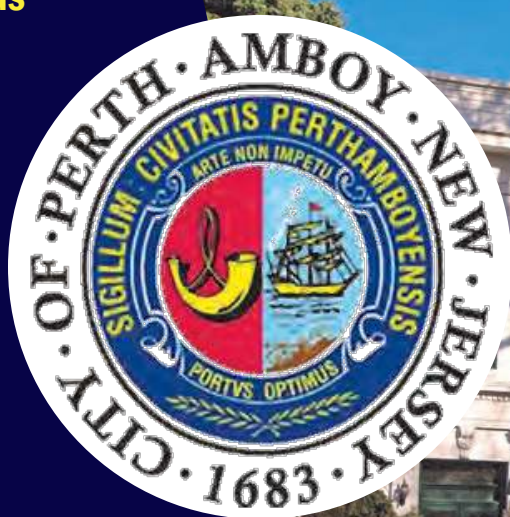


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News

FROM THE HISTORIC CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

A Message From Mayor Wilda Diaz

Learn more about what's going on in your community.

We've been making great strides to recover from Sandy damages on our waterfront with beach replenishment, bulkhead repairs. We're making arrangements for further repairs to our walkways, marina, piers and beachfront. Read more, inside about the extended deadline of May 1st for FEMA assistance.

Now, after many years, we move forward with improvements to the Perth Amboy Public Library that has been temporarily relocated to our Brighton Avenue Community Center. I am looking forward to its reopening at the start of Autumn.

I also want to encourage everyone, this year to GET INVOLVED, whether it is through our advisory committees, clean-up projects or with our numerous recreation programs. I guarantee you'll meet new people, as you give back to your community and participate in city activities. There is something for everyone!!!

Stay posted on what's being done to better the City with my updates on Facebook. I wish everyone a happy and healthy Spring. Perth Amboy's coming back stronger than ever!!!

Sincerely,
Mayor Wilda Diaz



At-a-Glance

Phone Directory

For Emergencies Dial 9-1-1

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|---------------------|--------------|
| City Hall | 732.826.0290 |
| Code Enforcement | 732.826.0183 |
| Fire Department | 732.324.3500 |
| Human Services | 732.826.1690 |
| Mayor's Office | 732.826.7121 |
| Municipal Court | 732.442.6011 |
| Parking Utility | 732.826.9223 |
| Police Department | 732.442.4400 |
| Public Library | 732.826.2600 |
| Public Works | 732.826.2010 |
| Recreation/Events | 732.826.1690 |
| Water Utility | 732.826.5335 |
| UEZ/BID | 732.442.6421 |
| Board of Education | 732.376.6200 |
| County Health Dept. | 732.826.0440 |



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www.facebook.com/mayorwildadiaz

CONSTITUENT SERVICES

Congressman Frank Pallone's satellite office is open for public assistance with constituent concerns and issues related to federal agencies every **Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center located on One Olive Street.

Constituents who have questions about Social Security benefits, federal pensions, Medicare eligibility, and U.S. citizenship can receive assistance from the office staff.

Additionally, assistance is available to veterans to obtain back-pay, GI Bill benefits, VA disability claims, as well as support to widows receive pensions that are owed to them. Staff can also assist in locating low-income housing options, and energy assistance and various other benefits or resources that may be beneficial.

No Appointment Necessary - Stop by at any time to speak with the Congressman's staff. For more information, please contact the Congressman's office at: **732.249.8892**.

Upcoming Events:

Community Clean-Up

Saturday, April 20th, 9 a.m. — 12 noon
 State Street Area

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. near the St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church Parking Lot on Mechanic Street.

Stay tuned for more upcoming Clean-Ups in your area.

ReAwakening Photography Exhibit

PERTH AMBOY GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS
 339 Reade Street, Perth Amboy (Patten Park)
 Opening Reception

Thursday, May 2nd, 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.

Cinco de Mayo

Saturday, May 4th, 12 noon — 4 p.m.

Fink Park
 Food Vendors, live Mariachi entertainment, sponsored by the Business Improvement District and PRAHD.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27, 2013

Parade: 10:00 a.m.

Beginning at the Raritan Bay YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Avenue
Ceremony: 11:00 a.m.

Veterans' War Memorial on Sadowski Parkway

For more information about our upcoming events, please visit our website or call:
732.826.1690 ext. 4305 and 4333.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The City of Perth Amboy has partnered with the Middlesex County's Community Notification System for alerts by telephone, e-mail or mobile text message* for notifications on emergencies such as severe weather, boil water alerts, health emergencies and other urgent information impacting the public. This service is available to all Middlesex County residents.

REGISTER TODAY, VISIT:
<https://middlesexcountynj.onthealert.com/>
**Standard text messaging rates apply. All registered information will be kept confidential and not shared with any third party.*

FACEBOOK

Find us on Facebook. Check our department's pages for upcoming events and announcements.

- Perth Amboy Public Library
- Perth Amboy Police Department
- Office of Recreation
- Office on Aging
- Animal Shelter
- Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts
- Perth Amboy Business Improvement District

STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

City of Perth Amboy
Equal Opportunity Employer

- POSITIONS AVAILABLE:
- Clerical Aides
 - Rec Aides
 - Maintenance Aides
 - Senior Camp/ Park Counselors
 - Junior Camp/ Park Counselors
 - Lunch Monitors

APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:
Office of Recreation
1 Olive Street
Perth Amboy, New Jersey, 08861

**Applicant MUST be a Perth Amboy resident between the ages for 14 & 24. For more information, please contact Raquel Gonzalez: (732) 826-1690 ext. 4306 or email: rconvery@perthamboynj.org.*

Public Safety

MEDICINE DROP BOX

Project Medicine Drop, an initiative of the Attorney General's New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs is now in Perth Amboy. It allows the public to dispose of unused and expired prescription medications safely and securely-- 24/7.

The Medicine Drop Box is located in the **Perth Amboy Police Department** on **365 New Brunswick Avenue** and is one of three locations in the Middlesex County for safe disposal.

Please see the following guidelines on what types of medication is accepted in the drop box:

- For safety reasons, the Project Medicine Drop box can **ONLY** accept solid medications such as **PILLS, PATCHES, INHALERS**, and similar objects.
- The mailbox **CAN NOT** accept **LIQUIDS, MEDICAL WASTE, or SYRINGES**.
- It should also be noted that consumers may only dispose of **LEGAL** prescription or over-the-counter medications.



NEW FIRE ENGINE



Partially funded by the \$240,000 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.

In photo: Mayor Wilda Diaz, PAFD members, Students of the Flynn School.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

The Perth Amboy Fire Department Volunteer Division is seeking members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information, please contact 732-324-3500 ext. 5005, Capt. Sammy Arroyo.



SMOKE-FREE PARKS

A new ordinance was approved banning smoking in public parks for improving quality of life [Ordinance NO. C-514/ Chapter 377].

The smoking ban in Perth Amboy will help reduce the risks of second-hand smoke, and also set a better example for kids, prevent accidental fires and reducing litter and clean-up costs. Nearly 40 signs will be installed this season thanks to the American Cancer Society.

Superstorm Sandy FEMA Assistance

Middlesex County residents affected by Hurricane Sandy have until **Wednesday, May 1st**, to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and return their disaster loan applications to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace disaster damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible up to \$40,000 to repair or replace disaster damaged or destroyed personal property. SBA applicants are not obligated to accept a loan. However, completing the application may lead to additional FEMA assistance. It is not necessary to wait for an insurance claim determination to apply for an SBA disaster loan, which may help if applicants later find they are underinsured.

More information can be obtained by calling **1-800-621-3362**, visit: **www.DisasterAssistance.gov** or visiting the Long Term Recovery Center at 423 Main Street, Sayreville. Please help spread the word to family and friends.

Developments and Announcements



POT HOLES

Report a pothole for repair, please contact the **Department of Public Works** at **732-826-2010** or submit a request online at: **www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us**.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)

The Business Improvement District (BID) continues to work in cooperation with the City Administration in providing a clean and safe central business district and improving the physical appearance to attract more shoppers and visitors to our downtown area. The BID is pleased to support our businesses through Façade Grants, business marketing, educational programs, beautification projects, and activities that promote business financial vitality and economic growth.

During 2012 we offered 9 business seminars, workshops and business networking. The BID retained the services of a consultant to develop a Strategic Development Plan. It sponsored several events and activities to create awareness and celebrate the diversity of our businesses and cultures of our city. During hurricane Sandy, the BID worked along with Mayor Diaz and her Emergency Management Team to collect donations for families and to assist businesses that were affected by the storm. In addition to the regular facade grant program and following suit with FEMA and SBA, the BID expedited the processing of facade and storefront grant applications so affected businesses could go back in business as soon as possible.

This year promises to be a very exciting year for business owners and residents, who will be able to witness the implementation of several components of the recommendations made in the Strategic Development Plan. These initiatives will increase economic activity.

- **Our community will see the installation of concrete planters along Smith Street entirely funded for by the BID.**
- **With a Community Development Block Grant, we will implement the first phase of a signage program where a percentage of our businesses will receive an attractive, perpendicular sign for their business.**
- **In cooperation with the Office of Economic and Community Development, the BID will seek grant opportunities to continue servicing our business community more efficiently.**
- **The BID and the UEZ will work closely with the Small Business Development Center recently opened in Rutgers (New Brunswick Campus) to offer to our businesses counseling, training seminars and other resources to support their operations.**

For additional information about the UEZ or BID, please contact Roxanne Troche, UEZ/BID Coordinator at 732-442-6421.

PERTH AMBOY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE

UPCOMING MEETING

Residents are invited to join the Municipal Alliance Advisory Committee for an upcoming meeting to be held on **Tuesday, June 11th from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**, in the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center located on 1 Olive Street.

About Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance

The Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was established in 1990 with the purpose of developing a network of local leadership that will help identify needs and services, coordinate projects and develop prevention programs to address alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse.

Volunteer Opportunities

RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City of Perth Amboy’s Office of Recreation is seeking members for the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Some key responsibilities include:

Consistent attendance at regular committee meetings, participation at the meetings as an active member; participation in the general activities of the Office of Recreation and preparation in advance before regular committee meetings by reading; and studying materials regarding key actions the committee is expected to take at the meeting.

Please be advised that this is strictly a **voluntary position**. Residents interested in becoming a member of the Recreation Advisory Committee may complete and return the on-line **Citizen Service application** to the Office of Recreation located on 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861 for consideration. **Applications are due by Friday, May 3rd, 2013.** Attn: Kenneth Ortiz, Director of Human Services.

Meetings are held every third Tuesday, every other month at 6:00 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy.

For more information, please contact 732-826-1690.

Spring Programs

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

RED RAIDERS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION DATES

Ages: 8 – 14.6 (Boys & Girls)
(As of September 1st 2012)
High School students not eligible
Youth Complex (Behind Wendy’s)
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Saturday, April 27, 2013 | 10am to 2pm |
| Friday, May 17, 2013 | 6pm to 8pm |
| Saturday, May 18, 2013 | 10am to 2pm |
| Friday, June 21, 2013 | 6pm to 8pm |
| Saturday, June 22, 2013 | 10am to 2pm |
| Friday, July 19, 2013 | 6pm to 8pm |
| Saturday, July 20, 2013 | 10am to 2pm |
| Saturday, August 3, 2013 | 10am to 2pm |

Non-refundable Registration Fee:\$75 per participant
Register online: **www.htosports.com/parr**

Any questions, please call:
Shaon Coaxum (201) 206-6788
Wanda Velasquez (732) 925-0155

REGISTRATION DATES for UNITY CENTRAL RENEGADES COMPETITION CHEERLEADING

April & May—Every Saturday
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Ages: 5—30
SPACES ARE VERY LIMITED

Registration Fee: \$60.00 per participant
(Other fees may apply)

For more information or to register earlier, please call:
Sharon Piper (732) 406-9621
Lee Rosen (908) 432-6568
Christina Boyd (732) 881-7180



Spring Programs

Sign-up Today!

KARATE PROGRAM

MORALES MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY

Ages: 5 and up
Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
Starting April 9th
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm (Ages: 5-9)
7:45 pm - 9:00 pm (Ages: 10– Older)
Robert N. Wilentz School
\$45.00 per participant

GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Ages: 13 - 18
Mondays & Wednesdays (*Starting April 8th*)
Youth Complex (behind Wendy's)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
\$40.00 per participant

RED RAIDERS MINI FOOTBALL CAMP

Ages: 8 & UP
Tuesdays & Thursdays (*Starting April 23rd*)
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Youth Complex (behind Wendy's)

CHILDREN'S TENNIS

Ages: 5 - 11
Saturdays (*Starting April 13th*)
10:00 am— 11:10 (Ages 5—6)
11:30 am—12:40 pm (Ages 7—8)
1:00 pm—2:10 pm (Ages 9—11)
Waterfront Tennis Courts
FREE OF CHARGE

TWEENS & TEENS TENNIS LEAGUE

Ages: 12 - 18
Fridays (*Starting April 12th*)
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Waterfront Tennis Courts
FREE OF CHARGE

ADULT TENNIS

Ages: Adults
Tuesdays & Thursdays (*Starting April 9th*)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Waterfront Tennis Courts
FREE OF CHARGE

PRE SCHOOL CHEERLEADING

Ages: 3 - 5
Mondays & Wednesdays
(*Starting April 29th*)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
James J. Flynn School
FREE OF CHARGE
Instructed by the Unity Central Renegades Cheerleading Organization

BOWLING

Ages: 4 – 14
Saturdays (*Starting May 9th*)
12:00 pm
Majestic Lanes (525 Rt. 9 N, Hopelawn)
\$10.00 Registration Fee and \$8.00 per week
Includes: Shoe rental and 2 games. Participants will also receive a T-shirt, award and 3 free games at the end of the season.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Mondays & Wednesdays (*Starting April 8th*)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Robert N. Wilentz School
FREE OF CHARGE

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Ages:18 & Over
Mondays & Wednesdays
(*Starting June 24th*)
\$25.00 PER PARTICIPANT

WOMEN'S OPEN GYM BASKETBALL

Ages: 18 & Over
Tuesdays & Thursdays (*Starting April 16th*)
7:00 pm—9:00 pm
Perth Amboy Vo-Tech High School
FREE OF CHARGE

Perth Amboy Adult Education Center
Mrs. Maria Diaz—Coordinator (732) 376-6240

ZUMBA!!!

Ages: Adults
Tuesdays & Thursdays (*Starting April 9th*)
6:00 pm—7:00 pm

STEM ACADEMY

351 Mechanic Street. Perth Amboy

Gallery Center for the Arts

339 Reade Street (Patten Park)

GUITAR - CHILDREN BEGINNER

Ages: 7 – 10
Mondays (*Starting April 22nd*)
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
\$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT
Must bring own guitar

GUITAR - TWEENS & TEENS INTERMEDIATE

Ages: 11 – 17
Mondays (*Starting April 22nd*)
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
\$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT
Must bring own guitar

GUITAR—ADULT BEGINNER

Ages: Adults
Mondays (*Starting April 22nd*)
7:00 pm—8:00 pm
\$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT
Must bring own guitar

CERAMIC & POTTERY MAKING

Ages: Teens – Adults
Mondays (*Starting April 22nd*)
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
\$30.00 PER PARTICIPANT

PAINTING for KIDS

Ages: 8—14
Mondays (*Starting April 22nd*)
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
\$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT

BUILDING WITH CLAY

Ages: 7 - 12
Mondays (*Starting April 22nd*)
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
\$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT

ARTS & CRAFTS for KIDS

Ages: 5—10
Tuesdays (*Starting April 23rd*)
4:30 pm—5:30 pm
FREE OF CHARGE

CROCHET

Ages: Teens—Adults
Tuesdays (*Starting April 23rd*)
5:30 pm—6:30 pm
FREE OF CHARGE

MANGA / ANIME DRAWING for TWEENS & TEENS

Ages: 11—17
Tuesdays (*Saturday April 23rd*)
6:00 pm—7:00 pm
\$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT

FIGURATIVE PAINTING for TEENS & ADULTS

Ages: 13—Adults
Tuesdays (*Starting April 23rd*)
5:00 pm—7:00 pm
\$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT

DRUMMING for KIDS

Ages: 6—9
Wednesdays (*Starting April 24th*)
6:00 pm—6:45 pm
\$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT

DRUMMING for TWEENS

Ages: 10—13
Wednesdays (*Starting April 24th*)
6:45 pm—7:30 pm
\$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT

DRAWING for KIDS

Ages: 8—14
Wednesdays (*Starting April 24th*)
5:00 pm—6:00 pm
\$10.00 PER PARTICIPANT

YOGA

Ages: Adults
Wednesdays (*Starting April 24th*)
7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
\$40.00 per participant

OPEN MIC

Ages: Teens/Adults
Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the Month
6pm - 9pm, **FREE OF CHARGE**

LITTLE FILM CLUB

Every 3rd Thursday of the Month
(*Starting April 18th*)
6:00 pm—9:00 pm
\$1.00 ADMISSION FEE

Payment for programs by:
Money Order Only

www.facebook.com/PerthAmboyRecreation

Office of Recreation

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"Adopt-a-Park" Program

Mayor Wilda Diaz announces a call to service for participation from our Perth Amboy organizations, businesses and individuals. The City of Perth Amboy, Office of Recreation is seeking participants for the City's "Adopt-A-Park" Program.

The City of Perth Amboy Adopt-A-Park program is designed to increase community involvement in preserving our City parks. The program is voluntary and is designed for organizations, businesses and individuals. Each volunteer adopting group assumes responsibility for an assigned park or section of a park and agrees to participate in park improvements a minimum of two (2) times a year for a one year, renewable period. The City of Perth Amboy will work with the adopting group to select a park and provide guidelines to complete work assigned.

The adopting group or participant agrees and is expected to:

- Request an application at our office or go on-line.
- Meet with Parks & Recreation Representatives to discuss the park project and identify the park needs.
- Be instructed on the safety requirements and operate in accordance to the safety regulations of the program.
- Sign the "Adopt-A-Park" Agreement.
- All participants will sign the Liability Agreement.
- Recruit and schedule volunteers from your organization to implement the program.
- Obtain permission from the Parks & Recreation Divisions before proceeding with any conditions.
- Notify the Parks and Recreation Divisions of any unusual or suspicious activities or conditions.
- Return all equipment, materials and supplies when project is completed.

The City of Perth Amboy shall:

- Provide the adopting group with necessary tools and materials to help with their project.
- Identify park needs and a list of parks available to adopt.
- Provide instruction and coordination for assigned work projects with adopting group.
- Dispose of trash and debris from adopted park site.
- Provide standard sign to recognize the volunteer group for their contribution and commitment.

Organizations, businesses and individuals interested in adopting a park may obtain the Adopt-A-Park agreement from the City of Perth Amboy, Office of Recreation located at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

For more information, please contact Raquel Gonzalez at: **(732) 826-1690 ext. 4306**. Also, to complete an online application, please visit: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us.



SUMMER EXPLORERS 2013 MAPS Day Camp

SPONSORED BY THE PERTH AMBOY MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE TO PREVENT ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE

Offering weekly trips to the pool, parks and various locations, we promote a safe and nurturing environment for children to experience hands-on learning and make friends.

SIGN UP TODAY AND GET READY TO TAKE ON THE SUMMER WITH MAPS!

LOCATION: James J. Flynn School
DATES: July 1 – August 9 (no camp July 4)
TIMES: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
(additional fee for after care from 3:00 – 5:00 pm)
AGES: 5 – 12
FEES: Residents - \$300 (first child)
\$225 (additional siblings)
Non-Residents - \$375 per child

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE – REGISTER TODAY!
Lunch and T-shirt included in registration fee.

REGISTRATION:

Contact LIS MERY RAMIREZ, Office of Recreation
(732) 826-1690 x 4325 or email: LRamirez@perthamboynj.org



Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance
To Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse