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Main Street Road Conditions Discussed at South Amboy 7/19/17 Business Meeting



Donald Applegate



City Engineer
Mark Rasimowicz

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
SOUTH AMBOY - Former Councilman Donald Applegate attended last Wednesday's South Amboy business meeting to discuss the current conditions of lower Main Street.

Applegate used the word "disaster" to describe the driving conditions getting into South Amboy, and urged the city to act before a major accident occurs.

"Lower Main is a total disaster. It's the main road coming in and out of town," Applegate said. "There's going to be a major accident there coming down, especially down with the rumble strips. The cars just shoot right across the road in the rain. It's horrendous."

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz explained that Middlesex County had taken over the street repairs as part of a \$2 million project, but construction was unlikely to begin until next year.

"The county is doing a total reconstruction project of Broadway including the intersection and the traffic signal there and it's going down Main Street stopping right before the Radford Ferry Signal," Rasimowicz said. "That's a project that the township was doing as part of Radford Ferry which the county took over."

"My understanding is that there is a hold up with federal funds that they are dealing with and there's a process they have to go through in order to get that project going," he continued. "Last I spoke to them they were hoping to be out to bid in the end of this year which really puts it into construction next year."

Rasimowicz also noted that the city has received complaints from their First Aid about trying to navigate emergency vehicles through the area. He explained that while they can work with the county to get patch work done, they can't push them to do a complete pave without putting the construction project at risk.

"We've been on the county to try to do patches or whatever they can do," he said. "If we push for them to come in and mill and repave that road, they're not going to reconstruct it, and the reconstruction project that is about \$2 million is going to go out the window. They aren't going to spend half a million dollars to repave and then come back."

Council President Mickey Gross was not in attendance, but the meeting was run by Councilwoman Christine Noble. All other council members were in attendance.

Residents Fighting to Keep Rental Units Out of South Amboy 7/19/17 Council Meeting



Joseph Prysbylski who is set to receive his Eagle Scout Badge receives a proclamation from Mayor Henry



Pat Walsh receives a proclamation from Mayor Henry for his hard work as an athlete and a student

*Photos by Joseph L. Kuchie

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SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy residents came out to last Wednesday's city council meeting to voice their opinion on the increasing number of rental units coming into town.

Councilman Tom Reilly began the discussion during his public comments, urging the South Amboy Redevelopment Agency to look in a different direction when it comes to bringing projects into town.

"I want to be on record that I

think we lost our course a little bit," Reilly said. "I think the direction of the town when I look at housing going up down by the Y, the proposed 1850 units here at Manhattan Beach, the proposed units on Main Street, I think we're going in the wrong direction. I encourage the Redevelopment Agency to start to re-consider some of the projects coming out of there and I really wish we look in a different direction, possibly industry or home owner-

ship."

"I'm just very, very concerned about the number of units that are going up in town and the impact it's going to have, especially on our services," he continued. "We talk about adding the amount of people to this town and the strain it's going to put on our police force, our first aid, our fire department, we're working with skeleton crews now. I

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Swearing in of Perth Amboy Police Officers 7/18/17

*Photo by Angel Robledo



PERTH AMBOY - The following Police Officers were sworn in on 7/18/17: Panagiotis G. Boulrieris - Police Lieutenant; Frank J. Szeg III - Temp. Police Lieutenant; Robert Estrada - Temp. Police Sergeant; Juan Carlos Bustamante - Auxiliary Police Sergeant; Edward Martinez - Auxiliary Police Sergeant; Richard Novo Jr. - Auxiliary Police Sergeant; Juan Carlos Napoles - Auxiliary Police Sergeant. Auxiliary Officers sworn in were: Victor Castillo*, Elvis Diaz, Oscar Jimenez, Nicolas Molina, Adrian Reynoso*, Felipe Rivera, Justin Robledo and Bryan Rodriguez. *Not present for ceremony Congratulations Officers!

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Residents Fighting to Keep Rental Units
Out of South Amboy
7/19/17 Council Meeting

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just wish we would take some of those things into consideration and, again, urge the Re-development Agency to start looking at some different projects.”

“I think we have enough residential development, the town is crowded enough, the infrastructure we can’t handle right now and neither can emergency services,” Councilman Brian McLaughlin added.

Resident Michael Paul of 324 Parker Ave. noted that the city was already crowded and the additional units would cause a strain on the neighborhood.

“It’s going to put a strain on our neighborhood as far as parking goes, infrastructure as far as basic utilities, not to mention the use of emergency services units,” Paul said. “Plus, the influx of people that we’re going to have in our neighborhood. You’re adding an extra 100 people to a little spot.”

Resident Phil English, who has been a local firefighter for nearly 48 years, spoke of the city’s current struggles with finding volunteers. He believes that renters will not be interested in volunteering and adding more residents would add to the overwhelming

amount of calls the city’s first responders already receive.

“Rental units are not bringing volunteers into the town. The average age of the guys going out on the trucks is 50-58 years old. It’s something to take into consideration,” English said. “Even with the EMS, 125 calls were diverted to mutual aid because we couldn’t get people from EMS to come out. Renters don’t have vested interest in town so they aren’t going to become volunteers.”

Mayor Fred Henry noted that the Bordentown Ave. project had not yet been approved by the city. He also explained that the city has done their research on projects like this and studies show that potential buyers are more interested in renting than buying homes.

“If somebody wanted to come in and build a single-family home, we’d welcome it,” Henry said. “You can’t tell people to build a rental or a for sale. Right now the market is for rentals.”

“If you look at all the studies that are out there now, people are getting away from home ownership and going into apartments,” he added.

Business Administrator Stacey Kennedy and the city council urged those who are against the rental units to attend the monthly planning

board meetings at City Hall. They are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Henry presented proclamations to residents Joseph Prysbylski and Pat Walsh for their hard work and contributions to the city of South Amboy.

Prysbylski is set to receive his Eagle Scout badge after serving as a boy scout for eight years. Prysbylski has completed a number of charitable projects for the city and his church, including building 16 bird houses for educational purposes at Kiddie Keep Well Camp.

Walsh was a 4-Time All-Division athlete in cross country and track at South Amboy Middle High School, setting school records in the 500, 1600, and 3200-meter races and was a three-time NJSIAA Sectional Champion in the 320- meter. Walsh also graduated third in his class with a 4.3 GPA and served as Vice President of the student council and President of the Executive Board.

Councilwoman Noble ran the council meeting as Council President Mickey Gross was not in attendance. The next city council meeting will be held on August 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Assemblyman Coughlin, Middlesex Water Company, Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation, Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce to Host
8th Annual 'Bowl For Hunger' On July 27th

Press Release
WOODBIDGE - Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin in partnership with the Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation, Woodbridge Metro Chamber of Commerce and Middlesex Water Company will host the 8th Annual “Bowl for Hunger” on Thursday, July 27th between the hours of 5:30 P.M. and 10:00 PM at the Majestic Lanes, 525 State Route 9 North in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge Township. The venue will host two bowl sessions with over 550 pre-registered bowlers who,

through their support and the support of local sponsors, are uniting to strike out hunger in the 19th Legislative District.

Bowling opportunities are still available but very limited for the 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. time slots. Organizers welcome the public to stop by to show their support for the area’s food banks, cheer on participants, and purchase a Bowl for Hunger t-shirt.

Last year’s Bowl for Hunger raised over \$34,000 for the 32 food banks in the towns of Carteret, Perth Amboy, Sayre-

ville, South Amboy, and Woodbridge. Proceeds from this year’s event will be divided evenly among the thirty-two food banks serving area residents.

Interested community members or businesses wishing to enter a bowling team for the 5:30 PM or 8:00 PM session or make a donation to the “Bowl for Hunger” should contact the Bowl for Hunger Committee at 732-754-5970 or BowlforHungerFundraiser@gmail.com.

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PRESS RELEASE



CELEBRATING 43 YEARS

What: 31st Annual Roberto Clemente Gala
When: Friday, October 20, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, Iselin, NJ

Perth Amboy, NJ - The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) will hold its 31st Annual Roberto Clemente Gala on October 20, 2017 at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel. It is through the generosity of the Gala participants that the underserved residents of Middlesex, Union and Hudson County have a lifeline to vital services offered by PRAHD's programs and initiatives.

PRAHD's Annual Gala is an event where the agency's support network gathers to reflect on its impact on the communities served and to honor extraordinary individuals who foster PRAHD's mission of giving. The honorees this year are: Provident Bank receiving the Corporate Excellence Award; Ali Rada receiving the Outstanding Business Leader Award; Jonathan Jaffe receiving the Champion of the Year Award; and Elizabethtown Gas receiving the Partner of the Year Award. In addition, PRAHD will be presenting the inaugural Roberto Clemente Award to Leonardo López — an honor that is representative of Roberto Clemente's humanitarian legacy.

The 31st Annual Roberto Clemente Gala will feature fine food, top shelf libations, live musical performances and a silent auction table filled to the brim with incredible items - including stays at world class resorts in beautiful Puerto Rico. All proceeds collected at the Gala directly support the agency's mission, programs and overall operations. PRAHD could not exist without your support and the 17,000 children, families and seniors assisted annually directly benefit from your attendance and advocacy.

Partnering with PRAHD in planning the 2017 Gala is a dedicated team of community leaders, business professionals and representatives from various local organizations. Dr. Jorge L. Gonzalez-Gomez and Mrs. Rosario Gonzalez are serving as this year's Co-Chairs.

A message from our Co-Chairs:



"What an honor for us to Chair this year's 31st Roberto Clemente Gala. Our goal is to onboard ten new corporate partners. If all of us work diligently to bring in just one more partner, we will have succeeded. My wife and I are very proud to have onboarded one new Fortune Five Hundred Company "Jet Blue." On measuring PRAHD's success, 43 years of community commitment, over 10 free programs, thousands of lives improved!

Thank you for your past support. Thank you 'for doing your share of leaving our communities a better place than when we received it.'

Join us to celebrate this year's honorees..."

Jorge and Rosario Gonzalez

Additionally, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz and Roberto Clemente Jr. serve as honorary members of the annual Roberto Clemente Gala Committee.



Photographed:

31st Annual Roberto Clemente Gala committee members; PRAHD's Board of Directors and this year's honorees.

About PRAHD:

The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) was created in Perth Amboy, New Jersey by a group of concerned community leaders/professionals who sought to provide supportive services to disadvantaged Perth Amboy youth. In May 1974, PRAHD was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and began to operate state funded anti-delinquency programming within Perth Amboy. After the success of PRAHD's youth services, the organization expanded into more comprehensive activities and re-dedicated its efforts towards ensuring the success and advancement of individuals in need. Forty-three years later, PRAHD has grown into a thriving comprehensive human services agency that serves thousands of New Jersey residents throughout Middlesex, Union and Hudson counties.

PRAHD operates 10 programs across a wide spectrum of unmet human service needs which target education, housing, benefits access, youth development, preventative health, respite home care for the developmentally disabled and senior services. All agency programs integrate a variety of methodologies to maximize positive results and ensure sustainable social impact. Furthermore, all activities are designed to afford clients the opportunity to become self-sufficient; allowing for the achievement of their personal, educational and financial goals.

PRAHD is dedicated to "developing human potential and promoting self-sufficiency through programs designed to improve the social, economic, health and educational status of the community in a culturally sensitive environment". Complimentary to PRAHD's mission, the organizational vision is to "empower the individual to reach their highest potential and to participate meaningfully in their community". PRAHD is an active community provider and steward that constantly campaigns for the rights, dignity and betterment of impoverished individuals and communities.

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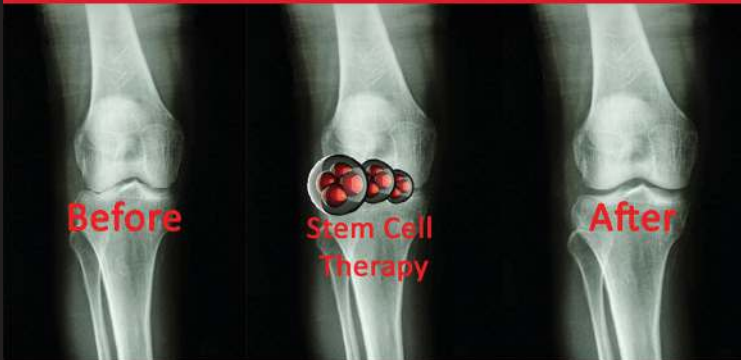


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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Wow! What Was Happening?

On Sunday, July 9th, in the early evening, we were making a right hand turn onto Amboy Avenue from New Brunswick Avenue in Perth Amboy. As we approached Brace Avenue, we ran into what looked like a large train of cars with New York plates. The cars appeared to be coming from a funeral viewing.

When we parked the car, we asked some of the people in this huge procession what was going on. One man looked at us like we had three heads and said, "I'm just trying to get home."

At this point, I decided to contact someone I know from the police department to see if there was a special event going on in Perth Amboy.

When they called me back, they said headquarters told him that this traffic mess had been happening especially on Sundays for the last couple of weeks.

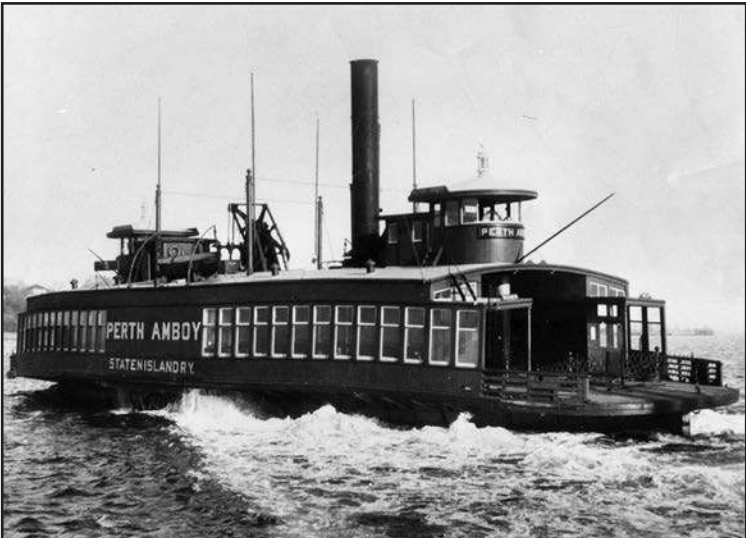
Speaking to one of the residents that lives in the Budapest section, he said that there always has been heavy traffic, especially during the summer and holidays but never like this.

Unfortunately, especially if you live in Staten Island, the logical choice to go home is over the Outerbridge.

The Bayonne Bridge has been closed for the past two weekends creating even more deadlock. The Perth Amboy residents who live off of Amboy Avenue before and after Rte. 440 are going to be inconvenienced. It's a no-win situation.

We saw Mayor Diaz on TV the next day (July 10, 2017) discussing the inconvenience and hazards of all this traffic.

South Amboy Mayor Henry has spoken about the progress of bringing back the Ferry Service in South Amboy at the State of the City Addresses for the past few years. South Amboy Residents are looking for-



Ferry to Tottenville
*Photo Courtesy of Barbara Booz



Cars lining up to go on the Ferry in Perth Amboy circa 1950
*Photo Courtesy of Barbara Booz

ward to this happening for some time.

Maybe Perth Amboy should consider brining back the Ferry to Tottenville as well. The Ferry Service first began in 1684 and continued to 1963.

On one website, people reminisced about taking the Ferry Perth Amboy to Staten Island into New York.

One person stated that in 1948 he took a bus from his house (5 cents) and the Ferry into Staten Island (25 cents) and the Rapid Transit Train to St. George, Staten Island (50 cents), then the Staten Island Ferry to lower Manhattan (5 cents) and the New York Subway (15 cents). The entire round trip via public transportation (\$2.00). That's \$20.64 by today's standards.

The Ferry to Tottenville was

big enough to carry cars. Families would often go to Staten Island to a very popular park called Wolf's Pond for a Fourth of July Picnic. After an enjoyable day there, people would pile back into their cars and take the Ferry back into Perth Amboy to enjoy the fireworks.

Between the price of gasoline and the tolls on bridges and tunnels, it might be worth it to institute the Ferry again. Millions are spent on studies to alleviate traffic. We might as well throw Ferry Service into the mix. Perhaps the City of Perth Amboy and the political leaders of Staten Island and maybe South Amboy, too should send out surveys to residents to see if it will be beneficial to all sides. *C.M. & K.M.*

Xtreme Jeep Show

On Saturday, July 22, 2017 Perth Amboy had a Xtreme Jeep Show by City Hall Circle. WOW! Those jeeps were something to see. Even Mayor Wilda Diaz had he eyes locked onto one. Most of these jeeps

were custom made or ordered from the dealers. Not one jeep was under \$40,000. Jeeps are becoming toys for men and women and the interest is growing every year and the price tag keeps going up. I hope more Xtreme Jeep Shows keep coming to Perth Amboy.

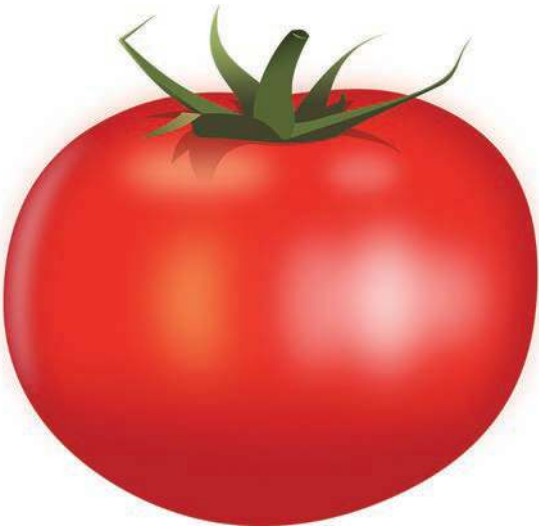
Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Neighborhood Watch Block Party

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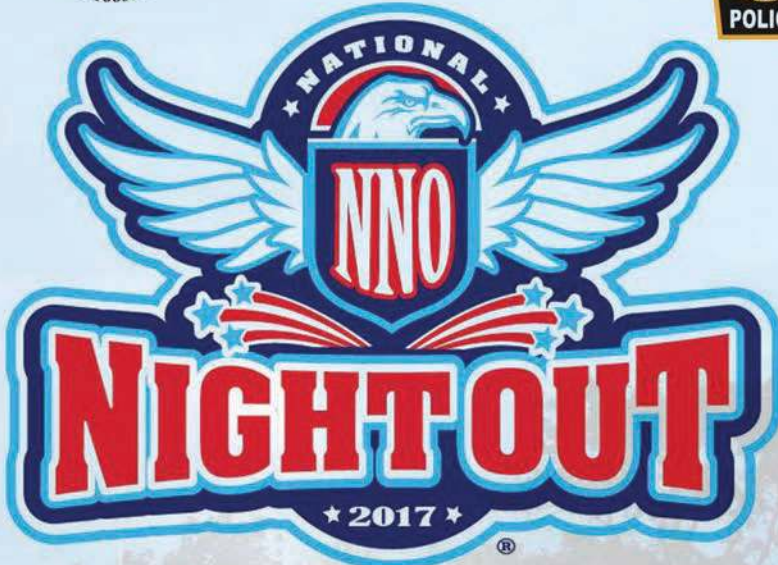
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Codey-Vitale Bill to Establish Tuition Reimbursement Program For Psychiatrists Now Law

*Law Aims to Address Shortage of Mental
Health Care Access, Encourage Profes-
sionals to Practice in Underserved Areas*

Press Release 7/21/17
TRENTON – Legislation sponsored by Senator Richard J. Codey, a leading advocate for mental health reform in New Jersey, and Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee chairman Joseph F. Vitale that would establish a tuition reimbursement program for psychiatrists to address a shortage of mental health care access in certain underserved areas of the State, and in psychiatric hospitals in the state, was signed into law today.

"I'm really 'feeling the love' from the governor with these bill signings," said Senator Codey (D-Essex and Morris). "This is an important piece of legislation that will help provide mental health care services to those who need it, when they need it and where they need it. The reimbursement program established under this law will provide the necessary incentive for available psychiatrists to practice in New Jersey's most underserved communities and in the state's psychiatric hospitals where there is a great need for these professionals."

Under the law, S-2331, the Commissioner of Health, in consultation with the Commissioner of Human Services, would designate, on the basis of health status and economic indicators, geographic areas of the state which have a shortage of physicians in the specialty of psychiatry. The program would provide reimbursement of a portion of medical school tuition expenses to psychiatrists who agree to provide mental health care services in one of these State underserved areas, or in a psychiatric hospital, for a period of one to four years.

“The shortage of mental health care specialists and psychiatrists in certain areas of our state is a very real problem, especially when we consider the inextricable link between mental health and addiction,” said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex). “This law will create a program that not only will address the shortage of psychiatrists in areas of critical need but will also have an indirect impact on the fight against the opiate and heroin crisis we are facing in New Jersey.”

Program participants will be

required to: (1) be State residents; (2) be State-licensed physicians who have completed all educational and residency training requirements for the practice of psychiatry; and (3) apply for the program within one year of completing an accredited residency program in psychiatry, or within one year of completing an accredited fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry.

Under the law, program participants would enter into a contract with the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) for a specified number of one-year periods of service, up to four years, in which they agree to engage in the full-time practice of psychiatry in a State underserved area or in a state psychiatric hospital. In return for this commitment, a portion of the participant's tuition expenses in attending medical school would be reimbursed.

Tuition reimbursement would equal 25 percent of the participant's eligible tuition expenses for the one academic year of medical school attendance in which tuition was the lowest, in return for each full year of service under the program. The maximum total tuition reimbursement for a participant for four years of service would be 100 percent of the participant's eligible tuition expenses for the one academic year of medical school attendance in which tuition was the lowest.

Under the law, participants in the program would be required to adhere to certain terms and standards, including charging for professional services at the usual and customary rates, allowing patients who are unable to pay that charge to pay a reduced rate or receive care at no charge, and not discriminating against any patient on the basis of ability to pay. Participants would also be required to maintain their State residency and medical license, remain current with payments on any student loans, maintain satisfactory performance of services, and report to HESAA on the performance of services rendered prior to receiving tuition reimbursement.

The bill was approved in the Assembly by a vote of 75-0. The Senate approved it 40-0. The law takes effect immediately.

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Swearing in of Perth Amboy Police Officers July 18, 2017

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PERTH AMBOY – Swearing in of the Police Department: One Police Lieutenant, one Temporary Police Lieutenant, one Temporary Sergeant, Four Auxiliary Sergeants and Eight new Auxiliary Officers. Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at the Public Safety Complex Auditorium



The Y is “Gearing for School” with the Support of the Hyundai Motor America Eastern Region

Press Release 7/20/17

PERTH AMBOY – The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA and Hyundai Motor America Eastern Region has partnered once again in supporting students that participate in the Y’s Building Beyond Barriers Program (B3) a project funded by the NJDOE’s 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Hyundai Motor America Eastern Region has invested in the Perth Amboy community by providing 150 Perth Amboy Public Schools students with backpacks and school supplies to help prepare students for the upcoming school year. A new school year means a fresh start—a chance to develop and grow as fruitful routines, possibilities and interests emerge. As children transition from summer to fall, the partnership between Y and Hyundai Motor America Eastern Region helps students prepare for the 2017-2018 school year. The Y antic-

ipates that the school supplies provided by Hyundai Motor America Eastern Region will help students, and their families, by minimizing any barriers in attaining fundamental school supplies that some families may have difficulties in securing.

The B3 Summer Program is a Project-Based Learning summer camp that provides 150 students from 5th to 9th grade with opportunities to engage in career readiness practices. Through this 4-week program, students work in teams to develop weekly projects while participating in classes such as Art, Culinary, Technology, and Film. Each week teams are provided a theme they must adhere to and are assigned a facilitator that assists them in developing a project and presentation. At the end of the week judges from various sectors from the community are brought in to

score the projects and the presentations using a career readiness practices centered scoring rubric.

The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA and Hyundai Motor America Eastern Region will present the school supplies to students at the final student showcase of the summer program on 7/28/17 at McGinnis Middle School. “Adequate school supplies are essential in meeting the most basic needs of any student, we know that through this partnership our students will start the school year prepared to succeed,” said Steve Jobin, President & CEO, RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA. “We offer youth the opportunity to get additional learning and support through our programs, as well as participate in meaningful activities that can inspire their motivations and abilities to succeed.”

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XRTreme Jeep Show, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy 7/22/17

*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Carolyn Maxwell



Hy Tavern Pig Roast, Perth Amboy 7/22/17

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - Hy Tavern held a Pig Roast on Saturday, July 22, 2017. The proceeds from the roast were donated to National Night Out to be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. A previous fundraiser (Cigar Night) was held in memory of the late Fire Chief Abraham Pitre. The proceeds were given to the Perth Amboy Animal Shelter per the request of Abraham Pitre's family. The Chief was a great lover of all animals and the family knew that is what he would have wanted. In the past, the Hy Tavern has held several fundraisers such as events benefiting cancer research and women's health services by donating funds to the JRF, and to the Perth Amboy Police Project Lifesaver Program, an organization to assist those suffering from Alzheimer's.

Play Streets, Sadowski Parkway, Perth Amboy 7/22/17

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



Chili Church

PERTH AMBOY - Thursday, August 3, 6:30 p.m. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free event all are welcome.

PAHS

Class of 1944 73rd Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School, Class of 1944, will hold its 73rd reunion at noon on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at the Raritan Yacht Club, 160 Water Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Classmates and a spouse or a guest are invited. Please contact William Sewitch as soon as possible at 732-826-0723 or 732-310-9999 for luncheon choices and reservations.

Vote! 3D Art Competition

Press Release 7/19/17

SOUTH AMBOY - Technology has pushed art in different directions, allowing artists to engage in multi-dimensional ways. View the Dowdell Library's innovative 3D art exhibition this summer!

The Dowdell Library's 3D art exhibition /competition may be viewed at the Broadway Gallery (141 N Broadway, South Amboy, NJ 08879) starting Wednesday, July 19th and will run through Wednesday, August 30th. The 3D art was designed by South Amboy residents using the library's 3D pen or 3D printer. Themed categories include: the waterfront, pets and floral themes and the competitive age categories include children ages 8-10, young adults 11-17 and adults 18+.

The Broadway Gallery hours are Wednesdays and Fridays 6-8 pm and Saturdays 11 am -1 pm. The library is part of the arts district and is partnering with South Amboy ARTS www.southamboyarts.com.

The community is encouraged to support these efforts and vote for your favorite creation! There will be prizes awarded, so voting is limited to one vote per age category.

If you happen to have a problem accessing the exhibition during gallery hours, contact the library at comments@dowdell.org or 732.721.6060.

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

The Dowdell Library's summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org

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.

Thanksgiving Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY — South Amboy Elks will be holding a Thanksgiving Dinner in July on Thursday, July 27th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Lodge is located at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy. Dinner also includes salad, coffee, tea and desert. Cash bar will be available. Tickets for this dinner must be purchased in advance at the lodge or by calling 732-727-7170 or contact Joanne Kopik at 732- 668-3166. Cost \$12 pp. All proceeds go towards lodge charities.

Bookmark Coloring Contest @ Dowdell Library

Press Release 7/19/17

SOUTH AMBOY - Enter the library's bookmark coloring contest and have a chance to win a gift card! Just note how the library is your friend, how the library has helped you, or how you can be a friend to the library.

There are four age categories: Children (Grades 1-5), Tweens (Grades 6-8), Teens (Grades 9-12), and Adults. Winners in each age category will receive gift cards from the Dowdell Library and have their creations reproduced on bookmarks.

Bookmarks and contest forms can be picked up in the library during normal business hours. Forms and bookmarks must be returned to the library before Friday August 18, 2017. Winners will be announced Thursday, August 24 at the Summer Prize Party.

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Nursing Your Newborn Class

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center, is providing a free Nursing your Newborn Class Wednesday, August 2, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ. A registered nurse with special training in lactation techniques will facilitate the class. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

Dog Therapy Training Course

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is offering a five session Dog Therapy Training Course Fridays, July 28, through August 25, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. This course will teach you to be a safe handler and train your dog to provide therapy for patients. The cost is \$120.00, testing fees are additional. Please contact Marie atmcolasanti@comcast.net for more information and to register.

Out of This World Programs @ Dowdell Library

Press Release 7/19/17

SOUTH AMBOY - Stop by the Dowdell Library for out of this world programs including Celebrity Storytime, and fun Summer Activities for ages 0-100.

Stop in for a story and snack with PTO President Nikki Navarria for Celebrity Storytime sponsored by Chipotle on Thursday, July 27 from 3:30-5 pm.

Join the Summer Clubs for Kids, Teens & Adults, and learn how you can win weekly prizes. At the end of the summer, club members will have a chance to win a grand prize, which will be awarded at the End of Summer Party in August.

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Spotlight on Norman Rockwell

WOODBIDGE - "Spotlight on Norman Rockwell" Art & History Exhibit - Dates: August 12-September 1, 2017 Artist Reception: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. This exhibit focuses on the man behind some of the most iconic pieces of 20th century Americana, featuring pieces on loan from the collection of Colonia resident Jack Cassidy. Items on display will include lithographs signed by the artist as well as collectibles, artifacts and examples of Rockwell's famous covers for the Saturday Evening Post. Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Contact 732-634-0413 for more information. FREE.

PAHS Class of 1987 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Class of 1987 Reunion is coming soon!! Have you bought your ticket for the class of 87 reunion yet? Don't miss your opportunity to connect with friends that you haven't seen in years! The reunion will be held on Saturday August 12th at Amici's in Linden. Tickets can be purchased in advance by sending 85 per person in care of Perth Amboy Class of 1987 Reunion committee PO Box 830 Perth Amboy, NJ. 08861. Checks should be made payable to "Class of 1987 Reunion."

Angioscreen Event

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is holding an Angioscreen event Tuesday, August 1, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn your risk of heart attack and stroke. Screenings include carotid artery ultrasound, heart rhythm, blood pressure and screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm and peripheral artery disease. Receive a color report of your findings, education materials and consultation with a registered nurse. The cost is \$49.95. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

New Principal Meet and Greet!

PERTH AMBOY - Join us Tuesday, August 8, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on the Assumption Catholic School Playground, 380 Meredith Street, Perth Amboy, to meet and greet the new principal. Mrs. Lissette D Shumny will be available to answer questions about the new initiatives at ACS and tours of the school will be available. New families and current ACS families are all invited for ice cream and petting zoo fun for all ages. We are an Advanced Ed accredited school which provides a Christ-centered Catholic environment and rigorous instruction to a diverse population of Pre-Kindergarten to eighth grade students.

If you are unable to attend, please call ACS at 732-826-8721 to schedule a tour and meet with a member of the ACS administration.

Pot Luck Supper

SOUTH AMBOY - Free Inspirational Movie & Spanish American Pot Luck Supper August 6

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 holds a potluck Spanish American Dinner and Movie Night Sunday August 6at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Bring your dish hot, cold or dessert to share. The free movie "For Greater Glory" stars Andy Garcia, Eva Longoria, and Peter O'Toole. It celebrates Christ the King, the Catholic faith, and Mexican Catholic Revolution. Movie starts at 6 p.m. Due to some violence in the movie, it is not recommended for young children.

Total Joint Replacement Education Session

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center, is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, August 4, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been scheduled for joint replacement surgery or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call Nurse Navigator Clare Schuld, R.N., at 732-535-4746

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Tom’s Tax Tips

A Marriage Penalty Lingers in the Tax Code

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka, C.P.A.

A marriage is worth celebrating, but bringing up the marriage penalty may bring down the celebration. The marriage penalty occurs in the tax code when you pay more tax as a married couple than you would as two single filers making the same amount of money. This occurs throughout the federal tax code. The following are two examples:

The tax rate problem

If the tax tables did not differentiate between single and married, you could assume the married income required to move to the next highest tax rate would always be double that of a single filer. This is not the case.

As an example, when you're a single filer, income above \$91,901 is taxed at 28%. When you file a joint return with your spouse, the 28% rate starts at \$153,101. You will notice that the beginning of the 28% tax bracket for married couples (\$153,101) is not twice the \$91,901 amount applied to each of you when you were single. The outcome is an increase in tax on your com-

bined income over what you would have paid individually. **Accelerating the phase-outs** Another example of the marriage penalty occurs in the acceleration of phase-outs of personal exemptions and itemized deductions for married couples versus single filers. These deductions begin when your adjusted gross income (AGI) is greater than \$313,800 if you're married filing a joint return and \$261,500 when you're single. Think the marriage penalty only impacts upper income? Even the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) phase-outs favor single taxpayers over married taxpayers. A single mother of three can qualify for the EITC with income less than \$48,340, where a married couple loses the EITC with combined income over \$53,930.

Not surprisingly, there are some couples who simply decide not to marry to avoid the penalty, but obviously this option isn't right for all couples. If you are planning to marry in the near future, do not be caught by surprise with a larger than expected tax bill. Call to review your situation.

Tax-Free Income

Yes, that's correct, there are some forms of income you receive that may be tax-free. Here is a list of ten common sources of tax-free income:

- 1. **Gifts.** Gifts you receive are not taxable income to you. In fact, they are not subject to gift tax to the person giving the gift as long as the gifts received in one year from one person do not exceed \$14,000.
- 2. **Rental income.** If you rent your home or vacation cottage for up to 14 days, that rental income does not need to be reported.
- 3. **Child's income.** Up to the standard deduction amount (\$6,350 in 2017) in earned income (wages) and \$1,050 in unearned income (interest) for children is not taxed. Excess earnings above these amounts could be taxed and \$2,100 in unearned income is taxed at the parent's tax rate.
- 4. **Inheritance.** In most states, beneficiaries typically do not pay tax on the value of what they inherit. When inherited property is sold by the beneficiary, however, there may be a capital gains tax obligation.
- 5. **Roth IRA earnings.** As long as you meet this retire-

- ment account type's rules, earnings in a Roth IRA are not taxed.
 - 6. **Life insurance received.** The full value of life insurance received is not taxable income. However, the proceeds may be taxable within the estate of the deceased policyholder.
 - 7. **Child support revenue.** Income you receive as child support is not deemed to be taxable income. On the other hand, alimony received is taxable income.
 - 8. **Home sales gains.** Up to \$250,000 (\$500,000 for married filing jointly) in gains on the sale of a qualified principal residence is not taxable.
 - 9. **Scholarships/fellowships.** Money received to cover tuition, fees, and books for degree candidates is not generally taxable.
 - 10. **Refunds.** Federal refunds (technically you've already accounted for this income) and most state refunds for non-itemizers are also tax-free.
- This is by no means a complete list of tax-free income, but it's nice to know that some areas of tax law still benefit taxpayers.

Sidewalk Sale
PERTH AMBOY - Concord Missionary Baptist Church is having a Sidewalk Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 795 State St., Perth Amboy. Kitchen Open.

Moonlight Music Series
PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Artworks is partnering with the Historic City of Perth Amboy's Ferry Slip Museum to present a Spring/Summer 2017 live music series at the Ferry Slip. Enjoy great live music, the moonrise over Raritan Bay and check out the Ferry Slip Museum. The free live music events are from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at 200 Front St, Perth Amboy.

Saturday Aug. 5th - San Simón and GMJ Groove

Yoga and Strength Training Fitness Classes
PARLIN - Yoga and Strength Training Fitness Classes start on July 6th Thursday and run 6 weeks. Yoga beginner/intermediate class from 6:30pm-7:20pm, mat required. Strength Training full body workout from 7:30pm-8:20pm, mat and light weights required. Never forget your water! Location: 775 Washington Road, Parlin at the Knights of Columbus. Price: 6 classes for \$50. *Donation non-refundable. Part of the proceeds go to Knights of Columbus, 2061. Classes are instructed by, Certified Personal Trainer, Group Exercise Instructor and Yoga Teacher, Denise Morgan. For registration information please email Denise at healthandfitness-withdenise@gmail.com or call 732-525-9536.

South Amboy Music-in-the-Parks Summer Series
SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Concerts are FREE. Call 732-745-3936 for more info. Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, O'Leary Boulevard South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front. July 19, 2017 - Everything Everly - The Guthrie Brothers Sing The Best of The Everly Brothers
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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 732-777-1940 or visit www.jfsmiddlesex.org under the Volunteer Tab

FREE Gardening Education Event
PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center's Integrative Health Services team is providing a free gardening education event in The Learning Garden, Thursday, August 3, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Raritan Bay – Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Learn the basics of gardening, including container gardening, and the importance of healthy produce and proper nutrition through hands-on and interactive education. Children, adults, families or community groups welcome. Come with your garden questions and/or photos or samples of plants for discussion. Garden-side food preparation demo events, using garden produce, will also be held. Events are held weather permitting and registration is required. For more information and to register, call 732-324-5257 or email integrativehealth@hackensack-meridian.org

Focus on Thomas Edison
WOODBIDGE – Be inspired! Learn more about this great inventor and businessman. Representatives from the Thomas Edison Center, Menlo Park Museum will discuss his work experience and his inventions. Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodbridge Main Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge.

Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk
Press Release 6/3/16
SOUTH AMBOY - Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club's 40th annual 5K Run and Health Walk will be held Sunday, September 10th. Proceeds will benefit the city of South Amboy's Fire and First Aid departments. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and all day swimming and tennis for race participants. Entry fee is \$20 + \$3.25 Sign-up Fee. Registration Ends September 8, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. For more information or to download a registration form, go to www.froghollowswim.com.

Codey-Vitale Bill to Raise Minimum Smoking Age Now Law NJ Becomes the Third State in the Country

Press Release 6/21/17

TRENTON — Legislation sponsored by Senator Richard J. Codey and Senator Joseph F. Vitale raising the minimum age to buy tobacco products and electronic smoking devices from 19 to 21 years of age was signed into law by the Governor today.

“The Governor and I have finally found an issue that we agree on – helping to save lives,” said Senator Codey (D-Essex, Morris). “Every day, more of our youth become addicted and we simply can’t allow it to continue. This law will help prevent the deadly consequences of smoking at the same time it will save taxpayers billions of dollars in health care costs.”

The annual health care costs in New Jersey directly caused by smoking are \$4 billion, according to statistics reported on the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids website. Of that figure, an estimated \$1 billion is covered by the state Medicaid program. The amounts do not include health costs caused by exposure to secondhand smoke, smoking-caused fires, smokeless tobacco use, or cigar and pipe smoking. In New Jersey, it is also estimated that 5,400 children become new daily smokers each year. Additionally, according to the New Jersey Department of Health, 14.3 percent of youth aged 12 to 18 years smoke in New Jersey.

“Data surveys show that if individuals aren’t smokers by 21 years of age, they will most likely not start later in their lives,” said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex), chair of the Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. “Making it harder to buy cigarettes by raising the age to legally purchase them in New Jersey will help prevent our youth from becoming lifelong smokers and suffering the long-term effects of the habit.”

The senators noted that tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, killing more than 480,000 people each year, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The federal government estimates that 700 children under the age of 18 become regular smokers each day, and al-

most one-third will die from it. Additionally, studies have shown that the ages of 18 to 21 are a critical period when many smokers move from experimental smoking to regular, daily use.

In New Jersey, 11,800 adults die each year from their own smoking. Also, 12.1 million packs of cigarettes are either bought or smoked by kids each year. Reports show that about 143,000 children now under 18 and alive in New Jersey will ultimately die prematurely from smoking.

New Jersey would be the third state, after Hawaii and California, to adopt law restricting access to nicotine and tobacco before age 21. In October 2013, New York City enacted an ordinance prohibiting retailers in New York City from selling cigarettes, tobacco products and electronic cigarettes to anyone under the age of 21. The ordinance took effect in May 2014.

The minimum age to purchase tobacco products in all but four states is 18. The minimum age is 19 in New Jersey, Alabama, Alaska, Utah, and the District of Columbia. New Jersey increased the tobacco purchasing age from 18 to 19 in 2006. Some localities in the United States have imposed minimum ages in excess of 19, including 16 towns in New Jersey which have raised the age to 21.

The law, S-359, was approved by the Senate with a vote of 23-14 in May and approved by the Assembly in June.

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Vitale, Sweeney Bill to Track, Analyze EMS Response Signed into Law

Press Release 7/21/17

TRENTON — Legislation sponsored by Senate Health Chairman Joseph F. Vitale and Senate President Steve Sweeney establishing a system to track and analyze EMS response to medical emergencies, including to residents suffering from an opioid overdose, was signed into law by the Governor.

“Emergency responders are the first point of contact for many residents when they are suffering a medical emergency, and the care provided on site and upon arrival to the hospital is vital. Data tracking will help to improve the system of care in our state, allowing us to analyze EMS response to emergencies but also to provide real-time data to hospitals so that medical personnel are better prepared when a patient arrives,” said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex). “Additionally, as we work to address the opioid epidemic, this system can help to identify where overdoses are occurring, trends in the use of naloxone, and other information that can help improve our response and treatment of those suffering with addiction in our state.”

“EMS response is a critical part of our health care system – for so many residents, the care provided at the scene of an emergency can literally be the difference between life and death. Collecting and analyzing data, including response times to emergencies, is vital to evaluating how these systems are working but also to making any improvements necessary both in the short

term and into the future,” said Senator Sweeney (D-Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland).

The law (S-5) establishes certain requirements for emergency medical services providers and dispatch centers to report to the state. Under the new law, each EMS provider that provides pre-hospital emergency medical care to patients in the state – including basic life support ambulance services, mobile intensive care units, air medical services and volunteer and non-volunteer first aid, rescue and ambulance squads – will be required to report to the Department of Health certain information concerning each incident in which the entity provides emergency medical services.

The report provided to DOH would be required to include information such as the date, time, and location of the encounter, the nature of the emergency, including the number of people involved, the outcome of the encounter, including whether each person was treated, refused additional treatment, was transported to a hospital or health care facility or another EMS provider, or if any person died. EMS dispatch centers would also be required to report certain information such as time, date and location of the request for services as well as the nature of the circumstances of the emergency, and the EMS provide dispatched.

The state Health Commissioner would be required to establish a system to allow for the electronic reporting of EMS dispatch and response information pursuant to the

law. The purpose of the electronic reporting system is to record and track data concerning the types of medical emergencies for which emergency medical services are requested, patterns in timing and location of requests for emergency services, patterns in the type of nature of emergency medical services provided and patterns in dispatch and response activity.

Additionally, the Commissioner of Health will be required to track and record response times for emergency medical services providers upon the effective date of the law and to make them available to the public through the department website. The commissioner, in consultation with the currently constituted Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, will be required to adopt rules and regulations establishing quality performance metrics and pre-hospital protocols for emergency medical service providers which will be based on the data that was tracked under the law.

Finally, the law requires the commissioner to establish, maintain and coordinate the activities of the New Jersey Emergency Medical Services Task Force, which will support and enhance the provision of specialized response services, utilizing personnel and equipment to respond to pre-planned and emergency events, including natural disasters and other incidents.

The Senate and the Assembly approved the bill in June.

***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 Germans occupy the Soviet city of Rostov-on-Don on July 24, 1942. The Red Army is in a general retreat along the Don River.

Farther south, German Army Group A begins an offensive into the Caucasus on July 25.

On July 26, an attack by the British against Rommel at El Alamein fails; Axis defenders are awaiting the offensive and turn it back. The RAF conducts a heavy incendiary-bomb raid on Hamburg, killing over 300 people and leaving 14,000 homeless.

With the British Eighth Army exhausted, and Rommel's force starved of supplies and replacement tanks, and far from its supply base, the First Battle of El Alamein ends in a stalemate on July 27. The British Eighth Army suffers some 13,250 casualties while the Axis forces have 10,000 killed or wounded and lose 7,000 as prisoners.

On July 28, the Soviet High Command at Stalingrad issues Order No. 227 to the city's defenders. It includes the dictum: "Not one step back!" From London, Acting Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, Commander-in-Chief, RAF Bomber Command, makes a radio broadcast informing German listeners that bombers would soon be coming "every night and every day, rain, blow or snow — we and the Americans. . . . We are going to scourge the Third Reich from end to end, if you make it necessary for us to do so . . ." In Warsaw, Occupied Poland, some Jews begin setting up an organization to resist deportations to Nazi death camps.

After a four-day battle against Australian forces, Japanese troops on July 29 capture Kokoda, in the Owen Stanley Mountains, halfway between the north shore of New Guinea and Port Moresby in the south. In the Soviet Union, the German 1st Panzer Army captures Proletarskaya, in southern Russia.

In North Africa on July 30, the stalemate between Rommel and Auchinleck at El Alamein continues. In Washington, President Roosevelt signs into law the act creating the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service), the women's branch of the U.S. Naval Reserve. The law authorizes the U.S. Navy to accept women into the Naval Reserve as officers and enlisted personnel for the duration of the war plus six months. The intent is to place women at shore stations, releasing men for sea duty.

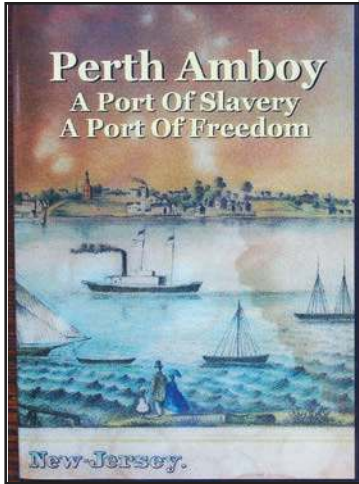
Connections Program Seeks Volunteers

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.

Free Perth Amboy History DVD

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - At the May 27th Waterfront Arts Festival, visit the 1683 Society table & get your FREE Perth Amboy History DVD. Yes, it is free! This hour long documentary is entitled "Perth Amboy: A Port of Slavery, A Port of Freedom," produced by John Kerry Dyke. And it is the first time this new documentary is available on DVD. The 1683 Society is a Perth Amboy nonprofit organization. Find out what they've done & what they intend to do.



**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, August 3, 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 - A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. July 26, 2017. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

**Beautiful
Beginnings:
Accelerated CB
Prep Class**

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center, is providing a free Beautiful Beginnings: Accelerated CB Prep class, Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. A Certified Child Birth Educator/ registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and infant care will facilitate the class. The class is intended for those who already have children and need a refresher or for those with limited time. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677) and reference zip code 08861.



Book Sale

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

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule is as follows: Saturdays: Sept. 9 & 23 Oct. 14 & 28; Nov. 11 and Dec. 9. 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. !!!!

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**DVRT Seeks
Volunteers**

PERTH AMBOY - The Domestic Violence Response Team is looking for volunteers. Open Registration Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact: Detective Liza Capo, Perth Amboy Police Department at: 732-324-3815 or DVRT Coordinator Damaris Ramirez at 732-500-5758 or Pastor Bernadette Lopez at 732-213-1537. Pick up an application at the Perth Amboy Police Department.



***"Garden Side
Chat"
Educational
Event***

PERTH AMBOY- Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center's Integrative Health Services team is providing a free "Garden Side Chat" educational event in The Learning Garden, Tuesday, August 22, 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Raritan Bay - Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Nina Regevik, M.D., FACP, ABIHM, will lead the discussion on the nutritional and medicinal values of vegetables, herbs, and spices. The event will be held rain or shine and registration is required. For more information and to register, call 732-324-5257 or email integrativehealth@hackensackmeridian.org

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**2017 Historic Perth Amboy
Calendars**

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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.

Novena to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and take hold of my hand. Assure me that I am not alone. You are known to possess miraculous powers and to be ever ready to speak for those in trouble. Loving and Gentle St. Anthony, reach down from heaven I implore you and assist me in my hour of need. Obtain for me *(mention your request here.)* Dearest St. Anthony, reach down from heaven and guide me with thy strength. Plead for me in my needs. And teach me to be humbly thankful as you were for all the bountiful blessings I am to receive. Amen. **R.L.S.**

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.

Raritan Bay
Cruisers
Car Show

WOODBIDGE- Tuesdays from May 16th - Sept. 26th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot) Weather Permitting. Rock & Roll Music, Trophies, Kids Games, and Just Family Fun. For more info about Cruise Night Call 1-732-407-2396.

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on Broadway

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Live Music

PERTH AMBOY - Live Music every Saturday Night at 8 p.m. at Al Cibelli's Night Club, 1096 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy. Friday, July 28 don't miss BulletBoys with Mikell's Plot, Rick Barth, & Thunder-Beaver. Tickets available in-house or through Ticketfly. \$18ADV - \$22DOS - All Ages - Doors 6 p.m. <http://www.ticketfly.com/event/1457349-bulletboys-stanhope/> Must be 21 to enter and drink. Extra parking across the street.

Senior Scene
Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TUES. Jul. 25 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Jul. 26 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. Jul. 27 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Jul. 31 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Aug. 1 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Aug. 2 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Aug. 3 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Aug. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Aug. 9 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Aug. 28 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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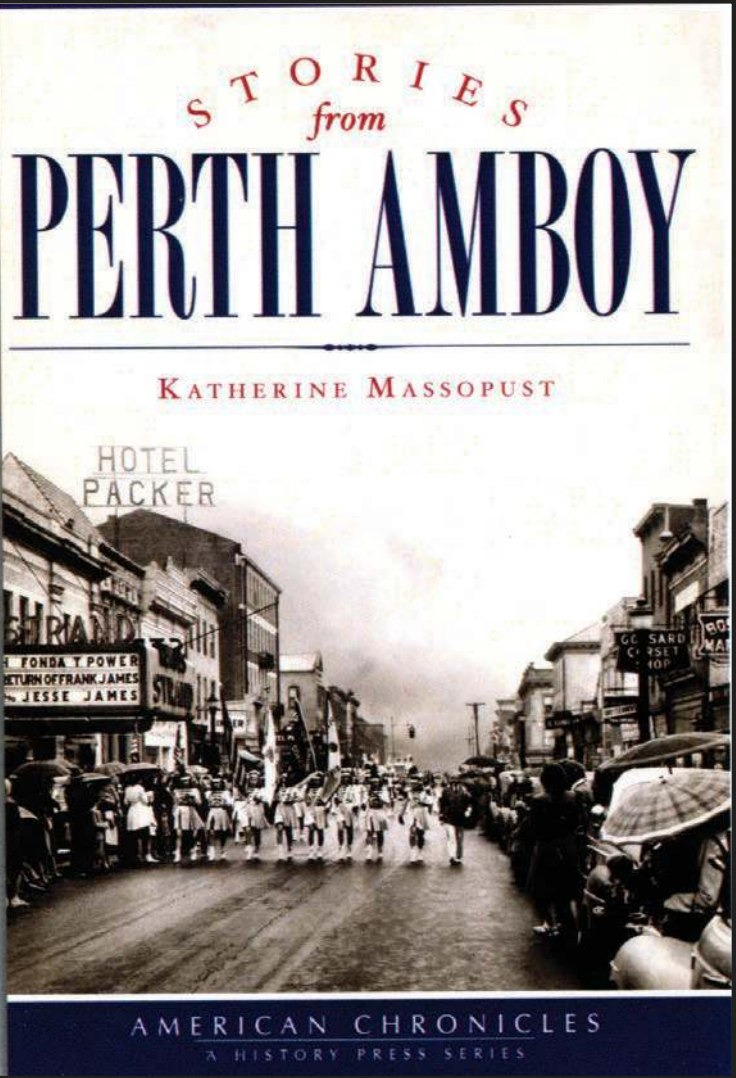
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Gathering for a parade at Army & Navy Club, 271 High Street, circa 1940's
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This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.



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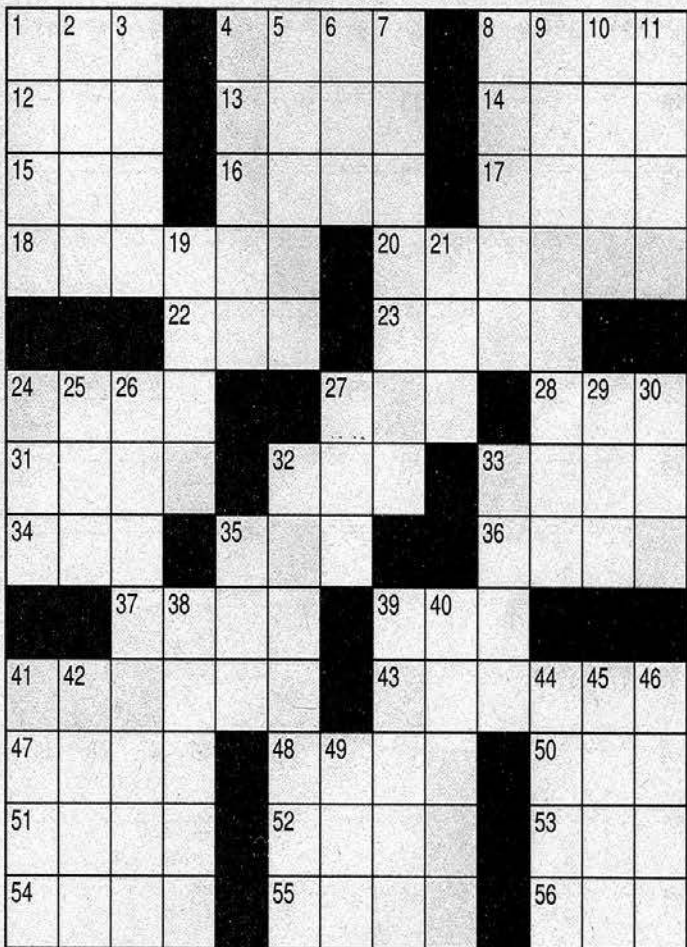
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