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Amboy Residents Share Same Concerns 6/24/15 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Resident Elizabeth Gonzalez who resides at 315 Market St. complained about 18 Wheel Trucks who make deliveries to a company on Walnut Street (off Market Street). "I live on the corner of Market and Walnut Streets. When those trailers make that turn and go onto Walnut Street, they go so fast, it rattles my house. It sounds as if my washer or dryer is go-

ing on. When they make those fast turns I'm afraid one day they're going to hit my house." Gonzalez also complained about receiving a ticket for parking between two signs on Walnut Street when she went into her house for a short period of time. She brought to the attention of the Officer who gave ticketed her that two other cars were also parked there illegally. The Officer proceed-

ed to ticket those two cars. Another Resident came up to speak who lives on Miller Street. She complained about how people drive in Perth Amboy. "They disrespect the Pedestrians, especially when turning corners. Many of them are talking or texting on their cell phones. Maybe it's about time we start to put cameras on traffic lights."

Dato Expresses Concerns About C-Town Property

Fire Stricken Building Remains Standing in South Amboy

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
SOUTH AMBOY - Councilwoman Zusette Dato raised concerns of the destroyed C-Town property at this month's South Amboy business meeting.

The facility that sits at 611 Bordentown Ave. was destroyed by a four-alarm fire back in April. Dato mentioned that residents from South Amboy had come to her with complaints and she too issued her concerns of health issues and pedestrian safety.

"As much as we all feel for the owner of the structure, we know how helpful he has been to the community at large, we have to also take into consideration how everyone feels in terms of their safety and of the entire situation," Dato said.

"There is probably food in that structure...there could be animals, rodents, insects...when they demolish it what is going to happen and are they harboring there anyway?" she continued. "The other thing I noticed as I go by is that the fencing is on the sidewalk so people as they go by have to step on the street in order to get by. I'm wondering if we can have a plan as to how we might approach this."

City Attorney John Lanza suggested that the council talk to different departments within the city to come up with a short-term solution to the issues being caused by the

building. "The first thing would be to get the health inspector out there to take a look at it to see if it's a health hazard," Lanza said. "The second thing is [have] code enforcement tell them to move the fence back. At least get that underway."

Mayor Fred Henry spoke with Ed Paczkowski and learned that the insurance company is holding up the process.

"I don't think, from what I got from him, he doesn't have the final from the prosecutor's office as to the causes and everything else" Henry explained. "It's an ongoing insurance problem that he can't do anything about."

"He said he would love to get rid of that...he doesn't have the money personally to do it himself," he continued. "I don't know if they would actually allow him to do it...so that's the problem."

Council President Mickey Gross felt for the Paczkowski family, who have owned the property since 1928, but also noted that the city needs to be fair to the rest of the residents in South Amboy.

"I like the Paczkowski family, they are friends of mine, but we need to be fair to the residents in the area," Gross said. "Is it possible for the Mayor to sit down with Ed Paczkowski, possibly with the Business Administrator and our City Attorney, and come



Councilwoman
Zusette Dato

up with a reasonable timetable that this building will be knocked down that will be fair to the family and fair to the people in the area?"

Councilman Tom Reilly suggested that the city get more information on the ongoing legal battle surrounding the facility, insurance company, and the family before making a big decision.

"For us to sit here and say let's move forward with this or this, at this point me personally I don't have enough information to even make an educated guess as to where we would go," Reilly said. "I would like to get that information first then decide what we're going to do."

The council will meet again for the monthly city council meeting on July 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrating America's 239th Birthday



Fireworks over Raritan Bay, Perth Amboy. Introduction and countdown by Celebrate Stars & Stripes Chair Barry Rosengarten. Corresponding music was broadcast by Magic 98.5 Radio. *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Anton Massopust III, Kurt Epps as Royal Governor William Franklin, Congressman Frank Pallone and Dorothy Daniel



Colonel Heard (Gene Hoyos) recites Patrick Henry's Speech, "Give me Liberty, or Give Me Death!" *Photos by Katherine Massopust



PERTH AMBOY - The Cities of Perth and South Amboy along with Staten Island joined forces to kickoff the Celebration of Our Independence with Fireworks on July 2nd. On July 4th, Mayor Wilda Diaz, along with Community Leaders continued the tradition of reading the Declaration of Independence. Perth Amboy is one of the few Municipalities that has a replica of the Liberty Bell at City Hall Circle, High Street. Perth Amboy was once the Capital of New Jersey and our City Hall is the oldest functioning City Hall in the United States. Perth Amboy has been recognized as one of the most ten historic cities in the United States according to Margaret Westfield, Vice Chair of the NJ Historical Commission.

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Not a Bad Idea

6/22/15 Caucus & 6/24/15 Council Meetings

PERTH AMBOY – Communication #10: Edna Dorothy Daniel, Chairperson of the Housing Authority advising Board of Education President Samuel Lebreault that the Housing Authority believes that there has not been any active negotiations in response to the Authority's position on the fair market value of the former Delaney Homes property. In the event the Board and the Authority fail to reach an agreement on or before August 15, 2015, the Authority will withdraw from active negotiations and pursue its redevelopment plans for the property (6/16/15)

At the June 22, 2015 Caucus meeting several residents came up to speak about this communication. During the public portion, former Council President Ken Balut said, "Under Best Practices, the Council and the Board of Education are supposed to meet. Two Government Agencies are involved."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles said, "The Delaney Homes property belongs to HUD. You (the Council) appointed the Housing Authority Commissioners. The Housing Authority took appraisals based on properties such as towns like Westfield. The people on the Board of Education who want the Delaney Deal to fall through wants the Celotex Property for the School. You (the Council) need to ask the Housing Authority where they based their appraisals on.

You need to talk to the Housing Authority. We have a low graduation rate. We need to step back and remember it's about the kids and the taxpayers. It will take a while to build a school of that size. Put pressure on all of your Housing Authority appointees."

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak. "The Board of Education should come here (the Council Meetings) and demand that the City demand the money from the YMCA. There were contributors from the heads of large cooperation's who gave money to candidates running for the Board of Education." Silber mentioned Survey Monkey and WalMart. Those rich contributors can come here and just buy the property and build a High School for Perth Amboy. It would be a drop in the bucket for them."

Council President Lisa Nanton responded to Silber's last statement by saying, "That's not a bad suggestion."

During the Council comments, Councilman Joel Pabon said, "I would hate to see the school lose the land and the money."

Councilman said, "There are other parties interested in that property (Delaney Homes). If something isn't done, that money will go to another community and that will be a loss to generations of children. We need a negotiator."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "A liaison had been established between the Council

and the Board of Education."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "Lisa Nanton and I have been in communications with the Board of Ed."

Fernando Gonzalez interjected, "I think games are being played and someone needs to intercede."

Council President Lisa Nanton said, "The land value is a sticking point. We need a negotiator for a fair appraisal of the land. By the time the 4th and 5th Graders get to High School, there will be no room for them if a new High School is not built."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry suggested that the Council send a letter to the Board of Education and the Housing Authority that the City is concerned. They need to resolve this matter."

City Attorney Mark Blunda agreed that a third appraisal is needed and phone calls should be made to both parties involved."

The discussion continued into the 6/24/15 Council Meeting. Resident Stanley Sierakowski said, "Dot Daniel and Sam Lebreault are not decision makers. She (Dot Daniel) is not an appraiser and failed in this communication. She doesn't have authority to issue ultimatums."

Former Councilman Kenneth Balut said, "The High School is taxpayers dollars. Somebody can call the Board of Education with numbers for the value."

Traffic Safety Discussed in South Amboy

Two Residents Stress Need for Speed Signs and Police Presence

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - Two different residents brought their concerns about speeding cars and child safety to the South Amboy council at last Wednesday's city council meeting.

John Mulligan, Jr. of Augusta Street explained that every day he sees commuters flying past his house at high speeds and ignoring stop signs in the area. Mulligan pleaded that the council do something to make the streets safer for his kids and the 33 children that live in his area.

"My stepson is deaf... you put the helmet on [and] he doesn't hear anything," Mulligan said. "We're outside screaming at cars [speeding by], they don't care. Mulligan said. "There's got to be something done."

Resident Ken Feely of Barkalow Street sided with Mulligan, explaining that he too has seen cars speeding past his home on a daily basis. Feely, whose car has been hit

by a speeding driver outside his home in the past, feared that the children who play at Charles Brown Jr. / Robert Hughes Memorial Park three houses down may be at risk.

"Now that we have the good weather and the park is open, we have a lot of kids playing ball there," Feely said. "Something needs to be done before somebody gets hit or some kid gets killed."

Feely also noted how dangerous his area of Barkalow can be if drivers are speeding or texting and driving. The road bends hard to the left or right based on which direction the driver is coming from, and the area can be very treacherous to travel on even in nice weather.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz brought positive news about Barkalow Street, noting that the city has proposed new signage and road striping to the New Jersey Department of Transportation and is awaiting word of the review. Mayor Fred Henry also told Mulligan

that he would speak to Police Chief Darren Lavigne about monitoring Augusta Street and coming up with a solution.

The ongoing garbage codes situation was also discussed. Because of the potential time change of putting garbage to the curb on top of the previous changes, City Attorney John Lanza recommended that the council withdraw original Ordinance #9-2015 and introduce Ordinance #10-2015 on first reading.

Ordinance #10-2015 has all the original changes but added that the earliest garbage can go to the curb is 6:00 p.m. Currently the code states that residents can not put their garbage out until 8:00 p.m. the night before pickup, but many older residents were concerned about having to put their trash out in the dark.

Residents will be able to comment on the updated ordinance at next month's city council meeting on July 15th at 7:00 p.m.

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Barge Owner Alex Vosinas with a friend during the 7/2/15 Fireworks
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

A Precursor? The Little Rascals

"I have a dream that one day little black boys and girls will be holding hands with little white boys and girls." — *Martin Luther King Jr., I Have A Dream.*

Hal Roach (born 1892 - died 1992) was an American Film and Television Producer, Director and Actor from the 1910's - 1990's. He was best known for producing, "Our Gang" later known as "Little Rascals" film comedy series.

"Our Gang" or later, "The Little Rascals" featured little boys and girls of all colors and different ethnic backgrounds playing together as equals. This broke new ground in its debut in 1922 (silent shorts). One of the child actors (Ernie Morrison when he became an adult) said that he never once considered the role he played as racist. All he and his fellow child actors remembered was having fun. Morrison played in "Our Gang" from 1922-1924. Roach paid the child actors a standard \$50 per week back then, which is equivalent to around \$678.64 a week by today's standards.

Ernie Morrison was the first African-American actor signed to a long term contract in Hollywood history and was the first major African-American actor in American History.

The information we gathered came from Wikipedia. In that time frame, I don't know if The Little Rascals were shown in all the states and if there was any kind of backlash to it, especially from the Southern States. All I know is that when I would see the Rascals, (in reruns during my childhood in the mid-60's) and it never crossed my mind about black kids playing with white kids. It was just a group of kids who got into mischief, which I thought was hilarious.

Recently I was able to view a couple of the early series on DVD's. There were three particular episodes that had me in stitches. In the one "Little Rascals" were putting on the play of Romeo and Juliet. The character Alfalfa with his cowlick played Romeo. Darla, the little

white girl played Juliet. Buckwheat, who had a large afro played a guard. During intermission, Darla got angry and left. Alfalfa had a brilliant idea and slapped the blonde wig on Buckwheat so he could play the part of Juliet. The kids in the audience didn't notice that the actress playing Juliet originally had left and a little black boy that was now cast in the role. During the balcony scene, Alfalfa accidentally pulled off the blonde wig and the kids in the audience noticed it wasn't Darla but Buckwheat. They said, "That's Buckwheat," and applauded. Buckwheat smiled and acknowledged that they were happy with his performance.

As I was talking about the scene, as the editorial was written, I was laughing hysterically.

In another episode, the story took place in school where the children were performing in a musical dance number. At one point Buckwheat and Darla were dancing together. No one batted an eyebrow.

The last episode that I want to mention was when Darla invited the boys to her house for her birthday party. As the party concluded, a rainstorm occurred and the boys had to spend the night at Darla's house. Darla's father had all the boys sleeping with him and the boys were making so much noise the father had a hard time falling asleep. Every time it would thunder and lightning the boys would scream and drove the father crazy. Finally the father went to sleep on the sofa.

I think today, what we need is a good dose of The Little Rascals which is available on DVD. Here's to Hal Roach for having the foresight and vision to see how the world should be. As an adult he was able to see the world through the eyes of a child.

I think that Dr. King and Hal Roach were alive today, they would have been great friends. Hal Roach had that dream first and made it come true, although it was in a fictional series. We have this world now. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Still Asking Questions

I see the concerned public is still asking questions about the Dixon Rodriguez shooting at the City Council meeting. This was on the videos that were released to the public and were very grainy. To me, this

shooting has a story behind it. It's either the videos or someone is pressing some buttons to control this matter. I know the Mayor wants this to go away. In others words HUSH, HUSH and its back to normal. Here in America we have the U.S. Dept. of Justice that looks into police shootings. MAY-

BE they can answer the public concern about this police shooting. The Rodriguez family has filed a lawsuit against the City. I know this is where so-called wheels and deals are being made behind the closed doors.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Hypocrites!

One of the things that has always aggravated me are those religious leaders who use God as a commodity. Jesus teaches us to simplify our lives and forsake earthly possessions. Yet there are so many who preach, but do not practice. They always manage to siphon off more than enough to live a lavish lifestyle. I'm

writing this to try to expose these hypocrites!

Be careful of those who lead you in prayer while preying upon you.

Be leery of those who tell you how evil money is while stuffing their pockets with the same.

Pay attention to those who preach humility but are far from humble themselves.

Don't be so blinded by an

oration when the words are so obviously transparent.

Be mindful that those who promise to lead you to heaven might end up in that other place.

In short, be vigilant of those who claim to serve God while they are only serving themselves.

Michael J. Rusznak

Going to the Dogs

Here we go again. Let's just say why is Perth Amboy going to the dogs - a hundred-year old industry was forced to vacate because of the master plan and the value of their land as a strategic part of the waterfront redevelopment projects. Now that the Landings project has been scaled tremendously

back and the developers have not been held accountable for the promises they made to this city. The city thus is responsible for the loss of jobs that this facility was providing and the ratable and taxes this company was paying. Now we have no master plan. Just as I thought the property across the street that provides medical laundry services was untouched by this redevelopment proposal. I

ask myself, "Why?" Now the best use for this prime waterfront property is a dog park? Who's making money on this deal? One good thing is now we will have a facility for the drug dealers in town to exercise their pit-bulls. I'm sorry I meant to say future entrepreneurs. I encourage you to respond to these questions!

AJD

Silent Too Long

I'm Yanae Zorrilla, a student at Perth Amboy High School. I have kept silent these last two years but no longer can I keep silent. No longer can I let the injustice at Perth Amboy High School go by without a peep from the students. Many students here at Perth Amboy High School feel this way but have no idea how to help this situation and neither do I; this is my last ditch effort in hopes of stopping the remarkably unpopular and illogical decisions occurring.

Contrary to reputation, the students of Perth Amboy High School care deeply about the education we receive. As of late, unpopular decisions regarding academics were made. Not just unpopular but illogical. I, as well as many other students, have decided to take AP US History. The AP US History teacher is smart man who cares deeply for his students and has a vast knowledge in history - each student who has taken his class have felt they have grown as an in-

dividual and have gained a surplus of knowledge. Effective next year, that teacher will no longer be teaching the subject and will be replaced. According to the administration here at Perth Amboy High School, he is being replaced because no enough of the students pass the AP exam (I had asked for scores or a percentage, the Social Studies adviser had said they cannot give it to students - I'm positive they can give the scores, not the names of the students, but are unwilling). It is important to understand that there are many students who are taking the course because of success and joy previous students have had with him; these students who have excitedly joined the class are dropping them as quickly as they have signed up for them. It is an understandable argument that students should take the class for the subject and college credits, but it's not just the replacement of a beloved teacher that's causing student anger alone - the teacher is being replaced with an incompetent one.

I had talked to the Social

Studies adviser and according to her, the decision to make him the AP teach is because he has a Doctorates degree. This teacher has taught general and AP history last year, I decided to talk with the students who have had him (around 20 so far) and it was unanimous that he was not well liked. It is a not a simple "oh he was mean" argument, it was more so that he did not teach the students. He assigned constant book work and meaningless projects (e.g a singing project) and seldom address the class except attendance. The results from the students who had him as an AP teacher was failing the AP exam. Why is it that this teacher who is disliked by the students and proven to be unsuccessful as an AP teacher replacing a well received and successful AP teacher? The current AP US History teacher should be replaced with someone who knows the subject - not by someone who simply because they have "Dr" in front of their name. Doctor

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

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

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PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430 or 732-324-3505.

Vet's Coffee House

PERTH AMBOY - Attention area vets of our Armed Forces. The Salvation Army Vet's Coffee House meets once a month, every 2nd Thursday for coffee, donuts and conversation. Time is 19:00 - 21:00 located at the corner of Washington Street and State Street, Perth Amboy. We can be reached at the Salvation Army 732-826-7040. We look forward to meeting you.

Food Stamps Assistance

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday there will be a Food Stamps Assistance Program 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.: JRF's Family Success Center families to come in and meet with a representative from the Community Food Bank of NJ to assist with food stamps application and eligibility guidelines. For additional information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Rear of Proprietary House).

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
WED. Jul. 8	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Jul. 14	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	• UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	• BID, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Jul. 16	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
THURS. Jul. 23	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
South Amboy	
WED. Jul. 15	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Jul. 27	Board of Education, Business/Public, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

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AC Bus Trip: Date Change

PERTH AMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino, AC will be on Thursday, July 9. Bus leaves 12 Noon from KOC, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost: \$30pp. Receive \$30 slot play. For additional info call Joe: 732-826-0819. Starting in August, the bus will go back to running on the first Thursday of the month with the same package.

Home Gardener Contest

PERTH AMBOY - "Come and join the Perth Amboy Home Gardener Contest sponsored by the Royal Garden Club by the Bay. Summer is in full bloom and we're excited to see Perth Amboy's home gardens of shrubs, flowers, and vegetables. All amateur gardens of beds/borders, containers, water features, porch/deck/patio are eligible to compete for the top three prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25. Applications are available at City Hall."

Plays in the Park

EDISON - All Summer Performances Begin at 8:30 p.m. No Performances on Sunday
Adults - \$7.00, Senior Citizens - \$5.00, Children 12 and Under Free. Shows play every night of the week at 8:30, except for Sundays. Tickets are sold on the day of performance only. No advance sales. CASH ONLY at the box office for summer shows. Plays-in-the-Park is located 1 block south of the Menlo Park Mall off of Route 1, in Edison, N.J. The turn off is called Grandview Avenue. At the top of the short hill make your first right on to Pine Drive and the Park Rangers will guide you to a parking spot. Fax: 732-548-1484 • Phone: 732-548-2884. Please bring a non-perishable food item to benefit less fortunate residents through M.C.C.F.O.O.D.S. This program is funded in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Dept of State. Young Frankenstein - Oklahoma - Wednesday, Jul. 8 through Saturday, Jul. 18. No Sundays; Showtime: 8:30 p.m. Jesus Christ Superstar - Wednesday, Jul. 29 through Saturday, Aug. 8. No Sundays. Showtime: 8:30 p.m.

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SOUTH AMBOY - The Valdez Family of South Amboy, NJ received a special recognition at the March of Dimes Award Party last week. They served as the Ambassador Family for the 2015 Middlesex County March for Babies walk. Jenessa Valdez and daughter Sofia accepted the award. March for Babies is the premier fundraising event for the March of Dimes.

Perth Amboy Crossing Guard Honored
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell




Sophie Burns was honored for 40 yrs. of service as a school crossing guard at the 6/24/15. Burns was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Council and the Police Department (L to R) Sophie Burns, Council President Lisa Nanton and Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano

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The Citizens Campaign Announces Encouraging Early Results of Pilot Civic Trustee Initiative Plans for Expansion throughout New Jersey

News Release 6/24/15
PERTH AMBOY - The Citizens Campaign today announced the inspiring results of its new Civic Trustee initiative, which it piloted in Trenton and Perth Amboy, and based on this success, announced its plans for a fall expansion throughout New Jersey.

The Trustees come together to form Civic Trusts in their respective cities, which The Citizens Campaign believes provides a robust 21st century model of civic empowerment. Thirty-six residents in each of these cities--selected as Civic Trustees for their leadership ability and commitment to working together to identify and advance evidence-based solutions that benefit the city--are already producing results that make a difference. Trenton Civic Trustees are working closely with their Police Director to develop an Urban Auxiliary Police Force that will draw on trained and committed volunteers who reside in the City to serve as a vital link between the police and the community as well as to assist in public safety tasks. They are also working to ensure that the City is better prepared for storm damage caused by increased flooding. Trustees have already secured the first step towards this goal, winning the adoption of an innovative Planning Board Resolution that moves cost-effective flood and storm water protection to the center of city infrastructure planning.

In Perth Amboy, Trustees are working to improve the high school graduation rate by developing a community-based

approach to school discipline. And after identifying environmental issues as one of their top priorities, Civic Trustees have created a Green Team which won \$500,000 of grant funding for green initiatives. Civic Trustees pledge to work together to 'leave their city better than they found it.' They agree to work together to develop solutions guided by 3 principles – solutions must be (1) cost-effective, (2) evidence-based, (3) beneficial to the City as a whole, and they must be advanced with The Citizens Campaign's proven "no blame" approach. Trustees volunteer to make a commitment of at least one year and their responsibilities also include governing their Trust, including prioritizing their own issues and recruiting new Trustees so the Trust continues to thrive well into the future.

The Citizens Campaign Chair, Harry Pozzycki, said, "I believe the Civic Trustee initiative is working so well because it offers an attractive alternative to today's dysfunctional politics. It provides a safe civic space welcoming to citizens who want to improve their city, but are turned off by the ugliness and negativity of so much of today's politics." Encouraged by the interest and success achieved in Trenton and Perth Amboy, Pozzycki noted that The Citizens Campaign will soon launch a Civic Trustee initiative in Newark with nearly 30 Trustees already selected. In the fall, according to Pozzycki, The Citizens Campaign plans to give all New Jerseyans the opportunity to take the Civic

Challenge by making the civic pledge and becoming a Civic Trustee working to improve their hometown.

Darren "Freedom" Green, a Trenton Civic Trustee who is leading the effort to create an Urban Auxiliary Police Force in his city, said,

"I became a Trustee because I know that just complaining doesn't change anything. As Trustees, we are educated and empowered in the practical steps we must take to transform our community. Together, we are putting this knowledge to work, getting things done and, taking on some of Trenton's big challenges." Lizzette Lebron, a Perth Amboy Civic Trustee, said, "A focus on solutions - not finger pointing - is what being a Trustee is all about. That is what is so empowering about being a Trustee."

Civic Trustees receive significant support from The Citizens Campaign's top government lawyers, urban policy experts and experienced political coaches. The Citizens Campaign Law and Policy Task Force assists by providing the legal drafting assistance needed to turn solutions identified by Trustees into ready-to-adopt legal form. Training in how to research solutions and how to use the power levers of local government to get results is provided as well.

The Citizens Campaign is a community of problem solvers dedicated to empowering citizens with an evidence-based, no-blame approach to getting results without depending on the political establishment.

Congratulations Class of 2015

PRAHD Kindergarten 6/19/15 *Photos by Bob Ned



Adult Education Center 6/23/15 *Photos by Paul W. Wang

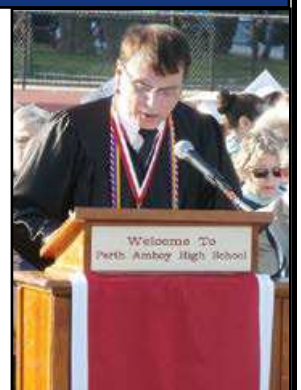


South Amboy High School 6/24/15 *Photos by Mary Taylor

By: Mary Taylor
69 Students Graduated. Valedictorian Isiah Lozano will attend Middlesex County College for the Stars Program, and will major in engineering; Salutatorian Ofelia Javelosa will attend Middlesex County College for the Stars Program, and will major in nursing.



Perth Amboy High School 6/24/15 *Photos by Joe Bayona



Senior Class President, Kevin Morillo, gives a speech entitled, "Reflections of a Senior"

Mayor Wilda Diaz offers remarks

Valedictorian Jaden Morales (right) and Salutatorian Maryluz Michel (left), sharing smiles

Family and friends fill the stands at Waters Stadium.

Celebrating Independence Day

Sayreville Fireworks, Kennedy Park 6/28/15 *Photos by Joe Bayona



The food was plentiful and diverse



Even Mommy duck enjoys the day with her baby.



The cast of "Cinderella" from the Main Street Theatre Company perform one of the songs from the play.



The cast of "In the Heights" from the Main Street Theatre Company perform one of the songs from the play.



The crowd enjoying a beautiful afternoon while waiting for the evening festivities to begin.



Melrose Hose Company's fundraising "Dunk Tank"



Fireworks light up the night sky

South Amboy Residents Enjoy the Festivities Before the Fireworks Begin, Waterfront 7/2/15

*Photos by Beverly Samuelson



Vendors sell goodies to the public



Waiting for the Show



A dazzling display

Perth Amboy Residents Enjoy the Festivities Before the Fireworks Begin, Raritan Yacht Club 7/2/15

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B.A. Jillian Barrick, Representatives from Alameda Care Center (Junel Hutchenson R) and Andrew Toth.

Happy Independence Day!

The Community Voice

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does not equal teacher.

Consistently the administration is ignoring the student opinion in favor of petty dislike and their own image. See, it makes them look better if they have a doctor teaching the AP course so if the students fail the exam it will not affect them much as individuals looking to advance in their career. It is not just the AP US History teacher that is being replaced, it is multiple teachers that are being replaced - note that the teachers being replaced are those that encourage student

opinion and object to senseless decisions. One teacher in particular has even decided to resign because of the senseless decisions. This teacher taught AP Psychology, everyone loves him and his scores are frequently high and passing. But because he objects to administration decisions (e.g a static learning that will not contribute to the growth in students) and encourages student opinion, the administration had attempted to place him in the Adult School. Another AP Psychology teacher with over

20 years of experience was replaced with those who have never taught AP Psychology - mind you, she's consistently had passing AP students, and placed her in a course that she did not even major in.

I have so much to say about this. Please, please, please listen and respond. Too long have we ignored this matter and it has taken a negative toll on the students.

Thank you,
Yanae Zorrilla



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Best Practices Put on The Spot And Possible Conflict of Interest Contract

PERTH AMBOY - 6/22/15 Caucus Meeting. No. 3 - An Ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled. "Police Department" (Ordinance No. C-74) adopted on October 17, 1928) also known as Chapter 95 ET SEQ of the Code of the City of Perth Amboy. Re: Rules and Regulations.

R-288-6/15 Authorizing professional service agreements with qualified bond counsel who have submitted responses to requests for proposals for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Former Council President, Former Police Officer and Former Union Representative Ken Balut had a mouthful to say about the two items above. "I negotiated the accreditation in 1993. They could have changed the process in 2008. This Rodgers Group is a scam. Why don't you list bidder's names (R-288) as we did before?"

City Attorney Mark Blunda replied, "Ordinance No. 3 as well ask Ordinance No.1 & No. 2 which talked about Handicapped Parking and Uniformed Firefighters' salaries were reviewed by the Police, Unions and Outside Consultants."

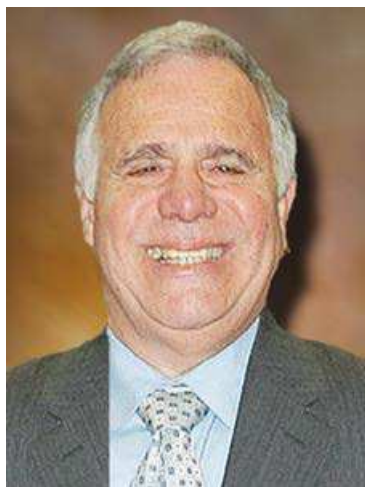
The Rodgers Group LLC is a consulting service to assist police departments in securing NJSA COP reaccreditation. Balut has been critical about the Rodgers Group since it was awarded a contract by the City. (See 7/16/14 & 9/17/14 Issues of the Amboy Guardian)

Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano said, "These Ordinances were updated with current practices of the Department. The Practices were probably updated in the 1990's. I can talk to the Rodgers Group about the latest changes."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez and Council President Lisa Nanton said they would like to see the changes rec-



Ken Balut



**Councilman
Fernando Gonzalez**

ommended by the Rodgers Group which differed from the 1990's.

Cattano said, "Some of the changes came from me, plus the Rodgers Group and Consultants."

Fernando Gonzalez also requested if Chief Cattano can give him a copy of the contract.

At the 6/24/15 Council Meeting, Balut again referenced Resolution R-288. "The Professional Service Group (McManimon & Scotland) that was awarded this contract should have been listed on that Agenda Item. You're voting on something that gave money to your campaign. Names of corporations are no longer being listed because they are campaign contributors."

City Attorney Mark Blunda reiterated, "Names have not been listed in the past. The people who will be providing the professional services were not involved in the court case (involving election fraud)."

Balut answered back, "McManimon & Scotland did a lousy job in the past. The Council has cut back the time that speakers can talk so that Agenda Items cannot be discussed in detail."

When it came time to vote on R-288, it was Moved by

Bill Petrick, Seconded by Fernando Irizarry. Fernando Gonzalez abstained. He found it to be legally and morally wrong for McManimon & Scotland to be awarded this contract. "If they want to act in good faith they will remove themselves."

During the Council Comments, Fernando Gonzalez wanted to know asked Blunda what is the ethical responsibility of a law firm that might be in conflict.

Blunda answered, "The law firm is not aware of my decision of letting them have this City Contract. No member of this Council was in conflict when voting on this. I will write to the law firm about your decision to take this matter further."

Councilman Pabon told Fernando Gonzalez, "If you feel this way about this firm being awarded this contract, you should just submit a letter to them instead of us writing a letter to them for us to vote on this matter."

Council President said, "It's not our jurisdiction, but the law firm's."

Fernando Gonzalez answered back, "We should inform the law firm of your ruling (Blunda's) of the conflict of interest." This motion was moved by Joel Pabon and Seconded by Bill Petrick.

Turtle Show

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesday, July 15 at 1:45 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Features a variety of live turtles and tortoises from around the world. Kids will learn where each species comes from and what they eat. They will also be given a Ninja Turtle mask! For more info call 732-721-6060. All Ages! Sponsored by the Friends of Dowdell Library.

One Handed Keyboard Kontest

SOUTH AMBOY - One Handed Keyboard Kontest on Monday, July 20 from 1 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Adjacent to the South Amboy High School. Have fun with the library's organ! All Ages! Prize Categories: <10, 11-17, 18+

PAHS Class of 1970 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - P.A.H.S. CLASS OF 1970, "45th Class Reunion," October 3, 2015, The Forge, Route 9, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, 6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m., Gourmet Buffet-5hr open bar-DJ, \$80 per person. Payment due in full by August 1, 2015 -(sorry no refunds). Accommodations: Hampton Inn, Route 9, Woodbridge, NJ 07095. Mention PAHS REUNION & receive special rates (732-855-6900). Contacts: PAHS1970@aol.com, Tom:732-583-3527. Mail & Address checks to: PAHS CLASS OF 70, 10 Hamble Rd. Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!

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Classic Car Show

SAYREVILLE - Blast from the Past Classic Car Show: Saturday, September 12, 4 p.m.- 8 p.m., located in Kennedy Park on Washington Road. Refreshments available at the Food court. Admission is free to spectators. To enter a classic car, please provide 2 non-perishable food items for the Sayreville Food Bank at the registration table. For Info call: 732- 390- 7092 / 7096.

Fireworks Celebration, Raritan Yacht Club 7/2/15
**Photos by Carolyn Maxwell & Katherine Massopust*



Patriotic Dresses for Independence Day



Mayor Wilda Diaz & Yolanda Flores



Councilman Joel Pabon & Family



Dianne Roman with Daughter



A Patriotic Attendee poses with Carol Bilas



Sayreville & Perth Amboy Fire Personnel



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Concert Series

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WOODBIDGE - LET'S ROCK! Tribute Bands Come To Woodbridge 2015 at Woodbridge High School, 25 Samuel Lupo Pl, Woodbridge. SHOW TIME at 7:30 p.m. FREE ADMISSION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks." July 7 - Forever Ray - Ray Charles Tribute; July 14 - The British Invasion; July 21 - Scarborough Fair - Simon and Garfunkle Tribute. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

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Local Band Thursdays

WOODBIDGE - Woodbridge Bands take the stage at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge. FREE Parking at NJT Parking Lot. Live Entertainment Featuring LOCAL Bands and Musicians. Enjoy Great Music "Under the Stars" and "On the Lawn." SHOW TIME at 7:30 p.m. FREE ADMISSION with a Donation of Non-Perishable Food Items for "We Feed Woodbridge Food Banks." Beer & Wine for sale by Riffy's; July 9 - Love Revolution. July 16 - Steve Stone; July 23 - 9 South. Inclement Weather Hotline 732-602-6045

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PERTH AMBOY - Wearing Out Poverty - Soles 4 Souls at Sneaker Ferry & Love Only Veins Eternity 1st Annual Shoe Drive to help fight against global poverty. Donate any new or used shoes for our shoe drive. Drop off location: Sneaker Ferry 154-156 Smith Street Perth Amboy N.J. 08861. All participants who donate will be entered in to win a raffle of \$100 towards next purchase at Sneaker Ferry. For additional information about our Shoe Drive, follow us on Instagram @spreadlove_3 & @sneakerferry.

South Amboy Summer Concerts

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Concerts are FREE. Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, O'Leary Boulevard, South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front. Concerts will take place rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather, you will be directed to the South Amboy Middle/High School Auditorium by Park Rangers. Shuttle bus service will be available every week courtesy of Middlesex County Area Transit. Call 732-745-3936 for more info. July 8 - Walt Wagner & The Serenaders. July 15 - Zydeco-A-Go-Go - New Orleans style Rhythm & Blues, and 40's Jazz & Swing; July 22 - The Cameos - New Jersey's Favorite Oldies Group; July 29 - Bernie Goydish's Jersey Polka Stars - Polka and Variety Music.

Lego Toddlers

SOUTH AMBOY - Ages 2-3 yrs. old. Mondays at 2 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060. Come build with us!

Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE - Starting on Tuesdays, May 12 - Sept. 29 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Weather Permitting, Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge, (Wal-Mart Parking Lot). Trophy's Awarded. For More Info Call 732-585-7365

Trip to Rocking

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PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Spirit Seniors in Perth Amboy is sponsoring a trip to Rocking Horse Ranch Resort in N.Y. Mon. Sept. 28 to Fri. Oct. 2, 2015. All are welcome! Price is \$615 each person for double occupancy, \$605 each for triple occupancy and \$715 each for single. Initial deposit of \$100 is due now. Final payment is due Aug. 15, 2015. Price includes: all meals, activities, indoor pool, horseback rides, taxes, tips and bus. For more info, please contact: Sue Shevchenko 732-442-1976

Warren Park Mini-Theater

WOODBIDGE - Sundays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Concerts are FREE. Florida Grove Road, Woodbridge. Call 732-745-3936 for more info. July 5 - The George Krauss Memorial Band - Lights! Camera! Music! from the Big & Small Screens - Barbara Krauss Santoro, Leader; July 12 - Irish Night featuring The Perry Brothers - Ron Dolce, Leader; July 19 - Sandy Sasso's Swin'g' Big Band - past singer with the Dorsey, Goodman and Riddle Big Bands

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Me Time

PERTH AMBOY - FSC has partnered up with the AUL Charter school in bringing a Parent Support Group to the community. They meet the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at 333 High St. Perth Amboy.

Yoga Classes

SOUTH AMBOY - Yoga classes at the Knights of Columbus in South Amboy, 308 fourth street, are ongoing. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. A mat is required. Part of the proceeds benefit the Colombian Club council No. 426. Drop in rate is \$10. Packages available at a reduced rate. Pre-registration required. Please call Denise 732-525-9536 or email healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com

PAHS Class of 1960 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The PAHS Class of 1960 will be holding their 55 year reunion at the Hotel Woodbridge at Metropark in Iselin, NJ the weekend of September 18th, 19th and 20th. We have a Friday get together, Saturday dinner dance and Sunday brunch. You are able to come to any or all of the events. We have accommodation arrangements with the hotel for the weekend. For any further information, please contact Linda at 732-826-6794.

We are looking forward to a great reunion. Your being there will certainly add to the enjoyment!!! It's always great to revisit with you every five years, but we're also anxious to visit with those of you we haven't seen in a longer time - some not since 1960! Let this be the year you make the commitment to join us. Please don't let another reunion pass you by.

Ladies

Auxiliary #4699

SAYREVILLE - On Tuesday, July 28 at Sayreville Ladies Auxiliary #4699 will hold their monthly meeting at 7pm at Jernee Road. All Members are invited to attend. Light refreshments served. Call 732-264-3031 for more info.

MIY

Thursdays

SOUTH AMBOY - MIY Thursdays - SADIE'S STUDIO Programs at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Come and join us as we Make, Create, Innovate! Ages 7-17 Enjoy fun hands-on electronic projects! Recycled Bead Bracelets Doodling Robots Kinect Remote Control Cars Learn Coding- RPG Combat Coding & Frozen Coding Little bits, Smoothies and MUCH MORE! For more info call 732-721-6060.

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WOODBIDGE - In cooperation with The Barron Arts Center, the Woodbridge Writers Group is a forum for writers of all levels to share ideas, voice opinions, and develop skills. We are aiming to cultivate an environment of trust and positivity designed to help local writers reach their goals, large or small. The door is open to all participants, whether you write as a hobby or have an eye toward publication, and we host a wide variety of genres. There is no entry fee or long term commitment to join this is an ongoing program with new topics and material each session. Our group is an open forum, so we invite you to bring any work you'd like to share. For more information, please email Brooke and Beth at woodbridgewritersnj@gmail.com

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

A 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
A.L.S.

Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers.
 Miracles waited on your words, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (*request*). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.
 O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be. **M.S.K.**

Novena to St. Jude

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly - (*make your request here*) - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen
M.S.K.

Superhero Buttons

SOUTH AMBOY - Thursdays at 4 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Jul. 8 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Jul. 9 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Jul. 13 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jun. 14 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Jul. 15 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. Jul. 16 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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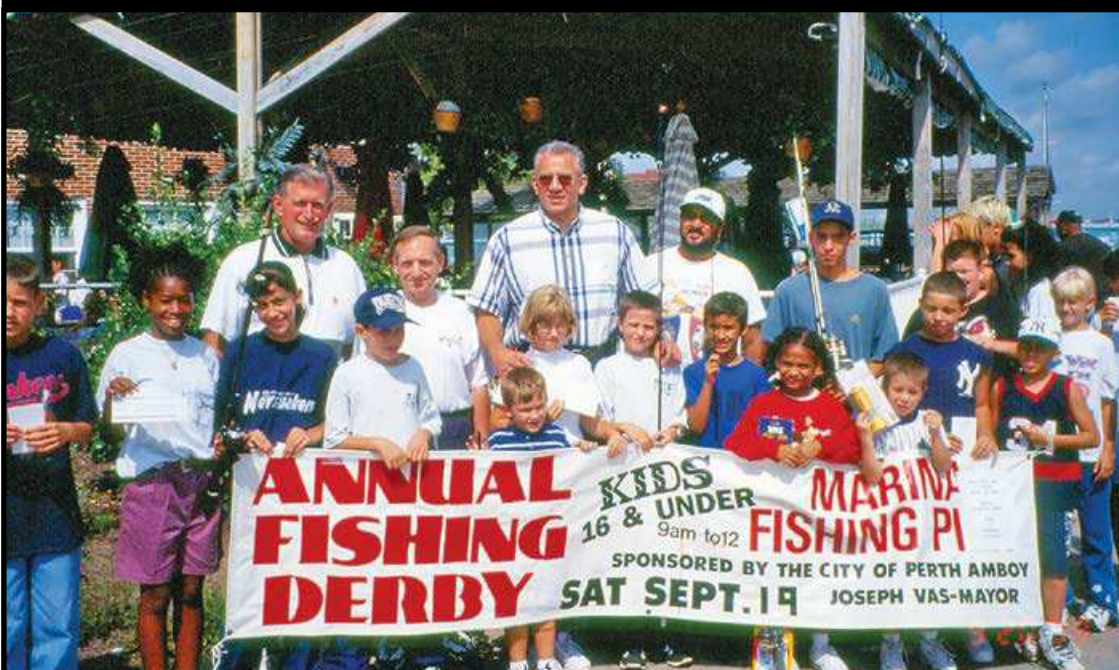
- WED. Jul. 8 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Jul. 27 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. Aug. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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

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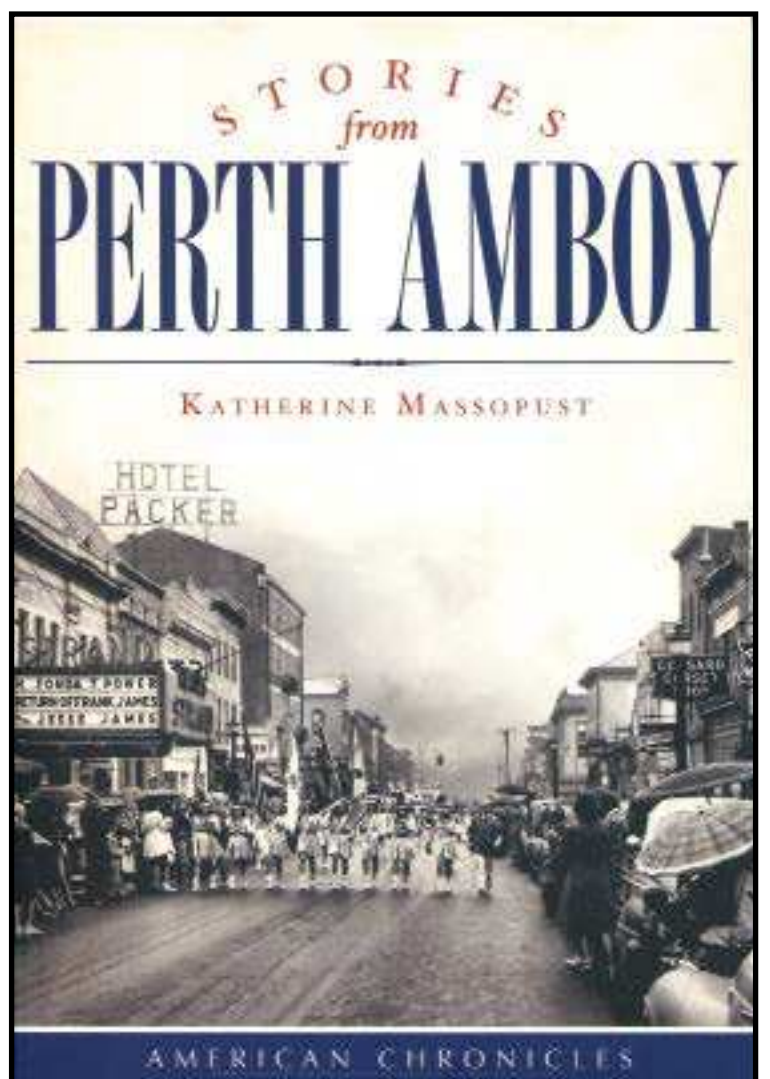
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - September 19, 1998 - Annual Fishing Derby. (L to R) Michael Keller, Councilman Bob Sottilaro and Mayor Joe Vas pose for a photo with the participants of the Annual Fishing Derby.

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- 8 Furtive whisper
- 12 Turn soil
- 13 Butter's rival
- 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
- 37 Sailor's affirmatives
- 39 ____ Paulo
- 41 Whirlpools
- 43 Christmas beverage
- 47 Guy
- 48 Shamrock land
- 50 Departure's

opposite (abbr.)

- 51 "____ keep" (pro-crastinator's motto)
- 52 Fancy
- 53 Skid causer
- 54 Watched
- 55 White flakes
- 56 Order's partner

DOWN

- 1 Professional cook
- 2 Opposite of wealthy
- 3 Singer Horne
- 4 Caesar's

garments

- 5 At ____ (puzzled, 2 wds.)
- 6 Writer Wallace
- 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
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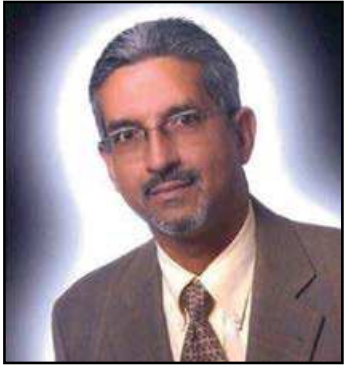
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