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Appointment of a New Acting Police Chief

Press Release 12/6/16

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz is pleased to announce the appointment of Captain Roman McKeon as Acting Chief of Police for the City of Perth Amboy, effective today.

"Today, we take one more step towards continuing to strengthen our public safety in the City of Perth Amboy. I am pleased to appoint Captain Roman McKeon as Acting Chief of Police, an officer who has served this community for nearly 30 years and is dedicated to improving quality of life and the safety for all residents."

Acting Chief Roman McKeon joined the Perth Amboy Police Department in 1988. Prior to joining the department McKeon served as an Auxiliary Police Officer in the Township of Edison from 1984-1985. McKeon graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice in 1985 from Glass-

boro College. He later graduated from the Middlesex County Police Academy in 1986 and served as a police officer for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ).

As a career Patrol Officer, he served as the department's first certified field training officer for new recruits. McKeon was later promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2003, Lieutenant in 2005 and to Captain in 2015 to serve in the patrol division after being assigned to the Support Service Division.

Acting Chief McKeon has attended numerous advanced training schools. Throughout his career he served as a firearms instructor, police baton (PR-24 - instructor), certified commander of the departmental SWAT team, as well as the range master for several years.

Apart from his 28 years of law enforcement experience he is also involved in the community and currently serves as



**Acting Police Chief
Roman McKeon**

the Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps liaison. He also received the 200 Club Lifesaving Award for saving a suicidal jumper and has received several mayoral citations for outstanding service.

Acting Chief McKeon takes great pride in being a mentor to the officers in the department and in his ability to guide them through the challenges in 21st century policing.

Update on Redevelopment and City Resources



**Business Administrator
Camille Tooker**

SOUTH AMBOY - 12/7/16 Business Meeting - An Easement Request was discussed for the Art's Center located at 141 North Broadway. Business Administrator Camille Tooker explained that many storefronts are not ADA Accessible and this Easement is needed to bring that location up to date.

Another Easement Request was for a location at 242-244 Bordentown Ave. This was to replace an existing porch which the owner has to pay for. City Attorney John Lanza said he would draw up a resolution to do so.

Under the Business Items a resolution for a Chapter 159. Tooker explained that the City received an unanticipated grant of \$7,000 from Homeland Security. OEM (Office of Emergency Management) Coordinators need to be certified and have more training. Monies from that grant can be used for that.

Another Business Item E was Authorizing Budget Transfers. Tooker explained, "This is a good thing. You can transfer monies between budget lines where one department can move money that they do not need into another department."

Resolution 165-SA Authorizing the Issuance of \$73,000 Special Emergency Notes for the Master Plan Re-examination in and by the City of South



Mayor Fred Henry

Amboy. Tooker said, "For the new Master Plan, the DCA (Department of Community Affairs) allows the payment in 5 year increments."

Councilman Thomas Reilly moved that the Resolution be read by title and Dato seconded the motion. After the reading by City Clerk Laura Kemble-Kalantsis, Councilman Reilly moved to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Dato.

During the public portion, Resident Pete Kenny asked about an ordinance that was passed earlier in the year regarding the purchase of computers and resurfacing of the tennis courts. He said, "These purchases and improvements must have at least a 5 year useful life."

He also wanted to know how the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) Projects are coming along. He specifically mentioned lower Main Street and the Pumping Station located there.

B.A. Tooker responded, "This is still being worked on and the Developer paid for the station and the City ran the lines. Each unit will pay the connector fees. The PILOT has to benefit the town and the terms are 5 years or more."

Mayor Fred Henry made

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Vitale Bill Adding Cyber-Harassment to Domestic Violence Law Signed by Governor

Press Release 12/5/16

TRENTON - Legislation sponsored by Senator Joseph F. Vitale that would add cyber-harassment to the list of offenses under current domestic violence statutes was signed into law today.

The existing "Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1991" provides a list of 18 predicate offenses that, if inflicted by an adult or an emancipated minor on a person protected under the act, constitute domestic violence. The law, S-1257, now adds cyber-harassment to the list and would therefore allow temporary or permanent restraining orders on those grounds.

"In today's digital world, domestic violence and harassment have taken on new form, with victims being targeted through the Internet and social media," said Senator Vitale (D-Middle-

sex). "I am pleased that our domestic violence laws now reflect this unfortunate reality and will better protect our residents against cyber-harassment."

The crime of cyber-harassment was enacted in 2013, and is defined as the act of making communication in an online capacity via any electronic device or through a social networking site with the purpose to harass another by: (1) threatening to inflict injury or physical harm to any person or the property of any person; (2) knowingly sending, posting, commenting, requesting, suggesting, or proposing any lewd, indecent, or obscene material to or about a person with the intent to emotionally harm someone or place them in fear of physical or emotional harm; or (3) threatening to commit any crime against a person or his or her property.

"Recognizing cyber-harass-

ment as a form of abuse will now allow victims to regain control over their own lives by enabling them to seek restraining orders to protect themselves," said Senator Vitale.

Cyber-harassment is a crime of the fourth degree, unless the person is 21 years of age or older at the time of the offense and impersonates a minor for the purpose of cyber-harassing a minor, in which case it is treated as a crime of the third degree. A crime of the fourth degree is generally punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 18 months or a fine up to \$10,000, or both; a crime of the third degree, by a term of three to five years or a fine up to \$15,000, or both.

The bill was approved by the Senate and the Assembly unanimously. The law takes effect immediately.

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**Bariatric
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OLD BRIDGE - The Institute of Weight Loss at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is sponsoring a Bariatric Weight Loss Support Group Meeting Wednesday, December 28, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at its Old Bridge location. For individuals who have had surgery or contemplating weight loss surgery or are trying to maintain a healthy weight. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in Auxiliary Hall B, One Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME (1.855.846.3463).

**We Keep You
Moving**

PERTH AMBOY- The Human 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, December 9, 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 scheduled for joint replacement surgery or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call Nurse Navigator Clare Schuld, R.N., at 732-535-4746

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South Amboy

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some comments: “The new Waterfront development will be coming and may have about 10 kids coming into those units.”

Tooker came back and explained, “We use Smart Growth for our PILOT Programs. Some PILOT Programs allow us to not have to give funds to schools.”

Kenny also had questions about the South Amboy YMCA and whether or not it’s under the PILOT Program.

Tooker responded, “The YMCA rents from the City.”

Mayor Henry then answered Kenny who wanted to additional information about the Waterfront project. “The Sherman Group is looking for contractors and the Ferry is looking very positive.”

Comments were made towards the end of the Meeting by Councilman Tom Reilly. He

opened his comments acknowledging the passing of Ex-Fire Chief John Donnelly.

Tooker then spoke about tax rebates, “95% of the tax rebates are programed in the Gov. PILOT Program.” Tooker then discussed the Shop South Amboy Program. “The City needed at least 15 merchants to participate. We have 18 to 19. We sent out letters to merchants and are ready to kickoff this program in the first quarter of 2017.”

Councilman Reilly then mentioned two upcoming fundraisers to benefit two South Amboy Residents: the December 17 Friends of South Amboy fundraiser (See Charity Basketball Tournament p. 12) and the December 20, 2016 Holiday Showcase Benefit Concert taking place at South Amboy High School (see p. 9). He also wanted a historic property on Main Street to be incorporated into the Master Plan.

B.A. Tooker was happy to

see 5 new applicants for the Fire Department and mentioned that many of them are working a second job.

City Attorney John Lanza said, “I’m sorry to hear about Donnelly’s passing and I have represented the Donnelly family in hard times.”

Council President Mickey Gross thanked the City Employees for all the work they’ve done throughout the year.

Mayor Fred Henry said he attended the American Legion No. 62 Annual Memorial Service for Pearl Harbor which was held earlier that day. There was a moment of silence for the 75th Anniversary of the Bombing of Pearl Harbor and the importance of keeping that memory alive. “There were military and civilian victims.” Henry continued, “I want to thank the employees who set up the (Christmas) Tree and send my condolences to the Donnelly Family.”

Pallone Sends Letter Requesting Hearing on JCP&L’s Proposal to Increase Transmission Rates

Press Release 12/5/16

LONG BRANCH - Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) sent a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission voicing his concerns over Jersey Central Power and Light’s (JCP&L) proposal to increase electric transmission rates in 2017. Pallone requested a public hearing on the proposal which would increase rates by 150% and argues that “any increase of this magnitude should be carefully scrutinized.”

Pallone has voiced concerns with other JCP&L proposals which could have negative impacts on New Jersey communities. In October, Pallone sent a letter to the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) voicing his concerns over Jersey Central Power and Light’s (JCP&L) proposal for the Monmouth County Reliability Project (MCRP). The plan for JCP&L’s new transmission line would impact Aberdeen, Hazlet and Middletown in Pallone’s district and run along New Jersey Transit’s North Jersey Coast line. Many residents have argued that the project is unnecessary and potentially harmful to the public health, environment, and economy of their communities. In August, he shared his concerns with BPU regarding JCP&L’s proposal to transfer all of its transmission assets to Mid-Atlantic Interstate Trans-

mission. JCP&L withdrew its transfer proposal in September, a week after Pallone’s statement.

The text of the letter can be found below:

December 5, 2016

The Honorable Norman Bay
Chairman
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Chairman Bay:

I write regarding Jersey Central Power & Light’s (JCP&L) proposal to increase electric transmission rates in 2017. I respectfully request that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) hold a hearing on this proposal to determine whether it is necessary, just and reasonable, particularly in regard to the impact the increase would have on ratepayers. The public should also be allowed an opportunity to comment on this proposal.

As you know, FERC’s approval is necessary for any rate increase by JCP&L to take effect. In making its decision, FERC should take into account concerns raised by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, the state Division of Rate Counsel, and other stakeholder groups. This rate increase could be a significant burden on ratepayers; accord-

ing to the Rate Counsel, JCP&L’s proposal would increase rates by 150%. FERC should hold a hearing to investigate a rate increase of this magnitude.

This is not the only JCP&L proposal my constituents have concerns about. Over the past year, JCP&L, and its parent company FirstEnergy, attempted to transfer all of JCP&L’s transmission assets to a separate company, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, and to build a new 10-mile transmission line in my district, known as the Monmouth County Reliability Project. While the benefits of these proposals for ratepayers are dubious, JCP&L would certainly reap financial benefits if either of these proposals were approved.

That is why I am respectfully urging FERC to provide a serious and sincere opportunity for the public to comment on JCP&L’s proposed rate increase. New Jersey ratepayers should not be subjected to onerous energy costs, and any increase of this magnitude should be carefully scrutinized.

Thank you in advance for your most serious consideration of this request.

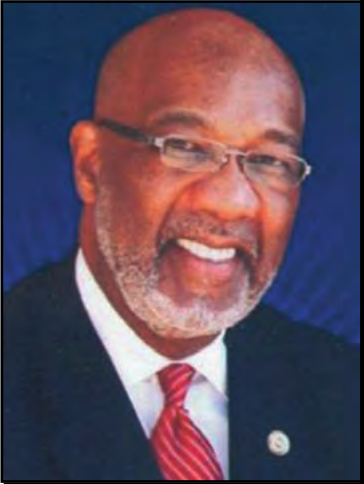
Sincerely,

FRANK PALLONE, JR
Member of Congress

4th Annual African American History Month Celebration

**Photo Submitted by PRAHD*

PERTH AMBOY - We are thrilled to be honoring Bob McCoy with the Arturo Alfonso Schomburg Award for all the love and care he gives to our community in the City of Perth Amboy. Please join us as we celebrate the many contributions of Bob McCoy during African American History Month. Special Guest Dean Schomburg on Friday, February 17, 2017 Noon to 2 p.m. PRAHD 100 First Street, Perth Amboy. Please RSVP to Lillian Martinez or email lmartinez@prahd.org or 732-638-2811.



Bob McCoy

Check Presentation to Mary’s Place by the Sea 11/28/16, Barge Restaurant, Perth Amboy

**Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*



PERTH AMBOY - The Pink Ribbon Gala Committee presented a check to Mary’s Place By The Sea at the Barge Restaurant on Monday, November 28, 2016. Mary’s Place By The Sea Founder and President Michelle Gannon receives the donation along with VP Maria McKeon. (L to R) Mary’s Place by the Sea Dir. of Development Felicia Levine, Committee Member, Diane Riporti, Maria McKeon, Michelle Gannon, Pink Ribbon Gala Co-Chair Raquel Roche, Committee Member Junel Hutchinson, Pink Ribbon Gala Chair Elaine Jasko and Committee Member Carolyn Maxwell.

MCA Holy Childhood National Christmas Art Contest Winner

**Photo Submitted by Perth Amboy Catholic School*



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On Friday, December 2, 2016, Abigail Rosa, a 2nd grader at Perth Amboy Catholic School was honored in Washington, D.C. for her winning artwork in the MCA Holy Childhood National Christmas Art Contest.

Abigail received a plaque of her artwork which was on exhibit at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Abigail and her family also celebrated a special Mass, attended a luncheon buffet and had a tour of the Basilica. Only 24 entries, from over 5000 pieces of artwork submitted from the entire United States, were chosen for recognition. Her art teacher, Rose Lavin Pennyfeather, who submitted her artwork, also attended the ceremony.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Guest Editorial:
Oh, What a Time it Was!

Seeing the malls on the “Black Friday” rush, etc. You may wonder if there was ever “Another Time”—Yes there was! “Oh what a time that was!”

The Ambler II is on the move again. In the last scene of Camelot, when King Arthur knew he was fighting his last battle, he told a Squire, “Run as fast as you can and tell all of England the glory that was once Camelot.”

The Ambler is going to amble down Smith Street: from the train bridge to the Ferry Slip, and the years are from the mid 1940’s to the late 50’s. West of the train bridge was Robert Hall, where we bought our “good clothes” and the really only store up that way. As we amble east on the right side was Modern Boys where you could buy a scout uniform and again “good clothes.” The men who ran the store we real gentlemen and treated all us kids like adults. Ahead was the “Hansen Bank,” and everybody knew Mr. Hansen. Then came the Crystal Restaurant, and just down the street was the Coney Island. Both made hot dogs talked about today. Between them was the Rokey theater which brought much joy on dreary winter Saturday mornings (10 cartoons, a cowboy picture and a serial). Across the street was Leiber’s Sporting Goods; Mr. Leiber was a very kind man who taught me much about hunting and fishing. Once when my cat escaped, someone painted her white with oil based paint. Mr. Leiber had hand clippers for \$12.00, but I had no money so I asked if I could pay him off in a few weeks so I could shave my cat. He just said, “Bring in the cat.” and he shaved her for me. (I do not know what he did with the clippers). My cat wore a sweater for a month. Joe’s Pet Shop was on both sides of the street since he burnt down and moved. Here you could buy fish, birds, hamsters and all the

stuff to keep them. Across the street was Ace Drugs where you could buy all kinds of stuff like clocks, make-up (sort of like a CVS). Across the street on the corner of McClellan Street was Jack and Jill where all sorts of baby clothes were available. On this corner next to Leiber’s was Fischer’s Toy Store. We called it “The Junk Store,” full of toy soldiers, dolls and all sorts of good stuff.

As we amble down further, we came to another theater - the Crescent which became the Royal. Around the corner was the Majestic Theater where on Thursday afternoons you could see Vaudeville. The performers stayed across the street in the Palace Hotel. Down Madison Avenue was the Pink Elephant where Jon Bon Jovi started his career. Across the street was Fishkin Brothers, a store where there were trains, cameras, hobby stuff and hunting and fishing – Wow! What a store (It started out on Smith Street)! The Fishkin family were very nice and supported the City in many ways (Mr. Leiber worked there after his store burned down).

Going along, we come to Reynolds Department Store where you bought almost anything (My mother said during the Great Depression many people were paid in “Scrip” a sort of IOU). Reynolds was one of the few stores who honored them. All money was sent somewhere in tubes which zipped around the ceiling. Close by was Woolworths 5&10 where like in “Alice’s Restaurant” you could get anything you want. Birds, fish clothes, jewelry and a lunch counter, I would always go there just to look - it was some place. There were two other 5&10 stores down the street.

Across the street was Pamel’s Sweet Shop with a soda fountain “big high school hang out.” After the “Five Corners”

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Response to
Mayor Diaz’s
11/23/16 Letter

It was with amused interest that I read the letter from Wilda Diaz in your Nov. 23 edition.

First, I would like to wish Perth Amboy a Happy Hanukkah, Blessed Kwanzaa and a Merry Christmas. As I leave political office, which I have chosen to do, I would like the city to know that in all my years here, I was happy to serve in various areas. Over 20 years I was re-elected to District Democratic committeewoman and worked tirelessly to elect candidates who I believed would serve the city well. For over 20 years I physically labored every Saturday morning with the Royal Garden Club to beautify our city as well as serving as President twice, establishing a Garden Contest for private gardens and Beautification Awards for businesses and organizations who endeavored to improve the appearance of our beloved historic city. In 2012, after submitting a narrative of a walk through our public gardens, the city won the Great Public Spaces award from the American Planning Association. I have served on the Zoning Board – the front line for property owners who need protection from thoughtless imposition from neighbors. I served on the Board of Education while my children attended public school here. I am presently President of the Proprietary House Association and alternate member of the New Jersey Historical Commission. I worked on the Creative Placemaking Plan, which won an award in 2015 for Best Municipal Plan. As a member of the Art Council, which was an outgrowth of that endeavor, we sponsored the successful Waterfront Arts Festival. My term on the City Council was a tumultuous one but, thanks to all my years as a music teacher and Choral Director and Masters Degree in counseling, my experience dealing with young temperamental divas came in handy. I have chosen to leave the Council because it absorbed much more time than I anticipated. It is not a part time job. It is a 24/7 job.

The Councils’ mission is to provide checks and balances in city government. When I witnessed the unraveling of the Diaz administration, the pressure and bullying imposed by the mayor on the council to accept under qualified directors, the revolving door of Business Administrators, Law Directors, Public Works Directors and various other departments; the attempt to give away valuable city property just to expedite contracts, it became apparent to the council that our city was being jeopardized solely to satisfy the mayor’s hidden and prejudicial agenda and to secure her re-election, with no regard for our taxpayers. All one has to do is look at the voting record of the Council to realize that we were never in lock-step with each other, but each vote was independently realized. So if the council came together to support new leadership, it was not I who drove the council to that decision, it was the mayor herself.

If I had a political agenda, why would I choose to leave? What I do have is a vision and a dream for the city that my maternal and paternal grandparents, my parents, my husband’s family, and all my aunts and uncles called home. That is where I have focused my energy, as my record demonstrates.

Perth Amboy is historically prestigious, and geographically gifted. Outsiders realize this and are eager to take advantage. We mustn’t allow ourselves to be sold down the river for someone’s greed and/or self interest. We need knowledgeable and ethical leaders who understand our value to protect us from those entities that look to capitalize on our resources, while property owners are left to foot the bill.

The mayor likes to speak of progress, yet this has shown to be a rather ambiguous statement. Have no doubt that the city is suffering. Almost half of Perth Amboy’s registered voters didn’t bother to turn out in this last election—and almost 60% of them wanted her gone. According to recent census figures, household median income in Perth Amboy is down 16%, compared to 5% for the rest of the state. Home values in Perth Amboy are down 30% compared to 19.5% for the rest of the state. People in Perth Am-

boy have lost an average of about \$100,000 in home value during the last few years.

Poverty rate in Perth Amboy is up 5% compared to 2% for the rest of the state. Twenty-three percent of Perth Amboy residents live in poverty compared to 11% for the rest of the state, and the percentage of people in poverty has risen since the Mayor took office. Yet the Mayor had no problem signing contracts to give your tax dollars to several directors before the election, over \$100,000 in RAISES. They had no problem supporting her. Ironically, one of them moved out of Perth Amboy.

Now city employees are questioned as to their loyalty to her. Character assassinations are prevalent. I have been screamed at, cursed at, and called names by the mayor on many occasions—both publicly and privately. I have never responded in kind. She has threatened other council members if they did not go along with her. This is not characteristic of a person’s strength – this is characteristic of a person who is fearful. The fact that she kept the last agenda hidden from the public begs the question – what has she promised her supporters that she’s afraid she can’t deliver? When she ran against the incumbent mayor in 2008, the very oppressor she detested, she has now become.

It is in all our best interests to wish Mayor Diaz well in her third term. I still want Perth Amboy to succeed and it doesn’t matter who gets it done, just as long as it does. The Mayor has assembled teams to take on the challenge, and I pray for their success as well. For those of you who have any affection for this city, get involved. Volunteer. Attend public meetings and pay attention to what goes on in YOUR city. There’s much to be done. It’s time for me to get back to my bucket list.

I wish all of Perth Amboy health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year and for the Mayors term. May God Bless Perth Amboy

Lisa Nanton,
President,
Perth Amboy City Council

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HIV Support

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

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

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 Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

Proprietary House Open

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

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

MON. Dec. 12 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
WED. Dec. 14 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
TUES. Dec. 20 Board of Education, 6 p.m.
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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 SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!**

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The Community Voice

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Pearl Harbor

For those of you who believe we can do anything we wish, think about this. When the flag was raised at Iwo Jima, the Marines who saw it were inspired and fought even harder because it showed to them that we were winning.

Then again, they could have taken a knee and watched their compatriots get killed and loaded into trucks to be shipped home or buried on foreign soil. That is, if there were any of their compatriots remaining to perform that task.

The First Amendment allows us to do a lot but when our conscience comes into play and our patriotism is on display, many and most people

would rather die than give up their freedom.

The 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor was celebrated on December 7. Only a handful of survivors were in attendance. It was said that the heroes were not those that came home but those who lost their lives in that attack. No one took a knee. We saw this patriotism in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq. I am sure that no one took a knee there either.

Our country was not advanced by kneelers but by heroes that gave their lives. Anyone can say no but a true hero will stand up and defend everything and everyone who died in support of the flag and this country.

During WWII, 17 year old

men and women were rushing to defend their country. In 2016, 17 year olds are sitting in college classrooms in their “safe place” complaining because their feelings were hurt.

Again, when much is given, much is expected. People flock to our shores to be part of our country but some refuse to believe that sacrifices of our predecessors made us what we are today.

Too many of today’s youth do not know or care about the history of this great nation. If we haven’t learned about our past, how can we carve our future? May God bless this country and those who will advance our Constitution.

Barbara Skokan

The Electoral College

Some people have suddenly discovered a problem with the Electoral College, a system that has worked well for over 230 years. If the 2016 election results were reversed would they still complain? Are they dishonest hypocrites?

The Electoral College is equal to the number of Senators and Representatives. The use of independent Electors is like a form of checks and balances. Would it be better to use the Senators and Representatives to elect the President? That would be a Parliamentary form of government. The House of Representatives gets to choose the President when

no Person has a Majority (Article II, Section 1).

While we are one country, people are elected by state or congressional district. A winning candidate cannot pass on surplus votes to another state or congressional district. In some countries people vote for a party list, not a candidate. Party members represent the percentage of votes cast. The Third Republic of France was one example. A vote of no confidence can change the government. Who benefits from that?

Complaints about this election do not consider the effects of fraud in voting or counting. One dictator said it is not the votes that count but who counts the votes. Do we want

to make changes without understanding the effects? “Don’t fool with something that works” is still good advice.

People would be more justified in complaining about the 2000 election where Justices who are not elected by the voters dictated the selection of a President! Don’t we need to reform the Supreme Court by instituting an age limit of 70 and a term of 16 years? Increasing the size of the House to about 999 members would provide smaller districts to better represent the voters, and allow the Electoral vote to more closely match the popular vote.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Guest Editorial

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was Costas’ Lunch where you could get a hot dog at a window on the street. Then came Fagan’s Hardware and Bee Bee Hat, across the street was Seaman’s (Before Jimmy Hardiman was there). Then another theater, the Strand (They had double features on Friday night). On the next corner was Gardella’s Bike Shop with a real super racer in the window. Near there was the Corner Book Store. Next down the street was a supermarket where

people waiting for the ferry would buy groceries. Further along on the right was a candy store where it was said (I never saw it) you could buy “Looses” (individual cigarettes). At the end of the street was the ferry and on it was an organ grinder with a monkey, and you could ride to Staten Island for 17 cents. On the side streets were fantastic stores like Fannie Barber’s, Mechanics Toy store, Jags Sporting Goods and Rasmussen’s Fish Market. (I am

sure I missed many others!)

Yep, you did not need a Mall. We had Smith Street. “Oh what a time that was!”

I was at a public meeting and got up and spoke - a young woman in front of me said, “You sit down and shut up! You are Old Amboy - We are the New Amboy!” Run Squire, as fast as you can, and tell all of England the glory that was Camelot!

Amboy Ambler II

What Do You Think? Send Us a Response!

Community Meeting

SOUTH AMBOY – The public is invited to discuss the City’s Healthy Plan presented by Master of City Planning Candidates from the Edward J. Bloustein School at Rutgers University. Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at South Amboy City Hall.

Affordable Care Act Enrollment

PERTH AMBOY – 2016 Free Open Enrollment Program for All Perth Amboy Residents, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 10th & 17th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St. Free Registration Assistance is available. Certified staff will be available to assist residents step-by-step with the quick online registration & application process for health insurance in English and Spanish. *No appointment is needed. Registration is first come, first served. For more information, contact: The Office of Housing & Social Services 732-826-4300.

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Santa Fly-In

PRINCETON – Forty-one years ago, the idea of having Santa fly into the Princeton Airport for the area children to watch was brought to life. Throughout the years, this has evolved into a wonderful annual event for local families and those less fortunate.

The tradition will continue this year on Saturday, December 24th, when the Nierenberg family owners of the airport, will open the hangar doors to children awaiting Santa's arrival. Santa is planned to arrive at 11:00 a.m. Parents are advised to bring the children prior to then, as the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies, and local folk singer Pat McKinley, starting at 10:30

a.m., will be leading the audience in holiday songs during the wait for Santa.

If parents would like to have a gift waiting for their child, they should bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it in large print to the Princeton Airport lobby. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa. If parents have more than one child participating, the gifts should be wrapped in the same paper and tied together to speed up the distribution. Also, to have their child participate, parents need to bring a gift for the less fortunate as well. This is the most important feature of this event.

These gifts must be new and unwrapped, and will be collected by the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Personal checks made out to the "FoodBank Network of Somerset County", as well as canned or boxed food will also be collected at the airport. Donations from non-participants are kindly accepted as well.

The collection of the gifts will begin the day after Thanksgiving and will end on Saturday, December 17th in order to enable county workers to arrange the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby of the airport between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Once Santa's plane lands, he will head into the hangar, along with all the participants, to distribute each gift individually. In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Children will also have the opportunity to take a picture on Santa's lap. Usually, distribution is completed by 1:00 p.m. and Santa continues his journey. There is no charge for this event.

The Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 miles north of Princeton on Route 206. The full address is 41 Airpark Road, Princeton, N.J., 08540.



Animal Shelter Pet Photos with Santa

PERTH AMBOY – Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Animal Shelter, 599 Fayette St., Perth Amboy.

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.



Breakfast with Santa

SAYREVILLE - Breakfast with Santa at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Cost: Adults: \$6.00 Children under 12: \$3.00. Breakfast Includes: Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Coffee, Tea and Juice. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, Food & Gifts. Bring the Whole Family. Please contact Winsome Melvin at 732-432-9072 for reservations and Information.

Golden Nugget Bus Trip

Holy Rosary Seniors
HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Golden Nugget Casino AC on Tuesday Jan 31, 2017. Bus leaves Good Shepherd Parish parking lot in Hopelawn at 10:00 a.m. Cost \$30 pp, receive \$25 back in play and \$5 towards food. Any questions call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, Jan. 5 2017. 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.

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Ask the Rabbi

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


The Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Position: Bell Ringer
PERTH AMBOY - Seasonal Job - Full time; \$9.00 per hour; 5 days per week (Tuesday's thru Saturday's) - 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. Need to have Social Security and State ID. November 25 thru December 24. The Salvation Army of Perth Amboy, 433 State Street, Perth Amboy, N.J. For more info contact: 732-826-7040



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Spaghetti Dinner

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee will be holding their 7th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 14, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 490 State St., Perth Amboy. \$10 pp.; Children under 5yrs. are free! ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED! Dinner includes salad, Spaghetti and Meatballs, bread with butter, soda/water, dessert and coffee/tea. Come have dinner with our local heroes! Enter through the rear of the school from Mechanic Street parking lot. Tickets are available at the door.

Thrift Store Temporarily Closed

SOUTH AMBOY - Trinity Treasures Thrift Store, 815 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy will close on December 20, 2016 and reopen on January 31, 2017 WEATHER permitting. We thank all our customers for their support and look forward to seeing you next year.



41st Anniversary of Festival Lessons and Carols Service St. Peters Episcopal Church Sunday December 18 at 10:30 a.m. Free Will Offering and Reception to Follow

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Perth Amboy is delighted to announce its 41st Annual Festival Lessons and Carols service Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 AM. This year's program includes traditional seasonal music from America, Germany, Spain, England and France, as well as gospel and spiritual works: famous texts and carols such as Lo How a Rose, Ave Maria, The Shepherd's Farewell, Coventry Carol, A Hymn to the Vir-

gin, Sweet Little Jesus Boy, Behold the Star and Mary had a Baby.

Music Director Doug Sheldon, organist Jon Tyillian, and associate conductors, Jeffrey Smith and Patrick Murphy, will conduct the time-honored choral service, featuring soloists Jonathan Gonzalez, Jennifer Allen, Tara Riccelli, Amanda Weiss and Jeffrey Smith.

The service will be followed by a reception at the Parish House for all members of the congregation and audience.



Holiday Showcase

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy High School Players present a Special Holiday Showcase Benefit Concert for Tom Bikowski on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7 p.m. at South Amboy High School Theater. An Evening of Your Favorite Holiday Hits by the SAHS Players with Special Appearances by John Walsh, SAHS Idol Winner Brianna Merriman, Sarah Wells & the Waves of Motion Company, Santa Claus and more ... General Admission: All Seats \$10. For advance tickets call: 732-841-5248.



Advanced Cardiac Life Support Renewal Class

PERTH AMBOY - The EMS Training Department at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is holding an Advanced Cardiac Life Support Renewal Class, Wednesday, December 14, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Call 732-324-5393 or email EMSTraining@hackensackmeridian.org for more information. Register online at <https://trainingcenter.technologies.com/Raritan-BayMC/CourseEnrollment.aspx>.

Sayreville Rec Toy Drive

SAYREVILLE - Please help the needy children of Sayreville have a Happy Holiday Season! The Sayreville Recreation Toy Drive is looking for donations of NEW toys, gift certificates and /or check. Please donate monetarily thru registration donation below. All donations can be dropped off at the Recreation office Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov.10th thru Dec.7th thank you, Jerry Ust, Director of Recreation.



YULETIDE IN OLDE AMBOY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH 2016

ALL are invited to CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON at two of Perth Amboy's most treasured historic sites!

PROPRIETARY HOUSE, 149 Kearny Avenue

*** Christmas Open House: 1-4 PM ***

FREE ADMISSION - Tours of the festively decorated Royal Governor's Mansion. Light Refreshments & Holiday Music. Gift Shop.

KEARNY COTTAGE, 63 Catalpa Avenue

*** Annual Christmas Tea: 1-4 PM ***

FREE ADMISSION - Christmas Tea & Light Refreshments. Entertainment by Dennis Nanton on Keyboards. Tours of the Museum.

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Donations are most welcome and much needed to support both museums! Proprietary House Association and Kearny Cottage Historical Association are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. Donations are tax-deductable.



Handel's Messiah!!

SOUTH AMBOY - Handel's Messiah!! "It's just not Christmas for me without hearing Handel's Messiah." "This is my 12th year in a row attending Messiah, and I'll never miss it!" Come join the rest of the South Amboy/Sayreville community for the Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra and Choral Society's presentation of George Frederik Handel's timeless oratorio. Under the direction of Maestro Christopher M. C. Deibert, conductor, the Advent/Christmas portion of this work will be performed in its entirety, along with excerpts from the second and third parts. Don't miss this delightful candlelit concert, set in beautiful Victorian-Gothic architectural surroundings. Saturday, December 17, 2016; 7:30 p.m. at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation appreciated)



Now Available on DVD: "The Bombardment of Perth Amboy 1776"

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - During the Summer and Fall of 1776, Perth Amboy was occupied by American patriot forces, while Staten Island was held by British troops. Warfare ensued. Through the use of historic images, archival records & military reenactors, this long forgotten saga is brought to light in the documentary entitled "The Bombardment of Perth Amboy 1776". This documentary has now been released on DVD.
"After the premier of this film via our local Comcast channel, we received an overwhelming number of requests for DVD copies. So, we simply decided to have our work mass produced," explains producer & local businessman John Dyke. "All this coincided with the 75th anniversary of our family business, Dyke Insurance, and as a result our company put it out as a 'thank you' to our community."
John Dyke along with his wife Christina, have produced many other documentaries such as "The KKK Riots of 1923", "Perth Amboy Terracotta", "Dr. Solomon Andrews", "George Inness: Peace & Plenty in Perth Amboy", and "John Watson 1685-1768". Most of their earlier films are now out of circular, although some are still aired on the local Perth Amboy station, Comcast 34.
The "Bombardment of Perth Amboy 1776" DVD has been mass produced and is free to the general public. It is available at the Perth Amboy Public Library, the Proprietary House, and the Perth Amboy City Hall Clerk's Office.

Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Cookie Walk on Sat. Dec. 17th at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The address is 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. All Gourmet items Homemade and Hand-made. Hope to see you at the Cookie Walk!

Seeking Items to Help the Homeless During the Winter Months

NEW BRUNSWICK - At last night's Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) meeting, it was brought to everyone's attention that the Point-in-Time Homeless Count & Project Homeless Connect is seeking items to help the homeless during the winter months. The most needed items include: Gently used coats, new warm hats/scarves, new gloves/mittens, blankets, new warm socks, hygiene kits.

For more information about Project Homeless Connect or to arrange for delivery of donated items, please contact Harriet Slonim at 732-745-4041or harriet.slonim@co.middlesex.nj.us.

South Amboy Holiday Events

SOUTH AMBOY – Have a Holly, Jolly Holiday riding in our trolley on a tour of South Amboy Featuring Historical Sites as well as the Contest Winner and the Runners Up in the "Holiday House Decorating Contest." Tours will be given on Friday, December 16, 2016 starting at 5:30 p.m. Call the Recreation Office at 732-525-5965 or email events@southamboynj.gov to reserve your seat starting on November 18th. Seating is limited. First come, first served. Opened to South Amboy Residents only.



K of C Breakfast With Santa

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold their annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 18 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Enjoy a hot breakfast with your family and bring your camera to take pictures of your children with Santa Claus. Cost is \$8 Adults; \$3 Children 2 to 12; under 2 FREE. For more information call 732-721-2025.



Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 11:30 am for their annual holiday luncheon. The luncheon will be held at the Pines Manor, 2085 Route 27, Edison, NJ. The Elderly Brothers will provide entertainment. Various items for local hospitals, nursing homes, and MC-FOOD bank will be collected at the luncheon.
On December 31, 2016, join us for New Year's Eve at Noon - Doolans Shore Club at Spring Lake. Call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 for information.
For additional information on the chapter, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

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Pictures With Santa

WOODBIDGE – Donate a non-perishable item and take your picture with Santa Claus! Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more info contact the Recreation Department: Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge – 732-596-4048 or go to www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us



"Sock the Homeless"

ON #GIVINGTUESDAY
Press Release 11/28/16
PERTH AMBOY – As this is the season for giving, give back to your community through the Y on #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving. On Tuesday, November 29, 2016, people all over the world will come together for one common purpose: TO CELEBRATE GENEROSITY AND GIVING.

Join the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA on #GivingTuesday by donating SOCKS! Socks are the number one most requested item in homeless shelters, so let's give the gift of warm and toasty feet to those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Last year, we collected over 1,000 pairs of socks - and with your help we can do it again. Take your first step in making a difference and building a BETTER US!
Starting November 29th through December 23rd, bring NEW socks to the Y, let's show those who are less fortunate how a little warmth may spread so much joy this season.
For more information or to join us in this season of giving please contact Yarelis Figueroa, 732.442.3632 or yfigueroa@rbaymca.org.

PAMA Awards Dinner, Cornucopia Cruise Line, Perth Amboy 12/78/16

**Photos by Joe Bayona*



PERTH AMBOY - PAMA held it's 2016 Awards Dinner aboard the Cornucopia Cruise Line on Thursday, 12/8/16. The Recipients were recognized for their commitment to the betterment of the City of Perth Amboy. If you are a business located in Perth Amboy and would like to find out more information about PAMA or to join the organization contact President Reyes Ortega: 732-904-6844 or e-mail: PAMAInc@yahoo.com

First Anniversary of Glamour Radio, Perth Amboy 12/1/16

**Photos by Katherine Massopust*



PERTH AMBOY - Glamour Radio celebrated its first anniversary on Thursday, 12/1/16. The owner and founder of Glamour Radio, Karina Lacano is proud of the station. To listen to Glamour Radio download the app www.GlamourRadio.com. The radio station is bilingual and has a variety of different types of programing from modern Spanish music Glamour Urban (on Fridays), LGBT interests (on Thursdays) and a children's program (on Sundays). The music is streamed 24/7 with titles of the listener's choice. To help promote the station, the Glamour Dolls dance, participate in fashion shows, modeling and work at other publicity events. Congratulations on your First Anniversary!

***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 December 12, 1941, Adolf Hitler holds a meeting with leaders of the Nazi party at the Reich Chancellery in Berlin. Attendee Joseph Goebbels notes in his diary: "With respect of the Jewish Question, the Führer has decided to make a clean sweep. . . the annihilation of the Jews must be the necessary consequence." Hungary and Romania declare war on the U.S.; the U.S. reciprocates. British India declares war on Japan. The Japanese occupy Legazpi, the capital of Albay Province, on Luzon, the Philippines. In Malaya, the Japanese push Indian troops out of Jitra; Japanese planes bomb Penang, killing 600. In New York City, the U.S. seizes the docked French ocean liner *SS Normandie*. In Germany, Jews are forbidden to use public telephones.

In Hong Kong (a British Crown Colony leased from China), British and Canadian forces, pressured by attacking Japanese, on December 13 withdraw from the mainland portion of the territory to Hong Kong Island. Elsewhere, the Japanese continue their advance through Malaya and strengthen their positions in the northern Philippines. In the Mediterranean, British and Dutch warships attack an Italian flotilla off Cape Bon, Tunisia. Two Italian cruisers are sunk, with the loss of 900 crewmen.

The British light cruiser *HMS Galatea* is sunk on December 14 by German sub U-557 in the Mediterranean off Alexandria, Egypt. The Japanese continue their advance through Malaya.

December 15 sees action in the North African desert. In a clash at Gazala, Libya, Rommel's *Panzergruppe Afrika* is pushed back from its defensive line by British, Indian, New Zealand and Polish forces of the British Eighth Army. On the Eastern Front, Soviet troops retake Klin, 53 miles northwest of Moscow. From today through December 27, Nazi *SS Einsatzgruppen* (task forces) and Latvian auxiliary police and militia will massacre 2,731 Jews and 23 communists outside of Liepāja, Latvia.

On December 16, Rommel orders his forces to withdraw all the way back to El Agheila, in far western Cyrenaica, Libya, which is from where his offensive started in March. He will wait there for more men and tanks. In southeast Asia, the Japanese invade British-controlled northern Borneo (the Dutch control the southern portion of the island). Small British and Dutch military units there set fire to oil-processing and storage facilities as they withdraw. In Malaya, a second wave of Japanese invasions occurs, forcing the British garrison at Penang, on the northwest coast, to withdraw and move southward toward Singapore. In Russia, with the German attack on Moscow halted in its tracks, Field Marshal Fedor von Bock is relieved as commander of German Army Group Center because of "health problems." Hitler orders German troops on the Eastern Front to mount "fanatical resistance," and he forbids any retreats from around Moscow.

Field Marshal Günther von Kluge takes command of Army Group Center on December 17, replacing von Bock. On Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula, the Battle of Sevastopol begins. In Washington, Rear Admiral Chester Nimitz is named Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Fleet, replacing Adm. Husband Kimmel, who was removed from command in the wake of the Pearl Harbor attack. In the central Atlantic, the British light cruiser *HMS Dunedin* is torpedoed and sunk by German sub U-124. Off the coast of Libya, an Italian flotilla exchanges fire with British warships in the Gulf of Sidra, southeast of Malta. Neither side suffers more than minimal damage. Australian and Dutch troops occupy Portuguese Timor in the East Indies. Dutch planes sink the Japanese destroyer *Shinonome* off Sarawak, Borneo.

Japanese troops on December 18 land on Hong Kong Island, defended by the significantly outnumbered British and Canadian garrison. In the U.S., Congress passes the War Powers Act, which authorizes the president, among other things, to censor international mail, cable, radio and other means of communication. In the U.K., Parliament passes the National Service Act, which makes every male under 50 and every adult, unmarried woman under 30 liable for national service of some sort.

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**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 will be held on December 28, 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.

**Charity
Basketball Game
& Tricky Tray**

SOUTH AMBOY - The 5th Annual Friends of South Amboy Charity Basketball Tournament at South Amboy High School on December 17th. The re will also be a Tricky Tray the day of the event. Donations are being accepted for the Tricky Tray. Please contact the Friends of South Amboy via Facebook Messenger or Janet Kern at 732-824-3494.

Proceeds from this event will benefit Breanna Hathcock, a local resident and South Amboy Middle High School graduate who is currently battling cancer.

2:00 p.m. - South Amboy Middle School Boys -vs.- Calvary Christian
4:00 p.m. - South Amboy Girls Varsity -vs.- Calvary Christian
6:00 p.m. - Sayerville Boys Varsity -vs.- Bishop Ahr
8:00 p.m. - South Amboy Boys Varsity -vs.- Calvary Christian

Visit our Facebook page for more information . <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOf-SouthAmboy/>

**Faith Basics
A Monthly Class On the
Basics of Judaism and
Christianity**

PERTH AMBOY - Faith Basics - A Monthly Class On the Basics of Judaism and Christianity. What: Session 1: Who is a Jew? Who is a Christian? on Tuesday, December 6th, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy. The first of five monthly sessions exploring the basic concepts of Judaism and Christianity. This month, we will explore the ever-changing nature of Jewish and Christianity identity through the ages, including a close look at the different denominations of Judaism and Christianity. Cost: \$10 per session or \$25 for all 5 sessions. Please RSVP to Rabbi Ari Saks (ari.saks@gmail.com), Reverend Anne-Marie Jeffery (ajeffery04@yahoo.com), or via our Facebook Event page - Faith Basics: Who is a Jew? Who is a Christian?. This program is jointly sponsored by Congregation Beth Mordecai and St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Future Classes - Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4

Pet of the Week



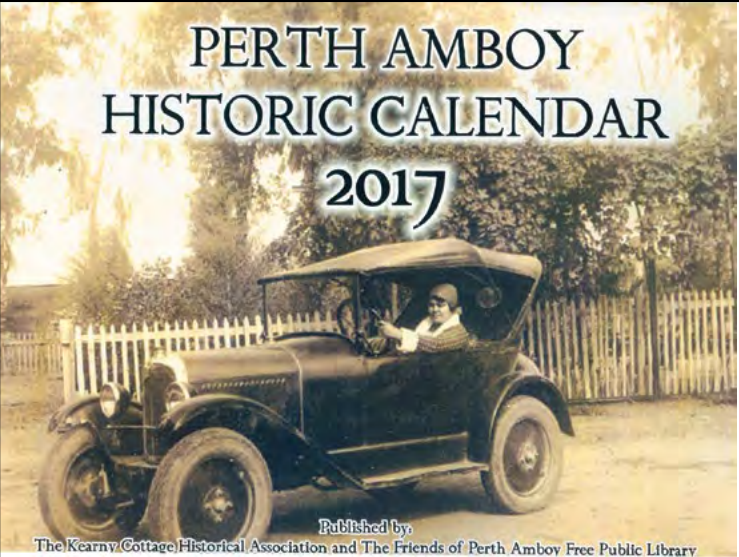
Blaze sitting in the bathroom sink. She was found in a box next to a city garbage can and rescued by a kind-hearted resident

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Bingo
SAYREVILLE - FEELING LUCKY! Get out of the house and off the couch - come enjoy an evening or afternoon playing Bingo. St. Stan's Parish, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville - has Bingo each Thursday evening, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and games beginning at 7:30 p.m. We also have Sunday afternoon Bingo each week, with doors opening at 12 Noon and games beginning at 1:30 p.m. Our kitchen is open for great homemade lunch and dinner specials along with a nice selection of snacks to munch on. Please call our Parish Office at (732) 254-0212 for more info. See you there!

**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, December 21, 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-DOCTORS.

***2017 Historic Perth Amboy
Calendars***



2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are now available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079, Perth Amboy City Hall or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.

Novena to St. Rita

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

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

Prayer to Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor

me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee *(3 times)*. Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands *(3 times)*. *Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you. G.T.A.*

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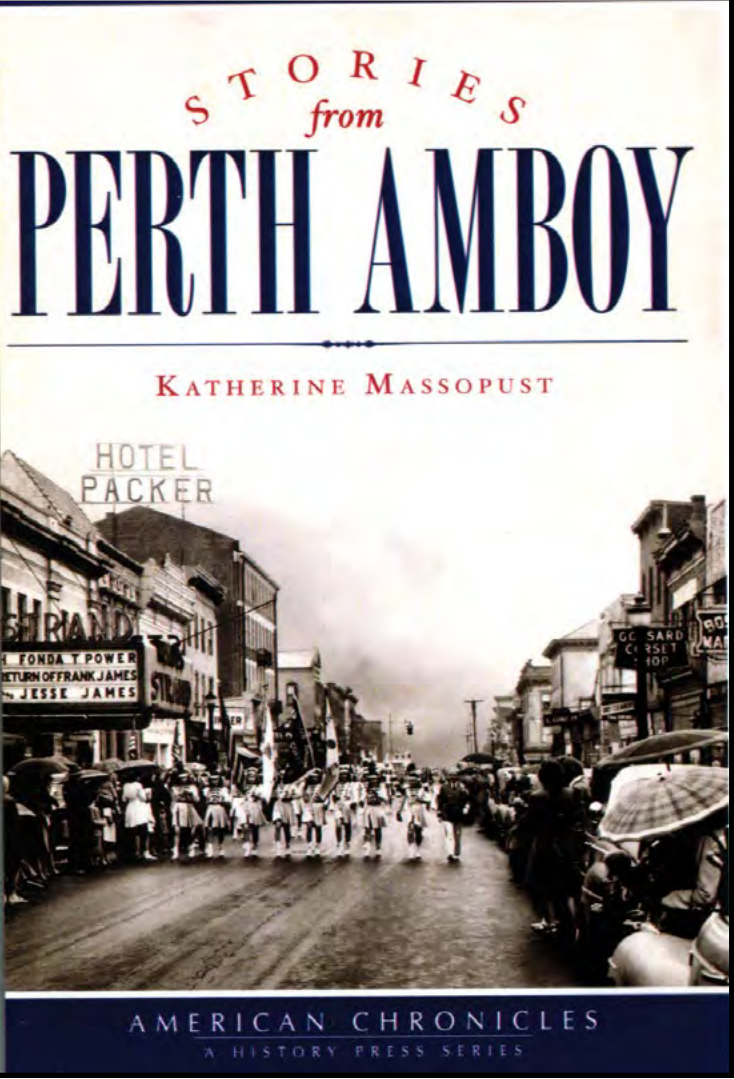


PERTH AMBOY - The U.S. Navy “Seabees” decorate the Historic Ferry Slip for Christmas during their construction assistance in the 1980’s.
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Senior Scene
Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
TUES. Dec. 13 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Dec. 14 St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. Dec. 15 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Dec. 19 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Dec. 20 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
• Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
WED. Dec. 21 St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
THURS. Dec. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**
MON. Dec. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
WED. Jan. 4 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Jan. 9 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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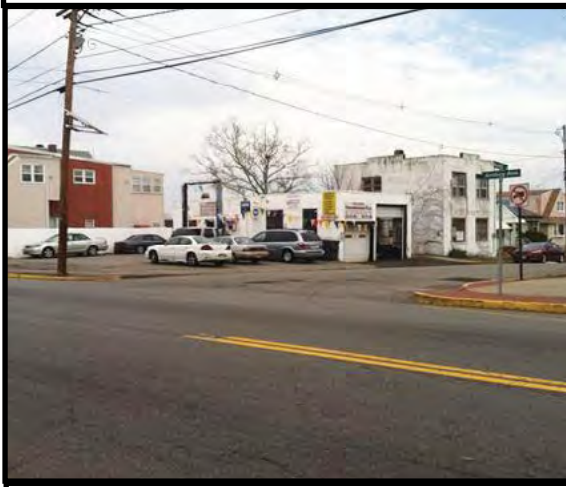
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