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## Perth Amboy

### **Aging System Examined Report on Water/Wastewater E.P.A. Recommendations Caucus 3/12/12**

*3/14/12 Regular Meeting  
Déjà Vu Hidden Village II Nightmare  
Harbortown Had Similar Experience*

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Sewer System is over 100 years old. There is a need to be able to detect leaks early while there are small amounts before mega disruption occurs in the 95 miles of water mainlines. Because of this a detailed examination had to be performed based on E.P.A. recommendations and L. Perez Jimenez Director of Operations Water Utilities USA-PA presented his findings to the City Council. Some of the catch basins may need to be replaced. Estimated cost would be around \$350,000. Some of the other parts that would need to be replaced would be pumps, and water flow meters.

Thomas Street had a sewer line replaced ten years ago and it looks just as good today as it did then. "We have identified three manholes," Jimenez stated, "At a cost of \$68,000 for each one. In some instances depending on the condition we may be able to reline some manholes at a cost of \$5000 to \$10,000 each. In that case a relined manhole would last from 15 to 20 years."

"The catch basins are made out of bricks," according to Jimenez. "And once these bricks fall apart, the mouth is left open. It can get a lot of debris which causes more cost to the city. The engineering flow study will provide lead components and function of pump stations to see if the well wet is big enough for its multiple uses. It can also check the flow of the main sewer line and if there is any uses of excessive grease being poured into the system."

Jimenez went on to talk about the compression chambers, "Rear plates control the

flow. We need to make sure that the elevation is correct to control the flow into the river. Estimated cost is around \$201,000 which we have around \$56,000 toward that cost. The Runyon Site has five wells and six pumps. The rain wells are three to four years old. There are two pumps of similar size. One of them is losing capacity because the bearings and in palings are failing. The air-conditioning units are over 25 years old. Those units help out with rusting and air oxidation and will cost about \$42,000 to replace. New meters with sensors are needed to give us a production report which would calculate water going to the lagoon.

Council President Kenneth Balut said, "I know in Woodbridge they have what is the Grease Police who specifically monitor who is pouring grease down the catch basin. There are also enzymes that can break down the grease."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach interjected that there are also a certain amount of water that is unaccountable for.

At the 3/14/12 Council Meeting several residents of Hidden Village II appeared before the Council to ask help in resolving their problems with the builders of the complex. Their problems were very similar to what was experienced by the home owners of Harbortown a few years ago in regards to their high water bills.

One resident of Holly Drive said, "We have been assessed at \$500 or more because of our water bills. We are told that we are being charged at commercial rates and not residential rates." This home owner also said, "We are going into foreclosures because the com-



**Councilman  
Fernando Gonzalez**

plex is not being properly maintained. The seller knew about the financial mess the developers were in but did not disclose it to the buyers."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach said the water bills were based on meter size, "We advised Hidden Village II management if they could redesign to install smaller meters that may bring the residents water bill cost down." He also told the homeowners of Hidden Village II to speak to the condominium association lawyer. "Plumbing reconfigurations are the biggest cost. Everything ran off a single meter so larger meters were installed. We suggested a separate meter for each unit but the plumber said it would be a tremendous cost to do that."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said there were no separate lines for fire suppression systems and this should not be allowed. "That should be a separate line."

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez who used to live at Hidden Village I suggested to the Hidden Village II homeowners that when they were given documentations at closing, they were probably given the old by-lines and not the updated amendments. "Which is probably why you are paying

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## South Amboy

### **Sagliocco Appointed Housing Authority Commissioner**



**Saverio Sagliocco**

SOUTH AMBOY - Saverio Sagliocco has been appointed by Governor Chris Christie to serve as Commissioner on the South Amboy Housing Authority. Sagliocco will serve out the term of a Commissioner who resigned. Senator Sam Thompson who is the Middlesex County Republican Chairman had approached Sagliocco about applying for this position. The Commissioner is a voluntary unpaid position.

In a phone interview, Sagliocco said that he is honored to have the opportunity to serve the City of South Amboy. "My dad was very excited," said Sagliocco, "Especially since I am the son of an immigrant. He is very proud and so am I to be appointed to this office by the Governor of New Jersey. I applied for this position towards the end of 2011 and besides submitting a resume there was also

a phone interview through the Governor's office. I will be filling out an oath of office that has to be executed by a Notary. A copy has to be sent to the municipal clerk of South Amboy, the DCA (Department of Community Affairs) and the Housing Authority of South Amboy. Part of the screening process also included a background investigation by the New Jersey State Police. I was told that there were other candidates who were considered for this position, so it is exciting for me and my family to have been selected for it."

Sagliocco retired as a Lieutenant Commander in the Navy having served twenty years in the Navy (eight years full time - twelve years as reserve). He also ran as a Councilman-at-large in the 2010 South Amboy general election. Sagliocco has an M.B.A. in finance and has seventeen years of banking and financial experience.

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higher cost in some assessments. I suggest that you seek legal counsel and you many want to try to contact legal services located at a high rise building on State Street. If they could not help you, perhaps they could guide you to someone who can help with your predicament.”

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### Library Repair Progress

PERTH AMBOY - The roof work is almost complete. Replacement of windows will be done with 30% to 40% grant money. The plasterwork and flooring should be completed by the spring of 2013. There is a possibility of making the side entrance which is currently adjacent the parking lot the main entrance. This would library handicapped accessible which would only go to the main floor and not to the children's library.

### Board of Ed Forum 3/3/12

PERTH AMBOY - Beth Lieberman who teaches Elementary Education said more Paraprofessionals are needed so that the teachers can concentrate on individual pupil's needs. "They were very helpful and half of them have left. We have new programs in place but we don't have the technology to support those programs. Besides materials such as books, etc. We also need smart boards and better copy machines. We have to Staples to get large volumes of work copied."

Board President Sam Lebreault emphasized accenting the positive aspects of our schools and the City of Perth Amboy. "There will be head-phones made available to translate into Spanish what is being said at the School Board Meetings. We have been looking at a new High School before we got the \$39 million. Delany Homes was looked at plus Dr. Caffrey was looking to rent existing properties. With the new high school additional staff would need to be hired. With that comes new programs. We still need an elementary school. The Celotex property cleanup would be three times more expensive than building a new high school."

One of the properties mentioned as a possible lease agreement was St. Mary's that can take about 500 students. Students who are attending the Adult School on Barrack's St. can also obtain work credits.

Ken Puccio said of the Seaman Street Property, "Half of that property is uncleanable." He also agreed with President Lebreault that Perth Amboy is a wonderful city. "We have a bad rap it is up to us to promote the city. That means the teachers, Board Members, etc. The high school is better now than ten years ago and we have more activities." He also praised everyone who worked together to evacuate the Shull School during the bomb scare. "We were able in two days to locate the kids that pulled that alarm. We always talk about the negatives in our schools but we can find bigger problems in other educational systems." He mentioned South Brunswick, Sayreville and South Amboy as examples. "We have great schools," Puccio added.

### Board of Ed Meeting 3/8/12

PERTH AMBOY - Several Educators presented their views on different programs that were initiated by Superintendent Dr. Janine Caffrey. Miss Freeman of the Patten School praised Quantum Learning along with visual learning. She talked about how she had a student who was struggling in her third grade class and she used music to stimulate him. "I see Quantum Learning as a garden and it's a tool that you can learn to teach them through visual stimulation. This is an inspiration to teachers."

A Kindergarten teacher from the Wilentz School loved the common assessment program, "We sit in large groups and banter around different ideas to see which ones are the best. Gisella Vigil a teacher from the Shull School loved the Atlas Curriculum Mapping program which deals with language arts, social studies, science and math. "This provides teachers with what their colleagues are working on throughout the whole school district. It also forces me to do research on my own."

Janet Reeve who is a 7th and 8th grade language arts teacher discussed the Instructional Rounds. "This program helped educate leaders and practitioners to develop a shared understanding of what high quality instruction looks like. Teachers visit each other's classrooms to see if there is a learning tool that they can use to help with a student they may be struggling with."

One of the last presenters to speak was Eddie Vasquez. "Personally by observing another teacher who teaches the same course that I do I was able to use her methods to help students in my class. At first students were uncomfortable at being observed, but they soon got used to it."

The presentations were followed by a slide show, showing classrooms where the teachers, students interacted with one another.

### Sharon D. Hubberman Announces Her Candidacy For Perth Amboy Mayor

PERTH AMBOY - On Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m. Sharon Hubberman formally launched her campaign for Mayor at the Grand Opening of her mother's newly expanded business, PPS Tax Prep, formally known as Primo Public Services. PPS Tax Prep is located at 436 Amboy Avenue, Perth Amboy.

In a crowded field of "business as usual" political insiders, Sharon Hubberman stands apart as the only candidate for Mayor who is a fresh face to the City's politics. Sharon has made a pledge to provide a solution to the property tax issues, to help boost the economy and reduce unemployment, and improve the quality of

life, safety, and services of the city where she was born, raised, and loves. Sharon Hubberman sees the city as a Gem, and is dedicated to help it shine because with Better Planning comes a Brighter Future in Perth Amboy.

Sharon Hubberman is a Senior Private Wealth Advisor. The new office owned by her mother, Maria Elena Varela, is an expansion of a professional tax preparation business founded by her mother and it is through Sharon's business and finance expertise that her mother is having her dream come true. PPS Tax Prep is in the heart of the Amboy Avenue and Hospital section.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Yes, We Are Quirky & Unconventional

My mentor who used to work for a daily newspaper and once owned a newspaper himself likes to revert back to when he worked at that daily and tries to make our layout similar to his former employer. But when I'm doing the paper, especially the front page, some of the time I won't have a clue as what will be the lead story. In some cases during a slow week I may get a gift and a front page story may land in my lap at the last minute. (For instance, the Thomas O'Leary Guilty Plea) If you look throughout the paper you will see that we take great liberty with some of the pages. For instance one week we may do an Amboy Spotlight on a particular business or individual or we may need to do a movie revue or soft news or even an advertisement. We are not a conventional newspaper where we may have a set format every single week. We turned our newspaper into a format that is suited to our needs and that of the community for that particular week. There are times when we run into a problem when we have so many meetings going on during the same week that is very easy for us to do a 32 page edition. When this happens we have to decide not always what is the most important item discussed at a meeting but if there was something new said at a meeting that had not been brought

up before.

Let's face it. When you have meetings that are attended by individuals who have a strong conviction for what they believe in they may repeat the same information over and over. Lately when I've been going to meetings I'm listening to see who is bringing up a new topic or in the case of the last Perth Amboy Council Meeting residents of Hidden Village II came up with similar problem having to do with their water meters. I instantly thought back to Harbortown residents and what they went through with the same exact problems packing the Council Chambers meeting after meeting. My thoughts also go back to the time when the Harbortown residents are so frustrated that they protested in bitter cold temperatures outside of City Hall. I could still see the determinations in their faces that they would not go away until their problem was solved. They were a very forceful group and had very dedicated and powerful leaders.

Perhaps the Hidden Village II residents could contact the Harbortown Association members and see how they were able to resolve their issues and were they satisfied with the final outcome. This is a situation where the community can truly help each other out.

C.M.

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Keystone Pipeline

I'm not the one to single out parties voting against American jobs and lower energy cost.

However, on Thursday March 8th the Democrat Party Senators with their cronies voted 56 to 42 to bill an amendment to fast track the \$7billion shovel ready Keystone XL Pipeline which re-

flects President Obama and Democratic priorities.

Also on Thursday Senate Republicans voted unanimously for Keystone which would bring 830,000 barrels of crude daily from Alberta, Canada to interconnections in Oklahoma, and refineries on the Gulf Coast creating thousands of jobs.

I cannot and will not vote for a President whose interest is

not for all Americans but for his left wing which has placed the burden of high energy cost on Mr. & Mrs. America. The Congressional Record speaks for itself. Yes, Mr. President the Chevy Valt awaits you on election day for a trip back to Chicago.

Donald I. Smerecki

Who Cares? I do . . .

In January there was yet another call to the Perth Amboy Police Department on early Saturday morning. There was a body found on Prospect Street 3 houses down from Michael's Industrial Luncheonette and Ann Marie's house, right smack in Ann Marie's driveway. Wayne John Soto breathed his last right there.

I cautioned Ann Marie not to hire uncontrolled alcoholics especially if they were sick or prone to violence because it was a danger to them and the community. I cautioned Michael not to hire uncontrolled alcoholics because it was a danger to their health and to the community. She told me that there was nothing she

could do about it. I told her and Michael that they could stop hiring them, especially Michael. Michael because he was shut down by the city of Perth Amboy (the Board of Health) and Ann Marie because she was placing the neighborhood in danger. District 4 Ward 5.

Wayne John Soto was living with my next door neighbor. He lived a hard life and he brought his friend Mark to live at my next door neighbor's house too. Unfortunately there were other substance abusers who would stop by to "borrow" money from my neighbors even though they were not to be in the house at all. Wayne was already on seizure precautions and his friend was trying to do better.

But the other substance abusers would stop over to "bor-

row" money from my neighbors for beer, crack cocaine and eat my 89 year old next door neighbor's food.

This week the others broke into the house that is now on sale. They stole the copper and ceiling tiles and my 89 year old neighbor is in the nursing home and Wayne by the Grace of God shall Rest in Peace, and the friend is fighting to keep his head above water. It is time for the thieves, the cowards, the liars and the drunkards to leave. There is no place for them. We lost the battle but we will win the war. Wayne, Rest in Peace Dear Friend.

Sincerely,

Patti Perez from the Abundant Life Worship Center

Pride in America and Our Icons

The National Football League Playoffs on Sunday, January 22, 2012 were a classic example of the lack of respect or Our National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The Pledge of Allegiance at both the America Conference and National Conference games received the same disrespect. Many players, coaches, game officials, and those in attendance ignored the protocols for saluting the Flag. Standing at attention with the right hand over the heart, with the hat in the right hand if one is worn is appropriate. Attention means not talking or moving about. The minute or two required is little to ask to honor The United States of

America and all of those who have given their lives for our country. We have the freedom to attend ball games, school, public and political events because others made it possible to be free. Our president fails to appropriately salute our flag. That is the worst possible example to set.

The singing of Our National Anthem had two different results. The first by Steven Tyler at the American Conference game was an abuse of our American heritage. Singing the National Anthem at a Public Event is an honor few ever get. A person who does not know the music or the words should not be permitted to make a mockery of our heritage. Many singers take liberty with the music. Francis Scott Key wrote the lyrics in 1874 during the battle of Baltimore. The song has been the official song for raising the American Flag since July 27,


1889. In 1931 it became our National Anthem.

Ms. Kristen Chenoweth sang our National Anthem at the National Conference game. Ms. Chenoweth hit every note precisely and enunciated every word perfectly. All of those in attendance did not give proper respect to the presentation but those who did were obviously thrilled with the performance. Other venues would do well to have Ms. Chenoweth perform or invite others who have the same respect for the National Anthem perform.

America must return to the days of respect for our country. Our values are under constant attack by people who have their own agendas. Veterans like myself must stand up and teach our youth to value our nation and our culture.

Respectfully,  
Robert A. Brown

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PUBLIC LIBRARY .....	546 WEST AVE.
SEWAREN CORNER DELI .....	514 WEST AVE.
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BROADWAY BAGELS .....	105 S. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BISTRO .....	126 N. BROADWAY
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SCIORTINO'S HARBOR LIGHTS 132 .....	S. BROADWAY
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114 MAIN BAGELS .....	114 MAIN ST.
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WOODBIDGE VETERINARY GROUP .....	424 AMBOY AVE.

Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza,South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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.

Tea Room Open

PERTH AMBOY — The Tea Room at the historic Proprietary House, Kearny Avenue, is open on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

For \$7 per person, visitors can enjoy assorted teas and delicious homemade desserts served by hostesses Helen, Dorothy and Kathy. Take a tour of the only remaining Royal Governor’s Mansion in the U.S.

The Proprietary House, which was built between 1762 and 1764, and is on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, is owned by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Parks & Forestry.

For more information or group reservations, call (732) 826-5527.

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. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TODAY Mar 21	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Mar 22	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Mar 26	City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Mar 27	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
WED Mar 28	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Mar 29	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

South Amboy

TODAY Mar 21	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Apr 2	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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## Win A Scholarship To Sail With A Professional Crew To New London, Connecticut!

by Bruce Bertucci,  
Sailing Coach

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School has a local youth sailing team. High School students, male and female, sail and/or race during the spring and/or fall seasons. They also sail and kayak during the summer.

The Waterfront Recreation Program runs from just after July 4th through the third week of August. Check with The Perth Amboy Recreation Department for details. If you have any questions on either program, instructor/coach Bertucci can be reached a pabsst@hotmail.com.

A spectacular event is coming soon! On Monday, June 25th, the square-rigger Unicorn will depart from our municipal pier. This classic,

topsail schooner will be bound for New London, Connecticut. Six female youth scholarship winners will be onboard with an all female, professional crew. The six local students, girls only aged 14-17 are eligible, will perform any and all tasks necessary for a successful voyage up the East River and then out to eastern end of Long Island Sound. Sailing night and/or day, local students will stand watch, take their turn at mess duties, steering the vessel and climbing the rigging. The sailing voyage is free, but the scholarship winners will need to arrange their own transportation back to Perth Amboy from New London, on Thursday or Friday Afternoon, June 28th or 29th. Local citizens are working to get funding for six scholarships. Learn leadership through adventure!

Write and submit a one-page essay on why you should be selected! Read all about it on this page:  
<http://www.sistersundersail.org/sus2012/forGirls.php>

Mail out your information, with your essay, to Perth Amboy High School Sailing Team, C/O Coach Bertucci, 1220 South Tenth Street, South Plainfield, NJ 07080-1608. Include: your name, age, home address, school name and address, parent's home and cell phone numbers and parent's email. *Any female resident (13 to 17 years of age) of the city of Perth Amboy is eligible, regardless of whether they are a member of the High School Sailing Team or not.* Good luck and see you on the water!

## Fire Safety Advisory

PERTH AMBOY - Fire Chief David Volk of the Perth Amboy Fire Department has extended an advisory to the public from the New Jersey Division of Fire Safety. Please be advised that Perth Amboy has not currently received any reports of the following incident, this is a precautionary notice.

The Division of Fire Safety has received reports of an individual impersonating a fire extinguisher servicing company in Camden County and Atlantic County.

This person entered a business carrying a clipboard, looked at the tag on a fire extinguisher, told the owner

that he was from the company on the tag and convinced him that the extinguishers needed to be serviced. He then proceeded to walk through the business removing the tags from all of the fire extinguishers. He successfully convinced the owner to pay him in cash. He is described as a white or Hispanic male, heavy set, short dark hair wearing a blue windbreaker and kakis. He was also carrying a small clip board or note pad.

“Please be advised that any city inspector or personnel possess appropriate identification and credentials,” Chief Volk added.

We are requesting that you notify all businesses in your

community to report anyone fitting this description or attempting to do something similar immediately to the police. In addition, if they can safely obtain any other information including a vehicle description or license plate number that would be most helpful.

If you recognize this individual or receive reports of him operating in your community, notify local law enforcement and the Division of Fire Safety immediately. Notification to the Division should be made to our 877-NJFIRES number which is staffed 24/7.

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## Movie Time

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a movie “The Muppets” Rated PG at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 26 at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

## Easter Bonnet Parade

COLONIA - The 9th Annual Easter Bonnet Parade, Mini Easter Egg Hunt & Much More will be on Sunday, April 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Colonia Middle School, 100 Delaware Ave., Colonia. \$5 Donation per child. Adults Free. Join us for an afternoon of family fun. Activities begin at 1 p.m. Parade begins at 2:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, most creative and best looking bonnet or hat. Vendors needed \$20 donation per table. All proceeds will be used to build a gazebo to be placed in Charlie Shaughnessy Park in memory of LCP Kevin Reinhard of Colonia, who lost his life while serving our country in Afghanistan.

## Board Vacancies : Volunteer Opportunities

PERTH AMBOY - The following boards are seeking members: Business Improvement District (BID), Library Board of Trustees , Planning Board , Rent Levelling Board, Urban Enterprise Zone, Historic Preservation Commission

Some key responsibilities include: consistent attendance at regular board meetings, participation at the meetings as an active member; participation in the general activities of the organization and preparation in advance before regular board meetings by reading; and studying materials regarding key actions the board is expected to take at the meeting.

Please be advised that this is strictly a voluntary position. Residents interested in becoming members of a specific board may complete and return the Citizen Service application to Office of the Municipal Clerk in City Hall located on 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861 for consideration. To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of each board refer to the Administrative Code (E-Code/Ordinances) of the City of Perth Amboy available on the City's website.

Applications are due: Monday, April 16, 2012

## HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, Mar 26 at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

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

## Family Communion Breakfast

HOPELAWN - The Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Most Holy Rosary Church is having its annual Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday March 25, after 8:30 a.m. mass in the Holy Rosary Auditorium on Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn. Donation for adults is \$8, Children under 12 are \$4. For tickets please call 732-826-9466.

## Bridal Showcase

WOODBIDGE - There will be the Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce Bridal Showcase on Sunday April 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 US. Highway 1 South Iselin NJ. ADDMISSION IS FREE. Brides, grooms, families are all welcome. To register contact the Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce at 52 Main Street Woodbridge NJ. 07095 or call 732-636-4040 or e-mail woodbridgechamber@comcast.net.

## 7th Annual OLV Easter Friendship Meal

SAYREVILLE - There will be a Easter Friendship Meal at Our Lady of Victory Church, Msgr. Dalton Hall, Main St. Sayreville, on Saturday, March 31(Day before Palm Sunday) from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. Eat in or Take Out. This meal is provided FREE OF CHARGE (all food is donated) for anyone who would like to be in some friendly company... whatever the reason! Bring a Friend! Delivery to homebound parishioners available (tell Paula). Reservations must be made by calling Paula 732-257-0077 - No later than Monday, March 26.

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**Easter Egg  
Hunt**

WOODBIDGE - There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 6 at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come get your eggs - where will they be hidden? Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local pantry. For more info call 732-596-4048.

**Tot Time &  
Storytime**

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Fridays Ages (Ages 6+) at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

**New Jersey Tax Freeze Program**

news release

PERTH AMBOY — Mayor Wilda Diaz reminds Perth Amboy senior citizens or people with disabilities to apply for the State of New Jersey's Property Tax Reimbursement Program. "During these difficult economic times this program is beneficial to those eligible. We want to ensure that our residents take advantage of this program, so we encourage you to see if you are eligible for a reimbursement," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

For the latest eligibility requirements please see below. According the State of New Jersey Division of Taxation Website, the following are the 2011 Eligibility Requirements: Residents applying for a reimbursement of the difference between the amount of property taxes paid for 2010 and the amount paid for 2011 must:

- Have been age 65 or older

as of December 31, 2010, OR receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits as of December 31, 2010, and December 31, 2011. You do NOT qualify if the Federal Social Security disability benefits you (or your spouse/civil union partner) were receiving were received on behalf of someone else; and

- Have lived in New Jersey continuously since before January 1, 2001, as either a homeowner or a renter; and
- Have owned and lived in the home (or have leased a site in a mobile home park on which you have placed a manufactured or mobile home that you own) for which the reimbursement is being claimed since before January 1, 2008; and
- Have paid the full amount of the property taxes due on the home for 2010 by June 1, 2011, and for 2011 by June 1, 2012 (if a mobile home owner, have paid the full amount of mobile home park site fees for 2010 by December 31, 2010, and for 2011 by December 31,

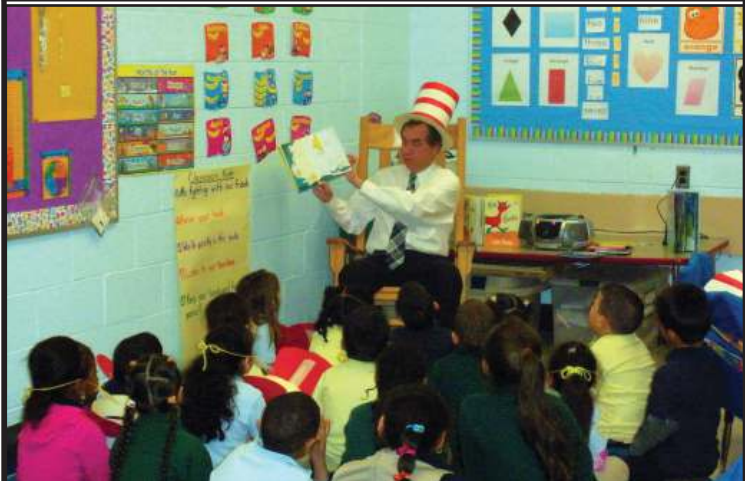
2011); and

- Have total annual income for both 2010 and 2011 that is \$80,000 or less. These limits apply regardless of marital/civil union status. However, applicants who are married or in a civil union must report combined income of both spouses/CU partners.

Eligibility requirements, including income limits, and benefits available under this program are subject to change by the State Budget.

For additional information you may visit the State of New Jersey's Property Tax Reimbursement Program (Senior Freeze) website link: [www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfrez.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfrez.shtml) or call their hotline at: 1-800-882-6597. You may also visit the Office of the Tax Collector from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at City Hall or call 732-826-0290.

For additional information about the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: [www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us](http://www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us).



Assemblyman Coughlin's day at Anthony Ceres Elementary School in Perth Amboy. The picture was taken in Mrs. Satterthwaite's Kindergarten class.

*photo courtesy of the office of Craig J. Coughlin*

**Assemblyman Coughlin  
Participates in 'Read Across  
America Week'**

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - 19th Legislative District - To help promote a love of reading in school-aged children in New Jersey, Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin participated in "National Read Across America Week."

Coughlin participated in the event in the 19th Legislative District on Thursday, March 1 and Friday, March 2. On Thursday Coughlin read to 4th and 5th grade students at Middlesex County's Center for Lifelong Learning in Parlin. On Friday he read to 3rd grade students at Carteret's Co-

lumbus School. Afterwards he read to Mrs. Satterthwaite's Kindergarten class at the Anthony V. Ceres School in Perth Amboy.

Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program, created in 1998 by the National Education Association (NEA) to motivate children to read. The annual event is held on March 2, the birthday of celebrated children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Suess.

For more info contact Assemblyman Craig J. Coughlin's district office directly at 732-855-7441 or [AsmCoughlin@njleg.org](mailto:AsmCoughlin@njleg.org).

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**Girl Scout  
100th  
Anniversary  
Honorees**

PERTH AMBOY - A Recognition Luncheon at Z.P.A. Hall honored the following women as Service Unit Honorees: Honorable Mayor Wilda Diaz, Dorothy Carty-Daniel, Eva Kucaba, Tara O'Brien, Lisa Richardson Hall, Dianne Roman, Vivian Rodriguez and Loris Welch. Also honored were Troop Honorees: Elizabeth Clark, Jenny Babyak, Adelaida A. Tirado, Tracy Jordan, Roxana Troche, Susan Martinez, Karen Moffatt, Nancy Pacheco, Dorothea Borkowski, Joyce Cosgrove, Norma Suarez and Diane Rodrigues and Miriam Pabon.

**Celebrate  
Earth Day –  
Plant a Seed**

SOUTH AMBOY - Kids, mark your calendar for a fun event at the Dowdell Library: "Celebrate Earth Day – Plant a Seed," which is an Earth Day program which will be presented by South Amboy Community Gardens on Monday, April 23rd from 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Parents, introduce your child to planting a seed for a lifelong love of gardening!

Also, meet "Sisters in Crime" author, Chelle Martin at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy! Sisters in Crime will celebrate 25 years of working with librarians and booksellers in support of women writing crime fiction and will celebrate with a special event on Saturday, April 21 at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library of South Amboy from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Chelle Martin will experience life as a librarian, so feel free to stop by and ask her about mystery writing or "Sisters in Crime!"

Don't forget to ask about the children's and young adult art contest taking place through April 30th.

Need homework help? Don't forget to ask the librarians. Free online resources on the library's web page make report writing easy!

The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off O'Leary Blvd. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10 am – 8 pm; Wednesday and Friday 10 am – 5 pm and Saturday 12 noon – 4 pm. Directions: [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org)

For additional information, contact the library at [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org) or 732-721-6060.

**Perth Amboy Girl Scout Service Unit Central & Southern NJ Council 2012 Women of Distinction Recognition Luncheon  
March 11, 2012 Z.P.A. of Perth Amboy**

*photos by Bob Ned*



Girl Scout Master of 60 Years



Women of Distinction Honorees 2012



Girl Scouts Color Guard



Girl Scouts show off their Girl Scout Fashion Show



Honorees & Girl Scouts gather for a group photo



Lisa Nanton, Bill Petrick, Joel Pabon, Ken & Jeanette Gonzalez & Mrs. Petrick show their support to the Girl Scouts

**Great Beds Lighthouse Exhibit - Raritan Bay Coffee Compny Perth Amboy - March 15, 2012**

*photos by Paul W. Wang*



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Art Instructor Olga Bautista with her students



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Guitarists perform as part of the entertainment

**St. Patrick's Day at Olive St., Perth Amboy**  
*Photos by Bob Ned*



Relaxing before dancing



Enjoying a tradional St. Pat's meal



Everyone became Irish for St. Pat's Day

**Attn: Perth Amboy Residents**

PERTH AMBOY - The city of Perth Amboy Dept. of Police utilized a new communication service that went into effect March 1, 2011 that allows us to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology. The Nixle Community Information Service allows us to create and publish messages to be delivered to subscribed residents instantly via cell phone text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed online at Nixle's web site at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com). Messages may include "All City government offices will be closed due to an impending Blizzard," as well as other

relevant safety and community event information. The service is reliable and free to our group to use. The messages can be sent specifically to residents within a 1/4 mile radius, giving them opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide from which local agencies they want to receive information. Subscribers can also choose the way in which alerts are received, whether it is by email, text message or over the web. There is NO spam and NO hidden cost. Standard text messaging rates do apply. Simple, Trusted, No Cost. Sign up now at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

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**Easter Bone Hunt**  
WOODBIDGE - There will be a Easter Bone Hunt for your family and pets on Sunday, April 1 from 11 am. to 2 p.m at Parker Press Grounds, Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Bring your leashed dogs to hunt for the yummy, holistic Easter bones! Enter contests, win prizes and meet some of the adoptable pets from the Woodbridge Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center. Contest and prizes for best Easter Outfit, Best Kisser, and best trick (dogs of course)! Free to the public.

**Employment Forum**  
PERTH AMBOY - The NAACP Perth Amboy Branch in collaboration with The City of Perth Amboy, Dept. of Human Services presents an Employment Forum, "Searching for Employment", "Resume Writing", "Interview Readiness" on Saturday, March 31 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Raritan Bay YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. \*Vendors Welcome\* For more info contact Sandette - 908-305-8519 or access [www.naacp-perthamboyarea.org](http://www.naacp-perthamboyarea.org)

**A.C. Trip**  
SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Historical Society will have an Bus Trip to Atlantic City to Showboat Casino on Sunday, March 26. \$30 Slot Cash Back, Bingo, 50/50 and snacks on the bus - movie on trip home. Bus leaves Sayreville Senior Center Parking Lot at 10:45 a.m. Returns approximately 8:30 p.m. Cost \$35 (A \$10 Deposit required by 3/17/12). To sign up contact Art at 732-525-3208 or leave a message at the museum 732-390-7048.

**Annual Fish & Chicken Fry Dinner**  
PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Spirit Rosary Altar Society is holding their annual fish & Chicken Fry Dinner on Wednesday, March 21 at the Holy Spirit Church Basement on Hazel and Brace Ave., Perth Amboy. Back by popular demand from our previous years Thistle Catering. Take out time: 4:30 p.m. Open for enjoyment of dinner atmosphere socializing 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets in advance are \$15 Adults, \$7 for Children under 10 yrs. Advanced tickets are sold at weekend mass or rectory during the week. For more info call 832-826-4859. Price at the Door \$16 Adults, \$7 Children under 10 yrs.

**Fashion Show at PRAHD - Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**  
*Photos by Bob Ned*



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Young women line up to model



Jes'marie, Rebecca Batista and Jordan



The PRAHD Staff gets into the spirit



Brother & Sister Alexis and Michelle also known as Excel Dancers

Police Blotter

News Release  
PERTH AMBOY - On Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 10:30 am police were dispatched to 781 Stephen Avenue on an alarm at the back door.  
Police Officer Joseph Sulikowski arrived and observed the chain link gate on the west side of the home open. He proceeded to the rear and observed the rear sliding door open. He then observed a male, later identified as Richard Saint Pierre-Suriel age 20, as he exited the door turn

and run.  
After a foot chase Suriel was apprehended by Police Officers Arcadio Rivera and Sulikowski in the area of 775 Chamberlain Avenue. Also recovered was jewelry which was taken from the home.  
Richard Saint Pierre-Suriel resides at Stephen Avenue.  
He was charged with burglary, obstructing justice and resisting arrest. Bail was set at \$25,000 no 10% by the Honorable Judge Maria Del Valle.

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CARTERET - Ms. c. Costa teaches an Autistic Program in Carteret School District. Due to NJ budget cuts and limited funding, her program is in desperate need of materials and a new work table for students. Her students are a wonderful bunch of children who need a lot of special attention and materials due to their disabilities. She has created a project proposal through a nonprofit organization called Donors Choose. Attached below is the link to learn more about her students and her project. She and her students would greatly appreciate it if you would consider making a donation to this great cause. Any small donation will be accepted and GREATLY appreciated. - <http://www.donorschoose.org/ms.costa>

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Bariatric  
Weight Loss  
Support

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a Bariatric Weight Loss Support Group meeting Wednesday, March 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at its Old Bridge location. For individuals who have had weight loss surgery, are contemplating weight loss surgery or are trying to maintain a healthy weight. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria in the Medical Arts Building, adjacent to the hospital on Ferry Rd. between Routes 9 & 18. For more information, call 1-855-TIME-4.ME (1-855-846-3463).

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A.A.R.P.  
Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Chapter #4853 of A.A.R.P. Meetings are held at the Sayreville Senior Center (Main St.) on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 12 NOON. There are different informative speakers at each meeting. Food and coffee are offered at reasonable prices. Membership is \$5 per year. New members are welcomed at every meeting. Come and make some new friends.

Ethnic  
Buffet Night

Perth Amboy-St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, Saturday April 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The dinner will take place in the church school cafeteria, 490 State St. Advance ticket sales until April 14 - \$12. After April 14 - \$14 Under 10 yrs - free. Menu includes Soup, Salad, Potato and Cheese Pierogi, Meatless Baked Ziti, a Taco Station, Coffee, Tea, Soda and Desserts. Call Brian at 732-589-4981 for more info.

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Breakfast**

EDISON - There will be a free breakfast at the Pines Manor, 2085 State Rt. 27, Edison on Thursday, March 29 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Enjoy a full Breakfast. Free will offering. Your donations will benefit battered women. RSVP ASAP Charisse 732-271-3450.

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**Beach Sweep**SOUTH AMBOY - Let's make our beach something to be proud of again! Come on Saturday, April 21 at 9 a.m. to South Amboy Fishing Beach! Rain or Shine! Bring your own rake if possible. Work off your community service hours. Eagle Scout Branden Lenahan, South Amboy Troop #91. Any Questions? Email [imlenahan16@gmail.com](mailto:imlenahan16@gmail.com).**Breakfast &  
Bake Sale**

WOODBIDGE - There will be a Breakfast &amp; Bake Sale to benefit the Woodbridge Domestic Violence Response Team on Sunday, March 25 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 130 Main St. Woodbridge. Adults \$8, Seniors \$6, Children ages 4 to 12 yrs \$6, Children 3 yrs &amp; under - free. All proceeds go to victims services and community education.

**Dog Walk &  
Pet Fair**WOODBIDGE - The Woodbridge Animal Shelter is sponsoring the 5th Annual Dog Walk & Pet Fair on Sunday, May 20 Registration starts at 10 a.m. Rain or Shine! All leashed pets welcome! Walk Starts 11 a.m. Walk starts at Alvin P. Williams Park, Cliff Road, Sewaren and ends at the Woodbridge Animal Shelter, 195 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge. There will be raffles, food, vendors, dog contests, live music. Meet adoptable animals and more! For more info email [krisehlers@comcast.net](mailto:krisehlers@comcast.net). All proceeds benefit the Woodbridge Township Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center.**REFINANCE NOW!****Zero bank fees.**

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ENTERTAINMENT

Why Remakes?

By Paul W. Wang

On a gorgeous Sunday afternoon - nothing to do but watch some TV. Switching Channels and fell upon the Godzilla Remake of 1998. This started me to think - Why does Hollywood have to do remakes? To do a remake of a film implies that there is something wrong with the original.

Let's take some examples of films that should never have remakes but Hollywood made them for some reason (probably money). Alfred Hitchcock's Rear Window is an example of a film that should never have been remade. Don't get me wrong - Christopher Reeve was good in the remake but that is not enough to justify remaking the film.

One of the worst remakes in my opinion was Psycho (1998) starring Vince Vaughn and Anne Heche. What was extremely annoying was the shot for shot, scene for scene photography. The actors and actresses seemed as if they were reading off of cue cards.

What I can't understand was back in the 1960's it was possible to purchase a car without a credit check and drive it off the lot. And buy a house with \$140,000 cash?! - who walks around with that amount of money in their pocket? It is feasible to believe that someone would buy a house for \$40,000 cash in 1960 but no one buys a house with cash in

1998.

There were some remakes that were done half way decent. I believe that if Hollywood is going to do a remake - do it right such as John Carpenter's The Thing, which is in my opinion closer to the short story, "Who Goes There?" by John Campbell of which the movie is based on.

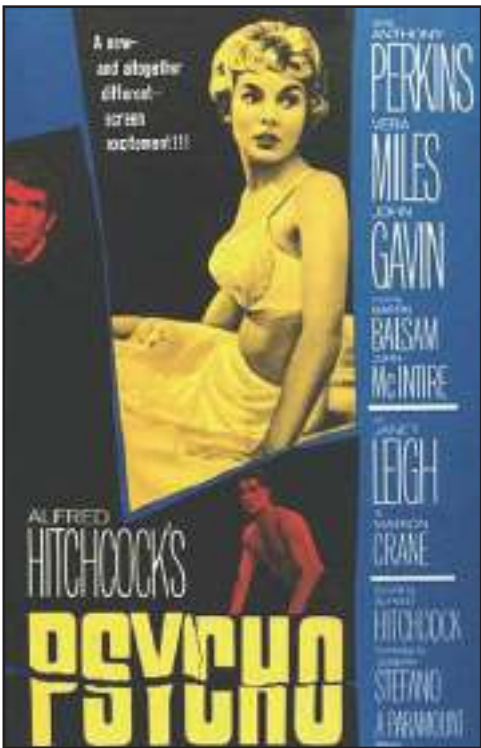
There was a decent remake of Halloween by Rob Zombie. The remake gave Michael Meyers a face which he never had and a reason for being a homicidal maniac.

The remake of Conan made no sense. Conan didn't even have any muscles.

The Fly was another remake that should not have been made. The remake concentrated on being disgusting and was more graphic than the original. If anyone read the short story, he had the head of a fly and a body of a human - not a DNA mixed hybrid.

The new Godzilla is another example of a remake that should not have been done. Godzilla is a Japanese import - not an American monster. Godzilla's longevity and popularity is due to the craftsmanship of TOHO Productions.

Hollywood - wake up! Smell the coffee! We don't need all these remakes! Some of us like the campiness of the original old movies. Listen to your fans and the public. And if you do make a remake - do it right!



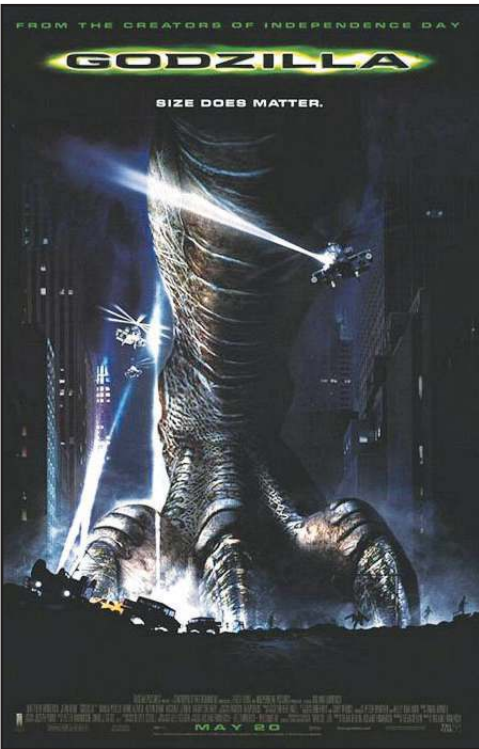
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objective of these meetings is to bring government into the neighborhoods. The agenda consists of a 3-5 minute presentation by City Directors about department operations and services available to the community. The main purpose is to provide small settings

and hear business owners' comments and input that will help us improve the delivery of services. For more info call Roxana Troche at 732-442-6421. The 2012 Neighborhood Business Meetings schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Wednesday, Mar. 21	9:00 a.m.	Superior Diner	464 Smith Street
Wednesday, Mar. 28	12 noon	The Barge Restaurant	201 Front Street
Wednesday, Apr. 11	12 noon	Karini II Restaurant	299 New Brunswick Ave.
Wednesday, Apr. 18	5:00 p.m.	Latin Grill	586 Amboy Avenue
Wednesday, Apr. 25	5:00 p.m.	El Taco Loco	308 State St.

Happy Hour  
Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Happy Hour Wednesday, March 28, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Join Denise Reiser, EMP/RCP and Robin Matteo, EMP for an hour of positivity, transformation, and connection with like-minded souls that will leave you feeling more open, uplifted and lighter of spirit. Each individual workshop will be filled with activities and thoughtful conversation. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information and to register, call 1-800-362-8677

15th Annual  
Inspirations  
Spring Art  
Show

PERTH AMBOY - The 15th Annual Inspirations Art Show will be on Thursday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Concourse Gallery, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. \$50 per person. Please RSVP by Monday, April 9. Sponsorship available. Call for more details. 732-324-5374 or email. foundation@rbmc.org. Register online at www.rbmcfoundation.org. Honoring the Past . . . Illuminating the Future. Proceeds to benefit the Wilentz Patient Care Center at Raritan Bay Medical Center.

## Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

## Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - There is an ongoing book sale at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Fill a bag for \$5. New books have arrived! Mystery, Classics, Popular Authors! Book Dealers Welcome. For more info call 732-826-2600. There are also books for sale at Raritan Bay Coffee Company (at the Historic Train Station)

## Rolling Stones Lecture

WOODBIDGE - There will be a lecture: "On the Road and at Home with The Rolling Stones" given by author Bill German A Multimedia Lecture on The Rolling Stones' Rise to Superstardom. Q&A and exclusive book signing Wednesday Evening March 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Art's Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Admission Free, Reservation Required. For more info call 732-634-0143.

## Kid's Bingo

SEWAREN - The Sewaren Free Public Library welcomes kids in grades K-5 and their accompanying adults & siblings for a fun night of BINGO! This event will be on the 1st Friday of every month at 7 p.m. from October through May. The remaining dates are: 4/6 & 5/4. Come one, come all, but sign up is required every time. For more info or to register call 732-634-7571. Sewaren Library welcomes patrons from all towns, not just Sewaren. The Sewaren Free Public Library is located at 546 West Ave., Sewaren.

## Rescuing the River

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a film and discussion about the decline of the Raritan River and the efforts to restore it followed by a Q&A with producer Eric Schultz, Raritan Riverkeeper Bill Schultz, and Bob Spiegel of the Edison Wetlands Association on Thursday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Perth Amboy YMCA Theater, 357 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy. FREE Parking at the Municipal Complex Parking Lot. DON'T MISS IT! Admission is free, but space is limited. To reserve a seat, send an email to pethamboykayak@hotmail.com or RescuingRiver@aol.com by March 18.

## Open Mic

PERTH AMBOY - There will be an Poetry and Music Open Mic Night every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Come show off your talent. For more information contact 732-826-1690 ext. 4325.

## Lent Fish Frys

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Lent Fish Fries every Friday at the South Amboy ELKS, 601 Washington Ave. from 2/24/12 to 4/4/12 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost ranges from \$8 to \$15. Dinners offered from Haddock sandwich to Fried Seafood Combo. Chicken Fingers and Kids Meals also available. Eat in or Take out. Call 732-727-7170 for more info or to place an order.

## OLV Seniors Trip to American Music Theater

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SAYREVILLE - The OLV Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to the American Music Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The date of the trip is Thursday, May 17. The price of the trip is \$150 which includes: the price of the show ticket, bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at Shady Maple, and snacks on the bus. The bus will leave OLV lower parking lot at 2 p.m. and return approximately at 12:30 a.m. For further information or to make a reservation, please contact (732) 727-7639.

## Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



# LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - The British Barracks circa early 1900's from a glass negative. The Barrack's was built for the British Military by the East Proprietors before the Revolutionary War. It was torn down and the grammar school was built in 1909. Presently the it serves as an administration building for the Perth Amboy Board of Education. This photo is one of many being restored through the archiving project funded by the Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

Photo Courtesy of Stephen Michael Dudash

# Senior Scene

## Happenings

### Perth Amboy

TODAY Mar 21 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.  
• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.  
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone Sts.  
THURS., Mar 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON., Mar. 26 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES., Mar 27 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.  
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
WED. Mar 28 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.  
• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.  
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

### South Amboy

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