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#### **Residents Demand Answers**

9/28/16 Council Meeting



9/28/16 Perth Amboy City Council Meeting (L to R) City Clerk Elaine Jasko, Councilman Bill Petrick, Councilman Joel Pabon, Council President Lisa Nanton, Councilman Fernando Irizarry, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez, B.A. Adam Cruz, Acting Law Director Louis Rainone \*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - Resident and current Mayoral Candidate Sharon Hubberman questioned Ordinance No. 2 on the Agenda which states An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled An Ordinance designating restricted parking spaces for use by handicapped persons. (a.k.a. Ordinance No. 380-85 and Amendments)Adopted July 2, 1985. Re: Additions/Deletions

Hubberman wanted more about the specifics of this ordinance. "Does it have anything to do with the newly formed handicapped committee? Or is it separate?"

City Clerk Elaine Jasko answered, "Persons who want a handicapped parking space have their applications reviewed to see if they are qualified or not. The additions on the list are those applicants who are new or those who were approved for renewal. The deletions on the ordinance are for those applicants who were removed because they no longer were qualified or due to traffic restrictions such as a loading zone added."

Acting Law Director Louis N. Rainone added to the conversation, "The Handicapped Committee still consists of the Police Personnel and applicants must still provide medical certification. The newly formed committee makes recommendations as to whether or not the applicants are qualified for a handicapped spot. The current ordinance required more documentation. We are doing away with some of the requirements. We will rely more on physicians for medical determinations.'

City Clerk Jasko stated, "The State requirements are more stringent and the current documentation that was previously used was what the State required."

During the Public Comments, Resident Stanley Sierakowski questioned Resolution R-414 Authorizing the proper city officials to execute a contract with the Intersect Fund for Microenterprise Development in the amount of \$50,000.00 in accordance with the fortieth year Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

He wanted to know what department has oversight over the person who institutes this grant. "This was supposed to start in January. Was the money already dispersed? Were these loans or grants? Are there mechanisms in place for defaults and what happened with the previous

Sierakowski also questioned R-418 which also utilized CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) where there is supposed to be a contract in the amount of \$24,750.00 for Sheltered Hearts.

Sierakowski also wanted to know who are the officers of this organization and who lives there. "You should table this resolution if you don't have the answers."

Resident Robert Massey

spoke next and simply said, "I agree with everything that Stanlev just said."

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak next about R-418. "I live near the old Boyd House and I have questions. They buy the house then they can sell if for profit? The buyer gets grants to fix it up?"

Acting Law Director Rainone said, "There are strings attached to the CDBG Grants mentioned."

Silber answered back and said, "There seems to be no oversight on City or State monies."

Rainone assured Silber, "There has to be documentation submitted by the applicants to the Federal Government stating on how the grant money they receive will be used."

Silber still wasn't satisfied and questioned if Annie Hindenlang who answered questions about this resolution at the Caucus Meeting on 9/26/16 was still employed by the City. Hindenlang's was the Executive Director Office of Economic and Community Development Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency. The answer of whether or not she was still employed was glossed over.

Councilman and Mayoral Candidate Joel Pabon spoke next. He was concerned because he felt somebody from the Housing Authority should have been here to answer these questions. "We should table this resolution."

The above Residents' questions were answered by the fol-

Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, "I don't have a package in front of me of what all is required of the applicants. All applicants are reviewed to make sure they are in compliance."

Pabon still was uneasy because Hindenlang couldn't answer most of the questions asked of her at the 9/26/16 Caucus. "The Housing Authority should have been here instead."

Acting Law Director Rainone interjected, "We can provide applicant information or ask the Housing Authority to come here at the next Caucus or Council Meeting to come and answer some of the questions."

Silber also wanted to know if Councilman William Petrick received answers to the questions he submitted regarding the YMCA swimming pools.

Petrick answered, "I didn't get all my questions answered,

Council President Lisa Nanton and Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wanted to know who was on the committee when applicants apply for these CDBG grants and who decides who gets them?

Resident Jeremy Baratta got into a discussion as to what is a non-profit vs. a charity. He said, "A charity must register with the Attorney General. These people should be present to answer questions regarding these grants. Is the Boyd House a registered charity? It (the information) should be readily available to you (the Council) and the public."

Acting Law Director Rainone

responded to Baratta's statements, "You are using this in terms not applicable to this resolution. We can have them come to the next Meeting. If an organization dissolves, I don't know if there is a mechanism in place if the money can be taken back from them.

Resident and Businesswoman and Council Candidate Virginia Lugo also questioned Resolutions R-412 through R 418 all dealing with CDBG grants. She questioned about properties that have been upgraded. "A nonprofit can be set up, but is the money being used properly?"

Rainone fielded those questions, "There are different designated categories for CDBG funds. Some are for businesses, low income applicants, etc. Part of the money is designated for administrative costs. Sometimes if non-profits go out of business, some remaining funds revert back to the State."

Sharon Hubberman came up to speak and said, "If you pull all the CDBG funds, most of them go to the same people. A lot of these people sit in Boards (Boys and Girls Club and PRAHD, which does good work) and there seems to be a conflict of interest. Individuals on these Boards that receive funds should provide full disclosure. There are too many conflicts of interest."

Councilmen Fernando Irizarry and Fernando Gonzalez were not present at the 9/26/16 Cau-

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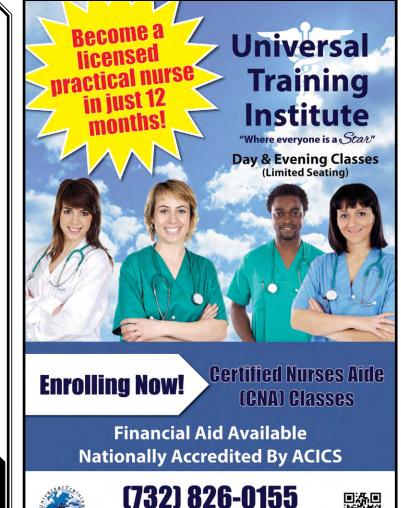
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#### Domestic Violence Flag Raising & Candlelight

**Vigil** 

PERTH AMBOY - 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Witness Candlelight Vigil! Thursday, October 6, 2016. Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team Invites you to our Flag Raising at City Hall Circle at 6:00 p.m. Immediately following the 5th Annual Silent Witness Prayer Vigil Perth Amboy Waterfront (Butterfly Garden) on the Corner of High & Sadowski Parkway October 6th, at 6:30 p.m. Come out and let's celebrate the lives of our beloved victims. We will never forget that you were among us. As we lay the wreaths and whisper your name to the heavens. Our annual workshop will take place Oct. 29th 2016 at 272 Madison Ave. 3rd fl., Perth Amboy at 11 a.m. For more information, please contact Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team 732-324-3818.



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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 accessible. handicapped 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 passes. 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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#### LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

#### **EDITORIAL**

#### Issues for the Election What Are Your Solutions?

With the upcoming Mayoral and Council Election, many issues have come to light. Because of all the events occurring in October before the November 8, 2016 election date the Amboy Guardian is unable to hold a Mayoral/Council forum. So, we'll be running editorials for you to respond to specific issues regarding issues in the Perth Amboy. Next week will be for South Amboy. Please give a detailed response.

- 1.) ILLEGAL HOUSING Illegal housing is considered one of the worst problems facing any city, especially Perth Amboy. While the 2013 count states there are 51,982 people living in Perth Amboy, the reality is there are at least 75,000 residents – probably more. Just look at the numbers – if this is so, over 1/3 of Perth Amboy's population consists of illegally housed residents. These individuals are draining the City's resources. Do you feel that Perth Amboy is overpopulated? What is your solution to address this problem?
- 2.) PARKING METERS Are parking meters a revenue generator of revenue killer? How do you stand on this issue?
- 3.) **TERM LIMITS** We understand that under Faulkner Plan B the governing body cannot impose term limits. It has to be done by petition of the residents and presented to the governing body for it to be put on the ballot. Do you feel this should be done?
- 4.) **POLICE REPORTS** Do you believe that the Police Department should be giving out press releases on a weekly basis informing the public of crimes being committed or apprehension of suspects that have been arrested? Not everyone is on Nixle or social media and they depend on print information to stay informed.
- 5.) EMPLOYMENT Ratables are important, but so are employment opportunities. We need to take into account the skills and education reached of those who are unemployed. Many companies that are coming into Perth Amboy are skilled labor and sometimes have a built in workforce. What are your plans to attract businesses that will help employ the residents of Perth
- 6. CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS How should Campaign Contributions, especially from businesses be handled? Should their be restrictions on the amount of money donated by individuals working for that entity?
- 7. CONDITION OF SEWERS/ROADS/STREETS What measurements would you take against utility companies who leave roads in worse condition after they've done repair work.
- 8. **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY** What measurements would you suggest to our public safety officers to crackdown on people who disregard traffic signals at crosswalks.

Note: If anyone in our readership has any issues that they wish the candidates to address, please e-mail AmboyGuardian@ gmail.com or snail mail to Amboy Guardian, P.O. Box 127, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08862. No later than Friday Oct. 14, 2016. These issues can pertain to any town that receives the Amboy Guardian. C.M. & K.M.

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





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#### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

#### **Tolerance** and the Hypocritical Racist

I believe that mostly everyone is aware of the acts of violence that are being committed on a daily basis around the world. This is not an article about that. However, this is an editorial about how some victims of racism also act as racists them-

You might be wondering what I'm talking about? How can someone be both a victim of racism and a racist? Unfortunately, people like this exist all over the world and the unfortunate thing is the same people who despise being discriminated against also discriminate against others.

The truth is an individual (or group of individuals) cannot use terms along the lines of "why are you so racist" or "stop discriminating against me" when they themselves do the same thing to others. I have heard dark tan Hispanic/Latinx individuals telling African Americans they do not deserve to be in our town. I have heard Mexicans telling Peruvians "their people" will never be accepted in the United States of America. Two Middle Eastern men went into a shop and claimed the workers were racist

for helping two white Puerto Ricans who had arrived after them.

I understand feeling discriminated. I am a white, Spanish, physically disabled woman who was born and raised in the fifteenth worst city in New Jersey, was raised by a male Cuban immigrant and a "New Yoriquen" woman. I battled a large system to receive an education and ended up graduating from a "white" high school miles away. I started my advocacy career fighting against racism and discrimination. However, I was also raised by two incredible people who taught me many impacting life lessons including tolerance. My parents raised me to love all of the different people around me. They also taught me how to analyze my surroundings and how to protect myself if I found myself in any form of danger.

Perth Amboy is a town made up of Dominicans, Mexicans, Cubans, Puerto Ricans, Colombians, Indians, African Americans, Salvadorians, Peruvians, among other traces of life. We live in a beautifully diverse city with a different culture being celebrated from shop to shop. Religions such as Judaism, Christianity, Catholicism, Muslims can also be celebrated throughout over 100 places of worship throughout the city. Why can't people tolerate one another, show each other some

respect? When people learn how to tolerate one another so many goals can be reached and the city would be a better place for evervone.

Tolerance does not mean an individual has to like another individual. Tolerance means the individual does have acknowledge and respect another individual. Acting as a tolerate individual means you help your neighbors and move on with your life peacefully. There is no butt kissing or butt kicking. There is love, peace and acceptance. When you learn to be tolerate to others there will be a positive shift in your attitude and a weight will be lifted from your shoulders. People will begin to accept your thoughts and ideas because they see that you are willing to accept their thoughts and ideas. Furthermore, tolerance is not a skill that is gained overnight. It is a skill that has to build up over time and may be changed as the times change. No one has to open their home doors to everyone in the community, however, we should all learn to accept one another.

The next time you find yourself confronted in a situation claimed to be racism related, stand back and analyze the situation. Is it really racism or is it simply a lack of tolerance?

Stephanie Rodriguez

#### Crooked Hillary

Hillary's rise to power is the result of the Clinton's getting rid of anyone who posed a threat to their dirty deals, corrupt policies and the many scandals and mysterious deaths, (all are ruled suicides) that they are, and have been involved in. Going back to that Arkansas Rose Law Firm. Whitewater, Travelgate and improprieties in the then – governor's office, massive illegal tax write off's of properties in the Ozark Mountains for which DAVE LOPER, Clinton's partner in these scandals and JIM MC-DONALD, ANOTHER partner, who was found guilty and died while serving his sentence for his role in these crimes. Hillary and Bill were equally guilty, but no jail time for them! How come? Why are they so protected, even to this day? They were fully involved in all these schemes and scandals.

How come DR. DONALD ROGERS, DENTIST killed in a suspicious plane crash on way to an interview with a reporter to reveal info about the Clinton's and their involvement in these underhanded plots.

How come JOHN WILSON, Washington D.C. Council Member with ties to Whitewater died

from a suspicious hanging, ruled

How come MARY MUHANE Whitehouse intern, about to testify about sexual harassment in the Whitehouse was mysteriously gunned down in a coffee shop?

How come C. VICTOR RAIS-ER II and his son, MONTGOM-ERY RAISER, Clinton's allies aware of all this corruption, were both killed in a suspicious plane crash in Alaska? What did they

How come PAUL TULLY Democratic National Chairman was found dead in a Little Rock, Arkansas hotel room? No cause determined. No autopsy allowed. Ruled a suicide. What did he know?

How come ED WILLEY, major Clinton fundraiser was found dead in the woods of Virginia with a gunshot to his head? Willey's wife went public about Bill Clinton's groping incident.

But the biggest cover-up -VINCE FOSTER. Whitehouse Counsel, closest person to Bill who know too much about the ongoing bribes and corruption had an appointment with Bill (probably to resign) was found dead in his car in a park of a bullet. (He was on his lunch hour) Ruled a suicide! Foster did not kill himself. Was he was mur-

F.B.I. DIRECTOR WILLIAM SESSIONS, who became very suspicious about the Clinton's corrupt policies and political influence, was ordered to "step down." When he refused, Bill Clinton fired him on the spot and was told to vacate his office immediately. This took place on MONDAY, JULY 19, 1993, the day before VINCE FOSTER was found dead. There was no F.B.I. Director when FOSTER was murdered.

Forty-six (46) people have mysteriously died during the Clinton's three decades of political power.

Hillary believes she is above the law and deserves to be president. GOD FORBID! She and Bill are ruthless, corrupt and greedy. They can be bought easily. Taking bribes is their political way of getting ahead and will stop at nothing to get back in the Whitehouse.

We must keep them out. They are dishonest crooks. VOTE HER OUT. I want America to be great again. I want my country back again. That won't happen with Crooked HILLARY.

Mary Vargo

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#### Autumn Breakfast

Buffet PERTH AMBOY – The Holy Name Society of Ukrainian Assumption Church will be having an all-you-can-eat Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, October 9, 2016 in Assumption Catholic School Cafeteria, Meredith & Jacques Sts. Donation is \$10 per adult; \$5 for teens (ages 12-17) and children under 12 yrs. are free. 8 a.m. - 12 Noon. Tickets may be purchased by calling Charlie at 732-254-3966.

#### 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-

#### **Community Calendar**

**Perth Amboy** 

TUES. Oct. 11 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St. WED. Oct. 12 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St. THURS. Oct. 13 Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.

**South Amboy** 

WED. Oct. 5 City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway WED, Oct. 19 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Hall, N. Broadway

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#### **Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz** Regarding the Recent Incidents in **NYC** and New Jersey:

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 SOMETHING, SAY SOME-THING!!

Report Suspicious Activity

Be Vigilant - STAY ALERT

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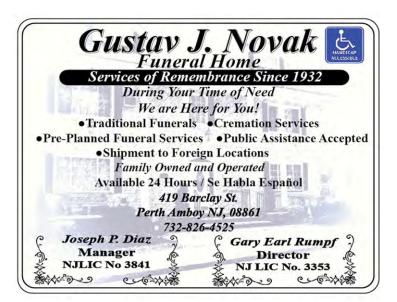
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#### Calendar Dinner Dance

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. Get your tickets soon!

# Chicken Paprikas Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Chicken Paprikas Dinner on Saturday, October 15, 2016 5:30 p.m. at the Magyar Reformed Church Center on the corner of Kirkland Place and Fayette Street, Perth Amboy. Live entertainment featuring Adams/a.k.a. Bruce Springsteen; Paul Daniels/ a.k.a. Elvis Presley; Walter Uveges/a.k.a. Neil Diamond. Donation \$15. Take Outs available. Reservations only. No tickets will be sold at the door. For reservations call: Pat 732-442-0224 or Pam 732-257-7182.





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# Ribbon Cutting of Waterfront Mural at RYC 9/29/16 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Artworks unveiled a mural titled Nautical Abstractions: Perth Amboy by the Sea completed by local artist Kerry Dyke. The mural is a 650 ft. mural located on the waterfront walkway, near the municipal parking lot behind the Raritan Yacht Club. A reception was held at the Barge afterwards.

Artist Kerry Dyke is a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy and a sophomore at Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts. Kerry developed the mural proposal while interning this summer at Perth Amboy Artworks, a new nonprofit in Perth Amboy that uses Arts & Culture to help revitalize the community. The idea was to help complete the restoration of the popular waterfront walkway that had been destroyed by Super Storm Sandy by adding a large piece of vibrant nautically inspired public art to beautify the blank wall. The mural is brightly colored turquoises, blues and sea greens. The artist said the abstract work is open to interpretation by viewers, but had intended





that the four panels portray sea grass, sea creatures, rocks, and sailboats. Kerry had to complete the Perth Amboy Arts Council's mural application to create the piece. The application included gaining permission from the Raritan Yacht Club for use of the easement wall they share with the City. Kerry also had to create scale drawings of the project, and superimposed those images onto the proposed wall.



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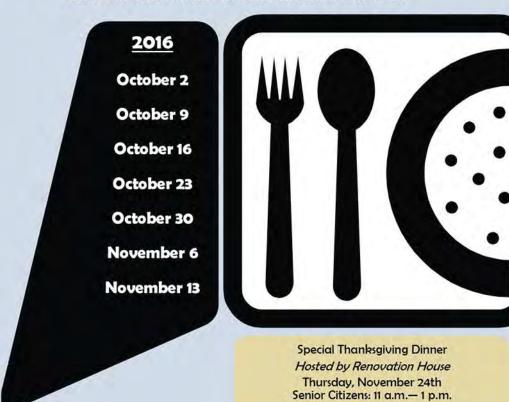
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General Public: 1 p.m.- 5 p.m.

#### Top Chefs Presenting Superb International Cuisine at the 2016 Taste of Perth Amboy

Sample the City-by-the-Bay's Finest Fare aboard the Cornucopia Cruise Line's St. Charles Vessel

on October 20 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"The Taste" Serves as Preview to the first "Discover Perth Amboy: Restaurant Week"



Press Release 9/30/16

Last Year's Taste of Perth Amboy
\*Photo Submitted

PERTH AMBOY Top chefs, bakers, and food crafters will skillfully prepare and serve an incredible array of international cuisine during the 2016 Taste of Perth Amboy. This year, "The Taste" is presented by historic Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz, the City's Business Improvement District (BID) and CPA- Save our Carnegie Library. Proceeds from "The Taste" help fund ongoing improvements to the City's public library.

All food lovers are welcome, and guests will adore the gourmet food from over 30 local restaurants, bakeries, cafés, caterers, and purveyors of craft cuisine. Sample appetizers, entrées, desserts, and beverages from around the world while onboard the Cornucopia Cruise Line's St. Charles vessel. Dine and enjoy the beautiful evening sky during "The Taste," which will be held on a luxury ship docked at Cornucopia's location -- 401 Riverview Drive in Perth Amboy.

The City-by-the-Bay's culinary event of the year occurs on Thursday, October 20 from 6 to 9 p.m., and tickets are selling rapidly! The simplest way to register and buy tickets is online at www.TPA2016. eventbrite.com. The cost is \$30 for adults, and the fee for anyone under 17 years of age is \$15.

To participate in "The Taste," restaurants and eateries can reserve space by contacting the BID at 732.442.6421 or 732.826.0290, ext. 4050 or by email at PerthAmboyBID@ gmail.com. Space is limited, so take action now.

"The Taste" lets chefs – from the city's top restaurants and newest places – present their most popular dishes or introduce innovative creations. The event also serves as a preview to first "Discover Perth Amboy: Restaurant Week" that runs fromOctober 22 to October 29.

Mayor Wilda Diaz said, "Put your diet aside and pamper your taste buds by savoring incredible food from our City's gifted chefs. Share the evening with us, and you'll understand why Perth Amboy is the leading dining destination for foodies who love international cuisine."

Attendees are encouraged to vote for their favorites at "The Taste." Trophies for the "Best Taste," and "Best Dessert" as well as the coveted "People's Choice Award" are presented by Mayor Diaz. Guests will have a chance to win door prizes and experience dynamic entertainment including live bands, dance companies, and a DJ.



#### The Life of Business vs. Quality of Life for Residents: Fernando vs. Fernando 9/28/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - When it lice have been dispatched to came time to vote on the resolutions for the Consent Agenda, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was adamant about discussing R-421 separately. Authorizing the 2016-2017 renewal of plenary retail consumption license #1216-33-068-009 held in the name of Royal N Inc. t/a Court House Inn at 417 Fayette St. with conditions effective September 29, 2016.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated, "We are not allowing this establishment to play any music? Music should be set by decibels. We are not here to destroy businesses."

City Clerk Elaine Jasko rattled off a list of items that this establishment has been cited for. "Since June 2015, the po-

this establishment 63 times (some dealing with loud music or noise) and 8 summonses have been issued. There is a pending suit in court. An Officer was attacked by 3 patrons as he escorted 3 under aged patrons out of the establishment."

Fernando Gonzalez said, "Because of the noise complaints, this establishment has applied for a double door, but was denied by Code Enforcement."

Acting Law Director Louis Rainone told Gonzalez they had violated the noise ordinance.

Acting Police Chief Larry Cattano came forward to shed more light on this problem. He said, "Double doors were discussed."

After Cattano's statement, Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, "The problem was that those doors might encroach on the right-a-way of the sidewalk. The owner of the establishment thought that the double doors would take away from the design of the inside. A line has to be drawn somewhere so that they can operate within the guidelines set forth under this Resolution."

Cattano told the Council, "Multiple callers have called in to complain at different times about this business."

Finally Councilman Irizarry had heard enough and stated, "Good businesses don't get 63 complaint calls and when do we draw the line? We are concentrating on the business, but



Councilman Fernando Gonzalez

what about the people living near the business? We are not there when their windows rattle at all different times of day and night when loud music is playing."

When it came time to vote on



Councilman Fernando Irizarry

R-421, it was moved by Councilman William Petrick and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. Councilman Fernando Gonzalez abstained. The other Members of the Council voted "Yes." R-421 passed.

#### Ben Ruiz Trial

By: Jennifer Goldberg & Charlie Kratovil / New Brunswick Today

PERTH AMBOY - A jury seated at the Middlesex County Courthouse decided on September 20 that former Perth Amboy Police Chief Benjamin Ruiz is not guilty of official misconduct, theft of services, and witness tampering.

Ruiz was potentially facing 5 to 10 years in prison over the allegations that he had gotten police department mechanics to make repairs and enhancements to his private vehicles. He also faced charges he tried to get a potential witness to alter his side of the story.

In January 2015, while Ruiz was suspended after the initial charges against him, Ruiz was charged with witness tampering for allegedly attempting to persuade a police lieutenant to change his story.

Judge Diane Pincus presided over the trial that explored some of the inner working of the Perth Amboy Police Department (PAPD).

On May 31, Ruiz was arrested and charged with trespassing and impersonating a police officer, after he was confronted by the owner and employees of a convenience store on Smith

According to a press release from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office (MCPO), Ruiz had been confronted at the store several times between February 1 and May 18, and suggested he was there to "watch an unidentified neighbor."

"This case is about the abuse of power, plain and simple," articulated Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor Christine Marie D'Elia, who prosecuted the criminal case against Ruiz.

In her opening statement on August 30, D'Elia claimed Ruiz used his official position in an unauthorized matter by having city mechanics work on his personal vehicles.

The defense questioned the main investigator on the case, Sergeant Michael MCPO Daniewicz, later that afternoon.

Under cross-examination, Daniewicz testified there are a total of seven police motorcycles, with one registered and personally insured by Ruiz.

Daniewicz also confirmed that Ruiz's personal motorcycle had been used at city events, and his classic Ford Mustang was used during a Christmas parade.

During the trial, three videos were obtained as evidence and shown to the jury by D'Elia, including footage from PAPD's security cameras that were positioned inside and outside the police garage.

One video was a half-hour long, and shows a city mechanic working on the classic Mus-

Another video from a cellular phone, taken by 10-year city mechanic Miguel Garcia, was shown to the jury.

On August 30, Garcia testified that he was instructed to work on the personal motorcycle, noting that he took the cellular video for his own protection.

Between December 8, 2013, and July 29, 2014, Ruiz allegedly used public employees and public funds to pay for mechanical work on his personal motorcycle, a classic car he owned, and his friend's personal vehicle.

Ruiz's personal motorcycle, a 2003 Harley-Davidson Road King, was actually purchased

from the police department back in 2004, but it continued to have PAPD markings on it, and was stored in the PAPD's garage.

In the unusual arrangement, the vehicle was registered to Ruiz, but was only used for official police business. Witnesses testified that another officer had also been allowed to purchase a motorcycle from the department in 2004.

Ruiz was arrested in December 2014, and indicted 2 months later in February 2014.

When it finally came time for his day in court, the prosecution called a number of witnesses from inside the PAPD and the administration of Mayor Wilda Diaz.

The city's former Law Director Mark Blunda testified that he contacted the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office (MCPO) after learning Ruiz was attempting to reimburse the City of Perth Amboy for motorcycle parts with a personal check.

At the heart of the case was the city's "motor unit," a group of officers trained to ride police motorcycles that are used for traffic control at special events such as parades, funerals, and the city's Independence Day fireworks display.

"The chief's motorcycle has a couple of different equipment... different from the stock motorcycles we have," testified Carmelo Melendez, a 23-year veteran of the department.

For example, Ruiz's bike had custom footboards with flames on them installed, along with other modifications.

Melendez said that all seven police motorcycles, including Ruiz's, were upgraded in April or May, in advance of the Police Unity Tour, an event that involves a lengthy ride to Washington, DC.

Among the charges were that Ruiz had special parts affixed to his motorcycle, the only privately-owned bike among the seven in the department's fleet.

D'Elia stated Ruiz did not initially attempt to pay for his upgraded motorcycle parts.

However, shortly after an Open Public Records Act (OPRA) request seeking records of the purchases was filed by former city councilman and PAPD officer Kenneth Balut, on July 9, 2014, a \$768 personal check was subsequently written and submitted by Ruiz.

D'Elia noted that the former Police Chief's personal check was handed in on either July 10 or 11, but it was backdated one day before the OPRA request.

On September 15, NBToday asked Neary why Ruiz had backdated the \$768 personal check. Neary said he could not answer the question.

In another unrelated incident, Ruiz was accused of requesting a subordinate have one of the city's towing companies transport one of his personal vehicles to the PAPD garage after it broke down during the city's Christmas parade.

The 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang, which was not affiliated with the city outside of the parade, was towed to the police garage after the breakdown, allegedly at Ruiz's request.

Perhaps the most damning testimony against Ruiz came from a lieutenant who had known the Chief for three decades.

Lt. Andy Montalvo, another member of the motor unit of the PAPD, said he contacted Bobby O'Buck, an auxiliary police

Lt. who owned a towing company, to transport the vehicle to the city-owned garage.

But Montalvo said that, after the Chief's arrest and suspension, he had received several missed calls and text messages from Ruiz.

Montalvo testified that the one time he did talk to Ruiz on the phone, Ruiz attempted to persuade him to lie to investigators on his behalf.

According to Montalvo's recounting of the phone conversation, Ruiz insisted that he had actually wanted Montalvo to have his classic car towed to his mother's house, rather than the police garage, after it broke down in the Christmas parade.

Ruiz tried to persuade Montalvo that Montalvo had in fact had the Mustang towed to the police garage, not at Ruiz's request, but "out of the goodness of [his] heart," and in light of a snowstorm, he had the car taken to the police garage for safekeeping.

Montalvo took stand Tuesday, September 13, where he was asked about his interactions with Detectives at the MCPO.

The prosecution showed a series of text messages photographed by investigators on Montalvo's cellphone, as well as his call log from January 21.

The log showed missed calls from Ruiz at 7:19, 7:30, and 7:49 am. After the first call, Chief Ruiz apparently sent a message: "Pop call me."

Montalvo explained that "pop" was "a term [Ruiz] uses with everybody in the department."

Throughout the day, Ruiz texted Montalvo several more times, saying "I'm sorry I have

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#### **Vitale-Sweeney Bill Extending Unemployment Benefits to Work**ers on Strike Heads to Governor

Press Release 9/29/16

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triggered for striking workers through several pathways. They would be immediately available if the labor dispute is caused by the failure or refusal of the employer to comply with an agreement or contract between the employer and the claimant. This would apply to claims for a period of unemployment commencing on or after April 10, 2016.

Additionally, if the unemployment is caused by a labor dispute, including a strike or other concerted employee activities, but not by a lockout or a labor dispute caused by the employer's non-compliance to an agreement or contract with the claimant, benefits would be denied only during the first 30 days following the commencement of a labor dispute, allowing time for negotiation and resolution. An exception to the 30-day waiting period would apply if the employer hires a permanent replacement for the claimant's position.

The bill is modeled after similar laws in New York and in Alaska. It cleared the Senate by a vote of 22-15 and was approved today in the Assembly by a vote of 49-24-0.

#### Major Rosa M. Ramos Promoted to **Lieutenant Colonel**

By: Lillian Ramos Press Release:

PERTH AMBOY - On Sunday October 2, 2016 my sister Major Rosa M. Ramos was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel at the Joint Base McGuire -Dix- Lakehurst, NJ. Lieutenant Colonel Ramos is a 1984 graduate of the PAHS, getting her Doctorate of Nursing in 2014, from Monmouth University and is employed by the Perth Amboy Board of Educa-

Lieutenant Colonel Ramos joined United States Navy in 1987 Active Duty. She became Hospital Corpman and worked in various medical settings. She joined the United States Air Force Reserve in 1997. She has held numerous positions in both the 514th and 714th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons. She is a senior flight nurse with more than 1500 flight hours in C-17, C-141, C-130 and KC-135 air-

Lieutenant Colonel Rosa Ramos is a Senior Flight Nurse Evaluator, 514th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Joint Base McGuire -Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Her responsibilities include Operation and Planning of training mission for members of the 514th AES. Lieutenant Colonel Ramos has deployed in support of Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom,



Lt. Colonel Rosa M. Ramos



Lt. Colonel Rosa M. Ramos poses in front of a plane

Dawn and Operation Oaken

Lieutenant Colonel Ramos is married to her husband of 27yrs Ismael Caraballo, they have to beautiful children, Cristian and Odalis. Her proud parents are Juan and Auria Ramos. Lieutenant Colonel Ramos has two sisters, Lillian Ramos and Migdalia Ramos, and her niece Victoria Pagan.

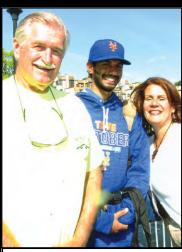
Participating in Lieutenant Colonel Ramos ceremony were her proud parents Juan and Auria Ramos, her sister Lillian Ramos, niece Victoria Pagan, husband Ismael Caraballo and her two beautiful children, Cristian and Odalis.

I couldn't be more proud of my sister, this is a Big Accomplishment. She truly is an Amazing Woman.

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#### Fishing Derby

\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell & Bob Ned



Mike Keller, Jean-Luc, Mayor



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Elijah, the Winner of Biggest Fish Caught

The winners pose with the Raritan Bay Anglers (Sponsors of the

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One of the Winners was pleased with his prize



A family affair



A Telescopic kit was one of the prizes handed out

#### Boy Scouts of America Vale la Pena! 2016 Service Awards Dinner

\*Photos Submitted by Jennifer Volz, Development Director Boy Scouts of America







PERTH AMBOY - Boy Scouts of America Scouting... Vale la Pena! 2016 Service Awards Dinner Honoring: Patricia Campos Medina, Junel Hutchinson, Steve Jobin, Freeholder Ronald G. Rios on Thursday, September 8, 2016 Congratulations to all the Honorees!





#### **Ben Ruiz Trial**

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an important question I'm hoping you can answer or direct me. Please call anytime. Thank you."

That message was sent at 9:28 p.m. on January 20, 2015, and repeated the following morning at 7:22 a.m.

However, by 8:32 a.m. that day, Ruiz sent a vague text message indicating he no longer sought Montalvo's assis-

"Right conversation wrong person sorry to have bothered you. God bless you! Thanks again," read the final text.

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"He said 'Do you remember that day I told you to have it towed to my mother's house ... and you decided out of the goodness of your heart to tow it to the [police garage]?"

Montalvo allegedly told Ruiz that wasn't how it went down, but Ruiz maintained his story. Montalvo said he contacted the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department and eventually made arrangements to speak to an investigator working on his

"Yes, to protect myself, yes," Montalvo said, explaining his reasoning for alerting investigators to the conversations that led to the witness-tampering charge against Ruiz.

But ultimately Ruiz's defense prevailed with the jurors, who opted to exonerate the former Chief after just an hour of deliberation.

In his opening statement, Ruiz's attorney Brian Neary, described the indictment as a "petty case, where petty situations have been turned into serious crimes."

Neary tried to make the case that Lawrence Cattano, the current Deputy Chief of Police at Perth Amboy, may have been motivated by his desire to replace Chief Ruiz. Mayor Diaz put Cattano in charge of the department on December 15, 2014, the same day she suspended Ruiz.

NJ.com reported on Cattano's testimony given on September 1, where Neary pressed him about the police department's rules and regulations about filming or photographing PAPD officers or employees.

"Reminding Cattano of the police department's rules and regulations prohibiting the filming or photographing of police officers or police department employees, Neary asked him why he didn't investigate the rumors or report them to the county prosecutor's office," wrote NJ.com's Spencer Kent.

Cattano ultimately said he feared "retribution from Chief

"Everything went through to the chief before it went anywhere else... I feared retaliation," said Cattano, according to Kent's report.

When she asked why he was afraid to go to the county prosecutor's office, Cattano said: "I still felt that information would get back to the chief, and that I would suffer retribution."

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#### 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.

#### Music at Saint Mary's

SOUTH AMBOY - Our seaat Saint Mary's for the beginning of our 16th concert season! This concert event features one of the finest chamber music ensembles in New Jersey - the Monmouth Winds. All members of this woodwind quintet are performers with the Monmouth Symphony Orchestra. Hailed by critics far and wide, the Monmouth Winds are a Central NJ tourde-force! Don't miss this delightful concert. Sunday-October 16, 2016; 4:00 pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation appreciated) A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.

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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.

On September 26, 1941, German Army Group South reach On October 3, 1941, Mohandas K. "Mahatma" Gandhi urges his followers to begin passive resistance to British rule in India. In Berlin, Hitler, in a speech, says: "This enemy [the U.S.S.R.] has already been broken and will never rise again!" Also from Berlin, Reich Minister of Propaganda Joseph Goebbels announces that 1.5 million children and 150,000 mothers have been relocated from German cities to safer areas in the countryside. On the Eastern Front, German forces capture Orel, about 218 miles southwest of Moscow. In New York City, director John Huston's motion picture "The Maltese Falcon" premieres. The film stars Mary Astor, Peter Lorre, Sidney Greenstreet and Humphrey Bogart, as private eye Sam Spade.

German panzers are breaking through outer Soviet defenses around Moscow by October 4. Large numbers of Soviet troops are in danger of being encircled.

Louis Brandeis, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, dies on October 5 at the age of 84. Brandeis had been the first Jew appointed to the Supreme Court, by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916. During the night, British aircraft raid Tripoli, Libya.

Soviet positions around Moscow are deteriorating on October 6, with large pockets of Red Army troops being encircled. Gen. Ewald von Kleist's right wing of Army Group South traps more than 100,000 Soviet soldiers. In Berlin, procedures for the mass deportations of Jews from Greater Germany to eastern concentration camps are established.

On October 7 John Curtin becomes the 14th prime minister of Australia, succeeding Arthur Fadden.

With the capture of Mariupol on October 8, elements of German Army Group South reach the Sea of Azov, in southern Ukraine, However, the German advance begins to bog down — literally — as heavy rains turn roads into muddy morasses. In China, after a month of fighting and suffering almost 7,000 casualties, the Japanese pull back from their attempt to take Changsha, the capital of Hunan province.

In Washington, President Roosevelt on October 9 asks Congress for permission to arm U.S. merchant ships and to repeal parts of the Neutrality Act of 1937 that forbid American ships from carrying goods to belligerents in combat zones.

# of Attorney Seminar

OLD BRIDGE - Wills & Power of Attorney Seminar at the Old Bridge Library, 1 Old Bridge Plaza Old Bridge NJ 08857 on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 1 p.m. with Speaker: Kenneth Vercammen, Esq. Edison, NJ (Author-Answers to Questions About Probate) Open to the Public. You do not need to be a resident. For more info call: 732-721-5600 xt. Auxiliary Mem-

#### Pirohi & Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Oct. 13th. To place your order call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Pick up orders at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. All Gourmet items homemade and handmade. Potato Pirohi- \$8.00 a doz. Cakes-Walnut. Poppy Seed, Prune, Apricot, and Raspberry-\$12.00 each. The order date is Oct. 10th to Oct. 13th. Pick up date is Oct. 18 to Oct. 19th. Pick up will begin at 2:30 p.m. no earlier!

#### Wills & Power 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

### Sayreville/South Amboy Police bers Wanted

SOUTH AMBOY/SAYRE-VILLE - Attention South Amboy / Sayreville Residents: The Sayreville Police Auxilia-Amboy is having a Pirohi and ry is seeking new members to Cake Sale from Oct. 10th. 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

#### **Dowdell** Library **Foundation Fundraiser**

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Press Release 9/27/16 SOUTH AMBOY - Please support the Dowdell Library Foundation on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at all Boscov's locations from 9 am to 11 pm. Simply purchase a shopping pass for \$5 which entitles you 25% off your purchases and other discounts throughout the store. You may purchase a shopping pass at the Dowdell Library (located off John T. O'Leary Blvd., and adjacent to the South Amboy Middle/High School). In addition to the shopping pass, all Boscov stores will be providing free refreshments and a raffle with prizes including up to three \$500 shopping sprees.

The Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc. was established to enhance financial support for the Sadie Pope Dowdell Public Library of South Amboy, NJ with private funding through grants and donations. The Foundation accomplishes this through fundraising, advocacy and innovative programs that benefit the community and promote greater awareness of the Library's valuable resources.

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

#### 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, October 6, 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.

#### Pets of the Week





Local Chickens

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#### **Book Sale**

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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, October 8th, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, December 10th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

#### Sands Casino **Trip** South Amboy **Columbiettes**

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Columbiettes sponsoring a trip to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem PA Saturday October 15, 2016. Cost of \$30 includes round trip motorcoach transportation, \$20 slot play, \$5 food voucher, and Motorcoach refreshments. leaves the Knights of Columbus parking lot at 10 AM. For reservations call Cheryl or Steve at 732-727-1707.

#### 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

# Minecraft & Agar.io SOUTH AMBOY - Minecraft

& Agar.io Tuesdays from 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, Refreshments! For more info call 732-721-6060.

#### **PAHS** Class of '76 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School Class of 1976 40th Class Reunion will be at the ZPA Banquet Hall, 281 Grace St., Perth Amboy on Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Call Joyce for tickets 732-887-7800

#### **PAHS** Class of '66 Reunion Update

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Class of 66 will be celebrating their 50th Reunion on October 1st at 7 p.m. The reunion will take place at the Pines Manor, located on Route 27, Edison. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates, share a wonderful milestone and dance the night away! The cost of the reunion is \$85/per person. If interested, mail a check payable to: Paula Pavlonnis Moyle; 59 Forrest Street; Metuchen, NJ 08840. The committee has also scheduled a tour of the "Halls of Ivv" on Friday as well as a Sunday Brunch (pay your own tab if you go). We have had a great response and plan to have a terrific weekend. For more information please call Dotty Chiera 732-859-5669.

#### 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.

#### Lecture on The Jersey Devil

PERTH AMBOY – The Kearny Cottage Historical Association is sponsoring a Lecture on the Jersey Devil, A Presentation by Angus Kress Gillespie, Ph.D., Professor of American Studies, Rutgers University. Dr. Gillespie brings together different reports of the legendary creature. Due to the painting and minor renovations going on at the Kearny Cottage, the lecture will be held at the Brighton Avenue Community Center on Sunday, October 9, 2016 at 2 p.m. Suggested Donation \$5.00. Light Refreshments will be available.

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#### 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.

#### Keynote: Author and Motivational Speaker Edison Jaquez at Everest Institute

Press Release 9/30/16 **PLAINFIELD** Edison Jaquez, author, motivational speaker and founder of B-Men and B-YOU-tiful Mentoring programs, will give the keynote address at the Everest Institute's graduation ceremony on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016. Jaquez has devoted his life to serving and supporting the youth of New Jersey, using his own journey to teach his mentees: "Don't let your history define who you are." His memoir, A Second Chance: Life Lessons Turned Into Living Dreams shares these lessons and the story of Jaquez's transition away from a life of self-destruction to one of selfrealization. The Everest Institution Graduation Ceremony will take place at 5000 Hadley Rd. #100, South Plainfield, NJ on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016 from

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

# LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - A SRO (single room occupancy – men only) upstairs in the YMCA on Jefferson Street. The rooms had common bathrooms and showers. YMCA's were developed for the immigrant population. These individuals would get jobs and afford to move to the suburbs. In the late 1940's Perth Amboy became more of an urban community and the Y served as housing for retired policemen and firemen. They socialized and lived as retired professionals.

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# **Senior Scene**

#### Happenings

#### **Perth Amboy**

WED. Oct. 5 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

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

THURS. Oct. 6 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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

TUES. Oct. 11 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.

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

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

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

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St. THURS. Oct. 13 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon

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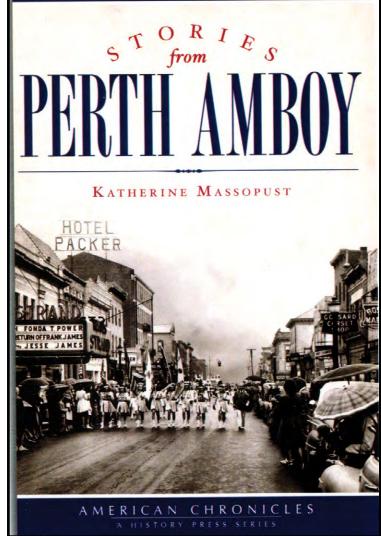
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MON. Oct. 10
South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,
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MON. Oct. 24
Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon
Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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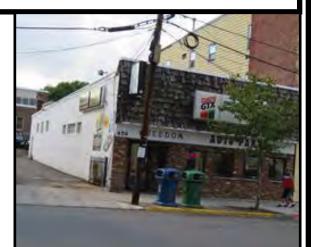
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