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Commercial Development Company, Inc. Announces Additional Demolition at the Former ASARCO Site in Perth Amboy, NJ

News Release 6/13/16

PERTH AMBOY – Commercial Development Company Inc. (CDC) conducted a demolition today for an additional building at the former ASARCO site in Perth Amboy, NJ. Building 2 will have been razed to clear the way for phase 2 of the “Bridgeport Logistic Center”.

Demolition of Building 2 at 1160 State Street was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2016. Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz was joined by PARA board members, and other city officials and Steve Collins and representatives of Commercial Development.

“As we continue the demolition phase of this project, we move one step closer to transforming this blighted manufacturing site into a productive asset for the community,” said Steve Collins, Executive Vice President at Commercial Development Company, Inc.

This large demolition project has been ongoing since April 2015 and will raze 13 structures totaling an area of 253,270 square feet. ENRC LLC, a New Jersey-based company with over 25 years’ experience in demolition and environmental remediation services, is performing asbestos abatement and demolition.

CDC has been preparing for new development since it acquired the site in 2009. CDC is partnering with Bridge Development Partners, LLC to construct two industrial buildings totaling over one million square feet. Construction will begin in 2017.

“Perth Amboy’s geographically bounded by the Raritan River, Arthur Kill, and Raritan Bay provides port access to the Atlantic Ocean for national and international marine traffic, most notably the Port of New York and New Jersey,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz. “Because of the location, this renewed



Architect's rendering of E-port Logistics Center



ASARCO Building #2 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Interior of ASARCO Building #2

property investment with Bridge and Commercial Development will boost our local economy and develop business opportunities in the area within the next 18-24 months.” The City of Perth Amboy’s Redevelopment Agency and the administration played a critical role in moving this project

forward with executing secure redevelopment agreements, and overseeing execution of the project. The “Bridgeport Logistics Center” plan proposes to transform the industrial area of Perth Amboy’s historic waterfront from a contaminat-

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Mayor Fred Henry Urges Leaders for Stricter Gun Control

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - Mayor Fred Henry took a stand against gun violence at last week’s South Amboy city council meeting in the wake of the recent tragedy in Orlando.

49 people were killed and another 50 were wounded on June 12th when Omar Mateen, 29, opened fire in a crowded gay nightclub in Orlando. Mateen used a Sig Sauer MCX semi-automatic assault rifle that he purchased at a gun store in Florida.

“A six ounce bottle of water...a snow globe...a four ounce tube of facial cream... these are very simple items that are banned on planes yet you can buy a military assault rifle such as the one used last week to kill 49 innocent people in Orlando,” Mayor Henry said.

“Why can’t congress pass a ban on such weapons whose only purpose is to kill people and to kill them at a shocking rate?” he asked. “Why can’t congress pass laws for reasonable background checks? How many massacres must happen before meaningful laws are enacted?”

“Nobody is trying to abolish the 2nd amendment, we have the right to own guns, but only the military and the police need assault weapons, not ordinary citizens and worse yet,



Mayor Fred Henry

terrorists,” he continued. “This is a weapon whose design is to kill on a mass scale.”

“Our hearts go out to the families in Orlando and the other places where tragedies have taken place,” he concluded. “We may never totally end these killings, but we don’t have to make it so easy to get these type of weapons. Congress, it’s way past time to act. Do your job and protect the people.”

Resident Barbara Paster-nack praised Mayor Henry for his speech and wondered if it could be turned into a petition.

“We need to get in touch with our congressman and let them know how we feel,” Mayor Henry said.

Donald Applegate was not in attendance. The next city council meeting will be held on July 13th at 7:00 p.m.

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**PA-AFT Demonstrates; Students Perform;
Student Athletes Honored; Meritorious Student
Awards; Academic Programs Highlighted;
Public Portion Starts; Power Goes Out
6/16/16 Board of Education Meeting**

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – For the third month in a row, the Perth Amboy Federation demonstrated in front of Perth Amboy High School before the 6/16/16 Board of Education Meeting. Many Union Members continued to shout out during the demonstration the need for a contract. Many union members stated that they are finding it increasing difficult to pay their bills and keeping ends meet; some said they are going more and more into debt.

Mayor Wilda Diaz was present at the demonstration offering her support to the PA-AFT calling for a resolution to the contract situation between the Union and the Board of Education.

Again, for the third month in a row, PA-AFT Members marched into the PAHS Auditorium shouting their demands for a contract and their disgruntled feelings with the Board of Education.

There were four presentations at the Board of Education Meeting. First was a performance by “Kids-in-Concert: Shull and Wilentz School Students.” The students played in a Mariachi Style Band to snappy Mexican themed tunes. “Not only did Perth Amboy win – they opened the show!” stated Wilentz School Principal R.L. Anderson. Anderson thanked the parents, teachers and stu-

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Teachers Demonstrate in front of PAHS before the 6/16/16 Board of Education Meeting
**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



Students from Shull and McGinnis School perform in Mariachi themed music for Kids-in-Concert They opened the show and won..



Student Athletes were recognized



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

It Was Jarring

A lot of radio station I listen to are located in New York. One of these radio stations is in the Wall Street District. They’ll often talk about homeless people who are sleeping practically on the doorstep of their building.

I used to go to New York quite often, but I haven’t been there walking the streets of Manhattan in a while. This past weekend, I went to a seminar that was located on the east side of Madison Avenue, NY. As I was walking, I was stunned at the people sleeping near the entrances or on the curbs of these beautiful buildings who have housed a lot of corporate businesses. In the past you would never see the homeless sleeping on the east side of Manhattan. How times have changed!

There was one woman that I noticed on the sidewalk that had a sign, “Homeless Vet.” Let’s face it anybody can put anything on a sign, but I took the sign as her word as I put a couple of dollars in a small tin can she had next to her. I whispered to her, “God bless you.” She smiled and thanked me for my small donation.

When I think of some of the crazy things that politicians in New York were concerned with such as what size soda a person can buy or the amount of trans-fat in your hamburger, it’s embarrassing.

People may be cynical because there have been exposés where there were people who were begging on the streets were actually not homeless, but that is a very, very small percentage. When you were actually in the hot sun sleeping on dirty blankets, sometimes near garbage cans, you know those people are not there by choice.

At the seminar I attended, a college professor spoke about work that she does in the poor sections of Newark, NJ. She goes into blighted areas where there is little recreation for the people that live there. These areas also had a very high crime rate. There empty lots strewn with garbage. She along with other volunteers will convert those empty lots into playgrounds and sometimes planting vegetables there also.

It takes about \$2,000 to convert

each lot, but doing so brings a lot of pride and reduction of crime to these neighborhoods. Some of the material that they use to convert these lots were old tires.

This college professor showed a short video of these lots before and after they were renovated and how the crime stats went down after the conversion.

In the past when I used to go into Manhattan I would go into different neighborhoods and remember seeing these small community gardens that anyone could access. I know that I talked to the homeless before, but seeing them in person like this was very disturbing for me who has a roof over my head every single day, I can’t imagine what it’s like for someone living on the streets. I am also very aware of the homeless that we have here, too locally. This can’t be denied.

Frankly, I’m tired of all of the bickering between the politicians running for office, locally and nationally.

Immigrants have always been welcome in the United States and even though they came from other countries, it was important for them to become citizens. They knew by doing this that they would get privileges and opportunities to better themselves.

When I hear people say that certain immigrants are targeted because of who they are and where they come from, all I know that there are a lot of organizations that are protecting their rights as non-citizens.

On some of these talk shows people have called in and talked about their relatives who came to America many years ago and had to actually carry and show identification to show they were here legally. Guess what? They didn’t have large organizations protecting them like we have now.

When you know as a non-citizen that you can get a lot of privileges that others could not that came before you, what incentive will they have to become an American Citizen?

Politicians no matter what party they belong to have to make sure that you take care of your citizens first. They are the ones who put you in office. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

June 14, 2016

Charles Moe
Chairman American Legion
Post# 45
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Dear Mr. Moe

I want to sincerely apologize to you and the members of the American Legion for a miscommunication that occurred this past Memorial Day.

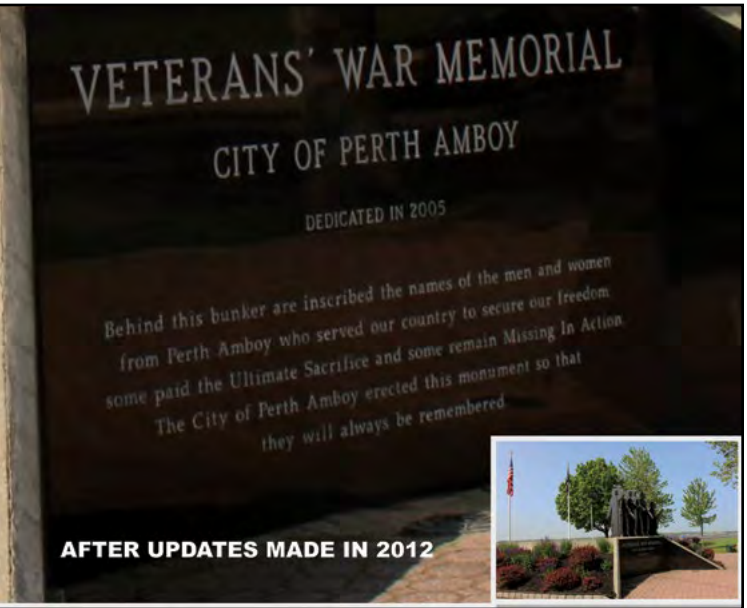
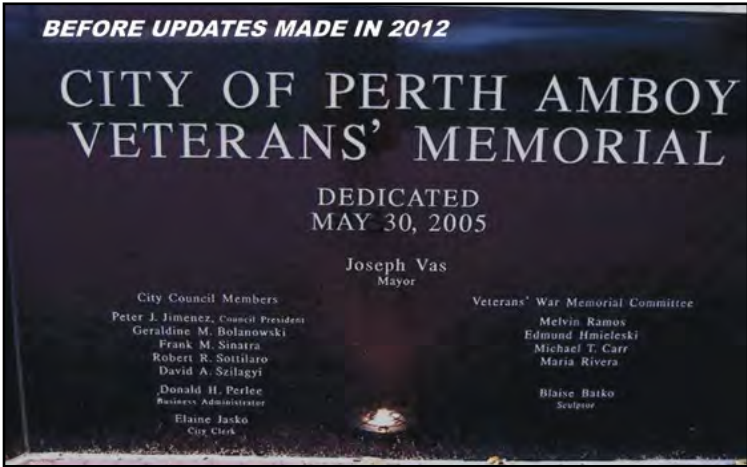
It was unfortunate that inclement weather changed our initial plans of having an annual parade and ceremony outdoors. However, when changes such as these occur, our organizations are contacted and notified of the alternative plans. It has come to my attention through your letter published in the Amboy Guardian today that the American Legion was not properly notified of the changes.

As you know, our outreach and partnerships annually for both our Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies have always highlighted the appreciation we have for our community and the members of the military.

I am pleased to say that in the past, both the late Judge Joseph Deegan and Ed Hmielecki were honored and the Deegan family each and every year joins us at our Memorial Day ceremony and they were present again this year.

Our 2016 Grand Marshal and honored veteran was Corporal John “Rocky” DeNardo of the US Marine Corps., a well-respected resident of our community. It is important to know that we do not control the message of our speakers, especially those of our veterans, not in length and not in content.

I also want to make it clear that in my 8 years as Mayor, I have never politicized an event that honors our service men and women. In fact, as a request



from some of our veterans, we took the initiative to remove all the elected official’s names from the face of the Veterans War Memorial on Sadowski Parkway in 2012.

On a personal note, many members of my family are members of the military, including my own son, who will be going on his second tour overseas. I cannot express to you how strongly I feel and respect our military men and women.

Year after year, we join together as a community on Veterans Day, Memorial Day and have contributed to updating our monuments to consistently and specifically honor and pay respect to those who have given their time, and even some their lives for our country. Additionally, we recently opened a sat-

ellite Veteran Center that offers counseling for combat veterans at our Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, because I personally understand the need for this service.

On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy, I once again sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this caused you and the members of the American Legion. I look forward to our continued partnership.

Respectfully,

Wilda Diaz, Mayor
City of Perth Amboy

cc: Adam Cruz, Business Administrator
Council President and Council Members

Correct Verbiage

A recent letter used the nebulous phrase “assault weapons” when they might have meant the undefined phrase “assault rifle”. Any weapon can be used for assault, even a rock. If that writer read his Bible, he would learn about Cain and Abel.

US Supreme Court decision around 1935 affirmed the natural right of people to own military weapons by striking down

a challenge to a law that banned sawed-off shotguns (not a military weapon). A weapon sold to civilians that used the same ammunition as the military has benefits for any supplier and their customers (“one size fits all”). Beware of liars and their one-sided arguments.

Some claim “profiling” will stop terrorists. That would be nice as long as it was reliable. A profile by itself is not proof of a criminal act. There was a movie (“Rendition”) about a man im-

prisoned without a trial because his cell phone was called by a foreign terrorist. Those who get a cell phone may get calls from those who really want the previous owner of that number.

Is there something morally or mentally wrong with those who want to deprive people of their rights? Don’t they also want more regressive and oppressive taxes on people too? Of course they will deny it.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

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Willow Pond Village Grand Opening, 601 Chamberlain Ave. Perth Amboy 6/3/16

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Interior of one of the apartments

Willow Pond Village Grand Opening

By: Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY - On 6/9/16 the Willow Pond Village announced its grand openings. The former site of Delaney Homes on Chamberlain Avenue have not been used since victims of Hurricane Katrina briefly resided there until they found a new home. 15.6 acres of land was turned into affordable housing.

At the ribbon cutting of the new apartment complex, Executive Director of the Housing Authority Doug Dzema spoke, “A number of meetings were held. In 2011 the redevelopment plan called for 84 units of affordable housing in the Parkview Apartments (New Brunswick Avenue) It was decided to build a family development to compliment the Parkview Apartments. The Ingerman Group was chosen to build affordable housing on the Delaney Homes property. The Board of Commissioners decided the need for a new high school was more important than the financial gain from building more apartments (on the remaining 11.9 acres) The new high school will be soon getting underway. The Willow Pond complex offers 70 units of a family complex and a state of the art facility. This City is a better place to call home. I want to thank the new residents. The development is a beautiful place.”

Anthony Marchetta, Executive Director HMFA spoke, “In New Jersey affordable housing puts a 9% tax credit for federal low income housing tax credits. After Sandy, the State of NJ provided relief. We needed good team players. I grew up in Middlesex County. This project will help integrate the community. There is economic development here.”

Housing Authority Chair Dorothy Dainiel spoke, “This is an important day on so many levels. Today we can say we are successful. Thanks to everyone. Doug Dzema started working when he was 18 years old. What he does is tremendous. I was blessed to find a wizard in that man. He makes things better. He is dedicated to his job. He is a true gentle soul. I’ve been here for 33 years (on the housing authority). We have the best staff in the county. People don’t know what public housing has done for the City. Many people grew up in public housing. It was a community. It was the best place to grow up. We were accountable to each other. I left the door open and nobody took anything. A lot of good has come from public housing.”

Daniel presented the sign taken from Sofield Avenue to Burt and Emma who lived on that street.

The attendees watched as Mayor Diaz cut the ribbon and Chaplain Gregory Pabon blessed the food. Commemorative bricks were given out.

NY/NJ Officials Call On Port Authority to Commence Work on Outerbridge Expansion Planning

**Photos by Joe Bayona*



Mayor Wilda Diaz reads a statement calling for the Port Authority of NY and NJ to do an environmental impact study for the improvement and expansion of the Outer Bridge.



Assemblyman John Wisniewski chairman of the Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee.



Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano explains the need for the improvements from an emergency services prospective.

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - Local elected officials of New York and New Jersey gathered once more to reiterate the need for structural updates to the Outerbridge Crossing, a concern that was first made public in Staten Island, NY on April 20th.

They highlighted the need for major improvements to the Outerbridge Crossing, and again calling on the Port Authority to commence an Environmental Impact Study for the potential project.

Mayor Wilda Diaz was joined by Assemblyman John Wisniewski of the 19th New Jersey Legislative District; Chief of Staff, Joe Shikhman of Assemblyman-Elect Ron Castorina's Office; and Deputy Chief Lawrence Cattano of the Perth Amboy Police Department.

NJ Clean Communities Council Gives "Education Award" to Perth Amboy Recycling Coordinator

**Photo Submitted*

News Release 6/15/16

PERTH AMBOY – Geri Barcheski, the Recycling Coordinator of the Department of Public Works in Perth Amboy, has received the "Education Award" from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) for teaching city students about the importance of taking care of our environment and community.

Barcheski appeared as a speaker in the city's School Based Youth Services Program (SBYSB) on this past Earth Day, April 22. SBYSB provides necessary skills and information for students to succeed in careers and continuing education. Multiple litter cleanups occurred in Perth Amboy following the Earth Day event.

"I love to help inform people, especially the younger generations, about the importance of proper management of our communities and environment. Our youth are the future. If we

teach them now how important it is to take care of our community, that knowledge will be with them forever because a lesson learned in childhood lasts a lifetime," Barcheski said.

In the past, Barcheski has worked with city schools, such as the Robert M. Wilentz Elementary School on First Street, to help teach children about the importance of recycling through the "Green and Clean Community Program." Barcheski believes youth are the critical demographic to be taught these lessons; young people are quick to absorb the information and relay it home to their families, she said.

"Ms. Barcheski is extremely dedicated to educating everyone about the importance of keeping our communities clean, and by extension, our environment. She does an amazing job," said NJCCC Executive Director Sandy Huber.

The New Jersey Clean Communities Council is a comprehensive, statewide litter-abatement program that has served New Jersey residents and visitors for more than 25 years. Learn more about the New Jersey Clean Communities Council at njcclean.org.



Geri Barcheski accepts the "Education Award" from NJCCC President Patrick Ryan.

Perth Amboy BID Honors Yvonne Lopez, former BID Board Member

**Photo Submitted by Perth Amboy BID*



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Yvonne Lopez (center of photo), CEO and executive director of the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD), was honored for her years serving on the Perth Amboy's Business Improvement District (BID) board. Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz presented a plaque of appreciation to Ms. Lopez for efforts assisting the City's local businesses and many communities. The ceremony took place during the BID's networking event and business card exchange held at Seabra's Armory Restaurant last week. More than 75 business owners and entrepreneurs attended the program that featured a presentation about low-cost commercial loans available from the UCEDC, a nonprofit economic development organization. Shown in the photo from left to right are BID Chairman Barry Rosengarten, CEO Yvonne Lopez of PRAHD, Inc., Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, and BID's Executive Director Roxana Troche.

BID Member Wins Artwork Concert

**Photo Submitted by Perth Amboy BID*



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Kathy Shaw, vice president of Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau, (center of photo) won the drawing for an original artwork titled "Blue Jazz" during the Perth Amboy Business Improvement District's (BID) recent networking event and business card exchange. The painting was created by artist Jose Troche. The BID's event was held at Seabra's Armory Restaurant and drew 75 business owners and entrepreneurs. The UCEDC, a nonprofit economic development organization, presented a program about its low-cost commercial loans for small and mid-size businesses. Shown in the photo from left to right are BID Chairman Barry Rosengarten, BID Director Junel Hutchinson, who organized the evening; V.P. Kathy Shaw, Middlesex County Chamber; Jose Troche, the artist; BID Director Gary Rumpf, Gustav J. Novak Funeral Home; and BID Executive Director Roxana Troche.



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PERTH AMBOY/SOUTH AMBOY - The "Celebrate our Stars & Stripes" fireworks display over Raritan Bay on July 1st and the festivities along the waterfront in Perth Amboy and South Amboy are just ten days away. Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, and "Celebrate" Chairman Barry Rosengarten remind companies, organizations and individuals that there's still time make donations to New Jersey's biggest fireworks spectacular during Independence Day weekend. Visit the "Celebrate our Stars & Stripes" website (<http://www.celebratestarsandstripes.com/>) to donate online or mail contributions that are payable to CPA-Celebrate our Stars & Stripes, 211 Front Street, Perth Amboy, N.J. 08861.

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ASARCO Demolition

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ed Brownfield site into a new state-of-the-art industrial complex.

The Bridgeport Logistics Center (190 total acres) is located north of the 440 Outerbridge Crossing connecting Staten Island and the New Jersey Turnpike. It also borders the Arthur Kill, a major navigational channel for the Port of New York and Newark, NJ. Given its strategic location along the I-95 corridor, the site is a prime candidate for redevelopment.

For 80 years, this industrial site was a smelting and refining facility owned and operated by ASARCO (American Smelting and Refining Company). Since closing its doors in 1979, long-term tenants and environmental hazards prohibited redevelopment of the site. CDC acquired the site in a bankruptcy sale and assumed responsibility for onsite clean-up of environmental liabilities.



City Officials with representatives from Commercial Development Company, Inc.,



Mayor Diaz does the honors of the first demolition



Everyone present poses for a photo



Building #2 comes down

6/16/16 Board of Education Meeting

**Continued From Page 2*
dents for their support and for a great performance. These students performed on Friday, March 11, 2016. Perth Amboy Students from Shull and Wilentz School participated in the Kids-in-Concert event in Long Branch High School, which is a state-of-the-art school facility for performing arts. From www.edlawcenter.org: *Education Law Center's (ELC) annual Kids in Concert (KIC) event is in its eighteenth year; KIC is a unique concert experience that exposes students of all*

ages and abilities to the performing arts. KIC is designed to provide students in New Jersey's high need school districts the opportunity to develop and perform on one stage. Since 1997, ELC has partnered with the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) to present KIC to celebrate the extraordinary talents of New Jersey's public school students. Under the supervision of a professional artistic director, students in Kindergarten through 12th grade are chosen to perform original pieces based on a pre-selected theme.

The next presentation was Student Athletes by PAHS Athletic Director Nephtaly Cardona. These Students were honored for their academic excellence, community service and athletic prowess.

Robert Dahill highlighted students that were awarded the Meritorious Student Awards. These Students were honored by the Consulate General of the Dominican Republic. Two parents: Daniel and Sandra Rosa, and teacher, Raymond Ortiz were also given this award:

The final presentation was a film on Academic Programs for the 2016-2017 school year given by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez.

During the public portion, Student Stephanie Rodriguez came up to speak. She noted that the Board of Education is in negotiation with Superintendent Dr. David Roman for a new contract. She stated that the Board should negotiate with the Union for a contract first receiving loud applause from the Union members in the audience.

Robotics Teacher Gary Signor stated his sentiments about the contract situation, "There were two student teachers that were mentored by two of our staff. They got jobs in other school districts (outside of Perth Amboy) with higher salaries than their mentors. Presently, I don't see 56% of my gross pay. I live in a small one room apartment. I buy many of the supplies for the students. I have accumu-



Meritorious Students, Parents, Teacher Honored

lated over \$5,000 in debt."

PA-AFT president Pat Paradiso spoke next. She wanted to see the copies of contracts for Superintendent Dr. David Roman. The Board attorney stated, "These contracts are still in negotiation. When they are finalized, they will be available."

A parent came up to speak, "Tutoring in the morning has helped my son's reading scores. Kids need time and a chance to be children. Parents need in school to work with them. At least 25 parents are willing to transport their children to keep the tutoring at 7:30 a.m. I do support the teachers. If we take care of them, they will be able to help you."

Another parent came up to speak about the Dual Language Academy. She spoke in both English and Spanish, "The Dual Language Academy has to go. Those students need ESL – not dual language. For you to be fluent, you need to be first fluent in Spanish. It is in approximately 5th Grade - not in 1st Grade that the brain

is ready for this. You need to read and write. My son wants to leave and is stressed. He's worried about the teachers. I'm a substitute teacher. I want to know what's going on. In the election (this November) you are going to be out and the Superintendent with you!"

Next to speak was Linda Nagy who pointed out that a NP (Nurse Practitioner) is not the same as a RN (Registered Nurse).

Then the power went out (it was approximately 7:15 p.m.) in the High School and everyone was told to leave the building. The crowd waited outside for over an hour. According to a PSEG Spokeswoman PSEG was called at 9:00 p.m. and arrived at 9:30 p.m. She stated that a main breaker had tripped in the school. PSEG reset the breaker and power was restored. She stated that an electrician is needed to determine the reason the breaker tripped.

The Board of Education Meeting was postponed until Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at PAHS.

Torch Run for Special Olympics 6/10/16

**Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*



PERTH AMBOY - NJ Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics went through Smith Street on Friday, June 10th in the late afternoon.

Attend Public Meetings
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Serving ALL People of Perth Amboy Slate Introduces Its Candidates and Announces its Intention to Run Miguel Nunez for Mayor; Virginia Lugo and Miriam Quiles for City Council

Press Release 6/15/16
PERTH AMBOY - Mr. Miguel Nunez, four decade Perth Amboy resident and business owner will announce his intention to become the next Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy on Friday, June 17th, 7:00 PM, at El Classico Restaurant, 233 New Brunswick Avenue (Parking and Entrance by Fayette Street). Mr. Nunez, will be flanked for this announcement by his slate teammates, local business owner, Virginia Lugo, and corporate executive, Miriam Quiles.

Referring to the campaign's name, Mr. Nunez said, "Serving ALL People is a clear message of our team's focus and attention. The incumbent politicians of Perth Amboy have long forgotten that holding elected office is about service to the people. Not serving your own interests, nor the interests of a small group of insiders, but ALL the people. It is time to give back to the city that I love."

Candidate for City Council, Ms. Virginia Lugo, owner and operator of Access Title, LLC on State Street stated, "My call to serve the city started with my tenures on the Perth Amboy BID (Business Improvement District), the Kiwanis,

Salvation Army, and PRAHD (Puerto Rican Association for Human Development) boards. It has always been a desire of mine to give back to the community in every way I can. To improve our city as a whole we need to revitalize our business district, stimulate the economy of our city, and decrease property taxes while increasing our property values. My goal in this campaign is to shine a spotlight on fraud and waste in our local government so we can affect REAL change for the benefit of all."

Miriam Quiles, business woman, resident, mother, and concerned citizen stated, "I am a regular citizen who has worked hard and paid my taxes faithfully. Other communi-



Group Photo *Photo by Gabriel Pena

ties have grown, while our city has been allowed to run itself down, with crumbling infrastructure and rampant crime. If regular citizens like me don't stand up, who will? I want to help rebuild this beautiful city

and serve ALL the people in our community."

Mr. Nunez emphatically stated, "This will be a grass roots campaign, focused on listening to the people and centered on real issues. We have seen on

the national stage that people are fed up with politics as usual. As they rightly should be. On the local level, we want ALL the people of Perth Amboy to stand with us and shout 'Enough!'"

Police Promotions City Hall, Perth Amboy 6/9/16

*Photos by Bob Ned



PERTH AMBOY - Congratulations to new Police Officers: Raymond Arce, Johnathan A. Soto, Luis E. Marte and Jarrod Reynolds.



Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE- Tuesdays from May 10th - Sept. 27th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot) Weather Permitting. Trophy's Awarded + 1 Cancer Trophy Award. For More info: Call 732-585-7365

2nd Annual Shoes 4 L.O.V.E. Shoe Drive

PERTH AMBOY - 2nd Annual Shoes 4 L.O.V.E. Shoe Drive June 6th - August 8th Drop Off Location: Sneaker Ferry 156 Smith Street, Perth Amboy. Sneaker Ferry & Love Only Veins Eternity will be hosting their 2nd Annual Shoe Drive in partnership with the non-profit organization, Soles 4 Souls. Donate lightly-worn shoes that you don't use anymore! Shoes will be donated to underprivileged children and families in Coast Rica, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Jamaica, Philippines. "LIVE OUT THE MISSION" & DONATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE Follow us on Instagram for updates and more information @spreadlove_3 @sneakerferry @soles4souls

Down by the Seashore: Sewaren

WOODBIDGE - Schedule too busy for a visit to the Jersey shore? On June 27, join the Historical Association at their monthly meeting for a trip down memory lane when we visit Sewaren of Woodbridge which was considered the Jersey seashore at the turn of the twentieth century. Because of its proximity to New York City and access to various modes of transportation-ferry, steamboat, train and trolley, Sewaren became a major tourist attraction at the end of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This program is based on extensive research of the Historic Preservation Commission which was included in its award winning brochure-Historic Walking Tour of Woodbridge Volume IV, Sewaren: Down By the Seashore.

The power point presentation and discussion begins at 7pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Main Library. The Woodbridge Main Library is located on Route 35/Amboy Avenue and George Frederick Plaza.



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SOUTH AMBOY – Monday, June 27, 2016 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library located adjacent to South Amby High School. For more info: call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org

Andes Festival 6/25/16

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy's 11th Annual Festival de los Andes will feature artists in traditional costumes performing music and folk dances during the event that runs from noon to 5 PM on Saturday, June 25 at Madison Avenue and Smith Street in the City's downtown. Seven groups performers representing the culture of Andes Region include: Argentina, Alfredo Caravajal Trio, musicians; Chile: Raices Chilenas, music, singing and dance; Columbia, Orquidea de Oro dancers; Ecuador: Balcon Andino, dancers; Peru: Sumac Punchau musicians; and Patricio Batallas, sound and music for countries across South American. Shown in the photo is a dancer from Orquidea de Oro, who perform Columbian dances. For more information, visit Festival de los Andes Facebook page.





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Elks Flag Day, South Amboy 6/12/16
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Elks Flag Day Ceremony Sunday June 12th. Officers, Boy Scout Troop 95 and South Amboy/Sayreville Girl Scouts and Brownies

Flag Retirement Ceremony, South Amboy 6/14/16
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American Legion Post 62 in conjunction with Boy Scout Troop 95 and the South Amboy / Sayreville Girl Scouts and Brownies Flag Retirement Service, June 14, 2016.

Send Your Events to: AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

Need Rent, Food or Utility Assistance?

PERTH AMBOY - The JRF Family Assistance Center provides rent, food or utility assistance to qualifying individuals or families in the community. To be eligible you must meet program requirements. For more information, please call 732-324-2180. You can also stop by our office on the 2nd floor! (149 Kearny Ave. – Rear of Proprietary House)

Success Coaching

PERTH AMBOY – The JRF Family Success Center helps families reach their goals. Feel free to stop by and meet with or family partners for goal planning, helping you and your family members reach your individual success. The JRF Family Center is located in the rear of the Proprietary House (149 Kearny Ave.) For more info call 732-638-5063.

St. Stan's Carnival

SAYREVILLE - St. Stan's Carnival on Main Street and MacArthur Avenue, Sayreville on Wed., June 22nd thru Thurs, June 23rd - 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Fri., June 24th thru Sat. June 25th - 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Food Tent with Ethnic and American Foods, Mouth Watering Seafood Area, Los Vegas "Money" Wheel for Adults. Games of Chance with prizes for all ages. Beer Garden, Live Attractions, 50/50 Drawings, Rides for Kiddies thru Adults! Live Music: June 22nd: Magic 98.3 FM - All In One; June 23rd: East Brunswick "School of Rock" Just Us - Remember Then; June 24th: NJ 101.5 FM Island Steel Pan, Southern Steel Band; June 25th: Thunder 106.3 FM Country Radio Station & the Fog.

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We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY... The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, June 24, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been told they need joint replacement or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call Nurse Navigator Clare Schuld, R.N., at 732-535-4746.



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PERTH AMBOY – Ukrainian Festival at the Assumption Catholic Church, 684 Alta Vista Place, Perth Amboy on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 12 noon until 9 p.m. The festival celebrating the 25th anniversary of Independence of Ukraine will feature dance performances at 1:00 p.m. by the "Lyman Ukrainian Dance Ensemble" from Baltimore, MD and at 3:00 p.m. by our parish groups "Nadia", "Veselka" and "Chervona Kalyna." There will also be delicious homemade Ukrainian food, Ukrainian beer, delicious desserts, vendors, a church tour, live music throughout the event by the music band "Nebokrai," a beautiful baskets raffle and 50/50 money raffle. Admission to the festival is FREE. Please come for one day of family-friendly celebration with endless fun and entertainment. For more information call 732-826-0767 or visit us at www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net



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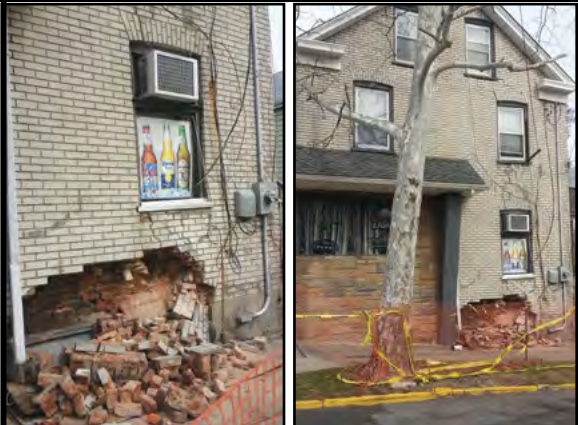
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Hy Tavern Grand Reopening, 386 High St., Perth Amboy

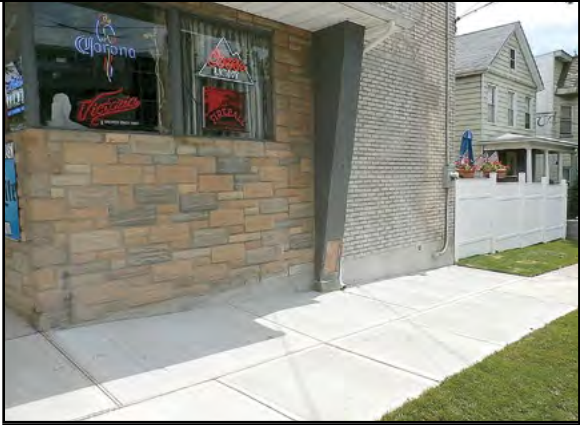
*Photos by Joe Bayona



The Hy Tavern’s outside facade damaged
*File photos taken 3/5/16



The HY Tavern 386 High St. after repairs



Repairs made to the outside of the Hy Tavern



A look at the inside



Owner Marie Santos prepares to cut ribbon for the grand reopening. Looking on are from L to R, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Rosario Fazzio of Fazzio Construction, Gary Rumph of the B.I.D, Eddie Cancel, and Harry Scheman



Mayor Diaz presents Marie Santos with the Mayoral Citation. Gary Rumpf congratulates Marie for not closing the business in the face of such adversity, and praised her determination in keeping another business alive in Perth Amboy

Hy Tavern Pig Roast, 386 High St., Perth Amboy

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Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - “Ask the Rabbi” with Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy, in the Menlo Park Mall food court, every Wednesday from 12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. All questions will be answered. Everyone is invited to ask.

Live Music Series

PERTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy Artworks presents Live Music Series. Free and all ages Saturdays! July 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Perth Amboy FerrySlip Museum, 200 Front St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-877-8300. www.PertAmboyArtworks.com

NJ Conservative
GOP Monthly Meeting

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of the NJ Conservative GOP will be held on Wednesday, June 29th, 7:30PM at J.J. Elek Realty (2nd Fl. conference room), 117 Main St., Woodbridge, NJ 07095. The guest speaker will be Commissioner Steven Rogers of Nutly, NJ. Steven Rogers is a Senior Military Intelligence Officer, USN (Retired), FBI National JTTF 2001-2004, and Steven is an adviser to the Donald J. Trump for President campaign 2016! He has appeared numerous times on FOX and CNN. For additional information contact: 732-596-2116.

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, July 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

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Tall Ship A.J. Meerwald Visits Perth Amboy, 6/15-619, 2016
*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Angel Robledo

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – The Amboy Guardian had the privilege of a tour of the Tall Ship A.J. Meerwald given by the First Mate Sean Connelly.

“The ship is 115 ft. long and the mast is 68 ft. high. There is anywhere from 10-11 crew members at a time. The ship is the official Tall Ship of New Jersey. It was built in 1928. Back then, in order to go oystering, the ship had to have sails (it was the law) so the ship has sails. It was originally built with an engine as well. During World War II it was a fireboat. After World War II no sails were needed (the law changed) to go oystering. The ship has docked in Camden, Cape May, Atlantic City and Chesapeake Bay in Baltimore (one of many ports). In Chesapeake Bay, the ship participates in a schooner race. One year we received third place.” First Mate Connelly stated. “The boat was rebuilt in the ‘90s. From 1988 to 1994 money was raised to rebuild the ship. From 1994 to 1996 the actual rebuilding took place.”

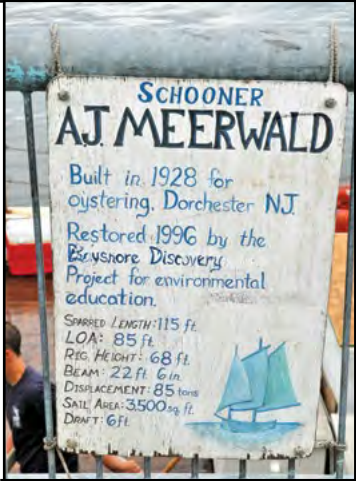


The Tall Ship A.J. Meerwald docked in Perth Amboy Marina

He continued, “Our home port is Bivalve, New Jersey. The ship goes out in the spring, summer and fall. In the winter it’s in port. We have volunteers that man our museum in Bivalve.”

Connelly stated that the Captain Jesse Briggs has been a ship captain for at least 10 to 15 years.

The Amboy Guardian met some of the crew as they prepared for the tours. The ship was in dock from Wednesday, June 15, 2016 to Sunday, June 19, 2016.



Information the A.J. Meerwald



Some of the Crew of the A.J. Meerwald (L to R) Robyn Lenner, Husdon Smith, First Mate Sean Connelly and Melissa Collins



The Tall Ship A.J. Meerwald sails out of the Perth Amboy Marina

Portuguese Flag Raising, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy 6/5/16

*Photos by Bob Ned



Community Cleanup, Groom Street, Perth Amboy 6/11/16

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Letters to the Editor
*Continued from Page 4

The American Terrorist

On June 12, 2016, a mass shooting happen in a night-club called “The Pulse” in Orlando, Florida. 50 people were wounded and 50 were shot dead from one person named Omar Mateen. He was a U.S. citizen who used to work for a Florida Security Company called G4S that has a contract with the Department of Homeland Security. This so-called one man shooter which was using an AR-15 rifle and shooting lots of ammo to clean house on gay people for some reason (you guess). The FBI checked his background twice when he was working for the security company doing work for the DHS transporting Il-legals from Arizona. I want to clear something up here. This

guy had a master plan in his mind but he kept it to him-self for some time. MAYBE his wife and friends knew something was up - but when? Now we live in a world where people of any ethnic group can become a terrorist for any reason and they don’t even have to use conventional weapons - just bombs to wake up their concerns. Will terrorism be the new way of life in America? We hope not, but then people will be using this act of terror to express their concern. We know the FBI knows who and why this is going to happen. By the way, someone sent me this: Orlando Police: 8:21 AM June 12, 2016 - Orlando, Florida. United States ATF; the gunman legally purchased the firearms within the last week.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez.

Parents, Mayor Diaz Join Community Push to Break Impasse

PERTH AMBOY - Parents and the mayor are joining Perth Amboy educators in calling on the Board of Education to bargain a fair contract with the union representing the district’s staff. Educators have been working without a contract for a year, according to Perth Amboy Federation-AFT union president Patricia Paradiso, a third-grade teacher.

Mayor Wilda Diaz has been meeting with teachers to plan educational programs and said some are “disheartened” by the board’s refusal to bargain with them. “The board is showing a lack of respect for the professionals who are teaching and caring for our children,” Diaz said.

Iram Shah is the vice president of the Shull Middle School Parent-Teacher Organization and the mother of a fifth-grader. Her older son graduated from Perth Amboy High School in 2015 and is currently in a pre-dentistry program at Rutgers. “Parents are very supportive of the teachers because they know they are doing their best,” Shah said. She pointed to large class sizes and comparatively high numbers of special education and English

language learners in district as challenging factors for teachers to contend with.

Paradiso noted that the board is responsible for public funds and questioned the propriety of contracts for highly paid district personnel such as superintendent Roman with lower costs for health insurance than what educators pay. “New contracts for Dr. Roman and district management are on the board agenda for tonight,” she said. “Will they continue to offer management less expensive health insurance than they do for teachers and lower-paid district staff?”

Mayor Diaz also called it “telling” that board members are seeking to move the board election back to next April. “More parents are going to show up and vote in the general election in November, when the Presidency is on the ballot,” she said. “Keeping the election in November will allow more Perth Amboy residents to have a voice in who sits on the board and elect members who will be responsive to the needs of the students.”

NAT T. Bender
President NJ-AFT

The Perth Amboy Federation-AFT represents more than 1,400 educators who work with students every day.

The Provident Bank Foundation Awards Major Grant to the Jewish Renaissance Foundation
Grant Funding to Support “Building Healthy Communities” Initiative and Partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy

News Release 6/15/16
PERTH AMBOY - Today, the Provident Bank Foundation presented the Jewish Renaissance Foundation a \$10,000 grant under its “Major Grant” category to support JRF’s “Building Healthy Communities” initiative. Jane Kurek, the Executive Director of The Provident Bank Foundation (PBF), led the presentation held at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Perth Amboy’s (BGCPA) Bayside Club. The Building Healthy Communities (BHC) initiative works from 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 healthy living, healthcare,

healthy food options, and systems transformation”. The funding will specifically support BGCPA’s Triple Play Program, a key element of the BHC initiative.

“New Jersey has one of the highest obesity rates in the country – particularly in urban communities like Perth Amboy,” said Kurek. “Through the Triple Play Program and as part of the broader BHC collaboration, our partnership with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation will play a critical role in reaching a larger audience through promoting fitness, nutrition education and other resources to prevent and reduce obesity.”

“The contribution of The Provident Bank Foundation will significantly expand our capacity to withstand the dramatic growth in de-



Accepting the Donation
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mand for our services. The Provident Bank Foundation and the Jewish Renaissance Foundation have developed an increasingly robust philanthropic relationship that has and will continue to benefit numerous persons and families in need within the Central NJ region,” states Dr. Alan J. Goldsmith, President of JRF.

Water Delivery Infrastructure in Edison and South Amboy to Receive \$12 Million Upgrade by Middlesex Water Company6

News Release 6/16/16
ISELIN - Middlesex Water Company (NASDAQ:MSEX) has announced that a \$12.0 million project to replace aging water infrastructure is set to begin in the Township of Edison and the City of South Amboy. As part of its RENEW Program in 2016, the Company intends to replace eight miles of water mains, as well as service lines, valves, fire hydrants and meters. The work is being performed to improve fire flows and overall service quality in the area as the new mains being installed have greater water carrying capacity.

“One of the key focuses of our Company in 2016 is the continued strengthening of our water distribution infrastructure for continued service reliability, resiliency and water quality,” said Dennis Doll, President and Chief Executive Officer. “This upgrade not only improves overall service quality, but helps us identify any leaks where we can save water. We’re also able to pass on energy and treatment cost savings to customers in future rate proceedings as the improvements enable us to deliver water more efficiently and cost-effectively. Proactively replacing aging infrastructure

now -- on a planned schedule -- reduces the likelihood of future disruptive and costly emergency repairs,” added Doll.

While the overall project is expected to take 6 months to complete, individual homes should only be affected for a few days as crews replace and install the new mains and meters. While the Company makes every effort to minimize the impact of our work on traffic, residents may observe some traffic disruption as the roadway is trenched to accommodate the construction of a new water main. There will also be excavations when the service lines are connected to the new mains. This will impact traffic flow, but on a smaller scale. Affected customers will receive additional details about the project. Customers affected by RENEW can expect to be without water service for a period of 2-3 hours as their service is transferred from the old main to the new main and while their interior meter is removed. Middlesex Water will always strive to reduce the project impact on residents.

Additional information, Frequently Asked Questions and Contact Info can be found at <http://bit.ly/MWCRENEW> or by calling Middlesex Water

at 800-549-3802. Middlesex Water is funding the project through low interest loans obtained from the NJ State Revolving Fund administered by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

The Company determines which water mains are to be replaced based on historical records. These records include the size and composition of the existing pipe, the date the pipe was installed and other relevant operational data. Main installation will conclude with compaction and temporary pavement restoration followed by final pavement restoration after the area has settled.

The program may require that water personnel enter customers’ homes to remove their internal meters. Customers are strongly reminded to ask for credentials from utility personnel prior to allowing them entry and, for added security, should contact Middlesex Water Company at 800-549-3802 to verify the authenticity of the utility representative at their door. Customers affected by the RENEW Program will receive further notice if access to their home is required.

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Festa Di San Antonio, Good Shepherd Parish, Most Holy Rosary Church, Hopelawn 6/4/16
**Photos by Paul W. Wang & Toni Gianfrancesco*



Greek Festival, St. Demtrios Greek Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy 6/3/16 - 6/5/16
**Photos by Paul W. Wang & JJ*



***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.*

On June 20, the U.S. Army Air Forces is established as the successor to the U.S. Army Air Corps. In the North Atlantic, German submarine *U-206* sights the battleship USS *Texas* in waters that Germany has declared its U-boat operational area. After checking with U-boat Command for guidance, *U-206* allows *Texas* to go on its way without attacking. Finland mobilizes all reservists under the age of 45.

British troops take Damascus, Syria, on June 21, when the Vichy French garrison evacuates the city. In East Africa, British forces capture Jimma, Ethiopia, southwest of Addis Ababa, taking some 15,000 Italian prisoners. King Peter II of Yugoslavia and his government-in-exile arrive in London. Prime Minister Churchill decides to replace Gen. Wavell as Commander, Middle East at least in part due to the failure of "Operation Battleaxe" to relieve Tobruk.

Abrogating the treaty signed earlier in the year, Germany at 3:00 a.m. on June 22 initiates "Operation Barbarossa," invading the Soviet Union with over 3 million men, 7,100 guns, 3,300 tanks and 2,770 aircraft. By noon, the Soviet Air Force has lost over 1,200 planes. Winston Churchill promises all possible British assistance to the Soviet Union in a worldwide broadcast: "Any man or state who fights against Nazidom will have our aid. Any man or state who marches with Hitler is our foe." Italy and Romania declare war on the Soviet Union. Finland enters the war against the Soviet Union on the side of Germany. It will fight in what is called the "Continuation War" to win back territory lost to the Soviets in the so-called Winter War fought between the two from 1939 to 1940. In Yugoslavia, the First Sisak Partisan Brigade — the first anti-fascist armed-resistance unit in occupied Europe — is founded at Sisak, Croatia.

On June 23, Hungary and Slovakia declare war on the Soviet Union. On the Eastern Front itself, the Germans, spearheaded by armored and motorized troops, are advancing as much as 50 miles per day. In Yugoslavia, Serbs in eastern Herzegovina rebel against authorities of the Independent State of Croatia, an Axis puppet, overrunning gendarmerie posts and ambushing police and military vehicles.

The German onslaught continues, with Kaunas, Lithuania, captured on June 24, as is the capital, Vilnius, yet farther east. In Washington, D.C., President Roosevelt announces at a press conference that he intends to send aid to the Soviet Union.

On June 25, the Swedish government announces that it will allow the Germans to move forces as large as one division at a time through neutral Sweden from Occupied Norway to Finland. President Roosevelt issues Executive Order 8802 which bars discrimination in the employment of workers in the U.S. defense industries and in the government because of race, creed, color or national origin. A Fair Employment Practice Committee is to enforce the order.

By midday on June 26, elements of German Panzer Group 3 are within 18 miles of Minsk, the capital of Belorussia. In Spain, the Franco government begins officially organizing a volunteer unit to fight along with Axis troops on the Eastern Front.

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***Childbirth
Education***

PERTHAMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is holding an Accelerated Childbirth Education class, Thursday, June 30, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process and is intended for those with limited time. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and infant care facilitates the class. It will be held at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy, NJ. The fee for the class is \$75 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677) and reference zip code 08861.

***Frog Hollow
Annual 5K Run
& Health Walk***

Press Release 6/3/16

SOUTH AMBOY - Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club's 39th annual 5K Run and Health Walk will be held Saturday, June 25th. Proceeds will benefit the city of South Amboy's Fire and First Aid departments. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and all day swimming and tennis for race participants. Entry fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 day of race. For more information or to download a registration form, go to www.froghollowswim.com or register in person at the club 7:30 AM on race day. Fun Run steps off at 8:30 AM and the 5K Run starts at 9:00 AM. The Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club is located on Ferris St. off of South Pine Ave. in South Amboy, NJ. For additional information call race director, Danny McCrone at 732-721-6592.

***Shabbat by the
Sea 2016***

PERTHAMBOY - The first Shabbat by the Sea for 2016 will take place on Friday June 24th at 7 p.m. We will meet at the synagogue: Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy NJ 08861. 732-442-1373. Then we will walk two short end blocks to the covered gazebo in the park over looking Raritan Bay at the very end of Market Street. Everyone is welcome to attend Joyous Kiddush afterward in our social hall.

***Free Lunch &
Learn Event:
Biological Clock:
Fact or Fiction?***

OLD BRIDGE - Join Jessica Salas Mann, M.D., FACOG, for a free lunch and learn event "Biological Clock: Fact or Fiction?" Thursday, June 23, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Dr. Mann, who is board certified in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility and Obstetrics and Gynecology, will discuss women's reproductive health and the so-called biological clock. The event will be held in the Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, Suite 420, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Space is limited, registration will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. To register, call 732.786.7900 by Wednesday, June 22. Dr. Mann recently opened an office in Raritan Bay's Medical and Surgical Pavilion, Suite 340, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ.

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Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest

petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. (Mention your request.) Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us. Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us. Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Petition to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude M.P.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

FORDS - AARP Driver Safety program will be held on June 28, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for reservations. October 3-5, 2016: Boston, MA Package - Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for information. October 12, 2016: Oktoberfest at Doolans, Spring Lake - Call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 for information. Canned food and miscellaneous items for veterans, hospitals, and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting. New socks will also be collected for children at NJ Institute for Disabilities in Menlo Park. For additional information on the chapter or upcoming events, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

3D Printer News

SOUTH AMBOY - Every Thursday from 6 p.m. -7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, adjacent to South Amboy Middle High School. Stop in and watch our 3D Printer In action! New design every week! For more info call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org or go to www.dowdell.org

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

Answers From Puzzle On Page 19



LOOKING BACK



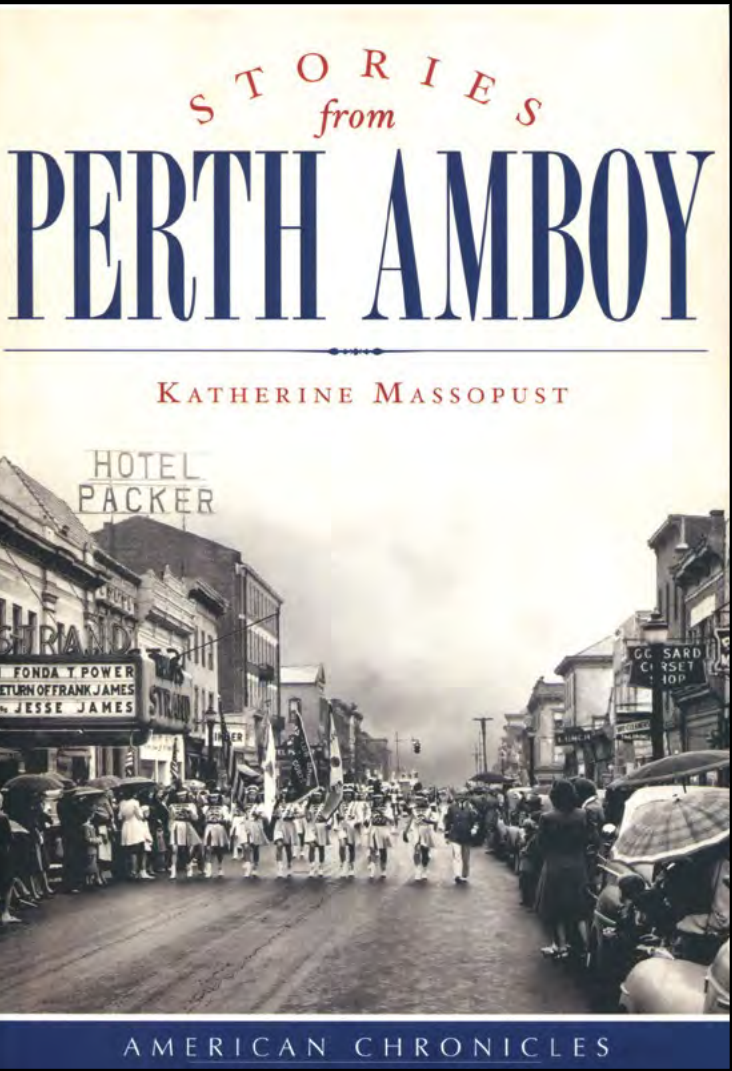
PERTH AMBOY - Mr. Dan Zuber, Manager of the Foodtown Meat Department helps out Mrs. Mary Weaver and Mrs. Sherrill Gilbert.

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Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
WED. Jun. 22 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.
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THURS. Jun. 23 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Jun. 27 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Jun. 28 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Jun. 29 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Jun. 30 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**
MON. Jun. 27 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
WED. Jul. 6 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Jul. 11 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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- 12 Turn soil
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- 14 Least bit
- 15 Long time
- 16 Cap and ____
- 17 Wolverine's group, with "The" (hyph.)
- 18 Ruckus
- 20 Birds and bees
- 22 Ship's letters
- 23 "Oh, sure!" (2 wds.)
- 24 Firefighter's weapon
- 27 Letters after a dentist's name
- 28 Follower of (suffix)
- 31 Hit makers
- 32 Strive
- 33 Cars from Munich
- 34 Hockey great Bobby
- 35 Cozy place
- 36 Some summer babies
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- 39 ____ Paulo
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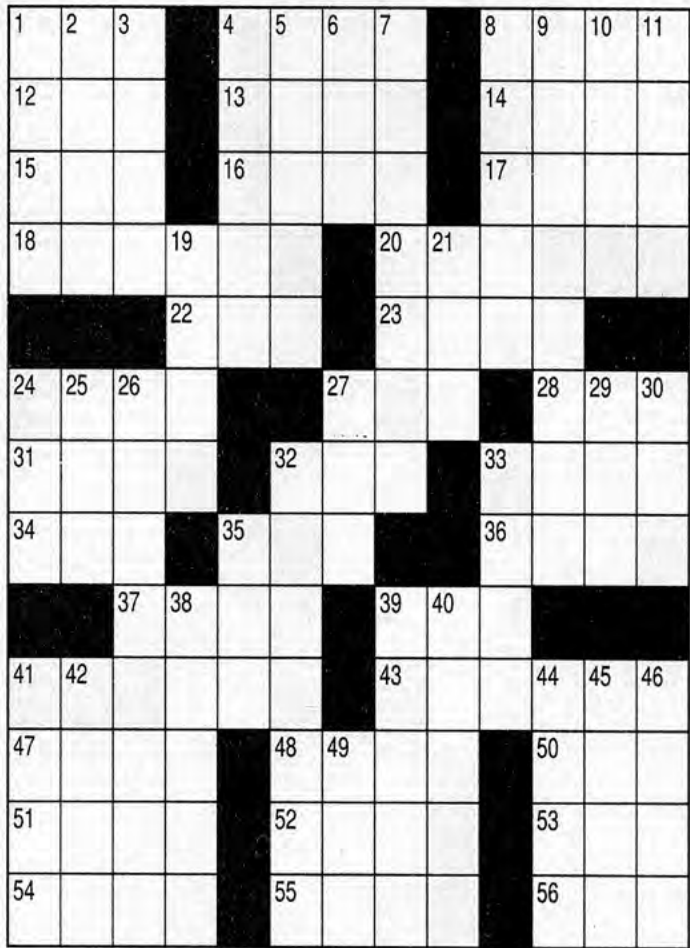
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- 7 Entrust secrets
- 8 Elf's cousin
- 9 At any date in the future
- 10 Pun or gang ender
- 11 Works with leather
- 19 Hints
- 21 Pounds (abbr.)
- 24 "Entourage" channel (abbr.)
- 25 Dinghy accessory

26 Sit astride

- 27 Tumult
- 29 Tango need
- 30 Double curve
- 32 Ships
- 33 Internet journal
- 35 Grade an egghead never gets
- 38 Give way
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