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Hoffman Explains Needs for Replacement Equipment & Road Repairs

3/21/16 Caucus Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - R-154-3/16 - Authorizing a Contract for the purchase of a mini sweeper to Tennant Sales and Service Company in accordance with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, formerly known as Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC) in an amount not to exceed the sum of \$40,758.72.

The Council wanted to know what would be replaced for this amount of money.

DPW Director Frank Hoffman explained that there are two sweepers that are five years old, one that is eight years old and a ten year old sweeper that is way past its lifespan. "Presently we have three drivers who are qualified to operate the sweepers and we will be getting two part time drivers who will be making \$12.00 an hour.

During the Public Portion, Former Councilman Ken Balut had a problem with the hourly pay, especially since businesses will

be required to pay their employees \$15.00/hour.

R-159 - 3/16 Authorizing a contract with Norcia Corporation for parts and repairs for road maintenance equipment under State contract WSCA70256 in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

Hoffman explained that this resolution called for plows work on older salters. "FEMA will cover some of the repair work on some of the heavy vehicles."

R-155 - 3/16 - Authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with Center State Engineering for design engineering, specifications, bid documents and construction inspection for the Perth Amboy Capital Road Program in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

"This is part of the 2015 Capital Budget. This will involve repaving and milling of the streets which include: Chamberlain Avenue and Francis Street, Thomas Street and Harrington Street," stated Hoffman.

Gaging Station Receives a Positive Response

3/21/16 Caucus Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - R-163-3/16 Authorizing an agreement for the installation and maintenance of a gaging station between the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) NJ Water, Science Center and the City of Perth Amboy.

DPW Director Frank Hoffman and Harbor Master Wild handed out information available to the Council explaining exactly what the station will mean for Perth Amboy. "It would measure wave pressure, amount of waves, wave height and tide heights and any extreme weather conditions that may occur. All of this information can be obtained on the U.S. Geographical Survey website. All information will be up to date. Any dangerous water conditions can be detected before anyone goes out on the river, bay, etc."

Hoffman continued, "A gaging station that had been installed in South Amboy had deteriorated and was no longer usable. That is why the Federal Geographical Survey contacted the City of Perth Amboy. The installation of our station will be free and they will maintain it. It will

be installed near the Armory. If the Council approves this resolution by Wednesday's Meeting (3/23/16), the pilings for the station can be installed on Thursday (3/24/16) by a company that the U.S. Geographical Survey has in place.

At the 3/23/16 Council Meeting, this resolution along with all the resolutions on the agenda was moved by Councilman Bill Petrick and seconded by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and passed. Council President Lisa Nanton was not present.

From <http://waterdata.usgs.gov> - The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), designed and installed the New Jersey Tide Telemetry System (NJTTS) with assistance from NOS. This system is part of a statewide network of tide gages, weather stations, and stream gages collecting invaluable data in real time. The NJTTS supplies real-time tide-level and meteorological data for flood-prone areas along the New Jersey shore and back bays to critical decision-making centers and



DPW Director
Frank Hoffman

the public available on the world wide web.

The USGS New Jersey Water Science Center is responsible for overall project coordination along with operation and maintenance of all instrumentation and remote data-collection platforms.

Signs with the USGA website will be posted by the Gaging Station. The Council requested that the City's Website have a link the USGA site.

Expansion of "Sara's Law," Next-Of-Kin Registry Takes Effect April 1st

Registration Applications Will Now Be Available at All MVC Offices Across NJ

Press Release 3/31/16

TRENTON – New Jersey residents with a valid permit, driver's license, or identification card will soon be able to include their emergency contact information in the statewide "Next-of-Kin Registry" by mail using paper applications provided by the Motor Vehicle Commission's customer service facilities and mailings, thanks to legislation (S-3016) sponsored by Senator Joseph F. Vitale that was signed into law in January.

"Every minute matters in the aftermath of a major car accident, especially to family members and loved ones of any passenger who is seriously injured. Being able to reach someone could mean a chance to say goodbye," said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex). "This new law expands access to the

next-of-kin registry by allowing residents to pick up paper applications when conducting their routine business at MVC locations instead of only being able to do so online."

The next-of-kin program, enacted as "Sara's Law" in April 2011, was created in memory of Sara Dubinin, a 19-year-old Sayreville woman who tragically died on September 25, 2007 from injuries resulting from a car accident. It took emergency personnel an hour and a half to notify her parents of the accident and by the time they arrived at the hospital, she had already slipped into a coma. Sara Dubinin died the next morning.

"Sara's Law is an important tool for the police and first responders to use to notify family members of anyone unable to speak for themselves in

a motor vehicle crash," said Betty Dubinin, Sara's mother. "No one should miss those precious moments with their loved ones, and no one should find out the way that we did. We should be there when our loved ones need us the most, even if it is to just hold their hand and let them know they are not alone. We will never know if the outcome would have been different if we were there with Sara."

Under the expanded program, any holder of a valid permit, probationary or basic driver's license, or non-driver identification card may voluntarily submit or update the name and telephone number of two emergency contacts to be added to the Registry, either by Internet or using the new paper application.

The information is acces-

sible by law enforcement officials for the purpose of notifying emergency contacts when a motor vehicle accident results in the serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver or any passenger. Under current law, a law enforcement officer investigating the accident is required to attempt to locate emergency contacts by accessing the Next-of-Kin Registry and expeditiously notify them.

"The Next-of-Kin Registry is a valuable resource in cases of such emergencies, but it serves no purpose if people don't register," said Senator Vitale, citing that only 5,736 residents, as of April 2015, have enrolled in the program since its inception. "In an effort to encourage enrollment in the notification program, paper applications will now conveniently be

available in all MVC offices across the state, in addition to the traditional online registration method."

"This is a huge milestone for NJ, promoting awareness of Sara's Law, and making this next-of-kin registry more accessible to residents," added Betty Dubinin. "I thank the legislators who recognized the need for this registry, and the importance of giving residents more availability to access the registry. I am hopeful that families take advantage of this resource to protect their loved ones. I know that my precious daughter Sara, for whom this law is named, is continuing to help others."

The law, which was also sponsored by Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, takes effect on Friday, April 1, 2016.

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Updating
City Servers
3/21/16 Caucus
Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - R-161-3/16 Extending the contract with CDWG for the purchase of networking equipment for the City IT Network improvement project under State Contract New Jersey CISCO WSCA AR233 A87720, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000. IT Technician John Alleman said, "We will be taking all the aging servers and put them into one larger, new server. The switches and routers for all the City Buildings will be come self sufficient."

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Statement From Council President
Lisa Nanton on Meeting Decorum
Read at 3/23/16 Council Meeting
by Councilman Fernando Irizarry
(Council President Nanton was absent due to illness)

In response about decorum at council meetings and what statements and behavior should and should not be allowed, I believe inappropriate behavior at city council meetings that is disruptive must end; but I also believe that the right of the residents of Perth Amboy to express themselves in any public meeting must be protected.

Some people have complained that I have allowed critical comments to be made about certain members of the administration. I would like to remind these people that I have sat here for four years and have had to listen to many critical comments made about me and other members of the council as well—and I have NEVER tried to stifle those comments.

Regardless of how irritating certain comments may be to us personally—no matter how much we may disagree with certain statements—the people have a right to criticize those of us who hold public positions, whether we are elected or appointed. And in my opinion, it is very important that we err on the side of allowing people as much leeway as possible to state those opinions—not only because the law is not on our side when we try to control speech. But also because in this room in this historic building, where New Jersey was the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights in November of 1789, there is supreme irony in trying to limit free speech.

It is very easy to allow public comments when people praise you. It's a lot harder when people say things you don't agree with, or that you know to be untrue, or are just downright mean-spirited and hurtful. But it is at precisely those times that those of us who serve in government must be the most mindful of the purpose of the first amendment.

It is a serious matter when a government tries to restrict a person's right to express an opinion at a public meeting—and it can have serious legal repercussions, as it did a few years ago in a town not far from here. In that case, the president of the board of education cut off a resident who was making a statement critical of the board and a board employee. The enraged resident filed a civil rights lawsuit against the city, claiming that he was silenced because of his unpopular views, and stating that his first amendment rights were denied. A jury agreed and the city was ordered to pay the resident \$100,000 in damages. The decision was appealed and made it to the New Jersey Supreme Court, which upheld the lower court decision that the resident's right to speak was unfairly denied by the city—through the actions of the president of the board.

Let me be clear. I do not condone slander, but not every negative comment about an official at this table is slanderous. I will do my best to stop anyone who is making inappropriate remarks. But as I have said before, it is impossible for me to identify every remark that might be slanderous—much less stop it from being uttered. But of course, anyone who feels that they have been slandered has the right to take legal action against any person who they believe has slandered them.

Finally, let me state that while I will do everything possible to allow the public to exercise its first amendment rights, I will not allow boisterous and raucous behavior in the council chambers, as if this is a junior high pep rally. This is a meeting of the governing body of the City of Perth Amboy, and these proceeding will be respected.

The unprofessional behavior of the two members of the mayor's staff is particularly disappointing. Their remarks warrant a seminar in civil discourse. The Council has heard concerns from the public about the perception of Perth Amboy. The responsibility for that perception starts at the top, and when the Mayor's own staff reduces their remarks to the lowest common denominator of personal attacks—even shouting or calling out derisive comments that are clearly audible to the public during council meetings—that lack of class and professionalism blemishes her office.

So I am putting everyone on notice. Any demonstrations involving prolonged and extremely loud applause, foot stomping, cheering, jeering, or yelling out of comments by people who have not been recognized by the presiding officer are disruptive. I will extend the courtesy of warning such people once. However, if such behavior by any person occurs a second time, the person will be escorted out of the council chambers and will not be allowed to return during that meeting. This applies to everyone. There will be no exceptions. Free speech does not mean a free-for-all.



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

In Need of an Overhaul

At a first glance of the City of Perth Amboy’s website, one notices that there are always announcements being made about what’s going on in the City. These will include grants, community meetings, vacancies on municipal boards, advisories for storms just to name a few.

But, here is our bone of contention: we needed to look at the schedule of some of the municipal boards and what we saw kind of took us aback.

Many of the boards listed on the City’s website are in desperate need of updating. Here are a few examples: out of 11 members listed in the Art’s Council, the site shows one expired term and another person who is deceased. Of the Board of Adjustment of the 9 members listed, only one person listed has a term that hasn’t expired and another member who is deceased. For the Housing Authority: Of 6 members listed, only 3 people are shown to have unexpired terms. When clicking on Insurance Fund Commission the page shows an error. For the Library Board of Trustees: 3 of 7 members terms are shown to be expired. For the Planning Board only 3 of 11 members are shown to have terms that have not expired. Also the 2016 meeting schedule is not posted. For PARA, out of 7 members, 3 have terms that have expired. In the Rent Leveling Board, there are supposed to be 5 members. There are 3 members listed and 2 vacancies. Every single member including the vacancies, they all say that the terms expired in 2008.

Sorry to say this, but we must. THIS IS EMBARRASSING. We know that some of the members on these various boards may have been reappointed. We also know that vacancies on some of these boards may have been filled because the Council

have passed resolutions approving the appointments of new members.

Why are the municipal boards taking so long to be updated?

A person who just moved into the City or for that matter, anyone who wants to contact a person on one of these boards is given outdated information. Imagine seeing that a member whose term expired 8 years ago and is still listed. This does not bode well for the City.

Another problem is when you call the City’s main line and it prompts you what number to press for different departments. Unfortunately, when you hit the number for UEZ, it still lists an individual who has been retired from that department for at least 6 years. This too, is embarrassing.

Someone should have caught that a long time ago.

In the City of South Amboy there used to be a complete calendar of events for the year printed out and copies readily available to the public. This is no longer so. I remember that notice would have all the meetings whether they be City Council, Business, SARA or the South Amboy Board of Education and Holiday events.

I know that South Amboy has been depending a lot on their Facebook pages and a few months ago, they had a glossy full page leaflet with different events that would be taking place.

We understand that it’s hard to keep updating information on a regular basis,

You can hit us with a wet noodle if you want to, but if this is frustrating to us, can you imagine someone who is new in town looking at this outdated information?

So this message is for all municipalities. It’s important to keep your website up to date, especially when listing your municipal board members.

C.M. & K.M.

An Expensive Sump Pit

A news article said the Port Authority decided to spend \$20 billion to dig a new tunnel under the Hudson. This would not be finished until 2030 at the earliest. If they can get along without this tunnel for fifteen years that is proof they really don’t need it. Another news article predicted the ocean level will rise about 18

inches by then. That means the next super storm will do even more damage. What then?

The reasonable and practical solution would be to restore ferryboat service across the Hudson to transport passengers. This was used before 1968 when a NY governor ended it to force people to use the PATH monopoly. Ferryboats are not affected by fluctuating water levels, and do not require the high costs of another tunnel. Or would a

monopoly ignore costs since they can always charge more?

Maybe the best solution is to reorganize the PATH monopoly so there is popular representation on its Board of Directors. If this can’t be done PATH has outlasted its usefulness. Keeping jobs in NJ will increase tax receipts, PATH works against this by sending tax receipts to another state.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

In Response to Mr. Lionel Giron’s Letter of March 16, 2016

Dear Mr. Giron,

I share your concern about decorum at city council meetings, but every meeting is a balancing act between allowing residents to freely express their opinions and minimizing inappropriate statements and behavior.

You mentioned several remarks that were made in recent meetings about the law director, and you were upset that I did not gavel down the residents who made them. May I remind you that I also haven’t gaveled down remarks that were made about me or other members of the council. But to use the words you chose to defend the law director, I am also a WOMAN, a MOTHER, and a HUMAN BEING. But I don’t remember seeing a letter from you defending me against those negative remarks and chastising the people who made them. So your outrage seems to be very selective.

The bottom line is that I have never prevented any speaker from expressing an opinion when that opinion has been critical of me or my fellow members of the city council. If I allowed people to speak who were critical of the law director and prevented criticism aimed at myself or others, you would have an argument. But that isn’t what happened.

Besides the inappropriate and unprofessional comments made by some of the Mayor’s staff, I would also hope that you would be concerned with the lawyers present who spoke during public portion, who were willing to jeopardize the city with a lawsuit for denying residents their freedom of speech. If their professional acumen was current, they should have known that in New Jersey, the precedent had a been set and the NJ Supreme Court awarded a resident \$100,000 because he was stopped from expressing opposing views by a board president. Why does your city council president know this and not these attorneys?

Also, when the law director

abandoned her position and went before the public, she declared her political support for the Mayor and for women: yet I, the only women on the council, was the only council member attacked, and for running for mayor no less, which I have never declared.

I will do my best to stop inappropriate remarks . When city governments try to restrict speech, it can have serious consequences. This city cannot afford the possible damages that could result if our attempts to restrict speech result in litigation. There is real danger in going down that road. So I will always err on the side of protecting a resident’s first amendment rights to speak, even when I don’t agree with what they say or like the way they say it. That seems totally appropriate in the same building, our city hall, in which New Jersey ratified the Bill of Rights more than 200 years ago.

Lisa Nanton,
President- Perth Amboy City Council

Annual Pocketbook Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart School is hosting its Annual Designer Pocketbook Bingo on Saturday April 23, 2016 located at Sacred Heart/ St. Mary’s school cafeteria 301 Second Street, South Amboy...BYOB and Snacks.... also soda and snacks will be sold that night! 50/50 and Basket Raffles...tickets are \$35 each which includes (12 Bingo sheets)....to purchase tickets please contact Paty Velez via email hsasacredheartsa.com or call Mr. Prichard @ 732-721-0834... Proceeds to Benefit Sacred Heart School

Pubic Meeting Notice

PERTH AMBOY— On Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 High St., Perth Amboy, the Planning Board of the City of Perth Amboy shall continue a public hearing for the purpose of hearing persons who are interested or would be affected by a recommendation to the governing body that the area designated to be an “area of need of redevelopment.” Determination of whether or not the described area of a proposed or any part thereof will be recommended to the governing body to be an “area in need of redevelopment” shall be made by Resolution at the conclusion of the public hearings. For a map of designated Study Area showing the boundaries and location of properties therein are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Economic and Community Development, 260 High St., Perth Amboy or at the Department of Planning, 375 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy Mon. - Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Anthony V. Ceres Elementary School Presented With the Fresh Food & Vegetable Program Award 3/24/16

**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell*



PERTH AMBOY - On 3/24/16 the Anthony V. Ceres Elementary School was presented with a VIP (Very Impressive Produce) Award by the NJ Department of Agricultural Food and Nutrition Division Director Rose Tricario. Also in attendance was Tricario, Janet Celi who is the NJDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Coordinator.

The Ceres School Health Teacher Linda Kovalsky, who is also the FFVP (Fresh Fruit, Vegetable and Produce) and the Fourth Grade Students in the School Garden Club were all smiles when they were presented with this prestigious award. School Principal Michelle Velez-Jonte and Mayor Wilda Diaz (who was sent a special invitation) and some school administrators were also in attendance.

The Students at the Ceres School are treated to a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables every day. Much of the produce that the students are able to experience come from a variety of countries. Because of the Students having the opportunity to experience something new and at the same time nutritious; they now encourage their parents to do the same. The Students in the Garden Club take pride in being able to grow vegetables from seeds. There are 72 different fruits and vegetables that they are able to experience. 720 students are served weekly.

We also visited the classroom of Ms. Shannon McCabe where one of her students enthusiastically handed out the fruit of the day to her fellow classmates. Those students enthusiastically told us about some of their new favorite fruits. One of the unique fruits the students love is the Vietnam Dragon Fruit. A healthy breakfast for all to enjoy after the presentation included raspberry and blueberry muffins, pears, bagels, mixed fruit, apple juice, water, coffee and tea. For more information about this program, visit the Perth Amboy Public Schools website and click onto the Ceres School.

Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation to Hold Annual Art Show April 21
Event to Honor Jessica Smith and Dr. George Smith of Colts Neck, NJ, and Benefit Advanced Surgical Services at RBMC

Press Release 4/1/16
PERTH AMBOY - Art aficionados and individuals looking to enjoy a fun night in support of community health will want to attend Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation's 19th Annual Art Show "Inspirations for the Generations" Thursday, April 21, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the medical center, 530 New Brunswick Ave, Perth Amboy, NJ. A preview of the artwork will be held 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This chic evening includes an open bar, passed hors d'oeuvres, unique art, artisanal and crafts available for purchase, live music by the Victor Quezada Jazz Trio and more. Jessica Smith and her husband George Smith, M.D., of Colts Neck, NJ, will be the distinguished honorees at the event. Featured art that will be exhibited and for sale include paintings of watercolor and oil, wall sculpture, photography, jewelry, ceramics, and glass. Tickets cost \$50 per

person and cash raffle tickets are available for \$20 each. To purchase tickets, contact the Foundation at 732.324.5374. Proceeds benefit Raritan Bay's Advanced Surgical Services. Raffle winners need not be present to win.
This event was established to honor the memory of Jacqueline M. and Robert N. Wilentz and commemorate their long-standing dedication to and support of the community. Throughout their lives they supported dozens of local community organizations with the clear objective of making things better for future generations. Event co-chairs are community leaders Geraldine Fee, PhD; Cabbar Komek, and Marcella Massopust. Raritan Bay is now part of the Meridian Health family.
Dr. Smith is a double board certified Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon in New York and New Jersey. He graduated from New York Univer-

sity with honors and went on to Albert Einstein College of Medicine, NY, where he received his medical degree. He completed his residency training at SUNY Health Sciences Center in Brooklyn, NY, and Montefiore Medical Center, NY. He is an active member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, the Monmouth and Ocean County Medical Society, Monmouth County Society of Plastic Surgeons, New Jersey Society of Plastic Surgeons and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is past president of the Richmond County Medical Society and New York Methodist Alumni Association and currently serves as the treasurer of the Academy of Medicine of Richmond as well as secretary of the Italian Club Foundation of Staten Island, NY. Dr. Smith holds numerous appointments as active attending in the system hospitals of Meridian Health. He

has a passion for plastic surgical reconstruction in trauma patients, and patient satisfaction is of utmost importance to him. Upon the advice of President and CEO of Raritan Bay Medical Center Michael R. D'Agnes, FACHE, Dr. Smith made a capital investment in Perth Amboy and opened his first private practice in New Jersey to better serve the community. Dr. Smith and Jessica were both born in Brooklyn and raised in Staten Island. They moved to Colts Neck several years ago, are proud parents of 9-month-old son George Anthony and are happily expecting a second child in July.
Jessica is a proud stay-at-home mom. She started her career at Northfield Bank where she was assistant bank manager. She left this position to work in George's office as office manager. Jessica is a benefactor to St. Jude Children's Hospital. She volunteered her time

with the Steven Siller Tunnel to Towers Race for many years. She also volunteered for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer movement as well as the March of Dimes. She is a champion for animal rights and supports many organizations in New York, New Jersey and California. Jessica is delighted to be an active board member for Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation for the past three years. Her activities in the community include membership in Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce and Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation's Harbor Lights Ball Committee. Jessica's biggest accomplishment and something she is most proud of is her son, George Anthony and her growing family. The Smiths will be chairing the 2016 Harbor Lights Ball, the premier fundraising gala for the medical center.

Colonial Garden to be Planted and Walkway to be Built at the Kearny Cottage Girl Scouts and Royal Rangers to Engage in Community Project

PERTH AMBOY – The Girl Scout Cadet Troop #81456 is finalizing their plans for a Girl Scout Colonial Garden for their Silver Award Project. There are three girls who are completing their silver project. The Silver Award is the second highest award in Girl Scouting (for ages 12yrs. to 15 yrs.). Girl Scouting is about helping the community through service projects and community service in any way possible. It builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The organization offers every girl a chance to do something amazing. Girl Scout Troops ranging from Daisies to Cadets meet on Fridays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Edward J. Patten School, 500 Charles St., Perth Amboy, NJ under Scout Leader Ms. Delores R.

The Girl Scouts will be planting a garden in the rear of the Kearny Cottage and the center of the garden will consist of a spiral herb garden. These herbs will be grown then harvested and donated to local food pantries. The three Girl Scouts who are participating in this project enjoy gardening and are creating this garden to both beautify and feed the community. Along with the Royal Garden Club, the Girl Scouts will help maintain the garden.

The Girl Scouts will work along with the Royal Rangers Outpost #51 will be rebuilding a walkway at the house, making a difference in their community.

Royal Rangers Outpost 51 is a national Christian organization



The Girl Scouts and Royal Rangers pose for photos at the Kearny Cottage. A check was presented from the The Eddie and Brenda Trujillo Family Foundation to help with the project.
**Photos by Paul W. Wang*

that works to provide Christ-like character formation and servant leadership development for boys and young men in a highly relational and fun environment. The group works with ages 5 to 18 years old. The group’s core principles are evangelism, discipleship, leadership, achievement and service. Royal Rangers is held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. by Mario Jaramillo, coordinator along with other commanders including Vida Church, 189

Fayette Street, Perth Amboy, NJ.

The Royal Rangers are excited to partner with the Kearny Cottage Museum Project, which our Rangers will be responsible for building the “Royal Rangers Walkway Path.” Our boys and young men will be working on obtaining their annual awards and merits -- such as the American History, Citizenship, Garden and Community Service - which will bring them closer to the



Gold Medal of Achievement (GMA Award), which is nationally acknowledged. They are honored to be part of this historical moment and with your help they will be able to achieve their merits. In fact, it will help their future growth and understanding of the community. They will learn how to fellowship and develop their discipleship skills.

The Rangers are ready to serve their community. They will be supervised by Site

Manager Paul Wang, President and Docent of the Kearny Cottage Historical Association, along, with other commanders. Johanna Figueroa, Committee member of Outpost 51 who received a check from “The Eddie and Brenda Trujillo Family Foundation” to commence the project this spring of 2016 so the historical museum will be updated and ready to receive visitors, especially from the other children of our community.

“1000 Books” Completes Successful Cycle of Bilingual Reading Perth Amboy Students Celebrate Dual Language and Bilingualism

Press Release 3/30/16
PERTH AMBOY - On Thursday, March 31, 2016, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation’s School Based Youth Service Program and Casa Argentina de New Jersey will celebrate the end of its spring cycle of their “1000 Books” project at the Perth Amboy Public Library, located on 196 Jefferson Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

“1000 Books” is a grassroots collaboration between the Perth Amboy Public Library, Casa Argentina de New Jersey and School Based Youth Services Program. The reading initiative provides an opportunity and a place for high school students to read to younger children in both English and Spanish.

While dual language exposure and bilingualism are common experiences for 95% of the children in Perth Amboy, by the time these children reach adolescence, only about 10% of them remain fluent in both languages. “Most children that

lose their ability to speak in their native language do so because they do not have the environmental incentive to speak in their mother tongue,” said School Based Youth Services Program’s Interim Program Director, Jusleine Daniel. “As a result, fewer second generation immigrants can be described as bilingual.”

In the 1000 Books program, students find an environment where they can feel proud of their heritage by reading books in both, English and Spanish. “I particularly like that we are given a chance to restore pride in the community we live,” said Marialis Savinon, a program participant and high school junior at The Perth Amboy High School.

On Program Design
In the 1000 Books program, children are provided opportunities to develop a love of reading in English and Spanish, which brings pride and connection back to the community. A Perth Amboy High School student mentor reads

to the younger children in English and Spanish. When there are high levels of bonding and high levels of feelings of belonging, as children grow, they are less likely to engage in risky behaviors. In addition, youth and children are also more likely to stay in school, and experiencing greater overall success (Center for the Study of Social Policy).

High School students also increase their school readiness and job readiness skills while they also learn to value diversity. By participating in cultural continuity, high school aged students learn the value of community service.

“The children love to have the high school mentors read to them in Spanish and English,” said Raul Pretto, Casa Argentina’s President. “We know our program is having an impact when we have the children who, at the beginning would not speak in Spanish, want to learn more about their native language.”

The program will celebrate



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the end of its spring cycle on March 31, 2016, from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pmat the newly renovated Perth Amboy Public Library, located at 196 Jefferson Avenue in Perth Amboy. During this time, the high school student mentors will receive a Service Learning Certificate and a scholarship.

This will be a public event

open to the community and participate in the final day of the spring reading cycle in a theatrical and fun reading activity of Dr. Seuss’ books, in both English and Spanish. For more information about the event, please contact Jusleine Daniel at (732) 376-6030 x 23510 or by email at jusleine.daniel@jrfnj.org

Perth Amboy's Business Improvement District (BID) Presents Schedule of Events and Fun Activities thru June BID Board Reelects Directors *Adds New Members and Selects Leadership Team*

Press Release 3/28/16

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy's Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) recently reelected a slate of Directors for 2016, expanded the Board and selected an Executive Committee. The BID also announced its upcoming schedule of special events, activities and networking meetings from through June.

The BID Board reelected the following Directors:

- Jason Conway, The Provident Bank
 - Fausto Diaz, Diaz Tax Service Inc.
 - Junel Hutchinson, Alameda Care Center
 - Jeannette Rios, All Stars Academy and Manager of the Perth Amboy Parking Authority
 - James G. Snyder, Paramount Assets
 - Barry Rosengarten, Rosengarten Companies
- The Board also added two new Directors, who will begin their term immediately:
- Jorge Cruz, Jewish Renaissance Medical Center
 - Ravi Gill, Gill Petroleum.

In a unanimous vote, the BID's Board of Directors also selected an Executive Committee. The team of leaders are Chairman Barry Rosengarten, Vice Chairman Tom Hudanish, of Next Generation Risk Management, Treasurer Reyes Ortega, of Copa de Oro, and Secretary Jeannette Rios.

The BID's Board currently has 13 Directors including the City of Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz. Directors serve staggered terms to provide continuity of leadership, and



2016 BID

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Directors Sergio Diaz, of 1st Constitution Bank, as well as Mr. Hudanish, Mr. Ortega and Gary Rumpf, of Gustav J. Novak Funeral Home, will be up for election next year.

The BID's Directors volunteer their time, and they are responsible for taking positive action to enhance the City's business district. Each director serves on one or more of the BID's seven sub-committees. The sub-committees perform a range of duties – from approving building façade improvements to distributing information and gathering input from building owners, tenants and the public at large. The BID also organizes many events, programs and occasions that attract visitors and promotes commerce in Perth Amboy. Throughout the year, the BID joins along with Local, State and Federal agencies to assist small businesses by introducing new marketing, management and sales methods that help companies increase their performance.

Following the election, the City of Perth Amboy's Mayor Wilda Diaz, who is a member of the BID Board, thanked the Directors for their service. Mayor Diaz said, "We are grateful for your vision and action, which is helping to transform our downtown shopping and dining area. By joining together the BID, City government and businesses can achieve our goal of making Perth Amboy a destination for shopping and dining and enjoying our many amenities and magnificent waterfront."

The Board also presented the BID's "Calendar of Events" through June. The activities include the Mayor and Board visiting with neighborhood businesses to exchange ideas. The scheduled events feature the following:

- Downtown Spring Cleanup, April 23
- Energy Efficiency Forum, April 28 (presented in conjunction with PSE&G and FSG)
- Cinco de Mayo Event, May 7

- Small Business Week, May 1-7
- Andes Festival, June 25.

Also, BID Chairman Barry Rosengarten said, "Let me thank the present and past Board members for devoting their time, energy and expertise to enhance Perth Amboy's Downtown Business area. Our City is fortunate to have professional, dedicated men and women who share one mission: to assist our businesses with the highest degree of dedication and excellence. By working on sub-committees and taking responsibilities very seriously, we have created a cohesive and coordinated delivery of essential services that help BID businesses thrive, remain and grow."

Mr. Rosengarten's review of the Board's significant accomplishments in the last year:

- Updated the BID's bylaws
- Switched financial reporting operations from a "Fiscal Year" to "Calendar Year" to coincide with the City Administration and to facilitate better financial reporting and filings
- Selected a professional and capable legal counsel, Dan Guadalupe of the law firm of Norris, McLaughlin and Marcus, to assist the BID
- Organized a successful Business Expo with over 30 participating businesses and 200 attendees
- Hosted the "Taste of Perth Amboy," which raised funds for the renovation of the City's Public Library to which the BID will present a \$10,000 donation for facility repairs

In closing, BID Director Gary Rumpf of Gustav J. Novak Funeral Home said, "We are proud to be part of the Board that supports and serves the Business District. Our team had a super year, and we are continuing to make our City better."

For more information about Perth Amboy's BID, contact Roxana Troche, Coordinator, at 732.442.6421 or by email: rtroche@perthamboynj.org.

Grand Opening: Duo Restaurant & Lounge 270 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy 3/24/16

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Celebrity Storytime with Councilman Thomas Reilly

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News Release 3/30/16

SOUTH AMBOY - A good time was had by all at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy at our recent Celebrity Storytime featuring South Amboy Councilman Thomas Reilly. Children and adults enjoyed his reading of the book Octopuppy by Martin McKenna. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a piece of our Dowdell Library 102 Anniversary Cake. Stop by and celebrate National Library Week April 11-15 and try our new 3D Pen! The Dowdell Library is located at 100 Hoffman Plaza off of O'Leary Blvd adjacent to the High School in South Amboy. Our hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs 10-8 p.m Wed, Fri 10-5 pm Sat 12-4pm. For additional info call 732-721-6060, or visit our website www.dowdell.org or e-mail us at comments@dowdell.org

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Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Perth Amboy N.J. is having a Pirohi Sale on April 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. Pick up your order at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. Call 732-826-7067 to place your order between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All gourmet items handmade therefore call early before maximum sales quota is reached. Potato Pirohi \$8.00 a doz. The Order date is April 4th, 5th, 6th and April 7th The pickup date is April 12th and April 13th. Pick up will begin at 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your order!

Old Time Gospel

PERTH AMBOY - Women's Day 2016 Presents Old Time Gospel, Friday April 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. James AME Zion Church, 68 Commerce Street, Perth Amboy.

Game Night/Pajama Party

PERTH AMBOY - Game Night /Pajama Party at St. James AME Zion Church, 68 Commerce St., Perth Amboy on Friday, April 22, 2016. Rev Mary Giles – Chair; Rev. Donna Stewart Co-Chair.

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

PERTH AMBOY - St. John Paul II Seniors are holding a bus trip on Wed., April 30th 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.

Interfaith Workshop

PERTH AMBOY – “Please Understand Me.” How To Use Personal Narrative To Positively Engage Your Intermarried Family.

On Sunday April 10, 2016, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., we invite all couples who come from different Jewish and Christian backgrounds to join us. The workshop will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 188 Rector Street, Perth Amboy, in conjunction with Congregation Beth Mordecai.

This program is sponsored by Faithful Families, a community of couples who come from different Jewish and Christian backgrounds.

Come learn with us as we use the tools of Personal Narrative to grapple with important questions affecting relationships within our intermarried families. These will include:
*How to deal with our feelings of loss and our fear of not being understood?
*How to create the right environment to be heard by one another
*And, in the midst of understanding each other, how to appreciate otherness?

These workshops will be facilitated by experts in the field and community leaders through a combination of conversation, text learning, and developing a piece of our own narratives.

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy continues his Ask the Rabbi program. He will be in the Menlo Park Mall Food Court EVERY Wednesday at NOON to answer ANY questions ANYONE might have.

Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Wednesday, April 20 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.

Women's Day 2016

PERTH AMBOY - St. James AME Zion Church, 68 Commerce St., Perth Amboy Presents Women's Day 2016, Wednesday Night Worship, 7:00 p.m. Theme: Celebrating a New Season, A New Day, A Fresh Anointing to Exhort, Edify and Embrace. Scripture: Ephesians 4:12 For the protecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. March 30th, Sis. Jacqueline Nolton, April 6th; Sis. Cynthia Olive, April 13th, Rev. Janet Jones, April 20th, Sis. Sheerene Brown

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 24th at 2 p.m. Donations welcome. Light refreshments available.

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, 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

Sewing Clinic

SOUTH AMBOY - Sewing Clinic - Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 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 Learn how to SEW!

Bag Designer Bingo

PERTH AMBOY - Bag Designer Bingo - Friday, April 15th. at Blessed John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's School, 500 State St. Perth Amboy. Doors open at 6 p.m.; game starts 7:30 p.m. Outside food welcome; BYOB. Admission fee: \$5.00. For more info call 732-826-1395 or 732-485-9367.

Free Movie Night

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 invite you and your family to see the inspirational movie “Do You Believe?” starring Cybil Shepherd, Lee Majors, and Ted McGinley, Friday night April 8 at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Movie begins at 7 p.m. Pasta, meatballs, and salad will be available before the film. Cost for dinner is \$5 Adults, and \$2 per child. For more information call 732-721-2025.

RBMC Perth Amboy 38th 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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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

3rd 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!

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.

Book Drop/Book Exchange/Book Sale

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

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays April 9th and 23rd, May 14th, June 11th and 25th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

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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 North Africa, the three Axis columns of Lt. Gen. Erwin Rommel move inexorably eastward in Libya. Benghazi, on the coast, falls on April 4, 1941. The central column, heading toward Msus, is making slow progress, but the southernmost column is moving rapidly toward Mechili. In Washington, President Roosevelt agrees to allow British warships to be refueled in the U.S. when on combat missions, and to undergo repairs in the U.S., as well.

On April 5 in Moscow, the Soviets and the Yugoslavs sign a non-aggression pact, but it will have no impact on halting the impending German attack.

German forces invade Yugoslavia and Greece on April 6. The attack begins with the bulk of Field Marshal Wilhelm List's German 12th Army moving from Bulgaria against Greek forward positions, with some of its corps also attacking westward into Yugoslavia. There is heavy resistance on the Greek border, but the Germans easily cross into Yugoslavia. That night, the Luftwaffe launches an air raid on the port of Piraeus, near Athens. A British ammunition ship explodes, sinking many other vessels and badly damaging the port facilities. In North Africa, the Axis advance continues, and Australian troops begin withdrawing to Tobruk from Derna. Lt. Gen. Richard O'Connor (who led the British victory at Beda Fomm) arrives at the front from Cairo to advise Lt. Gen. Neame on defending against the advancing Axis forces. However, both men are captured by a German patrol, a serious loss for the Allies. In Ethiopia, Addis Ababa is taken during the continued Allied advance there. The German battleship Gneisenau is badly damaged by a British torpedo plane during an exercise off the port of Brest, Occupied France.

On April 7, Derna, Libya, on the coast, is overrun by Axis troops. In the Balkans, a German armored division moves south into Greece from both Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. Slightly farther west, the German 40th Panzer Corps enters Skopje, Yugoslavia. In the Western Atlantic, U.S. naval and air bases are established on the British colony of Bermuda as part of Lend-Lease.

Advancing from Bulgaria, the German 1st Panzer Group under Field Marshal Paul von Kleist on April 8 quickly destroys Yugoslavian defenses along the border and reaches Niš, about 50 miles beyond. The Luftwaffe launches a massive bombing raid on Belgrade, killing around 30,000 people. In East Africa, the port of Massawa, Eritrea, falls to the Allies; seventeen large Axis merchant ships are captured. The 4th Indian Division, which has played a significant role in East Africa, gets ready to transfer to Egypt, where the Allies are under pressure. In North Africa, Mechili falls to the Afrika Korps, and Rommel immediately plans a move toward Tobruk.

On April 9 U.S. troops occupy Greenland, owned by German-occupied Denmark. The U.S. obtains full rights from Greenland lawmakers to defend the island from German invasion. In the Balkans, Allied defenses crumble. The Greek 2nd Army, overwhelmed, surrenders, and the German 2nd Panzer Division takes Thessaloniki. Farther north, the German 2nd Army joins the attack on Yugoslavia, with two corps moving south from Austria, taking Maribor. A third corps, based in Hungary, begins seizing crossings over the Drava River, which separates the two countries. Kleist's force cuts through southern Yugoslavia from Niš and enters Greece.

The first hostile action between American and German forces in the war occurs in the North Atlantic on April 10. While picking up survivors from a torpedoed Dutch freighter, the destroyer USS Niblack detects a German U-boat in the area preparing to attack. Niblack drops depth charges over the sub, chasing it away. In Yugoslavia, the German advance continues and Zagreb is captured. Later in the day, Zagreb Radio announces that an independent Croatian republic has been established. In Washington, D.C., President Roosevelt makes public the occupation of Greenland and declares the island to be in the Western Hemisphere, thereby allowing U.S. draftees to serve there. In Libya, Rommel's troops attack Tobruk, but are beaten off. In Brest, Occupied France, the already-damaged battleship Gneisenau is hit four more times by bombs during a British air raid.

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PERTH AMBOY - The first and biggest benefit AmeriCorps 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.

Movie Review: Batman vs. Superman Dawn of Justice



By: Anton Massopust III

"Superman was never real. He was just a dream from a boy from Kansas."

When there are many clashes throughout history in literature and popular culture, it's always good vs. evil. But when two good men fight against each other, will there be anyone left around with the last man standing? Will they see justice or revenge?

Batman vs. Superman: Dawn of Justice has plenty of arguments. Some people liked it; some people don't.

I for one, liked it. I think there's plenty of good stuff here to have a good time at the movies. We first establish Batman's character as Ben Affleck takes up the cape and cowl. He makes a great Batman, taking more of Comic Book Writer and Artist Frank Miller version of this superhero, which is dark and brooding. Affleck's Batman takes no prisoners and is not a happy Bruce Wayne either.

On the other end of the Superman, Henry Cavill who is searching for who he is and how he fits in on this planet. He is tapping into his inner Doctor Who and answering the question, "Am I a good man?" or "Should I be more of a god to them or a superhero?" Just like a title fight, there is a preliminary set of reasons why there is this fight and then the fight itself.

Underneath this all is Lex Luthor played by Jesse Eisenberg who is terrible as the classic villain. Eisenberg seems more like the Joker than Lex Luthor. When Luthor kidnaps Superman's adopted mother,

Martha Kent (Diane Lane) and forces the two heroes into a confrontation.

As for Batman, Luthor plants false clues to egg Batman on to use kryptonite as a weapon. This is an epic fight and when Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot) joins the epic fight in order to stop a monster (Doomsday) that Luthor created out of the remains of General Zod (who was killed by Superman in Man of Steel).

If you read recent comics over the past couple of years, you know which way this is going. Just like rival Marvel Comics, DC is setting this up for more movies with Justice League.

Is this too scary for real young kids (5yrs and under) - yes. The battle scenes are very intense and might give very young kids nightmares. The movie is had loud sound effects to add to the visual effects.

On the positive sight, there is good character development, good acting and the film moves very quickly. It's definitely something to see in Imax or 3D. Good see it and judge for yourself.

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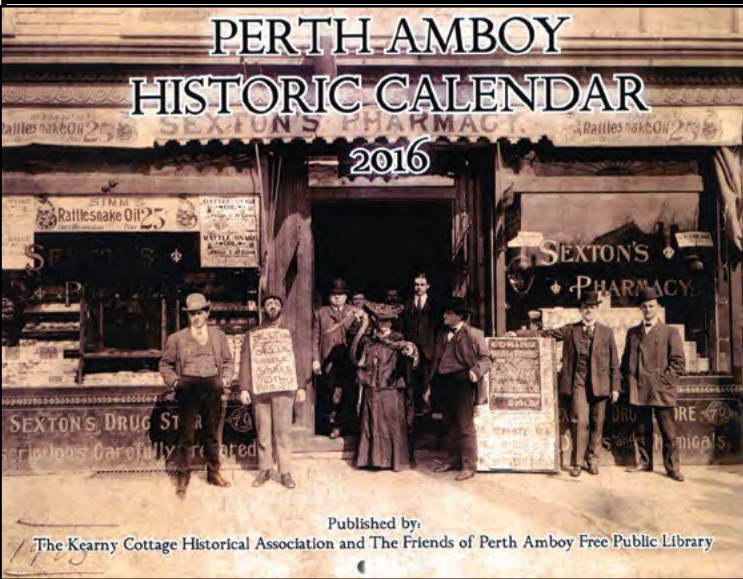
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Golf Outing

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.

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Catholic Club

PERTH AMBOY – The Saint George Catholic Club is running a bus trip to the Taj Mahal casino on Sunday April 24th. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. from the club at 415 Eagle Ave. Cost \$30 per person. Receive \$25 slot cash from the casino. Continental breakfast will be available from 8:30 a.m. Call Tony at 723 324-0338 for reservation.

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

Open Mic
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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.

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Senior Scene

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- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

THURS. Apr. 7

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

MON. Apr. 11

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

TUES. Apr. 12

Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

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

WED. Apr. 13

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

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

THURS. Apr. 14

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

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

South Amboy

WED. Apr. 13

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

MON. Apr. 25

Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

MON. May. 2

South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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LOOKING BACK

PERTH AMBOY - Ernest M. Muska – Commissioner of Parks and Recreation (1952-1966) (left) and Benny Goran, Supervisor of Recreation (right) presenting trophies circa early 1960's.
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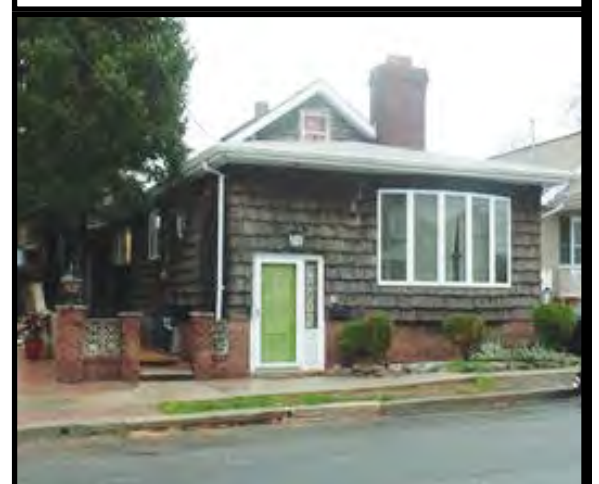
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