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A Full Plate

2/6/17 Caucus



Topic: Changes in NJ Judiciary
Jorge Sanchez

PERTH AMBOY - Jorge Sanchez (Asst. Criminal Div. Mgr. Pre-trial Svc.) discussed new laws regarding how low offense defenders will be treated. Sanchez stated, "In 2014, 82% of New Jersey approved this new law."

He went on to explain the steps taken when summonses are issued for low level offenses. "The defendant is given a court date and a bench warrant is issued if they don't show up for that court date. If their is a complaint warrant, that person goes directly to Middlesex County Jail and they can be held up to 48 hours and then released on certain conditions. Some of the conditions may include: electronic monitors, contact by phone or a visit by us in person. We have to make sure that they appear in court and do not commit any further offenses when they are out. We make sure they rebuild their lives through counseling and other resources. Another aspect of this law is a Pre-trial Attendance Motion. The Prosecutor will determine if everything is in place. Depending on the infractions, the defendants may spend more time in jail. We monitor until the case is heard, then dismiss if permissible. Another program includes a Detention Motion granted. Their case must be heard within 90 days. They can be held in jail until that time. Our office averages about 10 of these cases a day. We make recommendations



Topic: Remediation of Former P.A. MGP Site (St. Demetrios Church) - Candice Baker (L) and Stephen Cooke (R)

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



E-Port Representatives Jeffery J. Milaniak (L) and Michael J. Caccavelli (R) *File Photo

to the judge on each individual case. It might take us from 45 minutes to 2 hours to present these cases. We are the first State to have an automated system. In case the computers go down, we have all the information available to do by hand. It will just take longer. These new rules take effect for anyone who was arrested or charged from January 1, 2017. Some of the factors we take into consideration includes the age at the time of the offense. There are no attorneys on our staff. We have court service officers who can handle drug screening/referrals and to see who is eligible for a Public Defender. If you would like to see actual proceedings taking place, you may go into the website of njcourts.gov/virtual on Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violations and Disorderly Conduct Offenses are not eligible for this program



Topic: Thomas Mundy Peterson Recognition - Mel Knight

and they will not be going to jail."

The next topic of discussion was an update on the Remediation Site of St. Demetrios Hall on Sadowski Parkway.

Candice Baker from Langan Engineering came up to speak. She stated, "The site contains petroleum contamination. Elizabethtown Gas has to clean the site. My company has worked on at least 50 similar sites. All the contractors working are licensed and vetted. The contaminations are under St. Demetrios Church Hall Property. We'll have to destroy the building. We're also removing underground oil tanks. We talked to Code Enforcement, the Engineers and the Police Department about the plans. We will hold public meetings and have a hotline set up. There will be sig-

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"This is Embarrassing!"

The Plea

2/6/17 Caucus & 2/8/17 Council Meetings



Councilman
Jelmin Caba



Council President
Bill Petrick

PERTH AMBOY - Regarding Resolution R-67-2/17, the Council retaining the services of the Law Offices of Robert L. Tarver. Councilman Jelmin Caba had concerns about the Council having their own Attorney. He stated: "Now the Mayor is suing the Council. This is embarrassing! Dragging this through court is going to cost us more than we are going to recoup. Let's move forward and get rid of this. I don't wish to entertain or participate in any of this."

Council President Bill Petrick responded and said, "We, the Council didn't initiate this lawsuit. They are taking us to court."

Caba wanted to know, "Are we going to countersue?"

Petrick responded, "Maybe the Mayor can withdraw her suit?"

Caba was still adamant, "We're going to end up paying more than the money we are trying to recoup. Taxpayers are paying for all of this. Behind closed doors we can come to a compromise."

Petrick responded, "We need to have legal representation, even going into remediation."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry added to the conversation, addressing Jelmin Caba, "Maybe you need to abstain on R-67. Maybe we can take out the whereas clause."

Some of the public responded. Resident Jeremy Baratta stated, "The Mayor filed two lawsuits. Who is she suing? I could see (Councilman) Caba's point about wasting taxpayer's money, but where do you draw the line? If you don't fight her (the Mayor) on this one, then you become her lap-dog."

Resident and Businesswoman Susan Batista commented, "Who is paying for Wilda Diaz's attorney and what did they restrain you with? You have a date for the 15th (February 2017). You're not allowed to talk about certain things. In my suit, I'm suing Fehrenbach (Former B.A.) I then added Pelissier and then Cruz to my suit. Those previous lawyers that I named are not from the DeCotiis Firm. When we get to trial, I will get three times as much as I requested. All professional services have to go out for bid."

At the end of the Meeting, Councilman Caba continued his plea, "I'm asking the Mayor and Council to drop all of this - this nasty politics! The losers will be the taxpayers of the City."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry was frustrated and reiterated some of Caba's sentiment, "Is there any room for compro-

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A Full Plate 2/6/17 Caucus

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nage indicating that this site has an environmental cleanup going on. A Security Guard will be onsite and the water supply will be protected. Because of the digging and the compacting materials, tents will be erected covering the site. Part of Sadowski Parkway will have to be excavated. These tents will also control the dust, noise and any odors. Odor suppressing foam will be used and the air quality will be monitored. We're working under the MCIU and DEP guidelines. All the City sites we dig up will be returned to their original forms. Public meetings will be advertised in newspapers and other media sites."

At this point Stephen Cooke of Elizabethtown Gas came up to speak, "We have our mailings with updates. We also have gone door to door in the past. We can do certified mail and all notices will be in English and Spanish."

After Cooke made his statement, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez had some harsh words: "Your credibility with me is zero. I will be on top of this situation. I want to make sure you guys don't come here to make presentations and don't follow through. I'm concerned about the environmental history."

Cooke responded, "The DEP requires us to remove contaminants and put in clean fill."

Councilman Gonzalez mentioned all the streets that were dug up by Elizabethtown Gas and now are in horrible shape.

A spokeswoman from Elizabethtown Gas came up to speak to address Gonzalez's concerns about the street conditions, "There is a 90 day resettlement period before we can go back to do final work."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz then made some remarks, "We (the City) have shut down Elizabethtown Gas operations as of February 2, 2017 because of the road conditions existing now. We can't wait a couple of months to have patches done on our roads. We need to have these roads looked at in a couple of days."

The Elizabethtown Gas Representative answered, "We will look at the situation."

Next up were Representatives from the E-Port Logistics Center. They were put on the hot seat by Councilmen Jelmin Caba and Fernando Gonzalez. They were concerned about the square foot cost of the buildings.

The City Appraiser came up to answer these questions. He told them the advantages of having a PILOT Program. The PILOT Program is \$3.30 per square foot will be the tax burden. The rental will be \$8.00 per square foot. The City will receive \$2.40 per square foot. Without

the PILOT, the tax burden will be \$3.30 per square foot, but the City will only receive \$1.90 per square foot."

Councilman Jelmin Caba questioned the amount of the permanent jobs. "They stated there will be 650."

The Representatives from E-Port stated, "The first big building that goes up will have 100 jobs. When other buildings go up, there will be at least 500-600 additional full time jobs going up."

The last topic for discussion was the Thomas Mundy Peterson Project.

Pastor Amos Dickerson from the St. James AME Zion Church came up to speak. The first thing he did was mention the Bill of Rights banner hanging up the Council Chamber and read the words: "We will be commemorating on March 31 a ceremony of the historic vote in the Council Chambers." He mentioned 3 proposals, one which included commemorating Thomas Mundy Peterson in City Hall and on the outside. "Where are we on these projects?"

Mel Knight who is an officer of the NAACP came up to speak and mentioned about a possible plaque going up in City Hall, a monument on the outside and then a dig. "You (the Council) can control what goes on in the building. I went around to different places to see how much a plaque would cost. "Shevchenko Monuments was one of them, but I could not present myself a representative of any organization The Thomas Mundy Peterson Property is on Kushner Property. The statue should be in town. We want the property adjacent to Kushner's to put the monument on it. Who has the definitive authority to make a decision?"

Council President Bill Petrick spoke up and said, "One person can't make that decision. The NAACP, the HPC and any groups that are interested can form a committee that can determine what should be done."

Knight responded, "We have been sent around the mulberry bush. This should have been done years ago."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated, "I have been in this town close to 50 years and I've heard about Thomas Mundy Peterson then. We have a Duarte Park because an organization had the power and money to get it done. Get a petition together. It ain't gonna happen with this Mayor or Council to get it done."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke next and wondered, "Who gets the final word about who can authorize High and Commerce Street property for a Thomas Mundy Peterson statue?"

At this point, Resident and HPC Chair Reinaldo Aviles



John K. Dyke
*File Photo by Matthew Tellho

came up to speak, "We have given the City what we have. There are 3 things that we are working on: 1.) The dig - The County secured the funds and are working with Gordon Bond. Kushner is preventing us from doing the dig. The site should be a commemorative and it would be easy to put a monument on that site. 2.) The Council Chambers should be named after Peterson with the plaque. There is \$7,000 set aside for this. This is an American issue. We should be very proud to celebrate this. In any other town this would have been done already. A bust would cost at least \$30,000. I encourage everyone to be at the next HPC Meeting. 3.) I would like to have this done before March 31st. If you start another committee, it's just going to slow things down. We would like to make a presentation on all of our projects and I would like to see a statue. In my opinion, it would be quicker to put a statue in front of City Hall. The lots where the Mundy Peterson House should be kept intact."

Resident John Dyke who has also produced several documentaries about the history of Perth Amboy came up to speak, "Six years ago, I got involved with the Thomas Mundy Peterson Site. Myself and the Former Chair of the HPC, Bill Pavlovsky surveyed the property with Kushner's permission. I support having the plaque and the statue." He then asked those in attendance if they knew who the second African-American to vote was.

When there was no response, he gave the answer: "Marcus Curless voted a few minutes after Peterson. He lived in Perth Amboy with his family who were involved with the Underground Railroad at Eagleswood. While other communities were trying to stop Black Americans from voting, the good people of Perth Amboy encouraged it."

Dyke also said, "In 3 years, it will be 150 years that Thomas Mundy Peterson voted in this place (The Council Chambers).

Councilman Joel Pabon was not present at the 2/6/17 Caucus.

Unhappy With Pipeline Meeting 2/6/17 Caucus & 2/8/17 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Fernando Irizarry had requested information and a legal opinion regarding the Pipeline approval process from B.A. Adam Cruz and Acting Law Director Judy Verrone. "I'm requesting a second hearing on the pipeline."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "Maybe having the lawyer representing us in this matter can come here to explain this to us."

Verrone responded, "The Lawyer (Wendy Rubenstein) can come here to give a further explanation."

Council President William Petrick was concerned because, "We didn't have a cameraman or audio to record the meeting. You only had a stenographer and it should have been put on Channel 34. We need to have the money that's coming to us from Verizon and Comcast to improve the audio on Channel 34. We need to work together to fix it."

Councilman Jelmin Caba agreed with Petrick, "We should recommend that Buckeye tape the scope hearings to put on Channel 34."

Resident and Businesswoman Virginia Lugo remarked, "Councilman Irizarry couldn't understand things being said at the Buckeye Meeting. I had asked for a list of all of the PARA Projects and all of the specifications attached to them. This should also be available to the public. People should not be presenting projects here if they don't have all the proper facts. I was at the Woman's Club Meeting earlier in the day and the Mayor was also there and said that Buckeye was a done deal. We don't have enough facts to vote on a lot of items presented here to-



Councilman
Fernando Irizarry

night."

At the 2/8/17 Council Meeting, Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman also spoke about the Buckeye Scope Hearing stating, "There were two Councilmen present. There were no mic's, nor were there cameras present and there was a room full of people. There were mostly Union Representatives. We should have had a handout. The Mayor uses a smokescreen. There is a pipeline being built in people's backyards. The Mayor always talks about looking out for Latinos, but all the Buckeye literature is in English. Did the Mayor make robocalls to those residents. We are susceptible to terrorists. In my research, in 2012, there were pipelines mentioned. This is a travesty and this lawsuit (Mayor suing the Council) is a smoke-screen."

Resident Vincent Mackiel said, "You should check into the legality of the pipeline and take seriously what Sharon said. There is serious danger in building any pipeline." He also commented to the Council, "You (the Council) have done some good things, but the Tennis Courts still need more work done."

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"I Take Offense!" 2/6/17 Caucus & 2/8/17 Council Meetings

PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Fernando Irizarry had concerns about the upcoming festivals for this year. He wanted reports from the Police Department about any incidents that happened. "Photos should have been included, but were not provided. I was hoping to get information requested in the ordinance. The application are supposed to be provided to the Council."

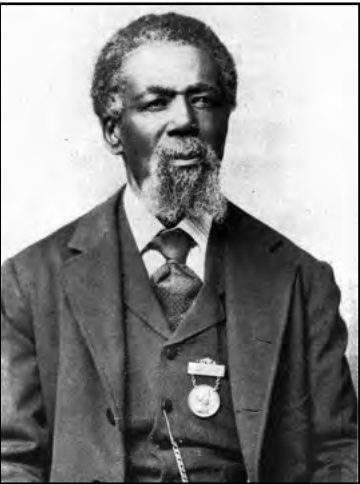
Business Administrator Adam Cruz explained, "The application goes to the City Clerk and myself. The Clerk provides them to the Council."

At the 2/8/17 Council Meeting was when Councilman Jelmin Caba said, "I took offense to comments about the Dominican Festival. Most residents enjoyed it. I don't know if it's political."

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Marketing Perth Amboy’s Rich History
Some of the Most Significant Moments in American History Began in Perth Amboy



Thomas Mundy Peterson

Perth Amboy has a lot of history and is truly a City of Firsts. It’s embarrassing that the City of Perth Amboy hasn’t had a significant commemoration to Thomas Mundy Peterson after all these years. It was very disheartening when Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated that he’s heard about Thomas Mundy Peterson and he wants a committee to be formed to raise funds to build a statue or some other significant maker to honor Peterson as they did with the Duarte Monument.

Here’s the big difference: Thomas Mundy Peterson’s Vote in the Historic City of Perth Amboy was a major stepping-stone in America, because it was the first time Blacks were given the right to vote. This happened in the same City Council Chambers in use today. The money for this monument should have been put in the City’s budget. Even if a monument costs the City \$80,000, the return will be a thousand-fold. To say that we need a committee to raise funds is preposterous. The City should pay for this monument. There is so much confusion as to who own the piece of property where Peterson lived, if it is owned by Kushner, the plea that you made to him about establishing a decent tribute on this plot of land is very weak. Tell Kushner he



James Lawrence Kearny

can get a tax write-off and save a little face by doing so.

Instead of paying for a lawsuit against the Council and the Council using taxpayer’s money to have their own lawyer, why not combine all that money and put up a monument? We’re missing a golden opportunity. Ex-Councilman Ken Balut said that the Controller should have been involved in the case against Pellissier.

We also noticed in South Amboy when they were digging for roads going to the new Ferry, historical artifacts were found. That delayed the project until those artifacts could be properly identified. We have lost so much history with the destruction of the Innis House (the last remaining building of Eagleswood).

As we have mentioned many times, Perth Amboy is one of the 10 most historical cities in the United States. Not only that, when they talk about naming schools or parks besides the Thomas Mundy Peterson School, we should pay homage to Marcus and Rebecca Spring. It was James Lawrence Kearny (Son of Lawrence Kearny of the famous Kearny Cottage is named) and Marcus Spring who encouraged Thomas Mundy Peterson to vote. In case you’re asking, Marcus and Rebecca Spring



Rebecca Spring

founded the Raritan Bay Union and its famous school, Eagleswood founded in Perth Amboy in 1853. It was here that both girls and boys of all races were taught. Every student was encouraged to think and have opinions on all matters including politics.

We agree with City Historian Anton Massopust that one of the new schools should be the Rebecca and Marcus Spring School.

This can be the start of a beautiful movement for Perth Amboy that has been a long time coming. There should be monuments all over town for such historical figures as the Springs, Kearnys and Solomon Andrews. Make a reason for people to come and enjoy Perth Amboy.

Why not reach out to the Freeholders, the County and our State Representatives to secure funds?”

At the Council Meetings, people talk about crime not being reported and the quality of life not being what it should be, illegal housing and bad road conditions. These are all legitimate complaints, but we need to put a positive spin on Perth Amboy. Emphasize what is positive about the town. When you have outsiders coming into Perth Amboy to spend money to see what you have to offer historically and otherwise, it can only help your economy.

That’s the bottom line.
C.M. & K.M.
The thoughts in this editorial are my own and are not representing the views of the Perth Amboy Historic Preservation Commission. K.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Mayor Diaz,
Tear Down
That Wall!

Mayor Wilda Diaz has a corned lot property located miles away from the waterfront area of Perth Amboy where she is protecting illegal undocumented immigrants/aliens. Mayor Diaz has gone on public record stating that it is her duty to protect the undocumented immigrants living in Perth Amboy. However, if you ride past her home at Lee Street in Perth Amboy, you will see a big white fence all around her property to keep people away. **Mayor Diaz, tear down that wall around the border of your property. Open your property and front door to those in need of a place to eat and sleep & hide so that you can protect them. Charity starts at home, your home because you are asking your citizens to break the law and harbor illegal undocumented immigrants/aliens. You must be**

willing to do this yourself, first.

Mayor Diaz it is obvious with all the fencing around your property, that you like boundaries although this is not what you ask of your citizens.

You fired most of the Code Enforcement Officers in Perth Amboy when you first took office in 2008, so that others could take in illegal immigrants while you live with a big white wall protecting you and your family around your property.

Take down your border fencing and show the citizens of Perth Amboy that you believe in what you preach. **Mayor Wilda Diaz you have publicly stated that it is your duty to protect the illegal undocumented immigrants/aliens in Perth Amboy.**

TEAR DOWN THAT WALL AND OPEN YOUR DOORS TO THE ILLEGAL UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS/ALIENS, IT IS YOU WHO WANTS TO GIVE THEM A SAFE PLACE HIDE.

Susan Batista

Say NO to Perth
Amboy as a
Sanctuary City

Perth Amboy a Sanctuary City? Please say NO. The Perth Amboy Mayor stated that she feels it’s her duty to protect our Community and undocumented residents. Do you think that law breakers, crooks, criminals, even murderers can be separated and only good be protected? Don’t we have enough people and crime here in Perth Amboy? How about the undocumented people secretly living here? Our last Census was not accurate due to these unspecified individuals living here. How about AHMED KHAN RAHAMI, the bombing suspect living here in PERTH AMBOY? Have you forgotten him? Is he among the protected?

These undocumented people that are being protected all seem to come from Muslim Countries, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Colombia, Mexico, etc. They are making the United States a third world Country. They don’t come here to become American Citizens; they come here because once here, they are ENTITLED to an easy, free life paid for by taxpayers’ dollars. Look around, they don’t want to conform to our laws and decent way of life.

Our Country was based on all

kinds of people coming here to the United States for a better life. We use to refer to this as a melting pot. Right now this pot is not a mixture. It seems all the same.

I’m against all Sanctuary Cities. NOT CHARITY. Accepting people who truly want to become Citizens, who learn to speak English, and who conform to our laws and decent way of life are welcome here. But I object to the fact that they come here, disrupt everything, band together, make signs, march and protest when they think something is being taken away from them. My advice to them: Stay in your own Country. March and protest your radical views there.

President Trump has stated that funds may be denied to Sanctuary Cities. Can Perth Amboy operate without Federal Funds? I don’t think so. Protecting these undocumented illegals may be a personal political desire, but I don’t think Perth Amboy Taxpayers need, nor want to support these types people any longer.

I wish President Donald Trump continues his temporary ban on immigration until we straighten out our Country to make it the way it used to be. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN.\

Barbara Salata

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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.

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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	
TUES. Feb. 15	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Public Library, Jefferson St.
THURS. Feb. 16	BID, 4 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Feb. 21	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Feb. 22	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Feb. 23	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
South Amboy	
WED. Feb. 15	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, North Broadway.
WED. Feb. 22	Planning Board, 7 p.m. City Hall, North Broadway

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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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“This is Embarrassing!”

The Plea

2/6/17 Caucus & 2/8/17 Council Meetings

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mise here? This is going to wind up losing the taxpayers money. It’s not going to get everything that we want. Let’s not inflame the situation.”

Arguments about the Mayor’s lawsuit spilled over to the 2/8/17 Council Meeting.

Former Councilman and Resident Ken Balut said, “The Council needs their own lawyer and it should be in your budget. The Controller’s Office should look at this conflict with Pelissier - not a lawyer. We’ve had three different DeCotiis lawyers, and on a legal document, they didn’t have the Mayor’s name right and had the City in the wrong county.”

Resident David Caba came up to speak. He wanted to know: “How much did Tarver (Council Attorney) give to elected officials.”

The Council responded, “He didn’t.”

David Caba responded, “Oh, he’s an independent.” He continued, “The Mayor goes on social media about the lawsuit. Let the people know that you (Some of the Council Members) took money (campaign contributions) from North Jersey. North Jersey is running the City. Tarver is independent and he is the one who has not given any political contributions.”

He also questioned who was

paying for the lawsuit (filed by the Mayor).

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “Taxpayers are.”

Resident Caba finished by stating, “And the Mayor states she is looking out for the taxpayers.”

Resident Jeremy Baratta said, “Anytime there’s a lawsuit, the Council has to go into closed session. How will this be handled? I wonder if this will be a conflict.”

Acting Law Director Judy Verrone answered him, “I don’t represent the Mayor in this lawsuit. The court will make the determination as to how the suit will proceed. The court will not have the Council make the decision.”

Baratta continued, “I see there are three filings.” He wondered how many hours and time was spent.

Council President Bill Petrick answered him, “I haven’t seen the bills.”

Resident and Lawyer Daniel Gonzalez said, “People are paying attention to politics because of Trump.” He went on to congratulate the Council Members who were recently elected and re-elected and who have been on the Council. “We have to deal with Diaz and Cruz. I was offended by the Mayor suing the Council. Why can’t the Mayor admit to doing something wrong? When I see

the Mayor telling the City she is saving them money by suing, I’m telling the Mayor just to relax - you already won the election. Mr. Jelmin Caba is my neighbor and a gentleman. We can all be friends and address the issues together.”

D. Gonzalez then commented, “DeVos (Secretary of Education (at time of the 2/8/17 Meeting Nominee)) is against cities like us.”

During the Council Comments, Jelmin Caba stated, “I am pleading with the Mayor and Council about this suit To Mr. Daniel Gonzalez, I appreciate your comments. Our decision can’t be politically motivated. In the surrounding town, the Mayor is the one who appoints PARA Members. We should work with the Administration and not undermine them. I also want to congratulate Edison Jasquez (B-Men Founder) for their work. I also want to thank the Department of Public Works for treating the streets for the upcoming snow storm.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, “I must make it known to the citizens if proper procedures are not followed. If the Council made a mistake, we will admit it. On February 15, 2017 at 10 a.m., we have to appear in Superior Court. After the statement that the Mayor made on Facebook, I reached out to her.”

Coughlin, Sumter & Wimberly Bill to Help Those Found Innocent Rebuild Their Lives & Reputations Now Law

Press Release 2/10/17

TRENTON – Legislation Assembly Democrats Craig Coughlin, Shavonda Sumter and Benjie Wimberly sponsored to help those found not guilty of charges start to rebuild their lives and reputations has been signed into law.

“The American justice system is built on the rock solid foundation of innocent-until-proven guilty, but while charges can be dismissed and people acquitted, the Internet is forever,” said Coughlin (D-Middlesex). “This requirement won’t solve every problem for a person looking to rebuild his or her life and reputation, but it’s a common-sense step government can take to make it a bit easier.”

For all indictments and prosecutions by the attorney general of an individual who was later acquitted of criminal charges, the law ((A-1945) requires the attorney general, upon the person’s request, to remove from the attorney gen-

eral’s website any press release or other published information that includes the individual’s name, or inform the public on the website that the person was acquitted of the charges or that the charges were dismissed. Similarly, in the case of indictments and prosecutions by county prosecutors, the county prosecutor would be required to remove related press releases from the office’s website or inform the public that the person was acquitted or that the charges were dismissed.

Furthermore, the attorney general or the county prosecutor, whichever is appropriate, must provide a letter to every person who was indicted or prosecuted and thereafter acquitted or had charges dismissed, certifying that the person was acquitted of, or that there was a dismissal of, charges arising from the indictment or prosecution.


“The Internet enables things to live on in perpetuity so a

person who is later found to be innocent can be haunted by unsubstantiated charges forever,” said Sumter (D-Bergen/Passaic). “This change would at least bring a modicum of closure to the innocent to help them move on and clear their name.”

“Innocent parties have an absolute right to be free of the consequences reserved for criminals,” said Wimberly (D-Bergen/Passaic). “Helping those who were wrongfully accused or convicted restore their lives is just the right thing to do.”

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Tricky Tray
PERTH AMBOY - Mother's Guild Tricky Tray - Sunday, February 19 doors open at 3pm auction starts at 5 p.m. admission \$5 per person, St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy.

Bible Study
PERTH AMBOY - Acts of the Apostles Bible Study- Monday, February 27 at 7 pm or Wednesday, March 1 at 10am, St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free Event.

Mardi Gras
PERTH AMBOY - Mardi Gras- Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. admission is free. Family event with children's activities St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. For more information call 732-826-1594.

Ashes to Go
PERTH AMBOY - Ashes to Go - Wednesday, March 1 from 6:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Perth Amboy Train Station Between Market and Smith Streets.

Ash Wednesday Services
PERTH AMBOY - Ash Wednesday Services - Wednesday 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. St. Peter's Episcopal Church 188 Rector Street, Perth Amboy

Chili Church
PERTH AMBOY - Chili Church Thursday, March 2, 6:30 pm St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free Event.

Overnight Trip
HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors overnight trip to Foxwood and Mohegan Sun 4/3/17 and 4/4/17. Cost is \$145 a person for double room; and \$214 for single per person. Must have full payment by 1/27/17. Call Ronnie for more information. 732-442-5252

3D Snowflake Contest!
SOUTH AMBOY - Through February 28 Create a snowflake using a 3D Pen, or 3D Printer. Categories Ages 5-10 & 11-17 The most creative snowflake will win a prize! Snowflakes will also be exhibited in our Showcase! At the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Take Notice that an application will be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Land Use Regulation for a Waterfront Development Permit for the development described below:

APPLICANT: Perth Amboy 1160, LLC

PROJECT NAME: 1160 State Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey Remediation and Redevelopment Plan

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Remediation of contaminated groundwater on the property and a preliminary redevelopment plan post-remediation.

PROJECT STREET ADDRESS: 1160 State Street

BLOCK: 428/430

LOT: Lot1.04/Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4

MUNICIPALITY: Perth Amboy

COUNTY: Middlesex County

The complete permit application package can be reviewed at either the municipal clerk's office or by appointment at the Department's Trenton office. The Department of Environmental Protection welcomes comments and any information that you may provide concerning the proposed development and site. Please submit your written comments within 15 days of receiving this notice to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Land Use Regulation
P.O. Box 420, Code 501-02A
501 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420
Attn: (Municipality in which the property is located) Bureau Chief.

Perth Amboy Arts Council Highlights Substantial 2016 Accomplishments

Press Release

The Perth Amboy Arts Council, an advisory Board to the City Council and Mayor Wilda Diaz, has highlighted the wide-ranging series of accomplishments the Council was able to present to the City during 2016 in a year end summary.

“We’re very proud to have been able to help the local artists, Perth Amboy’s citizens and the City businesses and government in so many ways this past year”, announced Greg Bender the President of the Council. As an advisory board in its second year, the Council has established operating procedures and has connected with the local art community, City Recreation Department and businesses, as well as creating and supporting the artistic interests of the City’s residents.

President Greg Bender provided a long list of the many Arts initiatives the Council was able to complete during the past year:

Council Events:

- Partnered with the Perth Amboy Recreation Dept. to hold the second annual I Waterfront Arts Festival, which attracted over 75 artists and 1000 attendees. Council members participated as exhibitors, created publicity materials and supplied volunteer help.
- For the second year, collaborated with the Perth Amboy School District on a trip for high school art students to Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts for an exclusive viewing of the BFA Visual Art exhibit and a tour of the department. The visit also included professional exchanges between the students and the Art School artists.
- Provided sustained inputs to the Perth Amboy Creative Plan, “Creative Perth Amboy”, which was awarded “Best Municipal Plan – 2016 by The American Planning Association – N.J.
- Hosted a Reception at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Gateway Neighborhood to publicize and seek feedback for the Creative Plan. The Council also obtained sponsorship for full sized map displays from the Creative Plan.
- In recognition of Perth Amboy’s APA Award for the Arts Creative Plan, Arts Council President Greg Bender accepted an invitation to speak at the Sustainability Institute at the College of New Jersey’s Sustainability Summit.
- Developed a standardized Arts Council Branding Strategy by creating a Logo, and us-



Perth Amboy Mural at the Yacht Club by Kerry Dyke, Art Major at Mason Gross
*Photo Submitted



Perth Amboy Art Students Visit Rutgers Mason Gross School of the Arts Gallery
*Photo Submitted

ing it on all Arts Council written and electronic communications.

- Successfully conducted fundraising efforts with Perth Amboy industries to help support the Waterfront Arts Festival.
- Conducted two field trips for Council members to see and evaluate the Woodbridge Avenel Street and train station murals and the Carteret parks’ artwork and the Town Arts District.
- Formally processed and approved the first Perth Amboy public mural, along the waterfront walkway at the Raritan Yacht Club. The process used application forms created by the Council and followed the City ordinance. The mural has been well received and is a

community asset.

Additional Arts Council Initiatives:

- The Council provided input to the NJ Transit public information session on the new train bridge, including a request for the bridge to include room under it for continuation of the City’s riverwalk. This access was a key part of the Creative Plan.
- The Council provided art inputs and photos to the City for the art component of the plan to expand and develop Rudyk Park.
- The Council also provided recommendations to NJ Transit for arts components and arts uses for the historic train station as part of the new station project.

Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray!

PERTH AMBOY – Bag Bingo and Tricky Tray on March 19, 2017 at Perth Amboy Moose Lodge, 989 Convery Blvd, Perth Amboy. Doors open at 12 Noon; Calling starts at 1:30 p.m. \$25 admission includes boards, cake, coffee, and door prize ticket. Kitchen will be open no outside food permitted. Must be 18 to play. Please call or e-mail Donna 732-925-8273 or e-mail: jndcarpen-ter420@gmail.com

Author Event

PERTH AMBOY - Acclaimed children’s author Artie Bennett is coming to Perth Amboy Free Public Library on Saturday, March 4 at 11:00 a.m., for a special Read Across America story time and merriment galore! Artie Bennett is Author of: “The Butt Book”, “Poo-pendous”, “Peter Panda Melts Down” and “Belches, Burps, Farts--Oh My!” Drop by in droves. You won’t want to miss “The Dr. Seuss of Your Caboose”! The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is located at 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy.

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, February 24, 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.

“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?” Thursday, February 23, 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.

Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding a Childbirth Education class Saturday, February 25, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. The class will be held at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOTORS(1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

Thomas Mundy Peterson Day

PERTH AMBOY - Come Celebrate Thomas Mundy Peterson Day at the Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy all day, Friday, March 31, 2017.

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Red Cross Critically Needs Donors After Winter Weather Adds to Severe Blood Shortage

Press Release 1/18/17
NEW JERSEY - Following several rounds of severe winter weather in many parts of the country, the American Red Cross urges eligible blood and platelet donors to help restock its shelves to overcome a shortage.

Since Dec. 1, about 300 blood drives across 27 states have been forced to cancel due to inclement winter weather, resulting in more than 10,500 blood and platelet donations going uncollected.

Blood donor Jim Taylor knows how it feels to have a loved one waiting for a transfusion. His son Aaron was born with a rare liver condition. In the short two months of his life, he received 115 blood products. Taylor said each transfusion gave his family more time with Aaron, so he encourages others to give.

“When the Red Cross says there is a shortage, they are not exaggerating,” said Taylor. “I now know from experience that what they are saying is somewhere there is a father waiting on the donation that will save his son’s life. When the Red Cross asks for help, what that means is a new dad is praying for a miracle.”

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time when donating.

Send Your Events to:
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K of C “All You Can Eat” Lenten Linguini Dinners

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring their annual “All You Can Eat” Lenten Linguini Dinners every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. Due to logistical issues, some minor changes had to be made. The dinners will now be served from 5:30PM-7:30PM in the cafeteria below the Church.

The menu includes Linguini, with a choice of Red(Marinara) or White clam sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee and desserts. Bottled water, soda and iced tea are also available for \$1 each.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for Senior Citizens, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free. There is a special family price of \$20 (EAT IN ONLY). A family would consist of only 2 adults and any children under 12. No reservations necessary and take-out is available. For more information, call Tony at 732-233-4473.

Public Notice

Mobilite LLC is proposing to construct a new telecommunications tower facility just northwest of the intersection of New Brunswick Avenue & Emmett Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ. The new facility will consist of a 120-foot monopole tower. Any interested party wishing to submit comments regarding the potential effects the proposed facility may have on any historic property may do so by sending comments to: Project 6117000173-MRG c/o EBI Consulting, 21 B Street, Burlington, MA 01803, or via telephone at 339-234-3535.

4th Annual African American History Month Celebration Rescheduled

PERTH AMBOY – PRAHD is 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. **Friday, February 24, 2017** - Noon to 2 p.m. PRAHD, 100 First Street, Perth Amboy.

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There’s Never Been a Better Time to Build a Better Us

Press Release 2/1/17

PERTH AMBOY - The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA launched For a better us., an Annual Campaign designed to educate the community on the Y’s work as one of the most effective and enduring charitable organizations, both locally and around the country. **For a better us.** is meant to change the perception of the Y and raise awareness of the work it does in the areas of youth development, healthy living and social responsibility to address pressing social issues in more than 10,000 communities around the country.

Everything the Y does is in service of making us – as individuals and a community – better. But when challenges arise, the Y – and donors – step in. Every year the Y solicits funds for the Annual Campaign. These funds make it possible to keep our promise to: Further our homeless prevention support and resources • Develop more programs for special needs and the pre-school population • Increase scholarships to keep kids safe in afterschool programs Provide free teen nights to Perth Amboy high school age students Expand the Waterfront Community

Program.

So far, we have received 107 staff commitments, totaling \$16,138 in pledges during our Staff Campaign. As part of our Annual Campaign, **For a better us.** we are asking everyone to support the community, have fun and get healthy!

“The Y works to ensure all individuals have the support they need to achieve their full potential,” said Steve Jobin, President & CEO, RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA. “We work here in Perth Amboy to provide services addressing its most critical social issues such as homelessness and childhood obesity. For a better us. Campaign is a multi-year, multi-faceted effort to engage more people with the Y and its mission.”

This spring, the Y will host various fundraising activities to support our cause. To find out how you can volunteer, join the festivities or make a donation that will have an impact right in your community, stop by the Y, visit our website at www.rbaymca.org or call 732.442.3632.

Those interested in donating to RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA can visit www.rbaymca.org or call 732.442.3632.

LOOKING FOR PREVIOUS OWNER



My name is Eluit Roman Current Owner of a Black 1984 Corvette VIN number 1GAX0784E5148261. I am looking for the previous owner, Ralf Esposito Jr. Last address known: 427 Woodbridge Ave., Avenel, NJ 07001. I purchased this vehicle in March 2017 through Craigslist and unfortunately misplaced the title. Please Mr. Esposito contact me at my cell 732-875-9999 so I can complete the steps I need to make to obtain a new title.

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Connections Program Seeks Volunteers

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one activities. Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child’s life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor. All adult volunteers will be screened, receive training, staff support and other services as needed. If you are interested in learning more about the Connections Mentoring Program, please contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323.

City of South Amboy Public Meeting

CITY MASTER PLAN



- The public is invited to attend a regular meeting of the Planning Board to participate in shaping the City's new Master Plan.
- The Plan will serve as the basis for revisions to the City's Land Development Regulations.
- Everyone is welcome to attend and express his/her opinion.

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 7:00 PM

CITY HALL

140 North Broadway, South Amboy, NJ 08879

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR HOMETOWN!

Faith Through Art

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - During Catholic Schools Week at Perth Amboy Catholic School, all the art students from Kindergarten to the 8th Grade created artwork for a special Art Exhibit called Expressing Our Faith Through Art.

Religious Art has played an important role throughout the ages in History, Religion and Art. Each student was able to share their own vision of God the Father, Jesus, Mary, Angels and the Holy Spirit through their mini-masterpieces. Pre-K 3 & 4 made Angels with the Pre-K teachers.

The Art Exhibit was coor-



Helen Kovaleski from Grade 1, portraying Mary - with artwork of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
**Photo Courtesy of P.A. Catholic School*

minated by Art Teacher, Rose Lavin Pennyfeather.

Rosa Parks: First Lady of Civil Rights

Press Release 2/8/17
WOODBIDGE – The Woodbridge Main Library will present Rosa Parks: First Lady of Civil Rights by Alex Ford on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 PM at the Woodbridge Main Library (1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ). This program is free and open to the public. The program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. This program is produced by the American Historical Theatre.

Rosa Parks said: “I’d see the bus pass by me every day...but to me, that was a way of life; we had no choice but to accept what was the custom. The bus was among the first ways I realized there was a black world and a white one.”

On a December day in 1955, this tired seamstress and NAACP secretary refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery Alabama Bus. The ensuing Bus Boycott would last over 1 year, and galvanize the Nation into the modern fight for Civil Rights for all Citizens. Rosa Parks’ story will serve to remind all who hear it that we cannot always stand by and observe the status quo. Sometimes, we have to take a seat to be heard and knowingly place our personal comfort aside in order to bring about the changes that will help “We the People...” form that “...



Rosa Parks

more Perfect Union” that is our Nation’s promise.

Alexandra Ford is thrilled to bring Rosa Parks’ story to audiences in the 21st century. Her other credits include Delaware Humanities Forum and Storybook Musical Theater. Alex has an AAS degree in Literature, Arts, and Philosophy from Camden County College, and her BFA degree in Theatre Studies from Montclair State University.

As part of her research for Rosa Parks, Miss Ford has traveled to Montgomery and Tuskegee Alabama. She has read many of the biographies of Rosa Parks and examined pages and pages of supplemental material related to the Civil Rights Movement in America.

For more information about this event, contact April Kane at 732-634-4450 or AKANE@WOODBRIIDLIBRARY.ORG. For more information about the Horizons Speakers Bureau please visit <http://njch.org/programs/hsb/>.

Neighborhood Watch

Resident Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Attention Gateway Residents: Join Perth Amboy’s Community Police (PACP) and P.A.R.T.N.E.R. to help organize a Neighborhood Watch (NW) program in Gateway Neighborhood. This is a revitalization initiative that aims to promote the development of a resident-led and community-supported redevelopment framework of the Gateway Neighborhood. Meeting agenda will plan for the next NW Block party and Perth Amboy’s Green Collaborative in making our neighborhood cleaner and greener. Thursday, MARCH 2, 2017 from 6 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. at 415 Fayette Street. Open to residents. Light refreshments included.

Art Through Technology City wide 3D Design Contest

Press Release 12/29/16
SOUTH AMBOY– The Dowdell Library of South Amboy will be holding an innovative art competition using 3D printing technology. Using the library’s 3D printer or 3D pens, community members of all ages may enter the art competition from January through June 15th. Entries must be entered within one of the following categories: the waterfront, pets and a floral theme. Age categories will range from children through seniors.

Entries will be exhibited at the South Amboy Arts exhibition hall on Broadway during July and August. The community will have the opportunity to vote for the winners in each category. For more information, contact the library at comments@dowdell.org or 732.721.6060.

To learn about free programs, sign up for the library’s monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

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.

Ads Sell!
Call Carolyn
732-896-4446

Open Your Heart and Home to a Fresh Air Child

Press Release
UNITED STATES/CANADA - Make this Valentine’s Day extra special for your family and give them the gift of friendship with a Fresh Air child! Each summer, thousands of children from New York City’s low-income communities visit suburban, rural and small town communities along the East Coast and Southern Canada through The Fresh Air Fund’s Friendly Towns Program. This summer, join volunteer host families in Central and Southern New Jersey who open their hearts and homes to New York City children.

“Vicky loves catching fireflies at night and roasting marshmallows. Our family made a best friend for life. She is truly so sweet, and everyone in the family just adores her,” said Fresh Air host mom Donielle Dwyer.

First time Fresh Air children are boys and girls, from seven to 12 years old, who live in New York City. Children who are reinvented by host families may continue with The Fresh Air



Fresh Air child Vicky (M), from the Bronx, has been visiting her Fresh Air sisters Isabella (L) and Brooklyn Dwyer (R) since 2014.
**Photo by Marilyn Tschorke*

Fund through age 18 and can enjoy extended trips.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer experiences to more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877.

For more information on hosting a Fresh Air child this summer, please contact Laurie Bershad at 609-865-5916 or visit The Fresh Air Fund at www.freshair.org.

Celebration of Black History

PERTH AMBOY - The “Friends of the Library” will be having a Celebration of Black History at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library with African Storytelling, Percussions and Dance, Games, Arts & Crafts! Come join us! On Saturday, February 18, 2017 12:00-2:00 p.m. – Admission FREE! Perth Amboy Free Public Library Children’s Department, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Presenter: Joycelyn Gumbs Alsup, Former Teacher of the Dr. Herbert N. Richardson School

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!

African-American Film Festival

PERTH AMBOY - African American Film Festival at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Thursday Nights from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

2/9/17 - The African American: Many Rivers to Cross

2/16/17 - Malcolm X

2/23/17 - Black in Latin America: Haiti and Dominican Republic - An Island Divided

150th Anniversary of Thomas Mundy Peterson Casting My Ballot for Liberty Play

PERTH AMBOY - Friday, February 24, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Academy for Urban Leadership, 612 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy. Tells the story of New Jersey Native, Thomas Mundy Peterson whose simple act marked an important milestone in our nation’s racial and political evolution . . . He cast a vote! Casting my Ballot for Liberty that appeals to young people’s civic sense and provides them with a unique historical perspective on current issues involving voting rights in our democracy.

Send Your Events to:
AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

How to Become a U.S. Citizen: Free Naturalization Information Session

WOODBIDGE - A representative from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will present “How to Become a U.S. Citizen” at the Woodbridge Main Library on Thursday February 16 at 10:30 am.

This session will help permanent residents and others interested in naturalization learn more the process. This session is free of charge and open to the public. No registration is required.

Topics covered at this session will include:

- naturalization eligibility requirements
- the naturalization process
- the naturalization test
- rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. This presentation is free and open to all.

Medicare Workshop

Press Release
WOODBIDGE - On Tuesday, February 28 at 6 pm, the Woodbridge Main Library will welcome Justin Lubenow and Michael Salum of Senior Advisors. At this workshop you will learn:

- What’s Changed in 2017?
- 5 Biggest Mistakes Made by Medicare Beneficiaries
- Original Medicare versus Medicare Advantage Plans
- How do Medicare Supplement Policies Work?
- How do Medicare Prescription Programs (Part D) work?
- What are some of the Proposed Changes to Medicare in the future?

Senior Advisors is family owned and operated since 2009. They have over 20,000 Medicare Clients across 22 different states. The top priority at Senior Advisors is to reduce stress for Medicare beneficiaries, by providing education, an overview of the choices available, and making recommendations for reach individual’s coverage.

Please note that Senior Advisors is not connected with or endorsed by the US government or the federal Medicare program.

This program is free and open to all. Registration is required. Please call 732-634-4450 to register or register online @ <http://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info/signup/>

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ

Total Joint Replacement Education Session

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, February 10, 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.

Superhero Bash and Culinary Programs

Press Release 1/31/17
SOUTH AMBOY – Join the Dowdell Library for fun programs including a Superhero Bash and creative Culinary Programs. On Wednesday, February 22, put on your superhero attire and fly on over to the Library for games, 3D badges and more. Superhero attire is optional.

Starting February the library will be holding culinary programs for all ages. When kids are making their own tasty creation, adults and teens will be able to simultaneously work on their own culinary masterpieces. Please join us on Thursdays, February 16 & 23 at 3-4 pm. Registration is suggested, please call or email us.

To learn about other free programs, sign up for the library’s monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

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. The Dowdell Library is located at 100 Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy

Newborn Care Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is providing a Newborn Care Class, Wednesday, February 22, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 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. Please make checks payable to Raritan Bay Medical Center. Registration required, call 1-800-DOTORS.(1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

Healthy Heart Event

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management and blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Thursday, February 23, 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.

Become A Member of the South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad

SOUTH AMBOY - Serve the Emergency Medical Needs of Your Community! A Unit of A.R.C. If you are at least 16 years old and have a few available hours in your day each week to give to others, contact us at Southamboyfirstaid.org or call (732) 721-1005. South Amboy First Aid Squad serves our residents 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, 365 days-a-year. The squad is an independently run private organization, completely staffed by dedicated volunteers and supported by tax-deductible donations. Join your fellow residents with service to our community. Neighbors Helping Neighbors! All training courtesy of the South Amboy First Aid Squad. See how a little bit of your time can benefit so many. Become A Volunteer Member Now! South Amboy First Aid Squad - PO Box 328 - South Amboy, NJ 08879

Raffle

PERTH AMBOY - Saint John Paul II Parish Raffle, 490 State St., Perth Amboy NJ; Tickets \$20 Each.

- 1st Prize – 2017 Honda Civic
- 2nd Prize – Flat Screen TV 65” – Donated by Toshiba
- 3rd Prize – Laptop, 15” 8GB – Donated by Zevallos/Skrocki Home for Funerals
- 4th Prize – Portable Electric Generator – Donated by United Poles Federal Credit Union
- 5th Prize – Apple Watch – Donated by St. John Paul II Parish “Señor de los Milagros”
- 6th Prize – Apple iPad, Air 2, 9.7 inch/16GB – Donated by Julio’s Auto Repair
- 7th Prize – \$300.00 Gift Card – Donated by Flynn & Sons Funeral Home
- 8th Prize – Snow Removal – Donated by Petra Best Realty
- 9th Prize – Canon Digital Camera EF-S 18-55MM f/3.5-5.6 IS, - Donated by Quisqueya Restaurant
- 10th Prize – X Box One 500GB – Donated by K&K Project TO BE DRAWN Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Stephen’s School Auditorium.

No substitutions of the offered prizes may be made. No cash will be given in lieu of the prize. Must be 18 YRS. or older to participate. Winner need not be present. Winner is responsible for all federal and state tax. All proceeds will benefit Saint John Paul II Parish. I.D. No. 387-1-39661; RL - 4091

Military Timeline

PERTH AMBOY – The Royal Governor’s Mansion announces a Military Timeline on Sunday, February 26, 2017 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Join us for our Last Sunday of February Open House featuring the uniformed re-enactors depicting the Revolutionary War thru conflicts of the 20th Century. On display will be arms, soldiers’ kit and equipment from various eras. Free Admission. Museum tours and the Museum Gift Shop will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Proprietary House (Royal Governor’s Mansion) is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy. For more information, contact the Proprietary House: 732-826-5527 or e-mail: info@theproprietaryhouse.org

Food Stamps Assistance

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



Solomon Andrews

Up, Up and Away

WOODBIDGE - HAWT program presented by Donald J. Peck on Dr. Solomon Andrews, who conducted the first successful dirigible balloon flight over Perth Amboy in 1863. The program is at the Woodbridge Main Library Downstairs Meeting Room on Monday, February 27, at 7 p.m.

On Tour Series with Albertus Joseph

PERTH AMBOY - On Tour Series with Albertus Joseph Art Exhibit at the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade Street on March 9, 2017: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Contact: Lisett Lebron at 732-442-0384 or email: lisett@partnernj.org

Spaghetti Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - The Diamond Breakers will host a spaghetti dinner Sunday, Feb 19th at 2 p.m. to benefit Perth Amboy’s 12U/14U girls’ softball travel team. The dinner is slated for 2 p.m. at the Alexander Jankowski Community Center, located at 1 Olive Street. The dinner will feature food from Perth Amboy businesses.

Tickets are available at pre-sale from any Diamond Breaker softball player, or at the door for \$10 or \$7 for seniors (ages 65+). Children under 5 are no charge. Take-outs will also be available. For more information, contact the Diamond Breakers at diamondbreakerspa@gmail.com

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This Week in World War II

75 Years Ago

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

As of February 13, 1942, the Japanese control Borneo, Sarawak and the Celebes Islands in the East Indies. In Europe, the British submarine *HMS Tempest* is depth-charged and sunk by the Italian torpedo boat *Circe* in the Gulf of Taranto, off southern Italy.

On the Eastern Front, Rostov-on-Don, Russia, falls to the Red Army on February 14. A ferocious battle breaks out between Soviet and German troops in Kharkiv, Ukraine. The Soviet Union mobilizes all able-bodied males between the ages of 16 and 65. The majority of resistance groups in Occupied Poland band together to form the "Home Army (*Armia Krajowa*)," that is loyal to the Polish Government-in-Exile in England. In London, RAF Bomber Command issues its controversial "Area Bombing Directive" that says civilian areas will be legitimate targets in future air raids. In Asia, the Sarawakian vessel *SS Iyner Brooke*, carrying 65 Australian Army nurses and several hundred wounded British and Australian soldiers — as well as civilian men, women and children — away from Singapore, is bombed and sunk by Japanese planes. Over the course of the next day, about 100 survivors, including 22 nurses, make it to Japanese-held Bangka Island in the Dutch East Indies. There, on February 16, Japanese soldiers shoot the walking wounded, machine-gun the nurses on the beach (one survives and is sent to a prison camp), and bayonet and kill the wounded on stretchers.

At Singapore, the Commonwealth defenders are running out of food and ammunition, and they cannot stop Japanese aerial attacks that are causing heavy casualties in the center of the city. In addition to the defenders, over one million civilian refugees are crammed into the three-square-mile area within the defensive perimeter. Finally, at 5:15 p.m. on February 15, after six days of fierce fighting, Lt. Gen. Arthur Percival, British General Officer Commanding — Malaya, surrenders, and 130,000 British and Commonwealth troops pass into captivity. British prime minister Winston Churchill categorizes the fall of Singapore as the "worst disaster" and the "largest capitulation" in British military history.

Palembang, on Sumatra, falls to Japanese forces on February 16. Japanese troops on Borneo capture the town of Sintang, West Kalimantan. Three German submarines attack oil facilities and tanker ships at Aruba in the Netherlands West Indies. The Caribbean island is home to two of the largest oil refineries in the world, as well as extensive petroleum storage and loading facilities. The attack results in a significant disruption of Allied fuel production.

The order is given on February 17 to evacuate Rangoon, Burma, as Japanese troops approach. In the Soviet Union, Hitler visits with Field Marshal Erich von Manstein to review plans for the coming counteroffensive in the Caucasus. Looking to exploit a breakthrough made at the end of January, the Red Army launches an offensive at Rzhev, some 130 miles northwest of Moscow. Despite temperatures that reach -52°F, the fighting is fierce and the Germans hold. In Singapore, the British Malaya Command officially surrenders the 40,000 troops of the British Indian Army to the Japanese, who in turn, pass the authority over them to Mohan Singh, an Indian nationalist and a captain in the British Indian Army. Singh announces the formation of the Indian National Army (INA), urging the captured Indian soldiers to join the INA to fight against the British Crown Rule in India (the British Raj). Eventually, around 12,000 of the Indian POWs join the Japanese-directed INA. South of Bangka Island, in the Dutch East Indies, the Dutch destroyer HNLMS Van Nes is bombed and sunk by the Japanese with the loss of 68 of its 149 crewmen.

Soviet forces overwhelm the Germans defending Kharkiv, Ukraine, on February 18 and the city is retaken by the Red Army. In Singapore, the Japanese occupiers begin the "Sook Ching" operation: a "purge" of the portion of the Chinese population of the city deemed to be "hostile" to the Japanese. In 14 days, thousands of Chinese are killed — the Japanese say the number is fewer than 5,000, while Singaporeans claim that between 70,000 and 100,000 Chinese are murdered. In Calcutta, India, visiting Nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek meets with political activist Mahatma Gandhi.

On February 19, some 240 Japanese aircraft bomb the harbor and airfields around Darwin, in Australia's Northern Territory, sinking 17 docked ships. Mandalay, the capital of Burma, is bombed for the first time by Japanese airplanes. In Ottawa, the Canadian Parliament passes a conscription (draft) law. In Washington, D.C., President Roosevelt signs Executive Order 9066 that permits the U.S. military to define "exclusionary zones" precluding people of certain nationalities from residing within them. The Executive Order affects Japanese on the West Coast, and, to a lesser extent, Germans and Italians on the East Coast. Among those forcibly displaced and moved to guarded internment camps are more than 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry, over 60% of whom are American citizens.

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, Mar. 2, 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.

A.C. Bus Trip

Hungarian

Reformed Church

PERTH AMBOY – The Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church is sponsoring a Bus Trip to the Tropicana Casino, Atlantic City on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Bus leaves the church at 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy at 12:00 noon for a 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$27.00 per person (\$25 slot play) Bagged lunch provided -To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - Wednesdays, 12 noon -1 p.m. at the Food Court in Menlo Park Mall (between Chik-fil-A and Panera) Have a question? Have a seat! Bring your lunch and ask Rabbi Ari Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai ANY question you'd like about Judaism, life, spirituality...anything! First person to come will get a FREE drink from the rabbi. For more information please contact Rabbi Saks at ari.saks@gmail.com

Edison AARP

Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center on Franklin Avenue in the Fords section of Edison, NJ. Bright Star Home Care will present a program on "Home Safety".

Upcoming Events: Day Trips
March 17: "My Wild Irish Rose" - Hilton, Hasbrouck Heights
April 18: "Easter Parade" - Stony Hill Inn, Hackensack
May 16: "Born Yesterday" - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

Call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 for information and reservations.
Tours:
May 2-3: Jonah at Sight & Sound Theater, Dutch Apple Theater, Hobo Railroad - Lancaster, PA. Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for information.

Various items for local hospitals, nursing homes, and MC-FOOD bank will be collected at the meeting.

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

Have a

Special Pet?

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

Tax Preparation

Services

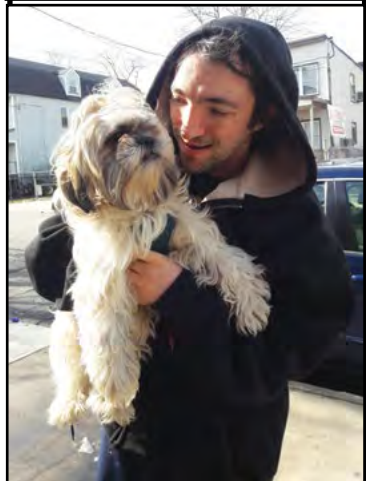
PERTH AMBOY - Tax Preparation Services at Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St. provided by Vita Group. Dates: 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25. By appointment only. 732-826-2600.

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. 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: Saturdays, February 25 March 11 & 25, April 8 and 22. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

Pet of the Week



Rocky with Owner, Nicholas

An Evening

with Uncle

Floyd

SOUTH AMBOY - Mechanicville Hose Company Presents an Evening With Uncle Floyd Appearing On March 25th, 2017 At: Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Ave, South Amboy. Time: 7:00 p.m. Buffet, Beer and Wine. \$45.00 Per Person for Tickets: call 732-642-4608 or Email: SAFD11martinjr@gmail.com

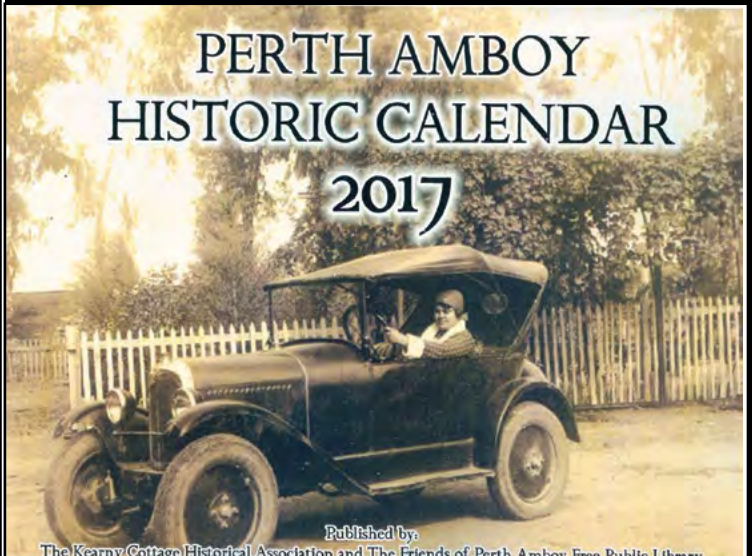
Healthy Heart

Event

WOODBIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is sponsoring a Healthy Heart event Sunday, February 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Woodbridge Center Mall, 250 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, NJ. Are you at risk for heart disease? Learn signs and symptoms and how to start living a healthy lifestyle.

2017 Historic Perth Amboy

Calendars



PERTH AMBOY
HISTORIC CALENDAR
2017

Published by:
The Kearny/Cottage Historical Association and The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library

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.*

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Volunteer Drivers Needed For Meals on Wheels Program

Press Release
HIGHLAND PARK – Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS) is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound senior adults in the Highland Park area for the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program. The program delivers meals Monday – Friday mornings. A commitment of at least 2 days per month for regular volunteers is required. Also seeking substitute drivers who can fill in as needed throughout Middlesex County. Must have valid driver’s license. Please contact the JFS Volunteer Coordinator for more detailed information at 732-777-1940 or visit www.jfsmiddlesex.org under the Volunteer Tab

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Perth Amboy

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WED. Feb. 15

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

• Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall , Florida Grove Rd.

• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

THURS. Feb. 16

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

MON. Feb. 20

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

TUES. Feb. 21

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

WED. Feb. 22

St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

THURS. Feb. 23

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MON. Feb. 27

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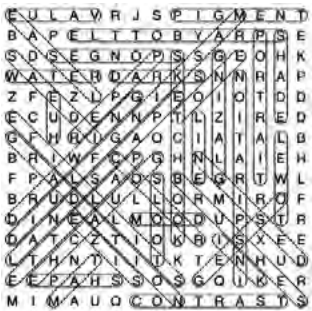
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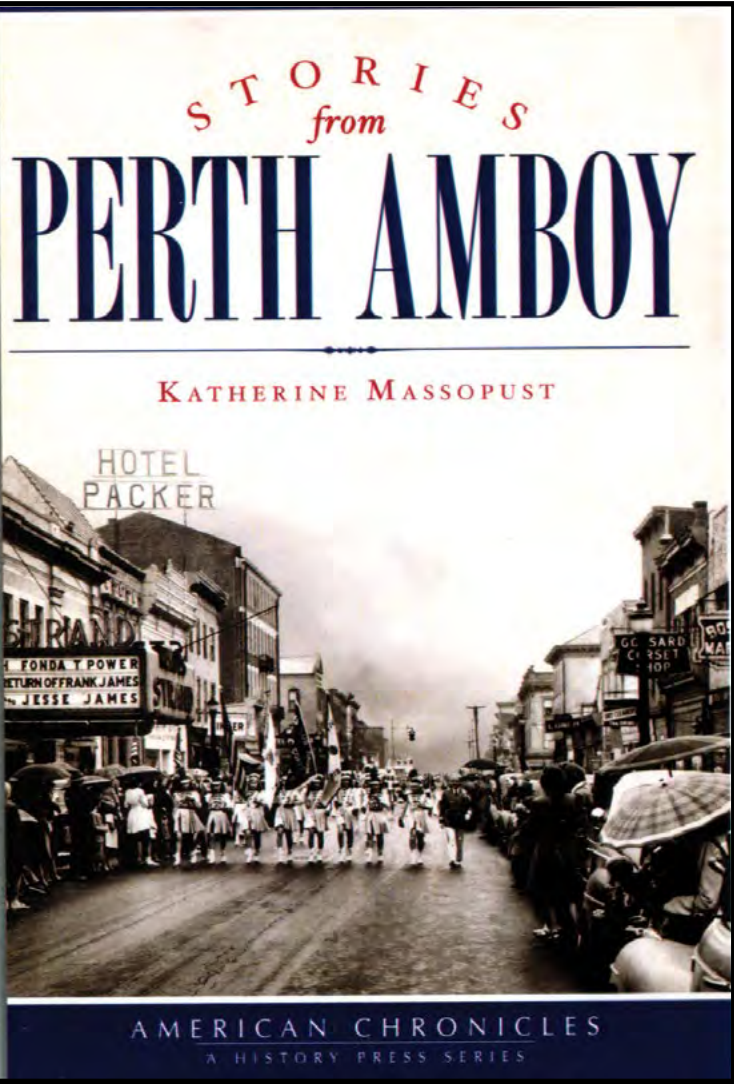
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LOOKING BACK



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