

Face Off on PARA Status & Duties of Law Director

PERTH AMBOY - Emotions ran high at the 11/21/16 Council Meeting when it was suggested an ordinance (first reading) be placed on the agenda as a late starter to abolish PARA (Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency).

Ordinance No. 5 - Dissolving PARA and designating the Council as the Entity.

During the Caucus portion of the Meeting, Councilman Fernando Irizarry was the only one to vote "no" to place this as a late starter on the agenda. Irizarry said, "I'm going to move that this ordinance be tabled." There was no second.

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "There's no packet on the agenda. We didn't get any information ahead of time."

Acting Law Director Rainone cautioned, "This can't be adopted until it is brought to the local Finance Board."

Resident Ken Balut started off the public comments, "The trouble with PARA was when the Mayor extended the contract with Kushner. Did Kushner settle the lawsuit? He didn't do to other towns what he did here. Why was today's agenda hidden? The Council should take over the responsibility of PARA. Arlene (Quinones-Perez) overbilled the City. The money coming into us (the City) comes from the north (Jersey). They come something tabled, you didn't allow it. I find it very strange."

A Resident from State Street came up to speak, "Everything now is wrong in the last two months and why wait after four years? You (addressing Council President Lisa Nanton) were with the Mayor for almost four years."

Resident Lionel Giron who is also a member of PARA came up next and spoke, "Your attempt (the Council) to dissolve PARA was a political move. I'm speaking here as an individual. There are young faces on PARA. People have been called pawns and puppets. We're getting younger and using social media."

Giron then addressed Councilman Joel Pabon, "Mr. Pabon, you are on this agency (PARA). I'm disappointed in you. I went to school with your son. Stop trying to bring down the City because you lost the election. You sat on PARA and hardly said anything."

Resident Alan Silber made the following comments, "Asking to table this (Late Starter No. 5) was not necessary because you have two weeks before voting on it. Other municipalities have rescinded their PARA Boards. People that are here cheering don't know what's going on. The Mayor who is the PARA Chair appointed a lot of the members. Look at Rector Street by the Landings. It's terrible. You (the Council) should think about rescinding PARA." Mayor Diaz came up next to defend PARA and how it has benefited the City, "The projects that came through PARA has created jobs and ratables and this has made it possible for no tax increases for the residents. We have built a great working relationships with businesses. They trusted the PARA Members. Since 2008 until now, PARA has rebuilt the City. A lot of agencies want to work with us. Just today (11/21/16) we sat with a group

who wants to invest millions into the City. The actions today show you (the Council) don't want to work with me, the administration or others. I hope for the good of the people, we can all work together."

During the Council Comments, Councilman Joel Pabon assured the Mayor, "No matter what happens with PARA, you will be a part of it (the decision making process). We were not pushing you out. You have to give us a chance, too. We talk to the people every day. Who is better to make the decisions?"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez became very emotional when he talked by families that are being destroyed by gambling habits. He urged the City to bring in the County if necessary."

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to address this problem, "Because there is an ongoing criminal investigation, I am prohibited from speaking about this."

Gonzalez continued with more remarks, "I ran with the Mayor in 2008 and I wanted to help her win. Balut also ran with Diaz in 2008. We were thrown to the side. I hope these two young men who were elected and reelected are not thrown to the side. Redevelopment has never been an approach by me. Just look at the billing that the Law Director (Arlene Quinones-Perez) did. I welcome our youth to get involved. I don't think a first reading (referring to Late Starter Ordinance No. 5 rescinding PARA) has ever been tabled because the Council has two weeks to get more information. I ran with one of the young men (in 2014) who got elected and I believe in him." Councilman Fernando Irizarry made comments next, "I have a couple suggestions on how festivals should be run in the City. There should be changes in the hours, especially on Sundays. I would like to



Councilman Joel Pabon

see applications that have been submitted plus submitted Police Reports (on past festivals). The City should also look to pursue the property that a storage company will not be using. It deserves to be looked at to help bring in some revenue to the City."

Councilman Pabon spoke about the bus parking at the train station.

Acting Law Director Rainone told Pabon, "We will look at the language of the ordinance."



Mayor Wilda Diaz

Pabon also wanted to know about the extended yellow lines (along certain curbs).

Fernando Gonzalez then asked if he could see a recent report about the same problem.

Councilman Bill Petrick agreed with Councilman Irizarry about using empty lots to bring in more revenue for the City. "Maybe we can get grant money to help us. We should also look at other empty properties (to use to generate revenue)."

Changes For the Law Director?

PERTH AMBOY - 11/21/16 Caucus - Ordinance No. 4 An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled "Powers and Duties of the Director of Law." Councilman Fernando Irizar-



here just to steal our money. We have more homeless here now than in 2006."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak next. "Law Directors are patronage jobs. They should be in-house which would save thousands of dollars."

Next up was Resident Gregory Pabon. He stated, "Councilman Fernando Irizarry wanted to table this (dissolving PARA) because he wanted more information on it. There have been many times when Council Members have asked to table an item and it was granted. The one time Irizarry wanted ry had questions and concerns. He said, "This ordinance changes the hours of the Law Director to five days a week instead of three, but I don't see that they are adjusting the salary. Will the salary change and by how much? And when will this change happen?"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke next and said, "We should have our own in-house attorney. It's a conflict of interest when a Law Director hands over work to another lawyer in the same firm."

Acting Law Director Raineone responded to Gonzalez's concerns, "The Business

Councilman Fernando Irizarry

Administrator and the Chief Financial Officer reviews my submitted bills."

Fernando Irizarry finished his remarks and wondered, "Who is going to pay the benefits and the salaries for this individual?"

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Seeing a Little Light at the End of the Tunnel

In the past few editorials, we have been concentrating on the political scene and the controversy surrounding it. For the holiday season, we decided to lighten it up a bit and talk about some acts of kindness. Before doing so, we want to remember those who lost their lives at the recent warehouse fire in California and other recent tragedies. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to those families and the survivors. There is also a story in memory of the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor (see page 6) by Navy Officers.

Whenever I log into America Online, there are always featured stories. I find myself always clicking in the stories that have to do with human kindness: 2-legged or 4-legged kind. The ones that bring tears of joy to my eyes are when it shows military personnel returning home from war and being greeted by their families. It's especially touching to see military personnel holding their newborn babies for the first time. I also love seeing how their pets greet their owners when they walk into their front doors after being away being away for so long. Those pets' reactions are very human like. Trust me, just like potato chips, you can't eat just one. When I click onto one of those videos, I'm not satisfied with watching just one.

Here's couple more feel good videos on YouTube: I was watching a 29 year old young man doing the salsa with his 92 year old grandmother. This woman has so much energy that she would put some 20 year old dancers to shame. Just Google "92 year old woman salsa dancing with 29 year old grandson" if you don't believe me. It didn't' stop there. As I continued to watch more videos, all related to people over the age of 70 that did dances that were all fast paced - not only old school, but the latest



dances going on. There was even a video of a woman 60 years old that spun on her head.

There's a song called: "It Don't Mean a Thing if it ain't Got That Swing." Apparently some people are born with the swing and will never lose it.

None of this was trick photography. It goes to show you that age is just a number. There is an old saying that youth is wasted on the young, so I especially encourage the youth to check out these videos.

There was a bittersweet video that I saw of an elderly woman who was hospitalized. When she was in her twenties, she was a backup dancer for many well-known entertainers. There was a young man who was able to obtain footage of this woman dancing when she was young. He brought that video to the hospital to show her. The look of joy as she was watching herself dance in her youth was priceless. As she was lying in her hospital bed, she was snapping her fingers and moving her hands to the rhythm of the music and smiling as she watched herself on the screen. She said she felt like getting up and dancing. A few years later, it was noted that the woman passed away, but it was heartwarming to see that this young man was able to give her so much joy as she lay in her hospital bed.

I'm sure that there are favorite YouTube videos that our readers also enjoy. Maybe you can give us a couple of suggestions on positive stories to watch. Right now, I think we can all use it. C.M.

Dissolving of the Raritan Bay Auxiliary

November 28, 2016 Linda M. Hill, **Executive Director Raritan Bay** Medical Center Foundation Dear Ms. Hill,

It is with heavy heart that we regret to inform you that the **RBMC**, Perth Amboy Auxiliary will no longer be in existence. On November 28, 2016, a meeting was held discussing the reorganization and how this would affect our group. It is extremely difficult to terminate a long standing organization as the Perth Amboy Auxiliary, however, due to the merger of the hospital into the Hackensack Meridian Health system, we unfortunately had no other choice.

The Auxiliary in Perth Amboy began in 1888 prior to the incorporation of the hospital in 1889. Over the years we have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to our hospital for additional services, equipment and various other projects. Monies were not the only positive impact we contributed. Many auxiliary



The 2016 Members of the Perth Amboy Auxiliary *Photo Courtesy of Perth Amboy Auxiliary

members loyally volunteered walking the halls of the hospital sharing their love and compassion with the patients, supplying them with books, magazines or just a smile.

Smiles were also received by the nurses at RBMC when the Auxiliary treated them to cookies for Nurses' Appreciation Week.

Speaking of appreciation, the children who participated or came to our Tree Lighting were thrilled to see Santa come down the escalator and light the beautifully decorated tree. It was at this time that the Perth Amboy Auxiliary presented a check to the hospital, the culmination of sales, raffles, gift auction and other fund raising activities.

We, the Perth Amboy Auxiliary of Raritan Bay Medical Center are saddened by the end of the community service we so enjoyed being a part of through these many years.

Please accept this check in the amount of \$14,696.42 as our final donation. Sincerely,

Claire Tauber

President and the Auxiliary Board

The Ferry Slip Museum

I was dismayed to read the recent letter in your newspaper which denigrated Mayor Wilda Diaz's involvement with the Ferry Slip. Clearly, the author was confused. While the mayor did not have a part in the original restoration of the Ferry Slip and was not attempting to claim such credit, she was responsible for its renovation from a ticket office run by a private concern to a quality mini museum dedicated to teaching the public. This is what she referred to during the debate. The renovation was necessary to create a museum.

While we are forever indebted to the individuals who saved the museum from decay, we are equally indebted to those who realized that this building should be a museum open to the public. It's not enough to renovate a history landmark. It must be allowed to have a new lease on life that includes welcoming the public to enjoy it. Merely two weeks after Wilda Diaz took her oath of office as Mayor of Perth Amboy she authorized the Ferry Slip to become the Ferry Slip Museum. Working with Curator Andrew Dunyak and a team of volunteers we created a museum that celebrates our location on the gorgeous Raritan and our history from Native American days to the present. All is done under the guidance of Wilda Diaz.

We host school children who can't wait to bring their parents back to visit this gem. We've hosted World War II veterans, men who worked in the long gone industries, women who carried their toddlers on board the ferry for the short trip to Staten Island and people who knew nothing of our proud history before visiting the museum.

Sandy hit us hard as witnessed today by the townhouses west of us that are still not habitable. We are alive but still need many things. Money and volunteers have been in short supply this past summer. Yet, we hosted some fabulous concerts under Caroline Torres, Random Acts of Culture lectures and tours. No, we were not open as much as we would have liked this past Summer

but as we are able to replace necessities lost in Sandy we are building our schedule.

We anticipate an excellent season ahead and we thank and commend Mayor Wilda Diaz who is indeed the Ferry Slip Museum's godmother. Note that in addition to establishing the Ferry Slip Museum she has been the driving force behind a number of other museums and the creation of an international park. How special is it for a child to be able to say, "I live down the street from a museum?"

To the negative letter writer: Join us in celebrating the history of this very unique city and please don't twist the words of individuals who have worked so hard to preserve and promote its history.

Mayor Wilda Diaz does indeed deserve tremendous credit. That doesn't take away from credit given to any others. It's a big city - plenty of credit to go around!

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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

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MON. Dec. 12	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.
	City Hall, High St.
WED. Dec. 14	City Council, Regular, 7 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!! Report Suspicious Activity - Be Vigilant - STAY ALERT Do not think that any call or report is too small Don't allow the actions of a few dictate your quality of life FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 9-1-1 FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 732-442-4400





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The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area) For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.

Forked River, N.J. Native Serves in Pearl Harbor 75 Years After Attack That Led U.S. into WWII

By: Dusty Good, Navy Office of Community Outreach PEARL HARBOR – As the nation pauses to remember the attack on Pearl Harbor, which occurred 75 years ago on Dec. 7, 1941, the occasion has special meaning for a Forked River, New Jersey native who is serving in the U.S. Navy in the very location that drew the United States into World War II.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Austin Madden, a 2013 Pineland Regional High School graduate, is assigned to the Navy's U.S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters.

According to Navy officials, the U.S. Pacific Fleet is the world's largest fleet command, encompassing 100 million square miles, nearly half the Earth's surface, from Antarctica to the Arctic circle and from the West Coast of the United States into the Indian Ocean.

The U.S. Pacific Fleet consists of approximately 200 ships/submarines, nearly 1,100 aircraft, and more than 140,000 Sailors and civilians. Madden is responsible for administrative duties.

"Being a yeoman is such a different experience on a submarine," said Madden. "I picked this rate to be able to help people out an that's what I get the most enjoyment out of it."

Being stationed in Pearl Harbor, often referred to as the gateway to the Pacific in defense circles, means that Madden is serving in a part of the world – the Pacific -- that is taking on new importance in America's national defense strategy.

Pearl Harbor itself is home to more than 19,000 U.S. Navy Sailors 11 surface ships, 19 nuclear-powered submarines and 19 aircraft.

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Although the world has changed greatly in the past 75 years, the Navy has been pivotal in helping maintain peace and stability in the Pacific region for decades, and for good reason, Navy officials say. The Pacific is home to more than 50 percent of the world's population, many of the world's largest and smallest economies, several of the world's largest militaries, and many U.S. allies. Accordingly, the Navy is basing approximately 60 percent of its ships and aircraft in the region. Officials say the Navy will also provide its most advanced warfighting platforms to the region, including missile defense-capable ships; submarines; reconnaissance aircraft; and its newest surface warfare ships.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Austin Madden *Photo Submitted

"Being here during the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor is an honor", said Madden. "We are here and a part of history."

While much as changed in 75 years, American Sailors' core attributes of toughness, initiative, accountability and integrity remain today. The last legacy of the heroism and determination exhibited on Dec. 7th, 1941 is the heritage Madden and other service members remain committed to live up to in the 21st Century.

"It's important for those of us serving in Pearl Harbor today to remember the sacrifice of those who served before us," said Admiral Scott Swift, Commander, U.S. Pacific fleet. "The important work we do everyday honors those who were here 75 years ago and is a testament to the enduring value of our navy's mission.

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Thank you very much for your support of the men and women in U.S. Navy, deployed around the clock and ready to protect and defend America on the world's oceans.

Very respectfully, Rick Burke Public Affairs Specialist Navy Office of Community Outreach Millington, Tenn.

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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://trainingcentertechnologies.com/Raritan-BayMC/CourseEnrollment. aspx.

Bariatric Weight Loss Support Group 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).

For more info please call 732-293-1090

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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

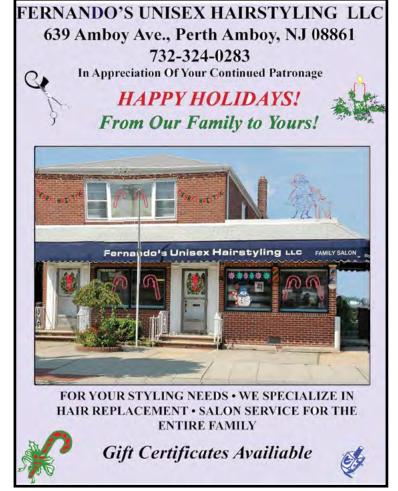
a.m., will be leading the audience in holiday songs during the wait for Santa.

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.



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



Selfies with Santa

PERTH AMBOY - Friday, December 9, 2016 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Shopping District.

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

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alexander Jankowski Community F. Center.

Joyce Richardson **Book Reading**

PERTH AMBOY - Music Teacher Joyce Richardson will be reading her book, "The Peacock of Half-Way Tree: A Caribbean Fable" at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come to hear this delightful children's tale. Recommended age 5 - 7 yrs.

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.

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. Regisrequired, tration call 1-800-DOCTORS.



Living Nativity

OLD BRIDGE - See costumed characters, animals, and unique scenes while enjoying holiday music and related Scripture verses. Dates: December 9th, 10th & 11th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A completely free event; canned food may be donated. Sponsored by Sayre Woods Bible Church, Route 9 South, ¹/₄ mile north of Route 516 (across from ShopRite). 2290 Highway 9, Old Bridge.

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.

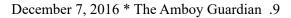


Bag Bingo PERTH AMBOY – There will be Bag Bingo on Friday, December 9, 2016 at Saint John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's School, 500 State St., Perth Amboy. Doors open at 6 p.m. Game Starts at 7:30 p.m. Outside food Welcome, B.Y.O.B. \$ 20 pp. (one set of 12 bingo cards/each 3 bingo boards). Includes a ticket for door prizes. For Reservations call 732-826-1395 or 732-485-9367.



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SAFE HOUSING GRANT FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED SENIOR CITIZENS (Single Family Home) **GRANTEE ARE ELIGIBLE UP TO 1,500.00** FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTS Homeowner(s) must occupy their home within the City Municipal taxes, water, and sewer bills must be paid to date. Home Insurance Policy must be current Applicants must be 60 years of age and older **Single Family Homes Only** For applications and more information contact the: **Department of Human Services Office of Housing** Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center 1 Olive Street – 2nd Floor Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 732 826-4300 Ext. 4307







Healthy Heart Event

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of Hackensack Meridian the Health family, is holding a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management and blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Tuesday, December 13, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy, NJ. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

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, Jeryy Ust, Director of Recreation.



YULETIDE IN OLDE AMBOY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH 2016

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First Steps OLD BRIDGE - The Joslin

Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is providing an educational workshop "First Steps" Thursday, December 8, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Suite 420, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. "First Steps" reviews the basics of diabetes self-management, including; blood sugar, hypoand hyperglycemia and target ranges, foot care, medication and nutrition. Registration and insurance verification is required; call 732-360-4070.

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 PER-MITTED! 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.

Healthy Heart



Celebration of Chanukah

PERTH AMBOY – Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 6 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 260 High St., Perth Amboy.



Holiday Open House and Cooking Class

Press Release 11/15/16 SOUTH AMBOY – The Dowdell Library of South Amboy invites you to join us for our annual Holiday Open House Monday, December 5 from 4-8 pm. Join us as we kick off the holiday season with this fun and festive event. From 4-6 pm MIY (Make It Yourself) fun for all ages and

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.

FOR INFORMATION - Phone: (732) 826-5527; or (732) 293-1090

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.

Event SOUTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management, blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Wednesday, December 7, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

from 6-8 pm, enjoy holiday festivities with music, door prizes and refreshments!

Millennials ages 18-34, join us on Tuesday, December 13 from 6:30 - 8 pm for a hands on cooking class and learn how to turn simple ingredients into fast and delicious appetizers and desserts! Space is limited, so please call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 12-4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell. org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@ dowdell.org.



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 Handel's George Frederik 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; 7:30pm at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation appreciated)

Cookie Walk PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a

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 Handmade. 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.

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

WOODBRIDGE – Decorate and design your very own Gingerbread cookie! Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration Required! 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



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.



South Amboy Holiday Events

SOUTH AMBOY – Enter the "Holiday Home Decorating Contest" and win \$100 prize and a photo collage of your home dressed for the holidays. Call the Recreation Office at 732-525-5965 for additional information. All homes must be completely decorated by December 11, 2016. 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.



Pictures With Santa

WOODBRIDGE – 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



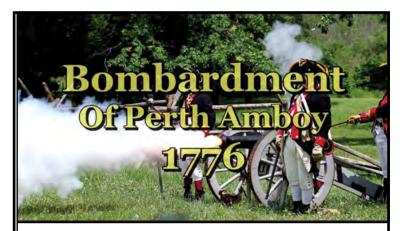
WOODBRIDGE - The Barron Arts Center Presents The 26th Annual Holiday Model Train Exhibit On View Nov 26 – Dec 30, 2016 CLOSED DEC 25 & DEC 26 Exhibit Hours Mon -Fri 11am-4pm Sat & Sun 2-4pm Train Show Reception & Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday Dec 2, 2016 ~ 5-7pm In the tradition of family exhibitions for the Holiday Season, the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge, New Jersey will once again host an exhibition of model trains curated by Colonia resident Michael Gelesky. The exhibition will be free to the public but donations are always greatly appreciated. This event is sponsored by Access Self Storage of Woodbridge located at 135 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge, J.J. Elek Realty Co. located at 117 Main Street. Middlesex Water Company located at 1500 Ronson Road, Iselin & Wegmans Food Market located at 15 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge. This year's show is also sponsored by The Mom's Club of Edison.



"Sock the Homeless" on #givingtuesday

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.



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

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.

AARP Diabetes Conference, Perth Amboy YMCA 11/12/16

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FAFSA Information Sessions

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

ORDER OF NOTICE: State of Connecticut Superior Court Judicial District of Hartford At Hartford

Docket No.

TREJO, OLINDA vs. BELLIDO, WILFREDO

NOTICE TO: WILFREDO BELLIDO

UPON THE COMPLAINT of

The plaintiff in the above-entitled action requesting, for reasons therein set forth, a divorce of the marriage and other relief, be returnable on 12/27/2016 at the above named Court located at 90 Washington Street Hartford, CT 06103 and upon a motion in said action for an order of notice, it appearing and being found by the subscribing authority that the current address of the party is unknown and that all reasonable efforts to find him have failed. The Court also finds that the last known address of the party to be notified was in Perth Amboy, NJ. The Court orders that notice of the institution of this action and that Automatic Court Orders, which have been issued as required by Connecticut Practice Book Section 25.5 and are part of the Complaint to be filed with the Court, be given to the defendant to be noticed by some proper office causing a true and attested copy of this Order of Notice by placing a legal notice in THE AMBOY GUARDIAN a newspaper circulated in the area where the defendant is most likely to be. The notice shall appear once a week for two successive weeks commencing on or before 12/27/2016 and proof of service shall be filed with this Court. BY THE COURT

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\$100 Groceries for \$40 or Less PERTH AMBOY - The Jolin Food program is designed to provide families with nationally branded food products at wholesale prices. On behalf of the Cathedral's Community Development Corporation, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's AmeriCorps is helping to promote the Jolin Food Box. Order by the 2nd Tuesday of the month online or by phone and pick up by the 3rd Saturday of the month. Go to https://jolinfoodbox.com to place your order online or call 732 826 8207 and ask for Juana Kearney.

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.*

Bitter cold weather, a lack of winter clothing, and equipment not designed to operate in such extreme temperatures brings the German attack on Moscow to a halt on December 5, 1941. Although the same frigid weather also affects the Soviets, they are better prepared for it and the Red Army counterattacks on a 500-mile front in blizzard conditions.

On December 6, Red Army offensives continue against German troops encircling Moscow. The Wehrmacht is subsequently pushed back some 200 miles. The United Kingdom declares war against Finland, Hungary and Romania, which have joined Germany in attacking the Soviet Union. From Washington, President Roosevelt sends a personal appeal for peace to Emperor Hirohito; he receives no reply. Also in D.C., a secret government committee meets to determine if an atomic bomb can be produced in the U.S., and at what cost.

At 7:53 a.m., Hawaiian Time, on Sunday, December 7, some 350 planes in two waves from six Imperial Japanese Navy aircraft carriers strike the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii. They also attack the U.S. Army Air Forces bases at Hickam, Wheeler and Bellows Fields on Oahu, as well as the naval air station at Kaneohe. In 90 minutes, 2,402 sailors, marines, soldiers and airmen are killed, 1,178 are wounded, 16 ships are sunk, including five battleships, and 347 aircraft are destroyed or damaged. Elsewhere in the Pacific, Japanese forces bombard Guam, Wake and Midway Islands. The Japanese declaration of war against the United States and Great Britain is published in Japanese evening newspapers, but the declaration is not formally delivered to the U.S. until the next day. (Japan also declares war on Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.) In North Africa, Rommel — realizing that he will not achieve success at Tobruk at this time — pulls his forces back some 10 miles westward toward Gazala, permitting relief of the British and Commonwealth garrison in the city. Canada and Panama declare war on Japan. In Berlin, Hitler issues the "Nacht und Nebel" (Night and Fog) decree, authorizing the SS, the Gestapo and the Wehrmacht to make political dissidents and resistance "helpers" vernebelt (meaning "transformed into mist" or vanish without a trace).

On December 8, one hour after President Roosevelt delivers a speech to a joint session of Congress that begins "Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date that will live in infamy," the U.S. declares war against Japan. In short order, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the Free French, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras also declare war on Japan. On the Eastern Front, "Operation Typhoon," the German attack on Moscow, is suspended for the winter. Aviator Charles Lindbergh releases a statement through the America First Committee that says, in part: "... [War] has come and we must meet it as united Americans . . . our country has been attacked by force of arms and we must retaliate."

China officially declares war on Japan on December 9 even though the two countries have been fighting since July 1937. China also declares war on Germany and Italy. Japanese troops begin landing in Malaya, Thailand, Hong Kong and the Philippines. In the Pacific, the Japanese capture Makin and Tarawa, two of the Gilbert Islands. In Russia, the siege of Leningrad continues, with food supplies in the city starting to fall below starvation levels. In the South China Sea north of Singapore on December 10, the British battleship HMS Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser HMS Repulse are attacked and sunk by 86 Japanese bombers and torpedo bombers based at Saigon. Among the 840 dead is Vice Admiral Sir Tom Phillips, who will be the highest-ranking Allied officer killed in battle during World War II. In the Mariana Islands, a Japanese force captures the 300-man garrison of U.S. sailors and Marines on Guam. In the Philippines, two large detachments of Japanese troops land on the north coast of the island of Luzon. In North Africa, German and Italian troops begin a full retreat westward from Tobruk. Germany and Italy declare war on the United States on December 11; the U.S. responds in kind. The Japanese invade Burma, while in the Philippines a large Japanese force comes ashore at Legazpi, in southern Luzon. In the Pacific, U.S. troops repel an attempted Japanese landing on Wake Island, roughly halfway between Hawaii and the Philippines. Mildred Gillars — an American living in Germany who comes to be known as "Axis Sally" - delivers her first propaganda broadcast to Allied troops from studios in Berlin. In Chicago, the national directors of the America First Committee meet and vote to disband the organization.

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 Tourneament 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



Forget about the Cheerleaders. The Giant Fans would rather see me Cheering them on. GO GIANTS! GO!

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

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ...or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Book Dealers Welcome. Presently due to lack of shelf space we are NOT accepting any donations of books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule is as follows: Saturday, December 10^{th} . We will be there from 1:00p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com This is the last sale of the year!!!

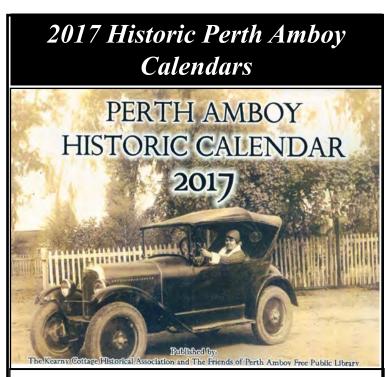
Edison AARP *Ch.* 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 Events - Tickets are now available for our holiday luncheon at The Pines on December 19, 2016.

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.

We will be collecting holiday gifts at the meeting; Male & Female for the Edison Veterans Home.

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



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.

Petition to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you, St. Jude M.P.

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!

What Can I Eat? OLD BRIDGE - The Joslin

Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is providing a diabetes self-management educational workshop "What Can I Eat?" Wednesday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in Suite 420, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. "What Can I Eat?" reviews how to plan meals, count carbohydrates, read food labels and provide education on carbohydrates present in participants' diets and how they affect blood sugar levels. Registration and insurance verification is required; call 732-360-4070.

Accelerated **Childbirth Education Class**

PERTH AMBOY- Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding an Accelerated Childbirth Education class, Thursday, December 8, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process and is intended for those with limited time. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and infant care facilitates the class. It will be held at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy, NJ. The fee for the class is \$75 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOC-TORS (1-800-362-8677) and reference zip code 08861.

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LOOKING BACK



Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy	
TUES. Dec. 6 N	Iarket Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,
	Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Dec. 7	St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
•	Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,
	Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. Dec. 8	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
	Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
•	Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon
	Reo Diner, Amboy Ave., Woodbridge.
MON. Dec. 12	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,
	Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Dec. 13	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. 14	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. 15	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
	Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
South Amboy	·
WED. Dec. 7	St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,
	Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Dec. 12	South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,
	Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Dec. 23	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon
	Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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

ST ORIES

KATHERINE MASSOPUST

PERTH AMBOY - Christmas Shopping 1945 Smith Street.

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AMERICAN CHRONICLES

Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig's Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig's at 732-442-1079 - A Great Gift! Get it now along with Then & Now: Perth Amboy!

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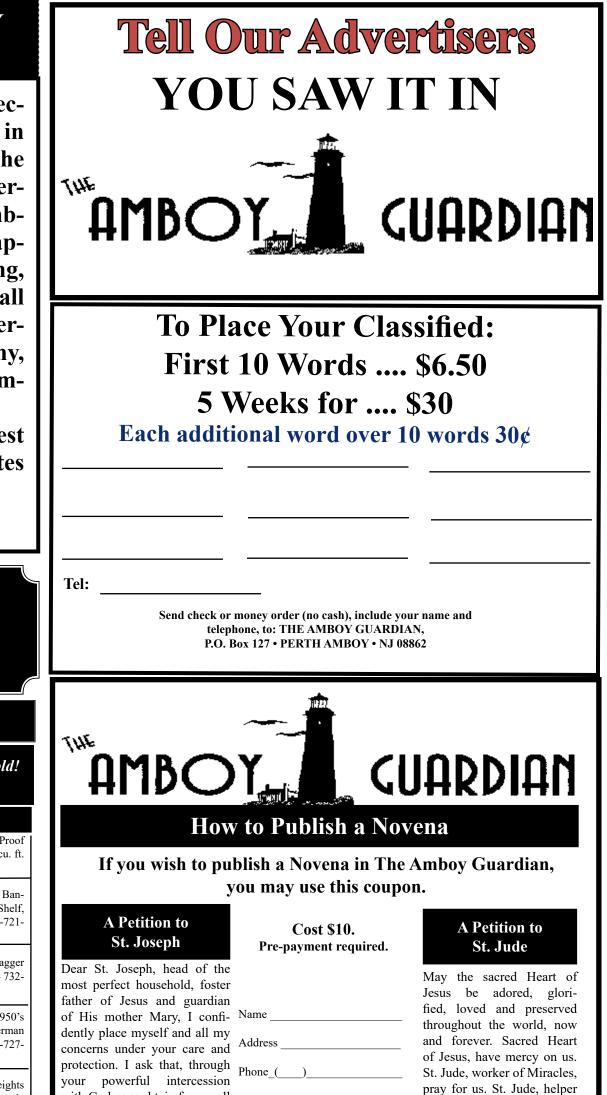
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