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Former B.A. Greg **Fehrenbach Updates** Council on Water/Wastewater **Negotiations**

3/9/18 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - Former Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach returned to Perth Amboy to help the City with the Water/Wastewater contracts. He appeared before the Council and gave a status report on the what has occurred so far. Fehrenbach stated, "There are multiple interested parties that I cannot yet divulge. The deadline for the RFP's was extended to May 4, 2018. There were complications because you are looking at a possible \$10 million or more over the life of the contract. The State Contractor reviews all RFP's. They took longer than anticipated. On February 12, 2018 we conducted one interview. There were over 200 questions that were asked from interested parties. Some of those questions were answered. There's a high level of interest."

Fehrenbach then gave the time line of the RFP's. "On May 4, 2018 evaluations will be done by the Attorney, Purchasing, Finance, the Accountant, and myself. On May 18, 2018, there will be a meeting of the Advisory Committee for review by the Council. We hope by May 23, 2018 you can decide which bidder to accept. You (the Council) already approved the contract (Edmund's Company) to help set up the in-house work such as shutoffs, payment plans, etc. Work done for property taxes will be excluded.'

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then requested that the Attorney review the documents for any typos.

Fehrenbach then continued, "This is a \$22 million operation." There's going to be a rate schedule and calculations of functions of meters. There will be a clear explanation of items that are on the bills to customers. This utility must remain solvent. It is our most important business function. You need someone with experience and competency. You may need a residence waiver. There was a 46% increase in



Former B.A. **Greg Fehrenbach**

residences and 70% increase for commercial under the old contract. You must identify people who qualify. There will be a transfer of data of the billing process which Middlesex Water Company will give us information for. By October 2018, a plan will be up and running for any glitches to be ironed out by the January 2019 transition."

Gonzalez then questioned the number of people which would

"Two more additional personnel," Fehrenbach answered. "You need three people because someone in the tax department is retiring."

Gonzalez then asked, "Could we have some audit of services or expected savings?"

Fehrenbach stated there is a projected savings of \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year. "A new system will make the tax sale process easier. With the old system that we had, 10 screens had to be accessed. Under the system provided by the Edmund Group, a person will only have to access one screen. I don't know with the RFP's responses if there will be more (savings). This is my best guess estimate."

Fehrenbach then talked about the Capital Improvements and

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Swearing in & Promotion Ceremony PAFD



PERTH AMBOY - Acting Fire Chief Ed Mullen (L) stands with newly promoted Battalion Chief Brian Lopazanski (Second from Left) and five newly sworn in Firefighters: Robert Torres, Matthews Dominguez, Brad Selby, Michael Arocho, and Gregory Diaz III. Congratulations Firefighters! *Photo by Paul W. Wang

BID Questioned About Surplus Monies 3/9/18 Caucus Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - At the 4/9/18 Caucus Meeting, Councilman Fernando Irizarry had two questions regarding the Facade PI-LOT Program and why there were requests for cell phones.

BID Manager Junel Hutchinson came forward to respond. "There's a grant program for local business owners who may need signage." Hutchinson explained that the need for City cell phones are for herself and Randy Convery (who is on the BID Office Staff) instead of having to give out their own personal cell phone numbers for information regarding BID

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then asked a few questions, "I've come before the BID and we've spent a lot of money on policing the downtown. Smith Street lighting needs improvement to bring in more people and discourage crime. We've given the BID \$232,000 over the past years without much improvement. \$99,000 wasn't used from last year."

Councilman Joel Pabon had a few remarks, "The lighting and painting of crosswalks need to be improved. We've spent so much on special machines to paint the lines on the crosswalks, but it seems they're not being used downtown. Lighting would enhance the downtown by 50%. I hope you (Hutchinson) as the Director makes this happen."

City Engineer Jeffery Rauch came forward to address Pabon's concerns. "When the County repaves the streets, they paint the crosswalk lines."

Pabon then stated, "By the time this summer is over, trust me those lines will be gone."

Resident Ken Balut had comments on the BID expenses. "Millions of dollars have been spent, but who is getting most of the money? Nobody knows why the \$99,000 wasn't spent."

At the 4/11/18 Council Meeting, BID Member Jason Conway came forward to clear up some of the questions asked. "We budget items for upcoming events and programs. Sometimes there are a lack of applications for some of the programs. We have not received back all the applications requested from before. And more applications have been requested since then. There was also a lawsuit and we had to update our by-laws. We spend money on facade grants, marketing projects, and other events. We intend to increase lighting in the BID District."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then stated, "I met with businesspeople in the Business District who are getting taxed by not seeing the benefits."



BID Manager Junel Hutchinson

Conway responded, "People can come to the BID Meetings and voice their opinions. We intend to do all that we can to use all these unexpended funds." Conway said the surplus monies are not from one year, but from accumulated funds over several years."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz spoke up and told the Council that he would the Council a list of all the BID items and where the surplus monies came from.

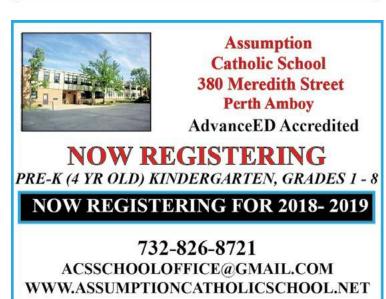
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the budget for the Water/Wastewater. "When I was here, there was a resolution and an adoption. The budget for this year is a 3% rate increase. For every 1% rate increase, translates to \$200,000 in revenue. Repairs to the water/wastewater is due to why we've had rate increases. There's a need to increase revenue to the water/wastewater."

Gonzalez then questioned, "If we don't have enough staff now, will we have subcontractors?"

Fehrenbach responded, "No."
Gonzalez then stated, "We still have debt from the old con-

tract. The utility should never have that debt."

Fehrenbach then explained, "I don't like counting chickens before they're hatched. We've got to see what comes down the road. This is for Capital Improvements alone."

Gonzalez then asked, "Can we expand to sell additional water?"

Fehrenbach then explained, "I've been away 3 years. 8 million gallons of water can be produced now (the capability). There is now 5 to 6 million gallons of water to date now. We lost South Amboy as a customer. It depends on the City's development. A hydraulic analysis

needs to be done for the City's uses. The DEP uses a withdrawal permit standard. We have to follow the DEP withdrawal permit standards."

Gonzalez then stated, "The quality of water and materials used is very important."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry then asked, "What happens to the USPA Employees that used to be employed by the City? We need to keep some of them."

Fehrenbach responded, "It depends on what happens on May 4, 2018 and the proposals. They have to be evaluated."

St. Demetrios Property Plans Still Questioned 3/9/18 Caucus & 3/11/18 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - City Engineer Ernest Feist came forward to answer questions about the proposed plans for St. Demetrios property on Wisteria Avenue. "The Council adopted the redevelopment plan for first reading in March of this year. The Planning Board sent suggestions to the Council. The Planning Board and the Redevelopment Agency plans don't have to match. This area is currently under R-60 Zone which is a Residential Single-Family Houses."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry wanted to know, "Is this area redevelopment or subject to redevelopment?"

Feist explained that the State Stature (for this property to be subject to redevelopment) was satisfied.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "In the Master Plan, there is no major violation regarding this project."

Feist reminded the Council that the Master Plan has not been updated since 2003. "It did not consider this area for redevelopment. It is inconsistent with the surrounding area."

Gonzalez then talked about the changes in the Focus 2020. "I don't know if Wisteria Avenue was considered. We are now considering the budget for this year. We are doing things piecemeal. The Redevelopment Agency is acting on their own vision. At the time Fehrenbach was here, he rejected the money we needed for the Master Plan."

During the Public Portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to challenge the report on the St. Demetrios Property given by City Engineer Feist. Sierakowski stated, "Feist did not mention certain criteria for redevelopment." Sierakowski then read a part of an ordinance pertaining to criteria to redevelop land. "None of what I'm reading applies to the St. Demetrios Property. His report (City Engineer Feist) is inconsistent with redevelopment requirements. This is spot-rezoning. 12 houses can be built worth \$400,000 each. This information was omitted to deceive you. This should be tabled. Go to the consumer affairs and the Attorney General's Office."

Feist then came up at request to the Council to address Sierakowski's comments, "Only one criteria has to be met for redevelopment. The Planning Board and the Council agreed that the property met the criteria for redevelopment. It was proper utilization of the area and it was building of overcrowding or obsolete layout. The Master Plan is an outdated document."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez questioned, "Was that property ever taxed?"

Feist responded, "That area did not pay Municipal Property Tax. If St. Demetrios's plans are implemented, then the property will become taxable."

Resident Stanely Sierakowski continued his remarks about St. Demetrios at the 4/11/18 Council Meeting. He stated that St. Demetrios property has enough land to build 12 to 14 units. He then read excerpts from the Fair Housing Federal Government Rulings. He said that a spokesperson from the Greek Church at a previous Meeting said they wanted to bring Greeks back to the City. "It's illegal to do this - to benefit one group. There are 30 blocks surrounding this property and the City Engineer deliberately omitted some facts. The 1993 Master Plan said that this historic area should not be touched. There's only one church there. They bypassed PARA and said that they aren't going to go through the Zoning Board. Let's just go to the Planning Board, then the Council."

Raritan Bay Medical Center Supports Donate Life Month

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - April is National Donate Life Month. This observance honors those who have given the gift of organ and tissue, those who have received a life-saving transplant, and those currently waiting for a transplant. Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center works closely with the NJ Sharing Network to increase awareness of life-saving organ and tissue donation. NJ Sharing Network is a non-profit organization responsible for

the recovery and placement of donated organs and tissue for those in need of a life-saving transplant. Raritan Bay-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy are flying the NJ Sharing Network flag this month to support donate life month and the NJ Sharing Network.

One organ and tissue donor can save up to eight lives and restore health to over 75 others. Register as an organ and tissue donor today at www.njsharingnetwork.org.

"Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts"

WOODBRIDGE - The Center for Bariatric Surgery at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding a free seminar "Weight Loss Surgery: The Facts" Thursday, April 26, 6:00 p.m. at the Medical Pavilion in Woodbridge, 740 US Highway, Iselin, NJ. Center for Bariatric Surgery Medical Director Karl Strom, M.D., will discuss the benefits of weight loss surgery. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

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Food as Medicine Education Seminar

PERTH AMBOY - Integrative Health & Medicine at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is holding a Food as Medicine education seminar Thursday, April 19, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., in Centennial Hall B, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn about the power of food to help you maintain health and wellness. The class is free. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990 or email integrativehealth@ hackensackmeridian.org

Free Programs for People with Diabetes Offered in English and Spanish in Perth Amboy in May

PERTH AMBOY - Are you a person with Medicare living with diabetes or know someone who is? Take control of your health through a completely free and fun six-week workshop series. Meet others going through similar challenges and learn about preventing complications, healthy eating, exercise, medication management, dealing with stress and depression, action planning, and much more

The program has helped over 1,000 graduates in New Jersey eat healthier, lose weight, regulate their blood sugar levels, and live a healthier life.

"I have learned more in this workshop than I have in 10 years of fighting this disease," said Marian, a woman with Type 2 diabetes who graduated from a previous workshop.

Free diabetes self-management programs will be offered in both English and Spanish at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA on 357 New Brunswick Ave in Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

The free series in Spanish will be offered on Tuesdays, May 15 to June 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The free series in English will be offered on Thursdays, May 17 to June 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To register for either free program, call Brenda Guilles, Director of Healthy Living at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, at (732) 442-3632 ext. 6530.

Complimentary healthy refreshments and free literature will be provided. All attendees must register by the second workshop session.

The free programs are being offered by Quality Insights as part of the national Everyone with Diabetes Counts (EDC) program, which is funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Learn more at www.qualityinsightsqin.org.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Remembering a **Perth Amboy Legend** William (Billy) Gatyas

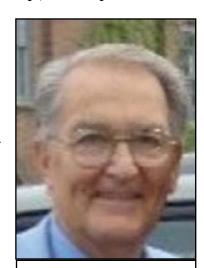
I have heard a lot about the legend of Billy Gatyas, but I decided to turn the editorial page over to someone who actually knew him and could write memories of him. So, I'm turning this over to Mr. Anton Massopust:

Mr. Gatyas was the Coach of the Perth Amboy State Championship Football Team in 1965 and was Coach of the Year. But I remember him as a very accomplished individual who could speak fluent Spanish and play musical instruments like the saxophone. One afternoon, I saw him take a student's saxophone and serenade the whole Football Team.

He was a man of great passion. Of all the football coaches I've worked under, Mr. Gatyas was one of the most resourceful. I saw him win football games that I know many of those other coaches could not have. He was a master of his craft and a gen-

I served under him as Athletic Director in Perth Amboy High School. Here again, he was very proficient at what he did.

Above all, like many of us, he bled Red & White, an Amboy



William J. Gatyas

Man true and true. He was an individual that one did not forget easily. The last time I saw him, he was inducted into the Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame. I saw in his eyes the spark that he had way back in the sixties when he was Coach Billy Gatyas of the Perth Amboy High School Panthers.

Rest in Peace Billy. You were a good man.

Anton J. Massopust

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Contrasting Ideas

Do some readers "cringe" when they read a letter questioning a current fad? While "climate" and "weather" are two different concepts they are related. Global warming is supposed to result in early springs and late autumns. If the weather contradicts this claim what is the truth?

Climate change has been going on since the Ice Age. There was a warm period about a thousand years ago. They say the earth can wobble in its revolutions around the sun. If the earth is further away the result is a colder climate; when it is closer the result is the opposite. Scientists discover the past from fossil records, which can't identify the future except from projections and assumptions.

Should the opinions of scientists be accepted without thinking? Could there be a hidden agenda behind their statements? Should people think for themselves? Can scientists control the weather or the economy? Maybe some people should be less gullible. An opposing opinion did not contradict any of my statements.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Community Outreach/Girls on the Run

Hello Lisette and Sgt. Zaleski,

Thank you so much for sharing this great news. I love the idea of partnering with the Perth Amboy Police Department/ Community Policing, Special Services Bureau. Thank you Sgt. Zaleski for working together with Lisette and the Girls on the Run team in Perth Amboy. As Project Coordinator for Middlesex County, it is great to see this type of collaboration I look forward to meeting your volunteers during the course of the season, and If you are available, please join us in Somerville on June 10th at 9:30 for the Girls on the Run 5K Race, you will truly see the perseverance, confidence and determination that our program, and coaches instill in our girls. My visit to the Perth Amboy site last season was remarkable, and the coaches and girls were truly heartwarming.

Thank you for working together to help make the world a better place!

Lynn

Lynn Sherman **Project Coordinator** Girls on the Run of Central NJ Lynn.Sherman@Girlsonthe-Run.org www.GOTRCNJ.org 732.406.0179 Impact of Girls on the Run short Video: https:// www.youtube.com/ watch?v=k5srYxp39yc

Where Have All the Good Jobs Gone?

Someone asked me where did all those good paying jobs went? I told him we were sold out by those greedy politicians that could care less about us. Yes, over the years our greedy politicians went to China and were making deals with them behind our backs. That's why

you see "Made in China." In fact, I know toilet paper is still made in America and what next? Marijuana made in China? Even our local politicians will sell us out because of greed. Look around. Notice anything odd? These greedy politicians will do anything by leaving the door wide open - if you know what I mean. Also, they are putting ideas in their head and how to control our lives from voting to moving us around. When is

this going to stop? Your guess when it's too late and you have to kiss their feet. Many people are now saying America is going downhill and I don't want to hear this Trump excuse. In fact, this started back in the early 90's. So, wake up. You decide how America will end up by 2020. That is if man is still alive and a woman can still survive.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

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Assembly Democratic "Alyssa's Law" **Bill to Install Silent Alarms & Red Emergency Lights in Schools Clears Assembly**

Bill sponsored by Caputo, Tucker, Quijano, Vainieri Huttle, Sumter & McKnight

Press Release 4/12/18

TRENTON - Legislation sponsored by Assembly Democrats Ralph R. Caputo, Cleopatra Tucker, Annette Quijano, Valerie Vainieri Huttle, Shavonda Sumter and Angela McKnight to require public elementary and secondary schools in New Jersey to install panic alarms and red emergency lights for use in security emergencies was approved Thursday by the General Assembly.

The bill is named after Alyssa Alhadeff, a 14-year old student and former Woodcliff Lake resident who was among the 17 people killed during the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida.

"Our children deserve the chance to learn in peace," said

Caputo (D-Essex). "I am not suggesting this will stop all security threats, but coupled with security measures already in place, it can increase the chances of diffusing a bad situation without further harm to students and staff."

"We have to utilize all sensible measures available to us to help our schools defend themselves against an attack," said Tucker (D-Essex). "These systems help give students, parents and staff the peace of mind that in the case of an emergency, there is a direct link to local law enforcement."

"A quick response from law enforcement to an emergency can make all the difference in the outcome," said Quijano (D-Union). "We owe it to these children and the adults charged

with their care to give them as much help as possible, if they are ever confronted with a life and death situation."

"In an emergency, every minute counts. It is particularly crucial when children are involved," said Vainieri Huttle (D-Bergen). "Too many schools have been targeted and too many innocent people have paid the price. Beefing up school security to better protect our children is a necessity."

"Boosting security measures with a silent alarm that would notify law enforcement as soon as it is activated could help reduce the potential for greater harm in an emergency," said (D-Passaic/Bergen). Sumter

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Volunteer **Firefighters** Needed

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

Kearny

Cottage Open

PERTH AMBOY - Come visit 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 His-

toric 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

MON. Apr. 23 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

WED. Apr. 25 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

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THURS. Apr. 26 Art Council, 6:30 p.m.

Proprietary House, Kearny Ave. Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.

South Amboy

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

*Check our website www.amboyguardian.com for updates on meeting times and places

Please Submit Your Events to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com



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

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

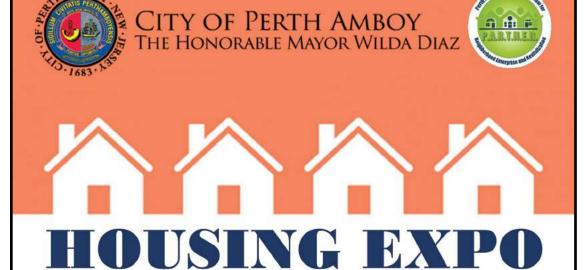
We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, emphasize that it is important:

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!

Report Suspicious Activity - Be Vigilant - STAY ALERT Do not think that any call or report is too small

Don't allow the actions of a few dictate your quality of life FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 9-1-1

FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 732-442-4400



Showcasing Perth Amboy's Homeownership & Rental Opportunities

The Housing Expo will be open to all Perth Amboy residents who are renting or looking to purchase a home in our great city. We anticipate dozens of exhibits and workshops showcasing all the information needed to rent an apartment or purchase a home; including but not limited to government rental assistance programs, mortgage lenders, insurance companies, title companies, credit counseling, and much, much more!

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

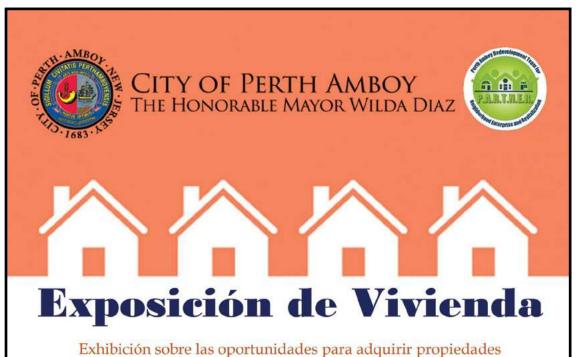
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FEATURED TOPICS

- First Time Homebuvers
- Rental Assistance Programs
- Credit Counselin
- Tenant Rights
- Code Enforcement &
- Much Much More!!!



Y alquilar vivienda en Perth Amboy

Este programa estara abierto a todos los residentes de nuestra ciudad. Anticipamos varias exhibiciones y talleres que muestran la información necesaria para: alquilar un apartamento, comprar una casa, programas de asistencia a travez del gobierno, prestamistas hipotecarios, compañias de seguros, compañias de títulos, asesoria de crédito, y mucho más!

SABADO, ABRIL 21, 2018

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

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Entrada Gratis para todos los residentes de Perth Amboy!

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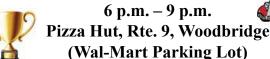
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Raritan Bay Medical Center Launches Stroke Support Group

Stroke Survivors, Their Families and Caregivers are Invited

Press Release 4/10/18 PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is launching a semi-monthly stroke support group for stroke survivors, their families, and caregivers Thursday, April 12, in Old Bridge and Perth Amboy, N.J. Attendees have an opportunity to connect with and learn from stroke experts as they provide guidance to help survivors and their families maximize their quality of life and navigate survivorship. Meetings will include new discussion topics each month,

Q&A sessions with experts, and connections to available resources. Light refreshments will be served and meetings will be held in English and Spanish.

Meetings will be held in Suite 101, 2 Hospital Plaza, Raritan Bay-Old Bridge, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Centennial Hall B, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Upcoming meeting dates include May 10, June 14, September 20, October 18, November 8, and December Registration is required, call 1-800-560-9990.

Family Medicine Practitioner Kenneth Faistl, M.D. **Opens New Office**

An open house for the community will be held Monday, April 23, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Press Release 4/13/18

OLD BRIDGE - Kenneth Faistl, M.D., FAAFP, who is board certified in Family Medicine and Addiction Medicine, recently opened a new office, located at 195 Route 9 South, Suite 106, in Manalapan, NJ. The office will hold an open house Monday, April 23, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The community is welcome to stop by, meet the providers, see the office, and enjoy refreshments and appetizers.

Dr. Faistl is a member of Hackensack Meridian Health Medical Group and maintains privileges at Raritan Bay Medical Center. An advocate for family medicine and holder of a Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatrics, he returned in 2017 to the Central/Southern New Jersey community where he had an office in Freehold for more than 25 years. He is known for developing lasting, caring relationships with his patients and their families, of all ages, providing continuing and comprehensive health care. The office has affiliations with Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University and Monmouth University Physician Assistant Program providing a training site for future health care professionals.

Dr. Faistl also recently welcomed Susan Gentile, DNP, MSN, APN, to the practice. Susan is a board certified advanced practice nurse for 23 years who specializes in family medicine and has expertise in addiction medicine. She is known for building strong relationships

with her patients, in addition to optimizing patient care, education, and outcomes. Susan has worked with Dr. Faistl for several years after leaving the faculty at Felician University School of Nursing.

A lifelong New Jersey resident, Dr. Faistl received his medical degree from College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, now Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and completed his residency at RWJ Medical School program at Monmouth Medical Center. The accomplished physician has held numerous medical appointments and leadership positions throughout his career. He founded the Family Medicine Residency for Rutgers University in Freehold and most recently served as director of the Family Medicine Residency program at Hackensack Meridian Health Mountainside Medical Center where he trained, directed, and provided strategy for primary care initiatives. Dr. Faistl is a recipient of the President's Award from New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians, a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, a member of the American Geriatrics Society and Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, among other professional organizations. In 2010, Dr. Faistl was selected as the Family Physician of the year by the NJ Academy of Family Physicians.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 732-

Celebrate! Year of the Dog **Celebration**

Press Release 4/9/18 SOUTH AMBOY - 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, starting at 1:30 pm sharp with a dazzling Lion Dance performed by students from the Edison Chinese School. A delightful traditional dance, fashion show, and music performance will follow. Art stations featuring Chinese painting, calligraphy and origami demonstrations will also be showcased. Attendees with food tickets will be treated to traditional Chinese refreshments at the conclusion of the program. Directions: www.dowdell.org

Celebrate National Library Week from April 9-14 with fun activities! Also, enter for a chance to win a gift basket simply by checking out materials when you stop in the library. Olaf – Dowdell Library's Book Buddy will return on Wednesday, April 11 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Please make him happy, and read to him! Ages 0-100!

Join us for the Earth Day Party on Friday, April 20 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Plant a seed for Earth Day while learning about ways to help the environment. Drop in for Preservation Day on Wednesday, April 25 from 11 am to 4 pm with your South Amboy photographs and documents to have us scan them for you. Help keep South Amboy history alive. Learn how to make fast, fresh rice rolls and dipping sauce on Wednesday, April 25 from 11-11:30 am, just in time for Celebrate! Year of the Dog Celebration on Sunday, April 29 from 1:30-3:30 pm! Take part in Children's Book Day (El dia de los libros) April 30 from 3:30-4:30 pm. Come in for a craft and Bilingual Storytime as you listen to stories in Spanish/English! Do you have knitting or crocheting ques-

of every month. 6 - 8 pm. To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at http:// dowdell.org/newslettersignup.

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ing on your knitting projects

while chatting with friends.

Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday

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.

DVD/Media Drive

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

Kearny Cottage Girl Scout Garden Receives New Sign, Perth Amboy 4/14/18

*Photos by Sue Pezza





PERTH AMBOY - The Girl Scout Garden located at Kearny Cottage on Catalpa St. received a sign which was donated by Ace Sign on Summit Ave., Perth Amboy on April 12, 2018. The Perth Amboy Department of Public Works installed the sign which serves as a marker of the Girl Scout Silver Award Project. The Garden is planted and maintained by the Girl Scouts Troop 81456 under the leadership of Dolo-



res Rambajan and Angela Bess and the Royal Garden Club by the Bay. The sign will officially be dedicated on Saturday June 16, 2018 at 10 a.m.

A Forum on Marijuana Legalization – The Pros & Cons –

What Does This Mean for Urban Cities in New Jersey?

PERTH AMBOY – What will the legalization of marijuana mean for the city of Perth Amboy and other urban cities in New Jersey? Governor Phil Murphy made it clear in his first state budget address, Tuesday, March 13th that he wants marijuana legislation passed in New Jersey. Concerned residents of New Jersey want to hear both sides of the marijuana issue and particularly how urban New Jersey will be affected.

Fernando Irizarry, a councilman in Perth Amboy and lead organizer of an upcoming forum on marijuana legalization said he has heard what is happening in other states that have legalized marijuana. "We want our residents to hear from those who favor and those who disapprove of legalizing weed."

WHAT: Forum on Marijuana Legalization – Pros & Cons WHEN: Thursday, April 19, 2018 • 7:00 PM WHERE: Cathedral International Church • 277 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Councilman Irizarry along with sponsors of the forum has invited the following to serve on the Forum's panel:

- Senator Joseph F. Vitale NJ Senator, Chair of Senate Health,
- Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. • Senator Ronald L. Rice - NJ Senator, Chair of NJ Legislative Black Caucus
- Rev. Paul Sears Pastor, Abundant Life Worship Center, Perth Amboy, NJ
- Dr. Fannie Gordon Counseling Psychologist/Professor
- Lazaro Cardenas, ESQ., Latino Action network
- Dr. David Nathan, Doctors for Cannabis Regulation • Jon-Henry Barr, Esq., Municipal Prosecutor, Clark, NJ
- William Caruso, ESQ., NJ United for Marijuana Reform
- Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown, Pastor of Church Life, Cathedral International Church

The public is invited to attend and present concerns to the panel. Additional information is available by calling (732) 841-2448 or (732) 826-5293.

This Forum is sponsored by Councilman Fernando Irizarry, Mayor Wilda Diaz, Cathedral International, Cathedral Community Development Corporation, Concerned Residents of Perth Amboy and Dortch-Wright Communications.

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Must Speak English & Spanish Portuguese Manor 310, Elm St., Perth Amboy Call: 732-826-2233

Perth Amboy Fire Department Swearing in Ceremony, Perth Amboy City Hall 4/12/18 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



The firefighters pray



Firefighter Michael Arocho



Firefighter Brad Selby



Invocation by Fr. Thomas Ryan Perth Amboy Police & Fire Chaplain Corps.



Firefighter Gregory Diaz III



Firefighter Robert Torres



A crowded Council Chambers



Firefighter Matthews Dominguez



Battalion Chief Brian Lopazanski

Health and Wellness Expo, Pines Manor, Edison 4/13/18 *Photos by Lori Miskoff



NBA Star and Perth Amboy Native Brian Taylor with George Petrakakis



Dr. Joseph Hudak of Hudak Chiropractic in Edison



Edison Chamber of



Harry Kastyk and Don Hebert of CertiPay



Hackensack Meridian technicians doing health



Health and Wellness Expo YoSheFit personal trainer



Brian Taylor



Nicole Ortizio-Epstein from Genesis Health Care in West-



Katherine Massopust, WCTC Radio Personality Bert Baron and Carolyn Maxwell



Melissa Ray of Healthy Kids Running Series in East Brunswick



Kevin from Title Boxing Club in Metuchen





Robert from Devines Pharmacy in Edison



Shayne Satten & Mimi Pullen of MileStone Photobooths









Alyssa's Law

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"Any measure that can help lessen this risk is an investment worth making."

"There is no single, quick fix to eliminate the threat violence in our schools. But there are steps we can take to better protect students and staff if they are ever faced with a dangerous situation. This is one of them," said McKnight (D-Hudson). "This is an investment worth making."

The bill (A-764) requires that all public elementary and secondary schools be equipped with a panic alarm for use in a school security emergency including, but not limited to, a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, or active shooter situation. The alarm would be an addition to existing security systems.

The alarm, which would not be audible within the school building, must be directly linked to local law enforcement and immediately transmit a signal or message to the authorities upon activation. In the case of a school building located in a municipality where there is no police department, the panic alarm would be linked to a location designated by the Superintendent of State Police.

The bill also requires that a red emergency light be affixed to the exterior of all public elementary and secondary school buildings in a highly visible location above or near the front entrance. In the case of a school building that is not clearly visible from the nearest public roadway; the emergency light would be located on that public roadway. The light would be linked to the school's panic alarm so that it turns on when the alarm is activated.

The proceeds of bonds authorized to be issued to fund the state share of the costs of Schools Development Authority district school facilities projects, or the state share of the costs of school facilities projects in all other districts.

-The bill was approved 66-6-1 and now awaits further consideration by the Senate.

Hypertension **Education** Session

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is having a Hypertension education session Wednesday, April 25, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall B, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Join our Hackensack Meridian Health experts to learn the causes, symptoms, and treatment options for hypertension. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

Clothing Drive
SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred

Heart Altar Holy Rosary Society is sponsoring a used clothing drive on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday April 22 from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Items needed are gently used clothing, winter coats, shoes, belts, purses, linens, bikes, and toys. Please bring your donations to Memorial Hall, across from Sacred Heart Church, 531 Washington Ave., Please call Virginia for more information call 732-721-1521.

Angioscreen Event

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy is holding an Angioscreen event Monday, April 23, 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in Centennial Hall A&B, Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Learn your risk of heart attack and stroke. Screenings include carotid artery ultrasound, heart rhythm, blood pressure and screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm and peripheral artery disease. Receive a color report of your findings, education materials and consultation with a registered nurse. The cost is \$49.95. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

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Total Joint Replacement **Education** Session

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is sponsoring a free Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, April 20, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been scheduled for joint replacement surgery or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

> Music at St. Mary's

SOUTH AMBOY - MASM is pleased to present the 10th Annual Mozart Festival as our final concert of the season. The Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra, under the baton of Maestro Christopher M. C. Deibert will feature teenage piano sensation Matthew Tricarico in a stunning performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto # 12 in A Major. Additionally, the concert will feature the winds of the orchestra as they perform Mozart's Serenade No. 11 for Winds in Eb Major. The program will conclude with Symphony No. 40 in g minor. Come and help us toast the middle of springtime with this unparalleled music. Sunday, May 20, 2018, 4:00pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A celebratory wine and cheese reception will follow the concert. For questions call MASM @ 732-857-0202

Tom's Tax Tips

When an Extension Makes Sense

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

While most people should file a tax return by April 17th, you have the option of delaying your filing date until October 15th with a tax extension.

When to file an extension

- Missing or incorrect information. If one of the forms you need to file your return has an error on it, it is often better to receive a corrected form before filing.
- Recharacterizing Roth IRA rollover amounts. If you've rolled funds from a traditional IRA into a Roth IRA, you may want to reverse it later if the investments lose value. This so-called recharacterization process can be done up to the extended tax-filing date of October 15, and in many cases, it makes sense to wait until then. Note that 2017 is the last tax year you can use the recharacterization process, which was eliminated for future years by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.
- For self-employed retirement donations. The self-employed can use an extension to buy time to fund an SEP IRA. This extended time frame does not apply to traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs.
- Avoid late filing penalty. If you fail to file a tax return, two tax penalties come into play: a late filing penalty and a late payment penalty. By filing an extension, you can push out the potential late-filing penalty for another six months even if you cannot yet pay the tax.

Meet the Author: Geoffrey Cook PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public

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.

Save Money. Get Your Taxes Done for Free!

PERTH AMBOY – You can get your taxes done for free by IRS-certified volunteers at locations throughout the community. Income up to \$65,000 in 2017. Save up to \$300. The free tax sites also help eligible taxpayers claim important tax credits and refunds. Over \$2,3000,000 in 2017! Some of the credits include:

- The Earned Income Tax Credit
- Premium Tax Credit

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• 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

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

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy,

Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area)
For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents
will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.

For more info please call 732-293-1090

Movie Review: Rampage

By: Anton Massopust III "Of course, the wolf flies."

In the new movie "Rampage" based on an old 1980s video game. Dwayne Johnson (Former Professional Wrestler "The Rock") plays a scientist Davis Okoye who takes care of a young gorilla named George. Somehow, somewhere deep in space, a doomed space station explodes, but there is with one lone survivor who manages to get into an escape pod. The escape pod is destroyed during reentry, but the canister of altered DNA samples she was carrying survived the crash and fell into three different locations.

The evil "company" that she worked for was developing a DNA substance that creates huge growth and aggression. The company wanted to weaponize this DNA and sell it to the highest bidder.

One of the canisters landed in George's habitat. The other landed in a swamp where a crocodile lives. The last one landed in Wyoming in a forest were wolves dwell. The animals all are exposed to the open canister and grow into giant monsters that can regenerate and are filled with aggression.



Davis tries to help his gorilla friend and a scientist Dr. Kate Caldwell (Naomie Harris) reveals to him that she helped create the chemical these animals have been exposed to. Now, the animals are heading for Chicago because a beacon emits a frequency that only they can hear. They will destroy anything in their path. Davis and Kate are in the hands of the military. They have to convince the military and special agent Harvey Russell (Jeffrey Dean Morgan - Negan from The Walking Dead Fame). All three animals: George the Gorilla, Ralph the Wolf and the Armored Crocodile are on a Rampage and it's up to all three heroes to either stop them or to find a way to cure them.

This movie is exactly what you think it is: a homage to 1950s monster movies. Giant monsters escape and fight each other and the military. There's snappy dialogue, special effects, and great looking creatures that look like real animals. Everyone is perfectly cast and suited to their roles. The villains are nothing special, just typical corporate bad guys.

This is just a fun movie to sit and munch popcorn. You can take the kids although there's a lot of cursing that I thought was unnecessary. I was surprised the old 1980s video game "Rampage" could be made into a pretty good movie.

Pancake Breakfast

BreakfastSOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks is having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 22nd from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 601 Washington Ave. A served buffet of: pancakes, scrambled eggs, potatoes, breakfast meats, stuffed French toast, bagels, sweets, coffee, tea, juice and more! Cost: \$9 pp.; kids ages 5-8yrs. - \$4; under 5 yrs.- free. For more info call: 732-727-7170.

Roast Pork Loin Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Elks 784, 601 Washington Rd., is hosting a Roast Pork Loin Dinner on Friday, April 20th from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost \$12 pp. Dinner includes: roast pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert, coffee & tea. All proceeds will benefit the peer leadership walk-out drugs program. For more info call: 732-727-7170.

Free Tree Seedlings for Sayreville Residents

Earth Day/Arbor Day

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Celebration & Park Cleanup
SAYREVILLE - Saturday, April
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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 28th, May 12th & May 26th We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofper-thamboylibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

Jammin for Jaclyn

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.

jamminforjaclyn.weebly.com https://www.facebook.com/Jammin-for-Jac-lyn-826847727403904/

Movies@ Main: Daddy Issues

Press Release 4/11/18

WOODBRIDGE - On May 11 the Woodbridge Main Library will begin a new film series scheduled Friday afternoons at 2 PM that will focus on fathers and fatherhood. The first movie is Beginners, a romantic comedy drama based on the true story of an elderly man's exploration as an openly gay man. Christopher Plummer received the 2011 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his performance in this film. On May 18, we will screen Place Beyond the Pines, a crime drama with Ryan Gosling, Bradley Cooper, Eva Mendes, Emory Cohen and Dane DeHaan. May 25 will feature Nebraska, a film chronicling a father - son road trip from Montana to Nebraska. Delivery Man, a comedy about a slacker who donates to a fertility clinic, will be shown on June 4, followed by Walking Out, an adventure film about the survival of a father and son stranded in the Montana wilderness. Our series concludes on June 15 with Glass Castle, a biographical drama based on Jeannette Walls' memoir of the same name

Our films are sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries of Woodbridge Township. Light refreshments are provided by the Woodbridge Library Foundation. The Woodbridge Public Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge.

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Call Carolyn
732-896-4446

Amboy Spotlight: Perth Amboy Carvel, 284 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy



Rosa (L) and Richard (R) Stakovsky



One of many ice cream cakes available at Carvel

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Carvel Franchise Owners Richard and Rosa Stakovsky have made their name in the Carvel Franchise.

Richard was born in Brooklyn, NY. He began working when he was 15 years old at his father's factory that manufactured pocketbooks in Brooklyn. At the time, he also worked at a Carvel in West New York and another ice cream store. At age 17, he became a manager at a Carvel in Staten Island. The owner would drive him between the two Carvel locations.

After the pocketbook factory closed, at the age of 19, Richie convinced his parents to buy and operate their own Carvel Franchise in Staten Island. They all worked there together. "I learned to be a successful businessman from two mentors: my father and another businessman who often told me to "Walk around the counter. If something is not right – fix it."

Richie then opened a Carvel in Howard Beach, Queens. Stakovsky later moved and opened up a Carvel in Brooklyn. "I owned and operated that Carvel (Brooklyn) for 40 years," Stakovsky stated.

Richie Stakvosky's Carvel the Year Award for two years a consultant. in a row. This award is one



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Cake *Photos by Katherine Massopust



Wonder Woman Ice Cream Cake

ees attend, "Carvel College" to

learn how to make the Carvel

cakes." Because Rosa was so

skilled in the business, it was

not necessary for her to attend.

Richie and Rosa make their own

flavors of ice cream. Because of

their expertise, the couple are

allowed leniency on what fla-

vors are sold in the store. Most

Carvel Franchise stores do not

Carvels have won. His Carvel had the highest volume of cake sales in the Carvel Franchise (at the time over 500 stores) and third in sales in the whole Franchise System. "Presently, there are around 270 Carvel Stores, and more are opening," Richie stated. He also mentors people who are interested in the Carvel Franchise Business. From 2010 to 2012 Skakovsky owned and operated the Perth Amboy location. After a brief hiatus, Richie and his wife, Rosa are now back and have reopened the Perth Amboy location as of April 2018.

Rosa Skakovsky was born and raised in Newark, NJ. Rosa was working in the bank next door to Carvel in Staten Island when she met Richie. She then moved to Staten Island in 1997. She learned everything in the ice cream business from him: ""The School of Richie." That's where I learned how to whip up a cake. I then took it to a whole new level."

The couple's skill in the ice cream business is unprecedented. Rosa's ice cream cakes are of such quality that she has made and decorated cakes that have appeared in Carvel Commercials. Her skills are sought was awarded the Franchise of out by Bakers who hire Rosa as

Both agree Carvel has excelof many honors Stakvosky's lent products. Most employ-



*Photo Courtesy of Richard Stakovsky



Vintage Photo of the Perth Amboy Carvel under construction *Photo Courtesy of Richard Stakovsky

The Carvel in Perth Amboy has 24 flavors of hard ice cream and 4 flavors of soft ice cream. Richie's favorite: cherry vanilla; Rosa's favorite: strawberry. The bestselling ice cream flavor in Perth Amboy: strawberry and vanilla; the bestselling product: sundae dashers.

Stakovsky's Carvels have do-

nated to the Leukemia Foundation for every year for over 40 years. He has also donated to help the homeless and other charities as well.

Rosa speaks of the ice cream business, "I love making people happy. If there's a birthday or a special occasion, we're a part of that."



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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

On April 16 the Royal Navy's destroyer *HMS Pakenham* and two Italian destroyers are sunk in a naval engagement in the Sicilian Channel. At the laboratories of pharmaceuticals maker Sandoz, in Basel, Switzerland, biochemist Albert Hofmann accidentally swallows a dose of the newly developed drug lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) being researched for possible medical and psychiatric uses and discovers its hallucinogenic qualities. Hofmann dutifully records the details of the drug's psychedelic effects on him during the first-ever "LSD trip."

The U.S. Eighth Army Air Force attacks aircraft factories in Bremen, Germany, from its bases in eastern England on April 17. It is one of its largest raids to date. Sixteen of the 115 American B-17 Flying Fortress bombers from the raid are lost. In the U.S., the War Manpower Commission issues an order that prevents some 27 million civilians from changing jobs. The manpower "freeze" remains in place until the war's end. At a meeting in Salzburg, Austria, Adm. Miklós Horthy, Hungarian regent and head of state, informs Hitler that he will not accede to a personal request to hand over 800,000 Hungarian Jews to the Nazis. Horthy does, however, authorize 10,000 Jews to be deported to labor battalions.

Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, the architect of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and commander-in-chief of the Imperial Japanese Navy's Combined Fleet, is killed on April 18 when his plane is shot down by American aircraft over South Bougain-ville after taking off from Rabaul. Japanese communications giving Yamamoto's flight itinerary were intercepted and decoded by U.S. Navy cryptographers. Eighteen U.S. Army Air Force P-38 Lightning fighters take off from Guadalcanal and destroy the two bombers of the Yamamoto flight and their escorting Japanese fighters. An operation by 100 German transport aircraft to fly supplies to Axis forces in North Africa suffers a devastating attack by U.S. fighter planes. Over half the transport aircraft and 10 German fighters are shot down.

On April 19, 2,000 SS troops accompanied by tanks, enter the Warsaw Ghetto on the eve of Passover — to remove and deport the remaining 70,000 Jews living there. Up to 310,000 Jews have already been deported from the ghetto, and either executed or imprisoned in labor camps. To the shock of the Germans, they are resisted by some 1,500 Jewish fighters — armed initially with Molotov cocktails and 17 rifles — who have constructed a network of hiding places, and fight with small arms and improvised weapons. When his demand for their surrender is rejected, SS commander Jürgen Stroop orders the ghetto to be systematically burned, block by block, using flamethrowers and explosives. The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, as it is called, will last almost a month. In North Africa, General Bernard Montgomery, eager for his Eighth Army to seal victory in Tunisia, launches an offensive toward Enfidha, which lies between Sousse and Tunis. After three days, the attack gains little ground and casualties are heavy. In Germany, fourteen German citizens who are members of the White Rose anti-Nazi resistance group are tried, convicted and immediately executed for crimes against the regime. The Japanese conclude "Operation I-Go." During the nineteen days of the offensive, the Japanese destroy one destroyer, one corvette, one tanker, two cargo ships and 25 aircraft, but do not achieve the scale of success that was anticipated.

On April 20, the U.S. announces that three of the eight airmen captured when their planes crash-landed after the "Doolittle Raid" on Tokyo (18 April 1942) have been executed by the Japanese. In the Netherlands, 1,166 Jews are deported to Auschwitz.

Aberdeen, Scotland, on April 21 endures its worst bombing attack of the war by the *Luftwaffe*; 98 civilians and 27 servicemen are killed. In Tokyo, Adm. Mineichi Koga is named to succeed Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto as Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Combined Fleet. Adolf Hitler quietly celebrates his 54th birthday at the *Berghof*, his home in the Bavarian Alps. Britain's Royal Air Force marks the occasion by bombing Berlin and three other German cities.

The British First and Eighth Armies, the U.S. II Corps and Free French forces on April 22 begin an offensive designed to destroy the Axis forces in Tunisia. Axis and Allied troops clash in the Battle of Longstop Hill, the last natural barrier blocking the way to Tunis.

Please Submit Your Events to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

A.C. Bus Trip

San Salvador Seniors
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, May 3, 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 Tues. Apr. 24, 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.

A.C. Bus Trip

Holy Rosary Seniors
HOPELAWN – The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a trip to the Golden Nugget Casino A.C. Thursday 6/5/2018.
Bus leaves 10 a.m. from church

parking lot. Cost \$30. \$25 back in play; \$5 food voucher. Any questions: call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

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.

Drug Prevention Presentation

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville is hosting a one-hour program presented by the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey 15-Minute Child Break program. This is a one-hour multimedia presentation discussing the importance of the parent or caregiver's role in substance abuse prevention; how to talk to children about drugs; signs of use and abuse to look for; current terminology; and trends of use. The public is invited to attend. We will be meeting at The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville, 172 Main Street, Sayreville (across from Borough Hall) on April 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm. For more information contact: 732-257-6353.

Have a Special Pet?

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

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:

Phone: 732-814-9964 Email: heather.sayrevilleshadetree@gmail.com

Facebook:@sayrevilleshadetree

Pet of the Week



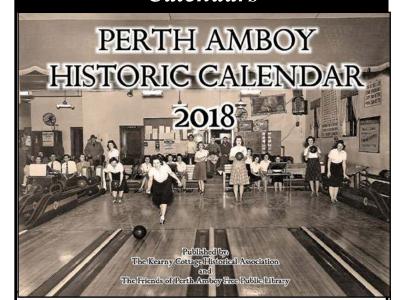
Ginger watches the Good Friday Procession

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 from www.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

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!

> Answers From Puzzle On Page 13

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Prayer to Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)

O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity

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

(make request). There are none

that can withstand your power.

O Mary conceived without sin,

pray for us who have recourse

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you. *G.T.A.*

Friends of Sayreville Public Library Events

SAYREVILLE – The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library present a BOOK SALE Saturday & Sunday, April 21st & 22nd, 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. -Location: Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Rd, Parlin. A Re-Gifting SALE Saturday & Sunday, April 21st & 22nd, 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Location: Sayreville Public Library. A BUNCO NIGHT Thursday, April 26th 6:30 p.m. - \$10 donation-Location: Knights of Columbus 775 Washington Rd, Parlin.

What is Jazz? PERTH AMBOY – The Perth

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Free Public Library is hosting "What is Jazz and Why Does it Matter?: a New Jersey Council for the Humanities Public Scholar's Program Friday, April 27, 7 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA theater. Michael Conklin, Jazz Historian, is the speaker.

Branford Marsalis once said, "What is Jazz? " It's almost like asking, "What is French?" Jazz is a musical language. It's a musical dialect that actually embodies the spirit of America." Sometimes called "America's Classical Music", the tradition and history of the genre embodies the essence of freedom and democracy. From its origins within the slave's songs, to the advent of the blues, Dixieland, Swing, Bebop, and other styles, jazz exhibits how each individual (through his/her independence) must function within the framework of a group to better serve the entire community. In this session, through music and discussion, participants will explore jazz and why it matters.

Michael Conklin, is an active Jazz Historian and writer who specializes in jazz history and American music, music of the antebellum South, and issues of race and class. He is presently pursuing his Doctor of Arts and Letters degree at Drew University. He spends the majority of his time teaching and writing; his work can be seen in publications by Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and Johns Hopkins University Press.

This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities (NJCH) and, in part, by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of NEH or NJCH.

Admission is free; refreshments will be served.

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PERTH AMBOY - Woman in horse drawn sled at the Waterfront circa 1880's

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Happenings

Perth Amboy

TUES. Apr. 17 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. 18 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,
Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.

Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,

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THURS. Apr. 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Apr. 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

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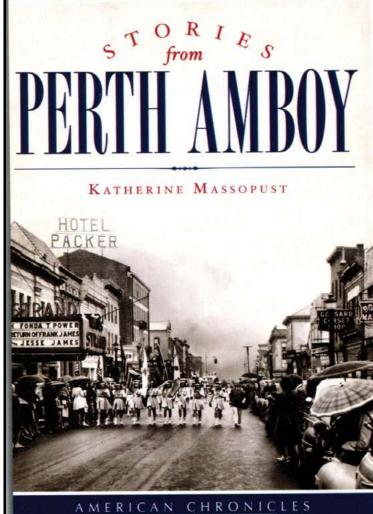
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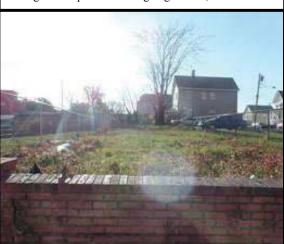
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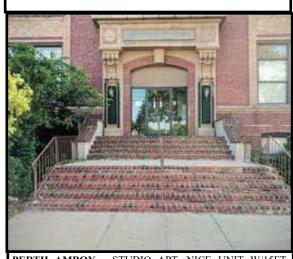
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