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Perth Amboy AFT Members Demonstrate the Need for New Contract

4/7/16 Board of Education Meeting



PERTH AMBOY - Teachers, Staff and BOE Employees demonstrate outside PAHS before the 4/7/16 Board of Education Meeting, showing their displeasure with the BOE. It is April 2016 and Employees still do not have a contract.

Photos by Katherine Massopust



Signs on display on seats in the auditorium in PAHS where the Board of Education took place.

By: Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY - There was a crowd of 200+ Teachers, Staff and Employees gathered at the front of Perth Amboy High School before the 4/7/16 Board of Education Meeting. These AFT (American Federation of Teachers) Members were demonstrating their displeasure because of a lack of a contract so late in the school year. This is the third contract in a row that this has happened. AFTNJ President and Former Perth Amboy AFT President Donna Chierra spoke at the microphone leading the crowd. She stated that the time for a contract is now.

During the Board of Education Meeting, Perth Amboy AFT President Pat Paradiso came up to speak at the podium for the Agenda Items Only

section of the Public Portion. She mentioned that such items such as the School Calendar (which was on the agenda) should be at least discussed with the Perth Amboy AFT. She also stated, "The Federation believes that long executive sessions are conducted on the nights of Board Meetings to prevent people from voicing their opinions, or their displeasure. We have some people here tonight who would like to voice their opinion about your failure to come to the negotiating table. We find this disrespectful and unacceptable."

Paradiso's comments met with loud applause from the 200+ Teachers, Staff and Employees who attended the Board Meeting.

The Amboy Guardian sat down with Paradiso who stat-

ed the issues:

Paradiso began, "We thought we were moving along on this contract. The cost of health care goes up every year. and the costs for our health care contributions are outpacing the increase in our wages. The Premium for family coverage has gone up \$9,000 since 2011 and salaries have not kept pace. The premium for a family is \$33,065 a year and the premium for a single person is around \$10,000. Chapter 78 of (Governor) Chris Christie's Administration did that. Christie instituted a 4 Tier benefit contribution formula that did not allow unions to negotiate health care contributions, but now that has expired." (For more information on Chapter 78 go to http://www.state.

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A Push for Shop South Amboy

4/6/16 Business Meeting

SOUTHAMBOY – Shop South Amboy was one of the topics for discussion at the Business Meeting. Business Administrator Camille Tooker said that it will be on the 4/20/16 Regular Council Meeting Agenda. "Cards will be printed up and property owners and renters will be eligible to use them. Organizations may use them as fundraisers. If a person makes a purchase at a participating business, the Shop South Amboy Card can be presented and swiped. A percentage (which is determined by the merchant) is applied as a refund to your property tax (the total taken out at the end of year). If you are resident, but not a property owner, you get a check (at the end of the year).

"We're ready to move on this," said Tooker.

Councilman Thomas Reilly said, "It's open to all businesses and services from restaurants to dentists. It's another win-win."

Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery 4/6/16 Business Meeting

SOUTH AMBOY – One of the items under the business under discussion was a Resolution approving an agreement for Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery. B.A. Camille Tooker said, "This is an agreement with the County every year for emergency cleanups."

Council President Mickey

Gross gave an example: "If someone spills oil in the City and Hazmat may have to come out the City with the cleanup, the City may have to expend money. With this agreement, the County will be entitled to go after the party that created the spill to get funds to reimburse the City."

Arts District to be Considered

Partnership with City is Vital 4/6/16 Business Meeting

SOUTH AMBOY - There was a discussion on the newly proposed Art District. The two women who are the driving force behind bringing arts to South Amboy are Susan Pellegrini and Diana St. John. (St. John is a South Amboy Resident). "They are presently renting a space across from City Hall as a base to operate out of," B.A. Camille Tooker said, "Pellegrini and St. John have previously worked with the City of Red Bank which houses the Count Basie Theater. These two women are responsible for making Red Bank what it is today."

Business Administrator Ca-

mille Tooker spoke with enthusiasm at the proposal of this district being created. She said, "The women are interested in making videos, doing performances, classes and having a having a partnership with the City and Board of Education."

Tooker continued, "We need to dedicate parts of the City for an Art's District. Streets to be considered are sections of: Broadway, Main Street, Steven's Avenue and Bordentown which will include the school area. We want to make a plan for South Amboy."

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Teachers, BOE Employees Demonstrate the Need for New Contract

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Paradiso said, "Now we are able to negotiate for benefits, but the board won't come to the table. We have staff putting \$500+ of their paychecks towards health benefits while not seeing any increase in salary. It shouldn't be that the longer you work, the less money you take home. That's unacceptable. Chris Christie's law has expired and we need a new contract that doesn't have people taking backward steps. We also have no input on the district health care plans."

Paradiso continued, "Neighboring districts have top salaries of over \$100,000. We have never made as much money as other school districts, yet our professionalism and dedication as a staff are unmatched. We volunteer more than any other district. We volunteer for student and parent functions, literacy conventions, sports and fundraising events. We don't get paid extra to do any of it. We have always done these things to support our district. Now the district expects us to do these things, but the Board of Education doesn't support us in return."

"Perth Amboy has one of the highest paid Superintendents in Middlesex County. We gave a person with no Superintendent experience a sweet deal with a 5 year contract plus perks. The Superintendent only pays 1.5% of his \$200,000/ year salary. That's only \$3000 year for benefits. Staff members who make \$50,000 are paying more than that."

"Our Board of Education talks about attracting teachers to our district. They should also be interested in retaining the staff we already have. People are having a hard time picturing a future in Perth Amboy. High staff turnover rates can be devastating to a school district. We need to have some glimmer of hope."

The Board Members on the Negotiating Committee are: Board President Sam Lebreault, Milady Tejeda, Jose Rodriguez and Manuel Nunez. "We only had one meeting and Lebreault left early," a frustrated Paradiso said.

When asked what recourse the Perth Amboy AFT has, Paradiso answered, "We are working on some plans, but we won't do anything to hurt the children. We feel very disrespected."

"Our Board of Education has the option and the opportunity to change that now," Paradiso stated.

In response to accusations that the Board has lengthy executive sessions, Board President Sam Lebreault made the following statement at the end of the Board Meeting:



Perth Amboy AFT President Pat Paradiso

"We have the executive session during Board Meetings because we have to discuss things that we are voting on. After we have the executive session, we vote in public on items. This was changed to be this way around six years ago. Whatever we do, we can't make everyone happy."

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Arts District to be Considered

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Tooker continued, "There will be a public place for performances, classes, etc." Tooker said. "The Council needs to pass a resolution to state we are partnering with the group. In order for the City of South Amboy to engage in a partnership with the two individuals, the City must first establish a delineable Art's District."

Councilman Thomas Reilly commented, "I think it's a wonderful opportunity for South Amboy. The ladies are wonderful and it will attract businesses to the City. It's a win-win."

Council President Mickey Gross stated, "I personally know one of the women (St. John) who is involved with the Count Basie Theater. She's the real deal."

Tooker added, "The women will not be charging a fee to the City. Their partnership with the City is important because of the need to use City facilities."

Mayor Fred Henry said, "The schools will be involved which is important. The partnership with the City will

make it easier for the organization to get grants."

Besides the school, they may use other facilities such as the YMCA. They may also need to utilize space in other businesses," Tooker added.

There will be a detailed presentation by St. John and Pellegrini at the 4/20/16 Regular Council Meeting.

There also is a planned presentation of the GovPilot Program at the same Meeting.

There were comments made at the end of the Business Meeting:

Councilwoman Zussette Dato stated, "I think the Art's District is a very exciting program."

Councilman Thomas Reilly said, "The Art's Program is great, but we also need a home for the Historical Society Group. We need grant money to help them and reward them for what they've done for the town. They deserve a home."

Business Administrator Tooker echoed Reilly's sentiments, "When I first came to South Amboy, the Historical Society taught me about the history of the City. We need to take advantage of the marker program which designates historical sites within the City. The Historical Society has been able to get some markers posted. I want to thank the Council for the hard work on the budget." She gave special thanks to the CFO (Angel Albanese) for help on the budget and putting it on the City website."

Mayor Henry also thanked CFO Albanese, B.A. Tooker and the Council for working on the 2017 budget. "Having the surplus helped and saved the taxpayers money. We have built on the surplus every year." Henry also mentioned the Historical Society and their importance of helping educate the Residents on the City's rich history. "We are in the middle of everything. The Historical Society will have an open house on April 30th. The City is going to have a lot going on between getting an Art's District and the work of the Historical Society. We have to think positive."

Mickey Gross concluded the comments, complimenting everyone who worked on the budget, stating they did a great job. "As the song says, It don't come easy."







PERTH AMBOY - According to Hy Tavern's owner's daughter, Shirley Santos, the damage that was done to the exterior of the building a few weeks ago was caused by roots of the tree pictured above. The tree which was located near the corner of Commerce and High Streets was completely removed on 4/5/16. All that's left is a stump.

Adult Scrabble Club

SOUTH AMBOY - Finger Plays, Sadie Pope Dowdell Library - Adjacent To High School, South Amboy. K E Y BOARDKONTESTJ U N E 8 3- 5 Every Monday 12 Pm -2 Pm You Don't Need To Be A Word Whiz To Enjoy A Good Game Of Scrabble! Come And Play A Game And Make New Friends! For more info call 732-721-6060 or email: Comments@Dowdell. Org Website: www.Dowdell. Org

Walk to End Domestic **Violence**

COLONIA - Walk to End Domestic Violence, Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Merill Park, Grove#2 Colonia, NJ. Registration and Breakfast start at 8 a.m. Opening Ceremonies start 9 a.m. We're walking rain or shine! DJ, Balloon Animals, Fun Games for Kids, Photo Booth. Bring your friends, family and children! Have fun and help raise money to provide services to those in our community affected by domestic violence. All proceeds go towards helping victims. For more info or to make a donation call 732-634-4500 ext. 2802 or visit www.woodbridgedvrt.org

Old Time **Gospel**PERTH AMBOY - Women's

Day 2016 Presents Old Time Gospel, Friday April 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. James AME Zion Church, 68 Commerce Street, Perth Amboy.

Open Mic
SOUTH AMBOY - South

Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold their next Open Mic Friday April 29 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy beginning at 8 p.m. If you play an instrument or like to sing you are invited. Snacks and refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Vendors Wanted

SAYREVILLE - We are looking for vendors for the annual Flea Market at the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville. Our Flea Market will be held on June 4th, 2016. The time is 8am to 2pm. We are located at 172 Main Street, Sayrevilledirectly across from the Borough Hall. Spaces are available for \$15.00 for one space, \$25.00 for two. For information please leave a message on the church answering machine at 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.

"Tab Albers Finds His **Purpose"**PERTH AMBOY - Children's

Book Launch, Wednesday, April 13th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Children's Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy.

South amboy - Sewing

Clinic - Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, adjacent to South Amboy High School. For more info call: 732-721-6060 or email: comments@dowdell. org website: www.dowdell.org Learn how to SEW!

A.C. Bus Trip

San Salvador

Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, May 5th. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819. 2/10

Inspirations for the Generations

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC Foundation's Annual Art Show will be on Thursday, April 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at RBMC Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. A preview of the artwork will be held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Includes open bar and entertainment. Tickets are \$50 pp. Cash raffle tickets are available for \$20 each. To purchase tickets, contact the Foundation at 732-324-5374.

Book Drop/Book Exchange/Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have established a use for the books you have read and would like to recycle!!! Drop off your books. Exchange them for books you have not read pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ... or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Please no text books or reference books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays April 23rd, May 14th, June 11th and 25th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com



A.C. Bus Trip St. George

Catholic Club

PERTH AMBOY – The Saint George Catholic Club is running a bus trip to the Taj Mahal casino on Sunday April 24th. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. from the club at 415 Eagle Ave. Cost \$30 per person. Receive \$25 slot cash from the casino. Continental breakfast will be available from 8:30 a.m. Call Tony at 723 324-0338 for reservation.

Mets Trip
SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus sponsor an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League champion Mets battle division rival Washington Nationals with Daniel Murphy in a July 9 at 7:15 p.m. game. Cost of \$100 includes round trip motor coach transportation, sandwich, snacks, water, and soft drinks. Motor coach leaves the parking lot at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy at 3 p.m. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707

3rd Annual Mother/Son Spring Fling SOUTH AMBOY - Moms,

Grandmother's, Aunts, or Any Special Lady please join us with your son/nephew/ grandson on April 30, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus, 308 4th St., South Amboy. Tickets are \$45 per couple (includes dinner and dessert). Tickets can be purchased by mail Mother/Son Dance 377 Main St., Sayreville 08872. Ticket Deadline is April 10, 2016. Cash/Paypal/ Checks made payable to Julie Veloz....Photos packages will be available for purchase with Amy McLaughlin Photography. 50/50, Giveaways and Contests, Facepainting by Just Jules. 100% of all Proceeds will be donated to Sayreville Association of Brain Injured Children (B.I.C.) please email: danceticketmom@gmail.com or call 732-343-1896 for any questions etc!

A.C. Bus Trip St. John Paul II Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - St. John Paul II Seniors are holding a bus trip on Wed., April 27th to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. The cost is \$30. The Casino reimburses each visitor with \$25 slot money. The bus leaves at 9:45 a.m. from the parking lot, Mechanic Street, behind the church. The bus returns at approximately 7:30 p.m. For more information and/or reservations please call Bobbi at 732-636-2867.

Walking For Fitness

PERTH AMBOY - Hosted by Mayor Wilda Diaz as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign. Starts Monday, April 11th. Monday - Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Ages 18 and up. Starts at the Brighton Avenue Community Center, 56 Brighton Ave. T-Shirt Included. Free of Charge. Enjoy a fitness walk with Mayor Wilda Diaz as she promotes healthy

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, Franklin Avenue, Fords section of Edison, NJ. This month's meeting will feature Harry Bernstein and his "Watering Can Band".

A few subscriptions are available for the Paper Mill Playhouse 2016-2017 season. Call Doris at 732-603-8788 for reservations.

June 20-24: New Hampshire-Indian Head Inn-Tour & More: Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for more information.

All trips are open to the pub-

Eyeglasses for the Lions Club, as well as canned food and miscellaneous items for veterans, hospitals, and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting.

For additional information on the chapter or upcoming events, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Who's the Boss?



Frozen Tulips underneath the fountain located at the Reo Diner, Woodbridge 4/5/16



Frozen Fountain outside of Reo Diner, Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge 4/5/16





Staten Island Chuck agreed with Punxsutawney Phil on an Early Spring 2/2/16 *Photo Courtesy of AP

the Last Laugh!



April Fools Day was Friday, April 1st. We backtracked to see the weather report from the period of April 1st to April 8th. The temperature was close to a high of 80° F on April 1st; on April 8th, the temperature was close to a high of 50° F and a low of 38° F. So in one week, Mother Nature decided to give us a treat of four seasons in one week.

This year, the Amboy Guardian didn't put the groundhogs with their predictions on the front page because of our printing schedule. It was just as well, because it would have been embarrassing for both ground hogs since they both predicted an early spring.

After having such unusually warm temperatures in March, we had put the groundhogs on a pedestal. Mother Nature didn't like that, because you see, she rules.

You see what happens when the weather gets warm in March and people get the taste of an early Spring. They get a touch of Spring Fever and some don't have enough sense to adjust when the temperatures drop drastically.

Today (Saturday) was freezing and raining. I saw people wearing flip-flops. I have a feeling that Mother Nature might have another surprise for us. I want to see if those flip-flops come out if Mother Nature decides to give us 5 inches of snow before April is over. Happy April Fools

Everybody needs a good laugh now and then. C.M.



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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

A Case for Clinton: A Fighter We Can Not Do Without

Every election cycle seems

like it is more intense and piv-

otal than the last. That is not to diminish the importance of elections, let alone presidential elections, but rather to add perspective to the rhetoric which has been polarizing pundits and voters alike. This primary season has reached a fever pitch which has added a level of urgency and importance absent from recent local and national elections. Poll after poll has revealed changing affiliations and an even larger number of undecided voters even after months and months of almost weekly debates and town halls. For many years, New Jersey's primary served as a rubber stamp on the rest of the nation's primary choice. This year stands to be one where every vote makes a difference and with the possibility of contested primaries looming, it is of the utmost importance that every vote cast be the product of reasoned de-

liberation. As a lifelong democrat, I cannot cosign the policies of even the so called "moderate" Republican candidates. Having been born and raised in the City of Perth Amboy, I have seen firsthand the positive contributions immigration can bestow upon our local economy. From the Polish immigrants to the Hungarian and Italian immigrants to the Latino immigrants, our community has seen the multicultural land-

scape develop and attract businesses and economic growth. The same way we wouldn't let a few bad apples ruin our views of law enforcement, teachers or politicians, we shouldn't scrap an entire demographic or fall prey to demagoguery which advocates wholesale discarding of entire segments of our community.

Understandably, many voters have reached a level of frustration with what is viewed as politics as usual which has spurned on the movement towards an anti-establishment candidate. But how much do the current slate of candidates really fit that bill? Senator Cruz was the longest serving Solicitor General in Texas history before heading to Washington where his greatest distinction is being the least liked legislator on both sides of the aisle, hardly anti-establishment or the unifying candidate this country needs to move forward. Governor Kasich has emerged in recent weeks as a viable alternative but even he, with his history of holding elected office since 1979, can hardly be considered a political outsider. On the Democratic side, Senator Sanders who touts himself as a non-politician has been in Washington for a quarter century. Hardly anti-establishment especially considering his voting record which stands in contrast to his recently espoused policies and proposed reforms. To be frank, the only true anti-establishment candidate is Donald Trump. But with his campaign lacking clear policies and platforms beyond hatred and misogyny, how can Democrats support his campaign, let alone presidency.

It is for this reason that I have decided to support Hillary Rodham Clinton for Democratic Presidential candidate and President of the United States. Within the Democratic party there has been a great divide as a result of Bernie Sanders' candidacy. A lot of time has been devoted to criticizing Secretary Clinton's qualifications and policies. In launching his campaign, Senator Sanders has focused on a platform of free higher education, campaign reform, and tax reforms targeted at the wealthy. Many middle class Americans with their hearts in the right place have thrown their support behind Senator Sanders in their drive to achieve social and economic equality. However, many do not fully understand the actual impact of these policies, even assuming he can put these into action. A quick trip to the Internet reveals the true impact of the Sanders platform. The average family of 4 would end up paying 15% more a year in taxes. Can any of you imagine bringing home 15% less a month?

Good in theory is exactly that, good in theory. New Jersey, and the United States, needs a candidate who shares a humanitarian social policy, a solid foreign policy background and a solid track record of consensus building to pull our country together and increase our international standing and security. If this election is a referendum on who can move this country to the middle and get DC to accomplish something, then Clinton is the clear choice.

Joseph B. Vas, Esq.

Installation of South Amboy Elks #784 Officers for 2016-2017



By: Mary Taylor

SOUTH AMBOY - On Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., the South Amboy Elks #784, installed the new officers for the 2016 to 2017 term lead by Exalted Ruler, Mike Green (C). They were sworn into their respective offices and positions. We are all looking forward to a very successful year in being of service to our veterans, the disabled, the elderly and all aspects of community where we are needed.

Keep those Letters Coming! We Love to Hear From You! E-mail letters to the editor to amboyguardian@gmail. com or write to the paper at Letters to the Editor, The Amboy Guardian, P.O. Box 0127, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862-0127. Letters must include your full name, address and daytime telephone number or cell phone number for verification. First time letter-writers must be called for verification or your letter will not be published. If you are a public official, please include your title. All letters are subject to editing or rejection. All submissions may be published or distributed by us in print, electronic or other forms. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the writers and do not represent or reflect the views of the Amboy Guardian.

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

HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday's 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.

Kearny Cottage Open

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

Proprietary House Open

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

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TUES. Apr. 12

MON. Apr. 11 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.

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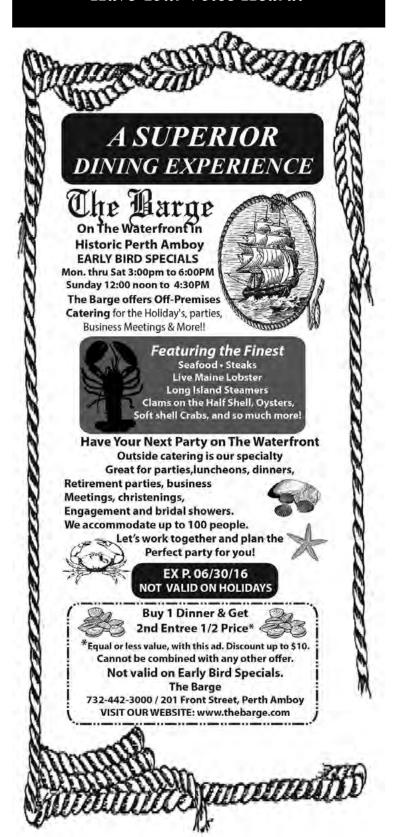
MON. Apr. 11 Board of Education, 6 p.m.

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Annual **Pocketbook**

BingoSOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart School is hosting its Annual Designer Pocketbook Bingo on Saturday April 23, 2016 located at Sacred Heart/ St. Mary's school cafeteria 301 Second Street, South Amboy...BYOB and Snacks.... also soda and snacks will be sold that night! 50/50 and Basket Raffles...tickets are \$35 each which includes (12 Bingo sheets)....to purchase tickets please contact Paty Velez via email hsasacredheartsa.com or call Mr. Prichard @ 732-721-0834... Proceeds to Benefit Sacred Heart School







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Violent Winds Bring Down Tree *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell







PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, April 2, 2016 a severe storm hit the local area. Above are 3 photos showing an old tree that was toppled during the storm. The tree was described as being between 50 and 75 feet tall and on a vacant property next door. The fallen tree damaged the house and a car which was parked on the property on Garretson Avenue. According to the homeowner's son, Jerome Billings no one inside of the house was injured. 'Praise the Lord!" he said.

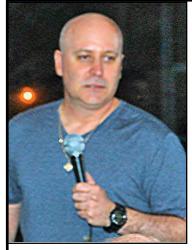


Billings contacted the Mayor's Office about the tree falling down on his mother's house and car. Mayor's Aide Irving Lozada was dispatched right away to assess the situation. Lozada said, "Code Enforcement and the Department of Public Works will be sent out immediately to assess the damage and take proper action to insure the safety of the Residents of the damaged home."

Lozada and Billings said, "The owner of the empty lot that the tree came from had 3 days to remove the tree. As of Monday morning, 4/11/16 (when the paper went to print), the tree had not been touched.

(Photo Right) Woodbridge resident Jerome Billings (L) with Perth Amboy Mayor's Aide Irving Lozada (R).

Celebrating Tom Ward 4/1/16, the Barge Restaurant, Perth Amboy *Photos by Paul W. Wang

















PERTH AMBOY - The Barge Restaurant in Perth Amboy was the setting for the celebration of Perth Amboy Artist Tom Ward's life and legacy. Ward, whose works of art can be found inside and outside of many local businesses, private residents and the Mayor's Office passed away in October 12, 2015.

Barge Owner Alex Vosinas was the driving force in putting this event together. Ward's paintings and drawings can be found throughout the Barge on the main dining level and the private hall upstairs. Most of Ward's paintings in the Barge depicted Waterfront settings. Ward was also a tireless worker on different Municipal Boards which he served on. Ward was also one of the regular customers of the Barge where he would join others and engage in social conversation.

One of Tom Ward's closest friends, David Barlics shared his memories and introduced others who spoke highly of Ward. One speaker recalled how Ward helped to restore paintings in local churches. one story told how Ward was commissioned by a former Mayor to do a painting that this Mayor who did not go through proper channels to have this done. The City could not purchase this unauthorized painting. This painting was subsequently purchased by the Gus Novak of the Novak Home for funerals who admired it.

Ward dedicated 30 years of his life to the restoration the Proprietary House. He was so dedicated to making sure the restoration was done properly that not even having a broken arm and ribs would prevent him from overseeing the work that was being done.

The most poignant moment of the evening was when Gary Rumpf told the story of how Ward was devastated when he lost the love of his life, his wife Betty. They had been married for over 30 years and very devoted to each other. So much so that Ward died a few months after she died. Rumpf said, "I never saw Ward knocked for such a loop as when Betty died (July 6, 2015)."

One speaker read a poem which was repeated by the guests. She led the guests in song with: "That's what friends are for." (Composed by Burt Bacharach & Carole B. Sager)

Connections Program Seeks Volunteers

METUCHEN - The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one activities.

Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child's life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor

All adult volunteers will be screened, receive training, staff support and other services as needed. If you are interested in learning more about the Connections Mentoring Program, please contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323. 1/27

This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

By: Phil Kohn. Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at ww2remembered@yahoo.com. In North Africa on April 11, 1941, Tobruk, Libya, is isolated, with the remainder of Allied troops withdrawing eastward into Egypt. Australian infantry and British artillery in the beleaguered city prevent Rommel's troops from breaking through. In Yugoslavia, German forces are unstoppable, joined by Italian troops moving down the Dalmatian coast and Hungarian forces crossing the border and heading for Novi Sad. The Hungarians receive more resistance from Yugoslav civilians who are fighting them than they receive from the Royal Yugoslav Army, British, Greek, Australian and New Zealand forces engage the Germans in Greece for the first time, close to the northwestern border. In Washington, President Roosevelt creates the Office of Price Administration (known as the OPA), charged with the responsibility of controlling prices and profits and balancing civilian and defense needs.

Allied troops in Greece defending against the German advance begin to pull back from the Yugoslavian frontier towards Mt. Olympus on April 12. In Yugoslavia, Belgrade surrenders to Field Marshal Kleist's force, which has advanced from Niš.

On Easter Sunday, April 13, in Moscow, the U.S.S.R. and Japan sign a five-year neutrality agreement. This diplomatic coup, which states that each country will remain neutral if the other is attacked by a third party, allows Stalin to begin moving troops westward from Siberia to face a possible German attack. In Libya, Axis attacks on Tobruk are repulsed. From the Vatican, Pope Piux XII broadcasts an appeal for listeners to pray for peace and calls for an end to attacks on civilian targets.

Yugoslavia's King Peter departs the country and flies to Athens on April 14, followed the next day by numerous government officials. In Greece, Allied forces defending positions around Mt. Olympus are attacked by advancing Germans. The defenders pull back to shorter lines around Thermopylae. In secret talks with U.S. government representatives in New York, Icelandic officials agree that they will not resist an occupation of their island nation by U.S. troops. The Americans would replace British occupation forces currently there that could be used elsewhere.

On April 15, a German-Italian reconnaissance team reaches Halfaya Pass on the Libyan-Egyptian border. The Luftwaffe conducts an air attack on military and industrial targets in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Two hundred bombers drop high-explosive devices, killing 900 and injuring another 1,500 people.

The Royal Yugoslav Army capitulates to the Germans on April 16. In Croatia, Ustaše leader Ante Pavelić is named as head of the new Independent State of Croatia, an Axis puppet. During the course of the war, members of the Ustaše (a fascist, ultranationalist movement and organization) will murder some 500,000 Serbs, Jews and Roma (gypsies). In Cairo, British Middle East Commander Gen. Archibald Wavell weighing the Allied situation in North Africa and in Greece – halts the transfer of Australian and Polish troops from Egypt to Greece, effectively abandoning the Greek campaign. In the Mediterranean, a convoy of four German troopships and one Italian ammunition ship, escorted by three Italian destroyers, is intercepted by four British destroyers near the Kerkennah Islands, off the coast of Tunisia. In the ensuing battle, the British lose one destroyer, but all five convoy vessels are sunk. Only about 1,250 of the 3,000 German troops aboard are rescued. Overnight, 700 Luftwaffe aircraft bomb London heav-

In Yugoslavia, Italian troops on April 17 enter Dubrovnik, on the Dalmatian coast. In Belgrade, former prime minister Dušan Cvetković (deposed on March 27) signs an armistice with the Germans. In overrunning the country, the Germans have suffered fewer than 200 dead. In Libya, another German-Italian attack against Tobruk is held off.

Have You Volunteered Lately?

PERTH AMBOY - The first and biggest benefit AmeriCorps VISTA members get is the satisfaction of incorporating service into their lives and making a difference in their community and country. The intangible benefits alone, such as pride, satisfaction and accomplishment are worthwhile reasons to serve. There are other benefits as well including awards, job and education certifications, professional development, and more. For more info call the Jewish Renaissance Medical Center, 275 Hobart Street, Perth Amboy.

Game Night/Pajama Party

PERTH AMBOY - Game Night /Pajama Party at St. James AME Zion Church, 68 Commerce St., Perth Amboy on Friday, April 22, 2016. Rev Mary Giles – Chair; Rev. Donna Stewart Co-Chair.

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BingoPERTH AMBOY - Bag Designer Bingo - Friday, April 15th. at Blessed John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's School, 500 State St. Perth Amboy. Doors open at 6 p.m.; game starts 7:30 p.m. Outside food welcome; BYOB. Admission fee: \$5.00. For more info call 732-826-1395 or 732-485-9367

Women's Day 2016

PERTH AMBOY - St. James AME Zion Church, 68 Commerce St., Perth Amboy Presents Women's Day 2016, Wednesday Night Worship, 7:00 p.m. Theme: Celebrating a New Season, A New Day, A Fresh Anointing to Exhort, Edify and Embrace. Scripture: Ephesians 4:12 For the protecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Sis. Cynthia Olive, April 13th, Rev. Janet Jones, April 20th, Sis. Sheerene Brown

Citizen Peterson

PERTH AMBOY - "Citizen Peterson: How Thomas **Mundy Peterson Made the** Most of His Historic Vote." If you have heard the name Thomas Mundy Peterson, it is likely because he was the first African-American to vote under the Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1870. But he didn't just cast his ballot and disappear into nstory. Peterson used his status to fully-embrace the role of citizen in the face of those who questioned a black man as a sociopolitical equal. New Jersey historian and author, Gordon Bond, has discovered how Peterson ran for local office, switched from the Republican to Prohibition Party, and calls into question some of the often repeated aspects of his post-vote roles in his latest presentation.

The lecture will be at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., on Sunday, April 24th at 2 p.m. Donations welcome. Light refreshments available.

Pets of the Week



Linda, Rambo, and Tuffy are very special because they were all rescues during the Sandy Storm on 2012 by us. These cats did not have a home or a family to care and love them. We rescued them and gave them a loving forever home. These cats are very caring and affectionate which makes them very special. - Angelica -

Have a Special Pet?

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

Live Music

PERTH AMBOY - Live Music every Saturday Night at 8 p.m. at Al Cibelli's Night Club, 1096 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy. Music in the downstairs lounge. Must be 21 to enter and drink. Extra parking across the street.

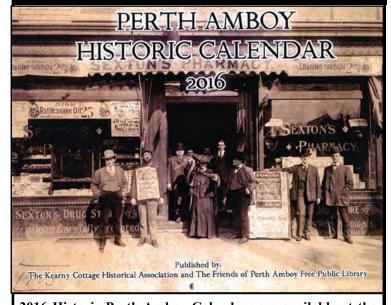
Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

Meeting
SAYREVILLE - The meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary will be on April 26 at 7 p.m. at the post hall on Jernee Mills Road, in Sayreville. All members are invited to come to our meeting. Call 732-264-3041 for any more info.

RBMC Perth Amboy 38th Annual Geranium Sale

PERTH AMBOY - \$32 per dozen; \$3.50 per plant. Geraniums available in Pink, White, Red and Fuchsia. Also Available: Hanging Geranium Plants; \$20 each. Pick-up outside the medical center at the Groom Street entrance. Please remember to mark your calendar for the date and pick-up time; Thursday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Orders due by May 4. Mail orders to: Joan Volanin, 154 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Sponsored by the Perth Amboy Auxiliary. Proceeds to benefit projects and programs at Raritan Bay - Perth Amboy.

2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079 or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.

Novena to St. Rita

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

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

Prayer to St. Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of. Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (Here make your request) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. G.F.B.

Golf Outing
SOUTH AMBOY - South

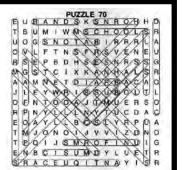
Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual golf outing Thursday May 12 at Cruz Farms Golf Course in Farmingdale. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with tee-off at 9 a.m. Cost of \$100 includes 18 holes, golf cart, lunch, dinner, and many prizes. For more information call Ray at 732-721-2025 or Wayne at 732-406-2340.

Jammin for Jaclyn

SOUTH AMBOY - Jammin for Jaclyn has joined with RJC Charities, Inc., a non-profit organization. We will be running the Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert annually. 100% of the proceeds will go to families in need due to cancer. The benefit this year will be for Wyatt Scott a 2 year old little boy who has Neuroblastoma. He will need multiple surgeries, Chemo and Radiation. Please help this family help their son. The 3rd annual Jammin for Jaclvn Benefit Concert will be April 16th Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth Street, South Amboy. 4 p.m. to 1 p.m. Continuous Live Bands. Huge hot and cold buffet. Adults only please. \$25/pp. Tickets sold at the door.

Cancer does not discriminate. Anyone can be struck at anytime, please help. Contact Denise Morgan at 732-525-9536 for further information. If you would like to donate prior to the event, checks can be made out to RJC Charities Inc.-please put Jammin for Jaclyn in the memo. Mail to 292 Stevens Avenue South Amboy NJ 08879.

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PERTH AMBOY - Opening Day for Little League, circa early 1960's.

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

WED. Apr. 13 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.

St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St. THURS. Apr. 14 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Family Life Center, Madison Ave. Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon

Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

MON. Apr. 18 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,

Fellowship Hall, Commerce St. TUES. Apr. 19 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,

Church Hall, Brace Ave. Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.

WED. Apr. 20 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 St.

THURS. Apr. 21 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

WED. Apr. 13 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,

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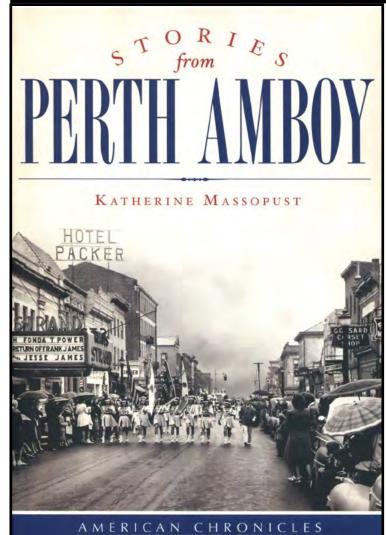
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