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Pay to Play; Boys & Girls Club; Street Cleaning and the YMCA Take Center Stage 4/25/16 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – Planning Board Attorney Joseph A. Marrazzo was a last minute addition to the 4/25/16 Agenda. He was there to talk about the Pay to Play Ordinance. He stated that it's an impediment, and improvements can be made to strengthen it. He was especially concerned how this would impact redevelopment projects. Furthermore he stated, "As it stands now, it prohibits anyone who made a political contribution of \$300 an up for doing a redevelopment project. Your ordinance dates from the 1990's. We looked at Pay to Play Laws from seven different municipalities. Some that he mentioned included: Newark, Woodbridge and Monroe Township. He further stated: This is not a legal issue, but a policy issue. This may further disqualify those who own property in the City."

Council President Lisa Nanton asked, "What year this ordinance was put on the books?"

Marrazzo answered, "It was 2008, but the economy has changed and this is why this issue is being addressed now."

Annie Hindenlang came up to put further input into the discussion. "This ordinance prohibits any contributions. More people want to develop in town and this ordinance is not favorable to those developers who are already in town."

Marrazzo also stated, "Your ordinance has a redevelopment section. You have the flexibility. It's different for the Mayor versus what it says for the Council Members."

During the public comments, Resident Ken Balut said, "The Pay to Play Ordinance should be changed the election."

Resolutions R-211 and R-213 included the rental of City Property (the Brighton Avenue Community Center) to the Boys and Girls Club.

Department of Recreation Director Kenny Ortiz came up to discussed this matter. He said: "The Brighton Avenue Community Center is being used by the club."

At that point, Lisa Nanton had a question, "I hear that the public bathrooms were a problem in the community center and the Boys and Girls Club were not allowed to use them."

Ortiz said that would look into this and present some proposals. "I understand there's a lot of activity in that area. We are looking at a one year lease and the Boys and Girls Club are looking at another place to use instead of Brighton Avenue."

After Kenny Ortiz spoke, Tashilee Vasquez MPA, Chief Professional Officer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy came up to speak. She stated the importance of passing the resolutions. "The National affiliation needs to show that we are a true partnership and affiliate with the City so that we can be chartered nationally. The Boys and Girls Club were chartered in this City in 2007. We have serviced over 7000 children in that timeframe. There are 51 children that we serve from the First to Eighth Grades. Some of our programs include job training, recreational, academic, arts, healthy living, etc. We are more than one-stop shop. All of our employees are from Perth Amboy. We lost some of our funding. That's why we stopped using schools and we're looking to go to the Board of Education with some proposals. We still have latch-key kids. We have been using Brighton Avenue and the Charter School Facilities. They provide the children that go there with breakfast and lunch. During the summer, we serve 120 children."

Next topic for discussion: Alternate Side of the Street Parking. This was subject requested to be put on the Agenda by Councilman Fernando Irizarry. Irizarry asked the Business Administrator to look into alternate side of the street parking so that all residents can have their streets cleaned.

Law Director Arlene Quinones responded to this, "There's not too much in the

present ordinance."

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to add to this discussion. He stated, "There are statutes in place for emergencies for street cleaning."

Irizarry questioned if additional resources would be needed.

Cattano responded back, "We rotate cleaning in different areas of town. We will need additional manpower."

Councilman Bill Petrick added, "Every street will need signage for alternate side of the street parking."

Cattano remarked back, "We may just need to have signs posted."

Councilman Irizarry was adamant about this subject when he stated, "We need every street cleaned once a week and if necessary cars would have to be towed." This was in response to a remark that Petrick had made earlier about having cars towed when the streets were being cleaned.

Law Director Arlene Quinones said, "The ordinance may need to be updated."

Bill Petrick spoke after Quinones' comment, "I'm looking at what the additional cost will be."

Department of Public Works



Steve Jobin
YMCA President & CEO



Councilman
Fernando Gonzalez

Director Frank Hoffman made a couple of observations, "We have a sweeper, but we don't go to the curb. Every street is cleaned at least once a month and the Police have to be present when this is done. We have two large sweepers that will be coming with additional manpower. Police need to be there if cars have to be towed."

Irizarry spoke again and said, "We need to get more streets done. It's not fair. All of us deserve to have cleaner streets. I think the towing is going to be a problem."

Council President Lisa Nanton said, "The problem will be with people not having a place

to park their cars when the streets are being cleaned."

R-204-4/16 Authorizing the proper City Officials to execute a second amended service agreement between the City of Perth Amboy and the Raritan Bay Area Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) for use and operation of the community center and transfer by the YMCA to the City of Perth Amboy of 183 Jefferson Street property.

Council President Lisa Nanton had a question relating to the YMCA Building on New Brunswick Avenue. She wanted

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Statement by CFO and Comptroller Jill Goldy 4/27/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - On the Agenda at this Meeting was Resolution R-191-4/16 Amending the CY2016 Budget. A public hearing on Amendments and possible adoption of amended budget was to be held on May 2, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall Chambers. Questions were asked about some of the items on the budget data sheet. A copy of the 2016 Municipal Budget was available for the public at the 4/27/16 Council Meeting. During the 4/27/16 Council Meeting CFO and Comptroller Jill Goldy reread the following statement regarding the cap. The first time this statement was read was at the 4/18/16 Budget Hearing.

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 expects 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.

South Amboy Council Meeting, Business - 5/4/16 - 6 p.m.

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Healthy Heart
Event

SOUTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management, blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Wednesday, May 4, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

It Doesn't Only Apply to Elevators

The Dominican Festival will go on as scheduled with the location that it has been held for the past 3 years. There were heated discussions both pro and con as to why it should or should not have been held at Wilentz field. The Council voted that it was all systems go.

Suggestions were made on how to improve this years Dominican Festival. Shuttle Service, utilizing public and private parking lots, more security and port o' potties. The hours when entertainment should cease was discussed. It also was determined that the festival organizers did everything that was required under the present ordinance.

City Clerk Elaine Jasko said, "When the new Business Administrator Adam Cruz came aboard, he immediately took charge of some of the problems discussed by the residents who wanted the Festival moved. Cruz was not here when that petition was first presented by those residents."

I'm not surprised at the outcome, because let's face it – it was handled very poorly from the beginning. This issue had been festering for at least 6 months. What surprised me is that the Council Meeting was held in the Council Chambers with a crowd that surpassed the occupancy of the room. There is a sign posted on the doorway before you walk into the Council Chambers. I have been to at least 2 meetings in the past where the meetings had to be relocated because of large attendance. Clearer heads prevailed at these meetings and they were moved to either Olive Street Community Center or McGinnis School.

I thought it was a gentleman's agreement between the Board of Education and the City to make larger spaces available if such incidents would occur. Was that agreement voided? If so, when did this happen? Everyone has a right to go to public meetings and to stay at those meetings until they are adjourned. There had been times when people



A Crowded City Council Room 4/27/16

*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

have attended meetings with no intention of speaking. After hearing comments (either from the Council, public or administrators) many individuals have decided to speak.

Whose decision is it to call the shots when they see that the Council Chambers will not be sufficient to hold the crowd? Perhaps when they read the Notice of Meeting they should add, "If the occupancy of the room is exceeded then the following have the authority to change the location of the meeting in a reasonable amount of time to accommodate the public. It can be any one of these individuals: the presiding Council President, the Police and Fire Department. I suggest that this be added immediately.

I can't remember if it was the Planning Board or PARA, but at the meeting when the City was deciding whether or not to build King Plaza, there was such a crowd that the first thing spoken by one Board Member was, "There is a such a large crowd here that there is a fire hazard. We must move the meeting to McGinnis School and reconvene in an hour." They voted and the meeting was relocated to McGinnis School. In fact, at that meeting so many people came up to speak, they had to continue the meeting later on in the week.

At the beginning of the 4/27/16 Council Meeting, Council President Lisa Nanton asked those who spoke in regards to the resolution on

the Dominican Festival if after they were finished if they could kindly leave to give others who wish to speak on this matter a chance to sit.

This is not right. Everyone who comes to a Council Meeting or any Public Meeting for that matter has a right to stay to hear what others say until the meeting is adjourned (Unless you are extremely disruptive). If there is insufficient space, the meeting should be relocated that night.

It's refreshing to see this amount of people at a public meeting. It's been crowded before. More people should attend public meetings and stay informed.

One woman who sat near me during the meeting came specifically because she wanted to hear about the controversy over the Dominican Festival. Later in the evening, a discussion came up in regards to the YMCA. She became concerned because she uses the Y for her child to attend the afterschool programs. She turned to me and asked me what was going on in regards to the Y. When I gave her a history about the money issues that some people that are concerned about, she said, "Perhaps I should come to more meetings."

If this woman had left the Meeting as requested, she would have never heard about issues going on that affected her.

I had no idea the amount of people that were in the corridor (upstairs and downstairs) and outside City Hall until someone told me the next day. Thank God that an emergency had not occurred. I would hate to think of what would have happened. *C.M. & K.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Play Ball with Us!

I see the GOP wants Mr. Trump out of race for the White House and the Democratic Country Club wants Hillary for the Office of President. For now, nobody really knows who will be the next President just yet. Also, someone with the big bucks is paying a group of people to screw up Trump's campaign trail. I'm not choosing sides, but Mr. Trump is waking up many Americans across the nations about what's really going on in America. Plus, he wants nothing to do with the establishment - you know, "Play

ball with us." But we, the so-called VOTERS have they real say about how America should be run - not by a bunch of millionaire politicians that screw up America. As for Hillary, she can talk all she wants and I know many hard core voters are wondering about her as President. Some people are saying if Trump becomes President, they will move out of the country. That's no big deal - the less the better. The worse thing is that can happen. President Obama can suspend the election for a reason and stay in office NOW! Why would I bring this up?

Orlando "Wildman" Perez.

Fool me once, shame on me; Fool me twice, shame on you.

In a little under three weeks, the Perth Amboy City Clerk will make petitions for this November's election available to candidates who wish to run for Mayor and City Council. While not all individuals have disclosed or announced their candidacy, rumors are flying. Putting all of the rumors aside, one person who has made her intention to run known is none other than Wilda Diaz.

Her recent decision to seek a third term is both shocking and disturbing especially considering her campaign promises eight (8) years ago that she would only serve one term in office. I found her assurances during her first election cycle refreshing and took her at her word that she stood for honesty and commitment. In 2008, Ms. Diaz proclaimed herself to be the anti-establishment and reform candidate. Now, eight (8) years and two elections later, she has gone back on her campaign promise and is now seeking a third (3) term. Considering that the last eight years of her administration have visited higher taxes and reduced services on taxpayers, I can't see how she can possibly justify her continued role as mayor. Her decision to seek reelection a second time violates not only the public trust, but also my trust. It speaks directly to her character and her lack of reliability. If she is not held accountable for going back on her promises of reform, then

she is no better than those she challenged as incompetent and ineffective.

Her decision to seek a third (3) term is even more disturbing when one considers her failure as leader and administrator of our community. Besides the increased taxes and crime, Perth Amboy now lacks a path or vision beyond a downward spiral. Property values remain low despite rising values in neighboring communities. Taxes are up nearly 50% while police, fire, and public works have seen drastic cuts. Conveniently, the administration is suddenly promising increases in these departments. In her eight years in office, few roads have been repaved, one of which did not occur until this year, an election year. The waterfront project from the damage sustained during Hurricane Irene still hasn't been completed. The projects that have been completed or are in the process of being completed were arranged for, funded and begun under the previous administration. Interestingly enough, this is an administration which she continues to criticize while at the same time trying to take credit for projects which she had no hand in. Given her quickness to go back on her promises not to seek reelection, it should come as no surprise that she would conveniently take credit for the work of the same administration she claimed to stand against.

What do you really stand for, Ms. Diaz? Your promises of uniting the city for change have refocused on dividing the city for your benefit. Shame on you.

Linda Ferreira



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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 Historical Society 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

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WED. May 4	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave. • Planning Board, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. May 9	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. May 10	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Library, Jefferson St.
MON. May 11	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
South Amboy	
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
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State Winner- Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey Art Contest
Perth Amboy Catholic School

**Photo Submitted*

PERTH AMBOY - Shyann Chang, a 4th grade student at Perth Amboy Catholic School, was a Finalist and Contest Winner in the Partnership for a Drug Free New Jersey "Fun Things to Do Instead of Drugs" Folder Contest. Shyann, her family and Art teacher, Rose Lavin-Pennyfeather attended the Award Ceremony at the Newark Museum on April 27th, 2016. Shyann received a medal, a



copy of her artwork, and she and her family were invited to a luncheon and tour of the Newark Museum. Only 30 finalists were chosen from more than 6,000 art entries sent in from students throughout the State of New Jersey. For more information, please contact Rose Pennyfeather at Perth Amboy Catholic School. (732) 826-1598.

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Council Has Questions Pertaining to Volatile Resolutions 4/27/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – R-204 involving the YMCA – There were concerns about the service agreement.

Resident Ken Balut said, “You are subsidizing a private organization. “How can you make a decision on the Y without an audit? The UEZ gave the Y money. The UEZ money was misused.”

R-204 was tabled to the next Council Meeting.

Y CEO Steve Jobin was confused as to why the Council tabled R-204. “We (the YMCA) met with the City in closed session on April 11, 2016. We answered many of the questions presented to us on Monday (4/25/16) at the Caucus Meeting. Now we want our questions answered. What is the status? And why can’t we get this Resolution done today?”

Council President Lisa Nanton told Jobin, “The contract has a different language and it will be put on the next Regular Council Meeting.”

When Jobin answered back to

Council President Nanton, he stated, “It’s very disheartening how Balut is spewing lies about the Y. In December of 2008 we occupied in the new location (New Brunswick Avenue) with a 20 year lease and renewable with another 20 year contract. The contract was \$1 million in 2007.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was concerned when he stated, “The City has paid utilities on that facility and they have been bearing the cost.”

The Amboy Guardian contacted Steve Jobin for some clarifications.

Steve Jobin gave a breakdown on the monthly cost (The Y pays the City \$8700 a month). “In April 2011, a lump sum of \$40,000 was paid the City. After that point, we have doubled that payment to \$15,000/mo to help pay on the arrears. This is which is \$140,000 more than the contract calls for.”

Gonzalez retorted back with the following statements: “It’s

running \$28,000 to cover the cost of the Y. Now you’ll be paying \$22,000 for a cost of \$34,000 that the utilities alone are costing now. The previous mayor had a poor agreement with the Y. I think the Y should do the original 20 years, then renegotiate. \$12,000 a month for the next 12 years – I have to protect the citizens.”

Steve Jobin gave a comparison, “The Little League gets grants and a lot of maintenance of their fields are done by public works besides other free amenities.”

Gonzalez gave these parting words, “I appreciate that you are fighting for the Y, but I am fighting for the citizens of Perth Amboy.”

The Amboy Guardian requested that Steve Jobin read at the 4/27/16 Council Meeting. He provided us with an outline of the YMCA’s contribution to the community. (See Below)

Center Stage

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ed to know who is responsible for the cleaning.

Danny Cleaver from the Department of Public Works came up to answer this question, “Once a year, the exterior and interior windows are cleaned for a total of \$8000 a year. This is the contract.”

Law Director Quinones also said, “The YMCA can do minor alterations without the City’s consent. For any major alterations that they have to do, the Y will send a certified letter to the City which we would have to respond to in 30 days. The Y can also do required alterations and deduct the cost of those alterations from the monthly fee that they owe the City.”

Council President Lisa Nanton said she would rather have the YMCA bill us separately for any alternations instead of them deducting that cost from the monthly payments to the City. I want a separation of those two to be made.”

YMCA CEO Steven Jobin came forward to explain what a minor alteration would be under (for instance, lockers).

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke about the monthly cost of operating the YMCA. “We were told it’s \$32,000/month.”

Law Director Quinones said, “The utility bills alone cost between \$22,000/mo to \$28,000/mo alone.”

Fernando Gonzalez then stated, “I was a landlord and I wouldn’t rent my properties at a lost.”

Law Director Quinones then came back and stated, “The Y’s contract was negotiated in 2007 with the prior administration. It’ wasn’t the best contract.”

CEO Steve Jobin responded to some of the statements made, “Every Perth Amboy family gets a \$120 discount. We are engaging them in a healthier lifestyle. The Fire Department does some of the training there. City Employees get a discounted rate. 85% are family memberships that subsidize at no cost. I’m glad that the Boys and Girls Club is using the Brighton Avenue Community Center. \$8700 is paid on a monthly basis to the City. This is a partnership that was a contract with the City.”

As soon as Jobin finished that statement, Gonzalez said, “I haven’t seen a true audit.”

Jobin stated, “I had sent information to Fehrenbach (Former B.A.) The Runyan Water Shed Property was used for outdoor sports activities. The City sold that property and we need another site for these activities. We can see if we can change the wording in the contract.”

After Jobin spoke, Law Director Arlene Quinones asked the Council, “Let me know what wording would make you more comfortable.”

Councilman Bill Petrick had a couple of concerns. He stated, “There are many organizations utilizing the beaches for activities. I don’t want the Y restricting other organizations using the beach.”

Law Director Quinones cautioned the Council, “We are entering into our second amended agreement.”

Council President Nanton said, “We should have a certain section of the street for the Y kids.”

Councilman Petrick stated, “I don’t think anyone should have any exclusive right to any part of the beach.”

Y CEO Steven Jobin wanted

to make one thing clear when stating: “This will not be limited to students, but to members of the Y and the community in general. We (the YMCA) have a committee that will review your suggestions at our next

meeting.”

Council President Lisa Nanton reminded Jobin that she just wants to have a separation of the monthly bills that the Y pays to the City, separated from the bills that the Y pres-

ents for alterations.


Concluding his remarks Jobin said, “I commend everyone involved such as Kenny Ortiz and others who keep our members and visitors happy.”

RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA AT-A-GLANCE

Since 1912, the Raritan Bay Area YMCA has provided services, programming, and activities for the residents of Perth Amboy, New Jersey and neighboring communities.


EACH YEAR

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- 80% of membership is youth or family
- More than 500,000 people enter our build each year




YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- More than 800 students take part in our after school programs. 75% of the families live in poverty.
- More than 250 elementary, middle and high school students are supported in our Families Fit Together Delinquency Prevention Program.
- More than 350 Teens attend our Saturday Night Teen Center, free & open to the community.



HEALTHY LIVING

- All families in our After Care and Families Fit Together Program receive free memberships and visit the Y together nearly 9,000 times.
- PlayStreets emphasizes the importance of play and encourages families to get active together.
- Farmers Market provides access to affordable, fresh produce.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

- \$2 million is infused back into the local economy by employing local residents.
- Special Olympic athletes on the Perth Amboy Piranhas swim team train weekly at the Y.
- \$75,000 is provided annually in program and membership scholarships to children, families and adults so they can participate at the Y.
- More than 70% of our members and program participants receive financial assistance.
- Free memberships are provided to every 7th grader to help them get and stay active during a critical time of adolescence.
- The Y gives back more than \$1.4 million in community benefit to the residents in and around Perth Amboy.

“Transformative” Building Healthy Communities Campaign *Partnership of Investors Bank and the Jewish Renaissance Family of Organizations*



News Release 4/27/16

PERTH AMBOY - Today, Investors Bank presented the Jewish Renaissance Family of Organizations (JRFO) with a \$150,000 contribution to support JRFO's "Building Healthy Communities" campaign. As one of the Campaign's Founders and leaders, Kevin Cummings, President/CEO of Investors Bank, led the presentation, held at the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center at 11 a.m. The Building Healthy Communities (BHC) initiative is a 'transformative' campaign to employ a "social determinants of health" framework to improve the well-being of low-income residents who live within the City of Perth Amboy and the Central Jersey region through integrated investments in healthcare, healthy food options, and systems transformation". The funding will support specific elements of the BHC campaign as set forth by the four organizations under JRFO's umbrella, i.e., Jewish Renaissance Foundation, Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, Boys & Girls Club of Perth Amboy/Carteret, and the Jewish Renaissance Community Development Corporation. An outline of the BHC campaign is provided here.

"We are proud to expand our support of the Jewish Renaissance Family of Organizations as a Founder and 'tone-setter' of this pivotal Building Healthy Communities campaign. Strengthening the areas we serve in with JRFO and within the context of BHC aligns with our very own mission. We strive to do what is right – that's our bottom line as a bank and community partner", states Kevin Cummings, Investors Bank's President/CEO.

"Investors' contribution will significantly expand our capacity to withstand the dramatic growth in demand for our services. Investors Bank and Jewish Renaissance Family of Organizations have developed an increasingly robust business and philanthropic relationship that has and will continue to benefit numerous persons and families in need within the Central and Northern NJ regions," states Dr. Alan J. Goldsmith, President/CEO of JRFO.

For further information and details, please contact Kari Pencek at kpencek@myinvestorsbank.com, or 732-924-5176; or Sorangie Castillo at scastillo@jrmc.us, or 732-376-6638

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PERTH AMBOY – The Jolin Food box program is designed to provide families with nationally branded food products at wholesale prices. On behalf of the Cathedral's Community Development Corporation, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's AmeriCorps is helping promote the Jolin Food Box. This month's deadline is Feb. 10. Pick Up Date is Saturday, Feb. 20 between 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at 282 McClellan St., Perth Amboy. Check out <https://jolinfoodbox.com> or contact us at 732-826-8207.

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Pallone Applauds Treasury Department Funds to Prevent Foreclosures and Stabilize NJ Housing Market

Press Release 4/20/16

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) applauded the allocation of more than \$45 million through the Hardest Hit Fund to the state of New Jersey to help stabilize the housing market and prevent foreclosures. The Hardest Hit Fund was created in 2010 to provide targeted assistance to 18 states and the District of Columbia deemed hardest hit

by the economic and housing market downturn. The resources will be given to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency's New Jersey HomeSaver Program, which offers counseling and financial assistance to bring down monthly mortgage payments or allow for refinancing.

In data released last year, New Jersey had the highest rate of Zombie foreclosures in the nation. Zombie foreclo-

sures take place when homeowners vacate a residence prior to a bank repossessing the property. With the home unoccupied the property often falls into disrepair and becomes a target for criminals, endangering home values throughout the neighborhood.

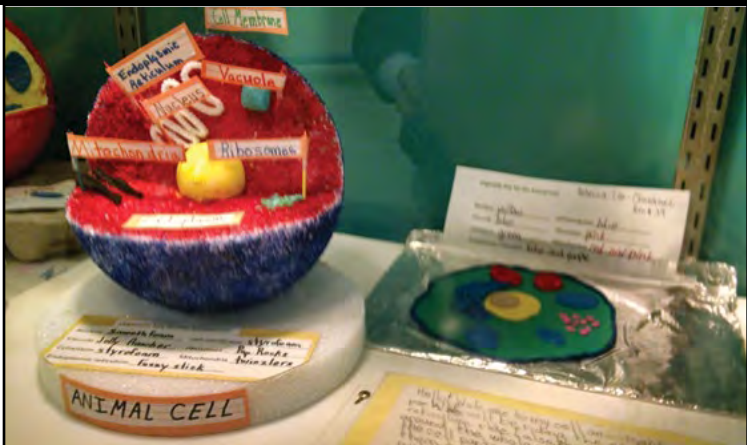
"I was proud to support the Hardest Hit Fund in Congress and am pleased that these funds are contributing to New Jersey's economy recover,"

said Pallone. "Thousands of New Jersey families suffered greatly during the great recession through no fault of their own and the Hardest Hit Fund will help ensure that more New Jerseyans can stay in their homes. A stable housing market is essential to the American Dream and we need to continue to work to make sure that home ownership is within reach for working families."

The latest funding brings the Hardest Hit Fund total assistance to \$9.6 billion for 18 states and the District of Columbia. New Jersey has received more than \$400 million in total as part of the program. For more information on the latest round of HHF funding information please refer to the Treasury HHF page.

Art Show/Parent Night Flynn School, Perth Amboy

*Photos by Katherine Massopust



Dr. Regina M. Postogna, Principal of Flynn School took some time from Flynn School's Parent Night/ Art Show to show some of the student's artwork. Art Teachers Cynthia Borghetti and Rolando Rosa pose with Dr. Postogna and some of the student's artwork.



Zumba
PERTH AMBOY - Starts Monday, April 4th. Monday - Thursdays 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Ages 18 & up, South Campus, 351 Mechanic St. Free of Charge.

Casino 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 5th. 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

Save the Date!
PERTH AMBOY – The Proprietary House (The Royal Governor's Mansion), 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy invites you to witness the Arrest of the Royal Governor, William Franklin, a dramatic re-enactment on Sunday, June 12, 2016 at 1 p.m. Admission is FREE for the day's special event. Donations are most welcome and will benefit the on-going restoration of the Proprietary House. Following the re-enactment until 4 p.m. FREE Tours of the Museum. Light Refreshments will be served. Gift Shop will be open.



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Ladies Auxiliary Post #4699

SAYREVILLE - The Ladies Auxiliary of Post #4699 will hold their monthly meeting on May 24, 2016 at 7 p.m. The meeting will consist of a short meeting; then there will be a memorial service for the deceased members of our auxiliary plus installation of new officers being installed this night. The meeting will be at Jernee Mill Road at the Post Home. For more info please call 732-264-3041.



Catholic Charities Connections Program

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one activities.

Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child's life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor.

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Reagan's Senior Appreciation Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - The Reagan's Senior Appreciation Pasta Dinner is on Sunday, May 22nd from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy. Free to Senior Citizens and hosted by PARO. Please RSVP by calling Sharon at 908-509-1742 or call for more info.



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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Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Library are having a used book sale on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at the Brighton Avenue Community Center, (Brighton Avenue and Sadowski Parkway) Hours: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Paperbacks - 50 Cents; Hard Cover Books - \$1.00; Any Size bag of books - \$5.00.

Memorial Day Parade

SOUTHAMBOY - The South Amboy Memorial Day Parade is Being Held on the Saturday Prior to Memorial Day Weekend to encourage participation by our citizens. Please Join Us As We Salute Our Servicemen And Women! All Veterans Are Invited To March With Us!! Are You South Amboy's Oldest Living Veteran? If You Think You Might Be, We Would Like You To Participate In Our Festivities! Call Phyllis at 732-347-4181. Parade Route: Line Up At Knights Of Columbus On 4th Street At 11 a.m. Proceed Down Stevens Ave.to John Street And Up Broadway to City Hall. American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62 Will Be Holding Memorial Visits At The Following Sites On Sunday, May 29th: Gazebo On Bordentown Ave. 9:00 a.m. Sharp

1. Christ Church Cemetery
2. Morgan Cemetery
3. Morgan Explosion Cemetery
4. Sacred Heart Cemetery
5. St. Mary's Cemetery
6. Ben Sabine Monument (At The Waterfront Park)
7. SA Boat Ramp
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9. American Legion Post 62

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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 4th, 2016. The time is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayreville-directly 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.

Arbor Day, Fink Park, Perth Amboy 4/23/16
*Photo by Paul W. Wang

Arbor Day in Fink Park. (L to R) Renee Skelton, William Kurtzenburger, Gary Rumpf and Junnel Hutchenson

Royal Rangers at the Kearny Cottage, Perth Amboy
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PERTH AMBOY - The Royal Rangers work on a Colonial Style Brick Walk for their project at the Kearny Cottage.


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Women Come Together to Make Prom a Bit More Magical for Young Girls in Perth Amboy

News Release 4/27/16
PERTH AMBOY - A rainbow of prom dresses will be on display at Brighton Avenue Community Center. This was possible due to the generosity of women throughout Perth Amboy and surrounding communities that committed themselves to fill the gaps for the school district's students who could not afford the high cost of prom dresses, in addition to all other senior year costs. Prom can be extremely expensive for students, with national spending averaging about \$978 per person. A large part of the overall cost can be a gown, along with all that accompanies the dress, such as shoes, jewelry, formal hair, nails, and make-up.

WISE (Women, Inspiring, Supporting and Empowering), a professional women's networking organization, partnered with D'Elegance Nail Spa to host their first annual Project Prom, putting out a call for gently-used evening gowns. On April 21st, racks at the local salon were filled with more than 80 dresses that ranged in styles, sizes and colors in addition to piles of shoes and accessories.

The next step was for founding members of WISE, Eridania Towns and Soverya Acosta, who are social workers at both the Perth Amboy High School

and Academy for Urban Leadership Charter High School, to identify young ladies from their prospective schools who can benefit from receiving a dress. This will offset the cost, which many of their families would otherwise not afford or strain to cover. The young ladies will be selected and invited to the Brighton Avenue Community Center on May 5th from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., to “shop – FOR FREE” from the racks of donated evening gowns, shoes and accessories. Women from WISE will volunteer as personal shoppers to assist the young girls in selecting the perfect dress, shoes, and accessories to make their prom night magical. In addition, D'Elegance Nail Spa and Professional Hair Salon will be making a few lucky girls even more glamorous by donating several gift certificates for prom hair-dos, nails and make overs.

“Unfortunately, not everyone has the means to enjoy these rites of passage, like prom, in response, we wanted to give less fortunate girls the same opportunities, said Tashilee Vazquez, also a founding member of WISE. “Many of us remember our parents’ struggle first hand, working overtime, or taking on extra gigs just to make our dreams of attending prom possible, or worst having to chose between prom cost

and the cost of college application, acceptance fees and preparing for moving into college. No one should have to make this choice.”

WISE would like to personally thank our partners and all those who donated or volunteered to make Project Prom a success. We will continue to accept dresses, shoes and accessories until May 3rd. If you have a donation, would like to volunteer to be a personal shopper during Project Prom or need additional information please email wise.cause@gmail.com.

About WISE
WISE is a group of professionals expanding options for the new generation of powerhouse women bred in Perth Amboy and in the surrounding community. Instead of seeking fun professional events elsewhere, the founders; Soverya Acosta, Yudelkis Hernadez, Fe Peterson, Nancy Rosario, Eridania Towns and Tashilee Vazquez, decided to offer them right here in Perth Amboy. Their motto: We are here; Women, Inspiring, Supporting, and Empowering one another, guides them when implementing activities, be it social networking, community service, or educational workshops. To connect and collaborate follow WISE on Instagram at wise.cause.



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CTIA & Pallone Announce “Wireless Network Resiliency Cooperative Framework” for Disasters and Emergencies Agreement Meets Wireless Resiliency Provisions in SANDy Act

News Release 4/27/16
WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06), senior Democrat on the Energy and Commerce Committee, and CTIA, together with wireless providers AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, U.S. Cellular and Verizon announced today the “Wireless Network Resiliency Cooperative Framework” [PDF] to share information and advance wireless network resiliency before, during and after disasters and emergencies.

Today’s agreement comes after ongoing discussions for five months between Pallone, FCC Chairman Wheeler and CTIA. The discussions began after Pallone introduced the Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act – or the SANDy Act, which improves the resiliency of the nation’s communications networks during disasters and emergencies.

ers have access to wireless service during an emergency even if their wireless network goes down.”

“I am pleased that CTIA and the wireless providers created a set of common-sense solutions to improve coordination and network recovery during disasters and emergencies. This Framework will benefit consumers and help limit the impact of future disasters, while avoiding unworkable and unnecessary mandates,” said CTIA President and CEO Meredith Attwell Baker. “I also commend Representative Pallone and Chairman Wheeler for their leadership, which will help keep Americans safe and connected during the next storm.”

“For millions of Americans, mobile devices have become the primary way to communicate. Consumers need confidence that wireless networks will be there when they need them the most,” said FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler. “I applaud Rep. Frank Pallone for keeping the spotlight on this issue and the wireless industry for stepping up for the needs of their customers by proposing voluntary solutions aimed at improving reliability when natural disasters and other emergencies strike.”

During and after Superstorm Sandy there was a major breakdown of telecommunications networks, including cellular and home telephones, television and internet services. This created a dangerous barrier to emergency response and recovery for residents and towns.

Pallone’s SANDy Act will be voted on by the Energy and Commerce Committee this week.

- Specifically, the Framework:
- Provides for reasonable arrangements for roaming during disasters when technically feasible;
 - Fosters mutual aid during emergencies;
 - Enhances local governments’ preparedness and restoration;
 - Increases consumer readiness and preparation; and
 - Improves public awareness and stakeholder communications on service and restoration status by providing public information on actual outages for given disasters or emergencies. “This agreement will save lives during major emergencies like Superstorm Sandy,” said Pallone. “I commend CTIA and the FCC for working with me to craft a comprehensive agreement that ensures consum-

Diocese of Metuchen Will Have a New Bishop May 3 Bishop-elect James F. Checchio, priest of the Diocese of Camden and former rector of Pontifical North American College in Rome, to be ordained and installed as fifth Bishop of Metuchen May 3

News Release 4/28/16
SOUTH PLAINFIELD – The Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen officially will welcome its new spiritual leader on May 3, when Bishop-elect James F. Checchio, 50, a priest of the Diocese of Camden, is ordained and installed as the fifth Bishop of Metuchen. Most recently, he served for ten years as rector of the Pontifical North American College, the American seminary in Rome. He succeeds Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski, 75, whose resignation from the pastoral care of the Diocese of Metuchen was accepted by Pope Francis on March 8.

On Tuesday, the Feast of Saints Philip and James, a Mass of Episcopal Ordination and Installation for Bishop-elect Checchio is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the Church of the Sacred Heart, 149 South Plainfield Ave. The worship site was selected for its size. Approximately 1,200 people are expected to attend, including cardinals, bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, religious brothers and sisters and laity representing each of the 90 parishes of the diocese, Catholic school communities, Catholic Charities, Saint Peter’s Healthcare System, and the Catholic Center at Rutgers. Due to lim-

ited seating at the Church, attendance is by ticket only.

The Most Reverend John J. Myers, Metropolitan Archbishop of Newark, will serve as the principal consecrator, also referred to as the ordaining bishop, at the Mass.

Co-consecrating bishops will be The Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, who has served as fourth bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen since April 2002, and The Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, who has served as eighth bishop of the Diocese of Camden since Feb. 2013. The homilist will be The Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, Apostolic Administrator and Archbishop-designate of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, who will formally be installed May 13.

The New Jersey bishops will be joined by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States from Oct. 19, 2011, to April 12, 2016, who represents Pope Francis; His Eminence Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, Archbishop-Emeritus of Washington, D.C. and the founding Bishop of Metuchen; His Eminence Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York; His Eminence Cardinal Edwin F. O’Brien, Grand Master of the

Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; His Eminence Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley, Archbishop of Boston; His Eminence Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles; His Eminence Cardinal William J. Levada, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; and The Most Reverend James Patrick Green, Apostolic Nuncio to Peru.

To allow for greater participation of the faithful, the Diocese of Metuchen, in concert with the Diocese of Brooklyn, will air a live satellite broadcast of the Mass on NET TV, EWTN and CatholicTV. It also will be streamed online as it happens on the above television websites, as well as the diocesan website at <http://diometuchen.org/ordination>. Live coverage will begin with a 1:30 p.m. procession leading up to the 2 p.m. liturgy. Following the Mass, a link to the recording will be posted on the diocesan website for on-demand viewing.

Established on Nov. 19, 1981 by Pope St. John Paul II, the Diocese of Metuchen is comprised of more than 640,000 Catholics, who live, work and worship in Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties.

Beach Blanket
Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy (732)727-7170 Presents Beach Blanket Bingo on Friday, May 22nd from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Admission: \$5.00 (Get 1 free Bingo card). All prizes donated by local businesses and companies. Proceeds to benefit the Army of Hope. Feel free to bring your own snacks! Complimentary Hot Dog Bar during intermission. Return of the Beach Ball Wheel of prizes and Ride the wave to the end for THE BIG KAHUNA BINGO!!!

Friends of
the Library
Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Wednesday, May 18 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.

Bombardment
of Perth Amboy
in 1776

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - On Monday, May 23, the Woodbridge Historical Association will present a film documentary produced by John Kerry Dyke, The British Bombardment of Perth Amboy in 1776, as well as a discussion of the patriots' defense led by Donald Johnstone Peck. The program will begin at 7pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Main Library at 1 George Frederick Plaza and Route 35. The program is free to the public.

This documentary is based upon eyewitness accounts that unfolded during the tumultuous latter half of 1776 in the colonial capital of Perth Amboy. It recaptures the long forgotten saga of the last royal capital in New Jersey through period images, 18th century music and reenactors.

John Kerry Dyke has made several historical documentaries of Perth Amboy. Donald Peck is the author of numerous books, monographs and published articles on eighteenth century history of Middlesex County and New Jersey. He is a trustee of the League of New Jersey Historical Societies and the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township. Mr. Peck also is a past president of the Raritan-Millstone Heritage Alliance, Somerset and the Proprietary House Association of Perth Amboy as well as an active member in numerous historical organizations.

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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.*

Fighting around Tobruk, Libya, continues on May 2, 1941. A large Iraqi ground force attacks the British airfield at Habbaniyah, Iraq, about 55 miles west of Baghdad. The base houses around 80 obsolescent planes, used mainly for training, and has only a small contingent of ground troops for defense. Despite their unsuitability and age, the planes are launched and used against the Iraqis with some success. Several skirmishes occur closer to the Persian Gulf, especially at Basra, where rioting breaks out among the civilian population.

In East Africa on May 3, British Commonwealth forces attack very strong Italian positions at Amba Alagi, Ethiopia. The Italian lines guard mountain passes on the road between the capitals Asmara, Eritrea, and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Defenders are dug into many caves on the sides of the steep hills. In North Africa, Australian troops launch a counterattack from Tobruk, Libya, but it is repulsed by Italian forces.

On May 4 Lt. Gen. Rommel halts his attacks on Tobruk and instead lays siege to the city. Both sides adopt a strategy of sending out offensive night patrols to discourage rest. An airfield at Mosul, Iraq, staffed by a small German force, is bombed by the RAF. The base has been supplying the Iraqis with provisions and armaments from Syria with the cooperation of Vichy French authorities in that country. At Amba Alagi, the 29th Indian Division drives the Italians off three hills in the western portion of their positions.

Emperor Haile Selassie returns to his capital, Addis Ababa, taken from the Italians, on May 5. At Amba Alagi, the Italians are being pushed out of the center of their defensive positions. At Tobruk, a Royal Navy destroyer slips into the city's harbor overnight, delivering needed supplies and taking away wounded Allied defenders. Two destroyers will alternate on this mission and, roughly weekly, reinforcements will be brought in and the wounded evacuated.

The British attempt to run a convoy of five transports carrying supplies and tanks to Egypt for use in an offensive in the desert. On May 6, the convoy, code-named "Operation Tiger," passes Gibraltar and is ultimately joined by an escort of two battleships, an aircraft carrier, four cruisers and 13 destroyers. In Iraq, the British consolidate their hold on the Habbaniyah airfield, pushing the Iraqis toward Fallujah, nearer Baghdad. In the U.S., at March Field, a U.S. Army Air Corps base in Riverside, California, actor-comedian Bob Hope puts on his first USO show.

On May 7, the Royal Navy destroyer *HMS Somali* intercepts the German weather trawler *München* off Iceland. Before British sailors can board her, the German crew throws an ultra-secret Enigma signal-coding machine overboard in a weighted bag. However, they do not have time before boarders arrive to destroy operating manuals for the Enigma and code books, all of which will prove invaluable to Allied code-breakers. To deceive the Germans about the operation's success, Somali sends a clear (i.e., uncoded) message that *München* was scuttled by its crew before a boarding party could be sent over. In northern China, the Battle of South Shanxi begins between Japanese and Chinese forces. The fighting ends 20 days later in an overwhelming Japanese victory. Although the Japanese lose over 20,000 troops, the Chinese lose over 100,000.

Italian planes on May 8 attack the British "Operation Tiger" convoy heading for Egypt but are fended off by British carrier aircraft. In Ethiopia, the fighting continues around Amba Alagi, with Indian troops taking a pass and three small hills south of the city. The British heavy cruiser *HMS Cornwall* finds and sinks the German commerce raider *Pinguin*, an auxiliary cruiser, near the Seychelles, in the Indian Ocean around 930 miles east of Africa. *Pinguin* had captured or sunk 28 Allied ships totaling 136,550 tons during its 357-day voyage.



HMS Somali

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

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.

Digital Café
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

Spring Flower Fair 2016
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Superhero Breakfast
WOODBIDGE - Come meet Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman and Spiderman! Have fun in our new "BOUNCE HOUSE!" As you enjoy your breakfast, you will be visited by the Super Heroes! Sunday, May 15, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet: Eggs Sausage and Bacon Cold Cereal French Toast Sticks Coffee and Tea Milk and Juice. Reservations should be made in advance! Register early! Call 732-596-4103 to purchase tickets. Price includes Buffet Breakfast and Bounce House Admission. Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street Woodbridge. For more info call 732-596-4103 www.njwcc.com.

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 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

Pet of the Week

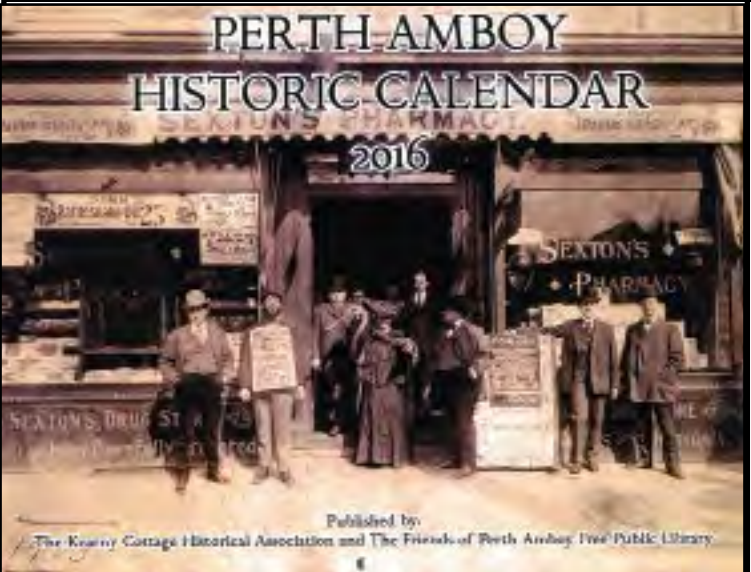


This is Riley. She is my Granddog. She is always smiling and loves to play with her sisters in my yard. JoAnn

Have a Special Pet?
Email us your Pet Photos to Amboy-Guardian@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.

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.

2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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

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.

Blood Drive
WOODBIDGE – Woodbridge Municipal Blood Drive, Wednesday, May 11, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1 Main St., Woodbridge Chamber Rooms. Donor Guidelines: Weigh at least 110 lbs.; eat before donation; bring ID.

Little Scientists
SOUTH AMBOY - Little Scientists Mondays 12/4 & 12/18 - Little Magformers; 12/11 & 12/25 - Play-Doh at 1:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Ages 3-5 yrs. For more info call 732-721-6060.

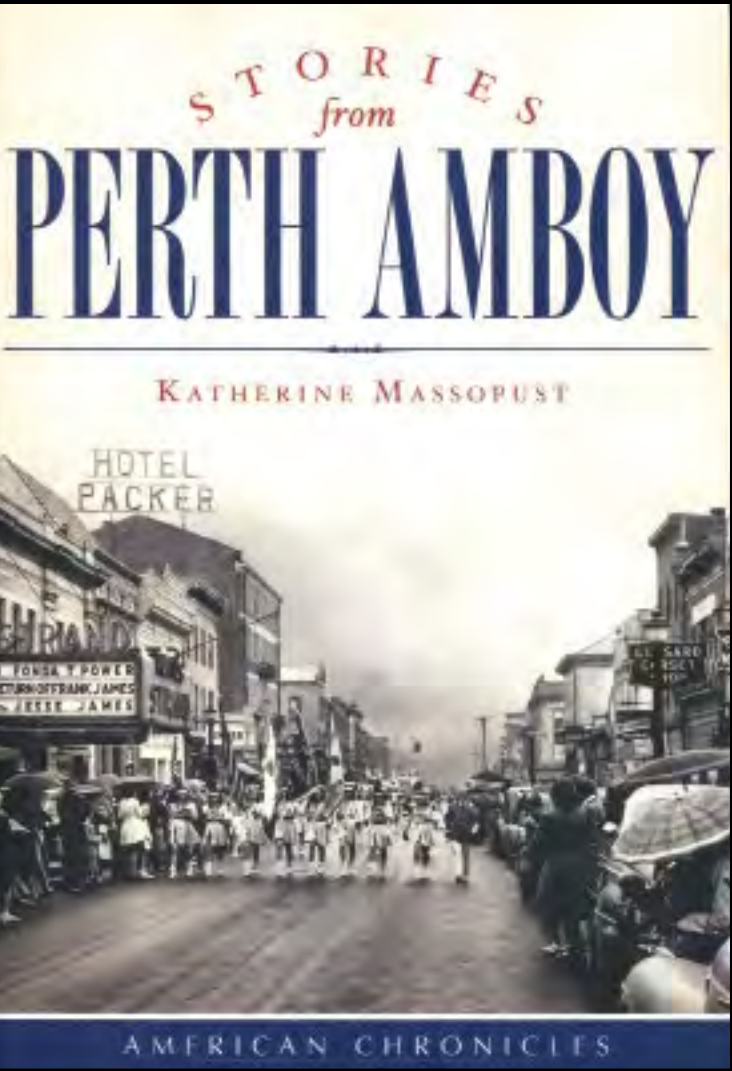
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Happenings

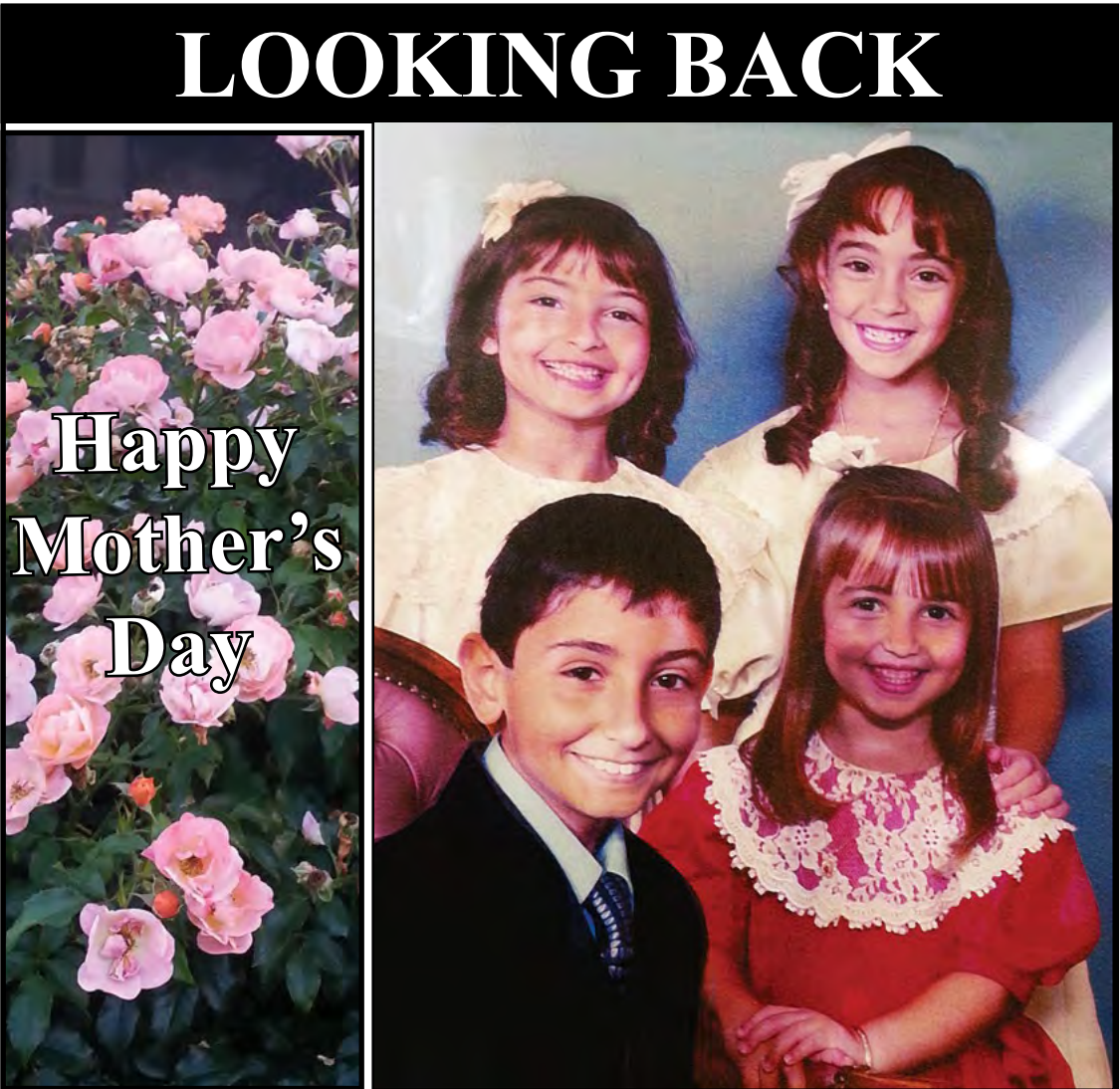
- Perth Amboy**
WED. May 4 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. May 5 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. May 9 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. May 10 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. May 11 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
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MON. May 2 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Camilla's, Sayreville.
WED. May 11 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. May 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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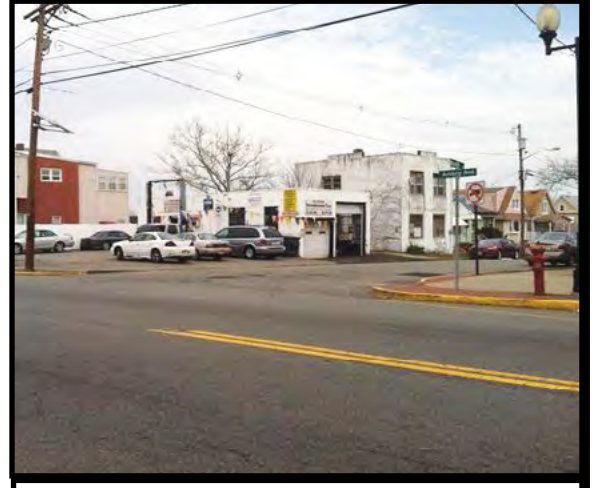
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