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Perth Amboy City Hall
260 High Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861



NEWS FROM THE HISTORIC CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

Dear Friends,
Happy Spring!!!

This season we have a full listing of programs and events, from the Hair Spray play, to our annual Waterfront Arts Festival, to our Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony and more!

There are sports, art classes, teen center programs and so much more available not just for our youth, but for adults as well! The Office on Aging also has many surprises and activities for our beloved seniors—be sure to sign-up—see listing on page 4.

Below we have featured our Top 10 Highlights for the 2019 State of the City address.

We're excited for what this season has in store for the City of Perth Amboy. You can stay updated with everything taking place in the City through our various social media outlets. I wish everyone a fun and healthy spring season, God Bless!!!

Sincerely,
Mayor Wilda Diaz



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2019 STATE OF THE CITY TOP 10 HIGHLIGHTS



1. NEW BUSINESSES

In the last 18 months over 16 small businesses have opened their doors in the downtown district. We also welcomed two new corporations to Perth Amboy, TheRealReal and Gourmet Nut.

2. PUBLIC SAFETY DEVELOPMENTS

The Police Department received their official accreditation status by the NJSACP and New Jersey Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and the Fire Department launched the first dive team in the city's history and it is fully operational this year.



3. FOCUS 2020 PLAN

The updates within the plan allow for new avenues of attracting private partners, to revitalize the City's underutilized spaces. Focus 2020 entails the zoning changes that create opportunities for both residential and commercial use where otherwise were not permitted in the redevelopment areas.

4. PARK PROGRESS

We've made improvements by investing over a half a million dollars. With upgrades 7 public parks, including the newly installed basketball courts in Dalton Park and the additional tennis courts on Sadowksi Parkway that were recently completed and will officially open

this Spring! We also broke ground on the new County Park project located on High Street. By 2021, we hope to see the 10-acre park complete with sports fields and amenities along the waterfront.



5. DOWNTOWN ENHANCEMENTS

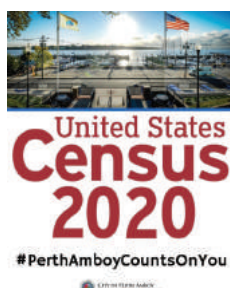
We established the City's permanent first police substation on Madison Avenue in partnership with The Cathedral International and the Perth Amboy Parking Utility has made capital investments to upgrade single meters for smart pay stations, all for the convenience of commuters.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

Our capital improvement program has funded much needed road paving and bridge reconstruction, safety and sanitation equipment and facility upgrades. This year alone we will invest over 1 million dollars in road repaving to continue enhancing our city streets.

7. CENSUS 2020 #PERTHAMBOYCOUNTSONYOU

Launched the Census 2020 Kick-Off on April 1st and earlier this year, we held the first Complete Count Committee meeting, comprised of community leaders, clergy, business community, non-profit groups and the schools to get an accurate count for greater community funding.



8. FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

We have established enrichment programs like "Girls on the Run," and "Unique You" that help students recognize their worth and value. These are essential to strengthen our community's youth. We also officially launched "Success Bound" with the Middlesex County College to administer a learning and employment program through a summer initiative for civic engagement and college readiness.



9. NURTURING ARTS & CULTURE

We are placing efforts towards executing a city-wide Art Plan to beautify and share the gifts and talents of our community. The BID approved a \$15K grant for outdoor cultural exhibits, streets performances and mural painting.

10. DECREASED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The unemployment rate now stands at 5.4%, the lowest it's been in more than 20 years. City redevelopment has contributed to hiring local residents and creating hundreds of future job opportunities.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Café con Mayor Wilda Diaz
Live FB Chat Series at a Restaurant Near You!



Promoting & Supporting Our Small Businesses!
CALL TO SCHEDULE A FILMING:
(732)-826-7121

Seeking Memorial Day Parade Participants, Monday, May 27th
The City of Perth Amboy invites all our Active Duty Military Personnel, Reservists and Veterans to participate in this year’s parade. If interested in participating, please contact Samantha Miranda at the Perth Amboy Recreation Office at 732-826-1690 ext. 4305.

CENSUS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS

1-855-JOB-2020
(1-855-562-2020)

Federal Relay Service:
(800) 877-8339 TTY / ASCII
www.gsa.gov/fedrelay

The Federal Relay Service (FedRelay) provides telecommunications services to allow individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, and/or have speech disabilities to conduct official business with and within the federal government.

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

The City of Perth Amboy, Honorable Mayor Wilda Diaz and the Perth Amboy Veterans invite you to the

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019

PARADE
10:00 a.m.
Corner of Smith Street & Wilson Street

CEREMONY
11:00 a.m.
Veterans' War Memorial
Sadowski Parkway

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW

CALL FOR ARTISTS & ARTISANS

Still accepting applications!
\$20.00 Application Fee
Non-Refundable

REGISTER AT:
TINYURL.COM/WAF2019

Perth Amboy Waterfront ARTS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY MAY 25TH 12 TO 9PM

ART VENDORS ALL DAY SATURDAY

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

OFFICE OF RECREATION ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH
ALBERT G. WATERS STADIUM
(NEAR PERTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL)

AGE GROUPS TIME SLOTS:

- * INFANTS - 3 YEARS OLD @ 11:30 AM
- * 4 - 10 YEARS OLD @ 1:00 PM

For additional information, please call the Office of Recreation at:
(732) 826-1690 ext. 4305

Sponsored by:
Cathedral International - Renovation House - St. John's Lutheran Church
Iglesia Bautista Ebenzer - Great Grace Evangelistic Ministries

CAREER FAIR 2019

Opening the Door to Success
Explore Employment Opportunities and Achieve Your Career

We're Hiring

Wednesday APRIL 24
INTERVIEW 10AM to 1PM

Middlesex County Vocational School
457 High St
Perth Amboy, NJ

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
REGISTER BELOW
www.partnernj.org
(732) 442-0384

REMEMBER TO BRING:
• Copies of Resume
• Relevant Certificates

You must pre-register online at www.partnernj.org to enter the career fair.

The NJ Family Success Network presents:

Save the Date!

Family Fun Fair

Free Food - Games - Music Vendors- Children Activities and so much more!

*****First 50 Families*** to register enter to win GRAND PRIZE!!!**

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 from 11am - 3pm

Richardson Elementary School
318 Stockton St.
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

*Register today by calling (732) 646-4055 or on EventBrite:
<https://familyfunfair2019.eventbrite.com>

TEEN CENTER

BRIGHTON AVE TEEN CENTER
56 Brighton Ave

The Teen Center calendar is available on the Perth Amboy Recreation Facebook and Instagram (@Recleader) page. **Questions???** Call Isamar Payano, Municipal Alliance Coordinator at 732-826-1690 ext. 4359. Register at parecreation.recdesk.com

SPRING BREAK – PREVENTION WEEK
Monday, APRIL 22nd to Thursday, APRIL 25th
Teen Center will be open for Spring Break!
Refreshments will be included
REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Monday – Wednesday 10:30am to 2pm
We will have a Jeopardy Series covering important topics such as social decision making, underage drinking, tobacco and other drugs.

Thursday, 9:30am to 2pm
Lindsey Meyer’s Teen Institute will host a workshop.

TUTORING
Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 4pm to 7pm
Must call and set an appointment

DANCE CLUB
BEGINS: APRIL, 9TH
Tuesdays, 5:30pm to 7pm
A club that explores different areas of dance. Teens will develop a dance routine to showcase.

FOR PARENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND EDUCATORS
HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT
Wednesday, May 1st, 5:30pm to 8pm
Alexander F. Jankowski Community
Register at parecreation.recdesk.com

DIY NIGHT
Tuesday, May 14th & 21st, 5pm – 7pm
Teens will be able to work on arts and crafts, paint, and more!

YOUTH ALLIANCE (YA) MEETING
Wednesdays, May 8th & 22nd 5:30pm – 7:30pm

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY EVENT
Monday, May 6th, 5pm -7pm
In Partnership with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, Family Support Organization (FSO) of Middlesex County, Coordinated Family Care and Mobile Family Success Center of Middlesex County. This year’s theme for the event is suicide prevention.
Register at parecreation.recdesk.com

COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKSHOP
Tues, May 7th & June 4th, 5pm -7pm
Teens will learn how to create their own garden at home, healthy foods and how to maintain their own community garden.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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APRIL

THE REALREAL HIRING FAIR

Tuesday, April 16th, 10:00am – 1:00am
Brighton Avenue Community Center
56 Brighton Ave.

EARTH DAY

Monday, April 22nd
4:00pm – 6:00pm
Patten Park & Mini Library Install

CAREER FAIR

Wednesday, April 24th
10:00am – 1:00pm
Middlesex County Vocational School
457 High Street

ADOPT-A-PARK COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Wednesday, April 24th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
Washington Park

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS MEETING (BID)

Thursday, April 25th
6:00pm – 7:00pm
Registration at 5:30pm
Portuguese Manor Restaurant
310 Elm Street

RECYCLE BUDDY VISITS HEALTHY KIDS DAY

Saturday, April 27th, 11:00am – 2:00pm
Raritan Bay YMCA
365 New Brunswick Avenue

AARP SHRED EVENT

Sunday, April 28th, 10:30am – 1:30pm
St. Paul II Church
490 State Street

MAY

PERTH AMBOY COMMUNITY THEATRE

Hair Spray Broadway Musical
Friday, May 3rd & Saturday, May 4th
6:15pm (Doors Open) 7:00pm Show
Sunday, May 5th
1:15pm (Doors Open) 2:00pm show
Raritan Bay YMCA Auditorium
357 New Brunswick Ave
Adults Tickets \$15.00 / Children under 10 \$10.00
Ticket info: 732-826-1690 ext. 4305
email pact.org.group@gmail.com

ENGLISH ELM TREE PLAQUE UNVEILING

Wednesday, May 15th, 12:30pm
Perth Amboy City Hall, 260 High Street

RABIES ANIMAL CLINIC

Saturday, May 18, 9am - 12pm
Animal Shelter, 599 Fayette Street

UPCOMING EVENT!

Holocaust Days of Remembrance
Call for more info: 732-826-2600

WATERFRONT ARTS FESTIVAL (2-DAY EVENT)

Friday, May 24th, 6:00pm – 10:00pm
Saturday, May 25th, 12:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Bonfire on the Beach
Sadowski Parkway (Waterfront)
Info, P.A. Rec Dept. 732-826-1690 ext. 4305

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

Monday, May 27th
Parade – 10:00 A.M.
Ceremony – 11:00 A.M.
Sadowski Parkway (Waterfront)

All events are Free and Open to the Public unless otherwise stated.

JUNE

SUMMER KICKOFF NETWORKING EVENT

Thursday, June 6, 5:30pm - 8:00pm
Seabra’s Armory Outdoor Patio
200 Front Street

SAVE THE DATES! PUERTO RICAN FESTIVAL

Friday, June 7th, 8th and 9th
Rudyk Park



EARTH MONTH EVENTS

Earth Month Kick-Off with Mayor Wilda Diaz
Friday, April 5

Adopt-A-Park Community Clean Up at Sadowski Pkwy (Waterfront) and Water Bottle Art Project
Sunday, April 7, 11am-2pm

Sustainable Grocery Bag Giveaway at Shoprite
Friday, April 12, 5pm-6pm

Community Clean Up at Patten Park and Mini Library Install
EARTH DAY Monday, April 22, 4pm-6pm

VERDE Green Business Recognition
Throughout April

Adopt-A-Park Community Clean Up at Washington Park and Water Bottle Art Unveiling
Wednesday, April 24, 4pm-6pm

Recycle Buddy Visits Healthy Kids Day at Raritan Bay Area YMCA
Saturday, April 27, 11am-2pm

AARP SHRED Event at St. John Paul II Church
Sunday, April 28, 10:30am-1:30pm

Volunteers WANTED
Contact Cari Barcheski
at 732-826-2010
ext.4204

OFFICE ON AGING

Must contact in advance to register. City residents age **60 and over** are encouraged to contact the Office on Aging for additional information on events, as some program dates are not finalized. Please note that all scheduled programs and trips are subject to re-scheduling and or cancellation. Call in advance to confirm at (732)-826-1690 ext. 4307 or 4325. Join the Office on Aging for special activities, programs and surprises each month!!!

APRIL:

- Wellness Program begins (Healthy Snack) 4/10/19
- Earth Day Project
- Easter Celebration 4/17/19
- Birthday Bash 4/23/19
- Senior Advisory Meeting 4/25/19
- Sands Casino 4/30/19

MAY:

- Cinco de Mayo (TBD)
- Mother’s Day Celebration 5/09/19
- Jerry Rivera Concert @ bergenPac 5/10/19 (Evening)
- Brain Games with Horizon 5/20/19
- Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament 5/24/16 (Evening)
- 90’s Birthday Bash (Middlesex County) 5/30/19
- Seniors go to the Movies (Matinee)
- Sands Casino (Day Trip)
- Farmer’s Market Voucher Distribution
- Wellness Program Healthy Snack
- Seniors shop in our local Downtown

JUNE: DATES TO BE DETERMINED

- A visit to the Staten Island Zoo
- Columbus Flea Market
- Father’s Day Celebration
- Pops Vs. Cops Pool Tournament

- Make your own Sundaes
- Farmer’s Market Visit
- Wellness Program Healthy Snack

JULY: DATES TO BE DETERMINED

- A visit to Keansburg
- Columbus Flea Market
- Independence Day Celebration
- Wellness Program Healthy Snack
- Farmer’s Market Visit

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

- Exercise (Every Tuesday)
- Bingo (Daily)
- Tai-chi (Every Thursday)
- Arts & Crafts
- Flea Market (Every Friday)
- Shop Rite Every Tuesday)
- Walmart (Every Second Thursday of the Month)
- Vision Screening
- Foot Doctor/Every other month
- Lunch or Breakfast on your own (a different restaurant every month on a Friday)
- Middlesex County Nutritionist (4th Monday of every Month)
- Board Games (Daily)
- Pool Room Open Daily

SAVE THE DATE

4th Annual XTREME JEEP SHOW

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2019
SADOWSKI PARKWAY, PERTH AMBOY, NJ

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

Perth Amboy Waterfront Arts Festival

FRIDAY MAY 24TH 6 TO 10PM

BONFIRE SATURDAY NIGHT ON THE BEACH!

SATURDAY MAY 25TH 12 TO 9PM

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FANTASTIC & OUTRAGEOUS LIVE BANDS & FOOD TRUCKS

ART VENDORS ALL DAY SATURDAY

For More Information Contact: **OFFICE OF RECREATION 732-826-1690 Ext. 4305**