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Perth Amboy Celebrates Veterans Day



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy honored its veterans on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the War Memorial. It was uncertain that the ceremony would take place due to the damage inflicted by Hurricane Sandy. Due to efforts by volunteers, the debris was cleared in time for the service to take place. Photo 1) Police Chief Benny Ruiz speaks before City Officials and those in attendance. Photo 2) The laying of the wreath at the Memorial. Photo 3) Veterans, Clergy and Officials pose after the ceremony. Photo 4.) Residents Alan Silber and Noelle Zaleski watch the ceremony. *Photos by Bob Ned

Automated Trash Pickup Presentation by DPW Director Frank Dann and Sanitation Supervisor Hector Palidura October 22 Caucus Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - March 1, 2013 is the rollout date for the new automated trash vehicles to be in place. Three quarters of the City are slated to have the automated pickups in place.

Mailers will be sent to homes to inform residents of the new pickups.

DPW director Frank Dann said that he and Sanitation Supervisor Hector Palidura have traveled to other towns to hear the pros and cons of the automated trash pickups.

At the Caucus Meeting,

there were actual containers present for the demonstration along with a slide show.

Palidura stated, "A lot of residents exceed the limits for allowable garbage. The new trucks will hold thirty-three yards of refuse compared to twenty-five yards of the old ones. We will get more money back for recyclables. Each container has a serial number that will be encoded in our computers to let us know who the containers belong to. Plus the containers have a ten year warranty. The containers must



Frank Dann

be placed on the street side of

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South Amboy Residents Cope One 86 Year Institution Loses Hope? Home Depot Donates Emergency Supplies Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno Lends Support



SOUTH AMBOY - Foodtown closed its doors in South Amboy due to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

*Photo by Aaron Beers



The Home Depot Delivers

By: Joe Bayona

SOUTH AMBOY - In the wake of "Hurricane Sandy" many New Jersey residents and businesses are rising up to the task of helping people affected by this monster storm get on their feet. One such business is "The Home Depot."

The Home Depot is donating \$120,000.00 worth of clean up

supplies, part of a one million dollar immediate relief and long-term rebuilding effort by "The Home Depot," to communities that were ravaged by "Sandy".

On Friday Nov. 9 "The Home Depot" delivered the first of many tractor trailer loads of much needed clean up

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supplies to the South Amboy Disaster Center located in the senior citizen center on Stevens Ave. The disaster center is receiving and distributing donated supplies to the people of South Amboy affected by "Sandy".

On hand to help were Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, Mayor Fred Henry, Council members Mickey Gross, Joe Connors, Christine Noble, and Police Chief Darren LaVigne. Also on hand were Marylou DeBliss, director of the Senior Center and Dawn Matthews, director of the Disaster Center.

Also on hand were approximately 25 volunteers from 7 Home Depot stores. Part of "Team Depot," these volunteers were brought in from stores in outlying communities because so many of the employees from local stores were impacted by the storm. The stores participating were, Milltown, South Brunswick, Ewing, Hamilton, West Windsor, East Windsor, and Burlington.

Prior to the arrival of the tractor trailer, 7 members of the Spotswood Volunteer Fire Dept. came with trailer loads of donated supplies collected by their department.

Donations of food, toiletries, toys, and warm clothing are being accepted at the senior center. Volunteers are desperately needed to help sort and distribute these supplies.

Home Depot



Volunteers from 7 Home Depot stores



FEMA Media Relations specialist Robin Smith, Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, Mayor Fred Henry



Councilman Joe Connors, Councilman Christine Noble, Disaster Center Dir. Dawn Matthews, Mayor Fred Henry, Senior Center Director Mary Lou DeBliss, Councilman Mickey Gross, Police Chief Darren LaVigne *Photos by Joe Bayona

Garbage
Containers

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the curb. And there must be a three foot space to allow the claws of the truck to be able to pick up the garbage containers. The lids must be closed. The instructions how to use the containers will be in English and Spanish."

There was concern by the Council Members and those in the audience when it was shown on the slide that the garbage containers must be placed at the curb on the street side. This would cause a parking problem since the houses are so close together.

Dann said, "The cans would be for residential areas because the business section would bring up a whole set of problems. These cans will be free to the residents. It is a costly program but the City can reduce staff."

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Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach said, "The automatic system can reduce operating costs in the Department of Public Works in 2013 by reducing staff. It's either increasing services or reducing property tax. The Mayor has no desire for layoffs and some vacancies have occurred where we have used seasonal workers."

Dann also said, "On holi-

days we may have someone ride with the drivers to pick up bags that are thrown next to the automated receptacles."

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Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 10:15 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays 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.

Music on Main Street

WOODBIDGE - All Wood and Doors: an acoustic interpretation of the Doors. On Thursday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 69 Main St. Woodbridge. With the recording of All Wood and Doors, veteran composers/vocalists/musicians James Lee Stanley and Cliff Eberhardt took songs that are practically hard wired into our collective pop culture consciousness and put a uniquely fresh spin on them. Choosing the evocative catalog of the seminal rock group, The Doors, Stanley & Eberhardt have maintained all of the Doors mystique, while at the same time bringing something completely new to all these classic songs.



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NEW!!! Expression Dance Class

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Senior Programs:

Movie & Lunch Day
Aqua Fitness
Group Exercise Classes
Swimming Lessons
SilverSneakers Fitness Program



LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Not Quite Over Yet
Did Your City Leaders Pass the Test?

On the front page of the 11/7/12 Guardian the headline said, “Winners from the voting machines,” Depending on the Provisional Ballots, some of the winners may change with the exclusion of the Mayor of Perth Amboy.

With that said we would like to commend Mayor Wilda Diaz and her administration for keeping the residents well informed prior to the hurricane (in spite of some government departments downgrading it to a Tropical Storm) slamming into the tri-state area.

Some of the e-mails sent from the administrators to our paper included information about shelters which also took into consideration those residents who have pets.

There were also the usual messages about emergency supplies to keep on hand. No matter how many dire warnings we were given about the strength of this hurricane, I don’t think anyone was prepared for the destruction that we saw and the disruption of daily life that some are still experiencing to this day.

The Waterfront areas of Perth Amboy, South Amboy and Sewaren were destroyed with Perth Amboy being hit the hardest of the three.

On the front page of this issue, the hurricane took its toll on Foodtown in South Amboy which has been part of their community for past 86 years. Although they have a sign on their door saying they will be closing for business perhaps their will be a glimmer of hope that can save them.

One local resident remarked, “We have a lot of seniors and handicapped people that use Foodotown. It was their only store to get food. Really a sad day.”

Just like our editorial from last week, “Remember this store is not just a building but you have to have employees to keep the business operational on a daily basis. There

are other people that have to be congratulated for doing an outstanding job in helping the community.

The volunteers who helped clean the debris from the beach on Sadowski Parkway in Perth Amboy, Developer Eddie Trujillio who delivered much needed supplies to Staten Island residents. We also would like give a special recognition to Eddie for the emergency lights he had in Supremo Supermarket and the hallways of King Plaza. Anyone who walked on Smith Street going towards the Waterfront when the complete power was out will know what I mean.

If your City Administrators did not keep the residents up to date in the days preceding Sandy, then perhaps you should have your voices heard in full force at your next Council Meeting. The Council Chambers should be packed to full capacity. If you choose to not attend and let things go as status quo, then you have no right to complain.

There was ample warning about the severity of this storm and there was no excuse for Administrators to get a task-force together. This should have included evacuation procedures, shelter locations and making sure that the most vulnerable are protected.

We talked to some residents in South Amboy who said that Police Chief Darren LaVigne did an excellent job before, during and after the hurricane. The residents also said that the SAFD, and EMT’s who are all volunteers also did an excellent job. Councilwoman Christine Noble should also be commended.

Residents, Civic Leaders, and Churches came together to donate food and supplies to those in need. They did this although they may not have power themselves.

Sandy was a hard lesson to learn but it many a lot stronger. *C.M., KM.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Coping with
the Typhoons

Hurricane Sandy brings to mind our coping with the typhoons, as hurricanes are called in the Far East. When I served as navigator in a B-29 aircraft crew on combat missions over North Korea. We were based at Kadena Air base on the island of Okinawa which in the Oriental language means Big Wind. It is in the direct route of the typhoons which traverse the southeast parts of Asia.

When we were alerted to a

typhoon on its way to Okinawa we were kind of overjoyed because we could not fly combat missions. It was a kind of vacation from duties. A time to relax and have fun! A break from hectic times!

We started festivities by visiting the liquor store on the base. The best brands of Whiskey sold for around 3 bucks. No tax! I usually met Frank (Whiskey) Baker, my chum from cadet days. Originally from Boston he lives in Florida before joining the Army Air Corps. He was a bombardier. He was quite an intellectual but retained his Boston accent. He

sneered at me for talking only one bottle while he took more. He complained that his duties required only a half hour on missions. He claimed that he could train any dog to press the right buttons and switches so he could go on missions while Whiskey stayed at home.

There is nothing better to soothe a weary warrior than the charms of a loving female.

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Peter Book a.k.a.

Pedro Libro



KEEP THOSE
LETTERS COMING

Glitch in
PA-TV
Broadcasting

PERTH AMBOY - Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach addressed the concerns of resident Stanley Sierakowski at the October 22, 2012 Caucus Meeting. This had to do with the Caucus and Council Meeting that was held on the same date of October 10, 2012.

Some portions of the meetings were interrupted and when the meeting resumed it was not broadcast in its entirety. Sierakowski said that instead of the meeting being picked up where it had left off in its place was a local event not having to do with the meeting at all. “95% of the Caucus was broadcasted. I was cut off when talking about the Chief. When the screen came back on Balut spoke for a short period of time, then the screen went blank. Then something totally different came on. Board Meetings are broadcast all the time, even meetings that are a month old.”

Fehrenbach said, “Not all employees connected with PA-TV are residents of the City.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked, “So you could not call any custodians available to open the High School to gain access to the PA-TV office to correct a glitch in the system for emergency purposes?”

At one point George Bonilla who tapes the Council Meetings was called forward by the Council to answer a question.

Bonilla said, “There had to be someone available who has knowledge to operate all of the computer systems.”



PERTH AMBOY - One of the new recycling garbage cans outside of McGinnis School. These are one of many placed throughout the City. **Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

Joe Vas Appeals Denied
Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit

PERTH AMBOY - Joe Vas lost all of his arguments that he raised on appeal in the United States Court of Appeals, Third Circuit. The case was heard before circuit judges Sloviter, Rendell and Hardiman.

Vas was sentenced to 78 months imprisonment, a fine of \$73,200 and the restitution of \$90,000. This was handed down to him when Vas was convicted of mail fraud, misapplication of funds involving a local government receiving federal

funds, making false statements to federal law enforcement agents and making contributions to a federal candidate through straw donors.

Vas based his appeal in part on allegations that there wasn’t sufficient proof to show guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. All of Vas’ arguments were shot down. In sum the Circuit Court rejected the suggestion that there was a miscarriage of justice and all of Vas’ appeals were denied.

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TV Wrestling Stars At St. Bernadette’s
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Press Release

PARLIN - All-star pro wrestling returns to Parlin, NJ’s St. Bernadette’s Lourds Center (20 Villanova Road in Parlin, just off Ernston Road, minutes from the Parkway and Route 9) on Saturday night December 1st at 7:35pm, as The St. Bernadette’s Knights Of Columbus #8478 once again team up with popular tri-state pro wrestling promotion National Pro Wrestling Superstars for a benefit fundraiser.

And this will not just be any night of pro wrestling action... it will be another edition of NPWS’ “Steel Cage Mania”, as two matches will be contested inside pro wrestling’s most brutal and dangerous setting, a fifteen foot high steel cage. In one such match, NPWS Hardcore Champion “The Cold-Hearted Playa” Danny Demanto will take on the 400-pound challenge of the dangerous Lucifer Darkside. And if that wasn’t enough, a pair of TV wrestling stars

will do battle in the other cage match, as Ring Of Honor TV star Q.T. Marshall will take on former ECW hardcore icon John “Beach Balls” Mahoney.

And if that wasn’t enough TV wrestling stars to pack the hall, there will also be a tag-team match packed with even more, as former WWE TV stars and Samoan Family members Samu & Manu will battle the all-American duo of Mr. Stars & Stripes and former WWE & WCW star “America’s Hero” The Patriot.

There will also be a pair of return grudge title matches from the last are show. NPWS Jersey Shore champion “The Love Machine” Nicky Oceans defends the belt against “The Salsa King” Dionett Vittone, and long-reigning NPWS Cruiserweight Champion “Mr. Entertainment” J.D. Smoothie takes on the challenge of Brandon Kirk.

All that and much more, including an appearance by the Knights’ Billy Bathe as a guest

manager.

Tickets are priced at only \$20 for adults and \$18 for kids and seniors, and are available at the following local outlets:

Parlin: Mo’s Barber Shop, 777 Washington Road (in the Quick Chek Plaza)

Parlin Bagels & Grill, 499 Ernston Road (in the Mini Mall)

Sayreville: Minit Mart, 80 Main Street (2 blocks from Borough Hall)

I & K Food Shop, 3109 Bordentown Avenue (at Cheesequake Road)

South Amboy: Foodtown, 611 Bordentown Avenue (off Route 35)

Krauszer’s Convenience Store, 200 North Broadway (corner of Main & 2nd)

South River: Villaggio’s Food Emporium (Pizza), 67 Main Street (1 mile from bridge)

Tickets are also available by calling the NPWS box office at (732) 888-1704. All major charge cards are accepted, and group rates are available for groups of ten or more.



STATEN ISLAND - A boat washed ashore after Sandy
*Photo by Joe Bayona



SAYREVILLE - Uprooted tree falls onto house
*Photo by Michael O’Connor

Information

Press Release

NEW JERSEY - Following is a checklist from the New Jersey Business Portal that you may want to share with your constituents. Visithttp://www.state.nj.us/njbusiness/growing/disaster/recovery_resources.shtml to copy it directly from their web site. Business Recovery Check List

Most business owners are aware of basic steps that should be taken before a hurricane, such as backing up computer files and having a preparedness plan. However, after a large storm, you have no idea what condition your business will be in. To keep the business flow as continuous as possible, you need to know what to do right after the hurricane.

What to do after a disaster?

- Contact insurance agent or company
- Have building inspected
- Contact utilities to restore electric, gas, telephone, and water
- Re-establish communications with employees, customers and suppliers
- Assess Damage
 - o Note structural, equipment and property damage including inventory, and materials
 - o Avoid additional damage by making temporary repairs in order to continue to conduct business at current facility
 - o Secure the building if relocation is necessary

- Cleaning of facility
 - o Make sure building is safe before reopening or allowing employees to return
 - o Use proper safety items in the clean-up process
- Financial Implications
 - File business interruption insurance claim
 - Determine lost income
 - List steps required before the business can reopen
 - Consider financial obligations during interruption, including payroll and debt service
 - Gather the following information for insurance adjusters:
 - o Sales records and history
 - o Profit and loss statements and income tax forms
 - Maintain records of extra expenses incurred
- There are also many state and federal government resources available to businesses. They include:

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609-882-2000
www.state.nj.us/njoem
New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness
P.O. Box 091
Trenton, NJ 08625-0091
609-584-5076 or ohsp@ohsp.state.nj.us
www.state.nj.us/njhomeland-security

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American Red Cross Headquarters
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Washington, D.C. 20006
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973-645-2434
www.sba.gov
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Region II
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278
212-680-3600 or toll free 800-621-FEMA

State Government Assistance

For information on emergency planning and technical assistance contact the Business Action Center at 1-866-534-7789. Call Center representatives are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m

US Department of Labor approves Disaster Unemployment Assistance

The U.S. Department of Labor announced that it approved Governor Chris Christie’s request for eight (8) New Jersey counties to qualify for federal Disaster Unemploy-

ment Assistance as a result of the destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy.

This special assistance program pertains to people in and around portions of New Jersey that were declared a federal disaster area, including Atlantic, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union counties. Federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) is available for persons, including self-employed individuals, who were living or working in the affected counties at the time of the disaster, and who are unemployed as a direct result of the damages caused by the storm.

At this time, the assistance is available only in connection with those areas declared a federal a disaster area, including Atlantic, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Union counties. Additional counties may be added to the disaster declaration following continued damage assessments by local officials, representatives of the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Individuals unemployed because of the disaster that began on Oct. 28 should FIRST file for unemployment insurance benefits through the Internet by going to www.njuifile.net.

The Internet processes claims faster. However, if needed, people may also file a claim by telephone by contacting the state Department of Labor’s Re-employment Call Centers at:

North Jersey - (201) 601-4100
Central Jersey - (732) 761-2020

South Jersey - (856) 507-2340

A 30-day deadline ending December 3, 2012 is in effect for filing claims resulting from Hurricane Sandy.

For additional information regarding Disaster Unemployment Assistance or for FEMA services please call the FEMA emergency number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. Information is also available via theInternet atwww.disasterassistance.govandwww.fema.gov.

For information on all New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development programs and services visit <http://lwd.dol.state.nj.us/labor/index.html> andwww.Jobs4Jersey.com



Temple Beth Mordecai
and
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church

will Conduct an
Interfaith Service
Tuesday, November 20, 2012
7 p.m.

The Service will take place at
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**Rabbi Ari Saks of Temple Beth Mordecai
and Rev. Doctor Anne-Marie Jeffrey
Rector of St. Peter's Church
Invites the Community to join us
in this very special Service.**



Wilda Diaz Victory Celebration

**Photos by Bob Ned*



Mayor Diaz Celebrates her victory



The Carvajals with the Diaz's

**Thrown Out
of Court**

PERTH AMBOY - At the October 24, 2012 Council Meeting, resident John Siberry brought up a personal matter pertaining to Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez. Siberry mentioned at the meeting that he had distributed to several media outlets photos and complaints he had filed in court accusing the Councilman of misuse of a handicapped parking decal of a deceased person.

Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez countered the claim which was thrown out of court heard in Woodbridge Township. The decal in question belonged to a person "Who was like a father to my wife," stated Gonzalez. He continued that, "John Siberry has been following him and my wife for years while taking photos. Although that close relative has passed, my wife and I have been transporting another handicapped individual. This decal has been used for her."

Two residents who spoke later during the meeting brought up the issue of handicapped decals being misused, especially if the handicapped person is not in the vehicle when it is being utilized.



Volunteer Firefighter Andy Stafford blocks off Front Street during the beginning of Hurricane Sandy

**Photo by Joe Bayona*

**\$25 Fee for
Handicapped
Parking Decal
Renewal?**

PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Bill Petrick said he has fielded the complaints from Seniors complaining about the \$25 fee for handicap parking decal renewals. "It is a hardship for them."

Petrick told the Seniors that they should come before the Council to ask for a hardship waiver on the fees.

City Clerk Elaine Jasko reminded Petrick that a hardship waiver fee was not included in the resolution.

**Not Satisfied with
Radio System**

PERTH AMBOY - AT the October 22, 2012 Caucus Meeting, Resident John Siberry said, "Questions came up in regards to the 911 Emergency Call System at a meeting at Firefighter Headquarters. A test call was made and it didn't come over immediately. The Police and Fire should not be on the same radio transmitters.

Siberry wanted Chief Volk to answer some questions in regards to that situation but the Chief had already left the meeting. Siberry wondered aloud why Volk left the meeting before it was over. The Council was informed that Volk left because of a fire at Kindermorgan.

Councilman Bill Petrick said a second test was done and the call came through. "The first time a call was made a wrong button was hit or the correct button was not pressed down hard enough.



Mayor Diaz with supporters



Mayor Wilda and Greg Diaz share a dance



The band played some snappy tunes

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email address!**

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The JRF Donates \$14,000 In Food Donations To Perth Amboy, Carteret, And Sayreville, NJ

Press Release

November 5, 2012

PERTH AMBOY– The Jewish Renaissance Foundation (JRF) announced that approximately 823 people were assisted with the donation and delivery of much-needed emergency supplies and services to the relief and rebuilding efforts for those severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at Francis Street Park.

The JRF, located at 149 Kearny Avenue in Perth Amboy, and the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) partnered with the American Red Cross, Community Food Bank of New Jersey, and the City of Perth Amboy, to immediately assist families critically affected by Hurricane Sandy in Middlesex County. With the assistance of almost 50 volunteers, families received food baskets, warm meals, MRE's (meals ready to eat), water, and ice. "I am incredibly grateful and humbled by the outpouring of support provided by Perth Amboy's Administration, its residents, and our staff in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy," said Alexandra Mansonet-Cross, chief executive officer of the Jewish Renaissance Foundation. During a crisis, we are all given an opportunity to grow and learn. This past year the JRF has been at the forefront of a number of disasters in Perth Amboy, and as a result, we are confident that as a community we can deal with most anything that comes our way."

Over seven pallets of food

were unloaded early Saturday morning. "We made over 300 food baskets, filled our cars and distributed them all by 2:00 p.m." said Director of Youth and Family Services, Monserrat Cabral. "We gave people food baskets, helped them get blankets, and carried water cases to their cars." When the Red Cross came with the warm meals, "the police assisted in taking the food to the homes of the elderly so they wouldn't have to come out in the cold."

Another 30 families received food vouchers and diapers through the Family Assistance Center of the JRF. New Jersey has also waived some eligibility requirements in order to better assist the families of the community. For more information and/or assistance please call the JRF at 732.324.2114 x132.

The Jewish Renaissance Foundation located at the Proprietary House on 149 Kearny Avenue in Perth Amboy, NJ was established in 1995 as a faith-based, nonprofit corporation with central offices in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. As a Community Action Agency, it strives to overcome poverty and hopelessness throughout Middlesex County East. We believe in changing lives by creating hope and self-sufficiency, and we succeed by providing individuals, children and families with essential health and human services, community development and youth programs.



The JRF with donations



The JRF group photo



Carrying water



PERTH AMBOY - The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry volunteers, gave out over 400 coats and blankets Sunday Nov 4, 2012. Some of the volunteers included Nicole, Rose and Katherine Petrick, who gave out handmade hats and gloves that were donated by parishioners at St. Helena's Church in Edison, and their scout troop. *Photos Submitted

Assistance From FEMA.

PERTH AMBOY - The application process for the New Jersey Homekeeper program of assistance to distressed homeowners can now be reached easily.

C2SOH has been advised that applicants must respond immediately to instructions to contact counseling. The application process is very time-sensitive, so there must be no delay.

Apply at <https://www.njhomekeeper.com/> TIME IS OF ESSENCE: applicants must respond immediately.

The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development is assisting residents to complete FEMA applications. Please contact them at (732) 442-1081.

URGENT Food Donation Request

PERTH AMBOY - Attention Business Owners and Residents - Please be our partners! 100+ Perth Amboy Families - Victims of Hurricane Sandy need your help immediately. Please donate canned food, bread, ready to eat beans, water, peanut butter, jelly, bananas, apples and/or food vouchers. Please drop off at Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy. For more info call the BID Office at 732-442-6421.

Music Performance

SOUTH AMBOY - The Monmouth Winds Chamber Music perform at Saint Mary Church, South Amboy on Augusta Street. Performance begins at 4 p.m., Sunday November 18th. The Monmouth Winds, all members of the Monmouth Symphony Orchestra, were formed in 2009. Their performances include standard woodwind quintet repertoire, jazz, popular tunes, and world music. Critics and audiences alike have praised the Monmouth Winds for their intriguing repertoire, which they perform with great vitality and insight. Please come and be a part of this incredible musical experience!

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Victory Party for Diaz Team at Ironworkers Hall, Perth Amboy

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Wilda Diaz Celebrates with her husband, Greg



Lisa Nanton, Wilda Diaz and Fernando Irazzary

Welcoming Celebration for Rabbi Ari Saks, Temple Beth Mordecai - Perth Amboy - November 11, 2012

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Rabbi Ari and Rachel Saks

County is Hiring Sandy Cleanup Workers

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Applicants should contact the One Stop Career Center in Perth Amboy and New Brunswick. Need a job? You may be able to get temporary employment to help mitigate the destruction of Hurricane Sandy.

Temporary jobs are available to the unemployed to assist with Hurricane Sandy cleanup, and can be obtained by going to the One Stop Career Center in Perth Amboy and New Brunswick. Middlesex County has received funding from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development to assist in the recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

The funds are to be used to hire temporary workers to assist with the restoration and cleanup from Hurricane Sandy.

The only people eligible to be hired with these funds are people who are unemployed and not receiving any government assistance or individuals unemployed for more than six months and not receiving government assistance, or those who have lost their jobs due to Hurricane Sandy.

Individuals who may qualify should contact the One Stop Career Centers in New Brunswick and Perth Amboy at (732) 826-3200 to be certified as eligible.

Edison AARP #3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter #3446 will meet on Monday, November 19th, 2012, 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 167 Bower Avenue, Edison.

Featured actress and Broadway singer, Karen Luschar will present her concert, "Songs of World War II Era".

The chapter has scheduled the following trips that are open to the public:

December 13 - Papermill Playhouse "The Sound of Music" Call Claire for tickets at 732-549-5316. December 31 - New Years Eve Day trip to Doolans in Spring Lake, NJ. For reservations, call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. Canned food for MCFOOD, and misc. items for the nursing homes + hospitals will be collected at the meeting.

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Barge Restaurant Meet ‘N Greet Cancelled

PERTH AMBOY - Due to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy the Barge Meet ‘N Greet scheduled for November 14, 2012 has been canceled until further notice. For more info call 732-896-4446.

Women’s Bible Study Group

PERTH AMBOY - New Christian women’s bible study group in private home weekly on Tuesdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 p.m. Interested in joining, email churchinvitation@gmail.com

Civil War Roundtable

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table will host a guest speaker on Monday, November 19 at the Woodbridge Public Library. Steve Glazer will be speaking on “New Jersey in the first year of the Civil War.” All those interested are invited to attend.

Monthly Book Club

SEWAREN - There will be a monthly book club at the Sewaren Library, 546 West Ave, Sewaren. For more info call 732-634-7571 or email sewarenlibrary@gmail.com. We are looking for adults to join a book club starting in November. Please fill out the attached form if you are interested in joining us. Day and time will be determined by interest. The first Book will be *Defending Jacob* by William Landay.

Story Time with Emily

SEWAREN Mark your calendars for Fall 2012 - Spring 2013 Children ages 3- 7 and their accompanying adult can enjoy a story, crafts, games, snack, and so much more on the second Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. at the Sewaren Free Public Library, 546 West Ave. in Sewaren. Our Story Time sessions will be held on: December 8th, January 12th, February 9th and March 9th. Sign up is required for each month. Stop by or call the library at 732-634-7571. This FREE event and all Sewaren Library activities and usage is open to families of all towns, not just Sewaren

Colonial Fair - First Presbyterian Church, Perth Amboy - November 9, 10, 2012

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Looking at the Raffle



Christmas Decorations for sale

Bazaar - St. Peter’s Church, Perth Amboy - November 10, 2012

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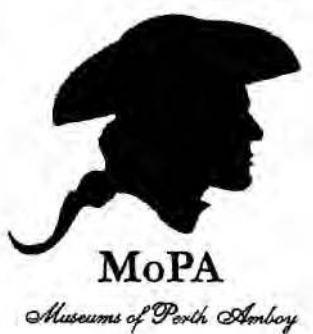
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Trick ‘or Treating - Perth Amboy - November 5, 2012

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MUSEUMS OF PERTH AMBOY
260 High Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861

The attached letter is a sample of the letters sent to all the State's Legislators, Assemblymen/woman and Senators. We have also reached out to concerned politicians and historic groups for support. If you are interested in history and see the need to preserve New Jersey's valued place in Colonial American History, Please, contact your legislators and friends and encourage them to get these bills out of committee and onto the floor for a vote this session. Let's preserve New Jersey's title as "The Crossroads of the American Revolution" Thank you, Thomas P. Ward, Treasurer.

October 2012

Subject: Assembly Bill A-1581 Historic Preservation of the last remaining Royal Governor's Mansion - The Proprietary House in Amboy.

Dear Assemblyman:

All this year, the City of Perth Amboy has been proud to celebrate the construction of the Royal Governor's Mansion by the Proprietors of East Jersey. This wonderful structure is now the last official Governor's residence left from the thirteen original Colonies.

After a 250 year history of importance to the State of New Jersey and the history of these United States, the complex had fallen on hard times. The efforts of dedicated volunteers, history enthusiasts, combined with enlightened politicians and the State's Historic Preservation Commission has saved the complex from decay and almost certain destruction.

Three years ago, a concerted volunteer effort was started to repair and restore the interior of the museum to reflect the significance and status of the major rooms. With the guidance of the State DEP and Historic Preservation, Mr. Guy Hogan of Old Bridge and a crew of dedicated volunteers brought the Drawing Room back to High Georgian grandeur that Royal Governor Wm. Franklin would have recognized and approved. Other rooms were restored to reflect the Mansion's long and varied history.

These efforts were noticed and applauded by the State and local dignitaries. Among them were Assemblyman John Wisniewski and Craig J. Coughlin and Senator Joseph F. Vitale who respectively sponsored the legislation to secure dedicated funding for the complex.

It was tasked to Museums of Perth Amboy - MoPA through the City of Perth Amboy to study the entire complex and suggest through qualified, licensed individuals the pressing needs of the fabric of the structure. Extensive research was done and has been submitted to the State officials for review.

We at MoPA are asking for your support to have these bills sent to the legislature and to secure a positive vote so that this important work may continue. All of New Jersey, known as "The Crossroads of the American Revolution" thanks you for your kind attention and serious deliberation.

Our Best Regards:
 Cathy Manning DePow
 President , MoPA

Entertainment

Movie Review: The Colour

By: Paul Wang

There is no greater horror in the universe than awaiting the release of a long-promised Lovecraft film. I’m speaking specifically about the H.P. Lovecraft Historical Society’s long delayed adaptation of The Whisperer In Darkness, whose teaser trailer has been bopping around YouTube since 2007. The HPLHS did such an amazingly faithful job of bringing The Call Of Cthulhu to the screen back in 2005 that, with it, they immediately established themselves as the absolute authority on the translation of Lovecraft’s writing to celluloid, a feat which few considered possible. Granted, they may not be as commercially well known nor as financially successful as the works of Guillermo del Toro or Stuart Gordon, but where those guys relied on over-the-top cosmic splatter and CGI tentacles to draw in the die-hard fans (not that there’s anything WRONG with that), the HPLHS quietly retreated into the past, using the techniques which would have been avail-

able in Lovecraft’s time and altering nothing for the sake of audience appeal. Somehow, I think Howard would have approved Die Farbe Herr Director Sean Branney (The Color), the most faithful adaptation yet of Lovecraft’s story The Colour Out Of Space. An elderly man has gone missing. Following a scanty trail of clues, his adult son John follows him to Germany, fearing for his safety and wanting only to bring him home. Upon his arrival in a small village, John literally bumps into a lifelong resident, one Armin Pierske, who remembers John’s father from the final days of WW2. Eager for any information regarding his father, John sits himself down and listens to the long, harrowing and – quite frankly – unbelievable tale that Armin has to tell, a tale that begins well before the war with the fall of a comet. Harmlessly slamming into the countryside of southwest Germany, the comet leaves a sizable crater and attracts a team of scientists as well as curious farmers. The comet is abnor-

mally hot, appears to be hollow and is rapidly shrinking. Samples are taken and tested, but nothing much comes of it. Soon, the space rock is gone, seemingly melted away into the soil below. Soon thereafter, rumors begin to circulate about the Gartener family, a father, mother and three sons who maintain a farm in the bottom of the valley. Summer has brought them a bumper crop, but the fruits prove to be rancid despite their healthy appearance. The winter snows do not stick to the ground around their farm. It is whispered that the trees seem to move their branches, even when there is no breeze. Concerned, Armin pays the family a visit, only to find that the insects have swollen to three times their normal size and that Frau Gartener herself has gone quietly mad. The eldest son soon follows. Then the youngest disappears. Everyone in the valley begins avoiding the family, as if their misfortune and madness is contagious. And it may well be, as Armin slowly comes to



realize that whatever the comet carried with it on its descent to earth has worked its way into the well water and is taking over all who ingest it.

Filmed in black and white and primarily spoken in German (thank god for subtitles), it is obvious that Die Farbe did not have a huge budget to work with. Effects are minimal and the cast is utterly unknown. I should point out that these are all good things, and work very much in the films favor. There is no CGI to rely on, no name actors to carry it. Rather, the filmmakers do the unthinkable: they create a genuine atmosphere of unimaginable dread and unspeakable horror,

using shadow, suggestion and rare splashes of that Nameless colour in a few select frames. In short, they did a damn good job. Die Farbe is subtle in its mounting horror, nurturing a dark dread deep in your bowels with every shot. Leave it to the Germans. We know how to gross you out on the deepest psychological levels.

Lovecraft worshippers and devotees of German Expressionism alike, take heed: seek out and view this film at your earliest possible convenience. It’s a dark, noisome little gem that will squirm into your subconscious and lay its eggs in your sanity.

More Community Events

YMCA’s After School Program is Accepting Applications

PERTH AMBOY – The RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA’s “After the Bell” After School Program is accepting applications. In celebration of our centennial year when you register for After School you NOW become a member of the Y and Holiday Care is included for ONE LOW PRICE!

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For more information or to register... Visit us!!! 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy or www.rbaymca.org.

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)

Zumba Class

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Kidz Wii Club

SOUTH AMBOY - The Kidz Wii Club will meet every Friday from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Record Collection

PARLIN - The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library will continue its program of record donations. The records must be either 45’s or 33 1/3. We do not accept 78’s. Please contact Teri at 732-727-7639 for further information or if you have large record donations.

Public Notice

PERTH AMBOY - The Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy is no longer accepting new applications for senior/disabled housing effective Tuesday, September 4, 2012. New applications will only be accepted for the public housing program from Perth Amboy residents displaced by a natural disaster. Contact (732) 826-3110 for further information or questions.

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.



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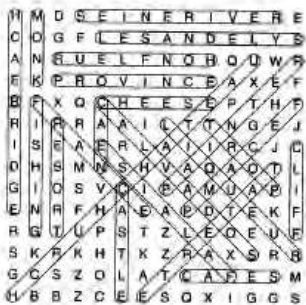
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WED. Nov. 14 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
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*Answers
From Puzzle
On Page 15*



LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - STATEN ISLAND - 1928 Cars drive over the Outerbridge on opening day.
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Say this prayer for 3 consecu-tive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you.

Charity Basketball Game

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Fire Department 125th Anniversary Committee pres-ents The Harlem Wizards Vs. South Amboy’s Bravest in a Fundraising Basketball Game to Benefit the 125th Anniver-sary Parade on Wednesday, November 14th – 7 pm at the South Amboy High School Gym. Ticket Prices: Pre Sale –\$10 for students and Seniors - \$12 for Adults. Day of Game - \$12 for students and Seniors - \$14 for Adults. Tickets are on sale at Jackie’s Florist, Food-town, Center Deli, and Col-leen’s Kitchen. For more info – Call Mike Toth at 908-930-3497. Come out for a night of fun and root on your local fire-fighters.


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19. MONK

20. PAINTER

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PLAINFIELD - Great single family good potential, very affordable 3 bedroom home close to public transportation. It is being sold "as is" condition. Buyer is resp. for C/O, smoke cert, and all repairs. Cash or 203K. **\$69,000**



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PERTH AMBOY - Solid brick construction. Buyers resp. for repairs, inspections and C/O. Enclosed porch off of kitchen with storm door. Bilco door to the backyard and bsmt built in shelving. Walk-in closets. Lots of windows for excellent cross ventilation throughout house. **\$119,900**



WOODBIDGE PROPER - Well maintained split-level 4bdrs, 1.5 bath, beautiful kitchen, nice floor plan, close to public transportation. **\$279,000**



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