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Update on Municipal ID Program 6/20/16 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - David Benyola, Deputy Municipal Department Head at the City of Perth Amboy presented a slide show and fielded questions from the Council about the success so far of the Municipal ID Program. "Since it's implementation, it has generated \$16,331. 791 Adults, 46 Seniors and 27 Youth have signed up. We keep no ID's on site. City, State or Law Enforcement will not have access to the database."

Law Director Arlene Quinones said, "Expired documents can be used to get an ID Card."

This prompted Councilman Bill Petrick to ask, "What kind of documents could be used?"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked, "Can we just use expired picture documents?"

Benyola confirmed, "It has to be a picture ID."

Council President stressed, "A Perth Amboy Address with a picture must be on that document."

Quinones-Perez stated, documents that are needed are listed in Section 4 of the application."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry questioned why there was a transgender eligibility documentation."

Dave Benyola responded, "Because it's been in the news lately."

Quinones-Perez stated, "The transgender community is still having trouble with State ID's."

Benyola came back and stated, "The transgender designation is optional."

Councilman Irizarry questioned the total amount of time the City Employees are used to implement and continue this program.

Benyola responded, "There are total of three employees - one full time that works 35 hours a week, one part time at 15 hours a week and one employee that works on Saturday for 3 hours a week."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "Employees are working on other things than just the ID Program."

Benyola also reminded everyone, "We have a point system just like the Department of Motor Vehicles has."

Irizarry wondered, "Who is considered a Perth Amboy Resident?"

Benyola stated, "I'll find out."

Independence Day **Celebrations** 7/2/16 & 7/4/16





Fireworks over **Perth Amboy**



Mayor Diaz Rings the Liberty Bell



Mayor Fred Henry & Wife, Linda

South Amboy Discusses Successful Fireworks Display

Council President Gross Urges More Participation in Community Events

By: Joseph L. Kuchie SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy city council discussed the successful Fourth of July fireworks display that took place on July 2nd.

The annual fireworks display over Raritan Bay brought hundreds of residents from both South Amboy and Perth Amboy together for a spectacular display. The South Amboy council and Mayor Fred Henry all agreed that it was one of the best fireworks shows they've

"I thought it was an unbelievable display, one of the best ones I've ever seen," Mayor Henry said. "I want to thank the fire department, police department, first aid, crossing guards, everyone involved that made this an enjoyable evening. It was a great event."

The cities were forced to postpone the display on July 1st and move to the rain date after severe thunderstorms passed over the city throughout the night. Despite the stressful challenges of moving to the following night, the city believed everything ran smoothly.

"That was the best thing to

do for the safety of the public," Business Administrator Camille Tooker said. "We hate to postpone things but unfortunately we didn't have a choice. Our first responsibility is to the people."

Council President Gross, who was a co-chair on the fireworks committee, urged the council to get the city involved in all the upcoming events coming to South Amboy. He believed participation in events like the BBQ festival and car show were critical in moving the city forward.

"We've got some great things in this city coming up," Gross said. "I'd like to see everybody embrace that. I want to put the city of South Amboy on the map for doing great things."

"We're a great little city when we do great little things and I thank our government for that," he added. "Let's keep on truckin', we're moving in the right direction and we have a lot to be proud of."

All council members were in attendance for the business meeting. The next city council meeting will be held on July 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Have the Freeholders Come Here

6/20/16 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - Resident, Committeeman Democratic and Police Chaplain Gregory Pabon made a bold statement during the public portion at the 6/20/16 Caucus. He talked about a Freeholder's meeting that he attended along with YMCA CEO Steve Jobin and Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez. The topic of the meeting was the homeless.

Gregory Pabon said, "A lot of other cities put their homeless on the bus or train and shipped

them to Perth Amboy or New Brunswick. Have the Freeholders come here to explain how they deal with their home-

less by sending them here." This prompted Councilman Fernando Gonzalez to comment, "I was shocked at what the county said about the homeless. I helped create an organization to help with the homeless. I wondered if

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DALLAS, TX - An overwhelming Public display of support for Dallas Police Officers. See Editorial pp.4-5

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Perth Amboy was the dumping ground for such situations as these. Look at the number of organizations here to serve needy people. I want to count of the homeless population, not only of here but in the surrounding towns. We need to stop being the dumping ground of Middlesex County. We are enabling other cities who shun the homeless. We are just as valuable as other communities."



Gregory Pabon



Councilman Fernando Gonzalez

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Superintendent Contract Revised; Teachers, Staff Contract Still in Limbo

6/30/16 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust PERTH AMBOY - After the power went out at the 6/16/16 Board of Education Meeting, the Meeting was rescheduled for 6/30/16.

Once again the PA-AFT protested before the Board Meeting demanding a contract. Again they marched into the PAHS auditorium carrying signs and demanding a resolution to the contract negotiations.

Agenda Item: Page 30 #15 D5 – Approval of a Resolution to rescind the current Employment Contract of Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, as of June 30, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. and approval of the new Employment Contract of Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, effective 12:00 a.m. July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

During the first public portion on agenda items, PA-AFT President Pat Paradiso offered

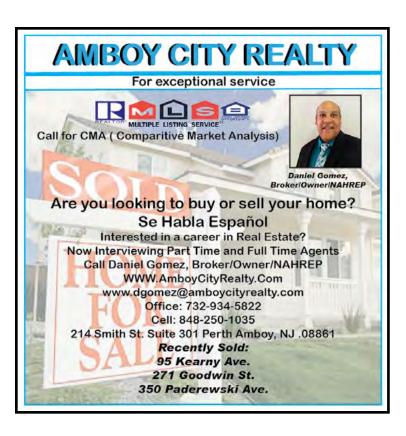
her comments on the displeasure and overall feelings of disgust that the PA-AFT had with the Board of Education who had on to take a commitment to get the the agenda a renegotiation of the job done." contract with Superintendent Dr. David Roman. Paradiso provided a copy of the statement that she read at the Meeting: "I find it perplexing that offering Dr. Roman a new contract when his current contract does not expire until 2019 was somehow a priority for this Board. You managed to carve out the time to discuss, revise, and are now ready to approve, a new five year deal for a man who hasn't even been in the district for a year. The rest of us have been without a contract for a year. All increments and raises are on hold while the cost of our insurance gets higher. Instead of being a priority, negotiating our contract seems to be an inconvenience. I know we met last night (6/29/16) and things were pleasant enough, but we

still have no deal. I understand we're supposed to meet again before July 19, 2016. It is going

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak, "It's standard operating procedure to (revise a contract if the Board feels a Superintendent may leave for a better deal). This is not unusual. If the Board says no, then they say no."

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up to speak, "Is it really prudent to go into a contract with an individual for five years when three years was shown to his predecessor? As an advocate for students and parents in Perth Amboy, if your point as the Board of Education as moving forward; Caffrey (former Superintendent) had a three-year contract. From my perspective -I don't know why that is?"

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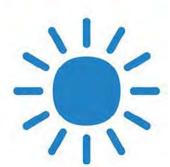
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Judge Adrian
Lyon, Former
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Inducted into the
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Press Release
PERTH AMBOY- The RAR-ITAN BAY AREA YMCA located in Perth Amboy, NJ celebrates the induction of former Board President Judge Adrian Lyon into the YMCA Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place at

Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony will take place at the YMCA General Assembly on July 17th, 2016, in Kansas City. Subsequently, a plaque will be placed in the YMCA Hall of Fame, located on the campus of Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Judge Lyon's contributions to the national YMCA movement will be recognized; such contributions include fundraising during the depression and efforts to engage students in meaningful and purposeful ways.

From 1912 to 1950, Lyon served as the President of the Perth Amboy YMCA, now known as the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA. During this time, Lyon also served as President of the New Jersey State Convention, Chairman of Commission on Convention Representation and Rules, Chairman of the General Board of the National Council for 10 years, and judge in the U.S. district bankruptcy court.

Adrian Lyon dedicated more than forty five years of his life to the betterment of Perth Amboy and the YMCA movement. He was also active in organizational procedures leading to the establishment of the national council in 1924.

"The YMCA has a deep rooted history of serving Perth Amboy and the National Y movement. Judge Lyon's deep commitment to our town lives on in the smiles of children and the spirit in which the Y continues to serve the community" stated Steve Jobin, President/CEO of the Raritan Bay Area YMCA.

For more information on the YMCA Hall of Fame, please visit the website at http://springfield.edu/ymca/ymca-hall-of-fame

For detailed information about Judge Lyon, please visit our website at http://www.rbaymca.org/main/our-history/

For information about the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, please visit www. rbaymca.org

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The Irony



Flags at Half Mast International Park, Perth Amboy *Photos by Paul W. Wang

March 30, 1981: Attempted Assassination of President Ronald Reagan on his 69th day of office. Regan was exiting a hotel in Washington D.C. after making a speech when shots were fired. Immediately the secret service covered the President and shoved him into the awaiting limousine. Besides Reagan, three other individuals were hit, including the agent that took the bullet for the

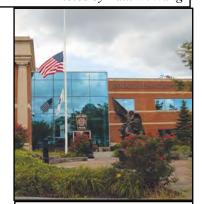
Fast forward: December 14, 2008, Iraq. President George W. Bush gets a shoe thrown at him by an Iraqi Journalist during a press conference. The President was able to duck avoiding injury. That same journalist was able to throw another shoe at President Bush. Bush was able to duck again. Where were the secret service?

July 7, 2016: Dallas Texas: During the end of a "Black Lives Matter" protest which was had been going on peacefully suddenly shots rang out. When the shooting was over, 12 Dallas Police Officers went down; four from the Dallas Police Force and one Special Officer were shot dead. Seven Officers are still recovering from their physical injuries.

Here is the irony. Some of the Dallas Police Officers used themselves as shields to protect the "Black Lives Matters" protestors. I don't know what it says or what kind of training Police Officers have in active shooter situations when civilians are present and in danger. Are Police Officers told that they must act as a shield to protect civilians?

Several Dallas Police Officers did this. In essence why I mentioned Presidents Reagan and Bush is because those Dallas Police Officers protected those civilians as if they were protecting the President of the United States.

The Nation and the "Black Lives Matters" organization should applaud and appreciate the ultimate sacrifice of those Officers and thank God for the Officers who



Flags at Half Mast: Perth Amboy Police Station

shielded them. I'm going to reference the uninjured Officers as Human Shields. I can't imagine what was going through their minds when they saw through the corner of their eyes some of their fellow fallen Officers on the ground not knowing the severity of their injuries or whether or not they were still alive. In their minds, the Human Shields knew they must protect these civilians. Some might say that it's part of their job. I don't know if you using your body as a Human Shield is part of the job description.

After President Obama made his speech about the Dallas Shooting some people suggested that the President request a moratorium on protests out of respect for those fallen Law Enforcement Officers. I agree.

For some reason the media concentrates on showing White Officers shooting Black Civilians. I often have YouTube videos sent to me showing these situations. I always have a tendency to look at related videos. Several of these videos show that Blacks are not the only ones shot by cops.

Just like any profession, there are good and bad. For some reason, when there is a cop who did wrong, some people just want to taint the whole profession. THIS IS WRONG!!! This is a very difficult editorial to write because you do want to recognize the ci-

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Response to Council President Nanton

When you write a letter to the editor you must be prepared for inquiry, opinion and adverse views, these are expected and certainly important for good dialogue and communication. It is what makes our Country great! However the responder always has a responsibility to be accurate. Ms. Nanton, you conveniently left out an entire sentence with regard to my letter titled "Resign to Run."

Mary Steenburgen, an actress who won an academy award in 1980 was quoted as saying "There's a certain arrogance to an actor who will look at a script and feel like, because the words are simple, maybe they can paraphrase it and make it better."

Well, Council President Lisa Nanton read my "script" a few

weeks ago. (My letter to the Editor), and in her response she changed it to make it "better." Better for her. This was very arrogant of you Ms. Nanton.

"Once the decision is made by a paid elected official to run for higher office I believe that official has an ethical obligation to resign from their current position."

Ms. Nanton left that out because without adding my sentence in its entirety she is able to ramble about how it is illogical, ridiculous and an example of selective criticism.

Ms. Nanton, my letter and logic are an opinion I have formed. That opinion was derived from numerous State laws throughout the United States that have enacted "Resign to Run".

Arizona -Section 38-296 of the Arizona Revised Statutes Florida -Section 99.012 of the Florida Statutes Georgia -Article II, Section 2, Paragraph V of the 1983 Constitution of Georgia Hawaii - Article II, Section 7 was added to the Constitution of Hawaii

Texas -Article 16, Section 65(b) of the Constitution of Texas

These States and their legislators didn't think it was illogical or ridiculous to pass these laws that I support.

A bit of advice to Ms. Nanton, before you take a position or offer opinions on issues, please do your homework or you risk looking foolish. I would hope your carelessness is not reflective of how you will continue to preside over our Council meetings. Your absence of leadership and lack of knowledge about municipal government created a circus like atmosphere in August. Ms. Nanton, you represent the legislative branch of our municipal government, kindly stick to legislating and please do not embarrass Perth Amboy again.

Thomas Hudanish

Preserving History Has Economic Benefits

Most people in Perth Amboy know that ours is an old city with a distinguished history. Yet Perth Amboy has lost much of the evidence of that history, through our failure over the years to preserve it. That is a sad situation, because once it is lost, it can't be recov-

Our history is a major asset, and we must make the most of it. We invest in infrastructure, in education, in parks, as well as in keeping the city clean and safe because these things are good for those who live here and do business here. We must invest in historic preservation for the same reason.

Preservation for preservation's sake is certainly worthwhile. It's important to safeguard our heritage—to know about our past and to preserve evidence of our past in the landscape. But historic preservation can also be an engine of economic development in Perth Amboy, just as it has been in many other places.

Recent studies have shown that heritage tourists, people

who travel to visit historic sites, are willing to travel farther and spend more money per person than any other type of tourist. We are lucky in Perth Amboy. Unlike many other places, we have the history. We just need to treat it as the asset that it is. That means, for example, investing in the preservation of buildings of historical and architectural importance. It means investing in educating our students in the history of their city. It means archaeological investigation of areas of the city where major events have happened or important people have lived, and recovering artifacts they might have left behind.

I see the potential every week as a volunteer at Proprietary House, one of the most important historic sites in New Jersey. I ask every visitor two questions: Where are you from, and have you been to Perth Amboy before? What I've found is that many of the people who visit Proprietary House are from out of town, ranging from way up in Sussex County to down along the shore. Many of the out-oftown visitors had never been to Perth Amboy before coming to Proprietary House, and would not be here at all if not for that historic site, or others

like Kearny Cottage that they read about in brochures or on-

Historic sites, historic districts, re-enactment events, walking tours and lectures, along with art galleries and crafts fairs-all are historical and cultural magnets that draw people into Perth Amboy who would not come here otherwise. Visitors get hungry. That's an opportunity for local restaurants. Tourists who travel across the state often want to stroll around on a nice day—see the sights, window shop. That's an opportunity for shop owners, if they have products or services that are attractive to tourists. We have a beautiful waterfront just a couple of blocks away from most of our historic sites. A stroll along the Harbor Walk leaves a terrific impression of Perth Amboy that visitors take away with them, creating positive word of mouth for the city.

Seeing our history as an important part of our economic development not only advances historic preservation in Perth Amboy, it also helps in city revitalization. We're just at the beginning now, but the sky is the limit as to what we

Renee Skelton

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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.

HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday's at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

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

Kearny Cottage Open

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

Proprietary House Open

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

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

WED. Jul. 13

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BID, 4 p.m. TUES. Jul. 12

City Hall, High St.

PARA, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.

City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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Editorial

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vilians who were fatally shot by Officers and those shootings were caught on video tape. Looking at the tapes, it doesn't look good for some of those Officers. I am thankful the family of the two men who were shot expressed their condolences to the Dallas Police Department. It doesn't do justice to those family members or the loved ones that they lost when people disrespect the Police. It also warms my heart when I see the outpouring of love via floral decorations, e-mails and hugs given to Police Officers not only in Dallas but throughout the country. In spite of this, it's still very shocking to hear that just today Officers in some states had bottles, rocks, Molotov Cocktails and rebar (a reinforcing bar made of steel or mesh steel wire that

is used for a tension device) and other projectiles thrown at them.

Dallas Police Chief David Brown said, "This has got to stop." I could not agree with him more. The "Black Lives Matter" group needs to team up with the Police Department in states that have a very high crime rate in urban communities. I would start in Chicago which is known as the crime capital of the United States. Confront those monsters (gangs) who are stealing the lives of those innocent children. I cry for them.

I put the Dallas Police Officers who shielded those protestors in the same category as President Reagan's protectors. They protected you as if you were the President. Rest in Peace to those fallen Officers. *C.M.*



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2nd Annual Shoes 4 L.O.V.E. Shoe Drive

PERTH AMBOY - 2nd Annual Shoes 4 L.O.V.E. Shoe Drive June 6th - August 8th Drop Off Location: Sneaker Ferry 156 Smith Street, Perth Amboy. Sneaker Ferry & Love Only Veins Eternity will be hosting their 2nd Annual Shoe Drive in partnership with the non-profit organization, Soles 4 Souls. Donate lightly-worn shoes that you don't use anymore! Shoes will be donated to underprivileged children and families in Coast Rica, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Jamaica, Philippines. "LIVE OUT THE MISSION" & DONATE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE Follow us on Instagram for updates and more information @ spreadlove 3 @sneakerferry @soles4souls

Total Joint Replacement Education

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, July 15, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been told they need joint replacement or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call Nurse Navigator Clare Schuld, R.N., at 732.535.4746.

Gardening Education Session

PERTH AMBOY - Integrative Health Services at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is providing a free container gardening education session Wednesday, July 13, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the hospital's Learning Garden at its Perth Amboy location. Learn the basics of gardening, including container gardening, and the importance of healthy produce and proper nutrition through hands-on and interactive education. Children, adults, families or summer camp groups welcome. Come with your garden questions and/or photos or samples of plants for discussion. Registration is required. Space is limited and sessions are held weather permitting. For more information and to register, call 732.324.5257.







Tour of the Berkow Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's, a member of the Meridian Health family, monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts, designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of Raritan Bay - Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call1.800. DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

Basic Newborn Care Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is providing a Basic Newborn Care Class, Wednesday, July 20, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Attendees will learn diapering, feeding, sleeping habits and CPR from an experienced registered nurse. Cost is \$50 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

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Amboy Bank promotes Mary Riccardi to Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer

News Release

OLD BRIDGE - George E. Scharpf, President and CEO of Amboy Bank, announced that Mary Riccardi has been promoted to Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer.

Ms. Riccardi's 21-year career with Amboy Bank began when she joined the Bank as Controller in 1995. She was promoted to Chief Financial Officer in 2007 and Senior Vice President in 2009. "She has played a critical role in

the sound financial management of Amboy and as part of the senior leadership team" Scharpf noted. "We are fortunate to have someone with her experience to serve as our new Chief Risk Officer", he added.

Ms. Riccardi has been a CPA for almost 30 years. She is a graduate of The College of New Jersey having earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Prior to joining Amboy Bank, she consulted for and audited banks as a Senior Manager for KPMG. In addition, she was Vice President and Controller for Flemington National Bank and Trust Com-

Amboy Bank, with assets of \$2.2 billion, is a full service commercial bank with 23 offices in Central New Jersey. Founded in 1888, Amboy Bank has been voted "Best Bank in Central Jersey" for the past 18 years in a row.

Commission of Accreditation for Home Care, Inc.

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Commission on Accreditation for Home Health Care (CAHC) is pleased to announce that the Puerto Rican Association for Human Development has been awarded "Full Accreditation" by the Board of Trustees of CAHC.

CAHC is dedicated to promoting the highest quality and safety standards in the New Jersey home care service industry. The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development shares our commitment to such excellence and has undergone our accreditation review allowing us to monitor their compliance with established guidelines and industry best practices.

The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development having passed our review is duly entitled to display our official emblem and promote itself among the elite of home care providers attaining such distinction within its provision of home health care services.

The Commission on Accreditation for Home Care (CAHC) has been setting the standards for quality home care services in New Jersey since 1986. As New Jersey's only state based accrediting body, CAHC is dedicated exclusively to New Jersey's home care providers and delivering the highest standard of service to our local communities and families.



Raritan Bay Area YMCA Announces New Volunteer Leadership

Press Release PERTH AMBOY – The RAR-ITAN BAY AREA YMCA has announced Dr. Robert **DePow** as the new Chief Volunteer Officer. Dr. DePow has served as a board member at the Y for twenty-seven years. The Board of Volunteers has also selected a slate of new officers: Hector Motta, Vice CVO, Lou Seminski, Treasurer, and Linda Mazzella, Secretary.

Robert "Bob" DePow, Ph.D., a well-respected businessman, has served Perth Amboy in numerous roles in state and international organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, Concerts by the Bay, Raritan Bay Medical Center Foundation, and the Special Improvement District and Urban Enterprise Zone, as well as a number of other volunteer boards. "I am proud of the hard work of a legion of dedicated YMCA donors, volunteers, members and staff that have made the Y such an

integral part of the communi- Relations. ty," DePow stated. "Together we are going to continue the fine traditions of the Y and expand into areas that were not even a dream just a few short years ago".

Mr. Motta has been working in the banking and financial industry for 21 years, most recently with Investors Bank since 2011 as an Assistant Vice President/Branch Manager.

Mr. Seminski is an attorney at the Manhattan based law firm of Herrick Feinstein LLP. Born and raised in Perth Amboy, Lou remains committed to the city and its philanthropic endeavors. Lou is also active with Raritan Bay Medical Center, a significant partner with the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, serving on its Advisory Board.

Mrs. Mazzella has been working at Raritan Bay Medical Center since 2005, first as Community Outreach Coordinator and now as Director of Physician and Community

Steve Jobin, YMCA President/CEO stated, "The new officers are significantly involved with the strategic growth plan for the YMCA, including further development of programs and services at its primary facility and expansion of the Y's footprint in the community through acquisition of real estate to aid the homeless as well as further expansion of the use of existing natural spaces such as the Perth Amboy waterfront...Driven by the Board's vision, these Community Leaders are optimistic that the Raritan Bay Area YMCA is on the right path to setting forth a new legacy for future generations".

The Board of Volunteers thank and commend Mr. Gregg Ficarra for his dynamic leadership as Chief Volunteer Officer for the past 8 years. Mr. Ficarra will continue to be an active member of the Board of



Kearny Cottage Historical Association Upcoming Events

Berry Festival

Sunday, July 17th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Flea Market - \$10 per space (Bring Your Own Table) Civil War Re-enactors Black Powder Demonstration Berry Refreshments Available Rain Date July 24th



Kearny Cottage 63 Catalpa Ave. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 732-293-1090

Garden Guru

Demonstration of the Difference between "Weeds" and "Herbs" Children are invited to attend! Sunday, August 28th - 2 p.m.



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\$100 Worth of Food for \$40

PERTH AMBOY – The Jolin Food box program is designed to provide families with nationally branded food products at wholesale prices. On behalf of the Cathedral's Community Development Corporation, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's AmeriCorps is helping promote the Jolin Food Box. This month's deadline is Feb. 10. Pick Up Date is Saturday, Feb. 20 between 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at 282 McClellan St., Perth Amboy. Check out https://jolinfoodbox.com or contact us at 732-826-8207.

Letter From Board of Education President Sam Lebreault to Mayor Wilda Diaz

Dear Mayor Diaz:

The Board of Education writes this letter to express its dismay and disappointment with your official actions taken on Thursday, June 16, 2016. As you are certainly aware, at approximately 7:35 pm, during a Perth Amboy Board of Education planned meeting, PSE&G had a switch failure, which caused power outages in sections of Perth Amboy, including the high school where the meeting was taking place. The Board adjourned the meeting and asked that the public vacate the building as there was limited lighting in the auditorium and no air conditioner. Thereafter, the Board members, the Board attorney, Dr. Roman, and Dr. Rodriguez adjourned to the executive session meeting room to discuss what further steps could or should be taken as a result of the power outage. Some building administration and safety officers also remained in the building near the front entrance. Safety checks of all door controls and safety alarms were conducted and the emergency back-up power was on and tunctioning.

A portion of the audience that evening were members of the PA-AFT union, who had attended to express their opinions regarding the pending contract negotiations. After being asked to vacate the building, some of the AFT members gathered directly outside the building, chanting their opinions, and at times, blocking the street in front of the school building. At various times, the chants included calls for members of the Board of Education to go outside and "face them."

At approximately 7:55 pm a Perth Amboy police officer advised District safety officers that everyone in the building, in particular the Board of Education members, must evacuate the building. When the Board attorney asked the police officer if this was an order from the officer and/or the police department, the officer confirmed that it was not; we were being asked to voluntarily leave the building. We declined to leave at that time, and five minutes later the same officer returned stating that the Mayor - yourself - had ordered us to leave the building.

The Board attorney asked if this was a police order and the response was that the Mayor was his boss and she wanted us outside. Again, the Board attorney asked if this was a police order, and if so, what the justification was. She pointed out the above safety protocols, the building was Board property and not City property, and there must be an official rationale for either the police or the Mayor to exercise any authority over the Board property and/or those of us who remained inside the building. You also

requested the Board attorney to be escorted to speak with you, but as the attorney was walking with the Officer, he once again told her it was not an order, just a request. She politely declined, again, and returned to the executive session meeting room.

Outside, the AFT continued to chant and demand the Board members leave the building.

A few minutes later, the Board attorney was advised that you wanted to speak with her directly; she did as you requested and spoke with you outside the executive session room, and inside the high school. You advised the Board attorney that you were the director of the police department and that you were very concerned for the safety of all those individuals who remained inside. You once again asked that we all vacate the building. The Board attorney once again advised you of all the safety protocols noted above, and that unless there was a police directive that the building was unsafe and must be evacuated and/or an alternative police authority was exercised to remove any and/or all individuals from the building, we all politely declined to leave. The Board attorney explained that we remained hopeful that the power would be restored so that we could attend to time sensitive Board business, including appointing employees for summer programs, and that we would wait for a longer period of time before adjourning the meeting for the evening. You advised that you had called the Deputy Chief of Police and would have him handle the situation once he arrived.

The crowd outside remained in front of the HS and continued to flow into the street.

At approximately, 8:10 pm, the Deputy Police Chief entered the executive session room and asked that we vacate the building. He again did not order us to vacate and expressed that it was your request that we leave the building. The Board informed the Chief that we planned to adjourn the meeting for the evening around 8:15 pm; if the power was not restored. The Chief was satisfied with that and left the

At approximately 8:15 pm, the Board meeting was officially adjourned for the evening and Board members began to leave the building. As some of us left the building, we were asked by police officers how many more members were left inside because the crowd wanted to be able to chant lat them] and would not leave until they had that opportunity.

It is clear that your actions were designed to intimidate the Board members to leave the building, in an effort to pander to the AFT and others gathered outside. At no point during the evening were any true safety concerns articulated, or any actual official directives given. It is clear the reason for this is you never had the authority, as you claimed, to order the Board to leave the building. Instead, you hoped that by sheer intimidation, you would be able to deliver to the crowd what it wanted, the Board; and to that, you would reap the supposed political benefits. Clearly, such behavior was not ethically within the bounds of the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor of Perth Amboy.

Your disingenuous actions not only dishonor the Office of the Mayor of Perth Amboy, they also may have put the safety of the community outside the building in jeopardy. Instead of managing the crowd outside, whose size and actions were part of the purported concern leading to our being asked to leave the building, you focused your attention on the small number of us who remained in the building for what appear to be purely self-serving, political reasons.

We write this letter to express our dismay at your actions and hope that in the future you will conform your behavior to the standards of the Office of Mayor of Perth Amboy, and within lawful and ethical boundaries.

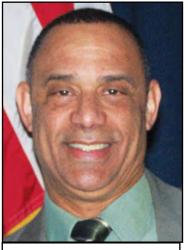
We truly hope to work in concert and cooperation with the Mayor of Perth Amboy, to the benefit of all citizens of our great city in the future.

Sincerely,

Samuel Lebréault President

Perth Amboy Board of Education

Cattano Update on Blackout 6/22/16 Council Meeting



BOE President Sam Lebreault

PERTH AMBOY - During the 6/22/16 Council Meeting, Board of Education President Sam Lebreault spoke as a representative of the Board of Education. He stated that too many things are being politicized. He read the statement (left). at the meeting referencing what happened after the power went out at the 6/16/16 Board of Education Meeting at PAHS.

Later at the same Council Meeting, Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano gave a brief synopsis of the blackout that occurred during the 6/16/16 Board of Education Meeting at PAHS. Cattano stated, "I was out of town when this happened. According to PSEG, the power went out at about 7:26 p.m. at Convery and Fayette Streets. I



Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano

received a call from Jess (Board of Education Secretary) about the power going out of the high school. The information that I received is that the Keasbey Grid went out. The Egress (Emergency Lighting System) lights were out. When I arrived at the high school, the Fire Department was already there. I spoke with some of the Board of Education Members, their attorney and administrators that were in a room inside the high school. I asked for voluntary compliance. People outside were chanting. Around 8:15 p.m. the Meeting (Board of Education) was called. I did not order them out. It was voluntary. PSEG said that the breaker had tripped."

Statement by Carmen Arroyo, **Employed by PA BOE 31 Years**

Re: Agenda 15D38 p.158

Our city is a small inner urban city that is highly populated with a diverse Hispanic population. Many of our students are port of entry from other countries and therefore do not immediately qualify for state health insurance. In the past a large volume of these students would be excluded from school because of deficient immunization status, lack of proof of physical exam within the year and or the need for a provider to initiate an individual health plan that would accommodate any chronic medical conditions that they may have. In order to receive health services at our local federally funded clinic they must first apply for charity care before services can be rendered, however there are fees involved with services. At one point our past supervisor initiated a plan to accommodate the needs of our students. The JRMC was contracted to come into our schools and provide these services at an agreed fee. This plan was in place however it failed to provide due to the high volume of cancellations to service the schools on scheduled appointment. We knew the need was there so we initiated the plan to facilitate our own school community clinic. The PAPS HC has been in existence since March 2006. The services at the PAPS Health center have been facilitated by our Nurse practitioners in collaboration with our school medical director. Nurse Practitioners are advance practice nurses who provide the very same services as that of a physician. We can diagnose, develop a treatment plan, prescribe medication, refer for lab screening and diagnostic testing and refer out to specialist

for consultations. At our HC our

nurse practitioners provide our stu-

dents with

- 1. primary health services and free vaccines to our uninsured students age
- 2. Diagnosis and treatment for acute illnesses and injuries
- 3. Free medication for common pedi-
- atric illness 4. Assistance with the establishment of a Medical Home once they qualify for
- 5. The development of a Health Plan that will be accommodate their chronic
- health needs in school such as AAP 6. Ongoing health education and counseling to parents and students
- 7. Sports physicals and working

Our free vaccines are supplied by the VFC under my application for a provider number. We receive monthly supplies for our clinic and as a result have been able to keep our student in compliance with state mandates. And as a result, our exclusion rate has been at its lowest and our compliance rate has been at it highest. This year alone we received 99,000 dollars in free

It's because of our RX Privileges that I was also able to register with Epi 4 School and receive 20,000 free Epifen for the district as well as any other salary reductions that involve the facilitator of our clinic. The clinic hours are 3 clays a week- for a total of 10 hours a week - Our schedule appointments are fully booked accommodating approximately 50 students per week as well as walk INS.

Without the existence of our health center our students as well as parents would be at a great loss. Please reconsider Agenda Item number 15-0-38. In order to service our student academic needs, their health needs must also be addressed as high priority as well.

6/30/16 Board of Education Meeting

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Before going into closed session, Board President Sam Lebreault read a lengthy statement citing the reason to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity because eight out of nine members of the Board of Education were in conflict.

Closed Session began at 6:16 p.m. The Board returned from Closed Session at 9:17 p.m.

Later during the Meeting, when it came time to discuss the renegotiation of Dr. David Roman's contract, Board President Sam Lebreault opened up the discussion to the public. At that time, there were no additional comments from the public. Lebreault stated, "The Superintendent wanted five years. When you make a commitment to a district, the district must give back. We were apprehensive. We want to commit to him. He has undertaken the tasks of our faculty. He is spearheading this movement. He fought for that for us. There is a vision that he brought.

He brought that to us. We have a High School that he's engaged to build. We have academics. Now, we'll have a 9th Grade Academy that does what it is supposed to do. Tomorrow we are entering the second year. If he takes his two years, he will want to go. In five years there will be no raises in his salary."

Board Vice President Israel Varela stated, "One thing is that a lot of staff members give Dr. David Roman an approval which was unlike other individuals. OPRA in reference to contracts before. They were getting more than Dr. Roman. No one had a problem with that. Now, we have someone who respects our kids. Look at other systems. All the bells and whistles you'll find out. Yes, they were getting a lot more for a lot less work."

Board Member Obi Gonzalez added, "We were at a meeting that went into 12 a.m. If we become a district of distinction, we need a person who will do the job. He (Dr. Roman) knows that is going into school and leav-

ing 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. or 9 p.m. at night. I'd like to see him here to move forward."

Lebreault then added, "When we (the Board and the PA-AFT) come to an agreement. We come to an agreement. One thing has nothing to do with the other."

The motion was made by Board Member and Personnel Committee Chair Obi Gonzalez. It was seconded by Board Member Milady Tejada. Board Members Obi Gonzalez, Manuel Nunez, Jose Rodriguez, Milady Tejada, Israel Varela and Sam Lebreault all voted "Yes" to the revised contract. Board Member Anton J. Massopust abstained stating that the Teachers and Staff need a contract and it was unfair to vote on the Superintendent while the Union still did not reach a contract. Board Member Ken Puccio left the Meeting early and did not vote. Board Member Anthony Bermudez was absent from the Meeting. The motion passed.

The Community Voice *Continued From Page 4

Beforemath

I've recently listened to a few conversations and talked to some people about the recent events of this past week. I found that there is a potpourri of opinions out there. Mostly I've found that there is a surplus of judges, juries, and executioners out there in this "video oriented" society.

My main question is, "is there such a word as "beforemath". There isn't, I looked it up. There are antonyms like beginning, prior to, cause, commencement, and the like, but no "beforemath". Well there should be because that's the video I'd want to see before I made a rush to judgment. All these videos that the media likes to shove down our throats are described as

the aftermath. Indeed the news media will show over and over what they describe as the aftermath. I want to see the "beforemath". I want to see what led up to the incident. Words that were exchanged. Actions prior to the trigger being pulled.

Then I think we would be better able to understand the circumstances and make judgments, as if that was our job.

Now I hear some are questioning the method used in Dallas to neutralize the nut job that was murdering police officers. Would he be any less dead if he was shot by a sniper. So they used a robot, so what? They saved lives and that is the bottom line.

Joe Bayona

Amboy Guardian Page 14 Article -June 21, 2016

Last week, The Amboy Guardian published an article on page 14 that concerned the Board of Education. The Board feels obliged to provide a response to that article. This is our response:

"Throughout negotiations with the American Federation of Teachers, the Perth Amboy Board of Education has provided to the AFT proposals that are fair to both the AFT and to the taxpayers and residents of Perth Amboy. With the sun setting of chapter 78, the law instituted by Governor Christie to help alleviate the tax burden on municipalities by having school employees pay a fair share of the costs of medical benefits, the district has asked the employees to contribute amounts consistent with what other districts are contributing.

Proposals provided by the AFT would cost the District over \$1,000,000 more than what was previously budgeted for, and would shift this burden to local tax payers.

While the district hopes to continue their collaborative relationship for the betterment of our staff and students, we cannot cede to the AFT's demands to the detriment of student programming, and or community and residents.

Contrary to the propaganda being spread, the Board of Education is required by law to approve employment contracts for the business administrator, the assistant business administrator, and assistant superintendents. These administrators work countless hours and are compensated at a rate similar to other employees in New Jersey; it is important to note that they pay the same in health insurance contributions as all employees who report to them.

I cannot comment on Dr. Roman's pending contract, as it has not been approved yet. I can say

that Dr. Roman negotiated in his last contract to pay a lower contribution to health insurance, in exchange for no raises for the life of his contract. The AFT has not been willing to forego raises for the life of their contract.

It is unfortunate that Mayor Diaz continues to take advantage of these negotiations, inflaming the public with misleading statements, for what appears to be solely political reasons. Mayor Diaz does not create or assist with creating any educational programming provided by the Perth Amboy Board of Education. Mayor Diaz has no authority or responsibility over how the Perth Amboy School District is run."

As has been stated many times publicly, the Perth Amboy Board of Education wishes to move the school board elections back to April because it provides the community with an opportunity to focus on the school board members. When the elections occur in November, the community is focused on presidential, congressional, or municipal candidates, and oftentimes do not have time or the energy to research and become informed regarding the school board candidates. As a result, they may vote for those candidates who are part of a particular party, and not necessarily because of their individual attributes or what they have committed to provide to the Board of Education. In years past, the board of education members section has been at the very end or at the very back of the ballot, sometimes even over looked completely. Moving the elections back to April will ensure school board members are elected for what they can provide to the students of the Perth Amboy School District - and not elected for what party or group they are affiliated with."

Samuel Lebreault President Perth Amboy Board of Education

Reggie Navarro and Friends Remember Ronald "Boone" Krainski *Photos Courtesy of Reggie Navarro



Ronald "Boone" Krainski 1/19/56 - 12/23/15

PERTH AMBOY - A memorial gathering was held at the Saint George Club, Eagle Avenue, Perth Amboy and also at Hy Tavern, High Street to remember Boone Krainski.

Reggie Navarro who knew Krainski from High School and participated in sports with him during their High School years was one of many of Krainski's friends who attended this gathering.

Navarro wanted to thank Kyle Eaton and Marie Santos (Owner of Hy Tavern) who made this all possible.

There was a pig roast that was held a Hy Tavern to help raise donations for a headstone for Krainski. Besides the friends who are shown in the photos to the right, several friends from Perth Amboy High School (classes from the 1970's and later) made donations. Many of these friends that made donations now live out of state.

Navarro would like to thank them from the bottom of heart for their generosity.



(L to R) Shirley Santos, Her Grandson and Hy Tavern Owner Marie Santos



Reggie Navvaro and his wife, Patty along with friends remember Boone Krainski



Friends gather at the Saint George Club to remember Boone Krainski

Ukrainian Cultural Festival, Ukrainian Assumption Church, Perth Amboy 6/25/16

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



















Andes Festival, Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy 6/25/16

*Photos by Paul W. Wang & Carolyn Maxwell























PERTH AMBOY - Festivals continue to be in full force in Perth Amboy. June 25th was a beautiful and bright, sunny day for the Ukrainian Festival and the Andes Festival. Both Festivals featured traditional music, ethnic cuisine, dancers and traditional clothing. We look forward to these festivals next year along with the other festival held earlier this year and more that are forthcoming. Check the Amboy Guardian for other events of interest happening in the Amboy's and surrounding communities.

Celebrating Independence Day Fireworks Raritan Yacht Club, Perth Amboy & South Amboy 7/1/16 & 7/2/16 *Photos by Paul W. Wang, Katherine Massopust & Aaron Beers,























Celebrating Independence Day, City Hall Circle Perth Amboy 7/4/16

*Photos by Paul W. Wang



















This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

By: Phil Kohn. Dedicated to the memory of his father, GM3 Walter Kohn, U.S. Navy Armed Guard, USNR, and all men and women who have answered the country's call in time of need. Phil can be contacted at ww2remembered@yahoo.com.

In Washington, President Roosevelt on July 11, 1941, taps attorney William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan to head a newly created Office of the Coordinator of Information that will be responsible for overcoming the lack of coordination between various existing intelligence and propaganda agencies. Under provisions of the Espionage Act of 1917, the U.S. government seizes 17 Italian and one German ship moored in the United States. German forces capture Vitebsk, in northeastern Belorussia, about 260 miles west of Moscow. In Lithuania, the Germans establish a ghetto near Kaunas. Jews of the city are ordered to sell all their property and move into the ghetto.

In Moscow, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union sign an agreement on July 12 providing for mutual assistance and prohibiting the making of a separate peace with the Axis powers. Moscow is bombed for the first time by the Luftwaffe. In the Middle East, an Allied victory in the Battle of Beirut effectively ends the Syria-Lebanon campaign.

In Montenegro (a part of Yugoslavia) a rebellion against the Italian occupation force begins on July 13. It is the second popular uprising against the Axis in Europe. (The first was the "February Strike" on February 25 in the Netherlands.) The Luftwaffe bombs Kiev, Ukraine. Planes from the Soviet Air Force bomb Romania's Ploieşti oil fields. The first units of Spanish volunteers depart for the Eastern Front to fight alongside Axis troops.

Representatives of Vichy France in Beirut on July 14 sign an armistice ending all fighting in Syria and Lebanon. Commonwealth troops occupy Beirut and locations in Lebanon, while Syria is placed under the control of the Free French under Gen. Charles DeGaulle. A force of German Ju-88 bombers attacks Suez, Egypt, near the southern terminus of the Suez Canal, causing damage to the harbor facilities and to ships unloading there. Near Smolensk, Russia, the Red Army unveils its first mobile multiple-rocket launcher. The device, which can fire 320 rockets in 25 seconds, is nicknamed "Katyusha" by Soviet soldiers, from the name of the heroine of a popular song of the time.

On the Eastern Front, the Soviets on July 15 launch a diversionary counterattack in the Lake Ilmen area, near Novgorod, in order to buy time for the building of further fortifications around Leningrad. The inexperienced attacking forces suffer heavy casualties. In a fuel-rationing move, Canada bans the sale of gasoline from 7 p.m. one day to 7 a.m. the next day on weekdays, and all day on Sunday.

On July 16, Finnish forces north of Lake Ladoga capture the Russian town of Sortavala. The Finns continue on to reach the lake itself, southeast of the town, cutting off Soviet forces to the west. In Russia, German troops capture Smolensk. The government of Vichy France appoints Gen. Maxime Weygand as Governor-General of Algeria.

The Germans on July 17 develop an important bridgehead over the Dnieper River near Mogilev, in eastern Belorussia. From Berlin, the German High Command issues orders for the annihilation of the following in all territory captured from the Soviets: communist activists, officials, intellectuals and all Jews. In Cleveland, Ohio, the consecutive-game hitting streak of the New York Yankees' Joe DiMaggio ends at 56, in part due to two strong defensive plays by the Indians' third baseman, Ken Keltner. The next day, "Joltin' Joe" goes on to begin a new hitting streak of 16 consecutive games.

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PERTH AMBOY - Join us on Saturday, July 30th from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. for a fun filled day on Westside Ave and Dillman Lane, in Perth Amboy, for ages 5 and up to practice and develop skills that will help them to become better bicyclists and avoid typical crashes. The goal is to teach children the skills and precautions to ride a bicycle safely. Food, music, giveaways, helmet decorating, bicycle license and registration will be provided. In partnership with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation and the Perth Amboy Police Dept. Have a bicycle to donate? Contact Vanessa Cepin at (732) 324-2114 x114.

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A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador

Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, August 4th. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

A.C. Bus Trip

Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors Bus Trip to Golden Nugget, A/C on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, Cost: \$30 - \$25 back in play and \$5 food. Bus leaves church parking lot 625 Florida Grove Rd, Hopelawn at 10:00 a.m. and arrives back approx. 7:00 p.m. Any Questions, etc. Please contact Ronnie Dematteo: 732-442-5252

AC Bus Trip

Hungarian Reformed Church

PERTH AMBOY - Atlantic City Bus Trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday, August 7, 2016 Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place Perth Amboy. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 noon for a 6 hour stay at the Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$27 per person. You will receive \$25 in slot play. Bagged lunch provided To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment ASAP.

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Mugsy Love, Reggie & Patty

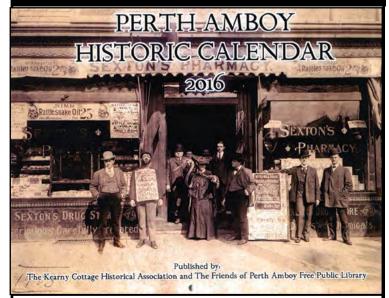
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petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking 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.

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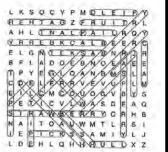
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Frog Hollow Annual 5K Run & Health Walk **Postponed**

Press Release 6/3/16 SOUTH AMBOY - Due to unfortunate circumstances the Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 11, 2016. The Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club is located on Ferris St. off of South Pine Ave. in South Amboy, NJ. For additional information call race director, Danny McCrone at 732-721-6592 or go to www. froghollowswim.com

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PERTH AMBOY - Boys prepare RC Planes for flight in a race at Waters Stadium for the Fourth of July Cerebration. *Photo Courtesy of Gary Muska

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

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

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

Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Jul. 18 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.

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MON. Jul. 25 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon

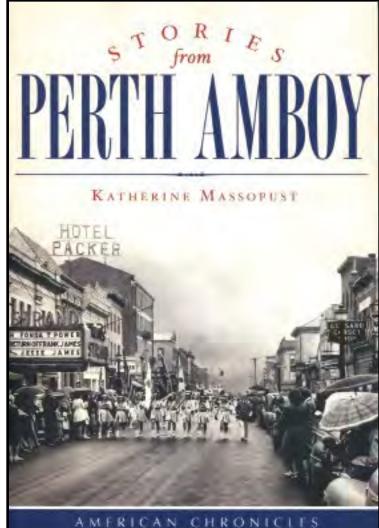
Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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