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A Day Without Immigrants

Many Businesses Close for One Day to Show Solidarity 2/16/17

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - On 2/16/17 in front of Quisqueya Meat Market & Grocery, 249 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz held a press conference. Diaz stated, "I want to send a message that executive orders have consequences. We stand by many families that live in fear. We respect them. It's not about undocumented - it's about all immigrants. That's why we are shutting (businesses run by immigrants) down today. When you walk around you can see what can potentially happen. A day without our immigrants - we are here to help."

Quisqueya Meat Market & Grocery Antonio Abreu stated, "It's amazing what we can do on a short notice. We communicated to all small businesses we shut down in the City. 80% of the City are immigrants. That's a huge number."

Emanuel from United Taxi stated, "This is the initial phase of a larger movement. This shutdown shows a ghost of a town."

Business owner Abe stated, "Some older people telling younger people to protest. I can't' see people going away. These are amazing people. We can't let them go. I'm a child of an immigrant. I can't let that

Mayor Diaz then stated, "We wanted to show our residents we hold in solidarity. It's very telling how many businesses are shut down."

When asked how many businesses in Perth Amboy shut down, Diaz didn't know the exact number.

Many Immigrants chose not to go to work on 2/16/17.

Quisqueya Market Owner Tony Abreu said, "A Business Owner in New Brunswick asked me if I was going to close. Also, Wendy DeJesus, owner of Daisy's Super Market on Amboy Avenue, Perth Amboy said if I would close, then she would

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Mayor Diaz stands with Business Owners as they closed down for one day on 2/16/17 *Photo by Katherine Massopust



Quisqueya Market 249 Madison Ave., was one of many business closed on Thursday, 2/16/17 to show "A Day Without Immigrants" *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Boringuen Taxi, 291 McClellan St. was closed on 2/16/17



Casa de Fruitas, 177 Smith St. was closed on 2/16/17

Historical Society & Arts Council Benefit From Surplus Monies

2/15/17 Council Meeting

SOUTH AMBOY - Business Administrator Camile Tooker was happy to report that due to surplus funds from the Broadway Façade Program, the South Amboy Historical Commission and the South Amboy Arts Commission will each be receiving \$7,500 for their pro-

Tooker explained, "In the past 5 or 6 years, CDBG Funds were allocated for different City Projects. This included the Façade Programs on lower Broadway and Sidewalk and Façade for Residents who met the criteria. This also included residents' sidewalks. \$134,000 of CDBG Funds were allocated. We're receiving \$40,652 this year. \$25,000 will be dedicated to sidewalks and façades."

During the Public Portion, Mary Szaro, the President of the South Amboy Historical Society came up to speak to let the Council know how much their support means to them and thanked them for the contribution of the money.

B.A. Tooker also gave an explanation regarding Ordinance 1-2017: To exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank. "This is done every year to allow us to use funds from previous years to use for years going forward without going over the Cap established by the State."

During the Council Comments, Councilwoman Christine Noble congratulated the Administration on the great job they did with the Block Grants."

Council President Mickey Gross congratulated the Committee for the great job they did. "You hit a home run in my book."

Councilman Tom Reilly mentioned some of the arts programs that were coming up. He then turned his attention to Broadway, "The Zoning and Code Enforcement Departments should focus on cleaning up that street to move it in the right direction." He also had a suggestion for the Planning Board and Redevelopment Agencies. "They should get together so that traffic is directed back into South Amboy. The Housing Project on lower Main Street should be a part of that focus."

Councilman McLaughlin agreed with Reilly's assessment of Broadway. McLaughlin also wanted to thank Emergency Services for the job they did after the recent snowstorm.

Council President Mickey Gross had additional comments. He thanked Public Works for the great job they did after the snowstorm and asked B.A. Tooker, " Please, convey that to their staff. Emergency Management also does a great job. Gross who is also chair of the St. Patrick's Day Parade reminded everyone about the events taking place leading up to the Parade. "On Saturday, March 18, 2017 there will be a Breakfast and Flag Raising and a full night of free entertainment to be paid for by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday, March 19, 2017."

Later in the evening, Council President Mickey Gross became very upset at a Perth Amboy Resident who has been recently shown up at Business and Regular Council Meetings. This Perth Amboy Resident often complained about problems that he said he's having with a judge and police officers in Perth Amboy. When this resident started speaking about thos Perth Amboy indi-

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close. She started to make phone calls. I called a lot of businesses and went to over a hundred businesses personally."

When asked what the message was to the United States, Abreu answered, "To be united against human suffering - when the town is suffering, when the town is separated, that's suffering right there."

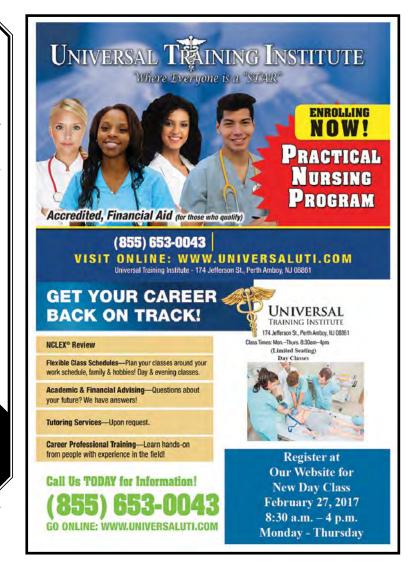
When asked if he believed the "Day Without Immigrants" made a difference, Abreu answered, "Yes, Just look around."

An Evening with Uncle Floyd

SOUTH AMBOY - Mechanics-ville 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: SAFD1lmartinjr@gmail.com

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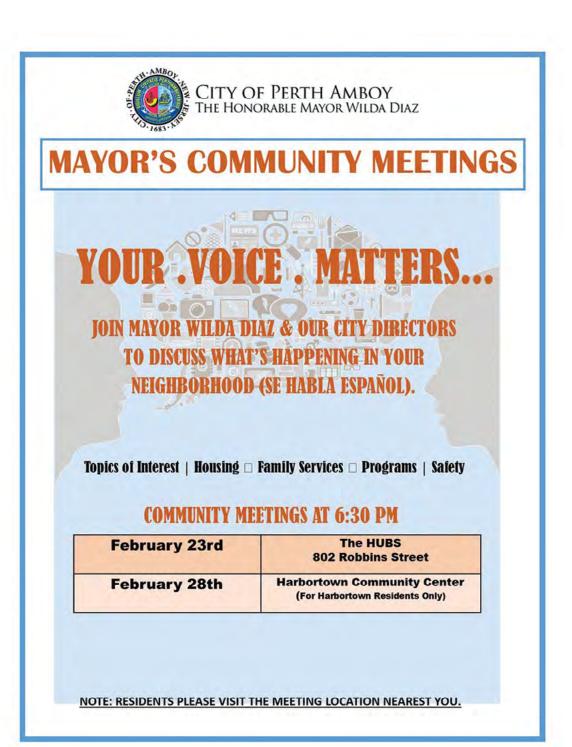
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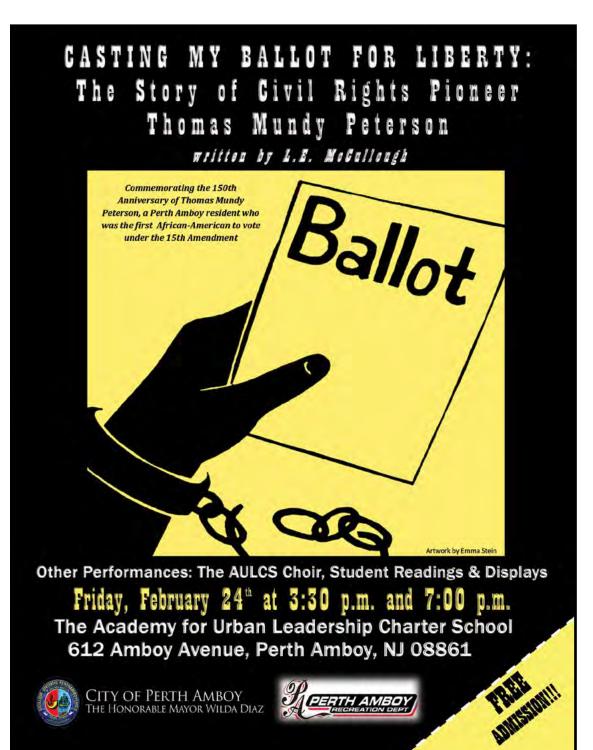






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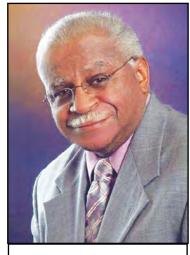




Services for Austin Gumbs 1931-2017

Austin E. Gumbs passed away on February 16, 2017.

Lifelong Resident of Perth Amboy, a Distinguished Educator and Community Leader Visitation will be on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. A Service of Requiem will follow at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions are requested to the Living Memorial Fund at St. Peter's. Arrangements are under the direction of the Flynn and Son Funeral



Austin Gumbs

Home, 424 East Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ. WWW.flynnfuneral.com

Three Statements 2/13/17 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY – At the 2/13/17 Board of Education Meeting there were three statements made: one regarding executive sessions, one regarding undocumented immigrants and one regarding building the new high school.

Board President Ken Puccio made a statement regarding closed sessions. "We are redoing how we do Board Meetings. Starting next month (March), the Closed Session will start at 5 p.m. and the regular meeting will begin at 7 p.m."

Board Vice President Milady Tejada made a statement regarding Undocumented Immigrants, "Immigration is a very hot topic. I want to comfort our community about State law about school. We cannot prohibit a child from attending school on the premise an immigrant is undocumented or not."

Board Secretary Derek Jess made a statement regarding the new High School, "Today we received a list of new schools being built by the SDA (School Development Authority). Perth Amboy High School is on that list and will be built and at the moment will be the most expensive new school being built up to date. It's official."

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viduals again, Council President Gross stopped him. Gross stated it was not appropriate for him to discuss any problems having to do with Perth Amboy personnel.

That resident then turned to South Amboy City Attorney John Lanza for advice. Lanza said, "I have to defer to Council President Mickey Gross. It's his call."

At this point, the Perth Am-

boy Resident said, "What is this - Russia?"

Council President Mickey Gross, who was visually upset after this remark answered him, "Stop comparing us to Russia. I take offense and you should be ashamed of yourself! We are a hardworking government."

At this point, a South Amboy Police Officer who was at the Meeting came over to speak to the Perth Amboy Resident and politely told him to leave.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Why Just One Day?

On Thursday, 2/16/17 "A Day Without Immigrants" took place. Some businesses ceased to operate for the day. All the taxicab services were shut down. We are still trying to figure out what this proved. These businesses are just hurting themselves and contrary to what they believe, may wind up hurting those whom they claim to support.

The purpose was to show solidarity with immigrants (legal and illegal) who are against President Trump's policies which were the former President Obama's policies. Now, there's going to be an assembly this week to let us know something that is very old news. We know that immigrants have built this country and have employed many people and brought tons of money into this country's economy.

Guess what? They probably did it by working within the system as Americans. This is nothing new.

One day of encouraging immigrants to not go to work or employers to close down can come back to bite you in the butt.

First of all, look around and see how many businesses there are in town that deal in money transfer services. A lot of these immigrants still have families in other countries that depend on their support.

One day of pay may not mean much to you, but you are not them.

With the taxicabs shutting down, you know there is an alternative service called Uber which is very popular. I know people who have taken to using that service exclusively and now more may be using their services.

The trouble is not with Immigrants, but with Illegal Immigrants. It has to do with the proper vetting of those who want to come into the country and to rid the country of people here illegally and committed felonies that were deported

and somehow managed to get back into the United States.

As we stated before: you have to be out of your mind to want anyone like that living here.

If you truly want to help someone who is here illegally but has been hired because of cheap labor, why don't you have lawyers do pro bono work to help them on a path to become legal citizens?

These are just shallow protests and nothing more which I feel accomplishes nothing.

Take your blinders off and look at the amount of temp agencies in the City. It's not uncommon to see those businesses advertise for workers needed for three shifts.

Here's another secret: a lot of those businesses have other agencies in other towns that they can call on for workers in emergency situations. So if workers from one town don't show up for that day, those workers may be out of work for a long time. How would that make you feel?

Just like the homeless situation that has been going on for years. There's nothing wrong with prayers and marches but truthfully the homeless situation has not improved that much.

When are we going to have a march specifically for unemployed Veterans who desperately need help whether it be employment and/or health benefits? When will these companies be as vigilant in hiring these veterans as they are in hiring illegal immigrants.

Starbucks created waves when they announced they are planning on hiring 10,000 refuges in over 75 countries over the next 5 years. We looked at their website to see their stance on hiring Veterans and we're pleased to announce that they are planning on hiring 10,000 Veterans and military spouses by 2018. They seem to have a very good military program

and hire youth and invest in communities that need employment.

This is nothing new. In the 1990's Bill Clinton made statements on illegal immigrants. Here is a link from a speech from Former President Bill Clinton who spoke on illegal immigration:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZXbG5gvoC0

Yes, we will say that Trump is a little more zealous in his approach to the problem, but he pulled no punches and did exactly what he said he would during his campaign.

Just remember that if the polished politicians had satisfied their constituent's needs, the outcome of the election might have come out different. *C.M.*

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In Response to Mayor's Letter of February 8, 2017

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

After being elected for the third term Wilda Diaz vowed she wouldn't seek, the Mayor also believes she doesn't have to obey the laws of this state or the ordinances of this city. In a self-serving and inaccurate address to city residents on social media and in this paper, she claims she is "putting Perth Amboy first". Ironically this was the slogan of the former administration. The Mayor's slogan of "United for Perth Amboy" and "Stronger Together", by her actions alone leaves us more divided than ever.

The city council is not subordinate to the mayor. We are the legislative branch whose duties consist of passing legislative and overseeing the budget. It is the council's fiduciary duty to investigate when there are questionable practices.

Absent of any evidence of her concern about these prob-

lematic practices, the mayor chose to ignore the council's apprehension regarding her actions. As a result, the council hired an independent attorney to investigate these matters. Those findings disclosed that the Mayor had hired and paid the previous business Administrator improperly. The Mayor is attempting to stop the city council from addressing these alleged violations, using your tax dollars to sue the City Council.

Perth Amboy needs to ask -Why is the Mayor afraid of the results of the investigation? Why is she trying to suppress any effort to make it public? Where is the Mayor's concern about spending your tax dol-

The City Council also took an oath to uphold the constitution, and as uncomfortable and tedious as it may be, Perth Amboy deserves no less than an ethical and responsible City Council to protect it.

Council President William Petrick

Think About the Firemen

I was watching the news last week and saw the riots at Berkley, denying some guy his right to free speech. What struck me about those "demonstrations" were the fires that were being set in the name of peace and love. I flashed back to the hotel collapse in Iran on the 19th of last month where twenty firefighters were killed. I remember feeling really bad for those firemen. It didn't matter to me where they were from, because firefighters are the same all over the world. Techniques and politics may differ but the soul of a firefighter remains a constant, as it is with all emergency workers worldwide. I'd give you even money, that on 911, while some people in other countries cheered, the firemen in those countries did not.

You're probably wondering how I managed to tie that in to the Berkley riot. Well, it's like this; when I see stuff like Berkley and Ferguson I always think of the fireman. I find myself feeling bad for the firemen. They rush to the scene to save property and lives. They have all they can do, risking

their safety to fight this fire, yet have to deal with getting pelted with rocks and bottles, and possibly shot at to boot. All because some dumb ass decided the First Amendment gave him/her the right to commit arson, in the name of free speech, with a wanton disregard for life. And don't give me that crap about, "pent up rage" or the "need to express frustration", "that boat don't float." When someone commits arson, lives are put at risk.

Just recently a lot of frustrated women with pent up rage held a worldwide protest. Guess what? No fires. A huge worldwide protest took place for civil rights involving millions of people and nothing was set on fire. Amazing!!!

In conclusion I would like to address any person or persons who feel they have to set something on fire to get their message out. If you really feel that strongly about it, then find yourself a vacant spot, call the press, and make like a Tibetan monk. Firefighters and emergency personnel want to go home to their families at the end of the shift.

Joe Bayona

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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.

WED. Feb. 22 Planning Board, 7 p.m.

City Hall, North Broadway

WED. Mar. 1 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
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WED. Mar. 15 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Hall, North Broadway.

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Not Buying It; Who's at Fault? **Crime Stats Still Questioned**

2/8/17 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - R-69-2/17 Resolution pertaining to the **Energy Savings Improvement** Plan for an amount not exceeding \$2,500,000.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak. He has been against this Resolution from day one and stated, "There is a change where the Council has been eliminated from decision making. It only states that certain officials of the Council can be informed but who will that be - the Council President? Did anybody read this resolution? I'm opposed to this. Who is the lessor? Who drafted the resolution and contract (the original one). If they (Honeywell) wants to renew this for another 15 years, it's out of your (the Council's) hands. Look at going solar instead. Whose idea was this?"

Resident Ken Balut came up next and stated, "Councilman Irizarry always talks about our debt. We're not saving anything. The lights we have now were just installed two years ago. A lot of people in the City are not happy about this. Did you accept any money from these companies that are contracted on these resolutions?"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez tried to convince Sierakowski that R-69 was a good deal. "The contract is being overseen by the State. There will be a \$76,000 a month savings. It will take us 15 years to pay the bond off, but their work will be done in one year."

Sierakowski was still not convinced and told the Council, "I'm disappointed in all of you. You are not assertive."

Acting City Attorney Judith Verrone told Sierakowski that the City was represented by McManimon & Scotland. "The title was changed because of a contract. The Council does not execute agreements."

Resident Balut said, "This a bad deal, because you don't know what the administration fee will be."

R-69-2/17 was pulled until the next meeting.

There has been a back-andforth discussion as to who is at fault when it comes to audio problems on Channel 34 Public Access TV Station. Communication 3 & 4 on the Agenda dealt with the City receiving a check from Verizon for \$203,640.19 and a check from Comcast for \$199,859.71.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wanted to know, "Where does this money go?"

Business Administrator Adam Cruz responded, "To a general fund."



Stanley Sierakowski

Gonzalez responded back, "I don't want this money spent until we take care of the audio problems on Channel 34."

Cruz responded back, "In August, we had someone here to check our audio and the problem seems to be on the Board of Education's end."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up and suggested that representatives from Verizon and Comcast come to a meeting and discuss this problem. "It may be something technical, but we need to rectify this."

Councilman Gonzalez agreed, "We need this resolved. The Board of Education may have the wrong equipment. I talked to someone who's retired who is familiar with this. He said it's problems with the equipment on the Board of Education's end."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski said, "Whenever I go to a Board of Education Meeting, there's never a problem with the equipment and people being heard. I can hear every word that is being said on TV. The problem has to do when the Council Meetings are televised."

Businesswoman Virginia Lugo talked about Verizon and Comcast in another context, "The Disabled and Seniors should be getting a discount from these two companies. Other Cities do that."

When it came to crime in the City, Resident Ken Balut brought up part of Communication No. 2 pertaining to incidents at the Dominican Festivals that were held in 2015 and 2016.

Balut questioned, "Is the City going to send residents notifications about incidents that were committed during the festivals? I told the Festival leaders that they should let the residents (in that area) know how much they were appreciated for their inconveniences. The Council should get CAD (Computer Aided



David Caba

Dispatch) Reports."

Balut also told the Council that there was sexual harassment suit filed recently. "It's all out there about crimes. This is worse than Joe Vas, and it's worse on how the police are treated. The Mayor is Joe Vas Heavy. At least we knew where Joe Vas's money came from. You're all unethical."

Resident Jeremy Baratta told the Council, "Your agenda is not very informative."

Resident and Businesswoman Virginia Lugo said, "Everything is not listed in the CAD System that the City has. We should all get another listing of lawyers."

Resident and Businessman David Caba came up to speak, "I heard that there was a family that got held up at gunpoint and was robbed of \$5,000 on Carson Avenue. Police Officers are doing their jobs, but it's not being reported. Please let us know, Mr. Cruz. Let people know that at night they may need to be on the lookout for crimes being committed. There was a bank robbery in Metuchen and they had it publicized immediately. We have to depend on rumors that crime happened."

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up to speak about the Dominican Festival. "Residents came forth to complain that the Festival is exceeding the expectations of that area with its growth."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked Chief Roman McKeon about the robbery at gunpoint that had been mentioned earlier in the Meeting by David Caba.

The Chief responded in an affirmative that there was.

Gonzalez responded, "We should know about these problems. I also want to know about any meetings involving any improvements going on in town. I'm retired and have the



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Congressman Frank Pallone Stands with Planned Parenthood 1/13/17

*Photos by Paul W. Wang

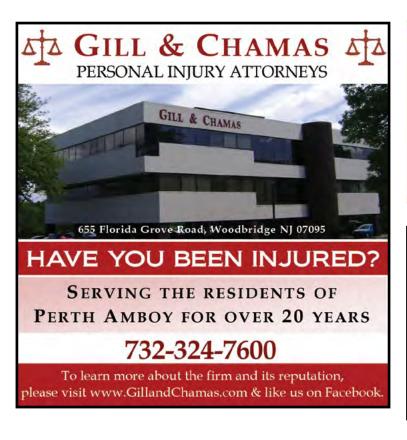




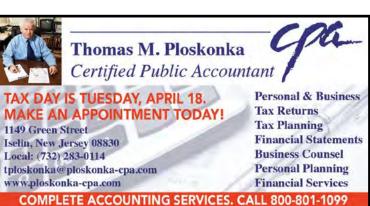
Press Release

PERTH AMBOY- There was a Press Conference to discuss work being done in Congress to support Planned Parenthood and access to reproductive health care services on Monday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. at Planned Parenthood Perth Amboy Health Center, 450 Market Street with Casey Olesko, Planned Parenthood Action Fund of New Jersey and Congressman Frank Pallone and Planned Parenthood supporters.

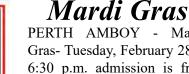
Following weeks of grassroots activism and an outpouring of support for Planned Parenthood and reproductive health access across the country, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) will join Planned Parenthood supporters and staff at the Planned Parenthood health center in Perth Amboy. The Congressman will share remarks on efforts in Washington to protect access to vital reproductive health services like cancer screenings, birth control, and STD testing and treatment at Planned Parenthood health cen-











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.

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

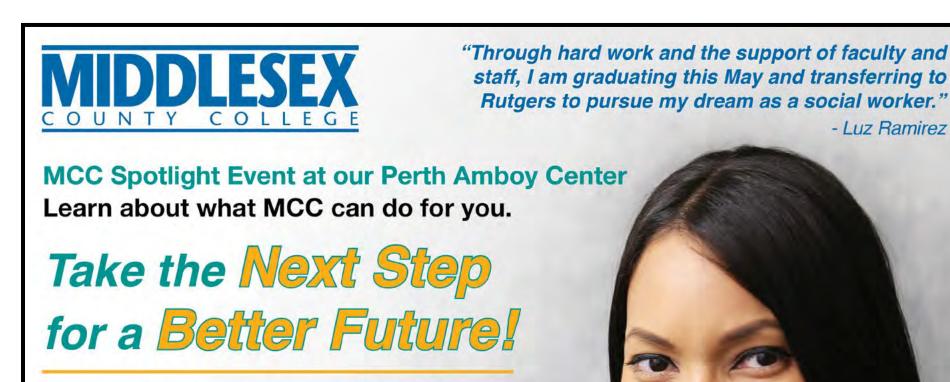
Author Event

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", "Poopendous", "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.

- Luz Ramirez







Thursday, March 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

60 Washington Street, Perth Amboy, NJ

Whether you want to start or continue your college education or improve your English language skills, Middlesex County College is the right choice.

Come learn about admissions, financial aid, ESL, and job training programs, plus meet our students and alumni.

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Ashes to Go *3/1/17*

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY/SOUTH
AMBOY - St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy and
Christ Episcopal Church,
South Amboy take Ash
Wednesday to their local train

stations

On Ash Wednesday, March 1 2017 from 6:15 am to 8:30 am, St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Perth Amboy, will once again be offering "Ashes to Go," which brings a centuries-old Christian tradition outside the church walls at the Perth Amboy Train Station. This year Christ Episcopal Church in South Amboy is joining us in this nationwide movement at the South Amboy train station also from from 6:15 am to 8:30 am. "Ashes to Go" is an effort that has clergy and lay people visiting transit stops, street corners, coffee shops, and college campuses to mark the foreheads of interested passers-by with ashes and invite them to repent of past wrongdoing and seek forgiveness and renewal.

"Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The reminder that we are dust turns our attention to God's ability to heal the brokenness in our lives when we offer that brokenness to God. We take ashes to the street corner because that reminder of need, humility, and healing shouldn't be confined to a church building. We probably need it more when we are in the middle of our daily business! The ashes we receive are to remind us throughout the day of our need for God, and of God's call to us."[1]

"Ashes to Go" provides the opportunity to participate in that tradition for people who have lost their connection to a church, or have never participated before or who are not able to get to church on Ash Wednesday. As people get busier and busier, we need the church in new and non-traditional ways. We especially need reminders of forgiveness and reconciliation in these divided times.

Contact Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffery/ ajeffery@stpetersepiscopal.com/ 732 826 1594 for more information about this event. More information about the Ashes to Go movement can be found at www. AshesToGo.org

Jessica Miller, M.D., FABPMR, Joins Medical Staff at Raritan Bay Medical Center Dr. Miller opens office in 3 Hospital Plaza,

Dr. Miller opens office in 3 Hospital Plaza, Suite 203, Raritan Bay – Old Bridge

Press Release 2/16/17
OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay
Medical Center, a member of
the Hackensack Meridian
Health family, recently welcomed Jessica S. Miller, M.D.,
FABPMR, to its medical staff.
Dr. Miller, board certified in
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, opened an office in
the Medical Arts Building,
Suite 203, 3 Hospital Plaza at
Raritan Bay – Old Bridge.

"Our health and well-being is dependent on the relationship between our genetic make-up, daily exposure to toxins, environmental allergens, emotional and physical stressors, gut health, and our nutritional status," says Dr. Miller. "My goal is to incorporate my traditional western medical training with a more integrative approach to address the root causes of disease states. By altering certain factors such as diet, environmental exposures, gut health, and physical activity, it is possible to modify the severity of disease expression." To further her education, she is currently completing an Integrative Medicine fellowship under Dr. Andrew Weil at The University of Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine. For more information about services or to make an appointment, call 732-631-4410 or visit www.fusionrehabmed.com.

Dr. Miller received her medical degree from New York Medical College in 2000 and completed her residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Harvard Medical School in 2004. She is a Diplomat of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Miller has treated patients with brain injury, stroke, spinal cord injury, polytrauma, amputation, orthopedic injury, cancer, neurological disorder, spasticity, autoimmune disease, cardio-pulmonary issues. She is trained in Nerve Conduction Studies/Electromyography (EMG), trigger point injections, Botox procedures for spastic patients and prescription of prosthetics and orthot-

1683 Society Inc. Meets With Mayor

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Recently, two 1683 Society Trustees, Norman Vazquez and John Dyke met with Mayor Wilda Diaz to discuss the 1683 Society vision and to begin developing a working relationship with City officials. The 1683 Society Inc is a neighborhood nonprofit corporation comprised of like-minded homeowners and renters of the waterfront district in Perth Amboy.

"In my travels, whenever I speak with people about Perth Amboy, the reaction is usually negative. We are here to change that perception," advised Norman Vazquez, 1683 Society President. "That is why we formed the 1683 Society. The 1683 Society is designed to promote a high quality of life and preserve our historic neighborhood."

"Our name comes from the year in which Perth Amboy was founded by the East Jersey Proprietors. And we take



Mayor Wilda Diaz, Norman Vazquez, 1683 Society President, & Lissette Martinez, City Director *Photo Submitted

pride in the fact that our hometown has been around for centuries", remarked John Kerry Dyke, a 1683 Society Trustee. "We intend to do good things as we have a great group of neighbors and a well organized steering committee. It's a really nice team."

Throughout the meeting with Mayor Wilda Diaz, accompanied by Lissette Martinez, Director of the City's Office On Aging, Mr. Vazquez and Mr. Dyke laid the groundwork that will allow the 1683 Society to meet its mission. Future plans were discussed. "Our Mayor was receptive to our ideas and we look forward to working with the Mayor and her Directors", stated Mr. Dyke.

For further information on the 1683 Society Inc., check out their website at www.1683society.org

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

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 Upcoming Events: Day

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.

3D Snowflake Contest!

SOUTH AMBOY - Through February 28 Create a snow-flake 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.

Tricky Tray & Gift Auction

PERTH AMBOY - The St. Ann Society of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption will hold their annual Tricky Tray and Gift Auction on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 370 Meredith St., Perth Amboy. Doors will open at 12 noon, and drawings will begin at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10. A Western theme will set the mood for this event which will feature a calendar raffle, a 50-50, beautiful baskets, stage prizes, super prizes, and door prizes, with more than 10 ways to win at this raffle rodeo. Featured prizes include a 55 inch Samsung Smart TV, an X-Box One, and an Apple Watch. Complimentary cake, coffee, and tea will be available, as well as hot food and snacks for purchase. Outside food and beverages are not permitted. For tickets or information, call Assumption Church Office: (732) 826-0767.



Solomon Andrews

Up, Up and Away

WOODBRIDGE - 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

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Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?

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.

For more info please call 732-293-1090

Thomas Mundy Peterson Day

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

Medicare Workshop

Press Release
WOODBRIDGE - 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 fu-

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

Bus Trip Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors sponsoring a bus trip to Mount Airy Casino on Tuesday, June 20 2017. Includes a 3:30 PM show "The Music of Mamma Mia," lunch buffet, \$10 slot play and bus. Cost is \$70 a person. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. For more details please call Ronnie 732-442-5252

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!

DVD/Media Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Please place your unwanted DVDs, Blu-Ray, CDs, and video games in good condition, into the collection boxes at the Dowdell Library, or Madura Pharmacy Your contributions will be donated to the Dowdell Library to help enhance its current collection. Larger collections call Grace at 732-721-6592 for pick-up Thank you for your support! This on-Going Collection Drive is Sponsored by the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc.

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.

Celebrate Red Cross Month by Giving Blood in March

Press Release 2/15/17 NEW JERSEY – During Red Cross Month in March, the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to join in its lifesaving mission by giving blood.

Since 1943, every U.S. president has designated March as Red Cross Month to recognize how the Red Cross helps people across the country and around the world. Red Cross Month is a celebration of supporters, who are the face of the Red Cross in their communities and bring hope to people facing emergencies.

Blood donor Timothy Sheely knows the need firsthand. His wife required 12 units of blood during emergency surgery following the birth of their son. "If it had not been for blood donors, she might not have survived," he said. "Thanks to generous blood donors, I still have a wife and my kids still have their mom. I can't possibly thank those people in person, but I can give a little piece of me back with each donation for the greater good."

The Red Cross depends on blood donor heroes across the nation to collect enough blood to meet the needs of patients at approximately 2,600 hospitals nationwide. Donors of all blood types, especially type O, are needed to help those rely on blood products.

Make an appointment to become a hero to patients in need by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

American Red Cross Blood Donation Center, Central New Jersey Donor Center, 707 Alexander Road, Suite 701, Princeton Township. Tuesday: 11:45 a.m.-7 p.m. (whole blood & platelet pheresis). Friday - Sunday: 7:15 a.m.-3 p.m. (whole blood & platelet pheresis)

Middlesex

College Ave.

Edison:
3/4/2017: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
Edison VFW Post 3117, 57
National Road
3/6/2017: 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.,
Woodrow Wilson Middle
School, 50 Woodrow Wilson
Drive
New Brunswick
3/9/2017: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.,
Rutgers University, College
Avenue Student Center, 126

Gordon Bond Presents "Citizen Peterson"

Historian, Author, Lecturer

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Historian Gordon Bond Presenting "Citizen Peterson" Talk

on Anniversary of Thomas Mundy Peterson's Historic Vote, Friday, March 31, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy, 732-826-2600.

March 31st will be the 147th anniversary of Thomas Mundy Peterson becoming the first African-American to cast a vote under the 1870 Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Perth Amboy has long taken pride in Peterson and his place in Civil Rights history. After casting his vote, he could have disappeared into history. Yet instead, he fully embraced civic life as a citizen. How Peterson took advantage of this new opportunity is an aspect of the story that few know about.

New Jersey historian, author, and lecturer, Gordon Bond, will be exploring this aspect in his presentation, "Citizen Peterson: How Thomas Mundy Peterson Made the Most of His Historic Vote." He will be talking specifically about how his original research revealed some of Peterson's forgotten participation in Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, and State politics.

Bond will also provide an update on the release of a pamphlet about Peterson he is writing for the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission that will be made available free of charge later this year.

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.

Sayreville/ South Amboy Police Auxiliary Marchael Wanted

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

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.

"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.



PERTH AMBOY - There will be a benefit concert for George Rivera, the Rythym Guitarist for Mikell's Plot who has been fighting cancer for a long time. George has been playing with Mikell's Plot for almost 20 years. Members of Mikell's plot, family, friends and other great bands will be raising funds to help George pay for his Chemo treatments. Bands Mikell's Plot, Smoked Rose, Dee Rivera, Jason Fox, Pollman Orellana, Doug Diettmann, Cory Singer, Powerage-AC/DC Tribute by Sonic Reign and Many other great bands T.B.A.A \$20.00 donation will be at the door. Food included. The Concert will be on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Al Cibelli's, 1096 Convery Blvd, Perth Amboy. Must be 21yrs or over to enter.

Movies @ Main: Money Matters

Press Release 2/15/17

WOODBRIDGE - On March 3 the Woodbridge Main Library will begin a Spring Film Series scheduled each Friday at 2 p.m. that will highlight financial issues. The first movie is The Accountant, an action driven crime story starring Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, and J.K. Simmons. On March 10, we will screen Trading Places, a classic comedy depicting the nature vs. nurture debate. March 17 will feature The Big Short, a film focusing on the financial crisis of 2007-2008 and based on the 2010 book The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine by Michael Lewis. Catch Me If You Can, a drama about the notorious con artist, forger and impersonator Frank Abagnale Jr., will be shown on March 24, followed by The Color of Money, a film directed by Martin Scorsese which stars Paul Newman (in his Oscar winning role) and Tom Cruise on March 31. On April 7 we will watch Margin Call, an independent film showcasing the various actions of investment bankers during the financial collapse of 2008. The Pursuit of Happyness, a film depicting entrepreneur and author Chris Gardner's homelessness during the early 1980s, will be shown on April 21.

These films are free and no registration is required. Our films are sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township. Light refreshments are provided by the Woodbridge Library Foundation.

The Woodbridge Public Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge.

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.

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 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-DOC-TORS.(1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray! PERTH AMBOY - Bag Bingo

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: jndcarpenter420@gmail.com

Fish Fry

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville, 172 Main Street, Sayreville, will be having a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 31, 2017. Take-out will begin at 5 p.m. and eat-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the Church at 732-257-6353. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. Chicken is available by advance request. All meals include fish, fries, green beans and dessert.

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.

A Day Without Immigrants Protest Walk, Perth Amboy 2/16/17

*Photos by Bob Ned







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).

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.

Go to www.amboyguardian.com for the Latest Breaking News

Send Your Events to: AmboyGuardian@gmail.com Presentation on Black History by Joycelyn Alsup Gumbs, Public Library, Perth Amboy 2/18/17 *Photos by Katherine Massopust & Toni Gianfransesco



















Retired Teacher Jocelyn Alsup Gumbs gave a presentation on Black History at the Children's Library in Perth Amboy on Saturday, 2/18/17. Children participated in dancing and singing and learned about Black History. The event was sponsored by the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library.



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 takeout is available. For more information, call Tony at 732-233-4473.

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.

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

Neighborhood Watch Resident Meeting PERTH AMBOY - Attention

Gateway Residents: Join Perth PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Amboy's Community Police Bay Medical Center, a mem-(PACP) and P.A.R.T.N.ER. 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.

Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist is having a Pirohi Sale. Order from Feb. 27th to Mar. 2nd. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Pickup March 7th – 8th at 2:30 p.m. at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy. Homemade and Handmade. Potato Pirohi: \$8 a dozen. Frozen Pirohi will be available at the same time and price.

Childbirth **Education** Class

ber 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-DOC-TORS(1.800.362.8677) reference zip code 08861.

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.

The Japanese invade Bali, in the Dutch East Indies, on February 20, 1942, using paratroops and amphibious landings. They also invade Portuguese Timor and seize the airfield at Dili. Portugal, which is officially neutral, protests to the Japanese government, but the Japanese ignore the protest and occupy the territory anyway. In the Soviet Union, German Field Marshal Erich von Manstein unleashes his counteroffensive north of the Sea of Azov. Near Bougainville, New Guinea, a U.S. Navy aircraft-carrier task force on its way to raid the Japanese military base at Rabaul, on New Britain Island, is attacked by 17 land-based Japanese bombers. In the ensuing fight, 15 of the bombers are shot down; the U.S. loses two fighter planes. Although no ships are damaged, the U.S. task force withdraws, having lost the element of surprise. The loss of so many bombers, however, causes the Japanese to delay plans to invade New Guinea, which buys the Allies more time to prepare against Japanese offensives. In the Philippines, President Manuel Quezon is evacuated from the island of Luzon by an American submarine that takes him to Australia. He ultimately relocates to the U.S., where he sets up a Philippines Government-in-Exile in Washington, D.C.

Concluding their two-week visit to India, Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek on February 21 issue a farewell message that is broadcast over Indian radio. In part, it implores Indians to support the Atlantic Charter, to join the Allies, "and to participate shoulder-to-shoulder in the struggle for survival of a free world until complete victory has been achieved."

As the American and Filipino defense of Bataan falters, President Roosevelt on February 22 orders Gen. Douglas MacArthur to leave the Philippines and relocate to Australia. In Burma, fighting moves to within 80 miles of Rangoon. Civilians begin to evacuate the city.

In a "Fireside Chat" broadcast over U.S. radio stations on February 23, President Roosevelt states: "This kind of war is a new kind of war. It is warfare in terms of every continent, every island, every sea, every air lane in the world. . . . We Americans have been compelled to yield ground, but we will regain it. . . . We are daily increasing our strength. Soon we, and not our enemies, will have the offensive; we, not they, will win the final battles; and we, not they, will make the final peace." Off Santa Barbara, California, at around 7 p.m. Pacific Time, Japanese submarine I-17 fires between 12 and 25 5.5-inch shells from its deck gun at the Ellwood Oil Field facilities. The attack lasts about 20 minutes and causes only minor damage. In England, Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris is named commander-in-chief of the RAF Bomber Command. In the East Indies, the Allied headquarters on Java is relocated to Australia.

The Panamanian cargo ship MV Struma — chartered by two Zionist organizations to carry Jewish refugees from Romania to Palestine — is torpedoed by Soviet submarine Shch-213 on February 24 in the Black Sea, about 10 miles off Istanbul, Turkey. Of the 791 people onboard, only one survives the sinking. In Norway, bishops of the Lutheran Church resign their positions rather than declare allegiance to the regime of Nazi collaborator Vidkun Quisling.

At around 3:00 a.m. Pacific Time on February 25, air-raid sirens sound all over Los Angeles, California, and the 37th Coast Artillery Brigade begins firing 50-caliber machine guns and anti-aircraft guns into the air at reported unknown aircraft. Roughly one hour later — after some 1,400 antiaircraft shells have been fired — the all-clear sounds. Later analysis finds that the so-called "Battle of Los Angeles" may have been triggered by the sighting of a stray weather balloon. In any case, as fears of invasion increase, internment of residents of Japanese ancestry begins on the West Coast. In London, Princess Elizabeth, the elder daughter of King George VI, registers for war service. German law is officially proclaimed in the occupied states of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Ukraine. Precipitated by the fall of Singapore, the ABDA (Australian-British-Dutch-American) Command is dissolved by the Allies.

The German battleship Gneisenau is bombed by the RAF while dry-docked at Kiel, Germany, on February 26. The ship is so badly damaged that it is decommissioned and never returns to service.

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

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

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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

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Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule 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



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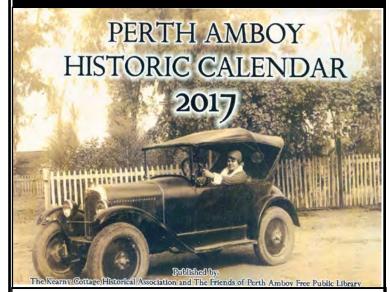
Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Ambov. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Presbyterian Center, Market St.

THURS. Feb. 23 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

THURS. Mar. 2 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon

Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,

Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m.

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

Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

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

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.

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TUES. Feb. 21 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,

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Novena to St. Rita

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

earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. (Mention your request.) Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us. Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

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Volunteer **Drivers** Needed For Meals on Wheels Program

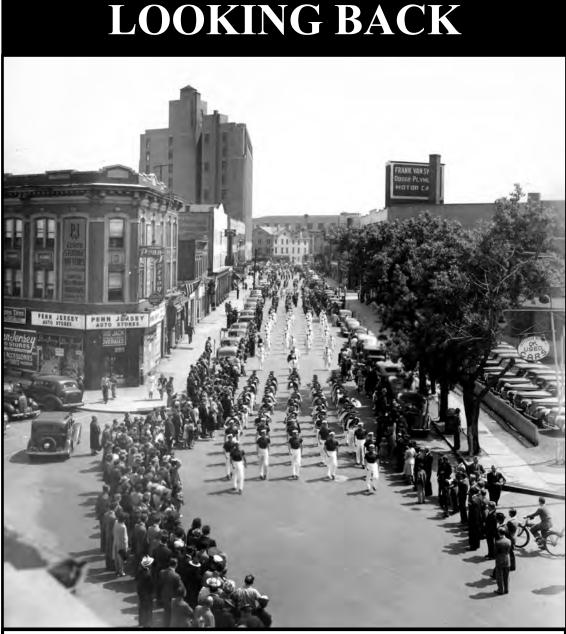
Press Release

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 732-777or visit www. ifsmiddlesex.org under the Volunteer Tab

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PERTH AMBOY - Parade in Perth Amboy on New Brunswick Avenue circa 1940's

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PERTH AMBOY - This beautiful home offers finished attic with 2 rooms full basement (full bath) and family room 1st level. Kitchen, living room, formal dining 2nd level 3 bedrooms. Roof 9 yrs old. 90% of this house has been upgraded. 1 car garage and you have access to the back yard for 3or 4 cars owner motivated-present all offers. \$230,000



PERTH AMBOY - Nice corner two family 1st Fl. rented for \$1,700 leased ends 9/30/2017 & 2nd fl rented for \$1,552 ends 5/31/2017. Rear warehouse is approx. 1,700SqFt. with no electricity and plumbing system. Owner pays 2nd Fl. Water & Sewer only. \$325,000