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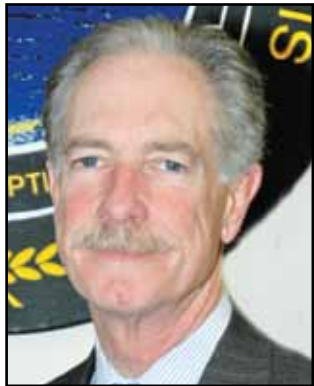


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Balut Defends Fehrenbach and Blunda at 3/28 Perth Amboy Council Meeting



City Attorney
Mark Blunda



Council President
Ken Balut



Business Administrator
Greg Fehrenbach



Councilman
Joel Pabon



Councilman
Fernando Gonzalez



Councilman
William Petrick

PERTH AMBOY - "You should see the piles of unopened mail and shredded paper and we are still paying bills from the year 2000. If I could have 1% of what was shredded when we came into office in 2008 we could probably find more evidence of wrong-doings to recover money owed to the City." These were some of the remarks made by Council President Ken Balut at the 3/26 and 3/28 Caucus and Council Meetings. Balut also said he calls the Department of Community Affairs or the Attorney General's Office at least once a week to ask them to continue to investigate money that was stolen from the City. Balut was responding to critics who turned a blind eye to what this present administration is being faced with. There was gross mismanagement from the Vas administration that we are still paying for. "Business Administrator

Greg Fehrenbach and Attorney Mark Blunda are worth every cent that we have paid them," stated Balut. "They have saved the City a lot of money by uncovering a lot of the misappropriation of funding and they are taking the brunt of most of the criticism."

When Fernando Gonzalez made the statement that "We have the highest paid Mayor and Business Administrator in Middlesex County." It was when Council President Balut defended Fehrenbach and Blunda.

There was more friction at the meeting when Councilman Fernando Gonzalez commented about the budget not being fair to the citizens of Perth Amboy.

Fernando Gonzalez stated, "We are the highest taxed municipality in Middlesex County." He then went on to say, "We should lower taxes - not just stabilize them. In the year 2011 six neighbor-

hoods got an average of about \$1200 in reduction for their property taxes. In 2012 other neighborhoods received about \$900 in property tax reductions and I believe that all properties should have been adjusted at the same time."

"I am shocked about Mr. Fernando Gonzalez comments," stated Councilman Joel Pabon. Pabon especially was taken aback when Fernando G. said he made about fifteen suggested budget cuts that were overlooked. Pabon responded, "I disagree with you."

Councilman William Petrick said he would be happy to request that a resolution be drawn up asking \$250 million in aid from the governor's office. This was in response to resident Stanley Sierakowski's comments about why Perth Amboy only requested \$2 million in transitional aid.

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South Amboy: Representative From Jersey Central Power and Lighting Speak at Meeting

*William Schwarick Sworn in as Council Vice President
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Vince Mackeil speaks before the South Amboy Council
photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

By Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - After a high volume of questions about the lighting situation in South Amboy, the city council had a representative from Jersey Central Power and Lighting speak at last week's meeting.

Gerald Ricciardi spoke during a special presentation at South Amboy City Hall that updated residents on the progress being made around town. He noted the hard work that was being done to fix the lighting problems and what other improvements were being made.

"As of today, I have zero repair orders for the streets of South Amboy," Ricciardi said. "We have line crews that work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week that work to fix the street lights as soon as possible."

Ricciardi made it clear that he is always open to answer questions that residents may have about the lights in South Amboy. He urged the council to give out his contact information so he could help in any way he could.

"I'm the guy you come to about any questions about Jersey Central. Whatever you need answered, I'll take care of it," he said. "I've left my business card with the council.

They can get you my information and I will gladly speak to anyone with questions or concerns."

Ricciardi also went over the future plans for lighting in the area, including new poles that will be installed in the next month or so. There will be four lights placed near the YMCA and a new 200-watt light placed near the firehouse.

Although not many residents made it to the meeting on Wednesday, those in attendance appreciated someone from the company coming down to speak. Vince Mackiel's concerns about the street lights out in town were addressed and he was thankful for Ricciardi's update.

"I'd just like to mention that there were representatives of the city, not just police, at recent meetings that were worried about this lighting problem," Mackiel said. "I appreciate you doing whatever you can do improve the safety in the area."

There have been a number of complaints from residents over the past few months on the street and traffic lights in the area being faulty, and it was addressed by Business Administrator Camille Tooker that over 57 lights were out or faulty in the area at the same time. Mayor Fred Henry

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stressed the need for improvement and wanted to show that the council was making progress on handling the situation.

"It is our intention to answer to the public any concerns they have and bring in the people who have the answers to those concerns," Henry said. "We've had questions over the past few meetings, and we want to make sure people are getting the answers they deserve."

To report a street light out in the area, residents can call 1-800-662-3115 or go to www.firstenergycorp.com to report the problem. Ricciardi also said that he is available to come to future meetings to talk to residents about other issues.

William Schwarick Voted New Council Vice President

By Joseph L. Kuchie



**Councilman
William Schwarick**

SOUTH AMBOY - Before last week's South Amboy council meeting, William Schwarick was voted new Vice President by his fellow councilmen.

The vote was motioned by councilmen-at-large Mickey Gross and seconded by first ward councilmen Donald Applegate. Schwarick will replace former council Vice President Mark Noble, who resigned after March 21st council meeting.

Schwarick has been on the council since 2009, when he filled the vacated seat left by John "Jack" O'Connell. He was formerly the Director of Security for the Perth Am-

boy schools before retiring after 29 years.

The next South Amboy council meeting will be on April 18th at 7:00 PM.

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There was also a conflict between the other Council Members and Fernando Gonzalez when it came to the matter of reinstating into the budget the amount of \$2000 for the auxiliary police. The Council also wished to add \$2400 to a new program called "Sisters Under Sail." Bill Petrick moved this amendment and Ken Gonzalez seconded the motion. F. Gonzalez was the only Council Member who voted "no" on this matter.

The \$2000 that was taken out of the line item for auxiliary police was done so because there was surplus money left over from the previous year for that entity. Petrick asked that for this \$2000 to be reinstated because each year has different needs. He alluded to the fact that we will be having extra activities this year that were eliminated previously. The \$2000 for the auxiliary police will be needed when these events take place again.

Resident David Caba Addresses Perth Amboy Council

PERTH AMBOY - Local businessman and Perth Amboy Resident David Caba also spoke about changing the form of government in the City. He specifically addressed Councilman Petrick about this matter. He looked at Petrick directly and said to him, "Where were you when I and local resident Alan Silber and the late Richard Piatkowski were here complaining about Vas. If we had a different voting system we would not have disagreements about what neighborhoods would get tax reductions." Then Caba directed his next comments to F. Gonzalez, "Your health benefits should have been voted on by the Citizens. Anyone who thinks about themselves will not go anywhere." With that said Caba turned his thoughts to the investment firm of Goldman-Sachs.

Recently an executive from that firm resigned with a guilty conscience bothering him. Behind closed doors the Goldman-Sachs Executives would talk about their clients in a very disrespectful manner. "We need to change our form of government to encourage our young people. We have several candidates running for mayor and it's easy to run when you have a clean house."

Anti-Nepotism Policy Explained



**Councilman
Kenneth Gonzalez**

PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Kenneth Gonzalez questioned B.A. Greg Fehrenbach to be more specific in explaining the new anti-nepotism policy.

The B.A. explained that it would basically affect non competitive summer, seasonal, per diem, clerks or laborers. "There are three tiers: 1.) If you have candidates that are equally qualified but not related to a current employee. 2.) Residents that are related to current employees. 3.) Non-residents.

They all refer to nonclassified or non-competitive positions.

Ken Gonzalez asked specifically about cases where you have those who want to be in the fire and police department that are following in a family tradition to be of service to their community. "For instance if there is a father who is a fireman and the son also wanted to be a firefighter would the son be at a disadvantage if the father is already employed?"

Fehrenbach said, "This policy will not pertain to those departments"

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

The New High School: Where Should It Be?

This has been one hot topic that has been going on for years. The present High School located on Eagle Avenue has been overcrowded for a very long time and the only solution is to have a new High School.

There have been two locations that have been talked about for building a new school: one would be the Delaney Homes on Convery Boulevard which recently had twenty of the twenty-nine buildings demolished. Some of the ideas that were tossed around for that vacant land were businesses located there with residential apartments on top.

The Celotex Property which is located on the intersections of Convery Boulevard and Smith Street is the other site. There have been back and forth discussions as to whether or not the Celotex Property is contaminated and if there are contaminants how severe is the problem? The Celotex Property has also been very controversial because of an archeological dig that was supposed to take place last year. Also that property is privately owned and the property owner has expressed interest in the archeological aspect of the site.

School Board Member Israel Varela is very gung-ho about the High School being built at the Celotex Property. There are 75 acres of Celotex Property and it should be probed to see what part of that land can be used for a school.

Others have expressed an interest in Delaney Homes Property. Councilman Fernando Gonzalez who is also a Commissioner of the Housing Authority states that there is still a possibility that the Authority can sell some of the Delaney Homes Property to the Board of Education to build a High School. The Delaney Homes is owned by the Federal Government and that

is one sticking point to having a new High School built there.

In about 90 days from 3/28/12 the Housing Authority may be willing to discuss selling that property to the Board of Education. Fernando Gonzalez said that Executive Director of the Housing Authority Doug Dzema should be in on discussions about the High School being built on the Delaney Homes Property. He invited the public to attend all Housing Authority Meetings.

Jeanette Gonzalez who is the parent liaison to the PTO has a petition circulating and a letter of support to be forwarded to the SDA (Schools Development Authority). This is to make them aware that the whole town is behind Perth Amboy getting a new high school. She also stated that there is a six month time line where the SDA to have shovels in the ground if this is to go forward.

At the Board of Education Meeting 3/29/12 local resident Stanley Sierakowski told those in attendance, "They should put in an OPRA (Open Public Records Act) request to the Department of EPA in regards to the Celotex Property. All you have to do is fill out the information what the lot and block number is. Once you have that information, submit the form to the EPA and ask for the latest data on the Celotex Property (in regards to any contaminants)."

At previous School Board Meetings speakers have told the Board Members that a new High School had been discussed when their children were freshmen in high school. Now those freshmen are sophomores in college. In those six years nothing has been done about a High School.

In the meantime Perth Amboy's student population has continued to grow. When a

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Tax Appeals Fair Game!

I read with interest Ms. Maria Garcia's comments regarding Mr. Joseph B. Vas's tax appeal work with the local community. The article was titled "outrageous" and it was printed in the last community section of the Amboy Guardian. Ms. Garcia seems to be very critical of Mr. Vas (son of the former Mayor Vas) for doing nothing more than work as an attorney to make a living. Mr. Joseph B. Vas is an attorney and works on tax appeals. Generally, homeowners file their tax appeals on their own or can choose to have an attorney in the process.

Those who do choose their attorneys from advertisements, prior experiences or even word of mouth. Mr. Vas's tax appeal advertisements are allowed under the First Amendment of the Constitution. There is nothing wrong with advertising, our Supreme Court has decided, and there are beneficiaries to that particular art, such as the Amboy Guardian itself. Ms. Garcia indicates that she was inspired to write about it because she finds Mr. Vas's letters misleading. She seems to find troubling that Mr. Vas's is the son of the former mayor, the fact that Mr. Vas states in his letters that his services are free, the lack of notice in the letters that revaluation of the property was conducted when his father was mayor and various other conclusions that she seems to derive from her own rather faulty analysis, like Mr. Vas should work for free. It seems obvious that despite all of these concerns the top issue is the relation between Mr. Vas

and the former Mayor Joseph Vas. It is rather unfortunate that people could be targeted for criticism when all they are doing is simply working only because they are related to someone who may have had a history in the past. It should not be. Mr. Vas's letter clearly states that he charges a contingency fee for his services and that is totally proper to do. Lawyers work on contingency fees in many areas, personal injury, for instance, and have done so for many years. Of all the tax appeal solicitation letters received by Perth Amboy taxpayers, such as myself, not one of them so much as mentions when properties were reassessed in Perth Amboy or under whose administration. None of these letters were mentioned by Ms. Garcia or called "misleading." Why then is Mr. Vas being singled out?

Incidentally, municipalities are supposed to reevaluate properties from time to time to ensure that properties are taxed based on a "full and fair" value. Revaluations may be needed when properties in a municipality are "not being assessed at the same rate of true market value and/or are being assessed substantially below true market value." If a revaluation has not taken place for 10 or more years, one may be needed. That was the case in Perth Amboy in 2006. At the time, property values were only assessed at a fraction of value and as a result assessments were not likely based on a fair or accurate market value. The reevaluation is not the reason for properties being over assessed, instead, it is a reflection of the housing crisis that hunts the

entire country. No one, not even the former mayor could have possibly suspected the bottom would fall out from the housing market as it did and when it did.

That's why residential taxpayers and corporate ones alike are filing appeals. Corporate taxpayers like Chevron and Westminster have received sizeable reductions. This fact, which was pointed out in Mr. Vas's letter of advertisement, was not only accurate but also documents the market differences from 2006 to 2012.

Many legal matters can be handled without an attorney but everyone has a right to seek counsel. Mr. Vas's letter neither states nor implies that you have to have an attorney to proceed with a tax appeal.

The fact remains that, for many people, proceeding on their own may not be an option, while for others it may be the best option. I find nothing misleading or outrageous about Mr. Vas's letters. What is outrageous is that someone finds the need to project their own obvious personal anger towards former Mayor Joseph Vas onto his son.

It's a shame that he be criticized for the name he bears and not for the merits of his conduct. Joseph B. Vas has the rights to free speech, to work as an attorney in New Jersey where he has earned a degree and most especially in the town where he was born and raised. Ms. Garcia's personal attacks are the only outrageous things here.

Eraldes E. Cabrera, Esq.

I'm a Walker - Not a Runner

In the spring a young man's fancy, and not so a young man's fancy, turns to thoughts of what the girls have been thinking about all winter long. Especially the mild winter we have just had. The last good snowfall was back in October! Let us now enjoy the flowers, insects and the incessant rantings of the political candidates.

Every time you look around another candidate for public office pops up in this city by the bay! As a long time voter I am amused by their antics. They seem to be solid citizens and mean well. And our local brand of democracy is prob-

ably in its best purest form.

I'll admit that in my younger days I was tempted to run for public office. However since I employed on overseas flights I could not do justice to the position when I was cavorting around to Rome, Frankfurt, London or wherever I found myself. I reluctantly declined to run. Besides I am walker not a runner. The only running I ever did was what I had to do. Like running away from truant officers, cops, bill collectors, wives and husbands.

Since I am quite interested in civic affairs I relished the role of a curmudgeon as bestowed upon me by the unofficial poet laureate Dioris Arlequin.

So, my dear fellow residents, eat, drink, and enjoy the politi-

cal scene. My sympathies are with the large field of candidates. I feel they will cancel each other out challenging the fine record of our wondrous and ubiquitous (existing or being everywhere at the same time) Wilda. She is the key to this city by the bay leading us to greater heights of glory and prosperity. May she win in a landslide!

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Very truly yours,

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Happy Easter!



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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

Tea Room Open

PERTH AMBOY — The Tea Room at the historic Proprietary House, Kearny Avenue, is open on Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

For \$7 per person, visitors can enjoy assorted teas and delicious homemade desserts served by hostesses Helen, Dorothy and Kathy. Take a tour of the only remaining Royal Governor's Mansion in the U.S.

The Proprietary House, which was built between 1762 and 1764, and is on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, is owned by the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Parks & Forestry.

For more information or group reservations, call (732) 826-5527.

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Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TODAY Apr. 11 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Apr. 12 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
TUES. Apr. 17 Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
WED Apr. 18 Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Apr. 19 Municipal Court, 6 p.m.,
Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

South Amboy

MON. Apr. 16 City Council, Business, 6 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway
WED Apr. 18 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, N. Broadway

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**Woodbridge VFW Post 4410 & American Legion Post 87 - 4/5/12
A Salute to Corporal Kevin Reinhard, USMC
To Honor His Memory**

Photos by Katherine Massopust

WOODBIDGE - Veterans poured out to honor Corporal Kevin Reinhard, USMC who was killed in Afghanistan. The American Bombshells performed for a delightful evening. Donations were accepted at the event and 100% of the money collected went toward the Cpl. Kevin Reinhard Scholarship Fund.



Welcome Home Veterans!



The Family of Corporal Kevin Reinhard with Mayor McCormac, some City Council Members and the American Bombshells



Corporal Kevin Reinhard, USMC



The American Bombshells Entertain



Matthew Donovan, Al Jankowski, Frank Castro & John Eberhardt



Veteran Chaplain Don Walz



Al Jankowski and Dan Dunn



Veterans enjoy the evening



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Editorial
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new High School is finally finished let's hope it will not be so far off in the future that the new school cannot accommodate the increased growth of the student population of Perth Amboy.

The Board of Education should decide what it wants to do. Zero in on one location.

Get the reports done on both properties. Get what needs to be done. In the meantime those properties remain vacant for now. The City needs ratable's and each week that passes by you may have people coming into the City looking to develop those properties. In the blink of an eye there may no longer be the Delaney Homes or Celotex Properties available. And you will be back to square one.

Four years from now you don't want someone coming to speak at a Board of Education Meeting saying, "I remember in 2012 when they talked about building a new High School." And it still has not been built.

C.M. & K.M.

*Send Your Events
 to Carolyn at
 Crlynmxwll@aol.com and
 to Katherine at
 KMass514@gmail.com*

Holocaust Days of Remembrance

PERTH AMBOY - Holocaust Commemoration will be on Thursday, April 19 with a flag raising at 4 p.m. and a Remembrance Ceremony at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall Circle and Council Chambers. There will also be a series of films at the Perth Amboy YMCA Auditorium, 357 New Brunswick Ave. For a complete list of movies go to the City of Perth Amboy Website - <http://ci.perthamboy.nj.us/> The 2012 Days of Remembrance commemorate the actions of rescuers during the Holocaust. The stories of ordinary people who chose to intervene and help rescue Jews, despite the risks demonstrate that individuals have the power to make a difference.

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Green Your Neighborhood

JERSEY CITY - Local community group, Sustainable Jersey City has scheduled a series of educational workshops for the community. Join us for the first installment, "Citizen Journalism Tools & Working With The Media To Green Your Neighborhood" where we'll be speaking about how to use citizen journalism to report news and promote the issues you care about. Mon. April 9 at 7:00 p.m. (HCCC, Jersey City) The Green Mapping process will also be discussed.

A Night of Storytelling With Vic Henley, Mark Riccadonna & Car LaBove

WOODBIDGE - Over 60 years of entertainment history on stage at one time. Host Mark Riccadonna grew up an artsy jock, who at 17 moved to New York to pursue Theater and Stand-up Comedy. Besides New York, he has travelled to the Middle East and around the globe, entertaining American and UN troops.

Vic Henley is the anchor of the night and is one of New York's favorite comics. He has written for shows like the Sasha Baron Cohen feature film BRUNO and has performed on a Comedy Central Special, Letterman HBO, Edinburgh, Montreal, over 500 campuses (receiving 8 nominations for comedian of the year) and hosted a corporate show with George W. Bush.

Special Guest Storyteller Carl Labove is known as one of the original Out Laws of Comedy. He has hobnobbed with Billy Idol, Sam Kinison and Motley Crue, just to name a few. He left Texas and pursued the American Dream. He is currently in a one man show about his life as an outlaw, amazing crowds everywhere.

The show is Live at the Bar-ron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge on Friday, May 11. Showtime: 7:30 p.m. (seating begins at 7:00 p.m.) Ticket Price: \$20 advance / \$25 day-of For Tickets Call (732) 596-4048 or go to <http://www.woodbridgeartsnj.org>. For Interview Requests: pryanmusic@gmail.com (Pat Ryan). For Hi-Res Photos: lostbrothersbooking@gmail.com (Franklin Marcus)

Perth Amboy Area Churches Combine for Living Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Procession - 4/6/12

photos by Paul W. Wang



Easter Pageant - Perth Amboy YMCA - 4/8/12

photos by Paul W. Wang



The Easter Bunny Delights the Crowd



They all look like winners!



I feel like I'm on a cloud of ruffles!



If I win will the tooth fairy give me a quarter?



Hey look! I'm as tall as the Mayor!



I pick that one!



One of many trophies!



I feel pretty!



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Waiting for the contestants to appear!

Perth Amboy Seniors Olive Street Easter Party - Perth Amboy - 4/7/12

photos by Bob Ned



I hope your Easter brings you much joy and blessings!



Are there goodies inside this egg?

A.C. Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - The Office on Aging is offering a trip to Caesar's A.C. on Friday, May 18. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. from the A.J. Center returning about 7 p.m. Cost is \$19 pp. Cash back \$25. Money Orders Only. For more info call 732-826-1690 ext. 4307 & 4326.

Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Fridays (Ages 6+) at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Celebrate Earth Day - Plant a Seed

SOUTH AMBOY - Kids, mark your calendar for a fun event at the Dowdell Library: "Celebrate Earth Day - Plant a Seed," which is an Earth Day program which will be presented by South Amboy Community Gardens on Monday, April 23rd from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Parents, introduce your child to planting a seed for a lifelong love of gardening!

Also, meet "Sisters in Crime" author, Chelle Martin at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy! Sisters in Crime will celebrate 25 years of working with librarians and booksellers in support of women writing crime fiction and will celebrate with a special event on Saturday, April 21 at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library of South Amboy from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Chelle Martin will experience life as a librarian, so feel free to stop by and ask her about mystery writing or "Sisters in Crime!"

Don't forget to ask about the children's and young adult art contest taking place through April 30th.

Need homework help? Don't forget to ask the librarians. Free online resources on the library's web page make report writing easy!

The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off O'Leary Blvd. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10 am - 8 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 10 am - 5 p.m. and Saturday 12 noon - 4 p.m. Directions: www.dowdell.org

For additional information, contact the library at comments@dowdell.org or 732-721-6060.

Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area) For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you. *For more info please call 732-293-1090*

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Perth Amboy Adult Enrichment Program Spring Semester 2012 Classes Eight (8) Weeks

PERTH AMBOY - Registration for Adult Enrichment Classes can be done in-person prior to classes beginning on Monday, April 16, Tuesday, April 17 And Wednesday, April 18. Cost for classes is \$25 per class. Classes include - Citizenship, Salsa, Zumba, Yoga, Cake Decorating and Cooking. The Fee for the Computer Class is \$75. For further information please contact: Loyda Garcia (732) 376-6200 x31412. Maria Zayas (732) 376-6200 x30255. See information below for class schedules.

Class Schedule:

Monday Classes:	April 16th, 23rd, 30th May 7th, 14th, 21st June 4th, 11th
Tuesday Classes:	April 17th, 24th May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, June 5th
Wednesday Classes:	April 18th, 25th May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June 6th

Hatha Yoga

PERTH AMBOY- RBMC's Division of Integrative Medicine is holding a Hatha Yoga for Stress Management class Tuesdays, April 3 through April 24, 4 to 5 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Learn to relax, improve flexibility and avoid osteoporosis. Program is presented by Certified Yoga Instructor Helen Hsaio. Cost is \$54 for four classes. Walk-in is \$16 per class. To register or for more info call 1-800-362-8677 or 732-324-5300.

Nutrition and the Metabolic Syndrome

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a free "Journey to Health" education series, reviewing a variety of integrative approaches to good health and wellness. Speaker Maria Flores, MD, will discuss "Nutrition and the Metabolic Syndrome," Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. For more info and to register, call 1-800-362-8677 or 732-324-5300.

Qigong

PERTH AMBOY-RBMC's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Qigong for Health class Mondays, April 11 through April 30, 7 to 8 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Instructor Rich Lund presents four sessions, including Qigong exercises to promote a healthy spine and back and Qigong exercises to help cleanse the liver and strengthen the spleen and stomach. Cost is \$50 for four classes. Walk-ins \$15 per class. To register or for more info call 1-800-362-8677 or 732-324-5300.

"Re-Gift" Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - To Benefit Alise Strawhand and Family, South Amboy Elks #784 Presents: "RE-GIFT" BINGO. You must bring "One Wrapped Gift" to enter. DATE: Friday April 20th TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy cost is \$1 per Bingo Sheet. Here is your chance to get rid of those unwanted gifts you have laying around the house. Outside Food Permitted. Refreshments and Cash Bar Available. For more info call 732-727-7170.

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PERTH AMBOY - Computer running slow? Learn the art of computer maintenance at the Kearny Cottage. Classes will be on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning April 12. Cost \$60 for eight weeks. For more info call 732-293-1090.

Music on Main Street

WOODBIDGE - There will be a concert of Stephen Wrembel on Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 532 Rahway, Ave., Woodbridge. The guitarists of Little Feat playing the music of Little Feat & more. Tickets: \$22 advance \$25 at door.

Stomp The Monster

MARLBORO - Stomp The Monster 5K run & Festival will be on Sunday, April 22 in Marlboro Recreation Center, 1996 Recreation Way, Marlboro. For more info go to www.stompthemonster.org. Helping those who are affected by cancer when they need it most.

OLV Senior Group April Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The OLV Senior Group will hold Meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at 1 p.m. in Monsignor Dalton Hall on Main Street in Sayreville. There will be an author presentation by Renee Gatz who wrote Wise Words & Witty Expressions. Our group invites any senior who is 55 years and older to join our group. You do not need to be a member of OLV. Any questions please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

NAACP Perth Amboy Branch 34th Annual Funds Awards Banquet

EDISON - The 34th Annual Funds Awards Banquet will be on Friday, April 27 at 7 p.m. at the Pines Manor, 2085 Rte 27, Edison. Honorees: Michael G. Blackwell, Nina Nieves and Deputy Chief Benjamin Ruiz. Price \$75 - Adults, \$50 (ages 20 and under) - Tables \$750. Limited seating available. Purchase your tickets today! Call Brenda: 732-826-5284 or go to www.naacperthamboyarea.org

34th Annual Geranium Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is having their annual Geranium Sale on Monday, May 7. \$30 per Dozen. \$3.50 each plant. Orders are due by Friday, April 30. Also available - hanging Geranium Plants - \$20 each. Pick-up on Monday, May 7: outside of the medical center at Groom Street Entrance 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please indicate # of geraniums and color: bubble gum pink, white, ruby red, fuchsia, or hanging geranium plant. Call Joan at 732-442-0629 for more info.

Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC is sponsoring a one day Childbirth Education class Saturday, April 14, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. It will be held at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-362-8677 or 732-324-5300.



Spring Flea Market

PERTH AMBOY - The PTO Members and Faculty of Perth Amboy Schools invite all to participate at the Flea Market as either a vendor or patron. The Perth Amboy High School PTO is having a Spring Flea Market on Saturday, May 5 (Rain or Shine) at Perth Amboy High School Cafeteria, 300 Eagle Ave., Perth Amboy. Cost: \$10 per space/\$15 space with table/\$20 for 2 spaces with tables Questions? Call 732-233-3397. Must Prepay by Monday, April 30.

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PERTH AMBOY - The following boards are seeking members: Business Improvement District (BID), Library Board of Trustees, Planning Board, Rent Levelling Board, Urban Enterprise Zone, Historic Preservation Commission

Some key responsibilities include: consistent attendance at regular board meetings, participation at the meetings as an active member; participation in the general activities of the organization and preparation in advance before regular board meetings by reading; and studying materials regarding key actions the board is expected to take at the meeting.

Please be advised that this is strictly a voluntary position. Residents interested in becoming members of a specific board may complete and return the Citizen Service application to Office of the Municipal Clerk in City Hall located on 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861 for consideration. To learn more about the duties and responsibilities of each board refer to the Administrative Code (E-Code/Ordinances) of the City of Perth Amboy available on the City's website.

Applications are due: Monday, April 16, 2012

Hall Institute Explores "The State Of Hispanic New Jersey"

NEW BRUNSWICK - An upcoming Rutgers-New Brunswick public forum will offer insights into the vital, ever-changing role Hispanics play in Garden State politics, education, culture and economics ... now and in the decade down the road. "The State of Hispanic New Jersey" takes place Friday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rutgers University-New Brunswick in the Multipurpose Room of Cook Campus Center, 59 Biel Road, New Brunswick, New Jersey. The Hall Institute of Public Policy-New Jersey will partner with the Center for Latin American Studies at Rutgers University to present the forum. "The State of Hispanic New Jersey" features keynote speakers Dr. Mark Hugo Lopez, Associate Director of the Pew Hispanic Center, Washington, D.C., and Rutgers professor Robert Montemayor, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Director of the Rutgers Latino Information Network, along with two dozen New Jersey Hispanic political, educational, healthcare, business and media representatives. "The State of Hispanic New Jersey" is admission-free and open to the public with online registration here: <http://hispanicforum.eventbrite.com>.

HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, Apr 16 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.

90's Birthday Bash

OLD BRIDGE - The Middlesex County Office of Aging & Disabled Services Cordially Invites Seniors, 90 and over to a celebration of life in their honor. Wednesday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Bridge Senior Center, George J. Bush Center, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge. For more info call 732-721-5600 ext. 6600. RSVP by April 11 by calling 732-745-4267. Sponsored by the Middlesex Co. Office of Aging & Disabled Services. Hosted by Old Bridge Township Senior Center.

Civil War

Round Table

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of the Robert E. Lee Civil War Round Table of Central New Jersey will be held on at 7 p.m. in the Woodbridge Public Library, George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. All are welcome! The upcoming speaker schedule is: May 7, John Quarstein, "Battle of Williamsburg" June 4, Steve Laird, "Lee & Jackson at Chancellorsville" July 2, David Koch, "Lincoln, the Gettysburg Address & Transformation of the Civil War" August 6, Gail Stephens, "Lew Wallace at Shiloh"

Italian Tripoli 100th Anniversary

TINTON FALLS - The Italian Tripoli Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on April 29. at Palumbo's Restaurant at Tinton Falls Centre on Asbury Avenue and Greengrove in Tinton Falls. We are asking all members, friends and all those interested to attend this great event and participate by also taking an ad for the Commemorative Journal.

The cost for the dinner and entertainment will be \$80. per person. The cost for an ad will be \$100 For ticket information contact Adam at 732-794-9004 and for Commemorative Journal Ad information contact Tony at 732-928-6130.

Free Rabies Clinic

SOUTH AMBOY - Tuesday, April 10th at Mechanicsville Firehouse, 400 Raritan St. 6 to 6:30 p.m. - cats, 6:30 to 9 p.m. - dogs. Saturday, April 14th at Independence Firehouse, 140 North Broadway, 9 to 9:30 a.m.- cats, 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. - dogs.

Bridal

Showcase

WOODBIDGE - There will be the Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce Bridal Showcase on Sunday April 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 US. Highway 1 South Iselin NJ. ADMISSION IS FREE. Brides, grooms, families are all welcome. To register contact the Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce at 52 Main Street Woodbridge NJ. 07095 or call 732-636-4040 or e-mail woodbridgechamber@comcast.net.

Antiques

Appraisal Fair

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House Museum will be hosting an Antiques Appraisal Fair on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 10 a.m. TO 3 p.m. at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy. Appraisers who will be participating at this event include Robert Smith, John Solowinski, and Andrea Sandler. Bring your collectibles, flea market finds or family heirlooms. Our Appraisers will offer a verbal appraisal for \$10 per item or 3 items for \$25. In order to accommodate everyone the maximum number of items per person is three. From 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Steven Probert, local contractor and business owner, will talk about his experience restoring the Proprietary House over the last year. He will also be answering your questions regarding you old house projects. Admission is FREE. No reservation needed. Come hungry! Hot Dogs, Beverages and Light Snacks will be available for purchase. Please support the Proprietary House Museum, the former home of Royal Governor William Franklin, the son of Benjamin Franklin. If you have any questions call the Museum at 732 826-5527, email address: info@proprietaryhouse.org or visit our website at www.proprietaryhouse.org. The Proprietary House Museum is owned by the State of NJ, administered by DEP, DIV of Parks & Forestry and operated by the Proprietary House Association.

Beach Sweep

SOUTH AMBOY - Let's make our beach something to be proud of again! Come on Saturday, April 21 at 9 a.m. to South Amboy Fishing Beach! Rain or Shine! Bring your own rake if possible. Work off your community service hours. Eagle Scout Branden Lenahan, South Amboy Troop #91. Any Questions? Email imlenahan16@gmail.com.

Italian Sausage

Sandwich Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Lawrie and Johnstone Streets, Perth Amboy, will hold an Italian sausage sandwich sale in the parish hall after the 5 p.m. Mass, Saturday, Apr. 28. Cake and assorted beverages will be included in the \$8 tickets sold only at the door. For further information, call 732-721-5914.

Tool Time

WOODBIDGE - Tooling Around the Township will be on Saturday, April 28. To nominate a house for repair or to be a volunteer or business sponsor call 732-634-2750 ext 105. Tooling Around the Township is a program that organizes teams of local community volunteers to fix up residences of senior citizens and disabled residents unable to afford home repairs. You and your organization or business can be an important part of this annual 1-day community event by volunteering a few hours of labor or donating supplies. Needed are Volunteers, both skilled and unskilled in home repair and Donations of Materials, especially paint, paint brushes, smoke alarms & roofing material.

Dog Walk & Pet Fair

WOODBIDGE - The Woodbridge Animal Shelter is sponsoring the 5th Annual Dog Walk & Pet Fair on Sunday, May 20 Registration starts at 10 a.m. Rain or Shine! All leashed pets welcome! Walk Starts 11 a.m. Walk starts at Alvin P. Williams Park, Cliff Road, Sewaren and ends at the Woodbridge Animal Shelter, 195 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge. There will be raffles, food, vendors, dog contests, live music. Meet adoptable animals and more! For more info email krisehlers@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit the Woodbridge Township Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center.

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AMBOY SPOTLIGHT: FAST-TEKS

Computer Whisperer Opens Fast-teks Computer Service Company in Metuchen

Article Submitted

METUCHEN — Experienced computer expert Joseph Guddat opens a Fast-teks on-site computer services franchise to serve Middlesex County. Complaints generally voiced by residents and small business owners in the Middlesex community include the need for local computer technicians that are affordable and experienced.

Computer expert Joseph Guddat is filling this need by using his 20 years of experience in global information technology as the foundation of a new Fast-Teks on-site computer services franchise. He opened the business in January of 2012.

“Computers are an essential component of everyday life, especially for people who work from home or own a small business,” said Guddat. “With such reliance on technology, I wanted to offer an enterprise solution to the community at a fraction of the cost of employing

a full-time IT professional.”

Guddat plans to work predominantly with small businesses, he said. It’s his goal for Fast-teks to become a resource of trusted advisors that provide computer services and more. He also provides consultation services to help clients to increase their bottom line, assist in more effectively serving their clients, and provide solutions that allow them to focus more on growing their business and becoming more profitable rather than on maintaining their business systems.

“We believe that digging in and planting roots in a community means raising our family here and giving back to a community that has given us this opportunity,” said Guddat.

Fast-teks services all major brands and offers a full range of computer support and IT solutions on-site at your home or business. It also provides help desk support via email, phone or text.

Fast-teks offers a wide range of assistance including virus,

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Fast-teks technicians are available nights and weekends for emergencies and they offer same-day computer service.

Guddat offers a \$25 discount to all new clients. Please visit www.fasteks.com/woodbridge or call 732-257-3278 for details.

About Fast-teks, Inc. Fast-teks is an on-site computer service company that specializes in both residential and business IT services. Fast-teks is one of the fastest growing on-site computer services firms in North America and offers business owners and residential customers a one-call solution for all their computer needs.

Grand Opening of All Star’s Academy, LLC Perth Amboy - March 24, 2012 photos by Bob Ned



The Cutting of the Ribbon ushers in the Official Opening



Father Walter Latkowski Pastor of St. Mary’s and St. Stephen’s Church offers the invocation



Popular Kid’s Cartoon Character Sponge-Bob entertains the kids



The Grand Opening drew a large crowd

Food Blessing in Perth Amboy April 7, 2012 photo by Katherine Massopust



The Ukrainian Church Blesses Food for Easter

Neighborhood Business Meetings

PERTH AMBOY - The Urban Enterprise Zone Program and the Business Improvement District, are once again coordinating a series of meetings with business owners in various parts of our city.

As in previous years, the objective of these meetings is to bring government into the neighborhoods. The agenda consists of a 3-5 minute presentation by City Directors about department operations and services available to the community. The main purpose

is to provide small settings and hear business owners’ comments and input that will help us improve the delivery of services. For more info call Roxana Troche at 732-442-6421. The 2012 Neighborhood Business Meetings schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Wednesday, Apr. 11	12 noon	Karini II Restaurant	299 New Brunswick Ave.
Wednesday, Apr. 18	5:00 p.m.	Latin Grill	586 Amboy Avenue
Wednesday, Apr. 25	5:00 p.m.	El Taco Loco	308 State St.

A.A.R.P. Meeting

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Chapter #4853 of A.A.R.P. Meetings are held at the Sayreville Senior Center (Main St.) on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 12 NOON. There are different informative speakers at each meeting. Food and coffee are offered at reasonable prices. Membership is \$5 per year. New members are welcomed at every meeting. Come and make some new friends.

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

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - There is an ongoing book sale at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Fill a bag for \$5. New books have arrived! Mystery, Classics, Popular Authors! Book Dealers Welcome. For more info call 732-826-2600. There are also books for sale at Raritan Bay Coffee Company (at the Historic Train Station)

Volunteers Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Domestic Violence Response Team needs volunteers! Team members work in conjunction with the police to provide victim support, information and referral at the time of a domestic violence crisis. Training will be provided at no charge by the Perth Amboy Police Department. For more info contact Det. Liza Capo, Perth Amboy Police Dept. at 732-324-3815 or Det. Sgt. Joseph Breyta, Perth Amboy Police Dept. at 732-324-3819.

Kid's Bingo

SEWAREN - The Sewaren Free Public Library welcomes kids in grades K-5 and their accompanying adults & siblings for a fun night of BINGO! This event will be on the 1st Friday of every month at 7 p.m. from October through May. The remaining date is: 5/4. Come one, come all, but sign up is required every time. For more info or to register call 732-634-7571. Sewaren Library welcomes patrons from all towns, not just Sewaren. The Sewaren Free Public Library is located at 546 West Ave., Sewaren.

15th Annual Inspirations Spring Art Show

PERTH AMBOY - The 15th Annual Inspirations Art Show will be on Thursday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Concourse Gallery, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. \$50 per person. Please RSVP by Monday, April 9. Sponsorship available. Call for more details. 732-324-5374 or email. foundation@rbmc.org. Register online at www.rbmcfoundation.org. Honoring the Past . . . Illuminating the Future. Proceeds to benefit the Wilentz Patient Care Center at Raritan Bay Medical Center.

Open Mic

PERTH AMBOY - There will be an Poetry and Music Open Mic Night every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Come show off your talent. For more information contact 732-826-1690 ext. 4325.

Scholarship Available

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy ELKS :Elks Care, Elks Share Scholarship applications are now available. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving senior from each of the five area high schools: South Amboy, Sayreville, Perth Amboy, South River and Cardinal McCarrick. For more information visit www.elks.org and refer to Lodge #784 website or email susanapeterson@aol.com. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2012.

OLV Seniors Trip to American Music Theater

Featuring Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons SAYREVILLE - The OLV Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to the American Music Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The date of the trip is Thursday, May 17. The price of the trip is \$150 which includes: the price of the show ticket, bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at Shady Maple, and snacks on the bus. The bus will leave OLV lower parking lot at 2 p.m. and return approximately at 12:30 a.m. For further information or to make a reservation, please contact (732) 727-7639.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Circa 1960's. The Perth Amboy Post Office on Jefferson Street.

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TODAY, Apr. 11 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS., Apr. 12 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Ukrainian Assumption Church, Alta Vista Pl.,
- MON., Apr. 16 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES., Apr. 17 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Apr. 18 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone Sts.
- THURS., Apr. 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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- TODAY Apr. 11 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
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M.S.K.

Conversational Italian

PERTH AMBOY - Interested in learning to speak Italian? The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is offering Italian lessons on Wednesday evenings beginning on April 18 at 6 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. \$60 for eight weeks. For more info call 732-293-1090.

Date Correction: All You Can Eat Filet Mignon Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The Old Bridge Sayreville Rotary is hosting its 4th Annual Ultimate Beefsteak on Friday, April 20th. Proceeds from this all you can eat filet mignon dinner will benefit area food banks. The event takes place at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, located at Main Street and Washington Ave. in South Amboy. Dinner is served promptly at 6:30 p.m. and the menu, catered by The Brownstone from "Real Housewives of New Jersey", includes cold antipasto, sliced beef tenderloin, penne in tomato basil sauce, french fries, ice cream cake, coffee, tea, and soda. BYOB. Cost is \$40 per person and tables of 10 can be reserved. A comic and DJ will be on hand for your evening's entertainment! Advance ticket sales only, and space is limited. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Glenn at (732)921-1468, or Jeff at (732)921-1466. Tickets may also be purchased at Pride Landscape Supply, 350 Ernston Rd., Parlin.

Cardiac Club

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC's Cardiac Club will meet Mon., Apr 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., 530 New Brunswick Ave in the hospital's Centennial Hall. Explore heart conditions and healthy living. Refreshments will be served. For more info call 1-800-362-8677.

Basic Bicycle Maintenance

PERTH AMBOY - Introduction to the East Coast Greenway and Bicycle Maintenance at the Raritan Bay Coffee Co, Inside the Historic Perth Amboy Train Station, 233 Smith St., Perth Amboy NJ 08861: Wed. April 11, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The East Coast Greenway is a 2500 mile traffic-free path linking cities from Maine to Florida. Lecture by Mike Krumier, NJ Representative. The evening starts with an intro to basic bicycle maintenance by Howie Glick of Jerry & Stan's Bicycle Shop of Perth Amboy. For more info call 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. 848-203-3432.

Ethnic

Buffet Night

PERTH AMBOY - St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, Saturday April 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The dinner will take place in the church school cafeteria, 490 State St. Advance ticket sales until April 14 - \$12. After April 14 - \$14 Under 10 yrs - free. Menu includes Soup, Salad, Potato and Cheese Pierogi, Meatless Baked Ziti, a Taco Station, Coffee, Tea, Soda and Desserts. Call Brian at 732-589-4981 for more info.

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- 4 Strong point
- 9 Speedy jet (abbr.)
- 12 Make fun of
- 13 Higher than
- 14 "Bali ____"
- 15 NBA no-no (2 wds.)
- 18 Toiling insect
- 19 Laze
- 20 Retort
- 23 Agent Scully ("The X-Files")
- 26 Rental car company
- 27 Rise
- 31 Last letter
- 32 Watch brand
- 33 Milk amount (abbr.)
- 34 Try
- 36 Knitter's stitch
- 37 FBI agents (hyph.)
- 38 Pulsates
- 39 Skyscraper, e.g. (abbr.)
- 42 Homer's bartender
- 43 Tori's dad (2 wds.)
- 50 Mamie's hubby
- 51 False move
- 52 "____ Rita"
- 53 Writer Wallace
- 54 Arrives at the airport
- 55 Soldier's address (abbr.)

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- 2 Hasten
- 3 "Lost" and "Ugly Betty" network
- 4 Comedienne
- 5 Newspaper
- 6 Eden ____
- 7 Dam-building org.
- 8 Slinky swimmer
- 9 "Get lost!"
- 10 King of Israel
- 11 Money drawer
- 16 Holbrook and others
- 17 Bubbleless
- 20 Demolish
- 21 ____-tempered
- 22 Many-colored
- 23 Evil spirit
- 24 Say with conviction
- 25 Exclamation of refusal
- 27 ____ and in person
- 28 Juan's water
- 29 Sour
- 30 Building additions
- 32 Highland topper
- 35 Word on a waffle box
- 36 Fruit skin
- 38 Nuts' partners
- 39 Court security
- 40 "The ____ House" (2006 film)
- 41 Funnyman
- 42 Fix
- 44 League for the Cowboys (abbr.)
- 45 Neptune's milieu
- 46 Metal fastener
- 47 George Gershwin's brother
- 48 Bite from a terrier
- 49 Muck

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