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Neighborhood Business Meeting at Sipos Bakery 3/20/18



Neighborhood Business Meeting at Sipos Bakery
*Photos by Paul W. Wang



City Officials pose for a group photo

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY – There was a Neighborhood Business Meeting held at Sipos Bakery, 365 Smith St., on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. The Master of Ceremonies was BID Chair Barry Rosengarten. "The BID is more than just a name. They are active 7 days a week. They are part of the Clean Team. Perth Amboy probably is one of the most active business districts in New Jersey. Each business has special and distinct possibilities."

Rosengarten then introduced Mayor Wilda Diaz. She thanked Sipos Bakery for hosting the event. "We're working in business communication. We have a plan for the business district to rezone the area. I will keep you updated. There will be a 1-mile radius around the train station where we will start off to make improvements. We will go back before the Council in April. You can voice your support for

the rezoning. State, Fayette, High Streets have been revitalized. We've had Target come here and they employ many residents of Perth Amboy. Duke Realty Partners have purchased BRIDGE. Two new businesses are looking to come to Perth Amboy. We're going to have an aggressive campaign. Looking at Celotex, we have 60 acres of land. I'm so proud NJ.com featured Perth Amboy of 1 of 15 towns for restaurants. People are looking at Perth Amboy. It's a small business community. Construction is everywhere. We're ensuring the population is employed in Perth Amboy. We made it a point to come to the business community. We bring it to you."

Diaz then praised Code Enforcement. "We have an entire team who is more able and willing."

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Pallone & Health Advocates Call for Legislation to Strengthen ACA and Fight Trump Sabotage

Press Release 3/19/18 LONG BRANCH/PERTH AM-BOY - Today at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) and State Senator Joseph Vitale (NJ-19) met with New Jersey healthcare advocates to discuss the importance of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Trump administration's dangerous attempts to sabotage it. Congressman Pallone has introduced a comprehensive bill that would improve the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces by making health care more affordable and by reversing the harmful Trump Administration actions that have sabotaged the ACA.

"For the last year, the American people have consistently voiced their support for efforts to strengthen the Affordable Care Act and protect comprehensive coverage," said Pallone. "Despite this support, the Trump administration has attempted to sabotage the ACA at every turn, jeopardizing coverage for millions and causing premiums to skyrocket. We are here today to stand united against President Trump's extreme policies, and to work together to make health care more affordable and accessible."

Pallone's legislation would lower health care premiums for consumers by eliminating the cap on eligibility for premium tax credits, which are currently set at 400 percent of the federal poverty line (FPL), and will increase the size of the tax credit for all income brackets. The bill would also provide additional support for out-of-pocket costs by expanding eligibility for cost-sharing subsidies from 250 percent of the FPL to 400 percent, and would make costsharing subsidies more generous for those below 250 percent of the FPL. In October, President Trump decided to default on cost-sharing subsidies that help more than seven million hardworking Americans afford their out-of-pocket health care

State Senator Joseph F. Vitale (NJ-19), Chairman of the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee, has introduced two bills that





Pallone leads a Roundtable Discussion
*Photos Submitted

would maintain the viability of the ACA's individual mandate and establish a reinsurance fund to help stabilize the insurance market in New Jersey.

Pallone's bill would also reverse harmful actions by the Trump Administration that undermine consumer protections in the health care system. Specifically, the bill would:

- Prevent the expansion of Association Health Plans from going into effect. These barebones plans are not required to include protections for people with pre-existing conditions or the essential health benefits package.
- Prevent the Trump Administration from moving forward on a rule proposed last month that would allow insurance companies to discriminate against people with pre-existing conditions by offering junk plans that provide limited benefits and little financial protection from health care costs. The legislation would require short-term limited duration health plans to play by the same rules as ACA-compliant plans.
- Prevent the Trump Admin-

istration from weakening protections for Essential Health Benefits (EHBs), which would leave consumers with less comprehensive plans that may not cover needed services, such as prescription drugs, maternity care, and substance use disorder treatment.

As Chairman of the Health Subcommittee during in 2009 and 2010, Pallone played a key role in authoring and passing the Affordable Care Act. He is now Ranking Member of the full Energy and Commerce Committee, which oversees health.

The panelists included

- Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.
- Sen. Joseph F. Vitale
- Shereef M. Elnahal New Jersey Health Commissioner
- Bob Garrett Co-CEO Hackensack Meridian Health
- Russ Molloy HMH Senior VP Government Relations
- Tara Rosenberg HMH Navigator

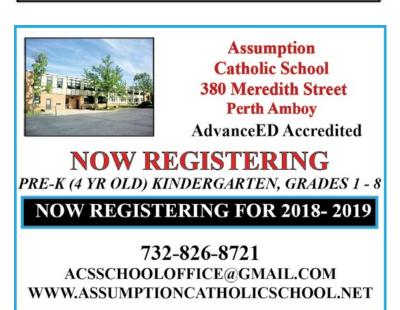
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- Barbara Scholz Fulfill, Director of Advocacy and Programs
- Ray Castro New Jersey Policy Perspective, Director of Health Policy
- Maura Collinsgru NJ Citizen Action, Health Care Program Director
- Ward Sanders NJ Association of Health Plans, President
- Lisa Wade Social Oncology Worker, Ocean Medical Center
- Edward Kelly Case Manager, Early Intervention – HIV Team

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON – Events: April 19: Paper Mill Playhouse - "The Sting"; April 24: Li Greci's Staaten, Staten Island, NY - "Billion Dollar Trio" plus dancing and lunch - For information call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 May 4: Hunterdon Hills - "Tapestry" Music of Carol King - Lunch and Show - For information call Rose at 732-738-8013

Various items for hospitals and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting, as well as canned food for MCFOOD. Be a guest at our meeting or visit our website at www.edisonaarp. org for additional information.

Meet the Author:

Geoffrey Cook
PERTH AMBOY – The Friends

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are happy to host Geoffrey Cook on Saturday, April 21st at 1:00 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Perth Amboy Library located at 196 Jefferson St.

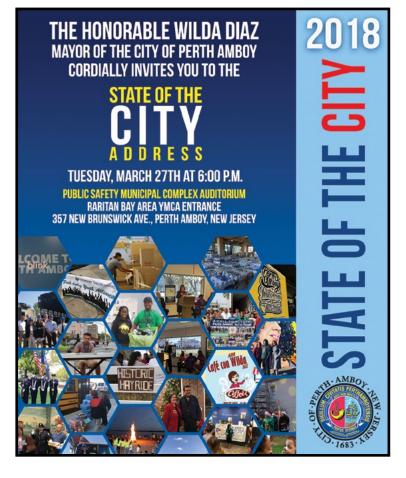
Geoffrey's book, Veronica and the Volcano, is an exciting adventure story. Ten-year old Veronica lives in a high-tech, gadget-filled house on the slope of an active volcano. Eruptions are part of life, as she watches from the protective shields of her home or from her family's well-equipped Lava Car. When she leaves on a quest to find rare white volcanic pearls, she leads everyone into a series of incredible adventures.

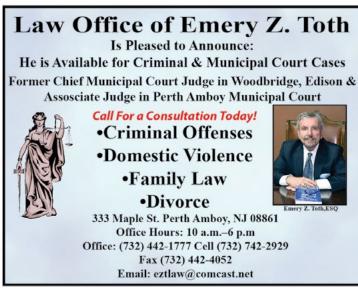
The book is geared for grades 4-6, with educational elements. It is designed to stir young readers' interest in science while entertaining them. Kids will root for this brave young girl and while they are cheering her on, they'll learn as well.

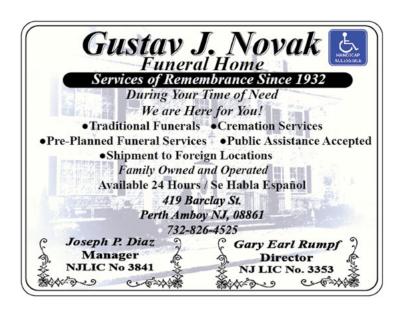
Books will be available for purchase. For more information on Geoffrey, visit his website at www.geoffreycook.com

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For information, contact the Friends at (201) 381-1903, e-mail at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com, visit their website at folperthamboy.com or find them on Facebook.

The Friends encourage the love of reading and independent learning, play a role in community involvement, sponsor special programs, raise funds for special projects, equipment and materials in excess of the general Library budget.









Hibernians 70th Anniversary, Perth Amboy 3/17/18 *Photos by Ray Kawka











Mrs. Lincoln Visits the Kearny Cottage 3/18/18 *Photo by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Judi Cox gave a presentation as Mary Todd Lincoln at the Kearny Cottage with a Guitarist Paul Serge who played music from the Civil War Era who accompanied her.

Call for Murals Art Exhibit

PERTH AMBOY – Thursday, March 29th at 6 p.m., Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade St. Perth Amboy. The Gateway Neighborhood Collaborative is putting a call for artists to submit as the next mural in the Gateway Neighborhood. Artwork must incorporate one of the following themes: Perth Amboy History, Perth Amboy Waterfront, Urban Culture, or Education.

How to Submit:

- 1. Submit your artwork to www. partnernj.org
- 2. Artists can submit up to 3 works of art
- 3. Once accepted, artists will receive a confirmation with the application and drop off dates 4. Mural renderings will be on display at the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts on Thursday, March 29th Art Exhibit.

VITA (United Way) Tax Assistance (a) Dowdell Library

Press Release 2/5/18

SOUTH AMBOY - Need help preparing your taxes? Sign up NOW to reserve one of the limited spaces provided by VITA (United Way). VITA free tax preparation assistance for individuals earning less than \$64,000 per year is available on the following dates. To register: 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org

Wednesday, March 21 from 10 am-2:30 pm

Monday, March 26 from 4-8 pm

Monday, April 9 - Drop off service only 10 am— 12 noon. Pick up return on Wednesday April 11.

Stop by the library in February on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm for Family Lego Maze. Build the craziest and wackiest maze out of Legos and guide your marble through to the end. We'll supply the Legos, you supply the maze outline!

Take part in Dowdell's Winter Olympics Palooza! Join us for live streaming of the games, Winter Olympics Wii U Contest, Marshmallow Stacking, Making your own Flag and other activities throughout February! No registration is required.

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.

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Mayor Diaz with BID Chair Barry Rosengarten
*Photos by Paul W. Wang

Acting Fire Chief Ed Mullen spoke next, "Over the last 6 weeks, we've campaigned with the Fire Safety Initiative, educating people about fire safety. If you have an old smoke alarm or aren't sure it's working, call 732-376-5419, the Smoke Detector Hotline. We'll come out and check. We're running out of Carbon Monoxide Alarms, but we might have a few left. We're building a second fire house in the North East side of town. Fire safety is the number one priority of Mayor Diaz's Team of Perth Amboy."

Rosengarten added that the smoke alarms are of no cost to the citizens.

Police Captain Pardo represented the Police Department and spoke about the Community Policing Initiative. "You'll see officers on Smith Street. We will work with the homeless community and with God's Army Ministry to help the homeless to gain self-sufficiency. Police will be on foot, walking and bridge gaps between citizens, businesses and the Police Department."

Pardo continued, "We are in a partnership with Woodbridge to help with the Opioid Crisis. A counselor will be able to visit a person eight times (to help him/ her)."

Chief Housing Inspector from Code Enforcement Johan Delgado spoke next. "It is a very exciting time in Code Enforcement. Some Businesses were looking to expand. We want to be able to help people achieve their dreams. Code Enforcement is going to be open late. We'll come out to you or you can come out to us. We're there to guide you accordingly. In April, we will be open on weekends"

DPW Director Frank Hoffman came up to speak, "The number for Public Works is: 732-826-2010. We clean the streets and plow the snow. If you have a pothole, or a streetlight (that's out please give the number on the light), please report it. There's a lot of redevelopment going on. We will be adding parks and promoting economic growth. Smith Street and Market Street will be paved in late June as well from Herbert St. and Rt. 35.



Lissett Lebron from PARTNER

Lissett Lebron from PART-NER came up to speak next. "PARTNER is the nonprofit area of the Housing Authority. "There are over 100 businesses (in the Gateway). As these initiatives are taking place, a multi-agency effort empowers our residents, healthy, and safe community neighborhood. In New Jersey, the number of small businesses employ over 27,000 New Jerseyans. Think big - Shop small! The backbone of any City Economy is the power of social media and marketing. 80% of the community is Hispanic, largely and Female Head of Household. From 2015-2020. There will be a neighborhood block party in the upcoming months and a bike rodeo. We need to support the youth and encourage them to stay with us."

Barry Rosengarten concluded the meeting promoting Sipos Bakery, citing a beautiful golf themed cake that Sipos made for special occasion. "The Fireworks will be on July 3, 2018. There also will be a Boat Parade, with more details to come. Anyone who owns a boat and wishes to participate can contact me (Rosengarten). It will be an added attraction to the Fireworks Program."

The floor was open to questions. The Amboy Guardian asked if any trees would be planted on Market Street after paving is completed. DPW Director Frank Hoffman stated he was looking into certain trees that would be suitable, maybe Gingko or Duck Foot trees.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Easter & Passover



Traditional Ukrainian Easter Breakfast Table Setting



Good Friday Procession (top) Egg Hunt (bottom) *File Photos by P. Wang



Spring officially has arrived on March 21st, although you wouldn't have known it due to the 4th Nor'easter's arrival. For now, the remainder of snow is melting away and crocuses, hyacinths, daffodils, and tulips are beginning to blossom. The weather is getting warmer (although ever so slowly). The beginning of baseball season is this Thursday (3/29/18). I don't know about you, but I start getting spring fever by the end of March.

The date of Easter Sunday is usually the first Sunday after the first Full Moon occurring on or after the March equinox. This week, we celebrate Easter on

Layout & Asst. Writer

Sunday, April 1st. Easter commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Passover this year starts sundown of March 30 and ends at sundown on Saturday, April 7th. Passover lasts generally about 8 days and commemorates the liberation of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. It begins on the 15th day of Nisan, which is the seventh month in the Jewish calendar. Since Hebrew days begin and end at sundown, Passover begins at sundown on the preceding day.

We are hoping everybody enjoys the week coming up with your family and friends.

C.M. & *K.M.*



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Meal Boxes

I guess the free ride on food stamps will come to an end. Already the U.S. Government has started sending meal boxes. Yes, a meal box if you're getting up to \$ 90.00 in food stamps. So far, they are trying this so-called meal box, and you'll get to eat whatever is in it, or give it to

Stopping School
Shootings
Is using armed personnel re-

Is using armed personnel really "the wrong school fix"? The defense of the country, states, and municipalities depends on good guys with guns. The proposed solution of "men-

the dog. This will be the new way of life on food stamps, and yes, it's a wakeup call for the future in America. Some will say this came from those Republicans, but guess what? The Democrat Politicians also were for this in plan. YES, like Hillary. This is just a trial, so don't panic, yet -it will be coming to a town near you. As for Section 8,

tal health treatment and schoolbased counseling" seems like a fantasy and is also expensive. That 1966 Texas school shooter had medical treatment before his crime. So too the recent shooter in Florida. Any proposed solution should be rated for reliability and cost-effechow will this also change? Your guess. Over the years, the free rides from the Government was abused by many and those that really needed it NEVER GOT IT because of political abuse or give me your vote and you'll get a free ride.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

tiveness. Is there any solution that will be 100% reliable and at the lowest cost?

If the advice of teenagers motivated by rumors and advertising is so great, why don't we allow fourteen-year olds to vote?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

School Section

Press Release

By: Manuela Jiménez

PERTH AMBOY—On Sunday, March 25, 2018, Middlesex County STEM charter school (MCSC) held its first open house, in order to provide the Perth Amboy community more information about the new elementary charter school, set to open this upcoming September (2018).

The community was highly supportive, as (MCSC) seems like a promising school for the Perth Amboy community. "The school offers a rigorous STEM based curriculum, that will ensure that elementary school students are learning how to use technology from a very young age," said Dr. Namik Sercan, MSCSC principal. He stated that the school staff will work fervently in order to emulate Central Jersey College Prep Charter School's (MCSC's sister school) academic rigor and success. Parents and guardians expressed avid interest and support of the new school, as the school deems to be a promising elementary K-5 school.

The school's administrative

team will host two more open houses on April 11 at 6pm & April 21 at 10 am; both open houses will take place in the Alexander Jankowski Community Center, located at 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, NJ

All community members are welcome to join in order to learn more about the school. MCSC is currently accepting applications for students grades K through 2 via the school's website:

http://middlesexcharter.org/

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- The Earned Income Tax Credit
- Premium Tax Credit
- Child/Childcare Credit

Get your tax return prepared at these locations; Call to schedule an appointment:

Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 – 732-826-1690; Perth Amboy Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 – 732-826-2600; Hansen Building, 415 Fayette St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861; Feb. 20, 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 732-442-0384.

Jewish Renaissance Foundation, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 732-324-2114, ext. 1111

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

Kearny

Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit 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

Historic Surveyor General's Office

PERTH AMBOY - The Historic Surveyor General's Office, which is adjacent to Perth Amboy City Hall, is now open for tours. At one time, this structure was the meeting place of the East Jersey Board of Proprietors & housed their records. Presently the Surveyor General's Office is displaying artifacts from the John Watson (1685-1768) archaeological site along with other items from Perth Amboy's rich history. Perth Amboy history DVDs are also available.

Free tours are available Mondays & Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Clubs, classrooms & groups are welcome. Come & view this newly restored building! For more information call William Kurzenberger: 732-826-0290 ext. 4862

Proprietary House Open

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

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. Mar. 28 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St. THURS. Apr. 12 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.

PAHS, Eagle Ave.

South Amboy WED. Apr. 4

City Council, Business 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

WED. Apr. 18 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Council, N. Broadway

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

We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, emphasize that it is important:

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Mazzeo, Lagana, Andrzejczak, Zwicker, Land, Benson & Downey Bill to Require Schools to Maintain Narcan Supply Clears Assembly Panel

Press Release 3/22/18

TRENTON - Legislation sponsored by Assembly Democrats Vince Mazzeo, Joseph Lagana. Bob Andrzejczak, Andrew Zwicker, Bruce Land, Dan Benson & Joann Downey to require schools to maintain a supply of an opioid antidote was released Monday by an Assembly com-

The bill (A-542) would require high schools to maintain a supply of naloxone hydrochloride, or a similar opioid antidote, and permit the school nurse to administer the antidote to a student or staff member who is experiencing an overdose. The board of education may designate additional employees who may be trained and authorized to administer the antidote in the absence of the nurse.

"The harsh reality is that opioids are killing thousands of people in this country, many of them young people," said Mazzeo (D-Atlantic). "Narcan has been proven to save lives. Having it readily available in

schools can help ensure that our lenge." schools are ready to respond in every emergency situation."

"Schools should be equipped to deal with overdoses in the same way they are prepared to deal with life-threatening incidents like allergic reactions and cardiac arrest," said Lagana (D-Bergen/Passaic). "If we have a means to save a child, there is no reason why we shouldn't use

"Loved ones often don't know that a child is using drugs until it is too late," said Andrzejczak (D-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland). "Given the current crisis situation, schools should be on alert and equipped to act if a student or anyone else at the school has an overdose."

"Our response to the opioid epidemic in New Jersey must go beyond 'Just say no,'" said Zwicker (D-Hunterdon/Mercer/ Middlesex/Somerset). "Having Narcan in schools is one element of a larger comprehensive effort to stem the tide of this enormous public health chal-

"We have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our students," said Land (D-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland). "That includes being ready and able to administer life-saving medication to reverse a drug

"Narcan is a resource that we've seen save lives as New Jersey works to overcome a major problem with opioid drugs," said Benson (D-Mercer/Middlesex) "Making this antidote available in schools will ensure that school nurses can take action to help students in a crisis."

"Ideally, no student would use drugs, but the reality is that kids in New Jersey - whether their parents know it or not - are using them and are dying," said Downey (D-Monmouth). "This legislation acknowledges that hard truth and responds accordingly."

The bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Com-

Dowdell Library's 104th Anniversary!

Press Release 3/20/18 SOUTH AMBOY - Celebrate the Dowdell Library's 104th year of serving the community with services such as Internet and Wireless access, Digital Historical Newspapers, Free Downloadable Media (eBooks,

Magazines, Music & Movies),

Haven't filed your taxes yet? Sign up NOW to reserve one of the limited spaces provided by VITA (United Way). VITA free tax preparation assistance for individuals earning less than \$64,000 per year is available on Monday, April 9 for drop off service only from 10 am- 12 noon. Pick up return on Wednesday April 11. Registration is required: 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org

Experience Chinese Culture with Celebrate! The Year of the Dog event on Sunday, April 29 from 1:30-3:30 pm. Fun activities will be available for the whole family. Celebrate! The Year of the Dog event will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp with a dazzling Lion Dance performed by students from the Edison Chinese School. A delightful traditional dance, fashion show, and orchestral performance will follow. Art stations featuring Chinese painting, calligraphy and origami demonstrations will be showcased. Attendees with food tickets will be treated to traditional Chinese refreshments at the conclusion of the program. Directions: www.dowdell.org Don't forget to stop in to view the special Year of the Dog exhibition, which will be on display starting March 1.

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

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.

bus Spending Bill Press Release 3/22/18 WASHINGTON, DC - Today, the House of Representatives passed Pallone's Sandy Act, which was included in the omnibus spending package and reauthorization of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). As the top Democrat

on the House Energy and Com-

merce Committee, Pallone led

bipartisan, bicameral negotia-

tions that resulted in the FCC

Pallone's SANDy

Act Passes the

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Pallone authored the SANDy Act, which helps ensure the resiliency of the nation's communications networks during emergencies. The bill recognizes the critical role that wireline and mobile telephone, internet, radio and television broadcast, cable, and satellite services play during emergencies by providing priority access to otherwise restricted areas during emergencies like other utilities, to help them repair and maintain their communications equipment during disasters. It would also begin a process to provide 911 services over Wi-Fi hotspots

during emergencies.

"With the passage of the SAN-Dy Act today, we are one step closer to helping first responders, businesses and private citizens communicate during disasters," said Pallone. "In New Jersey, we learned firsthand during Hurricane Sandy the importance of communications during an emergency. Broadcasters and cable providers give us the critical information we need to stay out of harm's way. Making a call for help is difficult when the power is out, and when the cell towers are also down, it can be nearly impossible. We must do everything we can to be better prepared for the next time disaster strikes, and the SANDy Act will ensure that we are prepared.'

The FCC reauthorization bill also includes Pallone's Viewer Protection Act, which would ensure no viewer loses signal as a result of the FCC's incentive auction. The bill would ensure the necessary funds are available so that broadcasters can switch to new frequencies and ensure that viewers will keep their television signal. It also sets aside \$50 million to educate TV viewers on how to access their local TV stations after the stations switch.

Freiman & Downey Bill Ensuring Homeowners who Prepaid Property Taxes Get State Income Tax Credit Advanced by Panel

Bill Will Require State to Recognize Prepaid Property Taxes for 2017 Returns

Press Release 3/22/18

TRENTON - Legislation Assembly Democrats Roy Freiman and Joann Downey introduced to ensure homeowners who prepaid property taxes last year because of federal tax law changes will get credit for doing so under 2017 state income taxes was advanced Thursday by an Assembly panel.

The bill (A-2650) requires the state to accept advance property tax payments as part of the property tax deduction available on state income tax returns.

The measure would require the state to recognize that property taxes that were prepaid in

2017 for the 2018 calendar year may be claimed for the 2017 taxable year homestead property tax deduction. Current law prohibits such recognition.

"New Jersey homeowners who took what they considered the necessary step of prepaying their property taxes before the end of 2017 to counter the adverse federal tax changes should not be punished," said (D-Somerset/Mer-Freiman cer/Middlesex/Hunterdon). "These federal tax changes are bad enough. The state must be flexible and find ways to assist New Jersey homeowners being unfairly and directly impacted,

and this is a common sense step that can help."

"Federal tax changes can already cause a lot of confusion for residents getting documents ready to file," said Downey (D-Monmouth). "Homeowners who have prepaid their property taxes should receive credit under the year they paid. The new federal changes take advantage of responsible homeowners and they do not give credit where credit is due.'

The bill was released by the Assembly Appropriations Com-

Pallone's Bipartisan Brownfields Bill Passes in Omnibus

Legislation Will Help Continue Redevelopment of Contaminated Sites Throughout New Jersey

Press Release 3/22/18 WASHINGTON, DC – Today, as part of the omnibus spending package, the House of Representatives passed legislation to reauthorize the Brownfields program authored by Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06). Pallone led efforts to negotiate and pass the reauthorization legislation out of the Energy and Commerce Committee earlier this year, and to include the legislation in the omnibus spending bill.

The Brownfields reauthorization legislation will extend federal Brownfields funding through 2023 and make important reforms to the program. The bill improves the flexibility of the program, authorizing multi-purpose grants, raising the limits for grants per site, and removing some funding caps in current law. It also allows EPA

non in brownneids funding each year to assist small communities, tribes, and rural or disadvantaged areas. Grants could be used for training, research, and technical assistance. Additionally, it would require the EPA to consider the potential for renewable energy production when ranking applications for brownfield grants, to incentivize green energy projects. It will also provide spe-

cial recognition for waterfront Brownfields sites. In November at the Woodbridge waterfront, Pallone called on Congress to pass brownfields reauthorization that support projects like the waterfront park. When completed the park will include approximately 30 acres of nature area with restored wetlands/ uplands, more than 7,000 feet of walking trails circling the

boardwalk overlooking natural wetland areas, a viewing platform at the Raritan River, bird blinds for observing wildlife, educational signs, gathering spaces with seating, and bus parking.

"The Brownfields program has been an incredibly important tool for protecting public health and spurring economic growth in New Jersey and throughout the country," said Pallone. "The Brownfields program is proof that having a strong economy and protecting the environment is not an 'either-or' issue. We can have

The Brownfields program was created in 2002 by bipartisan legislation authored in the House by Pallone and the late Rep. Paul Gillmor of Ohio to assist communities with the

to reserve as much as \$1.5 mil- restored wetlands, 800 feet of cleanup of former industrial properties where redevelopment is complicated by the presence of environmental contamination. When the program was first authorized, there were an estimated 450,000 brownfields properties in the U.S. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), more than 59,000 brownfields sites have already been revitalized.

Since 2002, New Jersey has received over \$34 million in Brownfields grants. The vast majority of these funds, approximately \$29 million, were awarded for assessment and cleanup efforts. In his closing remarks, Congressman Pallone emphasized several projects in New Jersey that have benefited from the Brownfields program.

Bag Bingo: Michael Kors & Coach; Tricky Tray & *Raffle & 50/50*

PERTH AMBOY - St. John Paul II Parish: St. Stephen's School, 500 State St., Perth Amboy. Friday, April 13, 2018. Doors open at 6 p.m. Kitchen will be open. Game Starts at 7:30 p.m. B.Y.O.B. \$30pp. (12 bingo cards per game) Includes a ticket for door prizes. Complimentary coffee & cake. I.D. No. 387-1-39661; BL-1033; RL-4144; RL-4154. For more info call 732-826-1395 or 732-485-9367.

Happy Easter & Passover!









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13th Annual Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Egg

WOODBRIDGE - Don't forget the 13th Annual Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Egg Hunt (hosted by the Colonia Business Community and the Corner newspaper) on Sat., March 31, 2018 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM at Colonia Middle School. (\$5.00) Donation per Child. Adults Free.) Prizes awarded for the Funniest... Most Creative...and Best Looking Easter Bonnet or Hat!!! Games. Prizes. Easter Baskets. Music. Vendors. Easter Bunny Face Painting. Sparkee the Somerset Patriot Mascot & Freddy the Talking Fire Truck. And, don't forget to bring a can... or two... or three... of non-perishable food to help "We Feed Woodbridge" bolster Township food pantries.



Jammin for Jaclyn

SAYREVILLE - The 5th Annual Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert will be held on April 21, 2018. 100% of the proceeds will go to Katya Hernandez and Chris Szatkowski, both fighting Cancer.

Take note of our new LARG-ER Venue, Knights of Columbus in Sayreville 775 Washington Road, Sayreville. Wheel Chair accessible and more parking. Please join us for an Endless Hot and Cold Buffet and Continuous Live Bands. \$25/pp Adults Only Please.

Cancer does not discriminate. Anyone can be struck at any time, please help. Contact Denise Morgan at 732-525-9536 or email jamminforjaclyn@gmail.com for further information. If you would like to donate prior to the event, checks can be made to RJC Charities Inc. Mail to 292 Stevens Avenue South Amboy NJ 08879.

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St. Peter's Episcopal Church HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 25—Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday 8:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite II **Wednesday, March 28**—Tenebrae

7:00 pm: Service, Trinity, Woodbridge

Thursday, March 29—Maundy Thursday

6:00 pm: Agape Meal 7:30 pm: Service

Watch until Midnight after service

Friday, March 30 – Good Friday

7:30 pm: Service

Saturday, March 31 – The Great Vigil of Easter

9:00 am: Holy Saturday Service

7:30 pm: Service

Sunday, April 1—Easter

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Holy Week & Easter at Cathedral International

PERTH AMBOY – Easter is celebrated as the most significant day of worship in the Christian faith. "During Holy Week and Easter we are reminded of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, the foundation of our faith," stated Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor of Cathedral International. The following are service that everyone is invited to attend:

Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday, March 29, 2018, 7 p.m., Holy Communion and a Foot Washing service is held to remember the Last Supper and Jesus washing the 12 disciples' feet.
- Good Friday, March 30, 2018, 6:30 will include Stations of the Cross, Baptism and the "Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross."

Resurrection Sunday

• Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018, worship services at 6am, 9:30am and 12 noon. The entire family will enjoy this high holy day of festive worship that will include liturgical dance, singing accompanied by a band and orchestra, prayers and the empowering Easter message.

More information is found on the website at www.cathedralinternational org or call the church at

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Happy Easter & Passover











Creative Art Contest for Sayreville Students

Press Release

SAYREVILLE - April 27, 2018, hosted by: Sayreville Shade Tree Commission at: Sayreville Senior Center from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served We are looking for students to express what a tree means and represents to them. Whether a favorite tree, a memory involving a tree, the beauty of a tree, whatever the passion we want you to show us through art. We hope that this challenge inspires our youth to get involved and show just how amazing Sayreville really is.

Categories: Elementary (Grades K-5); Middle School (Grades 6-8); High School (Grades 9-12); Three Dimensional; Group Project (4 or more students). Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all categories, except the Group Project. One winner will be selected for the Group Project.

Please notify the Shade Tree Commission by April 16th if you will participate or you need additional information at:

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Happy Easter & Passover!







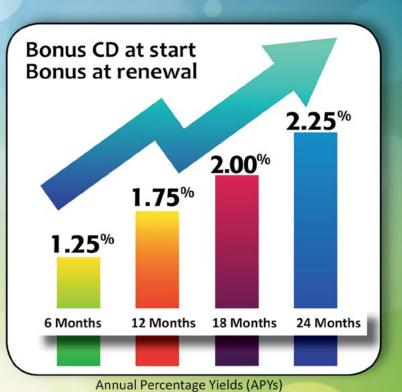


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St. Patrick's Day Parade, Woodbridge 3/11/18 *Photos by Ray Kawka



















Photo #1 Paul Barrueto (L) & Wilnan Alicea (R); Photo #2 Grand Marshall Jonie Dias

St. Patrick's Day Parade, South Amboy 3/18/18 *Photos by Ray Kawka

























Tom's Tax Tips

Tax Checklist for **Business Startups**

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Starting your own business can be equal parts thrilling and intimidating. Complying with regulations and tax requirements definitely falls into the latter category. But, with some professional help, it doesn't have to be that way. You can get started with this checklist of things you'll need to consider:

• Are you a hobby or a busi**ness?** This may seem basic to some people, but the first thing you'll have to consider when starting out is whether you really are operating a business or pursuing a hobby. A hobby can look like a business, but essentially, it's something you do for its own sake that may or may not turn a profit. A true business is generally run for the purpose of making money and has a reasonable expectation of turning a profit. The benefit of operating as a business is that you have more tax tools available to you, such as being able to deduct your losses.

• Pick your business structure. If you operate as a business, you'll have to choose whether it will be taxed as a sole proprietorship, partnership, S corporation or C corporation. All entities except C corporations "pass through" their business income onto your personal tax return. The decision gets more complicated if you legally organize your business as a limited liability corporation (LLC). In this case you will need to choose your tax status as either a partnership or an S corporation. Each tax structure has its benefits and downsides - it's best to discuss what is best for you.

· Apply for tax identification numbers. In most cases, your business will have to apply for an employer identification number (EIN) from both the federal and state gov-

· Select an accounting method. You'll have to choose whether to use an accrual or cash accounting method. Generally speaking, the accrual method means your business revenue and expenses are recorded when they are billed. In the cash method, revenue and expenses are instead recorded when you are paid. There are federal rules regarding which option you may use. You will also have to choose whether to operate on a calendar year or fiscal year.

• Create a plan to track financials. Operating a business successfully requires continuous monitoring of your financial condition. This includes forecasting your financials and tracking actual performance against your projections. Too many businesses fail in the first couple of years because they fail to understand the importance of cash flow for startup operations. Don't let this be you.

• Prepare for your tax requirements. Business owners generally will have to make quarterly estimated tax payments to the IRS. If you have employees, you'll have to pay your share of their Social Security and Medicare taxes. You also have the obligation to withhold your employees' share of taxes, Social Security and Medicare from their wages. Your personal income tax return can also get more complicated if you operate as one of the "pass-through" business structures.

This is just a short list of some of the things you should be ready to discuss as you start your business. Knowing your way around these rules can make the difference between success and failure, but don't be intimidated. Help is available, so don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Drive

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

> Ads Sell! Call Carolyn 732-896-4446

DVD/Media Welcome to the Celebration

WOODBRIDGE - Woodbridge Township will be 350 years old in 2019!!!! The 350th Sesquarcentennial Anniversary will celebrate the traditions of our Township with events and activities that create civic pride and foster community partnerships that honor the past, celebrate the present, and anticipate the future in the days and months leading up to the Grand Community Celebration on June 1, 2019.

The Woodbridge 350th Sesquarcentennial Committee has been established to plan festivities and events for the Township's 350th anniversary celebration.

Scholarships Available

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Omega Mu Zeta Chapter of Middlesex County is now accepting applications from qualified High School Students living in Middlesex County, for one of five general scholarship awards to be used towards tuition, books, and supplies. Download the application fromwww.omegamuzeta.com. Requirements are as follows: minimum grade point average of (GPA) of 2.5, and demonstrate leadership through extra-curricular activities and community service. All scholarship winners must attend the Zeta Youth Rocks Awards Ceremony on Saturday, June 18, 2018.

The completed application along with required documents must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, May 1, 2018, to: Scholarship Committee Chairperson c/o Trina Goodwin, 149 George Street, Plainfield, NJ 07062. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Trina Goodwin at goodwintrina@hotmail.com



ReferenceUSA **Business** Networking Breakfast

Press Release 3/5/18 WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP - On Thursday, March 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Woodbridge Public Library cordially invites local businesses to attend a free Business Networking Breakfast at the Main Library with special guest speaker Bill Loges of ReferenceUSA.

Come and learn how you can use ReferenceUSA, a powerful and flexible business database, to gain a competitive advantage by leveraging targeted information to cultivate your business

Mr. Loges will demonstrate how ReferenceUSA will allow you to target new customers, research competitors, and develop a client list, as well as create sales lists; find competitors' reports, free credit scores and UCC filings; view management directories and industry profiles; research business demographics; and find the latest industry news – all for free with your Woodbridge Public Library card.

A light continental breakfast from Knot Just Bagels will be served.

There is no charge to attend, but registration is required. Call 732-634-4450 x7120 or go online at http://www.woodbridgelibrary.org/ to register. The registration deadline is Monday, March 26.

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

Amboy History Comes Alive!



The Royal Governor & British Captain inspect the militia troops which include Shull School volunteers. *Photos Submitted



John Dyke, PAPS Administrator Dr. Damien Medina, Kurt Epps, & Anton Massopust



The Royal Governor addresses the Shull School students.

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - At the Proprietary House, Perth Amboy history tours were given to Shull School students. Reenactors included Kurt Epps as Royal Governor William Franklin, Anton Massopust as a British Captain, and tour organizer John Kerry Dyke as William Dunlap.

"We typically give history tours to over 600 students each & every year, " advised Mr. Dyke. "It is important to educate our kids about their very rich hometown history."

The Proprietary House serves as a perfect location for this education. Completed in 1764, the Proprietary House was the home of Royal Governor William Franklin. Therein, the Governor and his famous father Benjamin Franklin argued politics in 1776. William remained loyal to the English King and was later arrested by American patriot troops.

"The young students are

thrilled and so are we", stated Mr. Epps. And Shull School Principal Rosario Casiano added, "These historians really make the past come alive!" Dyke, Epps & Massopust have been conducting Amboy history tours for many years. All three gentlemen are vol-

"Perth Amboy has a great history. These tours are educational & enjoyable!", said Dr. Damien Medina, a Perth Amboy Public School Administrator. "We have incorporated Perth Amboy history back into our school curriculum, and these gentlemen are an important part."

"We've conducted tours in City Hall, St.Peter's Church & Graveyard, and along the waterfront. Our favorite place is the historic Proprietary House ", stated Mr. Dyke. "And of course, our Amboy students are great. I am not sure who has the more fun, that is, the kids or us!"

This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

On March 26, a Japanese cruiser force (four cruisers, five destroyers) and an American cruiser squadron (two cruisers, four destroyers) engage in a four-hour battle off the Komandorski Islands in the Bering Sea. Both sides have a cruiser badly damaged, but the Japanese withdraw, preventing them from reinforcing troops on Attu Island in the Aleutians. The battle is unique in that it involves neither submarines nor airplanes.

In Tunisia, British Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, commanding the Allied 14th Army Group, on March 27 sends the U.S. Army's 34th Infantry Division to seize the Foundouk Pass, in the north central part of the country. Heavy artillery fire, however, halts the Americans' advance. In Washington, D.C., the War Department announces the development of a new weapon for the U.S. Army: a recoilless, anti-tank rocket launcher that can be carried by one man. It comes to be called a "bazooka," named for its resemblance to a musical instrument (also called a bazooka), invented by actor/comedian Bob Burns and popular with jazz musicians in the 1930s. The RAF drops 1,000 tons of bombs in 50 minutes on Berlin via three waves of 100 bombers each. It is the heaviest raid yet on the German capital.

Commanded by British Lt. Gen. Kenneth Anderson, the newly organized First Army is an amalgamation of American, British and French troops that had been involved in the "Operation Torch" landings. The Italian freighter *Caterina Costa* — loaded with gasoline, ammunition, tanks and other equipment, and on fire for hours (possibly due to arson) — explodes in Naples harbor, killing over 600 people and injuring almost 3,000. No effort was made to tow the ship out of the harbor because the appropriate government official could not be found to authorize the action.

In Asia, British and Indian troops on March 29 begin to withdraw from Arakan, in western Burma, under heavy Japanese pressure. Meat rationing begins in the U.S., with purchases limited to 28 ounces per week per adult (less, for children). Poultry is not affected by the rationing order.

In North Africa on March 30, elements of the British Eighth Army — having won the Battle of the Mareth Line — break through at the Gabès Pass, over 100 miles into Tunisia. They head north, following the retreating German and Italian forces. The United Kingdom announces that it is suspending Arctic convoys to the Soviet Union because it cannot provide enough escorts to guard against the increasing number of German warships in Norway. In Vienna, Austria, Sister Mary Restituta, a Roman Catholic nun working as a surgical nurse, is executed by guillotine. A longtime vocal critic of the Nazi regime, she has been tried and convicted of "high treason." Her execution, despite an appeal for clemency, is ordered by Martin Bormann, head of the Nazi Party Chancellery and Hitler's personal secretary. According to Bormann, the nun's execution will provide "effective intimidation" for others who might want to resist the Nazis.

In Papua-New Guinea, a U.S. Army battalion on March 31 occupies positions around Morobe, near the Waria River. The coastal village has been held by the Japanese since 1942. In New York City, Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical play "Oklahoma!" debuts at the St. James Theatre on Broadway and is an instant hit.

Attempting to halt inflation, President Roosevelt on April 1, 1943, freezes wages, salaries and prices in the U.S. At this time, meat, fats, canned and bottled goods, butter and cheese, as well as gasoline and shoes, are all being rationed. A secure telephone system, developed by AT&T Corporation's Bell Labs, goes into operation between Washington and London. The system allows President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill to speak with each other without being understood by any possible wiretappers. The Japanese begin "Operation I-Go," a 350-airplane, joint Army Air Force-Navy bombing offensive against Allied shipping.

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paper-backs/\$1 for hard cover) or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. We are now accepting donations of books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule is as follows: Saturdays: April 14th & 28th. 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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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, Apr. 5, 2018. 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. Apr. 25, 2018. Cost \$35 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.

Renault Winery/Resorts AC Trip

Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Renault Winery/Resorts Casino A/C Tuesday 4/3/2018. Bus leaves 9:30 Am from church parking lot. Spend 2 hours at winery - Italian Family style lunch and wine tasting. Leave Resorts approximately 6:30 pm. Cost \$75. \$25 back in play. Any question call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

Women of the Moose

Vendor Fair

PERTH AMBOY – There will be a Vendor Fair at the Perth Amboy Moose Lodge, April 15th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come buy all your favorite products! Vendors wanted: Please email Jndcarpenter420@gmail.com for further information.

Smart Driver Course

SAYREVILLE - An AARP Course" will be held at the Sayreville Senior Center, 423 Main St on Friday, April 13th from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. The cost is \$15.00, for A.A.R.P. members and \$20.00 for nonmembers. Payment is collected prior to the course in the form of CHECKS only made payable to "AARP". Upon completion of the course, students receive a Certificate of Completion, which will entitle them to a 5% discount on the major portion of their automobile insurance premium for 3 years. Two points will be deducted from their Motor Vehicle record, if applicable. Pre-registration is required. This course is open only to those who have a New Jersey Driver's License. To register, please call the Senior Center at 732-390-7058.

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

Community Seder

PERTH AMBOY - Join Us for Passover! Our Second Night Community Passover Seder and Dinner is March 31, 2018 at 6:30 pm. at Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy.

We invite you and your family to come enjoy our full Seder Service and dinner with Rabbi Metz leading services. Then have a delicious dinner with us. Dinner is \$42 for adults, under 18 years of age is \$20, under 12 is FREE. Your choice of a main meal is brisket, salmon or vegetarian. Please RSVP by March 26 with payment. Call the Beth Mordecai office at 732-442-1373 or visit www.bethmordecai.org for more information.

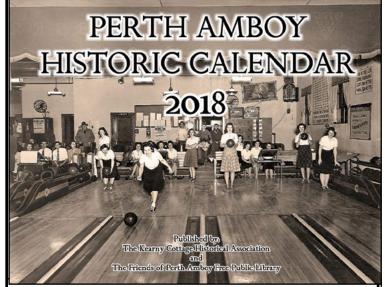
Ask the Rabbi

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - On Wednesday March 28, Rabbi Sara Metz of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall food court (near Panera) at noon. Rabbi Metz will answer all questions asked and will also discuss current events and subjects of interest.

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 troop53fordsnj@gmail.com

2018 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2018 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are now available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079, Perth Amboy City Hall or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.

Novena to St. Rita

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

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

> Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Tooling Around the Township

Mayor John E. McCormac WOODBRIDGE Tooling Around the Township is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to make repairs to the homes of senior citizens, disabled, and low-income residents unable to do so themselves or residents presently facing a financial hardship.

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PAHS Class of 1958 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The 60th reunion for the PAHS class of 1958 is on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at the Grand Marquis, Rte. 9 South, Old Bridge, from 1 until 6 p.m. The cost is \$65. Carol Zick Chojnacki has a wonderful fun day planned. There will be a cash bar cocktail hour with hot and cold appetizers followed by a delicious buffet. The cash bar will be available for the rest of the fabulous day as well dancing to the oldies but goodies.

For those of you traveling a distance, the Hampton Inn on Route 9 North, in Woodbridge is convenient and nice. The phone number is 732-855-6900. It is about 15 minutes away from the Grand Marquis, and has a shuttle from the airport and I think to the Grand Marquis. You can try Trivago, Expedia, Kayak, etc. for rates or other hotels nearby. They have a nice breakfast and Millers Ale House, Pizza Hut, Longhorn, McDonalds and Walmart are right there. For more detailed directions, GOOGLE it. There are other hotels on Route 18 also.

If there are any of you that graduated from PAHS a different year close to ours, or went to St. Mary's, or have some ties to Perth Amboy, YOU ARE IN-VITED. We all share a lot of memories of football games, basketball games, dances, driveins, buzzing the stem, and more. It should be a great party.

If you plan to come and we hope you do, please send a check made payable to Carol Zick Chojnacki, 174 Ryan Road, Marlboro, NJ 07746-1831 by March 17. The cost is \$65. You can call her of your intentions at Delicious Orchards 732-462-1989. You can also call me at 732-826-9466. My email is babsmsottilaro@gmail.com. LETS PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999.

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

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WED. Mar. 28 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.

THURS. Mar. 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., MON. Apr. 2 Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

TUES. Apr. 3 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. Apr. 4 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. Apr. 5 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

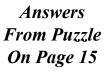
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St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, MON. Apr. 2 Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

WED. Apr. 4 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

MON. Apr. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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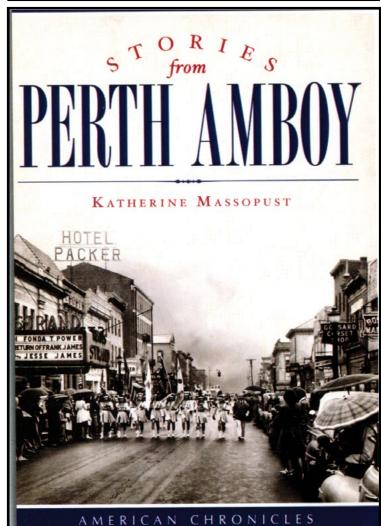
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Military Parade circa late 1800's

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PERTH AMBOY - Building up until recently was used as a bar/lounge, the building is now vacant, located in the downtown business district, many different possible business ideas! please bring your imagination, plenty of paid parking across the street, Trendy area with heavy foot and vehicle traffic. \$550,500



PERTH AMBOY - Wow!! Unique multi-unit with great potential, offers 2 homes on one lot. Live in one unit & rent the other to help with the mortgage. \$349,900



PERTH AMBOY - Great potential starter home or investment. Double lot, 3 car garages with automatic doors, driveway, open layout, big kitchen with pantry, good size living room, loads of natural light, 1.5 bath, base board heat, furnace is about 6 years old. Walk up basement, walk up attic ready to be finish for more storage. Property needs updates and TLC. \$239,000



PERTH AMBOY - WOW, HUGE PRICE REDUCTION, GREAT INVESTMENT, POSITIVE CASH FLOW. BEAUTY SALON PLUS 2 APARTMENT'S. CORNER PROPERTY HIGH VISIBILITY/TRAFFIC AREA. ALL UNITS HAVE BEEN RENOVATED IN PAST 5 YRS.