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## There is Beauty in the Beast



PERTH AMBOY - Bayview Park was a picture of peaceful beauty during the snowstorm of 3/5/15. Hopefully this storm will be the last blast of winter for the area.

*\*Photo by Angel Robledo*

## Balut Asking Council to Look Into the Anti-Corruption Act

PERTH AMBOY - At the 2/25/15 Council Meeting, former Council President Kenneth Balut handed a printout of a story highlighting Ewing as a second New Jersey town to pass an Anti-Corruption Act Resolution.

In the past, Balut has been very concerned about political contributions to candidates from developers and contractors. He targeted firms that may be given City contracts or dealing in legal matters. Balut's concerns also included politicians who are not from our district.

The following is from the American Anti-Corruption Act Website:

The American Anti-Corruption Act is model legislation that sets a standard for city, state and federal laws that prevent money from corrupting American government. It fundamentally reshapes the rules of American politics and restores The People as the most important stakeholders in our political system. An Anti-Corruption Act has three primary outcomes:

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Kenneth Balut

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Balut suggested that the Council look at the legislation and see if Perth Amboy should adopt it.

## Years of Hard Work and Working Together Pays Off

SOUTH AMBOY - The Fire Department could not have been thanked enough for the work that they've done in the City and Council President Mickey Gross was one of their biggest cheerleaders.

Gross was one of many speakers who said how sorely the new fire truck was needed. He told Fire Chief Mike Geraltowski who was sitting in the front row in the Council Chambers, "I will thank the Fire Department anytime a member comes to a meeting."

Mayor Fred Henry said, "Myself and the B.A. (Camille Tooker) met with the Fire Department. The Fire Department did a lot of research into helping us getting a new truck for them. It came down to a safety issue. This is the same whether it be the Fire, Police or EMT's. We will continue to have meetings with the Fire Department."

Fire Chief Mike Geraltowski was ecstatic because they were getting a brand new 2015 fire truck. "Originally we were going after a 2013 truck, but we were too late and that truck was bought by another town and the dealer offered a 2015 truck in its place for the same price. The price of truck which was \$820,000 would not include the equipment that had to be installed. The old truck that this new truck will be replacing has been out of commission since September 2014. The life expectancy of the new truck will be 30 years."

In his closing remarks, Geraltowski



SOUTH AMBOY - First Assistant Chief John Kelly, Fire Chief Mike Geraltowski and Second Assistant Chief Steve Szatkowski were present at the 3/4/15 Business Meeting and thanked the Council for their help in obtaining a new fire truck.

*\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

Geraltowski thanked B.A. Camille Tooker, Mayor Fred Henry and the Council past and present for their support.

During the Meeting, it was noted that the recent fires that occurred in C-Town, South Amboy and the Circle Motel highlighted the urgency of getting a new truck.

Mayor Fred Henry noted that this one truck will actually do the

job of two trucks.

After the meeting Geraltowski said, "Sean O'Connor, who is a Fireman on the Fire & Safety Team was instrumental in helping to obtain this new truck."

They hope to have the truck for available for the Memorial Day Parade. If all works out, the Christening of the truck is scheduled for July.

## CDBG Grants For Facades & Emergency Repairs of City Streets

SOUTH AMBOY - 3/4/15 Business Meeting R-65-2015 Resolution Approving Proposed Projects and Allocations made by the Citizen Advisory Committee.

B.A. Camille Tooker who is also on this Advisory Committee talked about the facade program that was utilized last year by residents. "We will be getting \$40,000 this year from the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) for low income and mid-income

applicants. Sometimes matching funds are required by the applicant. Those low income applicants can receive \$2400 with no matching funds necessary. Those in mid-income level can receive \$1200 with matching funds. This program includes sidewalk improvements."

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz reported on emergency repairs for specific City streets. For David Street and Stevens Avenue, he reported,

"\$26,320 was needed for sewer and broken pipes. On Portia Street, emergency repairs would come out to \$20,570. This will include 2 manholes where repairs have yet to be done."

Councilman Tom Reilly wanted to know if this was due to the recent snow and ice storms.

Rasimowicz answered, "It's just part of the normal aging of the infrastructure which is very old."



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*South Amboy Receives Another Donation  
from JCP&L*

SOUTH AMBOY - Council President Mickey Gross was very thankful for JCP&L's donation of a check for the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade. He went on to say that JCP&L has always been there for South Amboy and he recalled, especially during Superstorm Sandy.

In the 2/26/14 issue of the Amboy Guardian written by Mariyah Wojcik Mickey Gross was quoted stating that JCP&L "Generously delivered truckloads of ice and water to our residents during Sandy."

Mickey Gross has been the Chair of the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade for many years. This year's parade was originally scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> but because of the snowstorm earlier in the week, the event has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, step off at 1:30 p.m.



SOUTH AMBOY - Mayor Fred Henry receives a donation for the St. Patrick's Day Parade from Gerald Ricciardi, Area Manager for JCP&L Community and Customer Relations at the 3/4/15 Business Meeting.  
*\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

**State Grant Issued For Post Sandy Study  
To Be Incorporated for City's Master Plan**

PERTH AMBOY - R-104-2/15 Accepting a Post Sandy Planning Assistance Grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$50,000 under the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Funding Program for a Circulation Element Update.

The following was downloaded from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs: Circulation Element of the Master Plan for the City of Perth Amboy.

The City of Perth Amboy is seeking to contract services of an AICP/PP Licensed Professional Planner or professional consultancy firm with duly licensed professionals on staff to prepare a Circulation Element of the Master Plan.

The State of New Jersey has allocated a total of \$5 million to a Post Sandy Planning Assistance Grant program to help the most impacted counties and municipalities that have sustained a ratable loss of at least 1% or \$1 million attributable to Superstorm Sandy develop planning strategies that will guide activities directed at revitalizing local planning documents and practices to achieve community-wide resilience to future storm damage and encourage sustainable economic growth. Funds granted under the Post Sandy Planning Assistance program are to be spent on plans to ameliorate the most significant municipal weaknesses identified in the Strategic Recovery Planning Report.

The completed Strategic Re-

covery Planning Report is a prerequisite for Perth Amboy to receive funding from the NJ Department of Community Affairs' Post Sandy Planning Assistance program. Grant awards are based on the planning needs demonstrated in the Strategic Recovery Planning Report, and are intended to support long range planning for community redevelopment in municipalities and counties that sustained damage from Superstorm Sandy.

Annie Hindenlang and her department prepared specifications for applicants who wanted to submit proposals for specific projects. They were required to submit proposals by specific dates and their qualifications were to be reviewed by Hindenlang and her agency.

"... The City is currently talking with Staten Island Officials about reopening the ferry service further north along the Arthur Kill. If that were to become reality, there would be an opportunity to "reinvent" Smith Street as a multi-modal connector for bicycles, pedestrian shuttle bus between the train station and ferry terminal. As ferry terminal is in a vulnerable area to future storm surge, this potential link to the train station should be further explored in future planning, such as a Resiliency Element in the Master Plan, a new Circulation Element of the Master Plan, and amendments to the FOCUS 2000 Redevelopment plan, among others.

The new Element would also address the issue of separating



Annie Hindenlang  
Executive Director Office of  
Economic and Community  
Development Perth Amboy  
Redevelopment Agency

combined storm/sanitary infrastructure, sustainable Best Practices for stormwater management and principles such as LEED for Neighborhood Development for improving and sustaining complete and connected neighborhoods and furthering the use of transit and reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT). The results of Project 9 (Study of Sea Level Rise in Raritan Bay), if available, could also be incorporated into the Community Resiliency Element.

The entire document and 32 page proposal can be viewed at: [www.AmboyGuardian.com](http://www.AmboyGuardian.com)

The resolution was passed at the 2/25/15 Council Meeting. Petrick Moved, Pabon Seconded. All present voted "yes" except for Councilman Fernando Gonzalez who was absent from the meeting.





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## Military Timeline

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a Military Timeline held at the Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy on Sunday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is an exposition of various eras in military history which will be represented by re-enactors and exhibits of artifacts of their respective times. Come see Revolutionary War, Civil War, Spanish-American War and World War I re-enactments. The Tear room will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at NJPAC. Contact Lisette Lebron at 732-376-6642 for ticket information.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Snow Daze



City Workers Plow Smith Street  
\*Photo by Angel Robledo

On this past Wednesday we had ANOTHER SNOW-STORM. Hopefully that was the encore for the season. Perth Amboy and its surrounding communities certainly had its share of snow this year. A friend posted on Facebook that 27 degrees seemed warm these days. This is so true. Personally, I haven't seen the grass in my backyard for the past two months. Blame the severity of the winter on global warming. Part of global warming is boiling hot summers and freezing cold winters.

They say when you have lemons, make lemonade. In this case the following individuals took what people saw as a negative and turned it into a positive which turned into \$\$\$\$. The other two individuals turned a dismal situation into something to cheer people up. How clever were these ideas? We wish we thought of it first.

The following information about these 3 individuals was found on [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com)

27 Year old entrepreneur Kyle Waring of Manchester-by-the-Sea which is around 30 miles outside of Boston is selling snow! Go to the website [www.ShipSnowYo.com](http://www.ShipSnowYo.com). On his website, the proclaimed "historic snow" is for sale! Buyers all over the country can purchase snow. 6 lb. for \$89, while a 14 lb. "blizzard in a box" sells for \$149 and now 22 lb. of the white stuff sells for \$199.

Ingenious! And people are ordering it!

But he won't ship it to anyone in the Northeast, stating that he's trying to alleviate the problem - not add to it!

Ari Goldberger is a cyclist in Boston who had a 15 foot snow mountain in his way to his path to Malden where he worked. He posted it on Facebook hoping for a solution in snow removal. An engineering friends said that an arch-shape dome tunnel was the most stable. Friends came and dug the tunnel allowing a safe passage. The tunnel was eventually demolished and the path cleared.

Chris Haynes of Boston made a "snow bar" with bright lights for people to come and enjoy.

Remember last year when the Amboy Guardian took photos of places that did not clear their walkways or sidewalks? So, we want to give Kudos to some who did a better job this year, especially who didn't have the sun to help them out. At Fink Park the sidewalks were clear on Smith Street, but unfortunately not on Madison Avenue. On Jefferson Street behind the parking deck the sidewalk was cleared except for one troubled spot where there was an overflow of water that became frozen. Cones were placed there as a warning. I'd like to give special thanks to Fazio & Sons who take care of the property where I live. They do a fantastic job of clearing the snow and ice in a timely manner. Not only do

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

No Mercy in Killing

Some people want an "Aid in Dying" bill to allow killing "seriously ill" people. Why is there a need for this today? Murder has always been punished in all societies. Suicide used to be a crime punished by the confiscation of the property of a suicide.

Didn't the phrase "mercy

killing" originate in Nazi Germany? Does killing ever show mercy? Are there Nazi-style doctors who want to kill people? Who will select the patients? What government agency will monitor these actions? What insurance plan will cover the costs? Is "old age" an incurable terminal illness?

This proposal avoids the question of proper medical care, and the research and pre-

vention of diseases. If patients with polio had been killed we would never have learned of the names of Salk and Sabin.

Will this proposal lower property taxes, replenish the Transportation Trust Fund, or bring more democracy (like Initiative & Referendum) to New Jersey?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Facts on the Proprietary House

I am again addressing issues regarding the Proprietary House. I need to first say the regardless of any of these issues the Proprietary House is an important historical building, it is a 250 year old piece of America history. It is an asset to Perth Amboy which needs to be protected and promoted. The most troubling thing about this historic location is the total disregard with which the New Jersey Department of Forest and Parks treats the building. It is in a serious state of structural disrepair and it is not even listed as a historic site on the Forest and Parks web site.

A quick history of the House so that you can understand the debate at hand. On March 21, 1761, the Board of the East Jersey Proprietors voted to construct a fine house so as to have the Royal Governor live there. The East Jersey Proprietors were a group of wealthy land owners who lived in and around Perth Amboy. Construction was started in 1762 and was completed in 1764.

William Franklin was appointed the Royal Governor of New Jersey in August of 1762 and arrived in Perth Amboy in February of 1763 to be sworn in. He made note of the House and then left for Bordentown when he was to live for the next eleven years.

It appears that Franklin took care in making this decision to live in Burlington; in "William Franklin by Sheila Skemp" it states that he decided not to live in the Proprietary House because it was owned by the Proprietors not the Assembly. Franklin in fact asked the As-

sembly to buy the house and they refused. In 1774 with the political situation changing in the State he decided to take the Proprietors up on their offer and moved to Perth Amboy. Franklin lived in Perth Amboy from October 1774 till June 1776 when he was arrested. During this time he paid a rent of 60 pounds a year to the Proprietors.

In the 1780's a serious fire destroyed the House, in 1784 a friend wrote to Franklin then in England that his house was a ruin. When the Proprietors placed ads for the sale of the property it was described as a waste land, the former site of the Proprietary House. The Proprietors sold the remains of the House to John Rattoon, mayor of Perth Amboy and British spy. Mr. Ratoon was also a member of the Proprietors and needed to purchase the House through the use of a straw man. Clearly he was a man ahead of his times.

So to summarize, a private group built a fine home in Perth Amboy and asked the Royal Governor to live there, he declined and lived in Burlington until the political situation caused him to feel the need to move to the capital. He paid rent while he lived there; people lived in the fine home before him and after him. This does not sound like an Official Governor's Mansion to me.

The restoration of the building was started by Mr. Rattoon when he bought the ruins of the original building, but the building was rebuilt by Richard Woodhull who bought the building in 1808 and turned it into one of the finest Hotels in the country, The Brighton. This is the building you see today with the additional floor and wing added to the building. The ground and first floors along with the ballroom

are the only interior areas they remain in the same configuration as they were in the early 1800's. The rest of the building was changed into commercial space in the 1980's.

That is a very short history of the Proprietary House. But is it the Official Residence of the Royal Governor of New Jersey? Only in the sense that he lived there for a period of time. This was a private home which Franklin paid rent to live in. The House was not built by the Assembly and only became the property of the state in the 1970's. It was occupied by people before Franklin and after Franklin. This was the last place the Royal Governor lived, but as Ms. Nanton discounted other homes of Royal Governors from consideration, because they were mere rentals the same standard needs to be applied here. As for the three other locations in the country which state that they are remaining official Residences of Royal Colonial Governors they all state on their web sites that there are four remaining mansions. Only the Proprietary House Association recently lays claim to being the only remaining mansion. But a publication called the Structural Report produced by the Proprietary House Association in 1995 in its introduction states that the Proprietary House is one of possibly two remaining mansions. So people with a long association with the House recognized that it was not alone as a remaining Royal Governor's mansion.

As I stated at the beginning of this piece this is not to say that this is not an important piece of history which should be visited, preserved and promoted. But it should be promoted for what it is.

Dave Szilagyi

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## 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.

## 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).

## Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

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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](http://www.KearnyCottage.org)

## Community Calendar

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
TUES. Mar. 10	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. City Hall, High St. UEZ, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St. BID, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Mar. 11	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St. Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
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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# Pallone Urges FEMA to Notify Sandy Victims of Insurance Fraud

## *Requests Processes Be Put in Place for Homeowners Who Believe Their Engineering Reports Were Manipulated*

Press Release 3/3/15  
WASHINGTON, DC — Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) sent a letter to Administrator Fugate requesting that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) notify homeowners who have filed claims with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in the wake of Superstorm Sandy detailing the manipulation of engineering reports in order to underpay Sandy victims. Pallone requested that FEMA establish processes that allow homeowners to easily file an appeal if they believe that they have been a victim of an intentionally altered engineering report. “Sandy victims have already suffered enough. To undercut or deny payments to these homeowners as they try to rebuild is absolutely unacceptable,” said Congressman Pallone. “FEMA has a responsibility to inform the public about this fraud that we are learning is widespread and to implement processes to ensure that disaster victims get the resources they are rightfully owed.”

As of the end of February 2015, 74,052 NFIP claims have been filed in New Jersey stemming from Sandy damage. Over 1,100 Sandy victims are suing their insurance companies for perceived underpayments or denials, but the vast majority of those who have filed NFIP claims are likely unaware of the recently uncovered fraud in which engineering reports have been intentionally doctored. The full text of the letter is below:

March 3, 2015  
W. Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
500 C Street SW  
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Administrator Fugate,  
I write today regarding reported widespread fraud perpetrated by private insurance

companies servicing National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) claims in response to Superstorm Sandy. I am deeply troubled by the reports of intentionally altered engineering reports leading to underpayment and even denial of NFIP claims in New Jersey and other Sandy affected states.

As of the end of February, 74,052 NFIP claims have been filed in New Jersey stemming from Sandy damage. While over 1,100 Sandy victims are suing their insurance companies for perceived underpayments or denials, the vast majority of those who have filed NFIP claims are likely unaware of the recently uncovered fraud in which engineering reports have been intentionally doctored.

I respectfully request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provide notification to those who have filed NFIP claims pursuant to Superstorm Sandy detailing the prevalence of fraud with respect to engineering reports. FEMA must detail for these Sandy victims how they can obtain copies of these engineering reports and also establish a pathway to easily file an appeal if they feel that they have been victims of a fraudulently altered engineering report. This pathway should be provided for all NFIP claimants regardless of whether they have already settled a claim dispute, as many settled their claims before this fraud was uncovered.

We must ensure that disaster victims get the resources they deserve and need to recover from this historic storm. Any attempts by private insurance companies to undercut or deny payments to those who rightfully deserve them must be dealt with swiftly and fairly. I look forward to your prompt reply to this critical issue.

Sincerely,  
FRANK PALLONE, JR.  
Member of Congress

## Mother Theresa Movie

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy K of C Council 426 is hosting a free movie matinee Sunday, March 15 at 308 Fourth St., 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

## Financial Peace

PERTH AMBOY - FSC will be bringing a nine-week curriculum based class on how to make your money work for you. This class will be every Monday from 6 p.m. -8 p.m. at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy (Back of Proprietary House) Registration is required. “More than one million families have done it and you can too” - Dave Ramsey

### BID Election Process Submitted by UEZ/BID Coordinator Roxana Troche

#### BID ELECTIONS PROCESS

November 12, 2014

Public Board Meeting - By BID Resolution No. 06-11/14 the board members took the following actions:

- Pursuant to Article 3, Section 3.02 of the By-Laws, set a date for 2015 General Elections
- Pursuant to Article 5, Section 5.03 of the By-Laws set a date to receive applications for nominations to the board
- Extended the terms of 5 board members until the annual elections took place pursuant to Article 3, Section 3.02.

December 19, 2014

An “invitation letter to Prospective Board Members” was mailed to all the taxpayers located in the BID area. (Schedule A)

December 31, 2014

Paid ad published in the Amboy Guardian inviting property/business owners in the BID area to apply for nomination (Schedule B)

January 15, 2015

Interested candidates were sent a questionnaire in lieu of a personal interview via email and regular mail.

January 30, 2015

- Public Notice regarding the General Meeting/Elections sent to candidates
- Copy of the Public Notice regarding the Annual Meeting/Elections and copy of the Public Notice about the Budget Hearing sent via regular mail to all the property/business owners (Schedule C)
- Executive Committee informed the Board members that it had decided to nominate all the individuals that applied for election. Board members received candidates’ credentials.

February 10, 2015

- General Annual Meeting and Elections took place at the Raritan Bay YMCA Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.
- Attorney Guadalupe explained the notification and election process and By-Law articles concerning elections. He invited all applicants to introduce themselves.
- Mr. Guadalupe indicated that his staff drafted the secret ballots and no one from the BID was involved.
  - o First election was to fill 12 open positions
  - o Mr. Guadalupe administered the Oath of Office
  - o Second election was for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair

Please note that Chairman Barry Rosengarten, Mayor Wilda Diaz and Member Israel Varela were not up for re-election since their term expire on June 30, 2015.

## Pallone, Upton Introduce Bipartisan Legislation to Ban Use of Microbeads in Cosmetics

### *Prohibiting Synthetic Microbeads will Reduce Plastic Pollution in U.S. Waterways*

Press Release 3/4/15

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressmen Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-6), Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and Fred Upton (MI-6), Chairman of the Committee, introduced legislation, the Microbead-Free Waters Act of 2015, which would prohibit the sale or distribution of personal care products that contain synthetic plastic microbeads. These small bits of plastic, used as exfoliants in personal care products like face wash, soap, and toothpaste, can slip through water treatment systems after they are washed down the drain. As a result, these microbeads often end up in local streams, rivers and larger bodies of water, including the Great Lakes. The bill would ban the sale or distribution of cosmetics products containing plastic microbeads effective January 1, 2018.

“These tiny plastic par-

ticles that are polluting our environment are found in products specifically designed to be washed down shower drains,” said Pallone. “And many people buying these products are unaware of their damaging effects on the environment. If we know that these products will eventually reach our waterways, we must make sure that they don’t contain synthetic plastic that does not biodegrade and will ultimately pollute our waterways. We have a responsibility to put a stop to this unnecessary plastic pollution. By phasing out the use of plastic microbeads and transitioning to non-synthetic alternatives, we can protect U.S. waters before it’s too late.”

“This common sense, bipartisan legislation is a win-win for consumers and our Great Lakes ecosystem,” said Upton. “As someone who grew up on Lake Michigan and represents a large

chunk of Michigan coastline, I understand firsthand how important it is to maintain the beauty and integrity of our Great Lakes. I will not stand for any actions that put our beloved Great Lakes in jeopardy. I look forward to working with my colleagues in a bipartisan manner to reduce this harmful pollutant from entering our waterways, our fish, and ultimately us.”

Scientists have found evidence of microbeads in numerous bodies of water in the United States, including increasingly in the Great Lakes, the world’s largest source of freshwater. In addition to contributing to the buildup of plastic pollution in waterways, microbeads can often be mistaken by fish and other organisms as food. If consumed by fish, the chemicals found in synthetic plastic microbeads can then be passed on to other wildlife and humans.



### ***Jersey Handbags Sale***

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Old Bridge Auxiliary is holding a Jersey Handbags Sale, Friday, March 13, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the medical center's Old Bridge location, Auxiliary Hall B&C in the Medical Arts Building, 3 Hospital Plaza. Proceeds benefit patient care services at the medical center.

### ***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

### ***Healthy Cooking Classes***

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the JRF-Family Success Center, 149 Kearny Ave. (Back of Proprietary House) starting March 11. Registration is a must! Spaces are limited. 732-638-5063.

### ***Let's Crochet With Urian***

PERTH AMBOY - FSC has partnered up with NJIT - BRIDGES in bringing a crocheting class for beginners. This class will be held every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5pm-6pm at 881 Amboy Ave. Perth Amboy. No registration required.

### ***Zumba***

PERTH AMBOY - FSC is bringing Zumba back to our center. Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Recreation center located at 1 Olive St. Perth Amboy. For further information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy.

### ***Hungarian Homemade Nut Rolls***

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### ***National Library Week 2015 Bookmark Design Contest***

SOUTH AMBOY - In celebration of National Library Week the Friends of the Dowdell Library and the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library are sponsoring a "Bookmark Design Contest". South Amboy children between grades 1 & 8 are invited to create their own bookmark design celebrating your library. Bookmark Contest winners will be announced on April 12th, 2015 in time for the National Library Week Celebration. 4 Winners will receive gift cards from the Friends of the Dowdell Library and have their creations reproduced and distributed in the library. All designs become the property of the Dowdell Library and cannot be returned. There is a limit of one entry per child. Visit the Dowdell Library website [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org) to download the entry form. All entries must be received in person by March 31st, 2015 at the Dowdell Library. For further information please contact the Dowdell Library at [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org) or call 732-721-6060. The library is located at 100 Hoffman Plaza located off of O'Leary Blvd adjacent to the High/Middle School. Library hours are Mon-Tues-Thurs 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wed-Fri 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat 12 noon - 4 p.m.



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PRAHD Honors Dorothy Daniel During Black History Month, Perth Amboy 2/27/15

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Sonia Burgos, Director of HUD Public Housing of New Jersey, Dorothy Daniel, Douglas Dzema, Executive Director Perth Amboy Housing Authority, Janice DeJohn executive director Passaic County Housing authority, William Snyder President Executive-tech Company

PERTH AMBOY – Dorothy Daniel was the recipient of the Second Annual Arturo Alfonso Schomburg Award held at PRAHD. This award is given by PRAHD during Black History Month to recognize local African-Americans who have contributed to the City of Perth Amboy.

The following are some of the accolades that were spoken about Dot:

PRAHD Board Member Bob Durso said, “Dot, you helped a lot of men and women become the men and women that they are. You helped me become the man I am after my parents were no longer here.”

Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno read a quote where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stated, “I wanted to be known as a drum major for righteousness, peace and justice. Dot – you are the drum major for Perth Amboy.”

Woodbridge Mayor John McCormack amused the crowd by telling of his first encounter with Dot. “There was an event held in Woodbridge when I first became Mayor. At this event, the front row was reserved and Dot Daniel came up to me and said, “Hello, my name is Dot. Can I sit in one of the seats in the front row?” Something told me not to mess with this woman. She then said, “By the way, here is a bag of groceries for the food pantry,” and handed it to me and told me to put them with the rest of the bags of food on the stage. Dot comes to all of our summer concerts and she is our favorite non-resident.”

“I am truly blessed,” Dorothy Daniel said. “Perth Amboy nurtured that. I was nurtured, loved and mentored by the City of Perth Amboy. People saw something in me that I didn’t know existed and brought it out. My grandparents raised me from birth. I



Dorothy Daniel was the recipient of the Second Annual Arturo Alfonso Schomburg Award to commemorate Black History month by PRAHD



PRAHD Executive Director Yvonne Lopez presents the Arturo Alfonso Schomburg Award to Dorothy Daniel



Jackie gives Dorothy Daniel a painting she created which recognizes Dot’s contributions to the City and State



Freeholder Director Ron Rios



Asm. Craig Coughlin



Family Chiropractic of Woodbridge



Mistress of Ceremony and PRAHD Board Member Carol Dortch-Wright



Mayor Wilda Diaz reads a proclamation of thanks from the City to Dot



A student presents a painting to Dorothy Daniel



Mayor John McCormack gives thanks from Woodbridge



A Full House admires Dorothy Daniel



Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno

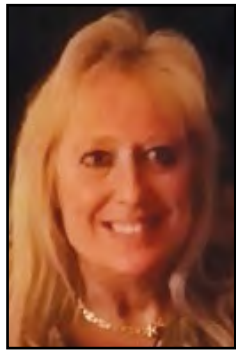


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*Job applications may be submitted in lieu of resume and are available at address listed above. Call (732) 826-3110 ext. 612 with questions.*

**Editorial**

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Spring is on the way at the NJ Home and Garden Show at Raritan Center 2/15/15

*\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*

the tenants appreciate this, but I'm sure the pedestrians do as well.

It's neighbors helping neighbors during trying times. It could be the elderly, disabled or someone out of town and not able to remove the snow from their property. Kudos to those who help the unfortunate in that situation. It's great seeing teenagers off from school with shovels in hand trying to make a few extra bucks.

Don't fret, spring is coming soon. Opening day for baseball is just around the corner. Buds will be peeping through the ground soon. **C.M. & K.M.**

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## 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.**

## Photography Atlantic City Classes Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Come learn Portrait Photography. Lessons take place at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave. at 7 p.m., Thursdays starting 2/26/15 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.

SAYREVILLE - Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a trip to Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, March 28. The bus will be leaving 815 Bordentown Ave. parking lot at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 and you'll receive \$15 in return. Call Lori at 732-763-6232 to reserve a seat.

## South Amboy Fire Department 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraising Events

### Super Raffle

SOUTH AMBOY - The SAFD 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is sponsoring a Super Raffle for your choice of Travel (with a prize voucher) through a chosen local travel agent. Tickets are only \$10 each. 1st Prize Winner: \$2,500 voucher; 2nd Prize Winner \$1,500 voucher. Tickets will be on sale December 2014 through March 2015!!! Drawing will be held Saturday, March 28, 2015.

### Murder Marinara!

SOUTH AMBOY - The SAFD 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee presents our FINAL Murder Mystery Dinner Murder Marinara on Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Annex Hall, Washington Ave., South Amboy. Price \$40 pp. Includes Show, Dinner, Beer, Wine, Soda & Dessert! (Feel Free to BYOB!) Seating IS Limited Get your tickets beginning 3/1/15!

### 2015 Golf Outing

OLD BRIDGE - The SAFD 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee 2015 Outing will be on Monday, April 27 at the Glenwood County Club, 1655 US Hwy 9, Old Bridge. Cost \$110/player. Early Bird Registration; \$30/Non-Golfer 19th Hole Luncheon 8 a.m. Registration 9 a.m. Shotgun Start.

For more information or to purchase tickets contact: Mike Gerałowski - 848-250-9903; Anne Marie Trapp - 732-207-2848; Kevin Riley - 732-715-1006 or email SAFD125th@gmail.com or any SAFD Member.

## City of Perth Amboy Together with The YMCA Creates A Safe Place for Perth Amboy Teens

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Raritan Bay Area YMCA offers a safe place for our neighborhood teens to be more physically active. With the help of the ShapingNJ Grant and in collaboration with the City of Perth Amboy, Raritan Bay Medical Center and The Municipal Alliance to Prevent Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, The Y offers "TEEN CENTER" nights every Saturday night, opening their doors to ALL community teens FREE of charge (whether they are Y members or not).

Keeping the focus on healthy living and healthy bodies, The Y and the City of Perth Amboy offers different programs for all teens 13-18 years of age, as well as open availability to the facility. This provides the opportunity for all teens to get the exercise they need, while bonding with their neighborhood in a safe environment to create a stronger sense of community.

More and more families are



taking advantage of this great opportunity to come together just for the sake of exercise and of course FUN! The teens are lining up in front of the Y building at 6:30pm waiting to utilize the gymnasium, weight room, athletic training center, aquatics and dance/exercise studios. Last week's Teen Center night brought in 300+ neighborhood teens to the Y!

Teen Center night is fostering a sense of belonging with

the community teens and helps them to feel the Y is their home away from home, while incorporating exercise into their daily lives. They come to Teen Center for exercise and leave with friendships, stronger interpersonal skills and a sense of belonging with a big impact on their overall health.

To learn more about our Teen Center, please follow The Y on Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/RBAYMCA>

## Italian Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be an Italian Dinner on Saturday, March 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 815 Bordentown Ave. Tickets are \$13. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, eggplant parm, ziti, stuffed shells, salad, bread, desserts and drinks. All items are homemade. Takeouts are available. Call Lori at 732-763-6232. Proceeds are donated to local food banks and outreach programs.

## 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 HOMEMADE 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.

## 2015 RYC Commemorative Calendars For Sale



PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Yacht Club, Perth Amboy will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary in 2015. To "Kick Off" the New Year, a limited edition, commemorative calendar with 13 vintage photographs is available for \$15 by contacting the RYC Office 732-826-2277 or Barbara Booz 732-442-4234.

## Easter Party

PERTH AMBOY - Attn: Staff, Residents & Families. Alameda's Annual Easter Party will be on Sunday, March 15 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Aristicare at Alameda Center, 303 Elm St., Perth Amboy from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reptile Show 2 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. 732-442-9540 ext. 7733.

## 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.



## Dot Daniel Honored by PRAHD

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went to a lecture at Rutgers presented by Bruce Perry who impressed me. People that I knew who came from good backgrounds went off and messed up. Growing up I would always ask what would Momma (Grandma) think? She died at the age of 97."

"My Grandma used to say that God always loves you and he always has his hand in his shoulder. My aunts and uncles were good role models."

Dot mentioned others who influenced her such as John Moskowitz who was the principal of the school where her children attended. "He decided he wanted an active P.T.O. He picked who would be the president and vice-president. That was the start of my community involvement."

Dot mentioned several people who helped mentor her on the way. "They all nurtured me. I lived in Delaney Homes in the projects. They all lived in houses. I was invited into their homes and was treated as an equal. I never saw racism until I became an adult."

She also acknowledged the late Nathan Witkin who was a well known humanitarian and civic leader in Perth Amboy.

"Ray Geneske gave me what I needed and then some. Former Deputy Police Chief Mike Kohut helped me with my problems and I helped him with his. It was because of me that Eddie Rodriguez became a judge."

She thanked representatives of the Housing Authority, the YMCA and St. Peter's Church who were present. "In my darkest hours Pat Czarniski lifted me. Tom Keating read the bible when I was sick. I want to thank everyone at my table. I raised my kids in the way I was raised."

She asked Gloria Rebovich to stand up to acknowledge her for her love and support. She thanked Susan Keating and the Gonzalezes. "This day will stay with me as long as I live."

Daniel acknowledged PRAHD Executive Director Yvonne Lopez, "You are a phenomenal woman."

Mayor Diaz congratulated Dot for her many contributions to the City that were too numerous to mention.

Congratulations Dorothy Daniel. The tribute will air on PA-TV in a couple of weeks.

## Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - The Women of the Moose Chapter 1247 is having a Tricky Tray on Sunday, March 15. Doors open 12 Noon. Drawing begins 2 p.m. \$5 in advance/\$7 at the door includes admission, coffee & dessert. Tickets available in advance at the lodge on Fridays 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. or call Rose 732-442-2827. You can reserve tables in advance up to 8 persons per table. Kitchen Open. As sweet as candy! So bring your sweet tooth!

## Fish & Chicken Fry

PERTH AMBOY - St. Peter's Episcopal church is having a Fish Fry on Saturday, March 21 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at our Parish House, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. Tickets are \$15 pp. Includes Fish & Chips, tartar sauce, coleslaw, soft drinks, cake and coffee. For tickets call the parish office at 732-826-1594. Bring home a meal! For your convenience "take outs" are available.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> at The Perth Amboy Community Center. (FRI 6pm-9pm, SAT. 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., & SUN 10 a.m. - 1p.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](http://www.ThinkActBelieve.com/Youth-Development). 848-459-9947 or email LD@ThinkActBelieve.com

## South Amboy Saint Patrick's Day Parade Rescheduled

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 22 stepping off at 1:30 p.m. There will be many bagpipe bands, marching bands, civic and non-profit organizations showing their support for the City and the Irish. All are welcome. Absolutely no open containers and or consumptions of alcohol on city streets. Any group wanting to sign-up for the parade must sign-up on the parades website [www.southamboyparade.com](http://www.southamboyparade.com) All rules, regulations, directions for the parade are on our web-site. Please make this a family friendly parade and enjoy a "Great Daay for the Irish!" The Grand Marshal will be Mr. Hugh Rone; Deputy Grand Marshal will be Mrs. Phyllis Stratton; Honorary Grand Marshal will be Mr. Peter Barnes Jr.; Special Honored Guests will be Bert Baron, Fr. Dennis Weezorak, and Fr. Stanley Gromadzki.

## 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 need not be present. 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

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## 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!

## 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.

## Bingo for Bags

PERTH AMBOY--There will be a "Bingo for Designer Bags" sponsored by St. John Paul II Parish on Friday, April 24, 2015 at St. Stephen's School Auditorium at 500 State Street. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Games start at 7:30 p.m. The cost of \$30 per ticket includes 12 games, dessert, and coffee. Outside food is welcome. You must be 18 years or older. For more information, please contact Liz at 201-921-6030 or the office at 732-826-1395. EMAIL: [office@johnpaulsecond.com](mailto:office@johnpaulsecond.com)

## 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 18 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.

## Atlantic City Bus Trip Rescheduled

PERTH AMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino will be on Thursday, March 12 due to the inclement weather on March 5. 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. The trips will be back to the first Thursday of each month starting with April.

## Easter Bunny Breakfast

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their annual Breakfast With The Easter Bunny, Sunday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Bring your camera to get photos with the Easter Bunny. An Easter egg hunt will also be held. Cost is \$7 Adults, \$3 Children, Children aged 2 to 12 FREE. For reservations call Steve or Cheryl at 732-727-1707.

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WOODBIDGE - Kolbasz made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge. Sale is Friday, March 27. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak: 732-494-1431. Price: \$5.50 per lb. Deadline for order: Sunday, March 22. Orders may be picked up on the day of the sale between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Use Ross Street entrance. If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your order for Kolbasz at the same time.

Free  
Income Tax  
Preparation

PERTH AMBOY - FSC is partnering up with United Way and is bringing back V.I.T.A. Anyone interested in this opportunity you must first schedule an appointment and come into our center to pick up the paperwork that must be completed prior to your appointment. If interested or for additional information/details please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Back of Proprietary House).

Indoor  
Flea Market

PERTH AMBOY - The Fellowship Circle of Magyar (Hungarian) Reformed Church is having a Flea Market/Yard Sale on Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hungarian Reformed Church Center, 347 Kirkland Pl, Perth Amboy. Entrance to hall is on Fayette Street. 1 Table is \$20, 2 Tables are \$30; 3 Tables are \$40. Make Checks Payable to Magyar Reformed Church. Doors open for setup 7:45 a.m. on the day of the Flea Market. For more info call Laura at 732-324-0180 or call the Church directly at 732-442-7799.

Dominican Flag Raising Perth Amboy 2/27/15

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang



A.C. Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - Bus Trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday, April 19 Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy. Bus leaves the church at 12 noon - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$27 pp. Return of \$25 in slot play. Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment due by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pallone Applauds  
President Obama’s  
Keystone Veto

Press Release 2/24/15  
WASHINGTON, DC — House Energy and Commerce Committee Ranking Member Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) released the following statement after President Obama vetoed the Keystone XL pipeline legislation:

“I applaud the President for rejecting the Keystone XL pipeline legislation. The American public understands that the environmental risks of the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline—for our drinking water, land, and climate—far outweigh any perceived benefit of its construction. Congress has wasted enough time on this Canadian pipedream. We need to be working on legislation to support a clean energy economy, improve domestic energy security, reduce carbon emissions, and combat the impacts of climate change. Keystone XL is a lose-lose proposition for energy security, a safe climate, and a healthy environment, and I commend the Administration for rejecting the dirty and dangerous pipeline.”

Obituary: In Memory of John Junior Williams


John Junior Williams was born to Ceasar and Della Jackson Williams on November 7, 1944 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Reared in Carteret, N.J., John was a product of the Carteret Public School System, and as a young man joined the People’s AME Zion Church of Carteret. Also in his youth John had the fortune of meeting the love of his life Barbara Anne Graham whom he joined in holy matrimony on December 21, 1963.

John possessed a sense of personal as well as civic responsibility. He considered it a great honor to dutifully serve as a volunteer fireman for the City of Perth Amboy and was employed by Celotex Corporation for many years until retirement. His life exemplified the refrain “Work Hard, Play Hard”. One of his greatest pleasures in life was the opportunity to provide for his family. John worked seemingly tirelessly, definitely proudly to provide Christmas mornings rivaling most toy stores, college educations, automobiles, and for every supplication expressed by a house full of strong, intelligent, and privileged women.

Equally important to the charge of providing for his family, John understood life was indeed to be relished. He was often found playing pool and basketball, hosting cookouts, pool parties, and dinners for friends and family alike. Furthermore, John was well known for his proclivity to secure bargains at Englishtown Flea market, and most emphatically his delight of the entertainment and attractions offered in Atlantic City, NJ. After retirement John and Barbara enjoyed myriad cruises and travel opportunities both domestically and internationally.

In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his son Brian Williams, sisters Mattie Swinson and Anna Mae Perry, and brothers Ruffies Williams and Ceasar Williams.

John leaves to cherish his memory: his wife of 51 years Barbara Graham Williams, two daughters, Melanie Williams of Four Oaks, NC and Jasmine Williams of Perth Amboy,




John Junior Williams  
1944 - 2015

For as the sun is set in space  
And drops of water fall,  
And as we live there has to be  
A power over all.  
No earthly science can explain  
The secret of a breath,  
But only by the Will of God  
Can there be life or death.

Lovingly Submitted,  
-The Family-

Arrangements  
Wednesday, March 11 2015  
Viewing 9 a.m.-11 a.m.  
Funeral Service 11 a.m.  
Cathedral International  
277 Madison Ave.  
Perth Amboy, NJ

I will miss you on the  
Cornucopia Trips,  
Love Carolyn





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.*

Novena to St. Jude

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of difficult cases, of things almost despaired of, Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Intercede with God for me that He 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 - *(make your request here)* - and that I may praise God with you and all the saints forever. I promise, Oh Blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor granted me by God and to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. **M.S.K.**

Me Time

PERTH AMBOY - FSC has partnered up with the AUL Charter school in bringing a Parent Support Group to the community. They meet the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at 333 high St. Perth Amboy.

Prayer to St. Anthony

O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and charity for His creatures made you worthy, when on earth, to posses miraculous powers.  
Miracles waited on your words, which you were ever ready to speak for those in trouble or anxiety. Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me *(request)*. The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles.  
O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of Sweet Infant Jesus who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours. Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be. **M.S.K.**

Vendor Fair

SOUTH AMBOY - Saturday, March 28 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. South Amboy Elks, 601 Washington Rd, South Amboy. Light refreshments available for purchase. Free admission. Vendors needed: \$20 per round table; \$30 per rectangle table (space is limited). Booth space will be assigned prior to the show and will be determined by the order that contracts and payments are received. Electricity is available, but limited. Please let us know if you will need it. Extension cords will not be provided. One table and two chairs will be provided. A \$30 fee will be collected for returned checks. Tables are non refundable after March 15. For more info email Saelks784@yahoo.com

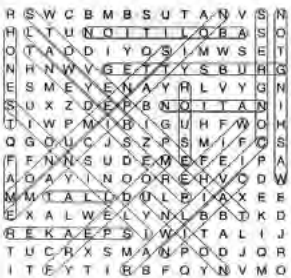
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Happenings

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
WED. Mar. 11	Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
	• St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Mar. 12	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
	• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.
MON. Mar. 16	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Mar. 17	Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
	• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Mar. 18	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. 19	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
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.
MON. Apr. 6	St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens 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

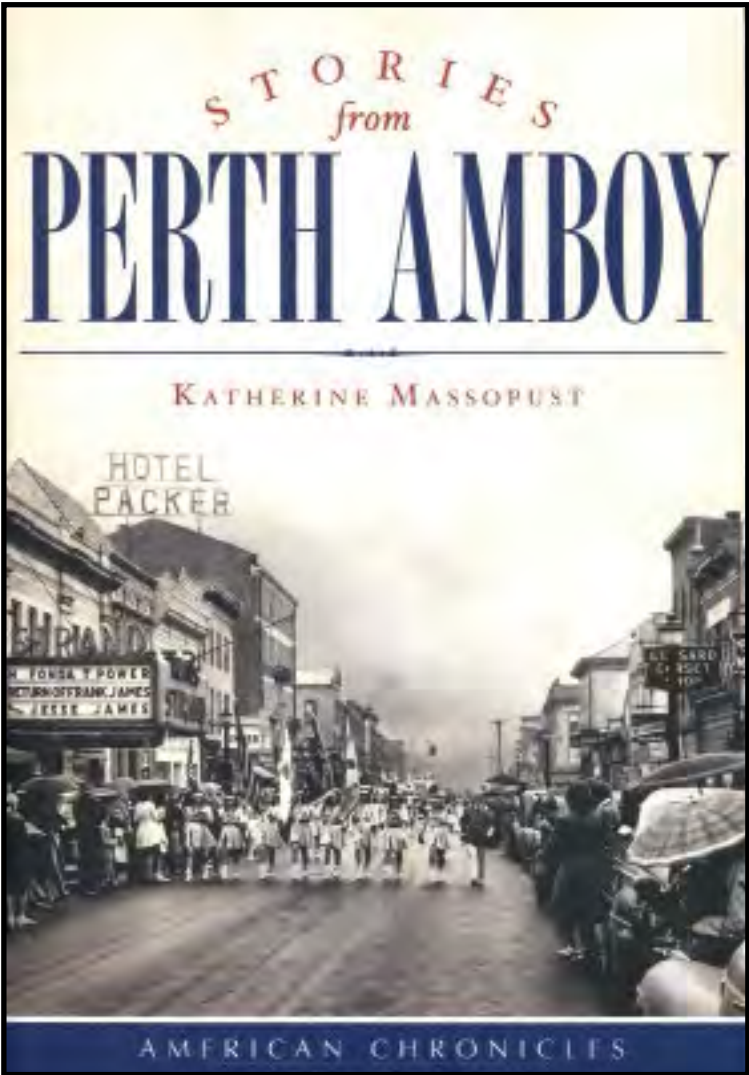
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PERTH AMBOY - American Legion Blood Drive, 1943  
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