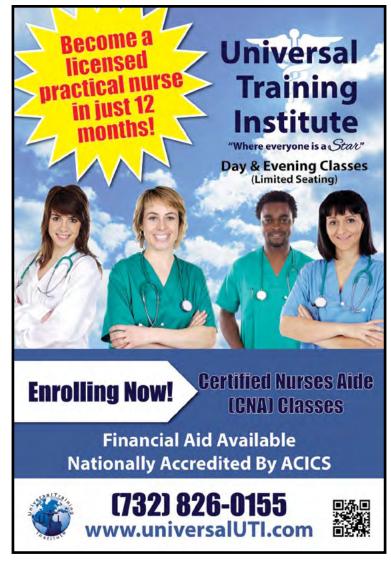
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### Statement by CFO and Comptroller Jill Goldy 4/18/16 Budget Hearing

PERTH AMBOY - In New Jersey, budget appropriations are generally subject to a year over year increase of 2%. The calculation of this increase is subject to various exceptions. As well, if an ordinance is passed by the local unit's governing body, the local unit can elect to use a 3.5% cap and may bank the available amount to which appropriations in the adopted budget are under the 3.5% cap. Two years' worth of cap bank are available for use in subsequent years' budgets.

As it historically does, the City elected the 3.5% cap for 2016, not because it excepts to exceed the 2% cap on appropriations but merely to allow for the banking of the higher amount should capacity be needed for either the 2017 or 2018 budgets. In fact, if the 2016 budget is adopted as was introduced, such budget is well within the 2% appropriations cap.

The 2014 cap bank is \$2,406,958.18 and will expire upon adoption of the 2016 budget. The 2015 cap bank is \$1,220,358.53 and will remain available for use in the 2017 budget if needed. The 2016 cap bank, should the 2016 budget be adopted as introduced, would be \$1,076,521.67 and would be available for either the 2017 budget if needed, or could be available for the 2018 budget.



### **Open House at UTI** *May 21, 2016*

PERTH AMBOY - Open House at the Universal Training Institute, 174 Jefferson St., Second Floor, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 21, 2016. Testing Available. Entrance Exam reduced to \$65 (valid only on Saturday May 21, 2016). CNA Class starts Monday, July 18, 2016.

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# LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

### **EDITORIAL**

### How Going Green Can Help Both You & the City

Over the past week, the City of Perth Amboy was focused celebrating Earth Week. The celebration included demonstrations on the best way both a municipality and an individual can help to preserve the environment.

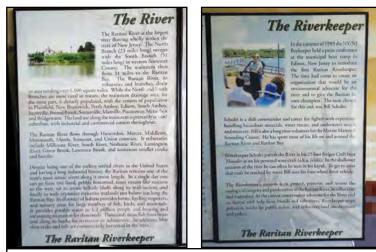
Demonstrations included how to preserve rainwater, planting community gardens and installing green infrastructures. Although it rained early on Saturday morning (it cleared up around 11 a.m.), a community cleanup was in full force.

Something as simple as planting the right bushes and trees can make a big difference in preventing damaging flooding. Rainwater gardens redirect the water to flow in a direction in which it is most needed. An example: city streets with rain gardens ab absorb rain water which would normally go into the street and damage it. Even the materials that you would use when laying down a new driveway or sidewalk can make a big difference. Porous materials are better than conventional materials and more environmentally friendly.

Environmentally friendly products can save the individual or municipality money over the course of time. We know for a fact replacing a washing machine with a green friendly product helps to keep the electric bill down. These types of changes also help keep property tax down and beautify the city. We urge every household to find out all they can about green products. As the City uses and more and more green products, the property tax goes down.

Heavy rains can cause a runoff and an overflow into our sewer pipes. This runoff may cause raw sewage to go into Raritan Bay.

We attended a very informative program arranged by the City in which there were tables set up with literature and slide-shows to inform the community of the necessity of going green. One of the



The luncheon was a showcase for all sustainability initiatives happening within the City. *\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell* 

tables that had very valuable information about our bodies of water was literature put out by the Riverkeeper Billy Shultz. Lorraine McCartney who is also very active with the Girl Scouts helped man that table. She was very enthusiastic when she handed out the material. She stressed the importance of teaching the public about the preservation of natural habitats of wildlife and how it affects the environment.

The Perth Amboy Green Team is very active. Their Program Coordinator is William Kurtzenburger who can be contacted at 732-826-0290 xt. 4048.

Going green has many benefits:

By preserving the environment you at the same time reduce environmental pollutants
 By using less electricity you reduce the cost of electric bills

3.) By planting community gardens you beautify the City

We applaud all the volunteers who participate in the periodic scheduled neighborhood cleanups. These volunteers do not necessarily live in these neighborhoods yet they help to clean it. It's up to every resident to do their part to continue this practice.

Illegal dumping of garbage is sometimes done by residents and/or nonresidents. It's unfortunate, but it reflects poorly where you live if it's not picked up by someone. Many businesses that operate outside out of the immediate business district have had professional landscaping done to make their property more attractive. One examples is the Shell Gas Station on the corner of New Brunswick Avenue and Convery Boulevard.

We enjoy the Learning Garden that belongs to Raritan Bay Medical Center. Novak Funeral Home on Barclay Street has a nice garden. The Municipal Complex on New Brunswick Avenue is well maintained, especially the area around the statue of fallen Police Officer Thomas Raji. Santamaria Eye Center on Market Street has gorgeous landscaping. 76 Market Street Building always has beautiful flowers and trees. At Bayside Creamery on Front Street, besides having the floral plants in front of the store, there is a mural that's painted on the wall on the side by the late artist Thomas Ward. Last but not least, City Hall Circle has gorgeous seasonal plants, trees and shrubs. The latest improvement is on outer Amboy Avenue. There is the planting of small trees on the roadside and a fence being put up which helps beautify the are..

Little things like planting flowers or shrubbery go a long way. Mother nature can only go so far. It's up to us to help her out.

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### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

# His or Her

Say! One of the most entertaining things about reading the excerpts from the open forum portion of the Council Meetings printed in the Amboy Guardian is the knowledge that sooner or later two individuals will make statements showing an extreme prejudice regarding their agendas. There's no need to name names as only the truly ignorant will not realize who they are. Freedom of speech is a wonderful concept. It allows even the most narrow minded to have his or her say!

Thank you, Michael J. Rusznak

### That Huge Apartment Complex

The issue of 4/20/16 had an article on a proposed apartment complex along the waterfront. It said there would be "690 rentals" of 1 and 2 bedroom units. There would be parking for "650 cars." Later it said "609 units". If there were from 600 to 900 bedrooms I would expect space for parking for about 750 cars, which would prevent problems in parking for these new residents and the residents of the existing housing nearby.

There was no mention of any traffic problems that would be created by the density of this housing complex. What effect would it have on the existing street traffic?

In November 1950 there was a full moon, a high tide,

and a northeastern storm. This caused high water that drove a barge ashore on the property of the Lehigh Valley Railroad coal yard. The housing later built on this site was raised about six feet off the ground to avoid any future high water from a similar storm. What would happen to the cars parked there? Or to this proposed apartment complex?

There is a site available that would avoid traffic problems for existing housing and a possible storm with high water. The site of the old A. Phillips Carey plant at the intersection of Smith Street and Route 35 would also be within walking distance of the supermarket at the intersection of Fayette Street and Convery Boulevard. Wouldn't this be a better site for a huge apartment complex?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

### What do You Think? Send us a Response!

### Update on the Public Library

PERTH AMBOY - Near the end of the 4/18/16 Budget Hearing Reviews, one of the Council Members noticed the new Library Director Eleni Glykys sitting in the audience. She wasn't on the agenda and they inquired why she was there.

Glykys responded, "I re-



More information on the Sustainable Initiatives Program will follow in the next issue of the Amboy Guardian. *C.M. & K.M.* 



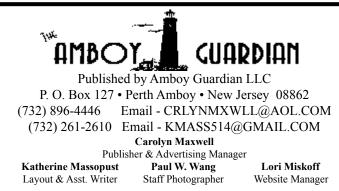
ceived an email requesting that I be at the budget review." Since she was there, they told her if she wanted to report on anything, she could.

Glykys was happy to report that she was able to cut the budget by \$12,000. "We eliminated microfiche, which is outdated technology; we have stockpiled it. We kept the microfilm because it contains very old issues of newspapers.

Library Director Eleni Glykis

Some of the magazines were eliminated because people can print out a lot of the articles digitally."

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### Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

### **HIV Support**

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

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

### Kearny Cottage Open

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

### Proprietary House Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion. Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open. 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 E-mail: info@proprietaryhouse.org. Follow us on our website, www.theproprietaryhouse.org and or/Facebook.

# **Community Calendar**

Perth Amboy	
WED. Apr. 27	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
	City Hall, High St.
THURS. Apr. 28	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
-	City Hall, High St.
MON. May 2	Budget Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
-	City Hall, High St.
TUES. May 3	PARA, 6 p.m.
	City Hall, High St.
WED. May 4	Board of Education, 6 p.m.
	PAHS, Eagle Ave.
MON. May 9	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
	City Hall, High St.
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WED. May 4	City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
	City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. May 18	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
	City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. May 23	Board of Education, 6 p.m.
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### Edison YMCA to Host A Special Screening Of Dream On, a New Film with Political Comedian John Fugelsang, About The Perilous State of the American Dream, Followed By A Discussion Moderated By NJ State Senator Joseph Vitale

#### Press Release 1/21/16

EDISON - From Bernie Sanders to Donald Trump, the 2016 presidential candidates share one thing in common: a conviction that they can revitalize the American Dream. Pinned between stagnant wages and the soaring costs of housing, education and healthcare, millions of Americans are struggling to make ends meet. To address these urgent issues before the critical election next year, the Edison YMCA will host a preview screening of DREAM ON before it airs on PBS, followed by a panel discussion with NJ State Senator Joe Vitale at the Edison YMCA on May 12 to raise awareness of civic responsibility and possible solutions to those who are challenged to obtain the American Dream.

DREAM ON features political comedian John Fugelsang as he retraces the journey of Alexis de Tocqueville, whose study of our young country in 1831 came to define America as a place where anyone could climb the ladder of economic opportunity. Following in the Frenchman's footsteps, Fugelsang speaks with fast-food workers and retirees, prisoners and entrepreneurs, undocumented immigrants and community organizers about their hopes, dreams, and daily struggles. DREAM ON explores whether the optimistic spirit of the American Dream that Tocqueville observed is alive and

well in the twenty-first century, or whether George Carlin was right when he famously quipped, "It's called the American Dream because you have to be asleep to believe it." In recent years the venerable American Dream has become an empty promise for increasing numbers of Americans. Millions of middle class Americans are now unable to maintain the standard of living that they took for granted growing up, and more lowincome families are unable to lift themselves out of poverty. As countless Americans struggle with diminished prospects for the future, our core beliefs about the value of work, the inevitability of progress, the fairness of the system, and America's standing in the world are being shaken. Reviving the American Dream has now become one of the most critical challenges facing our nation.

For details on this event and to register seating is limited please visit the event website: http://tinyurl.com/ymcadreamon5-12

There will also be voter registration materials available at this event. Registering before May 17 will permit you to vote in the June 7, 2016 NJ Primary Election. Thursday May 12, 2016 from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM EDT, Edison YMCA, 1775 Oak Tree Road, Edison, NJ 08820

# South Amboy State of the City \*Continued From Page 1



County Officials, Corporate Developers, Investors and City Employees

tury old sewer system requires continuous service. Repairs to lines, manholes and other vital components are essential and are not cheap. We will continue to be vigilant in servicing and securing our sewers. Middlesex Water has invested over \$5.1 million into our Citv's infrastructure with the RE-NEW Program which replaces old water pipes throughout the City. In 2016, this program will continue and millions more will be invested in improving the City's water delivery system."

Henry recognized the Middlesex County Water Company Representatives which were present. "Mr. Dennis Doll, President and CEO and Bernadette Sohler, who is the VP of Corporate Affairs."

Henry thanked DPW Superintendent Len Moffa and his team for the great job that they do. Under Moffa's direction, the City has initiated a 3 year Capital Improvement Plan. This included a major overhaul of the Public Works Building and the replacement and installation of new signage throughout the City. Some of the signs include directions to parking, to the waterfront and other City buildings. Signs will be updated annually if needed.

The Mayor highlighted what was implemented under the **Emergency Services Unit:** 1.) A purchase of a \$850,000

fire truck.

2.) Investing \$1.2 million in replacing an antiquated radio communication system to help have the Fire, Police, OEM and First Aid better communicate with each other and other County Services. A Emergency Boat. Trailer. and associated equipment for water related rescues was received from the County Freeholders. 3.) 4 SUV's will be purchased for the Police Department and 1 SUV for the Fire Department. Henry thanked Police Chief Darren LaVigne the Police Department along with Fire Chief John Kelly and the Volunteer Fire Department for both departments dedication for the safety and security of the City. Henry next spoke about the Office of Emergency Management and it's coordinator, Mark Herdman. "The County Homeland Security Office has chosen South Amboy to be a Pilot



Mayor Fred Henry with Mother Ann and Wife, Linda



Councilwoman Zussette Dato, Council President Mickey Gross, Mayor Fred Henry, Councilwoman Christine Noble and Asm. John Wisniewski \*Photos by Katherine Massopust

City to plan and implement a Citywide response to simulated bioterrorism attacks. We did a simulated train wreck a short time ago. It is unfortunate that we must do these things, but we all know that evil exists in this world and we must prepare. There will be more information forthcoming."

He thanked the efforts put forth by the City and the County OEM Departments.

Renovations throughout the

ry apartments opposite the Venetian Health Care Facility has been approved by the Planning Board.

He thanked Steve Santola of Woodmont Properties for his cooperation with the City to bring in this high-end facility and new rateables for the City. "This project, will complete the Southern Waterfront Redevelopment Plan running from Raritan Reach Road to the Woodmont Project encompassing Lighthouse Bay, Shore Gate, Ryan Homes, the YMCA and Venetian Healthcare." Henry thanked the Redevelopment Agency, signaling out its Executive Director, Eric Chubenko, the Planning Board, and its former Chair, Mike Wilday, and present Chairman, Bob Paulukiewicz and the present and former Council Members as well as former Mayor John T. O'Leary ". . .who continues to stay involved for the good of the citizens of South Amboy." Henry thanked the developers who invested in the City and also Mr. Gamarekian and his sons from Cambridge Pavers who have invested millions in



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towns were discussed. 1.) A renovation of an old factory on First Street was con-

verted to studio apartments. 2.) An old building on the corner of Augusta and Feltus

Streets will be replaced by an apartment complex.

3.) Near the entrance of the county park, the first phase of Ryan Homes has been completed

4.) Augusta Street - A residential project will begin shortly with a shared parking agreement, bringing much needed parking to the Broadway area. 6.) Lower Main Streets - A mixed use commercial/residential building by Raritan Pointe Project

7.) Woodmont Properties A proposal for constructing luxu-

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### Casino Bus Trij

**Bus Trip** HOPELAWN - Casino Bus Trip To The Sands In Bethlehem PA on Thursday, June 23, 2016. Cost: \$30 pp - (\$20 Back in Play Plus \$5 Food Voucher). Bus Leaves Holy Rosary Parking Lot at 10:00 a.m. For more info Please Call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

### A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

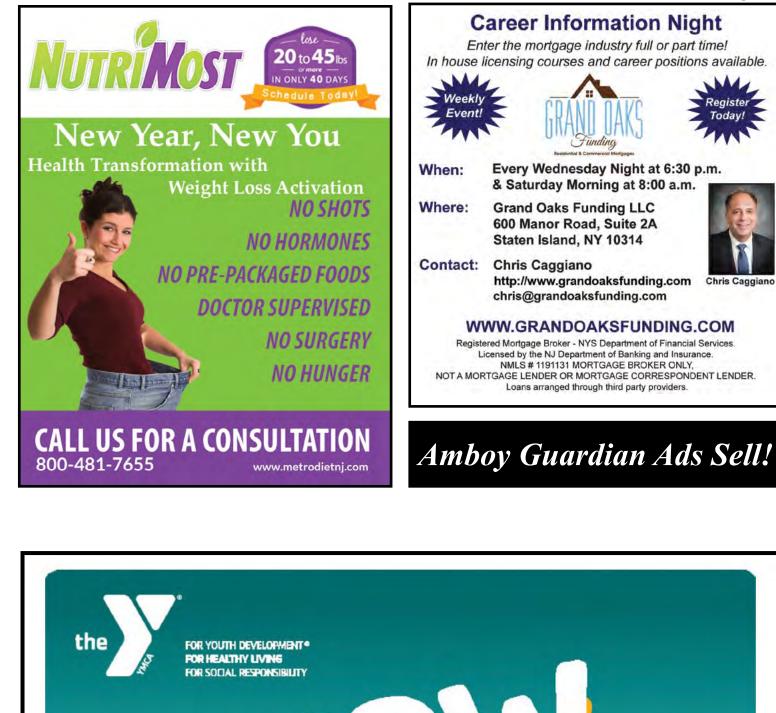
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819. 2/10

### A.C. Bus Trip St. John Paul II Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - St. John Paul II Seniors are holding a bus trip on Wed., April 27<sup>th</sup> to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. The cost is \$30. The Casino reimburses each visitor with \$25 slot money. The bus leaves at 9:45 a.m. from the parking lot, Mechanic Street, behind the church. The bus returns at approximately 7:30 p.m. For more information and/or reservations please call Bobbi at 732-636-2867.

# Memorial Day Parade

SAYREVILLE - The Veterans of Foreign Wars #4699,Sayreville,NJ is sponsoring the Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016 at 10 a.m. Anyone who is interested in marching in this parade Please Contract Frank Straczynski at 609-651-1991 or 732-141-2448 or the post home at 732-254-4789 for more information call Frank Straczynski or the Post Home.



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# Happy Mother's Day



### Cinco De Mayo Celebration

PERTH AMBOY - Mariachi Day by the Bay, Cinco De Mayo Celebration on Saturday, May 7 from 12 Noon to 5 p.m. on Smith Street between Oak Street and Watson Avenue. Live Mariachi Band, DJ, Food, Children's Activities, Cultural Activities and More!!! For more information call 732-442-6421.



# Mozart Festival

SOUTH AMBOY - MASM is pleased to present a Mozart Festival as its final concert of the season - The Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Christopher M. C. Deibert. The SMCO will perform Mozart's Flute Concerto in D (K.314) with internationally acclaimed flautist Christian Fordham, along with Symphony #39 in Eb Major and a surprise opening work. Come and help us toast the middle of springtime with this marvelous music. Sunday-May 15, 2016; 4:00 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. A celebratory wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.





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### **Pirohi Sale**

PERTH AMBOY - St John the Baptist Orthodox Church Perth Amboy is having a Pirohi Sale. The order date is May 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. Call 732-826-7067 to place your order between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All gourmet items - so call early before maximum sales quota is reached. Potato Pirohi- \$8:00 a doz. The pick-up date is May 17th and May 18th. Pick will begin at 2:00 p.m. Pick up your order at - 404 Division Street Perth Amboy, N.J. 08861. Thank you for your order!.

# Ladies **Auxiliary Meeting** SAYREVILLE - The meet-

ing for the Ladies Auxiliary will be on April 26 at 7 p.m. at the post hall on Jernee Mills Road, in Sayreville. All members are invited to come to our meeting. Call 732-264-3041 for any more info.



**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

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#### 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.

### **Open Mic**

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold their next Open Mic Friday April 29 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy beginning at 8 p.m. If you play an instrument or like to sing you are invited. Snacks and refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

### Adult Scrabble Club

SOUTH AMBOY - Finger Plays, Sadie Pope Dowdell Library - Adjacent To High School, South Amboy. K E Y B O A R D K O N T E S T J U N E 8 3- 5 Every Monday 12 Pm -2 Pm You Don't Need To Be A Word Whiz To Enjoy A Good Game Of Scrabble! Come And Play A Game And Make New Friends! For more info call 732-721-6060 or email: Comments@Dowdell. Org Website: www.Dowdell. Org

James Delmonico, the Director of Sales for GovPilot \*Photos by Joseph L. Kuchie

By: Joseph L. Kuchie SOUTH AMBOY - GovPilot and South Amboy's new art district were discussed extensively at last week's South Amboy council meeting.

GovPilot is an online engine that will allow residents to access city maps and application forms with ease using the city's website, while the new arts district will bring musical performances, art galleries, and festivals to South Amboy in hopes of bringing businesses and tourists to the city.

James Delmonico, the Director of Sales for GovPilot, walked the council and the residents in attendance through



Diana St. John and Susan Pellogrini give a presentation on the Arts in South Amboy

the software by showing other cities that have invested in GovPilot. The technology, which is now active on South Amboy's website, is expected to centralize city data for the public and reduce the need for residents to make calls to the city or make a trip to city hall. Some of the features Delmo-

nico demonstrated included finding residential zones, voting zones, recycling schedules, and pet licenses. GovPilot and the city will work together over the next few weeks to find the best and most useful processes to add to the website to make

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### Vendors Wanted

SAYREVILLE - We are looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. Our Flea Market will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The time is 8am to 2pm. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayrevilledirectly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15.00 for one space, \$25.00 for two. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum. net.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mother/Son Spring Fling SOUTH AMBOY - Moms,

Grandmother's, Aunts, or Any Special Lady please join us with your son/nephew/ grandson on April 30, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus, 308 4th St., South Amboy. Tickets are \$45 per couple (includes dinner and dessert). Tickets can be purchased by mail Mother/Son Dance 377 Main St., Sayreville 08872. Ticket Deadline is April 10, 2016. Cash/Paypal/ Checks made payable to Julie Veloz .... Photos packages will be available for purchase with Amy McLaughlin Photography. 50/50, Giveaways and Contests, Facepainting by Just Jules. 100% of all Proceeds will be donated to Sayreville Association of Brain Injured Children (B.I.C.) please email: danceticketmom@gmail.com or call 732-343-1896 for any questions etc!



# SWIMMING SAFETY COURSE

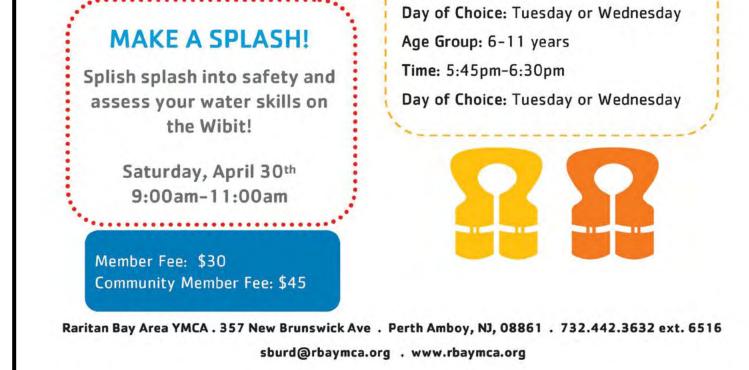
This 5-week program is designed to ensure all kids have the knowledge they need to be safe and have fun around water.

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### **Two Programs Introduced At South Amboy Council Meeting**



### South Amboy State of the City



Some of the food donated by South Amboy Restaurants \*Photo by Camille Tooker

upgrading and improving their facility. They are a responsible neighbor and an active community partner."

Henry continued, "There has been a change in the Manhattan Beach Project Club located on the former Amboy Aggregates Site. The new builders are now the Matrix Development Group of South Brunswick."

He introduced the President and Executive Officer Joseph Taylor.

Henry then quoted Warren Philip Gates: "Anyone can launch a new company, but it takes patience, hard work and commitment to make any new project a success."

Henry continued, "If you substitute the word Ferry for company, you know where this is going. The Ferry is coming. The team of B.A. Tooker, our City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz, Ed Bogan and Frank Farrell of Grotto Engineering and myself have been attending biweekly meetings in Trenton with the Department of Transportation. The Middlesex County Board of Freeholders has improved an agreement to assume the project slated to improve Main Street from Broadway to Bradford Ferry Road. We will receive substantial help from the County as this is a County Road. They will take over that portion of the City Project which will put the City in a better position to dedicate the bulk of the City's remaining TEA-21 Funding to complete the Ferry Terminal Project."



Asm. John Wisniewski with Barry Rosengarten

businesses that have opened up or are slated to open up soon.

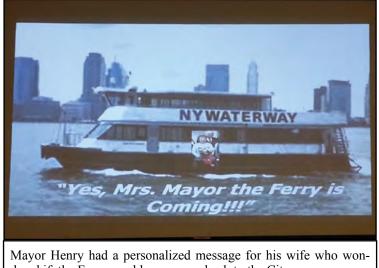
"The Shop South Amboy Program will prove to be beneficial to both businesses and residents."

He thanked the South Ambov Businesses Association President Jorge Gonzalez, the Redevelopment Agency and SABA for supporting this program.

Henry talked enthusiastically about the City's new Gov-Pilot Program. "Via the web, it will make it easier to access the information such as zoning, tax, and other vital property statistics as well as select City forms, permits and other applications. This will benefit homeowners, residents and investors.

"I want to thank Tony Gonsalez and all of his great volunteers at the South Amboy Youth Athletic Association for all the work done for our youth programs. "

Henry stated that the all the Senior programs that we've had in the past from the Stevens Center will continue. The local YMCA will expand opportunities for all of our residents and we have made an investment in resurfacing the Sixth Street Tennis Courts. The South Amboy Historical Society will hold its 4th Annual Open House in the Senior Center on Saturday, April 30th. Guest speakers will discuss the railroad and its influence of South Amboy over the years. Old photos, artifacts and much more will be on display. "Anyone with old photos of the City can bring them in to be scanned so that you can help share your part of the history of South Amboy." "The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and I encourage all to come out to honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Come out and show our servicemen and women the respect that they earn and deserve."



dered if the Ferry would ever come back to the City \*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

also chair the South Amboy portion of the Independence Day Fireworks Display in which they will again partner with Perth Amboy on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> (rain date Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>). He thanked Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz and Perth Amboy's Chair, Barry Rosengarten.

Henry was happy to announce that Council President Mickey Gross will be honored May 4<sup>th</sup> by the YMCA with the prestigious Peter J. Barnes Award for Community Work and Volunteerism. "Mickey is very active with Frog Hollow, The South Amboy Library and the YMCA. I would like to thank Elaine Gaber and the Library Board for all they do for our citizens. They host many events throughout the year and are open and free to the public. We will be increasing our library's allocations to allow for the expansions for programs for young and old alike. We will continue having our street fairs many other related seasonal events. The projects I mentioned require a lot of money. Last year, Moody's gave us an upgrade in our bond rating and we have had surpluses for the last couple of years. The City's net worth has grown by over \$50 million. Our tax rate will increase by only one cent. We showed a surplus of \$1.3 million at the close of 2015. This has been a positive effect on our bond rating and our credit rating. We are a fiscally responsible administration. Henry thanked his team which includes B.A. Camille Tooker, CFO Angel Albanese and the City Council. Last but not least, he thanked his secretary and personal GPS Stacey Kennedy. "She is the one who does a great job of keeping me on track and is extremely professional. We are working to create the designated Arts District in South Amboy. This will offer Arts Education, Performances and Wellness Programs to the community and surrounding areas. We want to build South Amboy's identity and image as an Art's rich community that includes music, film, performing and visual arts." "It's never easy to run a local government. It's an ongo-

ing challenge with more goals to achieve, but we are here to work hard for what is right for the citizens. Last year, I said that if we work together and everyone does their job, we will get positive results."

Henry then quoted JFK: "Things do not happen. Things are made to happen."

Henry continued, "We have made things happen and I believe that we are on the right path. We will continue to do what is in the best interest of South Amboy and its residents." He thanked all those present for being here,

In parting Henry, thanked the clergy (Fr. Dennis and Fr. Stan) for their presence. Henry thanked his mother, Ann and all of his relatives who were present, and some who could not be there. He mentioned his father who had passed away 10 years ago and how he believes his father has been watching and guiding him along the way. "I thank him and my mother for giving me a sense of love for my community and the character to do the right thing."

Henry thanked his wife, Linda for her support and encouragement, letting her know that it is a great comfort to him. He sweetly said to her, "From the bottom of my heart, I thank you and I love you, Mrs. Mayor."

In conclusion, Henry stated, "May God bless our troops and keep them safe wherever they are serving to protect us. And may God bless America and our great City of South Amboy."

### South Amboy Council Meeting

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life easier for city residents. The new South Amboy arts district was also discussed by Diana St. John and Susan Pel-

logrini, who have worked in other up and coming cities in New Jersey such as Red Bank and Asbury Park. Their plan is to use the arts, musical performances, and other events to revitalize the downtown area in South Amboy and bring tourism and new businesses to the city.

Residents were cautiously optimistic about the new program, citing parking issues as a big concern in making the arts district a success. The art district's home base will be at 141 North Broadway, and residents reminded the council that businesses have failed and left the downtown area in the past because of the parking situation.

St. John and Pellogrini explained to residents that they plan to work closely with the city to find a solution for parking and make sure their events go off without a hitch, including utilizing the train station parking lot and some of the school parking. They explained that they would also schedule their events around the time where public parking is more accessible.

"I live in town and I said from the very beginning I'm tired of having to go to Princeton or going to someplace else to buy a cup of coffee or walk inside and see a gallery exhibit," St. John said. "I would love to do that where I live."

Mayor Fred Henry expressed his excitement for both programs but emphasized the need for the city and its residents to work together to make it happen.

"These are very positive things that are happening for the city and we obviously need everybody's cooperation to make them happen. We are trying to bring people into town so that the businesses on Broadway and the rest of the town will prosper from it," Henry said. Is it going to happen overnight? Of course not. We have to get the word out there. The whole thing is to make South Amboy more liable for the whole community." 'We are starting initiatives tonight that will help improve the quality of life in South Amboy," Henry added in his public comments. "These are all programs to make life better for people in South Amboy. I hope we can all work together on these things and make them very positive." All council members were in attendance. The next city council meeting will be held on May 18th at 7:00 p.m.

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Henry thanked Freehold Director Ron Rios, the Freeholder Board for their participation and support for this project.

Henry stated that Potomac Hudson Environmental was chosen to do the following work: the construction engineering and related services associated with remediation work on the former Conrail and Spectraserve sites. The remediation will begin this spring. "While that work is being completed, the City will prepare necessary documentation to advance the terminal design and parking. We are committed to making the Ferry Service a reality."

Henry mentioned the new

Henry then quoted President John F. Kennedy: "A Nation reveals itself, not only by the men it produces, but also the men it remembers."

He thanked Mickey Gross and the Parade Committee for another great St. Patrick's Day Parade. He was happy to announce that Mickey Gross will

To view Mayor Henry's full speech go to www.amboyguardian.com.



### 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 Greece on April 25, 1941, there is little fighting as the Germans advance and the Allies retreat. In Berlin, Adolf Hitler issues "Directive 28" that orders the airborne invasion of Crete. In Washington, President Roosevelt in one of his regular press conferences criticizes Charles Lindbergh for his prominence in the America First movement, seeming to compare him to the Copperheads (Northern anti-war Democrats) of the Civil War.

On April 26 in Greece, the main German advance is halted by the Allied rearguard at Thebes. The rearguard pulls back during the night. The Germans move to interfere with the Allied evacuation to Crete — a paratroop force is dropped into Corinth to take and hold a vital bridge over a canal that would allow the main German force to advance at speed. The Allies, however, blow the bridge up before the German paratroopers can take it over. In Ethiopia, the 1st South African Division captures Dessie, taking 8,000 Italian prisoners.

German troops enter Athens on April 27. Later in the day, an Allied transport evacuating troops to Crete is bombed and sunk off Nauplia, Greece. Two destroyers coming to rescue survivors are also attacked and sunk, with heavy loss of life. In North Africa, the deputy chief of the German general staff, Lt. Gen. Friedrich Paulus, arrives on an inspection visit. His orders are to try to bring Rommel under control and to try to sort out what seems in Berlin to be a confused situation (Rommel has been disregarding most orders from headquarters). Paulus immediately halts Rommel's preparations for additional attacks on Tobruk. Off Malta, the aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal sends a flight of 23 Hurricane fighters to the island. A small convoy also arrives at Malta, bringing supplies from Gibraltar and some reinforcements for the Royal Navy's Mediterranean Fleet at Alexandria, Egypt.

At Nauplia, Greece, on April 28, a burning merchant ship blocks access to a pier where an evacuation transport is waiting, forcing around 1,700 Allied defenders to be left behind. A German force suddenly bursts into another evacuation port, at Kalamata, but is eventually repulsed in frantic fighting by Allied troops trying to board transports. On this last day of the evacuation, about 5,000 troops are embarked for Crete. It has taken the Germans less than a month to overrun Yugoslavia and Greece. In the U.S., Charles Lindbergh — stung by President Roosevelt's criticism of him — resigns his commission in the U.S. Army Air Corps Reserve.

Additional British reinforcements arrive at Basra, Iraq, on April 29. The Iraqi government decides it will actively oppose the British despite the absence of German assistance.

On April 30, Lt. Gen. Paulus allows Rommel to resume his offensive against Tobruk. The heaviest German attack yet goes forward after the city has been softened up by an artillery bombardment and attacks by Stuka dive bombers. A German salient is gained in the western sector of the Allied defensive line but a vigorous defense halts it there.

Rommel's attack on Tobruk continues on May 1. The Germans attempt to widen and deepen the gap they have made in the city's defensive line, but fierce fighting by Australian infantrymen largely rebuffs the attacks. Fighting breaks out in Iraq west of Baghdad, about 125 miles from the Transjordan border, as a British post at Rutba is attacked by Iraqi soldiers. In the U.S., the first Defense Bonds and Defense Savings Stamps go on sale. Proceeds are to help fund the increased production of military materiel. General Mills introduces a new breakfast cereal: CheeriOats (later Cheerios). In New York City, Orson Welles's film "Citizen Kane" premieres.

# Mets Trip

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus sponsor an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League champion Mets battle division rival Washington Nationals with Daniel Murphy in a July 9 at 7:15 p.m. game. Cost of \$100 includes round trip motor coach transportation, sandwich, snacks, water, and soft drinks. Motor coach leaves the parking lot at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy at 3 p.m. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707

### Knitting Club SOUTH AMBOY - There will

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.

### **Digital Café** SOUTH AMBOY - Drop in

SOUTH AMBOY - Drop in assistance with downloadable materials such as eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines or Movies. Mondays 12 noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, adjacent to South Amboy High School. For more info call: 732-721-6060 or email: comments@dowdell. org website: www.dowdell.org

### Walking For Fitness

PERTH AMBOY - Hosted by Mayor Wilda Diaz as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Starts Monday, April 11th. Monday - Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ages 18 and up. Starts at the Brighton Avenue Community Center, 56 Brighton Ave. T-Shirt Included. Free of Charge. Enjoy a fitness walk with Mayor Wilda Diaz as she promotes healthy living.

Leaf Foundation 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Red Carpet Gala PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Cornucopia River Queen, Stationary Boat, 401 Riverview Dr., Perth Amboy. The Learning Empowerment Achievement Foundation's (LEAF'S) mission is to support and offer scholarships and resources for the student population enrolled in the Perth Amboy School System serving all Middlesex County Communities. A diverse student population, participating in various High School Diploma programs in a non-traditional educational setting will be provided with a variety of opportunities to further their educational goals. For more info call (732) 896-0395.

### Pets of the Week



Marina Mascots - Two Cats who love to sunbathe right outside of the door of the Perth Amboy Marina Office

### Have a Special Pet?

Email us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@ gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

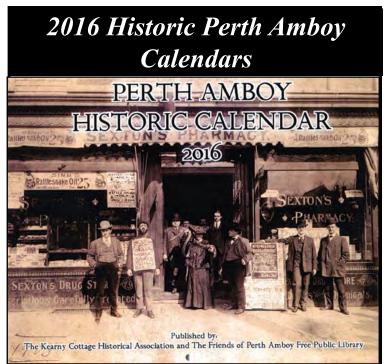
**Live Music** PERTH AMBOY - Live Music every Saturday Night at 8 p.m. at Al Cibelli's Night Club, 1096 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy. Music in the downstairs lounge. Must be 21 to enter and drink. Extra parking across the street.

### **Golf Outing** SOUTH AMBOY - South

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual golf outing Thursday May 12 at Cruz Farms Golf Course in Farmingdale. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with tee-off at 9 a.m. Cost of \$100 includes 18 holes, golf cart, lunch, dinner, and many prizes. For more information call Ray at 732-721-2025 or Wayne at 732-406-2340.

### RBMC Perth Amboy 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Geranium Sale

PERTH AMBOY - \$32 per dozen; \$3.50 per plant. Geraniums available in Pink, White, Red and Fuchsia. Also Available: Hanging Geranium Plants; \$20 each. Pick-up outside the medical center at the Groom Street entrance. Please remember to mark your calendar for the date and pick-up time; Thursday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Orders due by May 4. Mail orders to: Joan Volanin, 154 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Sponsored by the Perth Amboy Auxiliary. Proceeds to benefit projects and programs at Raritan Bay - Perth Amboy.



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### Have You Volunteered Lately?

PERTH AMBOY - The first and biggest benefit AmeriČorps VISTA members get is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country. The intangible benefits alone, such as pride, satisfaction and accomplishment are worthwhile reasons to serve. There are other benefits as well including awards, job and education certifications, professional development, and more. For more info call the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, 275 Hobart Street, Perth Amboy.

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.

### 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.



# Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church Presents the 11th Annual: Fashions by the Bay" Fashion Show at the Raritan Yacht Club, 160 Water Street, Perth Amboy on Thursday, May 19th, 2016. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Price: \$45.00. For ticket Purchase contact the Church Office (732)826-1594

### Car Show

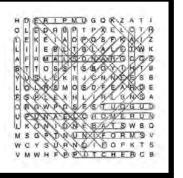
SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their spring Cruise Night Car Show Friday June 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the parking lot located at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Trophies awarded for best in show. Free hot dog for anyone bringing in non-perishable food. For more information call 732-721-2025. **Zumba** PERTH AMBOY - Starts Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Monday - Thursdays 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ages 18 & up, South Campus, 351 Mechanic St. Free of Charge.

### Book Drop/ Book Sale

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

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays, May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, email us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

### Answers From Puzzle On Page 15





# **Senior Scene**

# Happenings

Perth Amboy	
WED. Apr. 27	Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium,
	Florida Grove Rd.
•	St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
•	Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,
	Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. Apr. 28	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
	Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
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	Church Hall, Brace Ave.
•	Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,
	Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. May. 4	Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium,
	Florida Grove Rd.
•	St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. May 5	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
	Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
South Amboy	,
MON. May 2	St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,
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	Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
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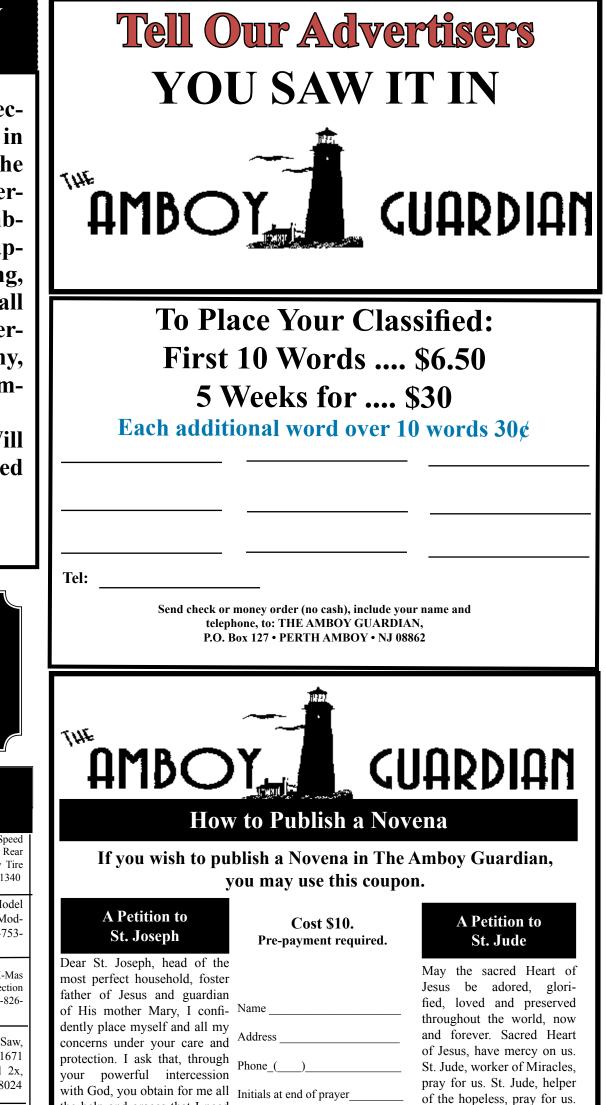
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