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11/20/17 Caucus and Council Meetings

PERTH AMBOY – Ordinance No. 1 - First Reading: Regarding Amending Ordinance - 723-2014 – Renovations to the Perth Amboy Public Library, County Middlesex, NJ. Total appropriation of \$2,799,570.00. - Councilman Joel Pabon had remarks, "We need a new library. This is a very congested area. We need a state of the art library. How much of this amount will we get? How much for the addition? And what will be the final result? At 4 a.m., we still see homeless people on the steps. I don't see that many kids going to the library. I would have a concern as a parent of the present appearance."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz responded, "We're adding additional funding for cost not covered."

Councilman Irizarry then questioned, "Is this in response to something that happened before? There are a lot of subtotals (on the paperwork). Do they apply to this ordinance?"

Petrick responded, "It adds to the existing ordinances."

Cruz then commented further, "Some of the cost will be for experts to review the library plans and some change orders."

CFO Jill Goldy came up to add further explanation, "The capital budget was prepared and adopted. The capital budget had to be amended for the library project changes."

The next question pertained to Ordinance No. 2 - An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled Fixing and Establishing a schedule of salaries and salary ranges in increments for Officers and Employees of the City of Perth Amboy. Re: Management and Non-Union – deleting title of: Zoning Board Attorney.

Law Director Peter King explained, "The Zoning Board Attorney can't be a City Employee. They are independent contractors. The Council appoints the Zoning Board Members. In turn, the members hire

their own attorney."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz responded to a question re: R-445 – 11/17 – A change order to the contract with B&W Construction Company of New Jersey. Increasing the contract for emergency repairs for the collection system not to exceed \$160,000. Cruz explained, "This is in case for any water pipes bursting and sewer repairs."

Luis Perez Jimenez, Director of Operations at the at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) came forward to add additional information. "This amount includes repairs already done, future repairs, and continuing maintenance."

The next person who came up to speak was Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano to answer questions about R-448-11/17 – Purchasing one 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Beyer Fleet in accordance with the Cranford Co-op Pricing System. Sum in an amount not to exceed \$29,136.75. "This is to replace a 2016 similar vehicle that was totaled in an accident."

Cattano then answered questions pertaining to R-449 -11/17 – Payment of yearly stipend to the PA Auxiliary Police in an amount not to exceed \$39,968.50. And R-450 – 11/17 - Authorizing payment of a yearly stipend to Volunteer Firefighters for compensation for losses while performing volunteer duties in direct proportion to their activity level in an amount not to exceed \$35,933.60. Cattano explained, "99% of the time, the Auxiliary Police are scheduled, and they only respond to fires on an as needed basis. For instance, if they need someone to direct traffic."

The next question pertained to R-454 - 11/17 - Authorizing the Planning Board to investigate properties located at 380 Market St., 382 Market St., and

259 Bertrand Ave. should be designated as an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to the local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

Business Administrator Adam Cruz spoke first, "The property owner asked us to reconsider."

Councilman Joel Pabon spoke up, "A nearby business doesn't know this is going on."

Council President William Petrick replied, "They do not have to be notified."

Councilman Irizarry then wondered, "What's going to happen to this property?"

Law Director Peter King responded, "It's no different than what's happening to the Greek Church Property." The next Resolution in question was R-455 - 11/17 - Authorizingsubmission of an application to the (USEPA) Environmental Protection Agency for the Brownfield Community Assessment Grant. William Kurzenberger, Program Coordinator, Office of Economic and Community Development came up to speak, "It's open and there's no specific property. We will look at all available brownfield properties. The public can recommend what they want. There's \$200,000 anticipated for environmental improvements. Rutgers did a walkthrough as well as the NJ-EPA. The degrees of nants are unknown."

Pabon then questioned, "Can this money be used to demolish any environmentally hazardous buildings?"

Kurzenberger answered, "No."

There were then questions on R-457 - 11/17 – A contract with the Boys and Girls Club for the Project Learn Program in the amount of \$16,000 in accordance with the 43rd Program Year of the Community Development Block Grant.

Councilman Irizarry said,

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Thanksgiving Dinner & Check Presentation by HMT, Olive Street Community Center, Perth Amboy 11/23/17 *Photos by Paul W. Wang











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"According to what it says on the additional paperwork, where there is a whereas clause, it says this is a detention prevention program. Is this a typo?"

It was determined that this was a typo.

CEO of the Boys and Girls Club Brian Taylor came up. "Some of the funding will go to compensate the staff that puts in 15 to 20 hours a week. Some of what we do is helping with homework, tutoring, and extracurricular work and activities. We have a workshop for parents to attend to help their children succeed. We are an extension of their family. The Board of Education allows us to use the Ceres School."

Next, there was a question regarding R-548 – 11/17 – Authorizing the proper City Officials to execute a contract with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation for Civic Justice Corps in the amount of \$40,000 under the CDBG.

Cheri Goldberg from the Jew-

ish Renaissance Foundation came up to speak, "This program has been in existence since 2010 and it's for ages from 16 to 26. It helps these students with academic instruction to achieve their high school equivalency. The funds will not be used for salaries. The students who attend receive \$15 a day. They are charged a \$50 testing fee. The Board of Education contacts us about any students who are about to drop out (of high school). Middlesex County College is also involved, and tutoring is available. If the student has not passed (the required testing) after 4 months, they are eligible for tutoring. 280 students have participated since January 2011. Not every kid is equipped to go to college. We can have up to 24 students enrolled at one time. Usually there's group of 12 students. As soon as a student graduates from the program, another student come in. They attend the program Monday thru Thursday from 9:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Career services are also offered. Rutgers, Middlesex County College, and Berkley College have formed partnerships with us. Some of our students are strong in Math and Medicine and go into those fields. We have referred a small amount of students to the PRAHD Carpenter Apprentice Program."

Deputy Chief Cattano came up to speak about R-461 -11/17 – Approving participation in a Safe and Secure Communities Program Grant in the amount of \$60,000 administered by the Division of Criminal Justice and the Dept. of Law and Public Safety. "This money can only go to the Officers' base salary. There are 3 grants of \$60,000 each waiting for us. To get and keep this grant, we have to have a minimum number of Officers on the Force."

During the public portion, Resident Ken Balut came up to the podium and reached out to give Councilman Helmin Caba a report on an OPRA request regarding information on the eport PILOT. Balut asked Caba, "Can you see the difference between the school system and what the City's taxes are according to this printout?"

Caba replied, "It's small print and it's hard to read."

Balut responded, "If you guys can't read it – how is the public supposed to know?"

When Council President Bill Petrick was handed the report, he said, "I could just read "Beneke Economics.".

Councilman Fernando Irizarry then said, "I need more time to look at it."

Balut then concluded with, "At 7 p.m. when the Regular Council Meeting is held, maybe you can tell me the information."

Resident and Businessman David Caba came up next. "The Police Chief admitted that I was right about the crime stats, but didn't break it down. At a previous meeting, Chief McKeon said the crime is not the administration's fault. Why do we have a chief and administrators? There must be accountability. Why have these directors if there's no accountability? I want all of the Council on my side." Caba then directed the following remark to Councilman Irizarry, "After that small part of Rector Street is done (between Washington and Commerce), I'm going to ask that it be called the Caba & Irizarry Way."

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up. She mentioned, "I talked to someone in another town about their Community Block Grants that they received. That person told me they do follow up on the grant recipients and do reports. What if any portions are used for salaries?" She also had concerns about animal safety. "Are we investigating a matter that may have violated New Jersey State law?"

The last person to speak was Resident Alan Silber, "Nobody from the library is here to answer questions. A woman who was on the Board of Trustees was replaced by the Mayor. The public has a right to be heard. No one should be allowed to use electronics in the audience as well as the Council and administrators (during the meeting)."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was absent for the 11/20/17 Caucus portion.

During the 11/20/17 7 p.m. Council Meeting which was held later the same day because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, the first person to come up to speak was Ken Balut. He wanted to know if the Council Members had any answers to the printout of the OPRA request previously given to them suring the Caucus regarding the E-Port PILOT.

Council President Bill Petrick replied, "There are possibly two other sheets that are missing."

Law Director Peter King added, "That was the most comprehensive information available and I will get you more detailed information."

Balut continued, "You (the Council) are supposed to be transparent and you don't know what's going on." He also asked, "What are they going to do at 382 Market St.?" He then questioned some of the facts behind crime being committed in the City. "If all these people know each other that commit crimes, then most of these crimes would be solved. It all boils down to the Police Director. No one is here to answer questions."

Resident and Businessman David Caba came up next, "We do research. I'm not saying all police are bad. Who has accountability? Who's in charge? People only show up when it affects them."

Alan Silber came up next. "In some of the ads for the 2008 election, the Mayor (Joe Vas) had said that he added up to 10,000 jobs at the time." Silber also questioned, "Is 380 Market St. in need of redevelopment? We always have to amend the ordinance on employee salary guidelines."

Sharon Hubberman came up to speak about the library, "There's no access for handicapped people. There's a performance bond attached. If you don't have one, you may have to go to court. In the last election, there was a joyous caravan going around, but this was in violation of the ordinance. Those laws were enforced on only certain candidates."

Resident Vince Mackiel talked about the shelter situation. "I attended the South Amboy Council Meeting about the same thing. The Salvation Army has been valuable in serving those people (the homeless and downtrodden). This town (Perth Amboy) has a lot

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Lung Cancer Awareness

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Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe

Lung Cancer Awareness Flag

On November 4th, 2017, the 3rd Annual Lung Cancer Awareness Month Flag Raising took place in Perth Amboy. Governor Chris Christie sent a proclamation to United Messengers of Peace (UMoP) Founder, Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe recognizing November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Although the month of November is ending this week, lung cancer research remains underfunded.

Let's not forget how devastating this disease is.

From www.cancer.org:

Lung cancer (both small cell and non-small cell) is the second most common cancer in both men and women (not counting skin cancer). In men, prostate cancer is more common, while in women breast cancer is more common. About 14% of all new cancers are lung cancers.

The American Cancer Society's estimates for lung cancer in the United States for 2017

- About 222,500 new cases of lung cancer (116,990 in men and 105,510 in women)
- About 155,870 deaths from lung cancer (84,590 in men and 71,280 in women)

Lung cancer is by far the leading cause of cancer death among both men and women; about 1 out of 4 cancer deaths are from lung cancer. Each year, more people die of lung cancer than of colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined.

Layout & Asst. Writer

Lung cancer mainly occurs in older people. About 2 out of 3 people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older, while less than 2% are younger than 45. The average age at the time of diagnosis is about 70.

Some Symptoms to be aware of are:

- 1. Persistent Cough or Hoarseness
- 2. Shortness of Breath
- 3. Weight loss and loss of appetite
- 4. Chest Pain
- 5. Coughing up blood or rust-colored sputum
- 6. Feeling tired or weak
- 7. Reoccurring bronchitis or

Besides having a flag raising in Perth Amboy, the UMoP had a flag raising in New Brunswick.

We applaud Stephanie and her mother, Nilda for taking the loss of a loved one to bring awareness to help others. We believe because of them, they may have saved lives.

Here's a reminder:

From www.lungcancerfoundation.org: Lung cancer's five-year survival rates have hovered around 15 percent for the past four decades, while survival rates for most other cancers have climbed. Ninetynine percent of prostate cancer patients and 89 percent of breast cancer patients now live at least five years past diagno-

Please join Stephanie and the UMoP in this fight.

C.M. & K.M

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Mr. Vincent Mackiel Perth Amboy, New Jersey

Dear Vincent,

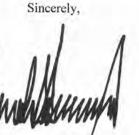
Thank you for taking the time to express your views regarding healthcare policy.

Healthcare is a large and complex part of the economy that affects every person and family in America. Due to Obamacare, healthcare premiums continue to rise, while healthcare options continue to disappear. Under Obamacare, our healthcare system is imploding. That is why we must repeal and replace Obamacare with reforms that expand choice, increase access, lower costs and, at the same time, encourage quality healthcare and innovation.

Since my first day as President, we have been working to save Americans from Obamacare's failures. On my first day in office, I signed an executive order to minimize Obamacare's regulatory burdens and to give states greater flexibility and authority to create a more open healthcare market. My Administration has worked ever since, and will continue to work, with Congress to enact permanent reforms that will finally address the needs of our healthcare system.

My Administration will work to replace Obamacare with a system that meets several critical objectives. Obamacare's replacement should ensure that Americans with pre-existing conditions have access to coverage. Additionally, it should provide a stable transition for those currently enrolled in Obamacare's health exchanges and Medicaid expansion. And it should use tax credits and expanded Health Savings Accounts to help Americans purchase healthcare coverage of their own choosing.

Thank you again for your suggestions. Please visit www.WhiteHouse.gov to read more about my health care policy. As President, I am committed to providing Americans with more affordable health insurance, access to more choices, and quality care.



HMS Host Foundation Celebrates Thanksgiving with \$10,000 Grant to Renovation Funds Will Support Perth Amboy in Season of Giving

Press Release 11/27/17 PERTH AMBOY — HMSHost Foundation is fighting poverty in northern New Jersey by supporting Renovation House, a nonprofit that offers long-term residential rehabilitation treatment for men struggling with alcohol and drug addiction. HMSHost Foundation presented a \$10,000 grant to Renovation House during its annual Thanksgiving dinner. The HM-SHost team from the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway also donated 30 turkeys, and volunteered to help Renovation House serve approximately 1,700 Thanksgiving meals to people in need.

"HMSHost Foundation is thrilled to support the Perth Amboy community with this grant

to Renovation House," said **HMSHost Foundation President** Paul Mamalian. "Renovation House is an important community leader in northern New Jersey and this grant represents HMSHost Foundation's commitment to our mission to combat the cycle of poverty at the local level."

Renovation House has served Thanksgiving dinner to the Perth Amboy community for 11 years. HMSHost associates have been a part of this tradition for the last five years by donating turkeys and volunteering to serve meals. HMSHost Foundation made its first grant to Renovation House in 2016.

"We are very excited to have HMSHost volunteer with us again this Thanksgiving and are

so thankful for the donation and hard work of their team," said Renovation House Reverend Paul Sears. "Renovation House operates entirely on the basis of donations and HMSHost's ongoing contributions are a significant part of Renovation House being able to carry out its mission."

HMSHost and Renovation House coordinate throughout the year on other community service efforts too. For example, HMSHost donates food to Renovation House from New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway restaurants. Highquality prepared food items get picked up from various service

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Free tours are available Tuesdays & Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Clubs, classrooms & groups are welcome. Come & view this newly restored building!

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PERTH AMBOY - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! www.KearnyCottage.org

Proprietary House Open

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel. 732-826-5527 Email: info@proprietaryhouse. org. Follow us on our website, www.theproprietaryhouse.org and or/Facebook.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

THURS. Nov. 30 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St. Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.

THURS. Dec. 7 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave. MON. Dec. 11 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.

City Hall, High St. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

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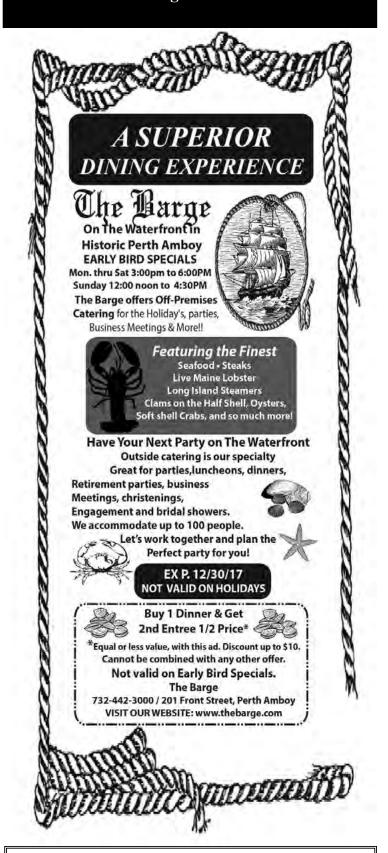
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WED. Dec. 6 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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Small Business Saturday, Fink Park, Perth Amboy, 11/25/17 *Photos by Paul W. Wang











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Holiday Vendor Fair

PERTH AMBOY - Shoppers Wanted! For Holiday Vendor Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday December 2, 2017 at Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy (underneath the church). New Merchandise Vendors including: Scentsy, Origami Owl, Avon, Pampered Chef, LuLaRoe, Keep Collective, Seksi Jewelz, DoTERRA Essential Oils, LipSense, Paparazzi, Art Work by Amanda, Young Living and more! Come out and find that unique and affordable Gift! For more info: Call 732-442-7799.



Perth Amboy Free Public Library Offers Home-bound Delivery Service!

PERTH AMBOY - If you can't make it to the library, the library can come to you!

The Home-Bound Program is a resource delivery service offered to all Perth Amboy residents who are temporarily or permanently confined to their homes because of illness, age or physical disability. Care facilities and nursing homes are also welcome to take advantage of this program. The service is absolutely free to join and use! Residents who do not currently have a library card will be issued one after successful sign-up of the homebound application. To sign up for service call the library at 732-826-2600.

Fundraising Event

SOUTH AMBOY - This Year's Friends of South Amboy fundraising event will be held on Saturday, December 16th at South Amboy Middle High School. Proceeds from the event will go to the Midtbo family who have a five-yearold daughter battling leukemia. The day of the event we will be having a Tricky Tray and are asking for donations of baskets that can be part of the auction. If you would like to support this worthy cause, and can donate a basket for our event, please contact Janet Kern at 732-824-3494.

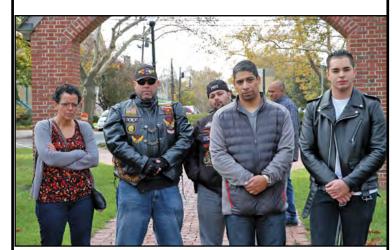
As in years past the event will feature local high school basketball games, as follows: 4:00 South Amboy Varsity Girls vs Calvary Christian 6:00 Bishop Ahr Boys Varsity vs Sayreville 8:00 South Amboy Boys Varsity vs Calvary Christian

Lung Cancer Awareness Flag Raising, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy, 11/4/17 *Photos by Paul W. Wang











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of services connected to health services. I wrote a letter to President Trump (see page 4) about the concerns of people who may lose Obamacare." Mackiel concluded with, "Let's get on with the construction of the Tennis Courts."

During the Council Comments, Helmin Caba said, "I would like to see a list of the PARA projects, past, present, and future."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "It's important to pay attention to the zoning changes on the Focus 2000. There is a lack of knowledge in the community and the future plans for the City. Please read that document which will generate many questions."

Councilman Irizarry said, "We need to prepare for the 2020 Census." He also men-

tioned about the opioid epidemic in the State and in the Country. "Prevention, education, and treatment are important. The Police Department is involved with educating fifth graders. How do we address the treatment? Other towns are doing this with certain programs. We have a hospital with other cities don't have. This is not political. Lives are at risk. I'm asking the administration to look into this."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "I may have talked too early about praising the work done on Hall Avenue. Cortlandt Street wasn't touched. Only half of the street on Hall Avenue was done. We also have a machine that takes care of our street signs (permanent signs declaring alternate side of the street parking for cleanup). We need to take care of what we promised the people, instead of being concerned about flag poles.

Council President Bill Petrick said, "Remember those not home and that are serving overseas for the holidays."

For R-444 thru R-453, R-455 thru R-461 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry, Seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba. R-454 was pulled.

For the Bond Ordinance No. 1 - Capital Improvements and Bond Ordinance No. 2 - Providing of the Cleaning of Interceptor Mains of the Water/ Wastewater Utilities and Ordinance No. 3 – Bond providing for various improvements to the Water/Wastewater.

For the adoption of these three ordinances: No. 1 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Caba. Irizarry abstained when voting. No. 2 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Caba. No. 3 was moved by Irizarry and seconded Pabon.

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WISE: Wellness Initiative for Senior **Education**

PERTH AMBOY – Are you 55 or older? Are you looking for an opportunity to learn how to stay healthy? Would you like to meet new people? Join us, and bring a friend! The WISE educational program offers six lessons that cover a wide range of topics. Join us for this fun program, where you'll learn about:

- Healthy Aging
- Unhealthy behaviors to avoid
- Safe use of medications
- Tools to help you tack charge of your health

The program takes place at Silver Linings@Jewish Renaissance Foundation, 147 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy (The Proprietary House). Monday, December 4 Wednesday, December 6 Monday, December 11 Wednesday, December 13 Monday, December 18

Wednesday, December 20 Each session is from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Lunch will be provided after each session.

For more information, and to reserve a spot, please call Johanna Pagon @ 732-254-3344 Ext. 111

American Idol Finalist to Visit Old Bridge

Scott MacIntyre to share his message of hope at Hackensack Meridian Health's free Vassar Vision Awareness Day, November 30

Press Release 11/22/17 OLD BRIDGE - Born blind, former American Idol finalist Scott MacIntyre knows what it means to persevere despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles. MacIntyre will share his message of hope and three secrets to living a fulfilling life amidst incredible adversity at Hackensack Meridian Health's Mitchell Vassar Vision Awareness Day on Thursday, November 30, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Grand Marquis, 1550 Route 9

South, Old Bridge, NJ.

This free event, focusing on "The Beauty in Life: Living with a Chronic Medical Condition," includes lunch and a resource fair with exhibitions from an array of Hackensack Meridian Healthnetwork services and programs. Also, unwanted glasses will be collected for the Lions Club Recycle for Sight Program, benefiting visually impaired adults and children. In addition to Scott's presentation, representatives from the NJ Sharing Network will discuss the benefits of organ donation and transplanta-

MacIntyre is an acclaimed singer-songwriter, speaker, scholar, and author. At 19 years old, he was diagnosed with

stage-four kidney failure, but received a transplant that saved his life. Less than a year later, he ended up on one of the biggest stages in the world -American Idol. As the first blind finalist on the show, he has inspired audiences on overcoming adversity, motivation, and the importance of education. MacIntyre's heartfelt songs and powerful voice take his audiences on an emotional journey of hardship and hope, entreating listeners that no matter what life brings their way, life is always worth living to the fullest.

The Mitchell Vassar Bright Future Legacy was made possible by a generous gift from Janice Mitchell Vassar. This gift to Hackensack Meridian Health has made a positive impact on New Jersey's visually impaired individuals by making educational opportunities available for patients and caregivers, sponsoring Awareness Day, and offering free screenings to the commu-

Registration is required for the event, please call 1-800-560-9990 or visithackensackmeridianhealth.org/beautyin-

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plazas twice every week and an average of 900 food items are donated monthly.

About HMSHost Foundation

HMSHost Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to fight poverty in the local community with food, shelter, education, and workforce development. HMSHost Foundation is uniquely positioned to give back to the communities in which it operates by combating the cycle of poverty at the local

level. Charitable work carried out by HMSHost Foundation is done based on pillars of giving:

- Combat hunger and promote nutritional wellness;
- Provide opportunity for financial stability through job training and placement;
- *Encourage the next generation* through access to education and
- Honor our veterans and their families.

Visit HMSHostFoundation.org for more information. We can also be found on Facebook.

www.amboyguardian.com



Santa Fly-In Help & Contribute

Press Release

PRINCETON - Forty two years ago, the idea of having Santa fly into the Princeton Airport for the area children to watch was brought to life. Throughout the years, this has evolved into a wonderful annual event for local families and those less fortunate.

The tradition will continue this year on Sunday, December 24th, when the Nierenberg family owners of the airport, will open the hangar doors to children awaiting Santa's arrival. Santa is planned to arrive at 11:00 A.M. Parents are advised to bring the children prior to then, as the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies, and local

Handel's

Messiah!!

SOUTH AMBOY - Music at

Saint Mary's presents; Handel's

Messiah! Come join the South

Amboy/Sayreville community

for the Saint Mary Chamber Or-

chestra and Choral Society's

annual presentation of George

Fredrik Handel's timeless ora-

torio. Under the direction of-

Maestro Christopher M.C. Deibert, conductor, the Advent/

Christmas portion of this work

will be performed in its entirety,

along with excerpts from the

second and third parts. Don't

miss this delightful candlelit

concert, set in beautiful Victori-

an-Gothic architectural sur-

roundings!! Saturday, Decem-

ber 16, 2017; 7:00 p.m. at Saint

Mary Church, 256 Augusta

Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879.

Free admission (\$15 donation

suggested). For questions call

MASM @ 732-857-0202

folk singer Pat McKinley, starting at 10:30, will be leading the audience in holiday songs during the wait for Santa.

If parents would like to have a gift waiting for their child, they should bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it in large print to the Princeton Airport lobby. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa. If parents have more than one child participating, the gifts should be wrapped in the same paper and tied together to speed up the distribution. Also, to have their child participate, parents need to bring a gift for the less fortunate as well. You must also bring an equal number of unwrapped gifts for NEEDY children. This is the most important feature of this event.

These gifts must be new and unwrapped, and will be collected by the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Personal checks made out to the "Food-Bank Network of Somerset County", as well as canned or boxed food will also be collected at the airport. Donations

from non-participants are kindly accepted as well.

The collection of the gifts will begin the day after Thanksgiving and will end on Saturday, December 17th in order to enable county workers to arrange the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby of the airport between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Once Santa's plane lands, he will head into the hangar, along with all the participants, to distribute each gift individually. In fairness to all. Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Children will also have the opportunity to take a picture on Santa's lap. Usually, distribution is completed by 1:00 P.M. and Santa continues his journey. There is no charge for this

The Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 miles north of Princeton on Route 206. The full address is 41 Airpark Road,

Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Cookie Walk on Sat. Dec. 16th at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The address is 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. All Gourmet items Homemade and Handmade. Hope to see you at the Cookie Walk!

Bell Ringers Needed

PERTH AMBOY – Looking for a job? The Salvation Army Christmas Kettles Bell Ringers are needed. Full time seasonal job. \$9.00/hr; 5 days per week (Tuesdays thru Saturdays) from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. from November 24 thru December 23. The Salvation Army of Perth Amboy, 433 State St., Perth Amboy. Need to have Social Security and State ID. For more info call 732-826-7040.

WAG Pet Photos with

Santa

WOODBRIDGE – Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge.

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

WOODBRIDGE – Decorate and design your very own Gingerbread cookie! Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Saturday, December 9, 2017 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration Required! For more info contact the Recreation Department: Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge – 732-596-4048 or go to www. twp.woodbridge.nj.us

"Olde Amboy Homes for The Holidays"

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Proprietary House, the Royal Governor's Mansion, announces a special holiday tour, "Olde Amboy Homes for the Holidays," on Sunday, December 3rd, from 1 to 5 PM. Visit Perth Amboy's scenic waterfront district and take an exclusive look inside some of Perth Amboy's historic private homes festively bedecked for the holidays. Tour the Royal Governor's Mansion, where the museum rooms will be decorated by the Royal Garden Club for "A White Christmas." Enjoy seasonal refreshments, holiday music & good cheer! Peruse an array of souvenirs, collectibles and other items for sale in our Gift Shop, located in the mansion's colonial kitchen.

The tour starts at Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Avenue. TICKETS: In Advance - \$35 per Person (\$30 for Members); At the Door - \$40 per Person (\$35 for Members).

To purchase tickets, contact PROPRIETARY HOUSE ASSOCIATION - Phone: (732) 826-5527; E-mail: info@theproprietaryhouse. org; Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861. (All funds raised will benefit ongoing restoration



and operation of Proprietary House's Museum.)

42th Anniversary of Festival Lessons and Carols Service St. Peters Episcopal Church Sunday December 17, 2017 at 10:30 AM

Free Will Offering and Reception to Follow

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Perth Amboy is delighted to announce its $42^{\rm nd}$

Annual Festival Lessons and Carols service Sunday December 18 at 10:30 AM.

The program includes tradi-

tional seasonal music from America, Germany, Spain, England, France as well as gospel and spiritual works including G.F. Handel's And the Glory of

the Lord, Gaetano Donizetti's Ave Maria, Stainer's God so Loved the World and Roland Carter's

gospel Mary had a Baby and Stainer's For God so Loved the World.

Music Director Doug Sheldon and organist, Zachary Ross announced that associate conductors, Jeffrey Smith and Patrick Murphy will also conduct in the service with soloists

Jessica Huetteman and Jeffrey Smith.

The service will be followed by a reception at the Parish House for all members of the congregation and audience.

Pictures With Santa

WOODBRIDGE – Donate a non-perishable item and take your picture with Santa Claus! Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge on Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more info contact the Recreation Department: Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge – 732-596-4048 or go to www. twp.woodbridge.nj.us

27th Annual Holiday Model Train Exhibit

WOODBRIDGE - The Barron

Arts Center Presents The 27th Annual Holiday Model Train Exhibit On View Nov 25 – Dec 30, 2017 CLOSED DEC 25. Exhibit Hours Mon - Fri. 11am-4pm Sat & Sun 2-4pm Reception & Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday Dec. 1, 2017 \sim 5-7pm In the tradition of family exhibitions for the Holiday Season, In the tradition of family exhibitions for the Holiday Season, the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge, New Jersey will once again host an exhibition of model trains curated by Colonia resident Michael Gelesky. The exhibition will be free to the public but donations are always greatly appreciated. This event is sponsored by Access Self Storage of Woodbridge located at 135 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge, J.J. Elek Realty Co. located at 117 Main Street. Middlesex Water Company located at 1500 Ronson Road, Iselin & Wegmans Food Market located at 15 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge. This year's show is also sponsored by The Mom's Club of Edison.



Christmas Carol

Sing-Along

SOUTH AMBOY – There's no better way to warm your soul and cheer your heart than with Christmas Cookies and Hot Chocolate. Join Chris Deibert and the Saint Mary Choir for a fun night of Christmas nostalgia and a carol Sing-Along. The concert will benefit the choir's pilgrimage trip to the Vatican in 2019. Concert is Friday, Dec. 22, 2017 at 7 p.m. Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (donation appreciated).

2017 Holiday Concert: Brothers in Harmony

WOODBRIDGE - Holiday Concert: "Brothers in Harmony" Friday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. To be held at Woodbridge Middle School Located at 525 Barron Avenue, Woodbridge, NJ 07095 Since 1988, the "Brothers in Harmony" Barbershop Chorus has been providing audiences with rich, viaward winning brant, harmonies in their unique, signature singing style. Join us for an evening of Traditional Standards and Holiday Favorites. NO RESERVATIONS NECES-SARY!

Hungarian Kolbasz Sale

WOODBRIDGE - The Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge is having a kolbasz sale. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak at 732-494-1431. Price: \$5.50 per lb. Deadline for order: Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017 between 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Use Ross Street Entrance. (If you are ordering nut rolls, you can also place your order for kolbasz at the same time.)

Hungarian Nut Roll Sale

WOODBRIDGE - The Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge is having a nut roll sale. Available in: English Walnut, Poppy Seed, Prune-Lekvar, Apricot and Raspberry. Each Cake weighs 1 lb.8 oz. Price: \$16.00 each. Deadline to order: Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017. Pick-up on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 between 12 noon - 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Please use Ross Street Entrance. All orders must be paid in full upon ordering. Please call Florette Pastor: 732-636-2868.

Iceless Skating on High Street

PERTH AMBOY - Join Congregation Beth Mordecai and the town of Perth Amboy for Winterfest! Holiday Adventures abound with a parade and Iceless Skating. Skating will be Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on High Street under the Big Top. Skate Rentals are and refreshments available: 1 skate session with skate rental \$5pp; 2 Skate Rentals sessions with skate rental \$10pp.

Food for Fines

PERTH AMBOY - From November 1st to December 31st bring in canned or dried goods to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library to pay for fines. One can or boxed good is equivalent to \$1 and we will accept goods for up to \$20 in fines. All donations will go to support Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services which distributes nonperishable items at no cost to over 80 local food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the County, as well as an additional 25 agencies including: residential facilities, shelters, social service agencies, programs for women and children, senior citizen housing facilities and other outreach services that are also a part of their network.

No expired food, glass, or damaged cans will be accepted. Only Perth Amboy Library overdue fines will be waived. Thank you for helping us support the community.



Tree Lighting & Holiday Fire/ Rescue Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - Our annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Fire/Rescue Parade will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the Train Plaza. Entertainment, Free Refreshments and of course, Santa! Rain Date: Friday, Dec. 1,



Trolley Tour

SOUTH AMBOY - Have a holly, jolly holiday riding in our trolley on a tour of South Amboy featuring historical sites as well as the contest winner & the runners up in the "Holiday House Decorating Contest." Tours will be given on Friday, December 15, 2017 starting at 5:30 p.m. Contact the Recreation Office: 732-525-5965 or email: Events@ SouthAmboyNJ.gov to reserve your seating is very limited. First Come – First Served. Opened to South Amboy Residents only.

Santa Run SOUTH AMBOY - Parents -

do you want to surprise your child with a visit from Santa Claus this Christmas while donating to a good cause? Enterprise Hook & Ladder of the South Amboy Fire Department is having a Santa Claus fundraiser. With a donation to Enterprise Hook & Ladder, members will show up to your house with Santa on the Fire Truck. Santa can even deliver a special gift (you provide the present) For a \$20 Donation Santa and the Fire Truck will visit for 10 minutes; For a \$40 Donation Santa and the Fire Truck will visit for 20 minutes. Santa will make his visits December 19th & 21st from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday December 23rd from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. There are a limited number of slots per night, so call 732-588-6174 or email SAFDTruck8@gmail.com to make your reservation. All gifts must be deliver to Enterprise Hook & Ladder, 107 George St. that night before clearly labeled with your name and address on each gift. Note: ALL dates & times are subject to change due to fire calls & other unforeseen emergencies that we must respond to! Open to South Amboy Residents Only.

Participants Wanted

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy is seeking groups, businesses or organizations who would like to participate in the City's Annual Christmas Parade! Event Date: Saturday, December 2, 2017. If interested, please contact Samantha Miranda at (732) 826-1690 Ext. 4305 or email smiranda@perthamboynj.org

Christmas Tea

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is sponsoring a Christmas Tea at the Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy on Sunday, December 10 at 1 p.m.

Join the Kearny Cottage members for tea and pastries, with Dennis Nanton on the key-

Donations are appreciated. For more information call 732-293-1090. Snow date 12/17/17

Holiday Craft Show WOODBRIDGE - Vendors

Needed on Dec. 2, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Set up at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Church, Rte. 35 & Main St., Woodbridge (lower level) \$25 for 1 table w/2 chairs, no refunds. For info and registration call Mary Ellen O'Connor: 908-294-0146. No handicap-accessibility.

Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church is having their Cake Sale Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune/Lekvar, Apricot, Raspberry at \$12.00 each. Orders may be called in from Nov. 27th thru Nov. 30th, 2017 to (732) 826-7067 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Orders may be picked up on Dec. 6 & 7 at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. after 2:30 p.m.



Living **Nativity**

OLD BRIDGE - See costumed characters, animals, and unique scenes while enjoying holiday music and related Scripture verses. Dates: December 1rd-3rd & 8th-10th, Fridays 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. A completely free event; canned food for the Bread of Life Ministry may be donated. Sponsored by Sayre Woods Bible Church, Route 9 South, 1/4 mile north of Route 516 (across from ShopRite). 2290 Highway 9S, Old Bridge. Recommended to arrive 30 minutes prior to start time to secure our spot in line. Wait time may exceed more than 2 hours.

Amboy Bank Food Collection



Press Release

OLD BRIDGE - Gregory Scharpf, Executive Vice President and Chief Retail Officer, helps Old Bridge Food Bank Volunteer Coordinator, Anahita Feltz, and volunteers, John Conti and John Bienias, gather the food collections from the Amboy Bank Administration Building and neighboring branches. Scharpf said, "With the help of our staff, clients and neighbors, we were able to donate more food and gift cards to the Old Bridge Food Bank than ever before. We'd like to thank everyone for making this year's food drive our most successful to date." Amboy Bank's food drive included all 23 offices making donations to their local community food banks.

The 56th Annual Holiday Parade

WOODBRIDGE - Come out and celebrate the start of the Holiday Season! Parade begins at Woodbridge High School and ends at Town Hall on Sunday, December 3, 2017 all day.

Events at St. Peter's Church

PERTH AMBOY -

Mother's Guild Tricky Tray -Sunday, December 3, doors open at 3pm, auction starts at 5pm admission \$10 per person, Fantastic prizes and Food Court with homemade specialties for purchase. St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy.

Acts of the Apostle Bible Study – Monday, December 4 at 7pm or Wednesday, December 6 at 10am. St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free event, all are welcome.

Chili Church-Thursday, December 7, 6:30 pm St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free event, all are welcome.

Celebrating the Seasons - December 9 from 9am to 11am, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. The focus will be on teaching our children about the meaning of our upcoming seasons - Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Call 732-826-1594 to register. Free event, all children wel-

Mini Advent Retreat - December 9 from 9am to 11am, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. A mini- 2-hour retreat for adults for Advent to offer a time of respite in this busy season. Call 732-826-1594 to register. Free event, all welcome.

Book Fair **Fundraiser**

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON -The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are teaming up once again with Barnes & Noble of Menlo Park for a day of fundraising on Saturday, December 2nd from 10am - 6pm. Story times for this event start at 11:30am and will continue throughout the day. Student artwork from Perth Amboy schools will be on display. In addition, Friends volunteers will be available to gift wrap your holiday purchases.

A percentage of net sales will go to the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library. You must present a valid book fair voucher or mention participation in the book fair at the register prior to making your purchase. Vouchers will be available in-store or by contacting the Friends at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com. If you cannot make it to the store, visit BN.COM/bookfairs

from December 2 to December 7 by entering Bookfair ID 12247326 at checkout.

The Friends of the Perth Amboy Library encourage the love of reading and independent learning, play a role in community involvement, sponsor special programs, raise funds for special projects and materials in excess of the general Library budget. The Friends have donated books to many Perth Amboy schools and the Children's Library. In addition, the Friends have sponsored author visits and the museum pass program, currently available at the Li-

Barnes & Noble is located at 55 Parsonage Rd. in Edison. The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Visit us at folperthamboy.com or at our Facebook page.

Ask the Rabbi Ask The Rabbi The

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - On December 13 and 20 Rabbi Sara Metz of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall food court (near Panera) from noon to one. She will speak on various topics of interest and answer any and all questions as it relates to Judaism.

75th Anniversary of Troop 53, BSA

FORDS - Troop 53, BSA, Our Lady of Peace Church, Fords, NJ is Celebrating their 75th Anniversary on April 14th, 2018. All Troop alumni is asked to join us in celebrating 75 years of service and rededicate to the future. For more information contact troop53ford-snj@gmail.com



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.



Dowdell Library's Annual Holiday Open House

Open House
SOUTH AMBOY - Open House on Monday, December 4th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. SA-DIE'S STUDIO - Make it yourself (MiY) fun for all ages! 3D printer, 3D pens, jewelry making, etc. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. HOLIDAY CHEER -Refreshments & Music Meet your neighbors! You never know, Santa might drop in!! Adjacent to South Amboy High School - off O'Leary Blvd. 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org www.dowdell.org

Our Home for the Holidays
Gift Guide Issues
are coming up
Weeks of Dec. 3, 13, 20 2017
Deadline - Dec. 1, 8, 15 2017
Call for Our Special
Advertising Rates
Season's Greetings Included in
Week of Dec. 20, 2017
732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610
Help Promote Your Business
During the Holiday Season!

Vendor Fair

PERTH AMBOY - Come join us for some shopping! Women of the Moose Vendor Fair, Sunday Dec. 3rd - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lots of vendors, lots of options! Any questions call Donna 732-925-8273.

Come Paint with Us

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Painting Fundraiser on November 18th, 2017. All supplies will be provided and there will be Coffee and Cake beforehand. The Coffee Hour will be from 5-6pm with painting beginning at 6 p.m. sharp. Tickets are \$40 each, again with everything needed supplied. The event will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 172 Main Street, Sayreville (across from the Borough Hall). For more information please call 732-257-6353 or email MNZ1924@aol.com. You may register online at www.artistpeople.com by clicking Calendar then November 18 and entering Event Phrase: Nicole. Space is limited for please regis-

Understanding Memory Loss Program @ Dowdell Library

Press Release 11/13/17 SOUTH AMBOY- Register for the Understanding Memory Loss program at the Dowdell Library.

Understanding Memory Loss is presented by Alzheimer's New Jersey, will take place on Thursday, November 30 from 6:30-7:30 pm. This helpful program will explore the difference between normal age-related memory changes and abnormal changes that are associated with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, including some of the common warning signs. Registration is required. Please call Alzheimer's New Jersey at 888-280-6055, or visit alznj. org to register online.

Don't miss the annual Holiday Open House with the "Rhythm N' Sound" 50's Band on Monday, December 4 from 6-8 pm. Join in for holiday cheer, refreshments, and many other surprises including having the chance to win an Amazon Kindle!

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

The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell. org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Knights of Columbus Events

SOUTH AMBOY -

NJ Devils Outing - December 29th. For all of you hockey fans, Saint Mary's Church and the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are sponsoring an outing to see the New Jersey Devils battle the Buffalo Sabres Friday, December 29th at 7 p.m. at the Prudential Center. Cost of \$60 includes lower level reserved ticket to the game and \$10 worth of food and beverages. If you're interested, deadline to purchase tickets is November 22. For more information, call Chris at 732-735-1737 or Steve at 732-727-1707. Free Holiday Movie - December 3rd - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will show the family friendly holiday movie "Elf" on Sunday December 3 at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Refreshments will be sold by the South Amboy Columbiettes. RSVP by November 30. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Breakfast with Santa - December 17 - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Breakfast with Santa Sunday December 17 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the K of C on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Enjoy a hot breakfast and bring your camera for photos with Santa Claus. Cost is \$8 Adults, \$3 Children 2-12. under 2 are FREE. For more information call 732-721-2-25.

Comedy Night Fundraiser - January 6 - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a special comedy night Saturday January 6 to benefit the victims of the recent hurricanes. Doors open at 7 p.m., and the show begins at 8 p.m. Comedians Donna Vaicels, Tim Hayes, and Sean Morton will entertain. Dinner and show tickets at \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. For ticket reservations call 201-240-2091.

Spaghetti Benefit Dinner - January 26th - South Amboy Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus host a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Cheer Dream Scoliosis Foundation on Friday January 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the k of C on 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost is \$10 Adults and \$7 Children. RSVP to Daniela by January 19th at 732-721-2025.

Open Mic - November 24 - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 holds their next Open Mic Friday November 24 at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. If you like to sing or play in a group, feel free to stop in. Refreshments are also available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Lecture on Life on the Home Front During WWII

PERTH AMBOY - Charles Wiley will speak about life on the home front during World War II at Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson Street, November 28, 2017 at 7 p.m.

While reporting from 100 countries, Mr. Wiley's search for facts led to his arrest eight times by secret police, including the KGB, and imprisonment in a Cuban dungeon while he was a correspondent for New York City radio station WOR. Wiley has covered 11 wars, four times in Vietnam, including reporting for NBC, UPI, the London Express and numerous other U.S. and foreign news media.

A graduate of New York University, his freelance articles and photographs have appeared in numerous publications, including the New York Times, U.S. News & World Report, Newsweek and Time. A well-known radio/TV talk-show personality, he has appeared on hundreds of network and local programs, including many times on CNN Crossfire and C-Span

Wiley lectured, and resided on campus, in China (Jinan University, Guangzhou), Russia (Leningrad University & Moscow State University) and elsewhere abroad, including Germany, Australia, South Africa, Colombia, Taiwan, Luxembourg, Thailand, Belarus, Namibia and Albania.

He helped establish guidelines for a free press in Mongolia, was a speaker for the White House Public Outreach Group, lectured in New Zealand at the Civil Defence Academy and played a major role at international conferences in Great Britain and Italy.

Wiley frequently addresses military audiences in the USA and abroad including the Naval War College, the Defense Intelligence Agency school, the Air Force school for its top NCO's, the Navy Postgraduate School, CincPac, the UK intelligence school and many others. He was the keynote speaker at a Jane's two-day conference in Washington on homeland defense and terrorism.

He went into Afghanistan, with the mujahideen, during the war against the Soviet Union. Later, during a tour of Kosovo, his visits to troops from many nations included the Russian 13th Tactical Group.

Wiley served in the Pacific during World War II. He has taught a life-style seminar at five colleges and had a very successful 13-year show business career.

Refreshments will be served





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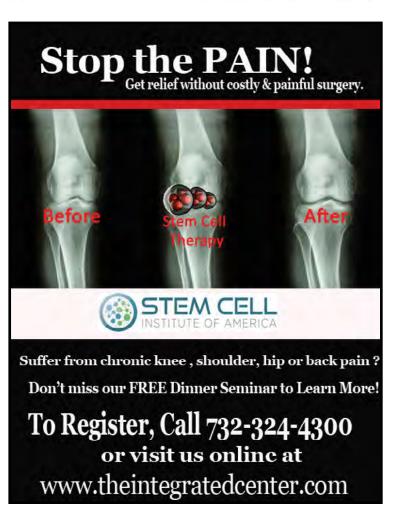
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Drug Awareness Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks Pier Leadership--Drug Awareness Fundraiser Roast Beef Dinner, Salad, Rolls, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables and deserts on Friday, December 1st from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at 601 Washington Avenue, South Amboy \$10 Per Person. For more info call: 732-721-7170.

Friends of the Library **Meeting**PERTH AMBOY - The Friends

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

Sayreville Holiday Celebration

SAYREVILLE - Sunday, December 3rd, We will be lining up on McCutcheon Ave. and Main Street at 5:30 p.m. and marching down Main Street to the Borough Hall parking lot. The parade will start at 6:00 p.m. In addition to Santa and Mrs. Claus and lots of holiday singers. After Santa arrives, they will have the Christmas tree and Menorah lighting and then coordinate some of the groups to sing Holiday songs on the stage, while serving hot chocolate. The children will be able to visit with Santa in our "holiday" tent. The Recreation Department will be collecting new toys for their Annual Town Toy Drive. Begins November 1st and continues through December 6th from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For Information call: 732-390-7092/7096.

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PERTH AMBOY - Join us at 380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ for our Assumption Church Bingo Customer Appreciation days with complimentary prizes.

Starting on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, we will have TEN DAYS OF PRIZES! Yes, for ten bingo nights in a row, there will be a prize raffled each night. Over \$1,200 worth of prizes will be given out! We are so excited to do this for you because we so deeply appreciate you coming to our bingos all year long.

Here's the prize list:

11/22 & 11/24 - 8 QT Power Pressure Cooker XL (one on Wednesday, one on Friday)

11/29 & 12/1 - Hoover Vacuum Cleaner (one on Wednesday, one on Friday)

12/6 & 12/8 - Keurig Coffee Maker, & 15 K-cup pods (one on Wednesday, one on Friday)

12/13 - Samsung 24" LED Smart TV

12/15 - Samsung Galaxy Tablet, A-8.0, 16 G

12/20 - Samsung Galaxy Tablet, A-8.0, 16 G

12/22 - Samsung 24" LED Smart TV

Now, how do you qualify? It is easy. Attend bingo. All paid admissions will receive one free raffle ticket. That's it.

Assumption Bingo is held twice a week on Wednesday and Friday. Doors open at 6 P.M. Food and refreshments are available for purchase. Bingo games start at 7:30 P.M.

This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

As German troops enter the Mediterranean port of Toulon, Vichy France, on November 27, 1942, French naval officers scuttle 79 warships of various sizes docked there — including three battleships — to prevent the vessels from falling into Nazi hands. Four submarines manage to escape, and ultimately join the Free French Navy. In Russia, the Germans form Army Group Don, under the command of Field Marshal Erich von Manstein, to relieve the Sixth Army at Stalingrad.

Free French forces invade, capture and occupy the island of Réunion in the Indian Ocean on November 28. Rommel proposes to Hitler that the campaign in North Africa be terminated because of the difficulty of supplying the troops there. Hitler will hear nothing of the plan, however, claiming that remaining in Africa is a "political necessity." In Boston, Massachusetts, a fire at the popular Cocoanut Grove nightclub kills 492 people, 32 more than the building's permitted capacity. Hundreds more are injured in what is the deadliest nightclub fire in history.

On November 29, British Prime Minister Churchill warns the Italian government that RAF bombing of Italian cities will continue until Italy overthrows Mussolini and abandons the war. In Tunisia, German forces clash with British and American troops at Tebourba and Djedeida. In the U.S., coffee rationing begins.

Australian troops take Gona, in Papua-New Guinea, on November 30. From Italy, radio broadcasts report large-scale movements of people fleeing Genoa, Turin and Milan. In North Africa, Allied advances are stopped by stiff German defenses. In Germany, a secret government directive to mental institutions orders that those patients who cannot provide meaningful service to the Fatherland shall be starved to death.

In the Pacific, at the Battle of Tassafaronga, off Guadalcanal, on December 1, five U.S. heavy cruisers and seven destroyers attack a convoy of eight Japanese destroyers headed for the island. Japanese torpedoes sink one cruiser and damage three destroyers, while the Japanese lose only one destroyer. Acting on the presumption that Marshal Philippe Pétain is virtually a prisoner of the Germans in Vichy France, Adm. Jean Darlan, in Algeria, unilaterally takes command of all French forces in North Africa. In Tunisia, German forces under Field Marshal Albert Kesselring counterattack at Tebourba and begin pushing the Allies back. Nationwide gasoline rationing begins in the U.S.

On December 2, beneath the bleachers at the University of Chicago's Stagg Field, a team of Manhattan Project researchers led by Italian-born physicist Enrico Fermi — winner of the 1938 Nobel Prize in Physics — initiates the first self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction. To report the success, a coded message is sent to President Roosevelt: "The Italian navigator has landed in the new world." From Rome, Benito Mussolini advises Italians to evacuate the cities. This causes widespread panic, as there is no plan, nor any organization established to oversee such an operation.

Several German divisions transferred from Western Europe begin arriving in the vicinity of Army Group Don, southwest of Stalingrad, on December 3 in preparation for an attempt to relieve the encircled Sixth Army. In North Africa, Hitler places all Axis forces in Tunisia into the newly created 5th Panzer Army, commanded by Gen. Hans-Jürgen von Arnim.

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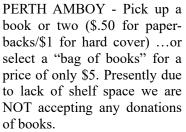
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

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. Nov. 29, 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.

Book Sale



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: 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. !!!!

John Belushi and Dan Ackroyd. Shown: Peter Georges (L) and Mabel Sarno (R) with Jake (small dog) and Elwood (bigger dog).

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A.C. Bus Trip Holy Rosary

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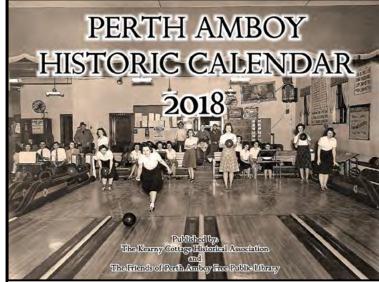
HOPELAWN - The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on December 7, 2017. Cost is \$30. Includes bus, gratuity, \$20 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves Church parking lot 10:00 am. For more details please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

A.C. Bus Trip

Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church

PERTH AMBOY - A.C. Bus Trip to the Tropicana Casino on Sunday, November 26, 2017. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 noon - 6 p.m. 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in A.C. Cost: \$30.00 per person (\$25 slot play). Bagged lunch provided -To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment due ASAP. NO REFUND FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLA-TIONS.

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Novena to St. Rita

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

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

Petition to St. Jude

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

Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

Thank you, St. Jude M.P.

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Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



Live Music

LAKE COMO – DAA Entertainment Presents: Mikell's Plot/Don Jamieson on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Pauls Tavern, 1705 Main St., Lake Como, NJ. All ages \$13. For more info go to: WWW. DAAENTERTAINMENT.

Charity Fundraiser

FORDS - OLP Knights of Columbus Council #9199, of Fords is sponsoring a special fundraiser to benefit the victims of Hurricane Marie in Puerto Rico. All proceeds will go to benefit Hurricane Marie victims. We will have a Spaghetti & Meatball dinner on Saturday, January 5, 2018, from 5:30 P.M. to 8 P.M. The dinner will be held in our Parish Center (no stairs!) off Franklin Ave, Edison.

The menu includes: Spaghetti with Marinara sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, desserts, coffee and tea. Cans of soda, iced tea and bottled water will be available. BYOB(beer & wine only). The cost is \$10/adults, \$5 for children under 12 and a special family price of \$20.(A family consists of 2 adults and any children under 12). Take out is also available.

We will also accept cash donations. Make the check out to: K of C 9199 and mail it to our address of: K of C 9199, PO Box 333, Fords, NJ 08863. Put "Hurricane Marie Fund" in the memo section. For more info, call Tony at 732-233-4473 or email of Bigt9199@yahoo.com

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

TUES. Nov. 28 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. Nov. 29 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

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

Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Dec. 4 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

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Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.

THURS. Dec. 7 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

WED. Dec. 8 Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.

South Amboy

MON. Dec. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,

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WED. Dec. 13 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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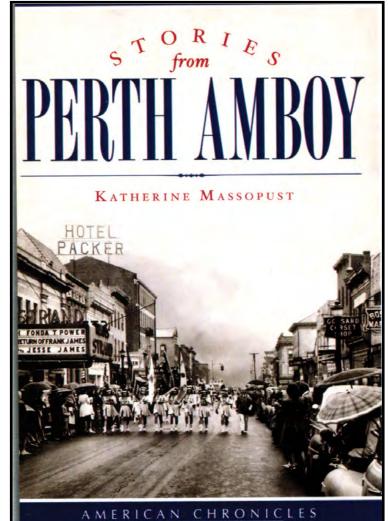




PERTH AMBOY - High School Girls in a group photo in PAHS Gym during the 1920's.

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