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Appointments Questioned

PERTH AMBOY - The resolutions R-53 thru R-57 - 2015 appointing Zoning Board Adjustment Members drew a lot of attention.

On the agenda were only 5 appointments while there were 6 candidates who applied or were reapplying for positions on the Board.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez made it known that he was not happy that all 6 applicants who interviewed were not on the resolution to be voted on.

Resident David Caba questioned how a person who worked on the campaign and was paid was able to get a position on the Zoning Board. "And that person knew all along that he was going to be appointed."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles had questioned the appointment of

people to the Zoning Board at the 2/9/15 Caucus Meeting. He said, "When I first came on board, I was an Alternate. When someone left, I moved up to a regular Commissioner. The same thing happened when Wilma Matey came on board. She was an alternate, then moved up to a regular Member when someone left. In the past, on the resolution for appointments, all candidates interviewed were put on the agenda when the Council voted. Now the hearing of citizens is toward the end of the meetings."

City Clerk Elaine Jasko said, "The ordinance set forth the placement of the public portion. The new Council can decide how they want to proceed."

Land Use Questioned

PERTH AMBOY - At the 2/11/15 Meeting there was an ordinance authorizing an agreement with the County of Middlesex for transfer of real property for the development of a County Park.

Resident Reinaldo Aviles wanted to know, "When and who decided that this area should be a park? Were other things pursued for this land besides a park? It was originally looked at for housing and retail."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "Barry Rosengarten was in court for 10 years on fighting Kushner on this land. This property has been an eyesore for years. At least Barry was paying some taxes on it."

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "This property was always intended to be a park since I've been on the Council. And we need more parks. I'm surprised so many people are upset about giving the County a park to develop."

There were also concerns about the property not being fenced in while it's waiting for development.

B.A. Jillian Barrick said, "I



**Business Administrator
Jillian Barrick**

am working with the County to get this done.

Resident David Caba wanted to know, "What was the appraisal value?"

Barrick responded, "That is something that is done only if it is sold to a private owner. Because this property is very contaminated, what can be built is limited."

Barrick then answered Aviles' question about other uses for the property, "We always looked at alternatives when deciding what to do with any vacant properties within the City."

The Big Hurdle Congratulations All Around

SOUTH AMBOY - The 2/18/15 South Amboy Council Meeting was an upbeat meeting. A resolution R-57 supporting, recognizing and honoring the service of Law Enforcement Officers was moved by Councilman Applegate and Seconded by Dato.

Comments were made by the Council and Mayor Henry. Henry said, "Something needs to be said and done about those who support us (speaking about Law Enforcement Officers). Those who put Police Officers in a bad light also puts them in danger." Henry told those in attendance about two South Amboy Police Officers who responded to a call about an unconscious resident. Those Officers gave that person CPR until the First Aid Squad arrived. "This represents the good in the Officers and I want to thank them and Chief Lavigne."

Mayor Henry cited Resolution R-56 which was a settlement agreement and release between the City of South Amboy and Amboy Aggregates and lower Main Street Development LLC.

Amboy Aggregates is a sand and gravel company that has been in litigation with South Amboy for many years. The land included a Waterfront Property that has been purchased for redevelopment. This will include residential as well as retail property.

At past meetings some residents were concerned about the small apartment units that would be built on this property and if that would be attracted to outside buyers.

Henry thanked City Attorney John Lanza for his due diligence for preparing an agreement on this property. "We are done with McCormick Sand and this resolution finally puts an end to this."

Attorney Lanza said, "We have been working on this since January 1, 1987 when it was a big sand pile." He cited the hard work that was done through the Mayors, the



SOUTH AMBOY - Second Ward Councilman Thomas Reilly is sworn in by Assemblyman Craig Coughlin at the 2/18/15 Council Meeting. Reilly's niece held the bible. *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

Councils and the City Engineer, Mark Rasimowicz."

B.A. Camille Tooker gave kudos to former South Amboy Resident Vince Mackiel for constantly coming before the Council to fight for getting rid of the sand piles that was on the Amboy Aggregates property.

The Fire Department was also thanked for bringing a demo fire truck to show what was needed for the Fire Department. Tooker said, "There are two fire trucks in use that are very old. One was 31 years old and the other 28 years old." This was verified by 2 members of the Fire Department sitting in the audience. One of the Firemen came up to thank the Mayor and the Council for purchasing the new fire truck.

Newly appointed Second Ward Councilman Reilly was to be sworn towards the beginning of the meeting shortly after roll call but it was de-

layed pending the arrival of his wife. Council President Mickey Gross decided to proceed with the meeting. After all the agenda items were addressed and the public was allowed to speak, it was decided to have Reilly sworn in. Reilly's wife still hadn't arrived. The Oath of Office was administered by Assemblyman Craig Coughlin to Reilly as Reilly's niece held the bible. Reilly comes from a family that has served on City Boards and Coughlin had served on these Boards with members of the Reilly family.

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Corrections

PERTH AMBOY - In the 2/18/15 issue of the Amboy Guardian the name of the victim of the Amboy Avenue Shooting is Richard Pryce. It was incorrectly reported as Price. The name of the person pictured in the story entitled "Drivers Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants," is Carlos Rojas. At the Board of Education Meeting, "Students Air Their Grievances," on Page 2 Stanley Sierakowski during the public portion stated that Donna Stewart and the students should be ashamed of themselves. That was incorrect. He stated, "Donna Stewart should be ashamed of herself," - He did not mention the students in that statement.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

PERTH AMBOY--On March 14, 2015, there will be a St. Patrick's Day Celebration sponsored by St. John Paul II Parish. It begins with Mass at Noon at St. Mary's Church at 104 Center Street followed by a luncheon at St. Stephen's Church Auditorium at 500 State Street. Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage or Chicken & Pasta will be served along with cake, coffee, and Irish soda bread. The cost is \$20 per person. For tickets, call Millie at 732-826-0282.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Saturday March 7 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy following the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Cost is \$10. Sandwiches and take-outs are also available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Mother Theresa Movie

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 host a free movie matinee Sunday March 15 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. The inspirational film "Mother Theresa," will be screened. Doors open at 1 p.m. and film will be shown at 1:30 p.m. Free popcorn, desserts, and coffee provided. Hot dogs and pizza also available. For reservations call Les or Carol at 732-721-0812



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Spaghetti Dinner

PERTH AMBOY - Spaghetti Dinner in memory of Principal Roland Jenkins and Denise Jenkins Roland Jenkins Scholarship Fund Moose Lodge, 989 Convery Blvd. on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 6.30 p.m. \$10 donation Friends and Families welcome.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Kudos Vince!



Vince Mackiel *File Photo by Joseph Kuchie

Before moving to Perth Amboy, Vince Mackiel resided in South Amboy for over 30 years. As a resident in South Amboy, you could always count on Mackiel to attend all of the South Amboy Council Meetings. Unfortunately, Mackiel’s home in South Amboy was a victim of the wrath of Superstorm Sandy which destroyed his home. I know a piece of his heart still lives across the bridge.

The reason I’m bringing up Mackiel’s name is because he was mentioned at the 2/18/15 South Amboy Council Meeting. Business Administrator Camille Tooker spoke about Resolution R-56. This Resolution was approving the settlement agreement and release between the City of South Amboy and Amboy Aggregates and Lower Main Street Development LLC.

Every city has land that is viewed as an eyesore. The property owned by Amboy Aggregates was South Amboy’s eyesore. Vince Mackiel was the catalyst that ignited the fire under the Council to have that property developed in a way to benefit South Amboy.

In the 8/22/12 issue of the Amboy Guardian, there was an article written about the Amboy Aggregates. The header read: “South Amboy: Mackiel Argues Amboy Aggregates Resolution.” In this resolution R-139-2012 it stated that the property would have certain restrictions while it remained active. Mackiel was concerned

on how strict those restrictions would be and how they would affect the City of South Amboy. He was concerned about the environmental issues and would suggest to the Council that they should be more active in calling upon all government officials to help with funding projects. Amboy Aggregates wanted to continue drudging for another 10 years for the purpose of Sand Mining. This was evident in documentation Mackiel received a few years ago.

Vince is the type of person that whenever he came before the Council, he always had the documentation to back up his arguments. While living in South Amboy, he was always passionate about the quality of life which is why he ran for Mayor or Council several times. He ran for office as an Independent wanting to be his own man.

I’m pretty sure he’ll be very pleased that the arguments about this property over the years was recognized by the B.A. The eyesore that he fought against will finally become something that South Amboy can be proud of.

Often times an individual may not think they can make much of a difference. Mackiel proved that if you stay on top of a case, you eventually will be heard.

I run into Vince in Perth Amboy every once in a while and he always has a big smile on his face and has a very content disposition. Every time I stop to speak to him, I know it will

Gun Control Facts

The 1968 Gun Control Act had many sections copied from the Nazi law of 1938. No one denies that fact. What was the purpose of the 1968 GCA? It did NOT reduce the number of violent deaths by firearms (suicides and murders), they grew from 15,000 in 1968 to 30,000 in 1993; then it slowed. Why? In 1986 the state of Florida liberalized people’s rights to keep and bear arms, then other states did the same. A university professor explained why “more guns” was followed by “less crime” in his book. In 2003 New Brunswick NJ had a “gun buy-back program”. This was followed by

double the number of murders in the following year. People should read an honest book and not rely on dishonest advertising from those who attack people’s rights.

A “sense of security” is a state of mind, like happiness. Can a law guarantee happiness or a “sense of security”? Can you buy them in a store? Pessimists are unhappy and this affects their health. Those who need a law for a “sense of security” may need vitamins, medical care, or a change in attitude.

Is the right to drive (or travel) a human right or a privilege granted by the government? Did Adam and Eve need a license to drive or travel? You can drive a car or tractor without government permission

as long as it is not on a public road. Did the pioneers with horse-drawn wagons in the 19th century need a license? Do you need a license to read a newspaper or watch television? What about a license to think or speak?

The Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights placed restrictions on the Federal Government. The 1968 GCA should be repealed by Congress or struck down by the Supreme Court. Many rights are implicit (refer to the Ninth and Tenth Amendments). The Federal Government is restricted unless explicitly authorized, as with the Sixteenth and Eighteenth Amendments.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

A Call for Resignation

Watching the recent Council meeting on Ch. 34 over the weekend, I saw that Mr. David Caba, and others in the audience were upset as a result of the comments made by the Mayor’s Chief of Staff, Ms. Lizette Martinez. Remarks made by her to a resident that were racist and disrespectful, and that took place in front of witnesses in a public building and what’s more she still has her job. Mayor, wake up! How could you continue to have this person as part of your staff? The City will never

see another Mel Ramos, now there was a Mayor’s Chief of Staff. He had respect for all the City residents, helped many of them and did his job with pride and professionalism, always putting Perth Amboy first. You never heard a racist remark coming out of his mouth. he was a true Deputy Mayor, not like what we have now. There was always someone you could talk to at City Hall, it was open to all City residents and they were knowledgeable. Mr. Ramos could talk to you about every project going on in the City because he was part of each project and saw it to completion. I don’t think Ms. Martinez has any idea of the

projects going on or what they are about or even what they cost, she is too busy taking the Mayor’s picture or getting scissors for the next Grand Opening. For this she gets paid a huge salary.

The Mayor should demand that Ms. Martinez resign immediately, and find someone more capable for the job and not one that she owes a favor to. The city is paying top dollar for its people and they should demand they do a decent job at the end of the day, before they go out of town to their homes.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Perez



always be a very interesting conversation. While living in South Amboy, Vince was also a member of their historical society. He even submitted an article to the Amboy Guardian on the history of South Amboy.

Vince’s family is well known in the City of South Amboy. You can learn a little about Vince’s dedication to South Amboy when he was spotlighted in the 2/8/12 issue of the Amboy Guardian.

Whenever you think you can’t make a difference, just remember Vince Mackiel did. See you around town, Vince. C.M.

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

Food Stamps Assistance

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday there will be a Food Stamps Assistance Program 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.: JRF’s Family Success Center families to come in and meet with a representative from the Community Food Bank of NJ to assist with food stamps application and eligibility guidelines. For additional information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Proprietary House).

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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 or 732-324-3505.

Citizenship Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday: : FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER is offering a free course to assist those who plan on taking the USCIS Citizenship Test. All details will be discussed at the meeting. All who plan to take the course must attend Orientation. Call or visit the office to register. 149 Kearny Ave. (Proprietary House) Perth Amboy.

Kearny

Cottage Open

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. Feb. 25	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Feb. 26	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Mar. 9	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Mar. 4	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Mar. 18	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
MON. Mar. 23	Board of Education, Business/Public/Budget Hearing, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.

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E-Book Help
SOUTH AMBOY - There are free E-Book Help on Thursdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

OLV Senior Group March Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The OLV Senior Group will hold their March meeting on Friday, March 6,, 2015 at 1:00 PM in Monsignor Dalton Hall. After a short business meeting, we will have a guest speaker. Members are invited to wear their favorite St. Patrick's Day attire. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. Trip money is due for Sands trip, Biltmore trip and the Radio City trip. For further information contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

Arturo Alfonso Schomburg An Afro Puerto Rican Contribution to African American History Month

PERTH AMBOY - In honor of African American History Month on Friday, February 27 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.; The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) will present the organization's 2nd annual Arturo Alfonso Schomburg African American History Month Award to Ms. Edna Dorothy Carty-Daniel, an individual who exemplifies excellence and service to the Perth Amboy community. New Jersey Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno will give remarks.

Birthday Parties at the South Amboy Y

SOUTH AMBOY - Relax and let the Y host your child's next birthday party! No fuss, no mess, no worries... Parties can be almost totally customized by you. Try a Y! Party featuring traditional games, mat play, face painting, and parachute, or a Dance Party with your choice of music. Of course, most children love our Swim/Gym Parties with an hour of swim time, followed by an hour of sports play in the gymnasium. All parties include pizza and party hosts. Dates are booking quickly for the winter, so reserve your child's birthday weekend today! For more information on Birthday Parties, please contact our Member Services Desk at 732-553-9622.

Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School
will be holding a Lottery for **Sophomores and Juniors** (Current School Year 2014-2015) on **Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**
All completed applications must be submitted to the main office by **Wednesday, March 4, 2015 by 3 p.m.**
Location at 612 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ
Call 848-203-3742 for Information.

Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School
will be holding a Lottery for **Incoming-Freshmen** (School year 2015-2016) on **Thursday, March 5, 2015 at 7 p.m.**
All completed applications must be submitted to the main office by **Wednesday, March 4, 2015 by 3 p.m.**
Location at 612 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ
Call 848-203-3742 for Information

Rainbow Loom Club
SOUTH AMBOY - Thursdays in October at 4 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060. All Ages!

Pirohi Sale
PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church is having a Pirohi Sale. Order date is Feb. 23rd to Feb 26th. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to place your order. All gourmet items are handmade. Potato Pirohi - \$8/ dozen. Pickup date is March 3rd & March 4th at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy.

Atlantic City Bus Trip
PERTH AMBOY - Trip to Caesar's Casino Every First Thursday of Each Month. Bus leaves 12 Noon from Knights of Columbus, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost \$30 per person. Receive a \$30 slot card. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

Lenten Fish Fry's
SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks No. 784, 601 Washington Ave, South Amboy, N.J. Fish Fry's every Friday Night During The Lenten Season. 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Starting February 20th until April 3rd. Come and join us every Friday!!! For more info: call 732-727-7170



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March & April Events



Intro to Tai Chi/Qigong Class
Exercises to reduce stress & improve strength, stability, balance and coordination
Monday, March 9
Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Perth Amboy
Thursday, March 12
3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge
7 to 7:50 p.m.
Registration required, call 732-324-5257.



Intro to Meditation Class Sitting, standing & guided meditations to manage pain & stress
Monday, March 9
Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Perth Amboy
Thursday, March 12
3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge
8 to 8:50 p.m.
Registration required, call 732-324-5257.



Is Weight Loss Surgery Right for Me?
Mon., March 9 - 7 to 8 p.m.
Wed., March 25 - 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Institute for Weight Loss, Old Bridge
Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME.



Do You Suffer from Sleep Apnea?
Visit this open house, including doctor Q&A, screening, tour, treatment education & refreshments.
Wed., April 8 - 5 to 7 p.m.
Center for Sleep Medicine, Suite 407
3 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge
Registration suggested, call 732-360-4255.



Reiki I Training Workshop
Become a Reiki provider, a healing practice that balances the body & promotes well-being
Sat. & Sun., March 14 & 15 - 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Perth Amboy. Cost is \$185
Registration required, call 732-324-5257.



Visit rbmc.org/events for a complete schedule of events.

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Xbox Club

SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

OLV Senior Group Casino Trip

SAYREVILLE - The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring casino trips for March 22, 2015. The Group will be going to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The cost of the trips is \$35.00 with \$20.00 slot play and \$5.00 in a food voucher. For further information or to make a reservation, contact Geri at 732-257-4351.

NFL Flag Football League

SOUTH AMBOY - The NFL and the YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, & South Amboy are teaming up again for our annual Association wide Flag Football League. The League is open to boys and girls ages 8-12. Teams will be made and given an NFL team name. Players who register early will receive a NFL jersey. The season will run from March 8 through May 31 with games played on Sundays between fields in Metuchen, Edison and South Amboy. Time to be determined. Registration is now open and will close on March 2. Please contact Kaleigh DeLucca at 732-553-9622 or email kaleigh.delucca@ymcaofmews.org if you have any questions.

LIVESTRONG at the YMCA

12 Weeks of Healing
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Y is offering a FREE 12 week program for cancer survivors starting February 17 through May 7. Extensive research has shown that exercise for individuals recovering from cancer, and individuals going through treatment for cancer, can help reduce fatigue and loss of strength. The program meets twice a week, Tuesdays 6-7pm and Thursdays 1-2pm, and will give participants a gradual approach to exercise as they work hand in hand with our experienced trainers and staff. There will be a focus on cardio exercise and progress into weights, stability and endurance. For more information, contact Lois Griffin at 732-316-8219 or lois.griffin@ymcaofmews.org.

Photography Classes

PERTH AMBOY - Come learn Portrait Photography. Lessons take place at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave. at 7 p.m., Tuesdays starting 2/24/15 will last an 8 week session. Must have a Digital Camera. \$50 pp for 8 week session. For more info call Paul at 732-293-1090 or 908-812-4549.

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Raritan Bay Medical Center Seeking Volunteer Greeters

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is looking for compassionate adults who are interested in volunteering their time to serve as customer greeters. At the hospital's Perth Amboy location, volunteer customer greeters are stationed in the main entrance lobby to assist patients, families and visitors, answer their questions and guide them through the facility. Bilingual English and Spanish speaking greeters are most needed.

Volunteers can make a difference for visitors and provide a valuable contribution by donating as little as four hours of time, once a week. Hospital volunteers have a unique opportunity to connect with people on a personal level, advance RBMC's mission and help provide high-quality healthcare to those in need. Those interested, adults only, should call Manager of Volunteer Services Susan Pasternack at 732-324-5006.

After a brief orientation and training, volunteers will be able to greet and assist visitors through the medical center. In addition to escorting and greeting visitors, volunteers gain a feeling of personal satisfaction, meet new friends and support the medical center. A uniform, free parking and meal allowance are also provided.

Civil War Round Table

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will hold its next meeting at the Woodbridge Public Library on Monday, March 9th, at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be John Heiser and his topic will be "The 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg." The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.

Easter Party

PERTH AMBOY - Attn: Staff, Residents & Families. Alameda's Annual Easter Party will be on Sunday, March on the 2nd Floor of Aristicare at Alameda Center, 303 Elm St., Perth Amboy from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Photos with the Easter Bunny, Easter Egg Hunt, Free Easter Basket Raffle. All children of staff & families are invited. Refreshments will be served (While Supplies Last). Please RSVP Carmen or Amy by March 12.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville United Methodist Church will be having their annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 7, 2015 from 6 - 8 pm at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main Street, Sayreville, NJ 08872. Cost: Adult: \$10.00, Seniors/Students/Children 5-12: \$8.00, Children under 5: Free Dinner of Spaghetti & Meatballs. Dinner Includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti & Meatballs, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage and Dessert. For questions or additional tickets, please contact: Christine Glace (732)613-8768.

Fish and Chicken Fry

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish Rosary Altar Society is having their Annual Fish and Chicken Fry this year at the Most Holy Rosary Church: Gambino Hall. Lots of parking and an elevator. The date is Sunday, March 8th. For takeout 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; sit down times 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The price is adults \$15 before and at the door \$16. Children under 12 are \$7. Limited tickets. The tickets are available after all masses or call the Parish Center 732-826-4859 or Carol 732-826-2153. Get your tickets in advance. Come and enjoy the good food and company of people you haven't seen in a while because of this snowy cold winter.

Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be meeting on Wednesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-797-8074.

Vet's Coffee House

PERTH AMBOY - Attention area vets of our Armed Forces. The Salvation Army Vet's Coffee House meets once a month, every 2nd Thursday for coffee, donuts and conversation. Time is 19:00 - 21:00 located at the corner of Washington Street and State Street, Perth Amboy. We can be reached at the Salvation Army 732-826-7040. We look forward to meeting you.

Audra McDonald Performance

PERTH AMBOY - With the growing need to serve more individuals in need, the Jewish Renaissance Family of Organizations (JRFO) has partnered with NJPAC as part of their 2015 fundraising campaign. The JRFO invites you to a night of captivating performance with Audra McDonald on April 19th at 3 p.m. at NJPAC. Contact Lisette Lebron at 732-376-6642 for ticket information.

Saint Patrick's Day Harp & Violin Duo Concert

SOUTH AMBOY - Calling all Irish! Join Merynda Adams and Christopher Collins Lee as they team up for this wonderful concert of music for violin and harp. Mr. Lee is a world-famous violinist who holds degrees from the Juilliard School of Music, a Doctorate from SUNY Stony Brook, and five Honorary Doctorates from foreign institutions. Adams, an internationally renowned harpist, has performed throughout the United States, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Puerto Rico. Ms. Adams has performed with the New Jersey Symphony, New York Grand Opera, New Philharmonic, and many others. Sunday-March 8, 2015; 4:00 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta St., South Amboy! Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A special IRISH RECEPTION will follow the concert in honor of Saint Patrick's Day.

Knitting Circle

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

K of C Lenten Linguini Dinners

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring their annual Lenten Linguini Dinners every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. The dinners will be served from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the cafeteria below the Church.

The menu includes Linguini, with a choice of Red (Marinara) or White clam sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee, soda and desserts. The menu will also include our FAMOUS HOME-MADE PIZZA! The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for Senior Citizens, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free. There is a special family price of \$20 (EAT IN ONLY). A family would consist of only 2 adults and any children under 12. No reservations are necessary and take-out is available. For more info call Tony at 732-233-4473.

Teen Summit

PERTH AMBOY - Think, Act, & Believe Youth Development's mission is to create an atmosphere for scholars to learn key life skills while exercising creativity through self-expression and realization of their passions. We have created a weekend long event called the T.A.B. Teen Summit, which will allow us to fulfill our mission.

The Summit takes place on the weekend of March 13th-15th at The Perth Amboy Community Center. (FRI 6pm-9pm, SAT. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., & SUN 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Think, Act, & Believe Youth Development & the Perth Amboy Recreation Dept. will present our T.A.B. Spring Teen Summit. This is a free event catered to High School students as a way to empower and encourage them to be the best versions of themselves. Some topics that will be covered during this event will include teamwork, self-awareness, compassion for others, and the importance of support. Empowering our youth in a positive way creates a brighter future for not only themselves but for our city and community as a whole.

Registration Ends on March 6th. You can also register at: www.ThinkActBelieve.com/Youth-Development. 848-459-9947 or email LD@ThinkActBelieve.com

Perth Amboy Catholic School Student
Trisha Ponik Winner
**Photo Submitted*



Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Catholic School student Trisha Ponik, in the 8th grade, was honored at the Trenton State House of New Jersey on January 29th, 2015. Her winning poster was in recognition of Outstanding Achievement conveying Catholic Schools as Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. Ms. Ponik's poster featured the students of Perth Amboy Catholic School, doing community service and public good in the city of Perth Amboy and demonstrating the priceless contribution of Catholic Schools in the community. Photo: left, Trisha Ponik, right Mrs. Patti Ann Ponik, mother of student.

Code Blue
Heating Centers
in Perth Amboy

Press Release 1/8/15
PERTH AMBOY - The Office of Emergency Management has announced a "Code Blue" in the City of Perth Amboy. Heating Centers are designated for the public in three Perth Amboy facilities due to low temperatures, until further notice:

1. Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center located on 1 Olive Street; open M-F from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
2. Perth Amboy Public Library (Brighton Avenue Community Center) temporarily located on 57 Brighton Avenue; open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9:00 - 4:00 p.m.
3. Raritan Bay Area YMCA gymnasium located on 357 New Brunswick Avenue; open M-F 5:30 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

A "Code Blue" is activated when temperatures fall below 20 degrees. If anyone sees a person who needs help, they are urged to call the Perth Amboy Police Department at 732-442-4400. If needed, transportation will be provided by local emergency responders.


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St. Peter's Church Celebrates Ash Wednesday at Perth Amboy Train Station 2/18/15
**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - Rev. Ann-Marie Jeffries and Rev. Deacon Kathy DeJohn anoint people with ashes for Ash Wednesday

2015 Commemorative Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2015 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-646-8337 or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. This year, the Calendars feature full color paintings by Artist Francis McGinley from Donald Johnstone Peck's book, "An American Journey of Hope." Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$15 Each.

Ask the Rabbi
EDISON - Every Wednesday in February, Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall Food Court at 12 noon to 1 pm for his "Ask the Rabbi" program. He will offer a Jewish perspective on any question that you would like to ask.

Learn with the Rabbi at Panera Yeshiva
WOODBIDGE - Every Wednesday in February, Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Panera Bread in Woodbridge (across from Wegmans) from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. He will be teaching different Jewish subjects each week.

Happy 100th Birthday to Anna Korez
**Photo by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - Happy 100th Birthday to Anna Korez at Arista Care at Alameda Center

Healthy Heart Event
SOUTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management, blood pressure screening and heart rate testing Wednesday, March 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. High blood pressure and irregular heart is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

Infant & adult/child CPR Awareness
PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is providing infant and adult/child CPR Awareness Programs Wednesday, March 4, 6 to 7 p.m. for infant and 7 to 8 p.m. for adult/child at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Cost is \$50 per session and includes an adult/child or infant CPR anytime kit. Make checks payable to RBMC. These programs are not for certification. To register for either or both sessions, call 1-800-DOTORS. (1.800.362.8677).

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.**

Flu Shots Available

PERTH AMBOY - Don't Let the Flu Be Your Costume. Get your vaccination at the JRMC. Schedule your appointment today at one of our locations. Perth Amboy, 275 Hobart Street, (732) 376-9333 or email contactus@jmc.us. In Newark - 5 locations (973) 679-7709 or email newarkhealthcenters@jrmc.us

Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education class Saturday, February 28, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. It will be held at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 1.800.DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

C is for Cookie

SOUTH AMBOY - Ages 3-4 yrs. old. Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060. Decorate Cookies - Hear a fun story!

Car Raffle

PERTH AMBOY - Sponsored by Saint John Paul II Parish. 1st Prize - 2015 Chevrolet Cruze; 2nd Prize - Two round trip airline tickets to Florida, Puerto Rico or Dominican Republic - donated by Ana Maria Zevallos/Skrocki Home for Funerals; 3rd Prize - Flat screen 55" TV donated by Toshiba; 4th Prize 15.6" Touch-Screen Laptop, donated by Tropical Cheese Industries; 5th Prize - iPad 16 GB, donated by United Poles Federal Credit Union; 6th Prize - X-Box One, donated by Zylka Funeral Home; 7th Prize - \$500 Gift Certificate Card, donated by Quisqueya Restaurant; 8th Prize - Home Theater System, Donated by K&K Project; 9th Prize 4 Burner Stainless Gas Grill, donated by Petra Best Realty; 10th Prize - Microwave Oven, donated by Flynn & Son Funeral Home.

Drawing is Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Auditorium, 500 State St., Perth Amboy. No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize. NO one under the age of 18 is permitted to participate. Winner is responsible for all Federal and State Tax. For more info call 732-826-1395. All proceeds benefit St. John Paul II Parish. Tickets are \$20 each. R.L.-3099

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

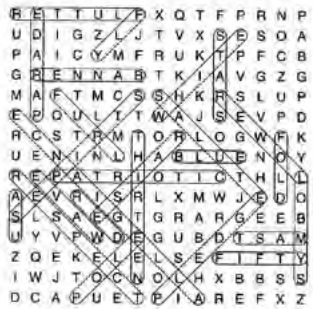
- WED. Feb. 25 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Feb. 26 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Mar. 2 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Mar. 3 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Mar. 4 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Mar. 5 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Mar. 2 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Mar. 11 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Mar. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

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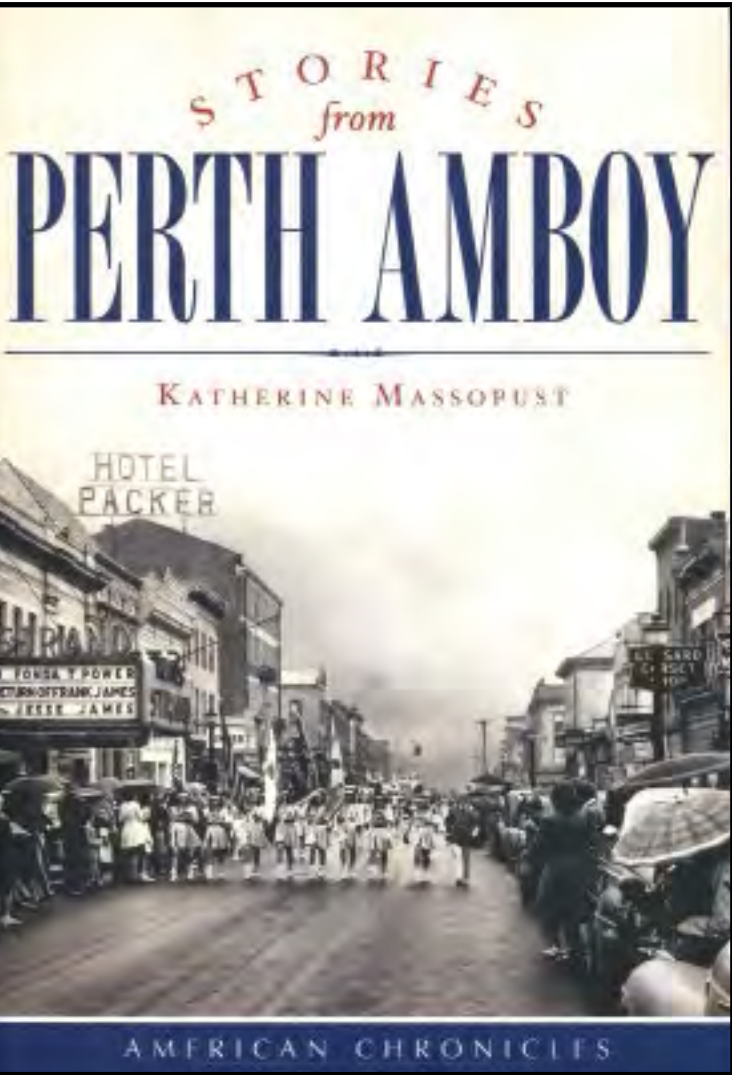


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Bowling Time 1950's.

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Stories From Perth Amboy

PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig's Department Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig's at 732-646-8337 - A Great Gift!

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