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Working on New High School Program; Sick Day Bank Approved; PTO Attendance Improving; Solar Panels Suggested

4/7/17 Board of Education Meeting



The 4/6/17 Board of Education Meeting took place in McGinnis School due to a power outage at PAHS.

*Photo by Katherine Massopust

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY – The Board of Education Meeting was first scheduled to be located at Perth

Amboy High School, but due to a power outage, the Meeting was moved to McGinnis School.

During the Board Meeting, Superintendent thanked Dave Garb and the PA-TV technicians who were able to move the Meeting to McGinnis School in a timely manner.

Continuing with the new format of BOE Meetings the executive session was first, and the public portion (agenda items only) of the Meeting began at 8 p.m. (It was a little late (reg. time 7 p.m.) due to the meeting relocation) The first public portion started a little after 8 p.m. and closed at 8:08 p.m. after two speakers.

Richardson School Teacher Lynn Audet thanked the Board for item 14-D-3 in which a Sick Day Bank was established between the Board of Education and the Perth Amboy AFT (American Federation). Audet thanked the Board, "You wasted no time with this issue."

The Amboy Guardian reached out to Perth Amboy AFT District Representative Donna Tartza and Perth Amboy AFT President Pat Paradiso who explained the Sick Bank.

"The Sick Bank was negotiated into the 2016-2018 contract by a Negotiation Team which

consisted of over 20 people. We negotiated the proper language needed to be amended. The original language said when a person uses a sick day (from the bank) they would have to pay for the substitute. The language from the NJ School Board Association and from the NJ Administrative Code says you don't pay for a substitute when you use from an established Sick Bank. Any Full time Staff Member covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Perth Amboy BOE and The Perth Amboy Federation can utilize the Sick Bank provided they donate 1 day per year with a maximum donation of 5 days per year. If you have 25 years or more in Perth Amboy, you can donate 20 days per year. Eligible Employees can use a maximum of 100 days within a 2 year period. All decisions are made by the Sick Bank Committee and are based on availability on days in the Bank."

Perth Amboy AFT President Pat Paradiso also came up to speak thanking the Board for their attention to this matter.

During the Superintendent's Report, Dr. David Roman stated that the SDA (School Development Authority) gave a presentation with the Board of Education to show what the new high school will look like. "We're working on what programs we want."

Asst. Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez stated, "Students were given the opportunity to see various colleges and universities in New Jersey. It is proven that 95% of students who physically go to visit a campus follow through and go there."

During the Second Public Portion, PTO President Donna Stewart came up to speak. She stated that there are around 30 parents attending every PTO Meeting. "We used to have 5." She went on to thank the teachers and staff. She also said, "I've attended the Community Meetings and I hope this will bring everyone together." Looking directly at the Board of Education, Stewart concluded, "I commend you on your change for more civil meetings."

A Member of the 1683 Society came up to speak about solar panels. "The (DPE) State Department of Energy can do a free assessment. The 1683 Society can contact Tesla to give details of cost. It's good marketing of Perth Amboy for solar panels. self-sustaining energy. There's a lot of new technology. I ask if the Board of Education can meet with a representative and collaborate with a couple of other organizations such as the 1683 Society and Perth Amboy Social Club."

The Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. Every Board Member was present.

Tax Rates Stable; Art Gallery Increases Visitors; Concerns About Broadway & Tunnel Condition 4/5/17 Business Meeting

SOUTH AMBOY - Business Administrator Camille Tooker told the Council that the full reading of the 2017 Budget will take place at a public meeting on a date to be determined. "Backup documents will be provided. Our tax rate is stable with an increase of one cent. This is the Mayor's Budget. There's funding for the Art's Council and the Historical Society."

Council President Mickey Gross said, "Both of these organizations need to present a plan on how much money they will need and what they plan to do with it."

Councilman Tom Reilly said, "The Arts District has had many positive events that bring in a lot of foot traffic. I am happy that the City gives both groups additional money."

Tooker added, "The money that these two groups have been given have been from surplus monies."

Gross congratulated all who were involved: "You put a pretty good budget together."

Tooker also emphasized, "This is only an introductory budget and you have 30 days to make any changes for the adoption. Once the budget is adopted, no changes can be made."

During the business items discussion, Council Vice-President Christine Noble had a question about a request for an approval to join Keystone Coop. (Business Item No. d)

Tooker responded, "Under this co-op, the City needs to purchase a street-sweeper. The Keystone Co-op are the only ones who have the specific one that we need. Because it's under a State contract, we do not have to put it out for bid. We had a demonstration of the sweeper which has a third broom which did a great job."

On a business item pertaining to the disposal of surplus property from the City (Business Item No. g), Tooker responded, "We will be auctioning items we no longer need. For the South Amboy Tonnage Grant Application (Business Item No. h), everything that we are able to recycle, we will be getting a percentage back."

Shared Services Agreement between Twp. of Woodbridge and South Amboy (Business Item No. i). "This would be for the 5 year agreement for Animal Control Services. The residents have been very happy with the Woodbridge Town ship handing the service for us and there has been no price increase," Tooker said.

Council President Mickey Gross added, "We are lucky to have Woodbridge take care of our animal control problem."

Engineer Mark Rasimowicz addressed the Business Item No. j - Emergency Response for Oswald Enterprises (Response to a Sewer Blockage and a Line Inspection and No. k - Verizon Wireless. Verizon wishes to place small network nodes which would be attached in utility polls with antennas 2-3 feet tall. "They should not be installed on Broadway and I suggest Verizon come here for a presentation. They (Verizon) indicated that they may need to install them on 4-5 utility poles."

One Council Members asked, "Can we charge them for this?"

City Attorney John Lanza answered, "The City cannot impose a tax on them, but if insurance is required, we can impose fees on that. Verizon

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Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, April 17, 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. Jamie Novak will present a program on early Spring de-cluttering. Upcoming Events:

April 18: Day Trip - "Easter Parade with the GB's" Comedy/ Dancing/Luncheon - Stony Hill Inn, Hasbrouck Heights. Call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 for information and reservations. All trips are open to the public.

Eye glasses, as well as various items for local hospitals, nursing homes, and MCFOOD bank will be collected at the meeting. For additional information, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

Movies (a) Main: Denzel Washington

Press Release 4/4/17 WOODBRIDGE - On May 5 the Woodbridge Main Library will begin a late Spring / early Summer Film Series scheduled each Friday at 2pm that will spotlight the diverse and awardwinning roles of Denzel Washington. The first movie is The Magnificent Seven, a 2016 remake of the classic 1960 western film, with Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt, and Ethan Hawke. On May 12, we will screen Inside Man, a crime thriller directed by Spike Lee and starring Denzel Washington, Clive Owen, and Jodie Foster. May 19 will feature Flight, a tense drama with Denzel Washington and Don Cheadle, focusing on the seemingly heroic actions of older pilot. Much Ado About Nothing, a romantic comedy based on Shakespeare's play of the same name, will be shown on June 2, followed by Training Day, the film for which Denzel Washington earned his Oscar for Best Actor, will be shown on June 9. On June 16 we will watch The Manchurian Candidate, an updated version of the classic 1962 political thriller with Denzel Washington, Meryl Streep, Live Schreiber, and Jon Voight. Fences, based on August Wilson's Pulitzer Prizewinning play, directed by and starring Denzel Washington

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 Foun-

will be shown on June 23.

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

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Happy Easter!









Way of the Cross with the Catholic Community of Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Friday, April 14, 2017 at 11 a.m. – Sadowski Park, Perth Amboy. On this morning, the faithful will gather to meditate and contemplate the Way of the Cross, which is the way of our life, as followers of Christ. Walking procession will meet/begin at end of 1st Street by Robert N. Wilentz School and end at 3rd Street



Blessing of the First Food of Easter

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, April 15 at 11 a.m. – [St. John Paul II Parish] St. Stephen Church, 490 State Street, Perth Amboy. A long standing Polish tradition is to bring baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. When the faithful eat the blessed food on Easter Sunday, they recall that Christ is the source of their true nourishment. St. Stephen was established as a Polish national parish, with roots dating back to the late-1800s.







Holy Week and Easter Services at Cathedral International

Celebrating Christianity's Most Significant Season

PERTH AMBOY – "Holy Week and Easter Sunday are pivotal to Christianity, both reminding us that Jesus Christ conquered the violence of the cross. And his resurrection reminds us that 'we too can rise up' from situations that threatens our peace, joy and hope for a better tomorrow," said Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor at Cathedral International church. Everyone is welcome to attend Holy Week and Easter services held at The Cathedral, 277 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Thursday, April 13, 2017

7:00pm, Maundy Thursday Service – Last Supper and Footwashing

Good Friday, Friday, April 14, 2017

6:30pm, Stations of the Cross, at 7pm, Baptism and the Seven Last Sayings of Christ.

Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

6:00am and 9:30am Easter Sunday Worship Services

For more information call the church at 732.826-5293 or visit the website at www. cathedralinternational.org.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Learning, Empowerment, Achievement Foundation (LEAF)



Founder of the Leaf Foundation Dr. Senovia Robles

The Leaf Foundation is the brainchild of Dr. Senovia Robles who started the foundation when she was Principal of the Adult School. Robles has been retired for around two years now, but the foundation is stronger than ever.

The first gala was held in 2013 to help provide scholarships to Perth Amboy School System Students enrolled in various Adult School programs. The students can use the scholarships in which ever way they need. Their mission statement is: to support and offer scholarships and resources for the student population enrolled in the Perth Amboy School System serving all Middlesex County Communities. A diverse student population, participating in various High School Diploma programs in a non-traditional educational setting will be provided with a variety of opportunities to further their educational goals.

Leezenia Rodriguez, one of Dr. Senovia's daughters is Chair of the Leaf Foundation. This foundation has grown stronger each year and has contributed thousands of dollars to those who otherwise would have to struggle to further their eduction. The scholarship recipients in return have come back to give the community.



(L to R) Leaf Foundation Board Member Carlos Sanchez, Secretary of Leaf Foundation Luz Sanchez, (2017 Honorees Laurie Hernandez, Wanda Hernandez), Chair of the Leaf Foundation Leezenia Rodriguez, Leaf Foundation Board Members Kenneth Gonzalez, Esq. and Hector Bonilla

The Amboy Guardian was fortunate to be able to interview two of this years honorees. Laurie Hernandez, 2016 Olympic Gold and Silver Medalist Gymnast (Special Recognition Award) and her mother, Wanda (Outstanding Mentor Award).

As we were interviewing Laurie and Wanda, what stood out in our conversation is the mutual respect they have for each other.

I took advantage of Wanda's wisdom by asking her how she would handle a conflict that I personally had witnessed. There was a situation where a young woman was spewing profanity at her toddler. I was tempted to intervene, but hesitated because of the fear of the woman turning her anger on

Wanda simply told me that she would have approached the woman with her concerns and say, "I can see you are having a very bad day. I've had them, too. Is there anything I can help you with?"

Wanda made me realize it's not always best to prejudge why a person is behaving the way they do. Just show that you are concerned.

I asked Laurie, "What attributes did you get from each of your relatives? The one that stuck with me is when she paused for a second and put one of her fingers up to her face before responding that she learned respect from her father. She related a time when asking her mother for something. "And my father responded, "And what else?"" She completed the request she asked of her mother with one more word: "Please."

From my:
Mother: Patience
Sister: Her Smile and Giggles.
She radiates positivity
Brother: Curiosity and Ambi-

Grandmother: Chin and Sassiness

Laurie also stated that she feels her Grandmother's presence. She related that her Grandmother always wore a special cross necklace. "After her passing, I found in one of my pockets a bible verse that my Grandmother was one of her favorites."

To read more about the interview with Wanda and Laurie see Page 5.

It's a natural to have Wanda Hernandez who is a social worker at the Robert Wilentz School and her daughter, Laurie who are both an inspiration to children and adults to be recognized at the 2017 Leaf Foundation Gala taking place May 6, 2017 on the Riverboat St. Charles.

With Easter and Passover occurring during the same week, Laurie and her mother exemplify how important devotion, compassion and hard work can pay off to benefit, not only you personally, but how you live your life can inspire others. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Heinous Crimes

In a recent letter, Mr. Perez wrote about two illegal immigrants raping a young girl in Rockville, Maryland. As disturbing and horrible as this is, we need also remember that we've had men who were Presidents raping slaves. Western settlers ravaged Indians. Servicemen in every war and conflict sexually violate women in the countries they're fighting in. Clergy of every faith molest both young men and women. Correction Officers forcibly brutalize prisoners. Teachers engage in illicit sexual activity with students. Fathers and

Grandfathers have incestuous relationships with their daughters and granddaughters. Are all of these instances somehow less heinous than that which Mr. Perez wrote about?

Yes, anyone that is here illegally should be deported because they are thumbing their noses at the laws we have in this country. Taking the proper legal steps to get here is one wants a better life is the correct way to go about it and they wouldn't have to lie in fear of being deported.

Thank you, Michael J. Rusznak

And The Survey Says? New Jersey's New Bail Risk Prediction Computers Base Bail on Criminal Survey Data

By: Jeffrey J. Clayton, Executive Director, American Bail Coalition

Much has been made about New Jersey's new bail risk-prediction computer. Highly touted for its use of sophisticated analytics, it invokes visions of sci-fi movie crime prevention of the future. In actuality, game show host Steve Harvey would be far more appropriate as the presenter of this bungled system.

Its true implementation simply takes a survey of criminals and their statistics while out on bail. A point system based on it is created and voila! Each defendant is assigned a decidedly low-tech score. Low score = get out of jail free; medium score = ankle monitor; high score = jail with no bail. It sounds easy, but it is nothing more than junk science, hidden behind view of both the public and criminal defendants

In the movie The Wizard of Oz, the great and powerful Oz turns out to be neither great nor powerful. New Jersey's bail risk computers are similarly hiding behind a curtain. No one is allowed to inspect the mathematical assumptions or data that was used to build them, or even check the math. Instead, the public is told that the great and powerful Oz, in the guise of the state, has spoken and they are left to trust it.

When deciding whether defendants get out of jail free or not, all we really have are some state officials playing Steve Harvey, asking, "And the survey says?" The computers then decide for us. Frankly, what the survey

says is alarming.

The system is telling judges that people who have been arrested and have a history of dangerous behavior are not more likely to commit a new crime or flee. Therefore, they should be released from jail. This includes individuals who have repeatedly burglarized homes, solicited children for sex, fired guns at others, dealt 37 bricks of heroin in a poor neighborhood, threatened to kill police or have stolen money from a Sunday school.

The state of New Jersey must pull the curtain back on the new bail risk prediction computers and expose it for the fatally flawed system it is. The public has a right to know.

About Jeffrey Clayton, Executive Director of the American Bail Coalition:

Jeff Clayton joined the American Bail Coalition as Policy Director in May 2015. He has worked in various capacities as a public policy and government relations professional for fifteen years, and also as licensed attorney for the past twelve years. Most recently, he worked as the General Counsel for the Professional Bail Agents of Colorado, in addition to serving other clients in legal, legislative, and policy matters. Jeff spent six years in government service, representing the Colorado State Courts and Probation Department, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, and the United States Secretary of Transportation. He is also a prior Presidential Management Fellow and Finalist for the U.S. Supreme Court fellows program. Mr. Clayton holds a B.B.A. from Baylor University, a M.S. (Public Policy) from the University of Rochester, N.Y., and a J.D. from the Sturm College of Law, University of Den-

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The Power of Positivity: An Interview with Olympic Gold/Silver Medalist Laurie Hernandez and her Mother, Wanda Hernandez

By: Carolyn Maxwell and ments." Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - Laurie Hernandez and her mother, Wanda are 2 of the 8 honorees at the Leaf Foundation's 2017 Red Carpet Gala. (See this issue's Editorial on the Leaf Foundation's Mission p.4.)

The Amboy Guardian had the opportunity to sit down with Laurie and her mother, Wanda in the Law Offices of Kenneth Gonzalez, Esq.

Wanda Hernandez is a social worker at Wilentz School. She drew comparisons to her family values and how it relates to her work in school. She spoke about her family life, "We all inspire each other. We all work together - no excuses. Teaching and being patient helps children with different needs."

Wanda continued "I'm writing a book and I want to see how kids are reacting (to my philosophy of mentoring)" Wanda said, "Ask yourself: Am I doing my job as a mentor? You have to know how to set boundaries. Faith, family, education and character are important in family relations. You make sure you pray and are grateful. Try not to put blame on each other. You (as an individual) are very valuable. I'm grateful and honored and humbled for being given this opportunity. Do with what time that you have. Character is very important. We have to change our thinking in order not to repeat our mistakes. In my job, I welcome parents, teachers and students com-

Laurie said, "My mom focuses on solutions to a prob-

Laurie talked about being very close to her siblings and how she is brought down to earth when she comes home. "Coming home has many childhood memories. No one treats me like royalty. I still have to do household chores and my homework. When I look at social media, I wish that the girls that make remarks on the internet were much kinder to me and each other."

Wanda said "Our family is very diverse. My daughter's fiance is Italian and my son's girlfriend is Slovakian so were able to experience all different kinds of foods."

Laurie said, "I never fight with my siblings. We learned to talk things out. My sister and I have mental telepathy. A lot of times when we are together, the same exact words come out of our mouths at the same time. One time at a store when this happened, the person who waited on us thought we practiced that. My brother and I talk about what we're going to do in this world. I destress with food and music. I love bike riding and swimming." (The whole family loves to go bike riding in their free time.)

When Laurie was asked what inspired her to become a gymnast, she answered, "I saw Shawn Johnson on television. I said I want to do that! I wanted to be just like her!"

Laurie talked about the first time she went the Nationals and how she felt sorry for herself at the competition because she fell a few times. "My mother said: "Be grateful for every moment. Look at where you are. Others would be happy to be in your place.""

"I remember a posting my brother did when he was going to his prom. On one of the postings was a picture of myself and him. The picture read, "Posing with a future Olympian. - So he knew!"

Laurie stated that her favorite of the 4 events (Balance Beam, Vault, Floor and Uneven Bars) is the Floor Exercises. "I love music and love to dance. I do get a say of what music is used. I work that out with the coaches when we go to Gymnastics Camp in Tex-

Laurie's least favorite event is the Uneven Bars. "I had to work hard to build those routines."

Laurie smiled about when talking about a younger gymnast that she's very close to. "We are very protective of each other. We talk all the time."

"This year has been one giant whirlwind - a complete 180. I really enjoyed the opportuni-

Laurie loves to travel, "Outside of Rio, I loved Italy, especially Venice. I bought pizza. It was really nice. I would love to try skydiving and cliff-diving."

She talked about the fun and hard work she had competing



Wanda Hernandez and Daughter, Laurie *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

on Dancing with the Stars. It paid off when she won the Golden Trophy. "Every dance was different. One week was the Cha-cha; the next week it was something different. You had to adjust every week. I loved doing the Argentine Tango because it was out of my comfort zone. It was based on a scene from the play and movie Chicago. I visited the Broadway Play to get an idea of the dance. The judges were very sweet. I paid attention to Len the most."

Laurie became the youngest winner of Dancing with the Stars eclipsing Shawn Johnson for that honor.

Laurie lost her grandmother while she was competing on Dancing with the Stars. "She always kept a cross. I kept hers. I feel my grandmother's presence. She's never really gone."

"I'd love to become an actress. My favorite celebrity is Tori Kelly because she radiates positivity like my sister. I'm trying to learn Spanish. In the Olympics it is nice to represent my Hispanic heritage along with representing the United States. I hope this motivates others to participate in sports. I like doing talk shows and I met part of the crew from the Law and Order TV Show. There's a chance I'll be in one of the episodes."

In the 2016 Rio Olympics Laurie Hernandez won the Gold Medal with the USA Team and a Silver Medal Individually on the Balance Beam. She is the Author of the book I Got This: To Gold and Beyond which was released 1/24/17. It became a New York Times best-seller. Laurie's advice to her mother who when writing a book is to do it at the end of the day so there are no distractions. "It's good to ask for feedback."

Laurie is presently a Junior in High School. She was accepted into the University of Florida but since she is now a professional gymnast, she cannot accept a scholarship in gymnastics.

"You can use college to help out. Keep an open mind. I love friends that I have now, but I'm looking forward to meeting new friends. When I start college, I'm going to try not to be too overwhelmed by taking too many courses."

"Laurie's message to boys and girls is: "Be confident. There's a difference in having confidence and cockiness. Cockiness means you think you're higher and better than everybody else. Be grateful. It can be taken from away from vou in an instant "

For the future, Laurie hopes to return to the Olympics. "Timing is important."

She concluded, "My job as gymnast is to leave a mark for this generation, to go on and inspire others. You have to work very hard for things that you want. It's an honor to be here."

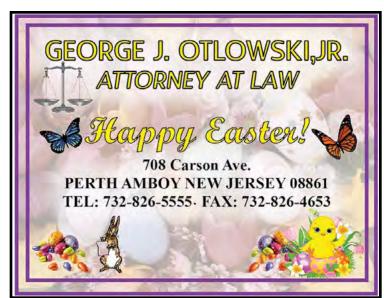


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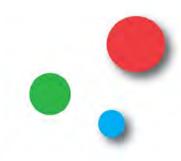
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HIV Support

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

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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430.

Kearny

Cottage Open PERTH AMBOY - Come visit

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/Face-book

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TUES. Apr. 11 BID, 4 p.m.

City Hall, High St. Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Library, Jefferson St.

WED. Apr. 12 City Council, Regular,7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy TUES. Apr. 11

City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

Attend Public Meetings Have Your Voice Heard!

B-Men Autism Awareness 5K Run/Walk to Take Place in Perth Amboy

Press Release 4/7/17 PERTH AMBOY – About 1 in 68 children have been identified with autism spectrum disorder. Autism is almost 5 times more common among boys (1 in 42), than among girls (1 in 189). April is Autism Awareness Month and on Saturday, April 22, 2017, B-men is having its 3rd Annual Autism Awareness 5k Run/Walk event in order to spread awareness. On-Site registration and signups begin at 11am and the run/ walk will kick off at noon. Registrations are ongoing. If you'd like to register for the event or make a donation, you can go to https://bmenautismwalk2017. eventbrite.com or register onsite. Registration cost is \$10.

B-men students were challenged to think of a service activity that they could all work on that would not only bring their community together, but could be a learning experience and a healthy way to kick off the spring season. As the young men were discussing different ideas, two of the students informed the others that they have younger brothers that are autistic. And there began the mission and drive of bringing Autism Awareness to the Perth Amboy community.

"Since autism occurs in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups, I believe this is an amazing opportunity for B-

Men participants and the community to come together at this event and stay informed." states Edison Jaquez, CEO B-Men.

B-men would like to thank our primary sponsor: Cricket Wireless, 192 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, NJ; and also thank our community sponsors: L.A.B. Motor Oils, Liberty Bagel, and Jump Around, that are helping the students make this event possible.

B-Men is a 10 week program aimed towards educating and creating positive influences for at-risk male youth. B-Men has three locations: Perth Amboy, NJ and Plainfield, NJ. B-Men's mission is to improve the academic achievement, self-esteem, social competence, and avoidance of problem/highrisk behavior by providing skill building training along with the opportunity for the participant to form a relationship with a caring adult who works to help youth achieve their potential. B-Men seeks to offer mentorship of the highest quality to the untapped leaders of tomor-

To learn about the 3rd Annual Autism Awareness 5k Run/Walk please contact Edison Jaquez at 732-362-1897 or email B-Men at BMenMentoring@gmail.com. You can also visit the B-Men website at www.bmemmentoring.org.

Attention! Our Newspaper is available at Shop-Rite, Perth Amboy at the Courtesy Counter!

Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

We understand that some may be concerned by the recent incidents/ threats in New York, Seaside, NJ and Elizabeth, NJ. At this time, it has been reported that a suspect was taken into custody in Linden, NJ. We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, and I want to emphasize that it is important that IF YOU SEE

SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!

Report Suspicious Activity - Be Vigilant - STAY ALERT Do not think that any call or report is too small Don't allow the actions of a few dictate your quality of life FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 9-1-1 FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 732-442-4400

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South Amboy Council

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hasn't indicated when they wanted to start this project."

Councilman Reilly still was concerned about Broadway Avenue (Business Item 1 - Broadway Design). "We really want to have retail on this street, but violations need to be cleaned up first."

Councilman Brian McLaughlin asked, "Does anyone know how many vacancies we have on Broadway?"

B.A. Tooker responded, "Seven."

Business Item No. m. - creation of Historical Commission. Mayor Fred Henry addressed this, "We need this ordinance so that the Historical Society can apply for grants. The Society has received plaques to be placed around town in the past. Other towns have seen how we have been able to do this and come to us for advice."

Tooker said, "I believe there was a Historic Commission Before."

Henry said, "There was a Historical Society."

Tooker said, "We may have to look in the City Code to see if we ever had a Commission before."

City Attorney John Lanza said, "I think it just was a group of concerned citizens who decided to form a Historical Society."

Council President Mickey Gross asked, "Are there any questions on the bill list?"

Councilman Tom Reilly was concerned about the laptop's on the government sale list and if the data had been wiped before they went up for sale.

Tooker responded, "Yes, it was."

He also questioned about the radio trade-ins.

Tooker responded, "The City received a rebate on those trade-ins."

He also questioned the Master Plan.

Tooker stated that the City Plan is for 5 years.

Lastly, Reilly asked about the accidental policy on the bill list

Tooker responded, "That's the name of the insurance agency."

3-2017 Second Reading Amending the City Code extending the time for the retail distribution of alcoholic beverages.

City Attorney John Lanza said, "This ordinance will make the City conform to State Stature."

B.A. Tooker said, "Stores were selling hard liquor after 10 p.m. The State Stature doesn't allow this and since our Resolution doesn't state that, we need this ordinance to com-

ply with the State's."

Ordinance No. 5-2017 Second Reading - Establishing a Fire Safety Code in the City of South Amboy.

Again Tooker said,"This is to bring our code up to the State Fire Code Standards."

Attorney John Lanza said, "This was requested by the County and by the Fire Marshal. Then the Fire Marshal called me to let us know that our ordinance needs to be updated (fines and fees) to the State Standards."

During the Council Comments, McLaughlin requested that the tunnel located on Stevens/Ridgley Streets needs to be looked into. "The last time I drove through it when it was raining, there was water leaking through. It's crumbling and rebar was exposed."

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz said, "We met with Middlesex County, the Mayor and Conrail. Structural Engineers are coming back because we need more work done because of these leaks."

Mayor Henry said, "We may need a more permanent fixture and our Freeholder Director Ron Rios said we may need to go to court about this problem."

Councilman McLaughlin said, "Something must get something done before someone gets killed."

Councilman Reilly suggested that around April 11, 2017 the South Amboy Schools, the City and the Arts District should have a Power Breakfast for businesses to help them thrive and succeed. "Shop South Amboy can also be discussed. You should lend an ear to the businesses concerns. I also talked to the Attorney General about someone doing a presentation to the residents regarding identity theft and document fraud. There are also signs on the building across from Krauszers that has covered windows. This is a violation."

Tooker answered Reilly's concerns about this. "I told the owner about this building that the dark film has to come off the windows. The owner said that he offered space in their building to the Arts District. The City did not give their blessings to this agreement."

Reilly was still concerned, "Once we start bending the ordinance, then we're going down the wrong road. I also see that a palm reading place was closed down by the Police. The owner of the building let this place come in without a permit."

Tooker explained, "The building's owner rented the space and the people who rented this space out came to City Hall to get a packet with information. The person in City Hall who gave the renter the packet didn't know they were already open for business."

Council Vice-President Christine Noble said, "The fault falls on the owner of the building."

Tooker responded and said, "The building owner is not new to this and knew what to do."

Noble said, "The owner took the money (from the renters) and ran."

Lanza stated, "The Zoning or Code Enforcement can issue fines (to the owner of the building). The owner lost a lot of rent"

Mayor Henry weighed in, "The renter was told what he had violated. Maybe the owner lied to the renter about what kind of business could be operated there."

Reilly stated, "There should be something in place regarding what kind of businesses can be placed in buildings. We need preventive measures put in place."

Lanza cautioned the Council, "Zoning can be tricky as far as what businesses can be utilized (in the business district). This business was issued warnings and the notice to shut down by the Zoning Department. Zoning laws can be confusing. It's a close call."

Mayor Henry said, "The main thing is this business was shut down."

Mark Rasimowicz had a few comments to make. "There will be a Sanitary and Sewer Project taking place on Bordentown Avenue involving South Pine and Broadway."

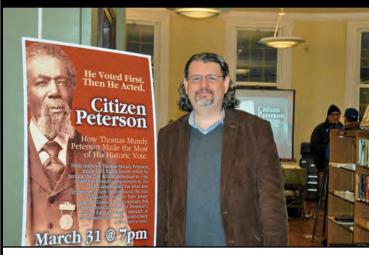
Council President Mickey Gross announced, "The City will have joint fireworks with Perth Amboy on July 3, 2017." He asked the Council if they could pitch in and help. "This event will be here soon."

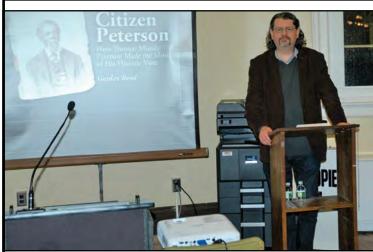
Mayor Henry said, "The fireworks is great for the town and Mickey has done a great job, but he does need help." He thanked B.A. Camille Tooker and CFO Angel Albanese for all their help on the budget. "The Council has the final say. This Administration has come a long way. We (the Administration and Council) worked within our means. We have a surplus of over \$1 million."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato was not present at the Meeting.

The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, N. Broadway, South Amboy. There will be no Council Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 due to lack of quorum

Gordon Bond: Citizen Peterson Lecture Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 3/31/17 *Photos by Paul W. Wang







PERTH AMBOY - On Friday, March 31, 2017 at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, Historian Gordon Bond (Photos #1 & #2) delivered a lecture on Thomas Mundy Peterson, the First Black Voter under the 15th Amendment. (R) PAHPC Commissioner Anna Daily offers a few remarks.



Send Your Events to: AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

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)

Visit us online at: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

Perth Amboy City Hall 260 High Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861



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NEWS FROM THE HISTORIC CITY PERTHAMBOY

A Message From Mayor Wilda Diaz

Dear Friends:

It's spring time and I know we have all been looking forward to the change in season.

We are doing great things here in our community all year-round!! We have a number of great events planned for you this season, including the Easter Egg Hunt, 2nd Annual Earth "Week" Celebration, Arts Festival, Memorial Day Ceremony and the Independence Day Fireworks on July 3rd!! We are once again reaching out to the community for donations to help make this a memorable event at no cost to the taxpayers. You can learn more by visiting www.celebratestarsandstripes.com.



Read inside about our social service programs that address the needs of our families and educate the public on changes with local, state and even federal matters. Also, learn about our Top 10 Highlights of the 2017 State of City address below.

As always, visit, shop and eat at the bay for unique crafts, music and food and stay posted on what's being done to better the City with my updates on Facebook. I wish everyone a fun and healthy spring season, God Bless!!!

2017 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS Top 10 Highlights

1. NO MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASE

The City of Perth Amboy has worked towards presenting a 2017 municipal budget with no tax increase for the 4th straight year!!

2. A+ CREDIT RATING

The City of Perth Amboy has maintained an A+ bond rating for the past three years, as a result of great budgetary management.

3. BUSINESS REDEVELOPMENT

We have over \$600M in private investments in the City and by the end of 2018, nearly all major brownfields in Perth Amboy will be developed.

4. HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

We have nearly \$15M in housing developments, all which will be completed within the next 12-18 months.

5. JOB CREATION

We are building our tax base with major economic development projects in near future that will provide over 800-900 local jobs.

6. REZONING DISTRICTS

The rezoning initiative allows for mixed commercial and residential expansion in a section of the waterfront area and downtown area. It also monitors signage and design to preserve the historic character of the downtown area.

7. PERTH AMBOY 2021: STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE

The Taskforce was created to bring together over 50 community members and leaders from across the state to assist in formulating a strategic plan that will serve as a resource to City's continued local progress for her administration's next four years. A public meeting will soon be announced for resident attendance and feedback.

8. 6% DECREASE IN CRIME

Our police department workforce has reached its highest capacity. After hiring 22 cadets within the last 15 months and reaching a grand total of 134 officers to date, all contribute to the success of this

department and reflect the diversity of our community.

9. 2ND STREET PARK PROJECT

The Second Street Park Project has officially received several million dollars of funding dedicated by NJDEP for the environmental clean-up and construction of the six acre parcel found between the waterfront and the train station.

10. EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Economic
Development is partnering to
develop programming for supply
chain management for workforce
development additionally, the
Office of Housing and Social
Services has developed ways of
outreach by creating educational
workshops and seminars.
See page 2 for programs on:
Rights to Know and our upcoming
Expungement Series.

WE WELCOME MICHELLE ROMAN, AS OUR NEWLY APPOINTED MUNICIPAL COURT

Michelle Roman is a lifelong resident of the City of Perth

Amboy, arriving at the age of seven from Puerto Rico. After graduating high school, Ms. Roman attended Rutgers University, Douglass College, graduating with Honors in 1995.

Michelle Roman has been a practicing attorney of the State of New Jersey for over 17 years. Ms. Roman has also served in capacity of Municipal Public Defender for the City of Perth Amboy for over 14 years, where she has represented indigent defendants who could not afford legal counsel. Michelle Roman currently resides in the City of Perth Amboy with her partner, Craig Swindell, her mother, Angelica Roman and nephew, Maximiliano Roman, who is currently serving in the United States Marines.

"The love of the law and a devotion to public service are my driving force in life and I vow to continue to use that love and devotion to be a just, fair, and impartial judge serving the people of Perth Amboy and every defendant that walks in my court room."



For a second year we're celebrating Earth Week from April 17th – April 29th in the City of Perth Amboy. We will be engaging community partners city-wide in a national campaign to raise awareness for green and clean opportunities and engage our resident in hands on activities.

MONDAY, APRIL 17

ZERO WASTE CHALLENGE DAY

A city-wide participation to bring their lunch and beverage to work/school in a reusable and washable container. Sign Up Today!! Call: 732-826-2010 ext. 4204

MONDAY, APRIL 17 AT 3:00PM

MARINE DEBRIS PREVENTION AND WATER FOUNTAIN RIBBON CUTTING

James J. Flynn School Park, Chamberlain Avenue

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 AT 10:00AM

CRAFTS FOR SENIORS

Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 AT 9:30AM

STUDENT VISIT PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY

Shop-Rite Supermarket, 365 Convery Blvd.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 AT 3:00PM

GARDENING DAY

Brighton Avenue Community Center, 56 Brighton Ave.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 AT 6:00PM

MOVIE NIGHT

Green Team of Perth Amboy Hosts at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Avenue

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 12:00-4:00PM

CLEAN-UP & SHRED DAY

Patten Park, 339 Read Street

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1:00PM-4:00PM

SWAP MEET AND FLEA MARKET

Perth Amboy Train Station, Smith Street

Register Today!!

Call: 732-826-2010 ext. 4204

Student/Summer Employment Program

The City of Perth Amboy will be accepting applications for the 2017 Summer Employment Program. Applicants must be age of 14 (by June 1, 2017) and a resident of the City of Perth Amboy. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Positions available:

- Park Counselor
- Camp Counselor
- Maintenance Aides
- Recreation Aides

APPLICATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017 AT 5:00 P.M.

All applications must include a letter recommendation from a School or Community Representative. Application may be obtained on the City's Website or in person at City Hall, but cannot be submitted electronically. Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall, Office of Personnel, 260 High Street, 2nd floor, Monday - Friday from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Questions??? Please contact 732-826-0290 ext. 4009.

Business Development in Progress

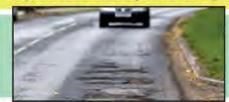
Our latest redevelopment project is another multimillion dollar investment at the former Gerdau Ameristeel site. The new property owner, Northlight Capital Partnership (NCP) located at the gateway of our City.

- Redevelopment & cleanup of 92 acres of former manufacturing property into 1,350,000 square foot warehouse/ distribution industrial park comprised of two buildings,
- NCP is working with the NJDEP representative and the City
 of Perth Amboy to create a sustainable development with green infrastructure,
- The redevelopment concept contemplates an enhanced circulation plan which links, Market Street, Elm Street, and Riverview Drive.

Through this partnership, we plan to preserve two historic Gerdau structures on the site and provide public waterfront access, including a senior citizen park located near our Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center on Olive Street and a waterfront park that will both be connected by a mile long of green way bordering the shoreline.

The new development is estimated at \$125 million, in addition to another several hundred employment opportunities.

Learn more about NJ Clean Communities \$500 mini-grants given available for volunteer organization neighborhood clean-ups. Call Today!! Department of Public Works, Clean Communities: 732-826-2010



POT HOLES

Report a pothole for repair, please contact the **Department** of Public Works at 732-826-2010 or submit a request online at: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

Office of Housing & Social Services

The Office of Housing and Social Services has worked toward revamping outreach and will now be offering educational workshops and seminars to best service the residents of Perth Amboy. Join us for the upcoming events this spring!

Upcoming event, please call for more workshop info: 732-826-4300

Child Support Changes Workshop – Come learn about changes in Child Support Laws Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Know Your Rights in partnership with the Office of Congressman Frank Pallone Jr., the Jewish Renaissance Foundation and the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. Our Lady of Fatima Church, 380 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Wipe Your Record Clean - Part 1 of the Expungement Series

Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Perfecting Your Application - Part 2 of the Expungement Series

Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY is pleased to present



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- Eligible property must be an owner occupied one or two family Home located in the City of Perth Amboy
- Family must meet the low/moderate HUD income limit guidelines at the time of purchase
- Must attend a "homebuyer training" course with any HUD certified agency

For applications and more information contact

The Department of Human Services Office of Housing /Social Services

1 Olive Street - 2nd Floor | Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | 732-826-4300 FAX: 732 826-6192



Starts: April 25th

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 6:30pm—7:30pm (Ages: 5-9) 7:30pm—8:30pm (Ages: 10—Older)

Robert N. Wilentz School

\$40.00 per participant (Money order only)

BRIGHTON TEEN CENTER

Starts: April 10th

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Ages: 13 – 18 (High school students only)

56 Brighton Avenue

A drop in recreational center that serves as a safe place for teens to gather and participate in organized activities.

Starts: April 18th Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm (Ages 3 - 5) 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Ages 6 - 8) **Brighton Avenue Community Center**

56 Brighton Avenue FREE OF CHARGE

RED RAIDERS MINI FOOTBALL CLINIC

Starts: April 17th

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Ages: 8 & older

Albert G. Waters Stadium

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Starts: April 24th

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Ages: 14 - 18

Veteran's Memorial Youth Complex

(Behind Wendy's)

\$20.00 per participant (Money order only)

CHILDREN'S TENNIS

Mondays & Wednesdays: Starts April 17th Ages: 7 & 8: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Starts April 18th Ages: 9 & 11: 6:00 pm-7:30pm Fridays (Open Court): Starts April 21st

Ages: 12-17: 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Saturdays: Starts April 22nd Ages: 3 & 4: 10:00 am-11:00 am Ages: 5-6: 11:15 am-12:15 pm

Waterfront Tennis Courts, 56 Brighton Ave.

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ADULT TENNIS (18 yrs and up)

Starts: April 18th

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Waterfront Tennis Courts

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ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Starts: April 24th

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Ages: 18 and older

Robert N. Wilentz School, 51 First Street

FREE OF CHARGE

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Starts: July 10th

Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Ages: 18 and older

\$45.00 per participant (Money order only)

The following programs are held at the Perth Amboy South Campus (351 Mechanic Street). If you have any questions, please call 732-376-5471 ext. 37490

BOOTCAMP

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Ages: 18 and older

South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street

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Monday - Thursdays, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Ages: 18 and older

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Vivianna Acuna-Francisco, Coordinator

ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Classes begin April 25th Ages: 5-9

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm

Students will embark on an artful adventure with a variety of projects, including weaving, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking & more.

OIL PAINTING **FOR TEENS & ADULTS**

Classes begin April 25th Ages: 15 - Adult

FREE

Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm Many people aspire to learn how to paint with oil,

but few know where to begin. This class is catered to the beginning oil painter, with ample support and exercises provided for pleasant exploration into the foundations of oil painting. Materials will be provided.

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP I DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Classes begin April 25th Ages: 16 to Adult

FREE

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm Whether you own a point-and-shoot or a more

advanced DSLR, this class will give you a better grasp of your chosen tool and the skills to make successful images. This class is appropriate for novice to intermediate level users of Photoshop. It will take a beginner through both the basics and more advanced features.

YOUNG ARTIST ART STUDIO

Classes begin April 27th

Ages: 9-13 Thursdays 5:00-7:00pm

Students will learn basic drawing skills focusing on texture, line width and shading. Then learn how to use paint to create work from still life, landscape, architecture, animals and people.

We provide all materials. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm to paint!

CERAMICS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Classes begin April 26th

Ages: 16 & Older

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Come join us for a relaxing and fun time in the ceramics studio. Students will experiment and explore with clay, carving, handbuilding, using the pottery wheel, and glazing.

ANIME I MANGA DRAWING

Classes begin April 28th Ages: 13-18

Fridays 4:30-6:00pm

In this course teens will be provided a place to .e. discuss their interest in Anime/Manga. Leam how to draw in different manga styles and create a short manga (comic) of their own. This will be a place where they can feel safe to be themselves and develop friendships others who like anime too.

Music at the Gallery

Manny Pacheco, Music Instructor Music classes begin the week of April 17th

INTRO TO PERCUSSION

Ages: 7 to 10 Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm

DRUMMING

Ages: 11 to 15 Mondays, 7:00-8:00pm

BEGINNER GUITAR Ages: 9 to 11

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm

INTERMEDIATE GUITAR Ages: 12 to 15

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00pm ALL MUSIC CLASSES ARE

@ BRIGHTON AVE. COMMUNITY CENTER:

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

BALLET FOR FREE

Classes begin April 18th Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Ages 3 - 5) 7:00 - 8:00 pm (Ages 6 - 8) **Brighton Ave Community Center** 56 Brighton Avenue



To register, and for more information:

Contact the Office of Recreation with 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

> (732) 826-1690 x4305 recleader@perthamboyni.org www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us



PERTH AMBOY GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS | 339 READE STREET (IN PATTEN PARK), PERTH AMBOY www.facebook.com/perthamboygallery

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Saturdays, 9:00 am - 11:30 am Ages: 18 and older E.J. Patten School, 500 Charles St.

FREE OF CHARGE

LATIN DANCE Wednesdays, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Ages: 18 and older South Campus, 351 Mechanic St Saturdays, 9:00 am - 11:30 am Herbert N. Richardson School 318 Stockton Street

RED RAIDERS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION

Ages: 8 – 14 (Boys & Giris) As of September 1, 2017 High School students not eligible

REGISTRATION DATES:

FREE OF CHARGE

Veteran's Memorial Youth Complex (Behind Wendy's) Friday, April 21st, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Saturday, April 22nd, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday, May 19th, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Saturday, May 20th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday, June 23rd, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Saturday, June 24th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Friday, July 21st, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Saturday, July 22nd,11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Family Day (Sadowski Pkwy) 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Non-refundable Registration Fee: \$100 per participant (Cash or Money order ONLY) Register online: www.htosports.com/parr For additional info., please call: Sharon Coaxum (201) 206-6788 Wanda Velasquez (732) 925-0155

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<u>Time</u> 6:00pm to 8:00pm

For more information contact Isamar Payano at Ipayano@perthamboynj.org or

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Upcoming Events

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PERTH AMBO

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15th, 1:00 pm Albert G. Waters Stadium

EARTH WEEK

April 18th - April 29th See Page 2 for all program information

Effective Social Media Marketing -**Business Workshop** Wednesday, April 19th, 6pm 8pm

La Terraza Latina, 273 High Street

Business Improvement District: Meet the Press Thursday, April 25th 2017, 6pm - 8pm Raritan Yacht Club, 160 Water Street



Perth Amboy Community Theatre Presents:

BROADWAY BOUND

SHOW DATES/TIMES:

Friday, April 28, 2017 Saturday, April 29, 2017 @ 7pm Sunday, April 30, 2017 @ 2pm

RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA

357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy, New Jersey

\$10 adults / \$5 children under 16

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For more information contact: Perth Amboy Office of Recreation (732) 826-1690 ext. 4305 or email: pact.org.group@gmail.com



Holocaust Days of Remembrance Monday, May 1st

5:30pm Flag Raising 6:00pm Ceremony City Hall, 260 High Street

Cinco de Mayo

Friday, May 5, 12pm - 2pm Fink Park, Smith St & Madison Ave.

Small Business Week May 1st through May 7th

More information available on: www.facebook.com/PerthAmboyBID

Rabies Clinic

Saturday, May 13, 9am - 12pm Perth Amboy Animal Shelter, 597 Fayette St

Waterfront Arts Festival Saturday, May 27th, 12pm - 9pm Sadowski Parkway

GREEK FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 27, 11am-11pm Sadowski Parkway

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony Monday, May 29th

Parade starts at 10:00 am Raritan Bay Area YMCA Ceremony starts at 11:00 am Veterans' War Memorial

JUNE

Puerto Rican Festival June 9th, 10th and 11th, Rudyk Park (Non-City Event)

Networking/ Business Card Exchange Thursday, June 15, 6:00pm - 8:00pm The Barge Restaurant - 201 Front Street

No Booza Palooza Friday, June 16th, 5:00pm - 8:00 pm Albert G. Waters Stadium

Office on Aging

April 17th Pool Tournament (Home)

April 18th Build a planter as we celebrate Earth Week

April 21st Lunch on your own to "Superior Diner"

April 22nd Cirque Ziva - Bergan PAC

April 25th Sands Casino

April 28th Wellness Health Fair- (Bone Density Testing, BMI, Glucose Screening, Blood Pressure & Much More) April 28th Trip to Broadway Bound YMCA

MAY

May 2nd 90's Birthday Bash May 5th Cinco de Mayo May 11th Mother's Day Breakfast

May 17th Somerset Patriots Baseball Game May 23rd Senior Awareness Program (PAPD)

May 24th Jersey Gardens Shopping & Lunch on your own

May 25th Columbus Flea Market

JUNE

June 1st Columbus Flea Market

Staten Island Zoo and Pizza Lunch June 7th

Birthday Celebration June 7th

June 14th Father's Day Continental Breakfast

June 15th Pops Vs. Cops

June 23rd Keansburg Boardwalk

June 27th Sands Casino

Transportation is available to local medical appointments and grocery shopping by registering in advance. Seniors interested may contact our office for additional information. Please call our office for an application and to register for any of the above programs, 732-826-1690 ext. 4307, 4325 & 4326

Perth Amboy Free Public Library

April 11th: Stop by the library to celebrate your library. Pick up some library goodies.

April 27th: Poem in Your Pocket Day - Stop by the library and leave a favorite poem in our pocket.

APRIL CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Stop by the library to play our Easter Basket Game, Bugs Bunny Game and enter our Poetry Contest. May 20th at 1:00pm: Keep This Toss That! Join Jamie Novak for this laugh-out-loud funny look at the common challenges to getting organized. Be prepared to smile as one or more of these excuses hit home. You may have seen her on HGTV or QVC. If you are wondering what to keep, what to toss, what to share or sell and how to let it go this workshop is not to be missed.

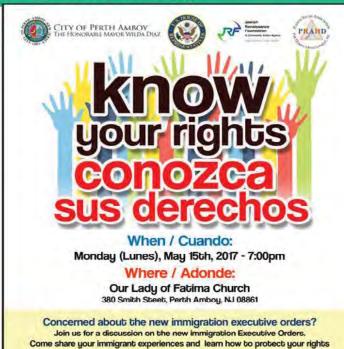
MAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

May is national book month! Book some time with your kids at the library and have fun celebrating Curious George's Birthday, make an beadtacular Mother's Day gift and play our Mother Goose Game!

JUNE

Homebound Delivery Service: Can't come to the library, we'll come to you. Call us to find out how you get added to our homebound delivery service.

2017 Reading Challenge: Stuck in a reading rut? Did you make a resolution to read more? Join our reading challenge. Each month read one book that meets the specified challenge and record it on the log form.



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TIME: 5:30PM-9:30PM

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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).

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paper-backs/\$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 April 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.!!!!

Opening the Door to Home Ownership

PERTH AMBOY - First Time Home Buyer Seminar May 3, 4 & 11, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$30 (Money Order Only). This seminar will be in English only. Call us today and register for your seat – 732-826-3110 ext. 627. The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy, 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy.

Clothing Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart Altar-Rosary Society is sponsoring a used clothing drive on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. Items needed are gently used clothing, winter outerwear, shoes, belts, purses, linens, bikes and toys. Please bring your donations to Memorial Hall, across from Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Ave. Any questions, please call Virginia Zrebiec, President, at 732-721-1521.

Neighborhood Cleanup

PERTH AMBOY – Come join the Neighborhood Cleanup on International Earth Day. We will be CELEBRATING with food, music, Neighborhood Watch demonstrations, and a shredding truck will be available. Sponsored by AARP's Fraud Watch Network. Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at Patten Park, next to the Perth Amboy Art Gallery, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Clean up registration starts at 12 noon and the Earth Day and Neighborhood Watch presentation kicks off at 2 p.m. Bring those important documents to shred. For more information call Lisett Lebron 732-442-0384

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2017 Perth Amboy Middle School Wrestling Team Goes Undefeated With a 14-0 Season *Photo by Paul W. Wang



By: Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY - The 2017 Middle School Wrestling Team consists of 50 students (boys and girls) from Shull School, McGinnis School and AUL Charter School. The team has won 14 times with 6 Champs in 18 different weight classes. This is the first time ever the Middle School Wrestling Team went undefeated.

Coaches Gabriel Roman and Anthony Medina are proud of their 14-0 record. "The whole team all has winning records. This is thanks to teamwork, self-motivation, good leadership, working hard and good grades," said Roman. "There are 50 kids on the team, of which there were no cuts. Every single one had a chance to compete. There were 3 tournaments and every single one had 10 matches. 20 kids plan to go on to the PAHS Wrestling Team."

Roman then went on to thank everyone who made this possible, "I would like to thank all the teachers, staff and parents and all the kids for their time, effort and support. We worked hard on the mats. There were no behavioral problems on and off the mat. They're good kids. Any kid that gave us a problem had a change of attitude. I'm most proud of this year."

The team is in the Middlesex County Red Division and participated in the County Tournament and Princeton Tournament. "We won both," stated Roman. "3 kids participated in the State Tournament and Nationals. We received a winning record coming out of it which was around 8 matches."

Congratulations to the Middle School Wrestling Team on your undefeated season!

Our Lady of Martyrs

PERTH AMBOY - St. John Paul II Parish Celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Martyrs. Our Lady of the Rosary Fatima Church, 188 Wayne St., Perth Amboy.

Saturday, April 22, 2017:

12 Noon: Commencement of Feast with food, beverage, and musical presentations.

7 p.m.: Musical presentation of "NRG Band" of South River, NJ for dancing

8 p.m.: Presentation of Folklore group "Barcuense" of

10 p.m.: Continuation of the Dance

Newark

12 a.m.: End of the Feast celebration outdoors. Continuation of feast celebration in church hall until 1 a.m.

Sunday, April 23, 2017

11 a.m.: Mass

12 Noon: Procession accompanied by "Filarmonic Band" of Our Lady of Fatima Church of Newark. Feast commencement immediately following with food and beverages.

4 p.m.: Musical Presentation of the group "Duo Rotaco" of Newark

5 p.m.: Presentation of Folklore group "Raizes de Portugal" of South River

8 p.m.: Ceremony of Passing of the Feast Banner of 2018

8:30 p.m.: Continuation of the Dance until 10 p.m.

The Perth Amboy Community invites everyone to attend this Grand Celebration. Don't miss the homemade traditional desserts, traditional Portuguese foods, games, raffle, etc. Banquet tent protects the festival site to guarantee better climate conditions for the festivities.

Hope to see you there! Bring a Friend! Thank you for your patronage!

United Messengers of Peace to Host Walk in Support of Lung Cancer Awareness

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Nonprofit organization and charity, United Messengers of Peace invites community members to sign up for their first Lung Cancer Awareness Walk on Saturday May 13, 2017 beginning at the Perth Amboy Train Station and ending at St. Peter's Episcopal Church (183 Rector St). Participants can register online at UMoPLCA.eventbrite.com. Volunteers are needed for the event. Volunteer information will be provided upon request. The UMoP Lung Cancer Awareness Walk, supported by the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Renovation House, Abundant Life Worship Center, Thrift World Outlet, and God's Army Minis-

tries, will aim to bring awareness of lung cancer to the community. Registration for this event is free.

The walk starts at 11:00 AM, with participant and sponsor registration running from 9 AM-10:15AM. Open registration will also occur during this time frame. This will occur at the Train Station.

"This is our first season hosting this walk and every year we notice how the need for lung cancer awareness rises," said Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe, Founder and President. "With the help of our supporters and community members, we anticipate the spread of lung cancer awareness will increase tremendously this year."

Following the event, participants are invited to refreshments and information provided by various community businesses and organizations! For more information or to register online, please visit UMo-PLCA.eventbrite.com or unitedmessengers08.wix.com/ umop/lca-walk-registration.

A Quick Note: United Messengers of Peace is a registered nonprofit organization and NJ charity. Donations for the event will be accepted at any time and are tax-deductible.

Media Contact:

Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe unitedmessengers08861@ gmail.com

Happy Easter!





Easter Day Services

PERTH AMBOY - Easter Day Services at St. Peter's Episcopal Church — Please join us Easter Sunday, April 16 at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. for our Easter day Services. St. Peter's,188 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. For information on additional Holy Week Services please call the office 732-826-1594.







Annual

Easter Egg Hunt

PERTH AMBOY – Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 1 p.m. at Water's Stadium near Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave









CARIBBEAN CUISINE

Join Us For Easter Brunch

On Sunday, April 16th, From 11:30am to 4pm

Enjoy Our Uniquely Crafted Buffet

The Buffet Includes

Fruit Salad, House Salad, Potato Salad, Scrambled Eggs, Spanish Sausage, Homestyle Potatoes, Yellow Rice with Pigeon Peas, Congri (black beans in rice), Sweet Plantain, Pernil, Pepper steak, Roasted Chicken, and Fried

Fish
Adults – \$24.95
Kids - \$12.50
\$3 Mimosas & Poinsettias
\$7 Jellybean Martinis
Tax & Gratuity Not Included

Reservations Suggested



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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

On April 10, the Japanese land on Cebu Island in the Philippines. The Imperial Japanese Navy's "Operation C" ends. In 11 days, the Japanese strike force has sunk an aircraft carrier, two heavy cruisers, two destroyers. one corvette, one sloop and 23 merchant vessels. More than 40 Allied planes have been destroyed. Japanese losses: around 20 aircraft. At Manila, the Philippines, the U.S. minesweeper USS Finch is bombed and damaged by Japanese aircraft. It sinks the next day.

The Japanese attack the 48th Indian Infantry Brigade at Kokkogwa, Burma, on April 11 in an attempt to take over the Yenangyaung oil fields in the Irrawaddy River Valley of Burma. At Malta, the Luftwaffe bombs and sinks the Royal Navy destroyer HMS Kingston. In India, Stafford Cripps officially withdraws his proposal — already rejected — for Indian independence in return for loyalty to Britain during the war.

Japanese forces capture Migyaungye, Burma, on April 12. In India, political leader Jawaharlal Nehru pledges "no surrender to the Axis," despite agreeing with his mentor and colleague, Mohandas Gandhi, in rejecting earlier in the month Great Britain's independence plan for India as laid out by Stafford Cripps.

Iran on April 13 breaks off diplomatic relations with Japan. In Vilnius, Lithuania, Sgt. Anton Schmid, an Austrian electrician conscripted into the German Wehrmacht, is executed by his superiors for helping 250 Jewish men, women and children avoid extermination by the SS. Sgt. Schmid hid them and supplied them with false identification papers. Schmid had felt horror at witnessing the beating and shooting of Jews in nearby Ponary. After his arrest, Schmid explained his motivation in a letter to his wife: "I have only acted as a human and I did not want to hurt anyone." (In the Ponary Massacre, which lasted from July 1941 to August 1944, German SS and security forces and Lithuanian Nazi collaborators murdered some 72,000 Jews, 20,000 Poles and 8,000 Soviet prisoners of war.) In the U.S., the Federal Communications Commission reduces the required minimum of programming time for television stations from 15 hours per week to 4 hours per week for the duration of the war. In golf, Byron Nelson wins the Masters Tournament, beating Ben Hogan in a playoff. It will be the last Masters held until 1946.

On April 14, the destroyer USS Roper becomes the first American ship to sink a German U-boat. Roper spots the submarine U-85 on the surface off the coast of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and sinks it with artillery fire. Premier Philippe Pétain, under pressure from Germany, reinstates Pierre Laval as Vice Premier of Vichy France. Laval had been dismissed from the government by Pétain in 1941 for making pro-German decisions on his own without consulting any other officials.

Britain's King George VI on April 15 awards the island of Malta the George Cross "to bear witness to the heroism and devotion of its people." In the United Kingdom's honors system, the George Cross is the highest gallantry award for civilians. The George Cross is subsequently incorporated into the design of the flag of Malta, which henceforth will style itself, "Malta, G.C." In Burma, soldiers of the Indian Army's 1st Burma Division begin destroying the infrastructure of the Yenangyaung oil fields to prevent their capture and use by the advancing Japanese. The Japanese 55th Infantry Division captures Thawatt, on the road to Mandalay, Burma. The U.S. government warns all Americans in unoccupied (Vichy) France to leave as soon as possible.

The Japanese 41st Infantry Regiment on April 16 invades the island of Panay in the west central Philippines. In Burma, 7,000 soldiers of the British Indian Army's 1st Burma Division, along with around 500 prisoners and civilians, are surrounded by a like number of the Japanese 33rd Infantry Division at Yenangyaung.

Send Your Events to: AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

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, May 4, 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 St. John Paul II Seniors

PERTH AMBOY – There is a Trip to the Golden Nugget Casino in Atlantic City. The next trip will be held on Wed. April 26, 2017. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play and a \$5 food coupon. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:45 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

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

A Gospel

Extravaganza

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Local Branch NAACP Presents: "A Gospel Concert," on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 12:00 Noon at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave, Perth Amboy. Admission: \$20 (Under the Age of 12 Free). For Additional Information, Contact Janice Clark: 732-277-1051

Murder Mystery Show

EDISON - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council 9199 will be hosting a Murder Mystery Night in the OLP Parish Center Gymnasium (No Stairs!) on Saturday, April 22, 2017. The Parish Center is located at 25 Franklin Ave, Edison, NJ 08837. This is a live and interactive comedy show with audience participation. The Knights will provide the food, beer, wine, beverages and dessert. Cost is \$40.00 per person and we have a limited number of seats, so reserve ASAP!! For tickets, call Kevin at (908) 217-0312 or e-mail kofc9199@optonline.net.

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.

Broadway Bound

Community Theater
PERTH AMBOY – Friday,
April 28, 2017 & Saturday,
April 29, 2017 at 7 p.m. and
Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2
p.m. at the Perth Amboy
YMCA, 357 New Brunswick

Mother's Guild Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - -Sunday, April 23 doors open at 3 p.m. auction starts at 5 p.m. admission \$5 per person, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy.

Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

PERTH AMBOY - Monday, April 10 at 7 p.m. or Wednesday, April 12 at 10 a.m., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free Event.

Pet of the Week



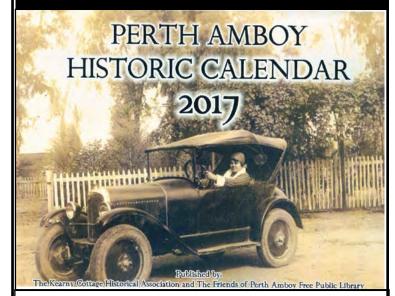
Rodeo (front) and Basha (back) are more than happy to pose for their Close-ups in the Amboy Guardian.



Mets Trip

WOODBRIDGE - Come and join the Woodbridge Township Recreation Department on a trip to Citi Field for the New York Mets vs. The Chicago Cubs on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Bus leaves the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge at 4 p.m. Game starts at 7 p.m. Fee: \$65 – includes bus and Hall of Famer Mookie Wilson Replica road jersey. There are no refunds given once payment is received. Space is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis. To register for trip, stop by the WCC. For further information call 732-596-4048. If the game is rained out there will not be another bus trip. Your tickets will become rain vouchers.

2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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

Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. (Mention your request.) Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us. Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

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

Answers

From Puzzle

On Page 15

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times).

Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you. N.L.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

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PERTH AMBOY -Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free Event.

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

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 visit www. jfsmiddlesex.org under the Volunteer Tab

Senior Scene

Happenings

Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Perth Amboy

TUES. Apr. 11

Presbyterian Center, Market St.

Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m.
Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
WED. Apr. 12
St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,
Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.

THURS. Apr. 13 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Apr. 17 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Apr. 18 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,
Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. Apr. 19 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St. Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. Apr. 20 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

MON. Apr. 24
Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon
Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

MON. May 1
St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,
Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

WED. May 3 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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- Thief actress Whitman
- 16. Cold Sassy
- 17. The Wire baddie Barksdale
- 18. Data, for one
- 20. Nintendo game system
- 21. Treasury Dept. org.
- 22. Talk show host Howie
- 25. Julia Child and Emeril, e.g.
- 28. Pester
- 29. Lanka
- 30. No-no in Miss Brooks's class
- 31. ___for Hire
- 32. Victory
- Garden subject
- 33. I 3 Lives
- 34. Piece of grassland
- 35. Knots Landing aunt
- 36. Mrs. Bunker et al.
- 38. Arrid competitor 39. George of Max
- Headroom 40. Sarah of EZ Streets
- Beckoning contraction
- 46. To Tell the Truth panelist Orson
- 47. Map abbr.
- 48. Brad of Glory Days
- 49. Lesley-__ Down of Sunset Beach
- 50. McCoy of The Bill Cosby Show
- 51. Quartet member

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- 2. McGregor of "The Island"
- 3. Irate: off
- Schwarzenegger and Stallone, for example
- 5. Detective Cagney
- 6. Fibbed
- 7. Western Indian
- 8. Exhaust
- 9. Hope's last name on Hope & Gloria
- 10. From ___ Z (2 words)
- 11. Coin of the Orient
- 19. Schism
- 20. Wit
- 22. WWE pad
- 23. Titus's girlfriend
- 24. Eddie Munster's mom

- 25. Paula of Murphy Brown
- 26. Sped
- 27. Auberjonois's Benson role
- 28. Show boredom
- 31. Numerals (abbr.)
- 32. Bonanza cook Hop ___
- 34. Pronoun for the "Minnow"
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