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A Message From Mayor Wilda

Dear Friends:

2018 is going to be a wonderful year! There are so many great opportunities and ways to get involved with all the City is doing.

One way to be a part is by taking advantage of the many recreation programs available. There is something for everyone – children, adults, and seniors!! Teens can visit our brand new Teen Center located at 56 Brighton Avenue for academic assistance programs as well as fun activities, trips and more! I encourage everyone to take advantage of our free programs.



440 Connector and Fayette Street, entrance.

We are a community on the rise! Every day, we work our hardest to serve our residents with the utmost care, excellence, and diligence. Together, we have been able to increase our recreational facilities, expand programs and improve departmental services. This past quarter alone, over fifteen officers were either promoted or sworn-in to the Perth Amboy Police Department or Perth Amboy Fire Department.

As we step into the New Year, our hope is that Perth Amboy and its residents may continue to grow and be successful in all endeavors. We are here to ensure that our residents have all the tools and means necessary to do so; we hope you use them all to the best of your ability! We are here for you! Let's work together to make this our best year yet!

I look forward to what we will achieve together in 2018 for our great, historic city. I wish everyone a warm and healthy new year, God Bless!!!

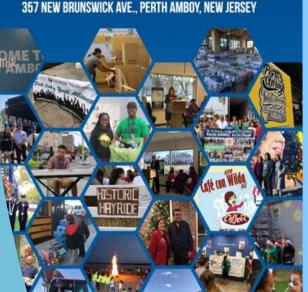
Sincerely, Mayor Wilda Diaz

NOTICES

THE HONORABLE WILDA DIAZ MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY MUNICIPAL COMPLEX AUDITORIUM RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA ENTRANCE



STUDENT SUMMER **EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

The City of Perth Amboy will be accepting applications for the 2018 Summer Employment Program effective Monday, April 2, 2018. Applicants must be age of 14 (by June 1, 2018) and a resident of the City of Perth Amboy. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Positions available:

- Park Counselor
- Camp Counselor
- Maintenance Aides
- Recreation Aides
- Clerical Aides

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018 AT 5:00 PM.

All applications must include a letter of recommendation from a School or Community Representative. Application may be obtained on the City's Website or in person at City Hall, but cannot be submitted electronically. Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall, Office of Personnel, 260 High Street, 2nd floor, Monday to Friday from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Questions???** Please contact 732-826-0290 ext. 4009.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

POLICE AND FIRE PROMOTIONS AND SWEARING-IN ON NOV. 2ND



Acting Fire Chief Edward Mullen

B.C. Scott Bromirski

Cpt. Eric Kayser Cpt. David Diaz

F.F. Ryan O'Shea

Cpt. Timothy Gall Cpt. Kenneth Febles F.F. Israel Velez II

P.O. Abraham Chavarria P.O. Albert Rivas P.O. Allan Taveras



6 NEW OFFICERS SWORN IN ON DEC. 27TH



Cpt. Eddie A. Pardo Lt. David Robert Formeza Aux. Cpt. Antonio Abreu

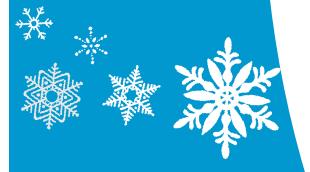
Aux. Cpt. Jose F. Gonzalez Aux. Cpt. Robert O'Buck Sgt. Ralph Pineiro

COLD WEATHER TIPS

- * Landlords are required to provide heat for their tenants. If there is no heat in your apartment please contact your local code enforcement office (732) 826-0183.

 What you don't want to do is turn on your stoves or use multiple space heaters, which can cause fire safety issues.
- * Ensure that your pipes don't freeze by letting the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe even at a trickle helps prevent pipes from freezing. Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night.
- If you or someone you know does not have a safe warm place to stay look for code blue warming centers in your area. In Perth Amboy our code blue warming centers are open when temperatures drop below 25° locations vary. Stay up-to-date with Nixle alerts.

Stay warm my friends!



AN ABUNDANCE OF AWARDS



Several City of Perth Amboy departments have been recognized and given awards by a number of organizations. Read the highlights below.

NY/NJ Baykeeper 2017 Outstanding Leadership Award

Awarded to Mayor Wilda Diaz for her leadership in sustainability initiatives within the City of Perth Amboy and the State of New Jersey. Under her leadership, Perth Amboy has launched a growing network of green infrastructure projects and has monitored the waterways surrounding our City. These efforts make Mayor Wilda Diaz and the City of Perth Amboy progressive leaders in environmental stewardship.

2017 Best Overall Public Information Program

Awarded to the Public Information Office of the City of Perth Amboy by the Rutgers University Center for Government Services, New Jersey League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Municipal Alliance Association in the Municipal Public Information Contest. The contest recognizes and awards municipalities that have developed successful and innovative techniques to better inform and serve their citizens, including social media and print media.

Outstanding Achievement in Recycling Award

Awarded to the Perth Amboy Office of Recycling by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection due to their extensive efforts and results in recycling promotion. The Recycling Office's efforts such as the Recycling Buddy Program and launch of the Recycling Coach App promote recycling while educating residents on safe and proper recycling practices.

Class 9 Recognition

Awarded to Perth Amboy Code Enforcement by The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) under their Community Rating System (CRS). The program recognizes and encourages community flood-plain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements and gives a discount on flood insurance premium rates to participating communities.



OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL PLAN AWARD: TO A PLAN OF UNUSUALLY HIGH MERIT.

PERTH AMBOY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AWARD

The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency won the Outstanding Municipal Plan Award from the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association. This award is given to municipal plans of unusually high merit. The Transit District Strategy put forward a new vision of Downtown, oriented around transit and built on a five-fold strategy, giving the City a blueprint for a comprehensive approach with a clear path for implementation.

WHY YOU SHOULD INVEST IN RENTERS INSURANCE

It Helps You Protect Yourself and Your Stuff

Fires, theft, weather damage, these things happen, and they're just as likely to happen in a rented apartment as they are in a house. To protect themselves, Homeowners get homeowners insurance. So if you rent, you should consider Renters insurance. It's simply a good precaution. Renters insurance works similar to homeowners insurance, except it's for renters (hence the name). Many people believe that when you rent, the Landlord's insurance covers their stuff too, but that's not the case. Your Landlord's insurance is only there to cover them and their property, not yours. That's why Renters insurance is so important! It works to cover your:

- Personal possessions coverage for your things (clothes, furniture, electronics, etc.) up to your coverage limit
- **Personal liability** coverage if you're ever legally responsible for an injury or property damage, like if you drop some water and a guest slips and sues.
- Medical payments coverage for medical expenses if someone (other than a resident) gets hurt in an accident at your place
- Additional Living Expenses coverage for extra temporary living expenses if your place is damaged & becomes uninhabitable

It's Crazy Affordable Too! If you needed another reason to consider Renters Insurance, it's incredibly cheap! Much cheaper than other coverage types, and usually only a couple of cents a day (yes, we said "cents"). It can be bundled into your auto insurance policy or purchased separately. Renters insurance is affordable and worthwhile. You can get renters insurance quotes online, which makes shopping for this must-have insurance simple and easy. If your belongings are stolen, damaged or destroyed by fire, storms, smoke, vandalism or other covered causes, renters insurance provides you with peace of mind because you know they'll be replaced.

PRESIDENT'S DAY

SANITATION REMINDERS

NO GARBAGE COLLECTION ON THE FOLLOWING 2018 HOLIDAYS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19
MONDAY, MAY 28
WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

MEMORIAL DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY
LABOR DAY
COLUMBUS DAY
VETERANS DAY (Observed)
THANKSGIVING DAY
CHRISTMAS DAY

NOTE:
IF A HOLIDAY FALLS
ON YOUR GARBAGE
COLLECTION DAY, YOUR
GARBAGE WILL BE PICKED
UP ON YOUR NEXT REGULAR
SCHEDULED GARBAGE
COLLECTION PICK-UP.

SCHEDULED RUBBISH APPOINTMENTS

Scheduling for rubbish appointments will resume on Monday, January 22nd at 7:30 a.m. on a first come, first served basis. All rubbish appointments must be scheduled in person only. There is a collection fee of \$30.00. Payments are to be paid by check or money order only, no cash will be accepted.

Bulk waste can be dropped off Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works yard. Must be a Perth Amboy resident. Please contact the Department of Public Works for additional information: (732) 826-2010.



2018 Winter Arts Program

OUR AFTERSCHOOL AND WEEKEND PROGRAMS OFFER ART AND MUSIC CLASSES THAT PROVIDE CREATIVE, UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCES WHILE HAVING FUN. YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN FROM PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS, DEVELOP NEW SKILLS, AND TAP INTO THEIR CREATIVE SIDE.

Vivianna Acuna-Francisco, Coordinator

ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Classes begin January 22nd Ages: 5-9

Mondays 4:30-5:30pm

Students will embark on an artful adventure with a variety of projects, including weaving, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking & more.

ADOBE PHOTOSHOP I DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Classes begin January 23rd Ages: 16 to Adult

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm

Whether you own a point-and-shoot or a more advanced DSLR, this class will give you a better grasp of your chosen tool and the skills to make successful images. This class is appropriate for novice to intermediate level users of Photoshop. It will take a beginner through both the basics and more advanced features.

OPEN ART STUDIO

Classes begin January 23rd Ages: 13 - 18

Tuesdays 4:30-6:00pm

CERAMICS FOR CHILDREN

Classes begin January 23rd

Ages: 10-14

Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm

CERAMICS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Classes begin January 24th Ages: 15 & Up

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Come join us for a relaxing and fun time in the ceramics studio. Students will experiment and explore with clay, carving, handbuilding, using the pottery wheel, and glazing.

OIL PAINTING

Classes begin January 25th

Ages: 15 and Up

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Many people aspire to learn how to paint with oil, but few know where to begin. This class is catered to the beginning oil painter, with ample support and exercises provided for pleasant exploration into the foundations of oil painting. Materials will be provided.

Music at the Gallery

Manny Pacheco, Music Instructor Music classes begin the week of January 22nd

INTRO TO PERCUSSION

Ages: 7 to 10

Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm

DRUMMING

Ages: 11 to 15

Mondays, 7:00-8:00pm

BEGINNER GUITAR

Ages: 9 to 11

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm

INTERMEDIATE GUITAR

Ages: 12 to 15

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00pm

ALL MUSIC CLASSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE

@ ALEXANDER F. JANKOWSKI COMMUNITY CENTER 1 OLIVE STREET:

BALLET FOR CHILDREN

Classes begin January 23rd Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00 - 7:00 pm (Ages 3 - 5)

7:00 - 8:00 pm (Ages 6 - 8) Registration fee:

\$20 per participant

MONEY ORDER ONLY

Events as the Gallery

CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

JANUARY

"Between Us"

Group Exhibition' **Opening Reception** Thursday, January 18, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts 339 Reade Street

FEBRUARY

RED 6 **Group Exhibit**

Opening Reception

Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts 339 Reade Street



To register for the Art programs, please visit the following website:

For more information:

Contact the Office of Recreation

Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

(732) 826-1690 x4305

recleader@perthamboynj.org

www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us

WINTER PROGRAMS

Karate

Morales Martial Arts Academy

Starting: January 16th Ages: 5 & up

Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays Ages 5 – 9, 6:30–7:30pm Ages 10 & older, 7:30-8:30 pm Robert N. Wilentz School, 51 First St Registration fee: \$40 per participant

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Registration opens Jan. 8 - Jan. 25 Monday through Thursday,

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

MONEY ORDER ONLY

South Campus (351 Mechanic Street) For more information, please contact Maria Diaz (Enrichment Coordinator) at 732-376-6242 ext. 37490.

ZUMBA

Ages: 18 & up Monday - Thursday, 6pm - 7pm Perth Amboy High School South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street **FREE OF CHARGE**

Boot Camp

Ages: 18 & up

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7pm - 8pm Perth Amboy High School South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street FREE OF CHARGE

Conversational English

Ages: 18 & up

Monday - Thursday, 6pm - 8pm Perth Amboy High School South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street FREE OF CHARGE

SPRING PROGRAMS

Tee-Ball

Ages: 3-4

\$40 - Money Order ONLY Limited Space Available

Rookie Baseball

Ages: 5-7

\$40 - Money Order ONLY Limited Space Available

Girls Softball

Ages: 8 – 16

\$45 - Money Order ONLY Limited Space Available

Boys Baseball

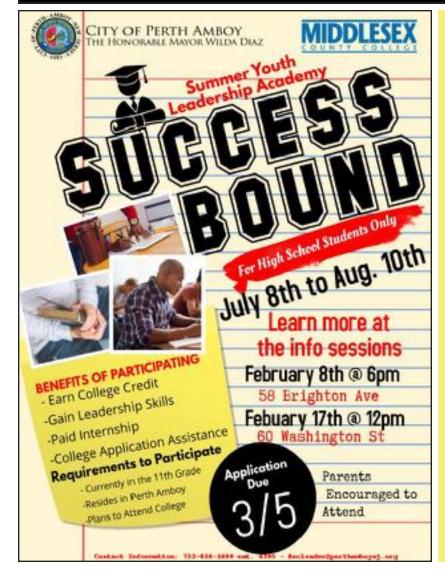
Ages: 8 – 16

\$65 - Money Order ONLY Limited Space Available

PARECREATION.RECDESK.COM

1 Olive Street

PERTH AMBOY GALLERY CENTER FOR THE ARTS | 339 READE STREET (IN PATTEN PARK), PERTH AMBOY www.facebook.com/perthamboygallery



Teen Center

Brighton Avenue Teen Center

A safe place where youth can interact with their peers and engage in recreational, social and educational programs and activities.

Free programming will include:

Job readiness, resume writing, networking, interviewing skills, financial literacy, FAFSA help, gardening 101 and more! In addition there will be youth clubs, recreational programs, and special trips.

> **Location:** 56 Brighton Avenue Hours: Mondays through Fridays, from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

A monthly calendar will be provided. If you have any questions please call 732-826-0290 ext. 4359 or email Recleader@perthamboynj.org.

Teen Nights

Age: High School Students Dates: 1/20, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31 Raritan Bay Area YMCA 357 New Brunswick Avenue Perth Amboy students must present their school ID







Upcoming Events

OFFICE OF RECREATION

1 Olive Street | Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

732.826.1690 x 4305 | www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us



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

"Between Us" Group Exhibition"

Opening Reception Thursday, January 18, 2018 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts 339 Reade Street

FEBRUAR

Small Business Seminar & Business Card Exchange

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm La Terrazza Latina 273 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Red 6, Group Exhibit

Opening Reception Thursday, February 15, 2018 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts 339 Reade Street

Dominican Independence Celebration

Saturday, February 24, 2018

11:00 am Edward J. Patten Elementary School

500 Charles Street

MARCH

Perth Amboy Animal Shelter Pictures with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, March 17, 2018 12:30 pm-3:00 pm 597 Fayette St.

Neighborhood Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9:30 am-10:30 am Sipos Bakery 365 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Basketball against Drugs & Alcohol Event Friday, March 23, 2018

Perth Amboy High School 300 Eagle Ave Sponsored by the Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance



2018 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS Tuesday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m.

YMCA Auditorium 357 New Brunswick Avenue

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31st Ages: Infant - 3 years @ 11:30 am Ages: 4 - 10 @ 1:00 pm Albert G. Waters Stadium (Eagle Avenue & Francis Street)

Neighborhood Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:00 pm—1:00 pm Don Manuel International Restaurant 287 State Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Holocaust Day of Remembrance Ceremony

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Flag Raising: 5:30 pm Ceremony: 6:00 pm City Hall Circle City Hall Council Chambers

Downtown Clean Up

Saturday, April 21, 2018 11:30 am-2:00 pm Registration: 10:30 am Fink Park Corner of Madison Ave. & Smith St.

Business Networking & Card Exchange

Thursday, April 26, 2018 6:00 pm—9:00 pm Location: TBD; Call 732-442-6421

Office on Aging

Must contact in advance to register. City resident age 62 and over are encouraged to contact the Office on Aging for additional information and for events listed as "TBD (To be determined)" at: 732-826-1690 ext. 4307. Join the Office on Aging for special actives, program and surprises each month!

JANUARY

Frozen /Bergen Pac: 1/28 @ 1:00pm Birthday Bash Celebration 1/23 @ Noon Medicare Fraud Patrol: 1/29 @10:30am

AARP Safety Driver Class: 1/30 & 31 @ 9:00am to Noon

FEBRUARY

Sands Casino: 2/9 @ 9:30am Valentine's Day Celebration

Continental Breakfast 2/14 @ 10:30 am Peking Acrobats Bergen Pac: 2/15 @ 8:00pm

Chinese New Year: 2/16 @ Noon Take out Chinese LOYO

LOYO to Longhorns: 2/23 @ Noon

Black History Month Celebration: 2/27 @ 10:30am

Birthday Bash: 2/28 @ Noon

MARCH

IHOP & Jersey Gardens: 3/9 @ 9:30 am

St. Patrick's Day Continental Breakfast: 3/16 @ 10:30am

Bingo Extravaganza: 3/20 @ 6:00pm LOYO Seniors Pick: 3/23 @ Noon Birthday Bash: 3/27 @ Noon Easter Celebration: 3/29 @ 10:30 am

APRIL

Brings Computer, ESL, & Spanish Classes (Dates TBD)

Sands Casino: 4/3 @ 9:20 am Birthday Bash: 4/24 @ Noon Earth Day Project: Date TBD

Medicare Annual Wellness Fair: Date TBD

MONTHLY CLASSES

Exercise, Bingo, Tai-chi, Arts & Crafts, Flea Market Alemeda Community Caring Program, Shop Rite/ Walmart, Vision Screening, Foot Doctor/Every other month, and Lunch on your own to a different restaurant every month

Perth Amboy Free Public Library

JANUARY

27th 1:00PM StoryTime. Children's Room (registration required)

FEBRUARY

6:00pm Langston Hughes Story Time 1st **TBD** The Life and Writing James Baldwin 1:00PM StoryTime. Children's Room 10th

(registration required)

22nd 6:00pm -7:30pm Celebrate Digital Learning

Day Learn to Program with

Bloxels (registration required) 24th 1:00PM StoryTime. Children's Room

(registration required)

MARCH

5th 6:00pm Teen Tech Week: Play with New Technology at the Library. 6th 6:00pm Teen Tech Week: Play with New Technology at the Library. 6:00pm Teen Tech Week: Play with 8th New Technology at the Library. 7:00pm Puerto Rico in Crisis: Public Discussion 9th

10th 10:00am - 3:00PM - New Jersey Makers Day @ Perth Amboy Free Public Library

> Celebrate the Maker Culture and make something new!

15th Local Author Jesenia Diaz Visits the Library

for Book Signing

TBD Celebrate Thomas Mundy Peterson Day!









Saturday, May 5th & September 15

9:00am - 12 Noon

Department of Public Works/Animal Shelter

599 Fayette Street

US PASSPORT FAIR

GET ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR PASSPORT **APPLICATION OR RENEWAL APPLICATION. AUS PASSPORT FAIR WILL**

BE HELD THIS APRIL, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT

WWW.CI.PERTHAMBOY.NJ.US FOR THE UPCOMING **DATE & DETAILS, TO BE ANNOUNCED!**

Stay Tuned for...EARTH WEEK 2018!

April 22nd through April 30th.

Upcoming Details to be announced. For more info,

call 732-826-2010 ext. 4204.



Learn more about helping our environment with Perth Amboy's Green Initiatives—Join us for our upcoming meeting

Perth Amboy (Stormwater Infrastructure Management) SWIM Meetings at the Brighton Avenue Community Center (56 Brighton Ave.) at 10:00 a.m. on: Jan 18th, Feb 27th and Mar 27th

Perth Amboy Green Team Meetings

at Fire Headquarters on the 3rd Floor Training Room, Jan 23rd, Feb 15th and March 15th at 6pm

CALLING ALL PERFORME

NOW ACCEPTING STREET PERFORMER APPLICATION

-Are you an aspiring artist? -Have you been looking for a venue to display your talents? **CATEGORIES:** MUSIC

SINGING **VISUAL ART** FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY: City Of Perth Amboy Office of Recreation recleader@perthamboynj.org (732) 826-1690 ext. 4305





Earn some extra money while displaying your talents!

Register for the street performer permit! For further details, contact the Office of Recreation (732) 826-

1690 ext.4305 or email recleader@perthamboynj.org.