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Organizations Asking for CDBG Grants Go Before Council

10/11/16 Caucus Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – Council President Lisa Nanton and Business Administrator Adam Cruz requested on the topics of discussion for those organizations to come forward who requested CDBG monies.

Cruz stated, "Under the Best Practices Program, the City has to justify why certain entities were created and if those entities had filed the guidelines."

The first person to come forward was Executive Director of the Perth Amboy Housing Authority Doug Dzema. Dzema read the mission of the Housing Authority (go to www.perthamboyha.org for more info.) After reading that statement, he read some statistics. "There are 1,518 public housing units in the City of Perth Amboy. 25% are affordable housing units. 19.9% of Perth Amboy households are living in poverty. There are 700 residents on the waiting list. We are trying to provide affordable housing. We have different programs available besides Section 8 to aide them. One of them is called the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. We get funding through the CDBG programs. There are Housing Assistant Programs where we assist families with their mortgages for a period of time, then they're on their own. Government Funding is at an all-time low. Some of the grants that we have are for the elderly to help them live independently. There's a new program called RAD which has 360 public housing units. It removes deed restrictions. These units will have upgrades or improvements such as renovations to kitchens, bathrooms and roofing. Of these units, the City will receive a 4% tax credit. P.A.R.T.N.E.R. which is under the Housing Authority has had one Habitat for Humanity Home completed and another one is on the way. Under P.A.R.T.N.E.R. we have

provided \$65,000 in scholarship money. We received a \$500,000, 5 year grant from Wells-Fargo for a gateway program. The P.A.R.T.N.E.R.'s budget is \$150,000.

After Doug Dzema spoke, Lissett Lebron who is the program manager for the Gateway Program came up to speak. "This program is a neighborhood revitalization plan. Four years ago, the Jewish Renaissance, The Housing Authority and P.A.R.T.N.E.R. joined together to form the Gateway Neighborhood Revitalization. We are looking to beautify and improve all the Gateway entrances into the City." She gave an example as to some of the properties such as Celotex. "We emphasize the arts, gardens, murals, etc. There are 122 milestones to accomplish in 5 years. The Gateway Association consists of stakeholders and residents in the Gateway area."

Councilman Joel Pabon had a question to ask of Perth Amboy Housing Executive Director Dzema, "How many people from out-of-state get Section 8 vouchers. Dzema explained, "Those from outof-state are coming in with Tenant Based Vouchers. They can come in from any state and even from Puerto Rico. Our Vouchers (Perth Amboy Housing Authority) are Federal State Vouchers. When you combine with Tenant Based Vouchers with our Federal State Vouchers, there are actually 1500 people on the waiting list. There are many different kinds of vouchers that exist; some are project based vouchers that are attached to buildings." Dzema continued, "We have 70 units on our public housing list and there are 61 Perth Amboy Residents out of the 70 units. Everyone has to be certified every year."

After Dzema finished, Lissett Lebron came back up to speak. "We received \$100,000 plan-

ning grant and an additional \$500,000 for the implementation of that grant. This grant was provided by the Wells-Fargo Regional Foundation.

This prompted Councilman Fernando Irizarry to question, "When are we going to start seeing results?"

Lebron responded, "We've already had some events using this money such as social programs (career fairs, neighborhood watches, resident surblock veys, parties, microloans.) It will take about seven years to see physical results. We provide technical assistance to residents in these Gateway Neighborhoods and we gear residents towards programs that they were interested in. There are administration fees attached to each grant. So far we have 199 residents engaged and 19 are part of the association. We prioritize missions and report back to Wells-Fargo. At one of our job fairs we provided job training and technical assistance to 30 residents."

Irizarry came back and asked, "Is there any data available on self-sufficiency and has it helped reduce poverty in the City?"

Dzema said, "The information is provided to the Council in the pack presented to you (all the Council Members)."

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Housing Chair Dot Daniel came up to speak. She was happy to report, "Everyone who has gone through and graduated through our self-sufficiency family program have ever gone into foreclosure. We help them through the prepurchase and post-purchase process which helps them avoid going into foreclosure."

After Daniel sat down 25. Annie Hindenlang, Executive Director Office of Economic and Community Development Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency came up to report on different redevelopment proj-



Council President Lisa Nanton

ects. She started out with the e-port projects. "Bridgeport Phase #1 is reported to bring in 300 to 500 jobs. The expected completion date is the first quarter of 2017. There's a possibility there will be slots for the Police and Fire Boats. Bridgeport Phase #2 also is expected to bring in 300 to 500 jobs. The expected completion for that is in 2018." She mentioned Riverwalk Apartment Complex.

Before she could finish the presentation for that, Councilman Irizarry wanted to know, "Will it include any subsidized housing units?"

Hindenlang answered, "You can't exclude any person who is on a subsidy, but it's targeted for FMV (Fair Market Value) tenants. 10% of the Riverwalk area will be set aside for parks (green space or open space). 85% of union workers will be working on the e-port buildings and some of these workers are Perth Amboy Residents. The job numbers that were given are estimated projections. The Self Storage Company will only be using the property in Perth Amboy for Storage Units. The fourth quarter of next year will be the projected completion of that project."

She next mentioned 500 High Street, "There's a remediation of contaminated materials on that property and they



Business Administrator Adam Cruz

are looking to construct luxury units/restaurants on that land. Smith Street Realty is looking to move their car wash and a Wa-Wa will be put there. Part of the property that Wa-Wa will be looking at will be an abandoned house and a part of the Public Works Property."

Hindenlang continued, "The Ameristeel Site, which will be a \$100 million project has an expected completion date of 2018."

. The next speakers were George Cruz and Brian Taylor from the Boys and Girls Club. George Cruz spoke first, "Our request for \$30,000 is to support the Bayside Club. This is club is looking to serve 50 youth between the ages of 6 to 13. The grant would be used to support the staff. The club has a State Childcare license."

Brian Taylor, who is a retired NBA Player and a star of the 1968 Perth Amboy High School State Basketball Championship Team also made remarks, "The club provides additional academic support teaching them basketball and leadership skills. We focus on low income, single family and high risk children."

Councilman Joel Pabon wanted to know, "Are all the students from Perth Amboy?" Cruz and Taylor answered,

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Spies in the Revolutionary War

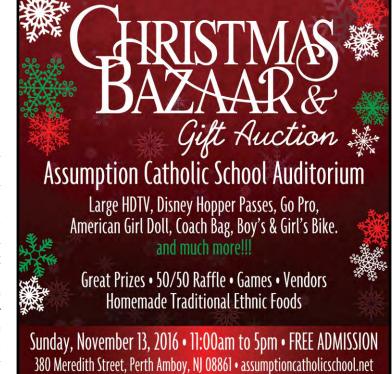
WOODBRIDGE - If you can't outfight them, then out spy them was a leading premise of George Washington, the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, during the American Revolution. Based on Washington's experience fighting for the British in the French and Indian War, he soon realized in the early years of the Revolution that the army of the American colonists was no match for that of Great Britain.

On Monday, November 28, you are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township at the Main Library. November's program will feature Damien M. Cregeau, historian and consultant, discussing

Spies in the Revolutionary War. The noted speaker is a member of the Connecticut Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, Vice President of the Sons of the American Revolution and member of the Wethersfield Connecticut Historic District Commission.

The meeting begins at 7pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Main Library located on Amboy Avenue. Light refreshments will follow.

For further information, contact brenda.velasco@twp. woodbridge.nj.us



Cautionary Note for Residents It's a Sign of the Times: 10/11/16 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - Council President Lisa Nanton said, "There were complaints from residents about Elizabethtown Gas placing gas meters in front of their homes. Nanton made it clear that residents do not have to have these meters in front of their homes. They can request that Elizabethtown Gas place them elsewhere.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was upset that a sign ordinance was being violated by the Mayor. Acting Law Director Louis Rainone stated a case where the American Civil Liberties state you can't regulate signs. "I haven't read the sign ordinance, yet."

Gonzalez said, "There are delay tactics by the current administration and I don't know what's going on in Code Enforcement. I don't know why they are not doing their job. Everybody else is obeying the rules. In the past, Code Enforcement removed signs that did not fit the regulations when we had them. I'm an honest man, and I expect everyone else to be so, too."

Councilman Bill Petrick agreed with Councilman Fernando Gonzalez. "Code Enforcement had us remove signs that violated the codes. We should all be playing under the same rules."

Rainone responded and said, "I will give him memo regarding the American Civil Liberties suit and tell those violating the sign ordinance to remove them. That case was called Reed vs. Gilbert."

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak. "People do whatever they want to do when it comes to ordinances. Now, Joel Pabon was not to vote on a resolution (that was presented at a PARA Meeting, because they said he was in conflict. He was not. What about when he was in conflict on Hobart Street and there was a political conflict there? There should be a third revote (PARA Meeting). The Mayor should be off the

Redevelopment Board. Mr. Trujillio was targeted. It was a business arrangement (between Pabon renting the space owned by Trujillio on Madison Avenue for his ticket's campaign headquarters for the 2016 election)."

Resident Jeremy Baratta said, "How was the seat for the Board of Adjustment advertised?" He also wanted to know why the Reed vs. Gilbert lawsuit taken up by the American Civil Liberties notification was not given to everyone?

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak next. He stated, "At the 10/4/16 PARA Meeting, all they wanted to do was embarrass Pabon.At the Meeting, even the PARA Attorney said, "It was inconclusive (a violation of Pay-to-Play). Sierakowski then read a piece of paper that was handed out to the Council Members. It questioned if Mayor Diaz didn't pay her taxes until she was forced to." He also wanted to know if Annie Hindenlang was in conflict and if she was negotiating with this company (Topology, a consulting firm).

Resident Susan Batista came up next, questioning the CDBG grants. "How are these grants advertised?"

Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, "The City advertising them and they submit proposals and people apply."

Batista responded, "I never saw these things advertised. I also told you that it is improper to remove me from the Zoning Board. My term was never extended. The City Clerk doesn't have the authority to remove me from the Board."

Batista also advised the City to purchase a building that's for sale on the corner of Gornik Drive and Florida Grove Road. "It would make a good library satellite location because we have nothing like that there."





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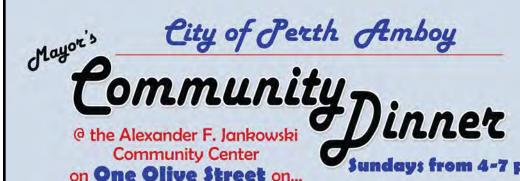
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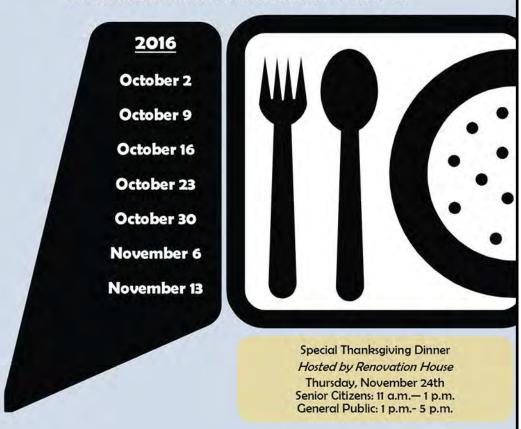
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Congressman Frank Pallone Endorses Mayor Wilda Diaz Cites Mayor's Accomplishments



(L to R) Congressman Frank Pallone Endorses Wilda Diaz for Mayor of Perth Amboy (L to R) Mayor Wilda Diaz, Congressman Frank Pallone, Councilman Fernando Irizarry and Jelmin Caba. *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Diaz supporters at the Stronger Together Team

Press Release 10/14/16
PERTH AMBOY – Congressman Frank Pallone endorsed Mayor Wilda Diaz citing her record on redevelopment, fiscal responsibility and putting Perth Amboy first. He also praised Mayor Diaz's acumen as a businesswomen and her use of that knowledge to promote small business develop-

ment in Perth Amboy.

"Wilda is a very unique person because she always puts Perth Amboy first and a lot of times when I see other people running for state office or county office often times they are thinking about other things, they are thinking about themselves. I never get that with Wilda. I always get that she really care about this town," said Pallone, who is also running for reelection this November. "Whether it is walking down Smith Street, or using her business acumen from so many years as a banker to try to help small businesses, or calling me to tell me she is so proud of the history of Perth Amboy, like the renovation of the library or the improvement of the train station. That is what I get. I get the felling she is proud of the city, and wants the city to

progress in so many ways for the people that live here, and that she cares about them."

"As I was driving here today I saw new businesses, buildings going up along the waterfront, all this is just about the progress of Perth Amboy, and last but not least because in many ways I think it's the most important thing is that her background as a banker has helped in turning around the whole debt situation," concluded Pallone.

Election Day is November 8.

Press Statement by Mayor Wilda Diaz Accepting Pallone's Endorsement

October 14, 2016

"I want to thank Congressman Frank Pallone for his endorsement," Mayor Wilda Diaz said at the press conference. "He has been a good friend to our city for many years, and remains a positive voice for all of us. His endorsement means a lot to me and I look forward to continuing to work with Congressman Pallone to make Perth Amboy a better place to live, work, and play."

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Amboy Guardian South Amboy Council Candidate Questions



South Amboy Train Station *Photo courtesy of AP

- 1.) TOWN IMPROVEMENTS While we applaud the opening on the Art's District and it's positive impact that it will make in the downtown area, but are there also other concerns that you want to address?
- 2.) **BUSINESSES** What businesses would you like to attract to South Amboy to help revitalize the downtown area in a short time-frame?
- 3.) PARKING METERS Are parking meters a revenue generator of revenue killer? How do you stand on this issue?
- 3.) **TERM LIMITS** Do you think term limits are necessary?
- 4.) HOUSING What type of Housing do you feel are most needed: condos, single family or apartments. Do you feel that the types of housing in South Amboy is sufficient for the resi-
- 5.) **EMPLOYMENT** Do you think the proposed businesses coming into town will bring employment opportunities for the residents or will these businesses already come with a built in workforce?
- 6.) TOWN'S ASSETS South Amboy and Perth Amboy are fortunate to both have in common beautiful waterfronts, close to major highways and cities and most importantly, a train station. When you think about how your town is situated, if you were a visitor coming from out of town what would your first impression be of South Amboy?

What Do You Think? Send Us a Response!

The Need to Collect

Uncollected Taxes in New Jersey

Reliable sources tell us that New Jersey has the eighth largest economy in the nation; that New Jersey is the second wealthiest state in the federal union, enjoying a median household income of \$71,919 per annum. So why is that budget time each year, New Jersey is always short of money?

There never seems to be enough cash on hand to fully fund education, the state pension systems, needed infrastructure repairs and improvements, and other worthwhile and useful programs. The state budget, \$38.4 billion dollars, is largely funded by the State Income Tax, at \$20 to \$21 billion; the State Sales Tax, at \$9 to \$10 billion; and the Gross Receipts Tax of \$3 to \$4 bil-

The Income Tax, thanks to the W2 and 1099 forms, is largely collected by employers within our state. And, as exists with the Federal Income Tax, there is somewhat of a problem reaching full compliance with the law among many selfemployed large and small cash business owners in New Jer-

Regarding the Sales Tax, the state relies on thousands of retailers and other large and small cash business owners to collect the taxes due. There are many collectors but too few auditors.

These cash business owners are required to collect and report to the state on a regular basis. To make these small business owners, in effect Revenue Agents, is both an imposition and a burden that they do not need or necessarily want.

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I am suggesting that if the Sales Tax was more efficiently collected and enforced, much of New Jersey's money problems would cease to exist. Adding to the collection problem is the "underground" economy, the large and small business cash transactions; the prevalence of cash businesses in New Jersey does not lend itself, as a system, to full compliance. Further, Internet and Catalog purchases often fail to charge and collect taxes due. Simply put, there is too much tax revenue that is not being fully collected. Were it to be, there would not be a need to raise the gasoline tax or any other existing tax yet to be conceived.

Perhaps shifting the responsibility for tax collection, as much as possible, to the wholesale level would make collection and enforcement more effective. Generally, Wholesalers are larger businesses and may have the staff to deal with tax matters.

It's my firm belief that if the tax was fully or nearly-fully collected, we could raise an additional \$3 to \$6 billion dollars or more to fund the budget. These much needed additional revenues would go a long way to solving our education, pension and infrastructure needs, as well as our dire property tax problems.

No one has a monopoly on ideas. I am confident that the people of New Jersey and their elected officials can develop other innovative ideas, approaches and solutions to the problem of tax collection. The very test of any tax is the ability to collect it. If it cannot be fully collected, it should be revised, replaced or eliminated. Any reasonable idea should be given full and due consideration. The seriousness and severity of our fiscal problems deserve a comprehensive study of the way New Jersey does business.

The subject of sales tax collection has been raised with legislative leaders over time. A reluctance or outright refusal to discuss and examine this issue openly is bewildering. Isn't it reasonable to discuss the prospect of raising revenues without resorting to raising taxes? Some say the reluctance or refusal to engage on owners who serve as tax collectors throughout New Jersey. I believe our elected officials owe their allegiance and their duty to the millions of their fellow citizens who pay sales tax on a daily basis. They bear the burden of responsibility to ensure that the taxes duly paid are fully collected. I'm sure I need not remind anyone that we are already the most taxed population in the United States.

As I see it, our legislators have three options in dealing with our financial problems:

- 1. Raise taxes;
- 2. Cut taxes;
- 3. Grow the economy.

I would add #4. Collect the taxes already in existence.

Is there anyone in New Jersey who actually believes that all the Sales Tax money paid is being fully collected by the state? It is inconceivable to me that with New Jersey's economy approaching \$1 trillion dollars we are only collecting \$9 to \$10 billion in Sales Tax revenues.

Very Truly yours, Rav Geneske

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016 **Polls Open** 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Remember to Vote!





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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

Kearny Cottage Closed

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage is temporarily closed for painting and minor renovations. A notice will be posted on the Amboy Guardian Website when it resumes normal operations. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

Proprietary House Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel. 732-826-5527 E-mail: info@proprietaryhouse.org. Follow us on our website, www.theproprietaryhouse.org and or/Face-book.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

MON. Oct. 24 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
WED. Oct. 26 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

THURS. Oct. 27 Historic Preservation Commission, 5:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.

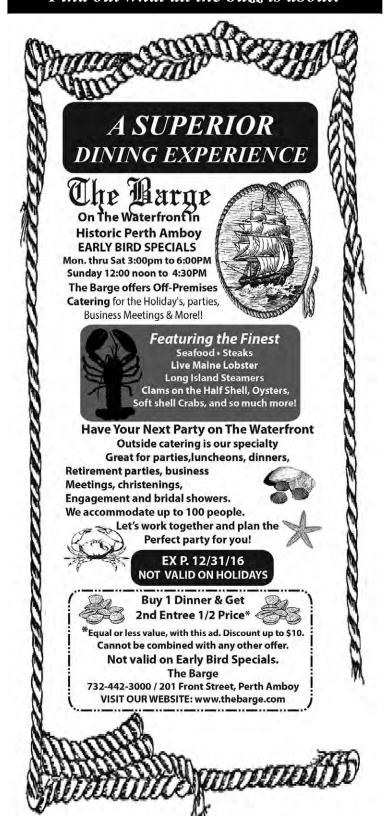
South Amboy

WED. Oct. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

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Business Meet N' Greet Networking at the Barge,

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Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

We understand that some may be concerned by the recent incidents/ threats in New York, Seaside, NJ and Elizabeth, NJ. At this time, it has been reported that a suspect was taken into custody in Linden, NJ. We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, and I want to emphasize that it is important that **IF YOU SEE**

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Report Suspicious Activity - Be Vigilant - STAY ALERT Do not think that any call or report is too small Don't allow the actions of a few dictate your quality of life **FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 9-1-1**

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Dear Perth Amboy Community,

We are pleased to inform you there will be four debates during this political season, two will focus on the Board of Education candidates and the other two will revolve around the Mayoral candidates. The first will be held by the Perth Amboy AFT. They will be hosting a Board of Education forum at the Perth Amboy High School on Tuesday, October 18th from 7 pm-9:30 pm. The next debate will be held by United Messengers of Peace on Monday, October 24th at the Perth Amboy High School from 7 pm-9 pm and will be a Board of Education candidate debate. There will be a section at this debate specific for those who need translations. The following debate will also be hosted by United Messengers of Peace. This is a Mayoral Debate which will also occur at the Perth Amboy High School from 7 pm-9 pm on October 25, 2016. The moderator for both of the debates by United Messengers of Peace is Professor Dr. Matthew Maddex, Director of Debate, Rutgers University. The final debate will be hosted by the Amboy Guardian on Thursday, October 27, 2016 and will be moderated by Former Rutgers University Professor Ron Miskoff. They are hosting a Mayoral Debate at Beth Mordecai located at 224 High St. lasting from 7 pm-9 pm.

As a reminder, you can attend all of the debates, some of the debates, or none of the debates.

If you would like to volunteer for the debates please inform the hosts. If you have any questions you would like asked at the event please feel free to reach out to the respective hosts.

We look forward to seeing you at all of the debates this season!

Respectfully,

Stephanie Rodriguez
Stephanie Rodriguez
Founder and President

Fire on Charles Street, Perth Amboy 10/10/16 *Photos by Paul W. Wang & Katherine Massopust













Questions Remain on

CDBG Grants

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AUL Charter School Looks to Expand 10/4/16 PARA Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Attorney George Otlowski Jr. made a presentation regarding the Charter School wishing to acquire an existing structure on Florida Grove Road to house 7th and 8th Graders. The existing structure is where the DYFS used to be. Otlowski asked Charter School Board President Robert Fink a few questions why this building is needed.

Fink responded, "The Charter School is a non-profit and recognized by the IRS. We will use everything that is presently in that structure. This will allow us to have 7th and 8th Grades in one building and we have received State approval. 200 (100 7th Graders and 100 8th Graders) new students will be in that one building. We looked at other sites, but this is the only building large enough for that number of students. The AUL has met all the financial requirements for Charter Schools. All Charters are public schools. We receive 90% funding. Students from Perth Amboy get priority placement. The hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The staff leaves at 4 p.m. We also will have after school activities. We receive a midyear renewal from the Department of Education or DOE which is rare. We're in discussions with the owner of the property."

George Otlowski made a brief comment, "As a public school, they do not need State approval for designation."

AUL Superintendent Nestor Collazo came up to speak and talked about some of his credentials which includes a PhD in toxicology and a certified science teacher. "We're focused on academics and to excel. We can see academic gaps that came from the High School. We provide after school assistance. We concentrate on STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics). We work with colleges and universities. We are college driven. Students are placed through a lottery system. We are allowed to have students apply from out of towns only if there are available slots after Perth Amboy students are placed. Between the hours of 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. students will be provided with assistance in Math, Science and Social Studies."

PARA Member Joel Pabon who arrived late at the Meeting said, "I am glad that the AUL is expanding their services, but I'm concerned about the traffic in that area."

The Architect working on the project, Jason Cumura from the firm KSS came up to speak next. He said, "I have been licensed for 7 years and our firm has specialized in Charter Schools and he specifically named Camden, Newark and others. 14 parking spaces will be needed for the new school. A security monitor will be needed at drop-off points. An elevator will be added. There will be 5 classrooms on the second floor. And there will be one dry lab and a wet lab. The students will eat in the classrooms and food will be brought in. The building will be handicapped accessible and there will be proposed recreational facilities."

PARA Member Joel Pabon was also concerned about needing a way to slow down the traffic in that area and the Police may have to get involved.

Attorney Otlowski responded, "It's a County Road."

Engineer Chmura said, "An engineer will do a traffic study."

Otlowski added, "The State and County has to be involved in the traffic around that area of Florida Grove Road because it's their roads."

PARA Attorney Joseph Maraziti then spoke and said, "We need documentation from the State to see if you (the AUL) will have to come before us (PARA) again. We have the letters dated February 29, 2016 from the State that shows your Certificate of Incorporation."

public comments, Resident Stanley Sierakowski had questions on R-440 - Performing the Annual Assessment of the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency and the Perth Amboy Housing Authority. He wanted

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to know, "Who does the assessment and how long does it take?" He said, "When Greg Fehrenbach, the former B.A. wrote a letter to the Housing Authority and their Chair, he said they were uncooperative about housing questions and P.A.R.T.N.E.R. I had a hard time accessing their budget. How much of the \$150,000 goes to administrative costs?

Then Sierakowkski questioned Resolution R-429 -Sheltered Hearts which is asking for \$24,750. "The woman who spoke is just running a boarding house. She is a realtor by trade."

And how much goes to help-

ing people? The Executive Di-

rector is working on the City's

time, but he's working in

Sayreville."

After Sierakowski spoke, Resident Jeremy Baratta spoke. He agreed with Sierakowski in regards to Sheltered Hearts. "It seems like she is running a room and boarding house."

Acting Law Director Louis Rainone replied, "What we saw yesterday (at the 10/11/16 Caucus Meeting) were year end summaries. There isn't an independent assessment to be made."

After the Public Portion was closed, Council President Lisa Nanton had a question about the Check Registry Report for the month of September 2016. She stated, "The DeCotiis Firm billed the City for \$22,171.50, but the last report from them was dated April 2016. I would like to have billing from them for the additional months."

When it came time for the vote for the Consent Agenda, Councilman Bill Petrick moved R-424 through R-427 and R-430 through R-445 collectively and Councilman Joel Pabon seconded it and all were adopted.

R-428 was voided and Councilman Fernando Gonzalez requested R-429 be pulled to be discussed and voted on separately.

R-429 - Authorizing the proper City Officials to execute a contract with Sheltered Hearts in the amount of \$24,750 in accordance with the forty-second year Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title I of the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

Fernando Gonzalez had the following questions: "Does that organization (Sheltered Hearts) have a non-profit status?"

Acting Law Director Raione and Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, "She does."

Fernando Gonzalez responded back, "The profit goes to the owner of that building. I have a problem with that. Maybe the organization should own the building. The organization leases the building from the person who bought the building."

Rainone answered back, "Maybe restrictions should be put on this."

Gonzalez suggested that this resolution be tabled.

Council President Nanton said, "The church (St. Peter's Episcopal Church) who owned the property (Boyd House) that's being questioned had wanted the house to be sold to a ministry."

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned, "When someone applies for a grant, what questions are they asked?"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez added, "We should table this resolution to get more information and vote on it in the next Council Meeting."

Council President Lisa Nanton spoke after Gonzalez and said, "Each year, the CDBG has less grant money."

At the end of the discussion Fernando Gonzalez moved to table R-429 and was seconded by Bill Petrick. All agreed to table this resolution.

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PERTH AMBOY - Resident Stanley Sierakowski wanted to know who was paying for Ben Ruiz's attorney fees for this recent trial. He wanted to know more about the settleagainst Ruiz \$150,000. "Also, the Mayor got a tax abatement on her house. What was it for and was she qualified?"

Resident Susan Batista wanted to know who can sponsor getting a resolution on the agenda. In previous meetings, Batista complained that was removed from the Zoning Board illegally. She said, "Elaine Jasko had put that Resolution on the agenda and Jasko is a private citizen. Jasko would have had to get 20% of signatures on the petition of how many people voted on the last General Election."

Acting Rainone answered back, "There is no such thing as sponsoring a resolution. Only the Council can approve what's on the agenda."

Susan Batista responded back, "I got an email from the City Clerk about my removal from the Zoning Board."

She also questioned the resolution R-424 authorizing CDBG funds to the Boys and Girls Club. "Is this money going to the one in Perth Amboy? They also have a club in Carteret. The one in Perth Amboy is a day-care."

Council President Lisa Nanton responded to Batista questioning on who decided what goes on the agenda. Nanton said, "I have a meeting with the Business Administrator, the CFO (Chief Financial Officer) and the City Clerk to decide what goes on the agenda."

Resident Jeremy Baratta had a question to ask Acting Law Director Rainone, "I believe the maximum amount you can be fined in Municipal Court is

Rainone corrected, "Actually it's \$2000." He then read him the stature where he could find the information.

Baratta had comments to make about handicapped spots on public streets. He mentioned that he is a member of the Handicapped Parking Committee. "If someone has a driveway, they should not be getting a handicapped spot on the street. If there is a driveway on a rental property, the landlord of that property cannot prohibit the tenant from parking there."

Baratta had positive comments to make about the Intersect Fund Company. "I've met them at SBA (Small Business Administration) events and I believe they are legit." He concluded by saying, "I thank Fernando Gonzalez about questioning the Sheltered Hearts Organization."

PAHPC (Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Commis-Commissioner Anna Daily had concerns about the Thomas Mundy Peterson Property on the corner of High and Commerce Streets. "The City still owns that property. Before the property is deeded from City Ownership, please

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Attend Public Meetings Have Your Voice Heard!

Vendor Show

SOUTH AMBOY - Ladies Ancient order of Hibernians, 271 Second St., 2nd Floor South Amboy on Sunday October 23, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Great even to begin your Christmas shopping!!!!

Vendors*** include: Wild Tree, Thirty One, Tupperware, Premiere Jewelry, Jamberry Nails, Pampered Chef, Scentsy, Jewelry in Candles, Younique, Heaven Scent Candles, My Barefoot Sandals and many more.......

Grab your friends & family and join the ladies for an afternoon of shopping and mingling. For more information, contact Jo-Anne @732-586-0074/email applesanni@aol.com

Cub Scout Stem Adventure

PERTH AMBOY - Open to all boys* in first grade through fifth grade. Sisters may attend the program with brother if in grades 1-5. The meeting is at 9 a.m. at the Muncipal Complex, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy on Friday, Nov. 11. The program goes from 9 a.m. to 3:45 pm; \$10 per student, BASF's Happy Hands experiment program, Trip to Liberty Science Center. Bus transportation provided to and from Liberty Science Center. Adult supervision provided. Registration Deadline Friday, Nov. 4. Register by contacting Art Lobdell at Art.lobdell@ scouting.org or 973-769-2340. http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/ event/2014956 *This program is organized by the Boy Scouts of America and all participants will be asked to register for insurance purposes.

JFS and Shopite Offer Free Workshop on Fast, Easy Cooking on a Budget

Center at Jewish Family Services (JFS) of Middlesex County is presenting a free workshop on fast, easy (yummy!) cooking on a budget on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Join us as ShopRite of Spotswood's Registered Dietitian Maryrose Agel demonstrates how to prepare simple, quick, tasty, and budgetfriendly meals that are good for you. Free samples and free gifts to all attendees. Preregister by calling 732-777-1940 or emailing womenscenter@jfsmiddlesex.org. Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County is located at 32 Ford Avenue, 2nd Floor, Milltown, NJ.

Authors Visit Perth Amboy Free Public Library 10/1/16

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Jordan and Joellee Hernandez hold copies of their book "Twin Tales: Sasha and Sophie Go to School"



Signing a book for a young reader



Jordan and Joellee Hernandez pose with some children



Posing for a photo with future authors



Reading "Twin Tales"



The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library with Authors Jordan and Joellee Hernandez

2016 NJ State Firemen's Convention Wildwood 9/17/16

*Photos by Katherine Massopust



South Amboy honors fallen Firefighter Gerald "Bear" Celecki



Wildwood Crest sports an antique fire truck



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South Amboy marches





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Have a Heart for Heather Benefit Dinner

SPOSTSWOOD – There will be a Benefit Dinner for Heather, a 34 year old who resides in Sayreville in need of a kidney transplant due to anti-rejection medications which she has been on since her heart transplant in 2004. We are asking for you to please attend our dinner to help off-set some of the extreme financial burden she is facing. Donations are also accepted from those who want to help but are unable to attend. Checks should be made payable to "Have a Heart for Heather Foundation" mailed to Beth Iorillo, 107 Overlook Drive, Clinton, NJ 08809. The dinner will be on Saturday, November 19 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 30 Crescent Ave., Spotswood, NJ 0884. Tickets are \$25 pp, Cash Bar, DJ, Door Prizes 50/50. You can purchase tickets at the Knights of Columbus or contact Beth Iorillo at 732-754-2187 or email bethiorillo@ comcast.net Thank you for your generosity and help. It's people like you that make the world a place worth living in.

Ghosts of the Proprietary House

PERTH AMBOY – Ghosts of the Proprietary House: A Haunted History Tour, Friday & Saturday, Oct. 28th & 29th. Tours at 7:30 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Apparition's from the Proprietary House's past will take you on a frightening journey through centuries of history. On the tour you will meet the scary specters of Governor & Mrs. Franklin and celebrity of the past, William Dunlap, the frightful ghost of a Revolutionary War Soldier, the eerie spirit of old Matt Bruen & other ghoulish former residents of our creepy mansion. Our tour includes: the colonial brick wine cellar that legend says was used as a dungeon during the Revolution; the haunted staircase that some say was the scene of a gory murder; and the dining room corner where the eccentric spirit of a former occupant may still reside.

Entry on a first come, first served basis. Admission: \$10pp. For more info contact: 732-826-5527 or e-mail info@ theproprietaryhouse.org

Address: 149, Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy.

All funds raised will benefit the ongoing restoration and operation of the Proprietary House Museum.

SEIU NJ State Council Endorses Wilda Diaz for Mayor of Perth Amboy

Press Release Oct. 12, 2016 PERTH AMBOY - The Service **Employees International Union** (SEIU) New Jersey State Council, representing 40,000 service workers in the private and public sectors around the state, today announced its endorsement of Wilda Diaz for mayor of Perth Amboy.

"We are proud to support Wilda Diaz for mayor of Perth Amboy because of her record on issues affecting working fami-

lies," said Wilfredo Larancuent, Council President, and Co-Manager of the Laundry, Distribution and Food Service Joint Board, Workers United.

"Wilda Diaz understands what needs to be done when it comes to the quality of life and economic issues facing Perth Amboy, and we know she will continue to do what is needed to improve the lives of the women, men and children who live in that great city," said Kevin Brown, 32BJ Vice President and New Jersey State Di-

"Mayor Wilda Diaz has been a champion in the Fight for \$15 movement and a committed defender of good jobs in Perth Amboy," said Milly Silva, Council Vice President and Executive Vice President of 1199SEIU. "She is a leader we know we can count on to deliver results for working peo-

Medicine Take Back Day Returns to Middlesex County October 22nd

Press Release 10/17/16 EAST BRUNSWICK - On Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wellspring Center for Prevention, the Coalition for Healthy Communities, and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its 12th opportunity in six years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.

"Prescription drug abuse continues to be a growing problem in the U.S. and locally, and a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends," said Wellspring Executive Director & CEO Ezra Helfand. "The no-questions-asked "take-back" will enable our neighbors to help prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired and unwanted prescription drug."

Last April, Americans turned in 447 tons (over 893,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,400 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,200 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in

its 11 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in over 6.4 million pounds—about 3,200 tons—of

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines-flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Middlesex County residents are urged to clean out their medicine cabinets and bring their medications for disposal to sites available in their own municipality. A link to locate a collection site near you is now posted on the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) website atwww.deadiversion. usdoj.gov/drug disposal/takeback/. ; The service is free and anonymous, no questions

Members of the public are also reminded that they can use any of the 13 currently available permanent collection Medicine Drop Boxes throughout the County. These sites are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year to dispose of their unused and expired prescription medications. Consumers can drop off their unused or excess medications safely and securely. The available Medicine Drop Boxes are located at police headquarter buildings in: East Brunswick, Edison, Monroe, New Brunswick, Old Bridge, Perth Amboy, Piscataway, Plainsboro, Sayreville, South Brunswick, South River, Spotswood, and Woodbridge.

Anyone seeking additional information or volunteer opportunities for this important should contact Linda Surks at 732-254-3344.

Middlesex Water Company Announces \$1.7 Million Water Main Relocation Project in Sayreville, NJ

Press Release 10/11/16 ISELIN - Middlesex Water Company (Nasdaq:MSEX), a provider of water and wastewater and related services primarily in New Jersey and Delaware, today announced its plans to invest \$1.7 million in a water transmission main relocation project in the Borough of Sayreville to help further ensure continued reliability and water service quality to its customers in eastern and southern Middlesex County and a portion of Monmouth County, NJ.

Middlesex Water plans to install 1,500 feet of new 30-inch ductile iron water transmission main along Washington Road including the side roads of Sherwood Road, Warwick Road, Latham Circle and Burl- upgrading and replacing infraington Road in Sayreville. To minimize inconvenience to residents and motorists, the Company is coordinating its work along Washington Road with a current project underway by the NJ Turnpike Authority. The first phase of the project is expected to begin in early October and be completed by late November 2016. The second phase is expected to commence in the Spring of 2017. The pipe relocation project is not expected to result in any interruption in water service.

Middlesex Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis W. Doll said, "As part of our commitment to diligent asset and risk management, we continue to focus on structure where our detailed analyses identify a need. Projects such as this contribute to our system-wide water delivery operations and the overall quality of utility service to our retail, commercial and wholesale customer base," added Doll.

Main relocation work may result in construction equipment being visible along Washington Road and related construction noise between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents with questions about the project should call 800-549-3802 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Project updates can be found at http:// www.Middlesexwater.com/ about-us/water-for-tomorrow

Pastor Bernadette Falcon Lopez to Be Awarded the Martin Bartner Award at The NJ YMCA State Alliance **Dinner**

Press Release 10/10/16 PERTH AMBOY - Pastor Bernadette Falcon Lopez, better known as Pastor Berny, is a proud Volunteer Board Member and supporter of the Y will receive the Martin Bartner Award at the 2016 New Jersey YMCA State Alliance Dinner on October 20, 2016, at Forsgate Country Club.

Mr. Martin Bartner, former Publisher of the Star-Ledger and longtime supporter of NJ YMCAs, had a lifelong commitment to the importance of diversity and inclusion. The Martin Bartner Award is presented by the New Jersey YMCA State Alliance in affirmation of Mr. Bartner's steadfast commitment to the intrinsic value of diversity and inclusion to healthy YMCAs, and healthy communities.

As the Martin Bartner Award 2016 recipient, Pastor Berny exemplifies inclusion in her work and volunteerism. She

demonstrates her passion through the YMCA Core Values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, Responsibility and Faith and is dedicated to her Ministry and Community, especially aiding the most vulnerable and homeless. Pastor Berny serves as Senior Pastor to God's Army Ministries of NJ (GAM). GAM is a Christ centered community driven ministry that runs a Community Kitchen which serves meals to the needy and homeless. In addition, provides homeless care management and system navigation services in partnership with The Y and other community organizations.

"Just how Mr. Bartner did -Pastor Berny shows her love for God, The Y, the City of Perth Amboy, and children and families with everything she does," said Steve Jobin, President & CEO of the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA.

SBA Deadline Nov. 22 to Apply for Working Capital Loans for **January Severe Winter Snow Storm in New Jersey**

Press Release 10/12/16 ATLANTA – The U.S. Small Business Administration is reminding small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in New Jersey of the deadline to submit disaster loan applications for damages caused by the severe winter snow storm on Jan. 22 - 24, 2016.

"Businesses that suffered economic losses as a result of the disaster and want to apply for low-interest loans from the SBA are urged to do so before the Nov. 22 deadline," said Frank Skaggs, director of SBA Field Operations Center East.

Low-interest disaster loans are available in the following counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Ocean in New Jersey.

Working capital disaster loans up to \$2 million are available at 4 percent for small businesses, and 2.625 percent for private nonprofit organizations with terms up to 30 years. The loans are intended to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other expenses

that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. To be considered for this assistance, eligible entities need to apply by the deadline.

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Businesses may also obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-ofhearing), or by emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded at www.sba.gov/ disaster.

Completed applications should be returned to the center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement 14925 Center, Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155. The deadline to return economic injury applications is Nov. 22, 2016.

For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at www.sba.gov/disaster.

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put a statue of Thomas Mundy Peterson on that corner. After people from out of state find out about the history of Thomas Mundy Peterson they were surprised. We want to get this to be nationally known. We need to get approval from Perth Amboy before soliciting for outside funds."

Councilman Bill Petrick answered Daily's concerns and stated, "We need a proposal first."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry added, "We need more specifics such as parameters."

Daily responded, "We will forward information. Suggestions are coming from other people."

Sharon Hubberman came up to speak next. She talked about the busses parking at the train station. "An easement is needed to alleviate traffic at Amboy Avenue/Rte. 440. I think the Council should call the Attorney General's Office to come to monitor each polling place during the General Election."

City Clerk Elaine Jasko commented to Hubberman, "I've already done so."

Hubberman continued, "We need a fair and democratic process and I'm asking for all the residents and all the Council to send letters to ask the Attorney General to have representatives at the polls."

Alan Silber came up to speak next. He wanted to know, "Does the Boyd House pay property taxes. You (the Council) should have a criteria to read settlements that are on the Agenda with huge amounts. There are busses, vans and cars parked at the Public Safety Complex. What she (the Mayor) did at the last PARA Meeting was disrespectful. Who sent the representative from PARA to the Council to read that letter from the PARA Attorney. She talked after the vote was cast. There should have been another vote taken."

Renee Skelton who is the Vice-President of the PAHPC came up to speak. She told the Council, "The HPC Commission is preparing a resolution

regarding the Thomas Mundy Peterson Proposal and it should be coming to you in a few weeks with specifics."

Enid Crespo who is running for City Council came up to speak. She wanted to know if an ordinance had been changed about the property behind the Wilentz School where the Dominican Festival has been held.

Business Administrator Adam Cruz have already submitted their application for the Festival for 2017."

Madison Avenue Resident Mary Vera came up to speak and wanted to know, "Was it possible to change the Festival to Rudyk Park and enough is enough! She also wanted to know, "How much are the owner's of the school busses at the train station paying to park their busses there?"

Vera also complained about all the handicapped parking and yellow lines on the streets. "People also have to go to South Amboy and Woodbridge because their station are handicapped accessible. An ordinance was passed in order to let theses busses park at our train station."

Fernando Gonzalez responded, "This administration allowed this to happen and the bus companies are paying \$55/ Month per bus."

Mary Vera concluded with following comment, "Perth Amboy is a dumping town. I'm sick and tired of it."

Fernando Gonzalez added that he wanted to add this as a topic of discussion: the number of busses parked in the train station and the money the City has made so far from them.

Councilman Joel Pabon commented, "I saw a memo about parking at the train station, but that memo said nothing about school busses parking there."

Council President Lisa Nanton asked for a list of the owners of those busses. "I heard owned by anyone who lives in Perth Amboy."

Mel Knight came up to speak about the Thomas Mundy Peterson Monument. "Is there a timeline to address this issue? If the property is owned by the City, we don't need permission from outside entities."

Nanton responded to Knight. She updated Knight on what was said early at the Meeting regarding Thomas Mundy Peterson. "As soon as the Council gets the resolution, we can move forward with it. The resolution was not agreed by every HPC Member."

Knight responded back, "There were enough votes from HPC Members to pass the resolution. The clock is ticking on that project."

Councliman Joel Pabon responded, "It all depends on what kind of project (the HPC wants)."

Knight concluded with "They need to know how much property they are getting first."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez cautioned, "We can't put the cart before the horse. We have a commitment to a project everyone can be proud of. Let the process go on."

Councilman Bill Petrick says, "The administration controls this."

The discussion continued about Thomas Mundy Peterson and Mayoral Candidate Sharon Hubberman suggested that the Thomas Mundy Peterson monument be placed at Caledonia Park and be renamed the Thomas Mundy Peterson Park."

Council President Lisa Nanton spoke, "Since the time I've been Council President we've had three Business Administrators and three Law Directors in one-and-half years. The Acting Law Director just arrived and he is amending ordinances for us. The park that you are talking about is an International Park. If you want to make a change, you need to get a petition started."

Councilman Ferando Irizarry said, "The Historic Preservathat most of them are not tion Commission wants the Thomas Mundy Peterson Monument on the site of his home. They don't want the monument anywhere else."

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Pabon told Brian Taylor, "It's an inspiration having you here."

Taylor responded back, "My heart and soul is in Perth Amboy and I want to give back. It feels good to be home and I thank you for your support."

A representative from Intersect Fund came forward next. They were requesting funding of \$50,000. "The funds will be used to hire a loan office to serve Perth Amboy. They provide technical assistance for small businesses. They also make small business loans ranging anywhere from \$600 to \$50,000. "We bring our own capital money. The \$50,000 we are requesting are for the salary and benefits for the loan officer. So far we've made 99 loans to Perth Amboy Businesses and we visit the people we made these loans to at least quarterly or more."

The next person to come up to speak was Maritza Rodriguez from PRAHD who has been with the organization for 34 years. She talked about some of the services that PRAHD provides. Their senior program has been in effect for 40 years and they serve those from age 55+. We provide transportation services which includes taking them to their medical appointments. We provide them with recreation, health, and fitness programs and trips. We also have an inter-generational program and a tennis club. 90% of the people served reside in Perth Amboy. There have been 3000 services provided to Seniors. Included in that count is 667 residents and some of them from out of town. We also help them with their insurance and medical forms. We have tenant based vouchers which provide loans to qualified applicants, but it didn't work out. We work with homeless intervention. A hotline was established and 3000 calls were made to that line. 300 calls came from Perth Amboy. We screen everyone before they can get into a program. Some of the documentation could be an eviction

notice; we also have hardship programs."

The next organization that was scheduled to speak was the Morris Habitat for Humanity who were requesting \$26,131.15. They withdrew their application.

Marybeth Tortoriello from Sheltered Hearts came up to speak. Their request was for \$24,750. They are a non-profit established in 2010. They work with men who are recovering from addiction or may be soon released from prison. They also help family members who live with people who were addicts. Tortoriello stated that she bought the Boyd House on Rector Street. "It will be a transitional house for women to reunite them with their children. These women will get help with life skills and spirituality. We don't have children living at the house. We still have the garden on the property that supplies the food pantry. We provide temporary shelter in hotels. It's a 12 month program. When I bought the Boyd House, it needed a lot of renovations. The roof is leaking. The people that are in the program have to follow an itinerary that begins in the morning. They have to give back to the community. The roof and the kitchen in the house need repairs, and that is why we are applying for the grant. I help feed people once a month on Tuesdays on Jefferson Street. I, myself patched a section of the roof."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was concerned and stated, "Too many of the same kind of organizations are coming to Perth Amboy. He told Tortoriello, "You're doing a beautiful thing; people love Perth Amboy because our heart is in our hands. I need to see about the zoning in that area (269 Rector St.). We need to evaluate what we are do-

Tortoriello closed with the following remarks: "Participants have to pay \$500 a month to be in the program and there is not a program in the City to help women."

\$100 Groceries for \$40 or Less PERTH AMBOY - The Jolin Food program is designed to

provide families with nationally branded food products at wholesale prices. On behalf of the Cathedral's Community Development Corporation, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's AmeriCorps is helping to promote the Jolin Food Box. Order by the 2nd Tuesday of the month online or by phone and pick up by the 3rd Saturday of the month. Go to https://jolinfoodbox.com to place your order online or call 732 826 8207 and ask for Juana Kearney.

Accelerated Childbirth Education class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding an Accelerated Childbirth Education class, Wednesday, October 26, 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.

Halloween Animal Shelter

Photos & ParadePERTH AMBOY – Sunday,

Oct. 29 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Brighton Avenue Community Center, 56 Brighton Ave., Perth Amboy.

Children's Halloween Costume Contest & Trunk or Treat

PERTH AMBOY – Saturday, Oct. 29 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center, 56 Brighton Ave., Perth Amboy

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).

Ghosts: What They Are and How to Investigate Them

WOODBRIDGE - With the arrival of ghosts, goblins and witches for Halloween, join the Woodbridge Historical Association for its monthly meeting to hear about the phenomena of ghosts on Monday, October 24, at the Woodbridge Main Library. Gordon Thomas Ward, a nationally recognized author and paranormal investigator with Haunted New Jersey, will discuss his years of experience with ghostly phenomena especially in historic locations. Mr. Ward is the author of several books including Ghosts of **Central New Jersey: Historic Haunts of the Somerset Hills** and Tracing Infinity: Bridging the Gap Between Heaven and Earth.

The meeting begins at 7pm in the downstairs meeting room of the Main Library on Amboy Avenue. Light refreshments will follow the program. For further information, contact brendavelasco@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

Ads Sell! Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

Bingo

PERTH AMBOY - Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church Hall, 347 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy Will be starting a weekly \$1000 Bingo on Mondays Beginning September 26, 2016. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Kitchen will be open for more info call 732-442-7799.

We Keep You Moving PERTH AMBOY - The Hu-

man Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, October 21, 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.

Basic Newborn Care Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is providing a Basic Newborn Care Class, Wednesday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Attendees will learn diapering, feeding, sleeping habits and CPR from an experienced registered nurse. Cost is \$50 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOC-TORS.

Healthy Heart Event

SAYREVILLE - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding a healthy heart event, providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management and blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Thursday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Sayreville Senior Center, 425 Main St. Sayreville, NJ. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

Campaign in Statewide Effort to Fix Our Broken Politics and Government Former Governors Take Civic Pledge and Urge

Former Governors Take Civic Pledge and Urge All New Jerseyans to Join Them

Governors Kean and Florio Join Civic Challenge



Press Release 10/11/16

LIBERTY STATE PARK -The Citizens Campaign today announced the kick-off of the Civic Challenge Campaign—a two million dollar statewide campaign designed to give citizens the power to fix our broken politics and government. The goal is to develop a citizen driven problem solving force advancing their own practical solutions and demanding a solutions focus at all levels of government. This bottom-up approach, according to Citizens Campaign leaders, is the way out of the rut of rigid ideology, blame game politics and the governing problems they create.

Joining the Citizens Campaign today are former Governors Tom Kean and Jim Florio who together are taking the Civic Pledge to leave their communities and country better than they found them by pursuing and supporting pragmatic solutions that are: (1) based on evidence of success (2) cost effective and (3) advanced in a no-blame manner. The two former Governors urged all New Jerseyans to join them by taking the pledge, and answering the Civic Chal-

Citizens who take the Civic Pledge are asked to spread the Pledge by asking their friends, neighbors and social media contacts to join them. Pledge takers are invited to advance the no blame, problem solving principles of the Pledge by: (1) becoming a proponent of solutions-focused Civics Classes in high schools and adult venues; (2) becoming a Solutions News Gatherer who finds evidence-based solutions and introduces them into news stories on local government problems; or (3) becoming a Civic Trustee, committing to at least one year of service working with their fellow Trustees in the monthly no blame, problem-solving sessions of local Civic Trusts.

People who activate their

pledge are assisted by a "dream team" of volunteer experts in government law, administration, media, and the political strategies of policy implementation. They also get access to both live and online citizen power trainings, and free manuals on citizens' legal rights in local government and on citizen journalism as well as other support tools. Among the most powerful tools available to Civic Challenge participants is a Solutions Menu packed with evidenced-based local government solutions and a Ten Step Guide to No Blame Problem-Solving.

Harry Pozycki, Chair of The Citizens Campaign, said, "Our broken politics and government simply can't be fixed from the top down. Progress on our biggest problems can't happen without citizens working together from the bottomup to bring a solutions first focus to all levels of government."

Pozycki continued, "To see how important this is you don't need to look any further than this dispiriting Presidential election, the most negative in history."

Governor Tom Kean said, "To repair our democracy and restore the fraying connection between the public and our government, citizens must realize their full power to fix our government. The Civic Challenge provides them with the road map to doing so. Jim Florio and I urge all New Jersey citizens to join us and take the Civic Pledge today. It is the first and most important step toward restoring a healthy democracy."

Governor Jim Florio said, "It's time to move beyond our frustrations and join this principled movement. Governor Kean and I are here together because we know that an engaged and problem-solving citizenry is the key to fixing our broken system. Join us today in taking the Civic Pledge. We can all answer the Civic

Challenge and make New Jersey the lead state in this movement to restore sanity to our politics and government."

The Civic Challenge Campaign seizes on the opportunities for a more powerful role for citizens created by both greater access to government records on current policies, including staffing and costs, and the technological ability to search for solutions with evidence of success. Citizens Campaign leaders noted that up until recently, this kind of information, which gives regular citizens the potential to play a significant role in developing government policy was the exclusive province of elected officials. The Civic Challenge Campaign also aims to take advantage of the ease with which citizens can now share successful solutions with their fellow citizens across the state and across the

The goal is to get 10,000 New Jerseyans to take the Civic Pledge and for a substantial number of pledge-takers to activate their pledge. In order to underscore the importance of civic life, the Civic Challenge offers anyone who takes the pledge in the next 2 weeks the opportunity to qualify for a drawing to win 2 orchestra seat tickets to Hamilton on Broadway.

The Citizens Campaign brings to the Civic Challenge Campaign a proven track record of helping citizens to advance solutions on the local, county and state level. The active support of former Governors Kean and Florio, according to Campaign Leaders, demonstrate the strong bi-partisan backing for this effort.

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

Business Expo ZPA 9/28/16





























Fire Prevention Open House: Blessing of the Fire Truck

*Photos by R.J. Kawka







Lung Cancer Awareness Flag Raising PERTH AMBOY – The United

Messengers of Peace is holding their Second Annual Lung Cancer Awareness Flag Raising on Saturday, November 5th at Perth Amboy City Hall Circle at 11 a.m. Refreshments will follow the flag raising at 12 noon at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-395-7371 or email: unitedmessengers08861@gmail.com

October Events For All

*Creepy Halloween Party, and Toddler Playdates*Press Release 10/4/16

SOUTH AMBOY – Visit the Dowdell Library of South Amboy this October and take part in Creepy Halloween Party and Toddler Playdates.

Prepare to be creeped out at our Creepy Halloween Party Monday, October 24, 3:30-5:30 pm. Children of ages can participate in our costume contest, and try their luck at the touch station where they will have to figure out what creepy item is in each box! Prizes will be given out for the best costume, and for the person who guesses all three creepy items! Refreshments will be served!

Looking for a place for you and your child to socialize? Check out our two offerings: Parent & Toddler Playdate Wednesdays at 1:30 pm and Kindle Tales Mondays & Wednesdays at 4 pm.

The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m and Saturdays from 12-4 p.m. For more information on the Library, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

FAFSA

Information Sessions

PERTH AMBOY – Attention Parents and Students!!! Have you completed the FAFSA? Don't wait! Get assistance today! Learn about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA), a financial form that can be submitted annually by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) in the United States to determine their eligibility. Questions??? Contact the Office of Economic Community Development at: 732-293-1638. Sessions are at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy. Session #1: Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. Session #2: Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. FREE.

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Perth Amboy Police Department & Perth Amboy DVRT 5th Candlelight Vigil Ceremony, City Hall Circle & Sadowski Pkwy 10/6/16

*Photos by Bob Ned





















Reunion of Old Friends, ZPA, Perth Amboy 9/24/16

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell























Mother and Daughter Bowling Champs: Irene Zupko and Barbara M. Skokan

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - In the 9/14/16 issue of the Amboy Guardian, the Looking Back section featured a photo of a Women's Bowling Team. When Perth Amboy Resident Barbara M. Skokan saw the photo, she immediately recognized one of the women as her mother. She soon identified all 6 women in the photo. (see photo) "The team was the Lucky Strikes. The Lucky Strikes won many City, County and State Tournaments. My mother, Irene Zupko is the one in front," Skokan stated. "It was at Jim Crover Lanes (Perth Amboy Rec), on the corner of Market Street and Madison Avenue. (The upstairs of what was once Nichols Television, now the office of Lawyer Karim Azardi). Jim Crover was instrumental in starting the New Jersey State Bowling Association. My mother was the first secretary of that organization."

She continued, "My mother started bowling at St John's School which still has 4 lanes. When she started to throw, she wore sneakers. She couldn't afford bowling shoe," Skokan explained that her mother began competing at age 25 and continued to bowl until she got sick at around age 68 when she stopped due to health issues.

"My mother got involved with bowling at Jim Crover's place. Jim Crover was a very good bowler. The New Brunswick Bowling Association heard about my mother and they wanted my mother to bowl against someone on their staff. This tournament was to take place in New York City. My mother took the bus or train back then to get there. When fans of my mother heard she was bowling, many of them went to see her in New York. They not only bet on each player, but on each bowl thrown. My mom won the match. They decided to do it again at Perth Amboy Rec (Jim Crover's Place). My mom won again. This was before there was a New Jersey State Bowling Association."

Skokan explained, "When the New Brunswick Bowling Association saw my mother, of course they asked her why she wasn't wearing bowling shoes. She told them that she couldn't afford them, but they explained to her that it was for her own safety to wear them, so she got a pair of bowling shoes. At first she didn't like them, but she got used to them."

Skokan explained that her

mother began bowling in other alleys including Newark Rec, Stledon Rec, and other bowling lanes that are now closed. She bowled many times in Edison Lanes."

When asked how she, herself got involved in bowling, Skokan told the story: "I was 18 years old. My mother was bowling in Newark. There was a woman bowling against her named Anne Noga who was a very good bowler. She was a rough looking woman. They were bowling and I asked my mother if I could throw the ball. She said, "Yes," so I posed for a photo bending with the ball. Anne Noga said, "Your daughter looks like she's going to be a good bowl-

"So, I began bowling. Within 10 years, I started to bowl in Echo Lanes in Mountainside, New Jersey. One time I was bowling and Anne Noga was there and I bowled against her."

"My mother and I bowled in single leagues in Edison Lanes and sometimes against each other. One time we were slated to bowl against each other. My mom said, "Try to bowl the best you can. I'm not going to let up on you. I bowled a 288 (my best score up to that date). My mom was proud of me. I've bowled against her many times, but that time was special."

Skokan continued, "My mother's life was a prelude to what life would become of me, State All Events Champs, and for singles, doubles and all events." Skokan explained, "All events are singles, doubles and teams."

"I represented New Jersey in Washington D.C. Out of 50 women competing, I came out 13th. After that, I won State Single Events, Team Events and All Events. In the Senior Olympics, for 10 years I won the State Singles Event representing New Jersey in Nationals. I was 1st in the nation in Singles four times. I partnered with Frank Bonini and we bowled in the World Championship in St. George, Utah and won the Doubles for 3 years in a row. I won Singles for 3 vears in a row. In 2011, 2012 and 2013 I went to the World Championships. 19,000 people competed from 51 different countries. I won Mixed Doubles (1 man, 1 woman on a team)."

"I would have gone back, but I've had 4 hip replacements and 1 knee replacement and shoulder surgery."

When asked if Barbara



The Lucky Strikes Bowling Team, circa 1950's at Jim Crover Lanes (Perth Amboy Rec) on the corner of Market Street and Madison Avenue. (L to R) Eva Oakes, Helen Gasko, Tillie Zalari, Alma Korneski, Adele Rakos and Irene Zupko. The Lucky Strikes won many City, County and State Tournaments. Tillie Zalari, Alma Korneski, Adele Rakos and Irene Zupko were champion bowlers and were inducted into the Central Jersey Women's Bowling Association (CJWBA) Hall of Fame. Irene Zupko was also inducted into the NJ State Women's Bowling Association (WBA) Hall of Fame.

*Photo Courtesy of Perth Amboy Free Public Library

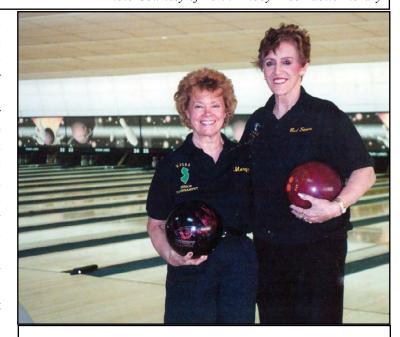
Skokan's mother ever was discriminated against by her fellow male bowlers, Skokan replied, "No. They respected her because of her ability."

Skokan stated, "My mother is in the County Hall of Fame (Central Jersey Women's Bowling Association (CJW-BA) Hall of Fame). 3 years ago I submitted her posthumously to the New Jersey State Women's Bowling Association Hall of Fame (WBA). Both of us are in the County and State Hall of Fame."

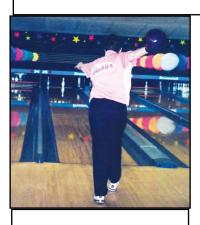
When asked what each best score was, Skokan answered, "My mom bowled a 715 which is a set (scoring for 3 games) I bowled a 300 in one game. My high average for a year is a 204. My high was a 744 for a set."

Skokan stated that her son, John is a good bowler and her late husband, Steve was a good bowler as well. John twice bowled a 300; his average is over 210. My husband represented the NJ State Bowling Division in the Senior Tournament in Kansas. He came first in his age division in age 60-65 division."

Barbara Skokan also is an experienced pitcher for softball. "Once you pitch (underhand), you never lose your speed. When you pitch overhand you use different muscles. I pitch now just as fast as I pitched before. I played for the Greiner Girls Team in Woodbridge. We were in a State Tournament in Linden (in the fields by the airport). The Linden Arians asked 2 people from any team to play so they asked me to play. At 11 a.m. I pitched. We won; at 3



Barbara M. Skokan (R) and fellow bowler Marge Matthews (L)



Barbara M. Skokan bowls

p.m. I pitched; we won; 7 p.m. I pitched; we won; 10 p.m. I pitched. We won. I got done playing at 1 a.m."

When asked what advice she had for young girls that are interested in sports, Skokan replied, "If you have the ability – don't waste it."

Barbara Skokan recently had major back surgery which pre-



Barbara M. Skokan with an award from the NJ State Women's Bowling Association

vented her from bowling this past year. When asked if she will return to bowling, she said adamantly, "I will and I am going to go back."

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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

By: Phil Kohn. Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at ww2remembered@yahoo.com.

In the North Atlantic on October 17, 1941, four U.S. destroyers from Iceland come to the aid of a British convoy under attack by a German submarine wolfpack. One of the destroyers, USS Kearny, is torpedoed and damaged by German submarine U-568, killing 11 sailors and injuring 22. These are the first U.S. military casualties of the war.

On October 18, the first Red Army troops from Siberia arrive to reinforce the defenses of Moscow. Stalin has been assured by the Japanese that they will honor the treaty between the two countries and not attack from the East. In Tokyo, Soviet spy Richard Sorge, working undercover as a German journalist, is arrested on charges of espionage. (In May, Sorge had alerted Moscow of Germany's impending attack on the Soviet Union, but Stalin had disbelieved him.) Under torture, Sorge confesses to his activities and is hung by the Japanese in 1944.

The Soviet government on October 19 officially declares Moscow "in a state of siege;" martial law is declared throughout the city. In Luxembourg, German occupation authorities announce that the capital city — also Luxembourg — is "Judenrein" (cleansed of Jews).

German forces capture Borodino, 60 miles from Moscow, on October 20. At Nantes, in western France, Lt. Col. Fritz Hotz, the German commander of the area, is killed by French Resistance fighters. The Germans randomly take 50 hostages and shoot them in reprisal. Beginning this evening and into the next day, German soldiers and local collaborationist Serbian auxiliaries massacre over 2,750 civilian male Serbs between the ages of 16 and 60 at Kragujevac, in Nazi-occupied

On October 21, New Zealand troops land in Egypt and head toward Ft. Capuzzo in Italian Libya near the Egyptian border. In the Soviet Union, Stalin appoints Gen. Georgy Zhukov commander of all military forces in the Moscow area.

In Odessa, Ukraine, a delayed bomb — planted by the Soviets a week earlier — explodes on October 22 at Romanian Army headquarters, killing 67, including the Romanian commanding general. Blaming the local Jewish population for the bombing, the Romanian Army begins reprisals. Over the next two days, between 25,000 and 34,000 Jews are executed.

In Africa, on October 23, there is heavy fighting in the Libyan desert near Tobruk. In the Soviet Union, Stalin reorganizes the Red Army, making Gen. Zhukov responsible for the northern part of the Eastern Front and Gen. Semyon Timoshenko responsible for the southern portion. In Berlin, the government bans the emigration of Jews from Germany.

Flu & Pneumococcal Vaccines

PERTH AMBOY - The Mid-SOUTH AMBOY - The Midexander J. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy on Friday, October 21st 2016 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Pneumococcal (pneumonia) vaccines will be offered to residents age 65 and over, residents 18-65 who have a chronic illness, and never received the vaccine. Fees are as follows: Flu Vaccine: \$15 cash per person; Pneumococcal Vaccine: \$65 cash per person. Clients with a valid Medicare Card will be not be charged if the card is presented at time of vaccination.

Flu & Pneumococcal **Vaccines**

dlesex County Office of Health dlesex County Office of Health Services will be offering the Services will be offering the seasonal flu vaccine at the Al-seasonal flu vaccine at the South Amboy Senior/Recreation Center, 108 S. Stevens Avenue on Monday, October 24th 2016 from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Pneumococcal (pneumonia) vaccines will be offered to residents age 65 and over, residents 18-65 who have a chronic illness, and never received the vaccine. Fees are as follows: Flu Vaccine: \$15 cash per person; Pneumococcal Vaccine: \$65 cash per person. Clients with a valid Medicare Card will be not be charged if the card is presented at time of vaccination.

Annual Halloween **Parade**

SOUTH AMBOY - Sunday, Oct. 30. Line up begins at 12:00 Noon at Progressive Firehouse on Bordentown Avenue. 1:00 p.m. Step Off time. Tricks and Treats for all Ghouls, Goblins and Characters! Brought to you by the City of South Amboy Recreation Department

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ...or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Book Dealers Welcome.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Dec. 10. We will be there from 1-3 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@ gmail.com

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, Nov. 3 2016. 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.

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

PERTH AMBOY - There is a trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City every fourth Wednesday of the month. The next trip is October 26, 2016. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:45 a.m. Call Bobbi at 732-636-2867 to reserve a seat and for more information.

Sands Casino Trip

Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors Bus Trip to Sands Casino - Tony Orlando Holiday Show – Thursday, December 1, 2016. Cost: \$60 - Includes \$20 Back In Play, Bus And Tip + The Show At 2:00 p.m. Bus Leaves Church Parking Lot (625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn) At 10:00 a.m. and Arrives Back Approx. 7:00 p.m. Any Questions, Etc. Please Contact Ronnie Dematteo at 732-442-5252.

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

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 - On November 15 the chapter will be going to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for their "Holiday Show". Call Mary Ann for tickets at 732-287-3659. Knitting and Crochetting Club - meets 3rd Friday of the month at 10 am, Stelton Community Center. Call Kay at 732-548-1976 for additional information. Canned food and miscellaneous items for veterans, hospitals and nursing homes, metal can tabs, as well as eyeglasses for the Lions Club will be collected at the meet-

For additional information on the chapter, visit our website atwww.edisonaarp.org.

Historical Cemetery Tour

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Historical Cemetery Tour will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. (tours leaving every 30 minutes – last tour 6:30 p.m.) at Christ Church Cemetery, South Pine Avenue, South Amboy. Come learn local history where every plot has a story . . . and the Dead tell tales. Donation \$5 for admission. Rain Date: Sunday, October 23, 2016. Wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight! Event being held in conjunction with the City of South Amboy.

Sayreville/South Amboy Police Auxiliary Members Wanted

SOUTH AMBOY/SAYRE-VILLE - Attention South Amboy / Sayreville Residents: The Sayreville Police Auxiliary is seeking new members to join its volunteer force. If you are interested in a future in law enforcement and have a desire to serve your community, this is a great opportunity! Interested applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be able to pass a criminal background check and possess a valid New Jersey driver's license. Interested applicants can download an application from: www. sayrevillepoliceaux.org

Pet of the Week



This is not a witch but Diva, getting ready for the Halloween parade. Liz

Have a Special Pet?

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

Exploring Law Enforcement NEW JERSEY - Get your

hands on the challenging field of Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement Exploring offers young men and women ages 15-20 the chance to experience law enforcement career opportunities. For information about scouting contact Will C. Adams Office# - 973-765-9322 ext. 234; Cell# - 732-540-5936 or email: will.adams@scouting.org Join Now!

Tricky Tray

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish at Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd. in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge, NJ will be hosting a Tricky Tray Auction in Msgr. Gambino Hall on October 23, 2016. Admission is \$15 which includes 25 Level 1 tickets, coffee and dessert. Adults only. Hall is handicapped accessible. Doors open at 12noon and drawing will begin at2pm. There are 4 levels of prizes plus grand prizes including Broadway Show tickets, Caribbean vacation accommodation and Disney Hopper pass-Advanced ticket sale special available before 10/10/16. Currently taking reservations for tables of 6 or more. For more information and tickets, please contact Marie at 732-442-6916 or the Parish Office at 732-826-4859 or by email at gstrickytray@ gmail.com.

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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.

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. **R.J.S.**

Calendar Dinner Dance

PERTH AMBOY - The St. Ann's Society of Ukrainian Assumption Church will sponsor its annual Calendar Dinner Dance on Sat., Oct. 22, 2016 Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, Meredith & Jacques Sts. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing; appetizers and a lavish buffet by Palms Plaza and DJ music by Touch of Class. Doors open at 6 p.m., appetizers at 6:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner. As always, BYOB. Tickets are \$40pp and can be purchased by calling the church office at 732-826-0767. Last chance to get your tickets!

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PERTH AMBOY - A woman goes for a drive down the Bluff circa the 1920's.

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Perth Amboy

WED. Oct. 19 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

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

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THURS. Oct. 20 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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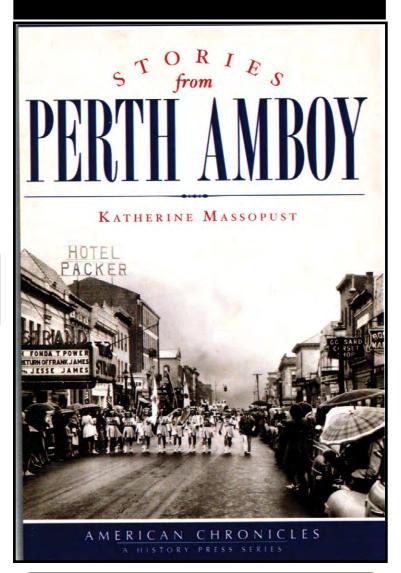
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