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Honoring Our Veterans: Front and Center 11/11/15



PERTH AMBOY - The American Flag is surrounded by Flags of all the Branches of Service and the MIA/POW Flag



Russell O'Reilly
*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

By: Mary Taylor
SOUTH AMBOY - A Veteran's Day Ceremony was held on Wednesday 11/11/15. The American Legion Post 62 celebrated a moving memorial ceremony at South Amboy's City Hall to commemorate Veteran's Day. South Amboy citizens came out in numbers for the ceremony. We will never forget the sacrifices made by our brave and courageous Veterans. The 11th Month, the 11th day and the 11th hour, belonged



to our Veterans and we salute each and every one of them.
Photo: Robert Sererak, Commander; Frank Campbell, Chaplain; Phyliss Letteriello, Adjutant; Maureen Sererak, Ladies Auxl. Member.

*Photo by Mary Taylor



Peter Pelissier, Captain USMC, Anthony Keller, WWII Vet., 97 Years Young, Rocky DeNardo, USMC



Jesus Martinez, PAPD Detective, Former Recon Marine
*Photos by Bob Ned



Guadalupe Munoz, PAPD



Veterans wait for the ceremony to begin. Veteran Jose Toledo (R) participated in the Wreath and Candlelight Ceremony



Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance



Veteran's War Memorial dedicated in 2005



(L to R) Mayor Wilda Diaz, (Honorary Speakers B.A. & Vietnam Veteran Peter Pelissier, Rafael Martinez Jr., Staff Sgt. U.S. Army), PAFD Chief Abraham Pitre, Deputy Chief PAPD Larry Cattano

**She's In: Arlene Quinones Perez New Law Director of Perth Amboy
See Page 2 for Coverage of 11/9/15 Caucus/Council Meeting**

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Topics For Discussion
Caucus 11/9/15

PERTH AMBOY - 1. Appeal Applications - Handicapped Parking: City Clerk Elaine Jasko gave an update to the Council about this matter.

She stated, "A committee consisting of the Police Department, the Parking Utility and myself decided that we were not qualified to make this decision. We're not sure what criteria to use. We don't have the ability to question an applicant's disability. We were all uncomfortable. We can't make this decision. There are 650 handicapped spots. The Police determine if a person can get handicapped spots based on the area where that person lives. I spoke to Arlene (Quinones Perez) about recommendations."

After Jasko spoke, the Law Director responded, "I'm looking at the State and Other Municipality Laws."

Councilman Bill Petrick interjected, "We (the Council) can rescind waivers."

The Council went into Closed Session at 4:15 p.m. and returned at 6:14 p.m.

The next item: Ordinance No. 1 (No Public Discussion): An Ordinance to Amend an Ordinance Entitled, "PAWNBROKERS (Ordinance No. 415 as Amended) adopted October 16, 1899, also known as Chapter 313 ET SEQ of the Code of the City of Perth Amboy.

Business Administrator Peter Pelissier asked for removal of this ordinance because the Police Department needs more time to notify the businesses involved."

After Pelissier spoke one of the Council Members wanted to know if the new ID Program would be incorporated into this ordinance.

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came forward to let them know, "The Businesses involved will adhere to the new ID Program."

Resolution R-484-11/15 - Approving transfer of CY2015 Budget Appropriations in the amount of \$524,738.00.

Chief Financial Officer Jill Goldy came forward with an explanation: "Some of the money in this account was not needed for the purposes that they were originally targeted for. We would be transferring the funds to the departments that could use them. The workers compensation was one of them that needed more funds."

Resolution 485-11/15 - Authorizing the Insertion of Revenue in the CY2015 Budget pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) for a body armor replacement grant in the amount of \$10,771.69.

Deputy Chief Cattano said, "This will be for the replacement of 23 vests which must be replaced every 5 years. State and Federal funds will be used."

Resolution 491-11/15 - Authorizing a 4 year contract with Unifirst Manufacturing Corp. for uniform rental and cleaning service for the DPW in the amount not to exceed the sum of \$40,000 per year.

CFO Jill Goldy explained, "This will start in 2016 and will be budgeted in the account. Before the employees bought their uniforms, they were given a stipend. Now the uniforms will all be the same and issued by us."

R-495 - 11/15 Authorizing various professional agreements for legal services to attorneys to have submitted requests for proposals for balance of 2015 and Calendar Year 2016 not to exceed a 12 month contract.

R-501 - 11/15 - Authorizing a professional services contract with Decotiis, Fitzpatrick and Cole to provide legal services for labor and employment, real estate, ABC matters, additional litigation, and extraordinary services for a balance of 2015 and Calendar Year 2016 not to exceed a 12 month contract.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry wanted a clarification of these 2 resolutions citing that there might be a conflict of interest.

Interim Business Administrator Peter Pelissier responded, "R-495 is just a list of the respondents. This is not awarding any contracts. R-501 is awarding a contract from those respondents that are listed in R-495."

During the public portion, the first speaker was Former Councilman Ken Balut. "You (the Council) rebid all these contracts. You named lawyers involved in unfinished projects. They were donating money and coming into the City and involved with corruption. We had a great lawyer here (Mark Blunda). How many cases has she (Quinones Perez) argued in court? We only protect certain employees. Why are we stepping back in time? Blunda (Former Law Director) and Fehrenbach (Former B.A.) sent me all OPRA information I requested."

Interim Law Director Quinones responded to Balut in reference to the suit filed by the PBA (Police Benevolent Association) against the Mayor. "This information is available in NJLaw.com. We are negotiating this lawsuit and can't discuss it publicly."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski spoke next. He talked about the personal attack on him by the Interim B.A. "He (Pelissier) did not tell the truth in his apology. He attacked me first. He was not responding to my remarks."

Sierakowski read an article written in 1999 when Pelissier was the owner of Garden State Kennels where complaints

were filed by the SPCA.

Sierakowski spoke about the complaints against Pelissier in the article. Pelissier did not respond.

Resident Russell O'Reilly approved the appointment of Arlene Quinones Perez. "I look at qualifications, work ethic and willingness to serve the people. Through conversations with the Mayor, the person we need for Law Director is sitting there (pointing to Quinones).

Landings Resident Daniel Santo Pietro came forward to give the Council an update on pending lawsuits: "There are 4 litigations going on in the same time. One is a Construction Defects that the Contractor acknowledges. 35 owners have fraud charges against Kushner. There is litigation between the City and Kushner. There are Water mitigation problems. Kushner's lawyers are furious over cases they are losing, but the longer this goes on, the City is losing money."

Pietro asked the Council if they have any further updates. Council President Lisa Nanton responded, "No."

Pietro ended his comments by stating, "It will be a positive step in hiring Quinones. I've known her from working with her in the past."

Resident David Caba spoke about a personal statement that Interim B.A. Peter Pelissier made at the 10/26/15 Meeting. "I never knew Stanley (Sierakowski) lived with his mother and I've been here 35 years. How did he (Pelissier) know in 5 weeks about Stanley's living conditions? Is there a spy in here? Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer. I've given people credit when it's due. The B.A. apologized, but he should apologize to everyone. Mr. Irizarry is right. Everyone looks at both sides."

Police Chaplain Gregory Pabon agreed with Russell O'Reilly, "He told the truth. We should move on. People will knock down all the Mayor's Appointees."

A Waterfront Resident thanked the Council for standing up for their beliefs and principals.

Resident Alan Silber took Councilman Fernando Gonzalez to task, "You (Gonzalez) stated that you wanted to get to the bottom of Mark Blunda (Former Law Director) being let go. Why fire someone after 7 years? Blunda would never make statements about why people who come here to speak don't go to City events. Mr. Blunda wasn't political enough. I go to events."

With that, Silber showed himself in a photo paying his taxes. "Not the B.A. who lives in Montana or the Interim Law Director who lives in another town."



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#GIVINGTUESDAY #YSOCKS

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Tis the season for giving, but with all of the craziness during the Holidays it can be tough to remember what this time of year is really about.

#GivingTuesday starts on December 1st and runs thru Christmas, it is a day each week in the month of December where we may pause to think about giving to others. This year, the Raritan Bay Area YMCA is participating in **#givingtuesday** in two ways, and we would love your help!

The first initiative is all about socks! Socks are the number one most requested item in homeless shelters, so let's give the gift of warm toasty feet to those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Our goal is to collect 500 pairs of socks - We can do it - TOGETHER!

Starting December 1st, bring NEW socks to the Y, let's show those who are less fortunate how a little warmth may spread so much joy! Also, please help us by sharing this status on your Facebook page or Tweet the info to your followers. Post a picture of you, your family or co-workers with the socks you will donate, and tag it **#YSOCKS**. Get creative! We will pick the best pictures to share with our community!

Keep an eye out for our second initiative - sending 100 kids to summer camp!

Raritan Bay Area YMCA | 357 New Brunswick Avenue Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 | 732.442.3632 | www.rbaymca.org

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Of Interest

During the 11/4/15 South Amboy Business Meeting, two items caught my interest:

The first item was a short presentation by GovPilot (It’s Time For Government 2.0).

The presentation was given by James Delmonico. The program unifies and automates all departments. The City of Morristown is one of their clients. A City can sign up and the program will be up and running the next day. Information can be cross-referenced with all departments.

It is Cloud Based on two servers, all live and real time information. Foreclosures are linked to the State as well. There can be unlimited users. Each user will only have access to certain levels of information as deemed by the Department Heads.

Each Person has a User ID and Login. State Forms can overlay with City Forms. Enhancements are constantly being made by the government pilot.

The program is about 3 years old. There is an annual flat fee per year which includes IT support during their normal business hours. There are 75 search fields on all forms where a user can pinpoint information to shortcut a search.

This is useful for City Employees and also Residents.

The second item discussed was Shop South Amboy. This item is a property tax reward program that any township should take advantage of. To find more information go to: www.propertytaxcard.com

South Amboy had shown interest in this program a while back, but not many businesses signed up for it. Now they’re trying again. The information below is from their website.

It is a Property Tax Reward Program. Founded in 2010, Fincredit Inc. is a business solutions company focusing on merchant services and marketing.

The challenge was to create a special business reward program that would be a true as-

set to the local business community and, at the same time, provide a strong motivation for residents to shop in town. For us, there was only one solution. Property tax credits earned on purchases of goods and services from local merchants was the best way to create an ongoing, viable Shop Local economic program.

The response of homeowners looking for ways to lower their out-of-pocket expense of property taxes has been overwhelming. Add to this, the need of local merchants to increase their business volume and of townships to keep existing businesses from leaving while attracting new business initiatives.

This is a true ‘win-win’ solution for town residents, local businesses and townships. By using a township-issued property tax card, residents enjoy a direct relief on their property tax bills; the business enjoys a higher local awareness/revenues, and the township benefits from lower vacancies, more local jobs and happier residents.

There has been a lot of positive response from this program, not only from the Mayors of these towns, but the Residents and Business Owners who live and work there as well.

In Perth Amboy, there was no tax increase this year. This program as stated by the responses of participants can only make it better for the City, Businesses and Residents.

It’s worth looking into both of these items. We’ve only covered the tip of the iceberg and as we know the tip only reveals a small portion of what’s underneath.

It would bode well for the City to look at what is underneath the iceberg because in our eyes, it may be the stepping stone to making Perth Amboy back to be where everyone came to shop, dine and play. **C.M. & K.M.**

Thank you, Perth Amboy

I would like to personally thank my running mates and

all who supported me during my successful quest for a Board of Education seat in Perth Amboy. I promise to do my absolute best to serve the students, parents, educators

and citizens of Perth Amboy. Again, I thank all for their support.

Anton Massopust

The Scary Part

I see that this so-called ISIS is doing a mass killing in Paris. For what reason? In fact they {ISIS} warned France about doing something like this and I see they planned it right on the money. Are they trying to send the French Government a message? From what I was told (if it is true) or a warning

not to send the French Troops to Syria. In fact, many of the French people don’t want to send their boys to Syria because they know the ugly side of war. Here’s something very odd that came out on the day of the attack “WikiLeaks Blames America for Paris Attack.” I was watching YouTube and a person said something of concern about this Paris attack. He called it “Classic

Hegelian Dialectic,” and why? One of the French newspapers said: “French People Opposed France’s President Hollande’s Military Intervention in Syria.” Now did ISIS terrorists register as refugees? Here’s the real spooky part: the FBI has nearly one thousand active ISIS probes inside the U.S.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Ultimate Possibilities, Teams Up With The Boys & Girls Club of Perth Amboy for the 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive and Donations

News Release Corrected
PERTH AMBOY - Ultimate Possibilities (U.P.), a local community activist group, will hold its 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive & Donation on Monday, November 23, 2015 at the Brighton Avenue Community Center in Perth Amboy from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The group tapped into the Boys & Girls Club of Perth Amboy to provide volunteers from their after school programs to assist with the tur-

key distribution and to collect canned goods. The organizations are aiming to distribute a total of 100 turkeys and a bag of groceries, to local families to ensure that they have food on their tables this Thanksgiving.

We invite you to drop off a turkey and/or non-perishable Thanksgiving sides (rice, beans, canned yams, boxed potatoes, etc.) to the Brighton Avenue Community Center at 56 Brighton Avenue on

November 19th between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and to Perth Amboy Youth Complex at 1 Dorothy Avenue on November 19th and November 21st from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Monetary donations which will be used to buy additional turkeys and groceries can also be made on www.gofundme.com/UP-TurkeyDrive.

If you would like to recommend a family please contact Ultimate Possibilities’ Channon Johnson at 732-423-6865.

Wyatt Scott of South Amboy Needs Your Help

SOUTH AMBOY - Neuroblastoma is a rare disease in which a solid tumor (a lump or mass caused by uncontrolled or abnormal cell growth) is formed by special nerve cells called neuroblasts. Normally, these immature cells grow and mature into functioning nerve cells. But in Neuroblastoma, they become cancer cells instead. The exact cause of this abnormal growth is unknown, but scientists believe it’s related to a defect in the genes of a neuroblast that allows it to divide uncontrollably.

Your City Employees raise funds each year during the Holiday season for a family in distress. This year, they are raising funds for Wyatt and his family to help defray the expenses of his treatments and family living expenses as both his mother (Jessy) and father (Michael) are out of work to attend to the needs of their son. The family has been going through many lifestyle

changes due to Wyatt’s illness and could use all the help and support they can get from our community. We are inviting the public to join us in this effort.

Giving Wyatt and his older brother Mikey the Christmas they deserve would be impossible due to the circumstances the family is facing. Getting through the upcoming Holiday season will be difficult. Please help us support Wyatt and his family.

How To Be an Angel for Wyatt....There are several ways to donate:

1. Visit Wyatt’s “Go fund me page” www.gofundme.com/tfa7af7 and make your donation.
2. Purchase a Gift Card such as Toys R Us, Shoprite, Visa/MC/Amex in any amount and bring it into City Hall where it will be logged and you will receive a receipt for your donated card.
3. Donate to the trust account



Wyatt Scott

for Wyatt at First Presbyterian Church, 150 N. Broadway, South Amboy N.J. For additional info contact Kelly at 732.525.5941.

May you and yours be Blessed this Holiday Season! Thank you in advance for any help you can give..... South Amboy....I Love this Place!!

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

Volunteer Firefighters Needed

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430 or 732-324-3505.

Kearny Cottage Open

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. 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

*Tea Room
Open*

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House is now open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for tea and tours. The tea room has reopened, serving their usual delicious homemade cakes and assorted teas. Hostesses Dot, Helen and Joanne are back to greet you. A \$7.00 donation includes both the tea and a tour of the mansion. Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated, and we have acquired several pieces of antique furniture, including a 1700's desk and game table. The gift shop is also opened. A visit to the tea room is the perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. 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. Email: Info@proprietary-house.org.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

THURS. Nov. 19	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
	• Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Nov. 23	City Council Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
	• City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

MON. Nov. 23	Board of Education, Business/Public, 6 p.m. SA Middle/High School, Harold Hoffman Pl.
WED. Dec. 2	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Dec. 16	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

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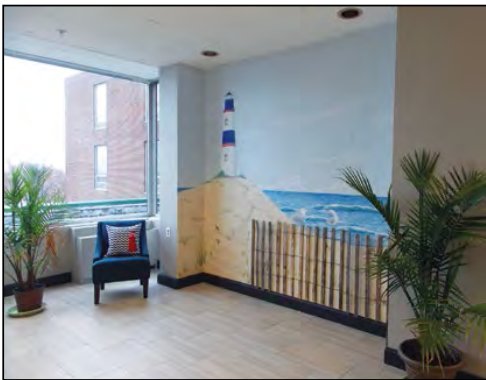
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SOUTH AMBOY HEALTH PARK HAS A NEW TENANT



CORE HEALTH



Core Health Services Lighting the Path To Success

At the top of the hill at 540 Bordentown Avenue, the beds are made, the nurse’s station is stocked with charts and the offices are bustling with phone calls.

No, this is NOT the Memorial Medical Center of the 1990’s, this is the South Amboy Health Park and there is a new health care provider in town, Core Health Services, an alcohol and substance abuse rehabilitation facility. Drew Piscatelli states “Obviously we are thrilled to have Core Health Services join the “Family” on the hill. This is a wonderful facility that will help in the rehabilitation of people who were addicted to various forms of debilitating substances”.

I have developed 3 other former hospital facilities and put in a host of medical services which include alcohol and substance abuse treatment. I saw firsthand their valuable contributions to the community as well as the economic value. With the epidemic of heroin that is taking lives every day, especially in our youth, a rehabilitation facility is strongly needed after treatment to get people back on their feet.

Every one of my tenants, in all of my medical buildings, are highly credentialed, well educated and top notch in their respective fields. The folks behind Core Health proved to me they were of the same caliber. Core Health runs a totally voluntary program and evidently having both the provider and client committed to the recovery process is half the battle”.

Heather Brown Executive Director notes, “The death toll of the AIDS epidemic of the 1980’s and 1990’s pales in comparison to the drug epidemic that we are experiencing today. The rate of death relative to alcohol and substance abuse is tremendous. Core Health Services is here to combat that”. Jessica Bullock the Director of Substance Abuse Counseling at Core Health Services said “The positive energy of the staff here is impressive. As a provider you are often times boxed in by administrators or predecessors, here at Core Health Services our staff is encouraged to think outside the box and provide a very customized approach to the recovery of our clients”.

Drew Piscatelli adds, “In creating a comprehensive Health Park model a tenant like Core Health Services really rounds out the vision I created. I stood in this very spot 15 years ago and promised the community that I would bring an array of first class services to the City of South Amboy”.

Core Health Services is a role model for rehabilitation in the health industry for substance abuse which comes in many forms from addiction to pain medications, self medicating with over the counter products, alcohol, cocaine, heroin and all illegal drugs, medications for depression, including other types of medical prescriptions.

Recovery in substance abuse is a process and the staff at Core Health Services are committed to make sure every client accepted will be given the best possible chance for lifelong recovery. A patient going through detox is a hard road to tackle. After a period when detox is over and the patient is being released, that same patient needs rehabilitation to get back on their feet. Just as someone going through a surgery there is a period of rehabilitation to get back to living every day. Core Health Services is the rehabilitation facility that will provide patients after their treatment a chance to fully recover with a positive outlook on life and begin to live dependent free.

The staff of professionals is committed to give each and every client the very best in care and pave the way to a better life through counseling sessions and a large array of recreational, educational and physical activities.

Core Health Services accepts insurance as well as private pay for its services. If you, or someone you love is suffering from the negative effects of alcohol or substance abuse, which includes prescription pain medication, have them call Core Health Services or visit them on the fourth floor.

“The Piscatelli’s even gave us the phone number from the former hospital as it has been so well known for over 50 years in the community”, says Brown.

Core Health Services, located at South Amboy Health Park, 540 Bordentown Avenue, Suite 4500, South Amboy, NJ 08879 732-721-1000.

Mayor’s Determination Wins Out: Trumps Other Topics

11/9/15 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Ordinance NO. 1 - Establishing a Trap/Neuter/Release Program.

Resident Reinaldo Aviles wanted to know about the implementation of this program and who will handle it.

Council President Lisa Nanton said, “It will be grant money and the program will be handled by Animal Control.”

Interim B.A. Peter Pelissier said, “It will be Animal Control Officers who are certified and licensed by the State. There is \$10,000 of funds available. 55 cats were handled this year at the shelter. Volunteers who are colony caretakers will also participate in this program.”

Resident Ken Balut gave everyone a lesson about the feral cat population: “They will die out because they will only live 5 years; then the rats and mice will take over. Then you will wish the cats were back.”

The Ordinance was moved by Councilman Bill Petrick and Seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. It passed.

Ordinance No. 4 - To Amend an Ordinance Entitled “Vehicles and Traffic.” (Ordinance 194 - 78 as Amended) adopted September 19, 1978 also known as Chapter 414 ET SEQ of the Code of the City of Perth Amboy RE: Parking by Permit Only in designated areas - Portion of Safety Complex Parking Lot.

Resident Ken Balut said, “Is this being done because housing is being put up by the Flat Iron Tavern? We need businesses - not housing. People don’t want to walk 2 1/2 blocks to work. You should build a parking deck.”

Resident Alan Silber said, “I believe it is going to be a developer who gave campaign contributions to some of the

Council. Maybe you shouldn’t be voting on this.”

Resident Reinaldo Aviles was the last person to speak about this ordinance, “They are going to pay for these spaces. We’re not giving anything away. It’s a business and they’re bringing in workers.”

Councilman Bill Petrick moved the ordinance, seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. Council President Lisa Nanton voted “No.” The ordinance passed: 4-1.

R-495 - 11/15 (See Page 2) - Council President Lisa Nanton asked for this item to be removed from the Agenda.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, “The DeCotiis Firm is being hired because Quinones Perez is being hired.”

The Resolution was removed from the Agenda.

When it came to R-500-11/15 Consenting to the appointment

of Arlene Quinones Perez as Director of Law effective September 1, 2015 and waiving the residency requirement, Council President Lisa Nanton and Councilman Fernando Irizarry voted, “No.”

The appointment of Quinones was approved.

During the first public portion Resident Stanley Sierakowski had a question about Resolution R-501-11/15 (see Page 2). He wanted to know who made a decision how many law firms bid and what were their rates per hour.

Resident Ken Balut reiterated to the Council, “These are rebid contracts and this law firm has been involved in a lot of scandals. This law firm is taking all this business.”

Another thorn is Balut’s side was R-492-11/15 - Authorizing a contract with the Rodgers Group, LLC for the purchase

of the 2016 Subscription of the Online In-service Training Module Program in an amount not to exceed \$16,366.12.

“Police work is not done on a computer. You need to do real interaction with other agencies such as the Prosecutor and other government departments. You are locking into one law firm. I saw Mark Blunda at a very cheap rate take on law firms by himself and win.”

David Caba came up to speak next and addressed Councilman Fernando Gonzalez, “You said we were not hiring the firm, but her (Quinones). You did your research on her, but not the firm. This firm tells politicians what to do. You have the opportunity of hiring just her and not the firm.” Alan Silber referenced R-500:

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Remarks Given by Newly Appointed Law Director Arlene Quinones

PERTH AMBOY - This will probably be the only time that I address the public regarding myself since I rarely speak about myself or my accomplishments, but because I have sat here since September 1st and my record has been distorted by many in this room I want to be very clear about what my record is and because a number of the individuals that have spoken to my record have left I want to make sure that my statements are videotaped so the record is clear.

There have been many things said about me and it is unfortunate - my home has been discussed, the value of my home, my credentials have been discussed, some have said my inexperience – what I can assure you and everyone in this room and to the residents of the City of Perth Amboy is that I am very qualified to sit as the attorney for the City of Perth Amboy.

I will go through a little bit of my background, and I would ask that you indulge me because I have sat here since September 1st and not once have I spoken to my credentials.

I served for over 5 ½ years in State government at the highest levels, I have worked for three different governors and each one of them would speak to my reputation and ability to handle any job in State government.

I will now speak to my legal abilities, which is what is in question here. I have been practicing law for close to 7 years. I have been practicing in many different capacities – labor and employment, specifically for the last 4 ½ years as well as municipal law. I have worked and have held prestige positions with the federal

government working as a law clerk. That is a position that I am extremely proud of and not one that many attorneys get to serve in. Not only on the Federal level but also at the State level. What I can assure you is that both of those individuals have written recommendation letters to this Council and to the City of Perth Amboy outlining my credentials and my ability to serve as an attorney for the City of Perth Amboy.

I have also served with Kroll Heineman & Carton, as an associate where I handled litigation matters as well as collective bargaining agreements. I can assure you that Al Kroll who is the founder of that same firm also wrote a letter of recommendation to my legal abilities to serve as an attorney for the City of Perth Amboy.

I served as in-house Counsel to the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters. A position that I received after working as outside counsel to them on open litigation matters. They were impressed by my abilities to handle matters and asked me to come in and development their legal department. The Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters represents over 30,000 members and crosses two states – New York and New Jersey and I am licensed in both as well the United States Federal District Court. Next year I will be admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court and be sworn in by a United States Supreme Court Justice. Through my opportunity to work at the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters as in-house counsel I handled every legal matter that came into the organization. The organization has over 151 employees and I represented every single one

of them.

In my career I have made very, very specific choices about where I practice because my reputation is something that I value greatly and significantly and it means a lot in the world that we are in, which is one of the reasons that I have stood by and allowed people to come up here because they do not know me – none of them do, but I can assure you is that not one person in this room has placed a phone call to any of the fifteen letters of recommendations that I submitted. Not one phone call has been made to the Federal District Judge or to the Assignment Judge. There is one individual that did place those calls and he has come around to be very supportive.

And that’s a shame because any one of those phone calls could have told you exactly who I am and what I do and my legal abilities. The other part that I can assure you is that there has been discussion about my ability to litigate matters and I can assure you from the letters of recommendation that have come in that I can litigate a matter in Court and I have done so in the past. I am proud to say that I have never had to take a client to trial. Trial to me is a position of weakness and not a position that I advocate for any of my clients because rarely does it get you to the goal that you want.

That being said, in the positions that I have held and here is what I can tell you about my community activism and my involvement in the legal community. I have been a part of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey for close to 7 years and I am now president-elect of the organization and

we present close to 1,000 attorneys in this State. What was frustrating sitting through this process was that the individuals that came to this microphone and spoke on behalf of my legal abilities and who actually worked with me and know my abilities as an attorney were discredited and that is unfortunate because they are accomplished attorneys in their own right.

What I will also tell you is that I am a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association and I have held leadership positions in that organization as well. What I can assure you is that organization represents over 20,000 attorneys so rarely do I need call anyone else to ask for information about where I can send a case or an attorney that I can send it to. I have those abilities and those connections on my own.

Every single one of the steps I have taken in my professional career have been very specific and what I can assure you is that I stand very proudly as a Partner with DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP, and that will never change. They are one of the most ethical law firms and best municipal law firms in this State. They represent the Attorney General’s Office as well as the State of New Jersey. They have gone through check after check after check in terms of what their substantive ability is. They represent over 200 municipalities across this State. Every single letter of recommendation that I have put in to the Council and to the City of Perth Amboy is to assure all of you that I am qualified to sit here as an attorney as well as to DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP.

I hope that anyone that has question in terms of my quali-

fications or that of the firm that I proudly represent come see me in my office, my door has been open since the moment that I came to the City of Perth Amboy. But not one individual has come to see me in my office to discuss any matter at all. Feel free - my door is open every single day. My cell phone is available to everyone.

I have sat here for close to 70 days and not one question has come to me that I have been unable to answer. So I really look forward to serving with this Council, serving as an attorney for this Council and I will proudly do so. And I will proudly serve the City of Perth Amboy. And proudly serve the Mayor of this City.

The other issue that I would caution the Council about is that since September 1st never once have I received a RICE Notice as a City employee that my employment with the City would be discussed. Not once. Not once has Peter Pelissier received a RICE Notice that his employment with the City would be discussed. Please consider that going forward. We do not want to expose the City to any liability and I certainly would not to.

What I can also tell you is that Peter Pelissier is one of the most amazing people that I have been fortunate enough to work within the last month that he has been here and I am truly, truly honored and happy to serve with him.

Thank you for your service to this Country Peter and I look forward to hearing your speech on Wednesday. And I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday and thank you again for allowing me an opportunity to serve the City of Perth Amboy.

Honoring Our Veterans - Perth Amboy



Veteran’s Day Speech: November 11, 2015 by Peter H. Pelissier

PERTH AMBOY - Good morning ladies and gentlemen ... I have been requested by Mayor Diaz to give a speech to recognize our veterans in Perth Amboy and across the nation and it is my honor to do so. I want to thank you for joining me today to honor our veterans for their unwavering service to America. Across this grand Country ... and throughout the world ... Americans will pause this Veterans Day to honor our brave fighting man and women ... who for more than 240 years have underwritten our freedom by their duty ... honor and selfless service. We recognize that all veterans have given something of themselves to this country ... and some have given all laying down their lives to defend the freedoms we hold so dear. Today, as we reflect on the blessings of our liberty ... we ask our heavenly father ... that we may be faithful stewards of the freedom we have been granted ... Let us never forget. ... that we cannot rightfully celebrate the day of freedom ... without remembering the great price paid for that freedom. We stagger ... at the eternal debt we owe ... to the untold number of American Veterans ... who chose to set aside ... their personal ambitions and dreams ... to assure the wellbeing of our great nation. We, the living ... are indeed the beneficiaries ... as those who made the tremendous sacrifices for the achievement and surety of our liberty. May we always be grateful.

.. to those brave American Patriots ... who suffered and sacrificed for the glory of God and for the freedom of all Americans. For those Marines, Soldiers, Sailors, Air Force, Coast Guards and National Guard men and women who have stood guard in peacetime ... and to those who have seen the terror, the horror and the inhumanity of combat ... and to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice let it be said they were there for America ... defending the Constitution of the United States. To all our veterans ... we have a simple yet heartfelt message ... Thank you ... Thank you for your unwavering service in peacetime and war, here in this great nation and throughout the world. Our warriors know what it is like to stand guard ... in the chill of the night while others sleep. While we pay homage to all American Veterans ... I particularly want to thank our Vietnam veterans today ... we served in a war that deeply divided our nation, but Americans is resilient ... we are a country of temperance, compassion and reason ... and with the passage of time we healed our wounds. I know many of you have visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C. During the day the black granite absorbs the sunlight all day ... then radiates the best during the evening hours. You can see the mist coming off the wall in the evening cools. There are 58,253 names on there who gave their lives so all of us can continue to live the American Dream.

(Short story about my service in the jungles of Vietnam)
A Marine Patrol in the Vietnam Jungle of the Quang Nam Province
It was a cold day as it rained during December of 1969. In fact during the monsoon season, the rain filled monsoon winds and rain caused the rivers to overflow. My platoon was waiting to be deployed to a patrol, far out in the jungles of the Quang Nam Province about 30 miles northwest of DaNang. We were on a hill known as “LZ Baldy” the recon team spotted enemy movement of the Viet Cong. Our mission was to kill and destroy the Viet Cong and to eliminate any rice and ammunition caches that were used to supply NV A moving south. As I looked around at the members of my platoon, some were trying to get some sleep; some were reading letters from home, others checking their equipment and weapons. No one was smiling!
We heard the choppers overhead moving near preparing to load us up and drop us at a location where the VC were last spotted. Prior to the drop I had called for Huey gun ship to fire 50 caliber rounds into the LZ in order to protect the platoon as we debarked from the Chinook 46 choppers. This was it! Would we make it? We did! - After setting up a perimeter for the night the next afternoon we had a plan to search the area for VC and supplies. It was raining as we started our patrol. A USMC rifle platoon is an awesome sight. As we walked down a rain soaked trail it was very quiet.

We walked past a village and as we walked past the village we noticed, the people were dressed in black silk tops and bottoms, were they VC by night and villagers by day?
A bad feeling lingered through the air, the shine of moonlight followed us down the trail before it disappeared behind us in the jungles many trees. The trees were darker than usual, a forbidden sense of what lay within the jungle’s depths. Then, through all disbelief the point man tripped a mine and the ensuing explosion that took place hung in the air for a moment. I already knew that was the sound of death and it was about to get a whole lot worse. There were sounds that I will never forget, small arms fire, radio calling for medivac chopper and grenades exploding.
The power of a rifle platoon in full combat mode is a destructive force, but the tactics of the VC were clever and effective.
I will never forget looking at the young man with his eyes still open who gave his life for us. Still haunts me to this date. That was the only casualty we had that week, I don’t even know his name ... as many young marines carne and went that were being assigned to stateside duty or to medical hospitals.
I will never forget the screams of pain and looks on their faces of “please let me live” while taking fire and trying to get coordinates to call in air support. It was a busy day and even a longer night.
The mail call was not so good either. Mail was always shipped to the base so after 10

days on patrol returning to the base camp to watch the young man open their mail varied.
• Their smiles for letters from mothers and letters from girlfriends, wives, sisters, brothers and friends.
•The “hey look” of pictures sent from stateside
•The depression of those marines who received letters from wives or girlfriends breaking up with them hit as hard as a bullet. In many cases they had to be removed from the platoon as they were not able to function.
In combat situations lives depend on many variables and depression from losing a love one distracts your attention from staying alive.
Lastly, I would like to talk about service to our country and community ... I have always felt it was an honor to serve my country and community and all of you should be doing the same. Your services and talents are needed and I encourage all of you to volunteer your services to any number of endeavors. Your church, the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, little league, etc ... We can all make a difference in our community.
Thank you all again for being here today celebrating with our Veterans, may God bless you, God bless our military and veterans, and may God bless the United States of America.

Peter H. Pelissier
Captain, USMC
1st Marine Division
5th Marine Regiment
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Turkey Fest
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Cheerleading
PERTH AMBOY - Young Champions Cheerleading, Thursdays starting October 1 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy. For kids ages 4-13 registration is \$8 and cost is \$8 per week. For more information please call 800-956-6956 or 732-826-1594.

Homemade Nut Roll Sale
WOODBIDGE - Hungarian homemade nut rolls sponsored by the Lorantffy Women's Guild of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, (Corner of School Street and No. James Street, Woodbridge. Each roll weighs 1lb 8oz. Available in: English Walnut, Poppy Seed, Prune (Lekvar), Apricot and Raspberry. Price \$16 each. Orders accepted by: Nov. 30th. Ordders will be available for pick-up on Friday, December 18th between 12 noon and 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Please use Ross Street Entrance. All orders must be paid in full upon ordering. Please call Mrs. Barbara Drotar-Bosques: 732-442-5867.

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Thanksgiving Dinner
PERTH AMBOY - Faith Fellowship Ministries World Outreach Center is having a Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 26 at the Salvation Army, 433 State St., Perth Amboy from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call the Salvation Army 732-826-7040 ext. 16 or Steven Simon of FFMWOC 732-754-2410. All are welcome!!!

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**Candlelight
Prayer Service**
PERTH AMBOY - You are invited! Community Candlelight Prayer Service in Response of Homeless and Behalf of the Elderly. Sponsored by Aris-tacare at Alemeda Center and Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps. Sunday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. Train Station Parking Area, Smith Street Lot. Followed by Procession at Aris-tacare at Alemeda Center, 303 Elm St., Perth Amboy. For more info contact Junel Hut-cheinson at 732-442-9540 ext. 7280.

**Pies For Your
Holidays**
PERTH AMBOY - Please support the Good Shepherd Rosary Altar Society by buying pies from Delicious Orchards for your Thanksgiving Holiday! They have no preservatives. They Are \$16 each and you can order them at all Masses on the weekends if November 7/8 or call the Parish Office 732-826-4859. Pies are: apple, pecan, cherry, pumpkin or mincemeat. \$16 per pie, \$32 for two, \$48 for three, \$64 for four. Buy as many as you like. Be prepared. They can be frozen. Save them for Christmas! *Cash or Check made out to Good Shepherd RAS. Pick up orders at Msgr. Gambino Hall, 625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn on Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Christmas
Grave Blankets
& Wreaths**
SAYREVILLE - The Rosary Altar Society will be taking orders for grave blankets and wreaths on the weekends of November 14th -15th and November 21st -22nd:
• Three sizes are available
• Samples will be in both the main and elevator lobbies of the Church on the above dates.
• The deadline for orders will be Sunday , November 29th
• Payment is due when order is placed
Please make check payable to "St. Stan's Rosary Altar Society"
• Orders may be mailed or dropped off at the Church office
• Please mark envelope: Grave Blanket Order
• The pick-up date is Saturday, December 5th from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the parking lot behind St. Stan's School, 225 MacArthur Ave, Sayreville.
For Information Contact: Bernadine (732-257-3077); Julie (732-254-4908); Alfreda (732-257-4839); Sizes Available: Small 2½- 3 ft - \$21; Medium 3½ - \$26; Large 4 - 4½ - \$36; Wreath - \$21.

AC Bus Trip
PERTH AMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino, AC will be on Thursday, Dec. 3rd. Bus leaves 12 Noon from KOC, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost: \$30 pp. Receive \$30 slot play. For additional info call Joe: 732-826-0819.

Cookie Walk
PERTH AMBOY – St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Cookie Walk on Sat. Dec. 19th. Time 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All gourmet items are handmade. Come to the Cookie Walk at 404 Division St, Perth Amboy and buy your Christmas cookies!

**Holiday
Craft Show**
WOODBIDGE - The Catholic Daughters of America#769 are having a Craft Show. Vendors/Crafters Wanted for craft show at St. James Church - Lower Level Main Street and Rte. 35, Woodbridge on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Set Up: Sat. Dec. 5th at 8 a.m. Cost: \$20 per table. No Refunds. Includes 1 Table & 2 Chairs (only provided by CDA can be used). For questions email: eileenswingle@yahoo.com

**Song
Evensong**
PERTH AMBOY - Come for Sung Evensong on Sunday, November 22, at St. Peter's Church at 5 p.m. with students of the St. Paul's Choir School from Englewood, NJ. St. Peter' Perth Amboy has a long history of children's choirs. It was one of the ways we were present in the community. Come and experience this choir (bring your children) as we have an experience that may help us explore whether we could have a children's choir at St. Peter's again. St. Paul's Choir school is a musical and educational outreach ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Englewood, NJ.

**Christmas
Bake Sale**
PERTH AMBOY – St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Christmas Bake Sale on Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st, Dec. 2nd & Dec. 3rd. Call 732-826-7067 to place your order. Please call between 9 a.m. and 12 Noon. All gourmet items are handmade. Call early before the maximum quota is reached. Cakes: nut, poppyseed, apricot, raspberry and prune. Cakes are \$11 each. Pick up dates: Dec. 8th & Dec. 9th after 2 p.m. Pick up at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy.

Flea Market
PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Music Parent Organization and the Music Department will be hosting a Flea Market on Saturday, November 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Perth Amboy High School Cafeteria. 300 Eagle Ave. Perth Amboy. Please come and support The Music Department.

**Friends of the
Perth Amboy
Free Public
Library Meeting**
PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library will be meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-797-8074.

**Bell Ringers
Wanted**
PERTH AMBOY – The Salvation Army is looking for Bell Ringer for their Christmas Kettles. The job is seasonal (Nov. 27 thru Dec. 24) and full time \$9/hr. 5 days a week (Tuesdays thru Saturdays) from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. You need to have a Social Security and State ID. Come apply at the Salvation Army, 433 State St., Perth Amboy. Contact: Alex Rodriguez. 732-826-7040.

**Small
Business
Shopping Spree**
PARLIN – The Friends of Sayreville Public Library is hosting a Small Business Saturday Shopping Spree on Sat., Nov. 28, 2015, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin in the Conference Room, Handmade Crafters & Direct Sales Vendors from OUR Community. Friends of the Sayreville Public Library Membership will be available.

Toys For Tots
EDISON - The United States Marine Corps Reserve will be collecting new unwrapped toys for its Toys For Tots Program every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from November 27 to December 20, 2015, in the Menlo Park Mall, Edison, NJ located by Santa Court of the Nordstrom Wing. Cash Donations are also accepted. For more information call Eddy Androvich Sr. at 908-565-1339. Make checks payable to "Toys For Tots." Mail to: Toys For Tots, 70 Marsh Ave., Sayreville, NJ 08872.

Amboy Bank Hosts it's Spooktakular Food Drive



Amboy Bank Sayrewoods office bankers become pirates for the day during Amboy's Halloween kick off of its annual bank wide food drive. All offices will be collecting food during November. *Photo submitted by Amboy Bank

Press Release

OLD BRIDGE - Kicking off with Halloween, all 23 offices of Amboy Bank will be collecting food and household items for food banks in their branch areas all month long. Every Amboy office manager has selected a food bank to collect for in their community. Key partners include Elijah's Promise, the Old Bridge Food Bank and the Samaritan Center.

Gregory Scharpf, SVP Chief Retail Banking Officer, stated "Thanks to the support of our generous clients and neighbors and with the efforts of our associates, the program has been

a huge success in the past and we expect the same success this year. We will be distributing our collectables in time for Thanksgiving. We invite our neighbors to drop off items at one of our local branches. Visit www.amboybank.com to find the local branch in your community."

Founded in 1888, Amboy Bank a full-service commercial bank with 23 offices in Central New Jersey prides itself on quality service and community involvement. Amboy Bank has been voted "Best Bank in Central Jersey" for the past 18 years in a row.

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE

Note in complying with N.J.S.A. 39:10A-8 et seq., application has been made to the "NJ MVC", Trenton NJ, 08666 to get title papers allowing the sale of a 2005 Toyota Coa vin# 2T1BR30E15C478405. Any objections, are to be made writing to the "NJ, MVC", Special Titles, POB 017, Trenton, NJ 08666.

Gift to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library

*Photo by Matthew Tellihio



PERTH AMBOY - John Dyke, Vilma Novak, Eleni Glykis, & Herschel Chomsky. Mr. Dyke presents two professionally conserved maps to the Perth Amboy Public Library. Both maps are of old Perth Amboy. The maps are protected by UV resistant glass & matted with acid free paper, so as to last for generations. The map on the left is c.1877, while the one on the right dates to c.1870 and is signed by Alfred Hall (Hall Avenue named after) and Marcus Spring (Eagleswood). These maps have been used in Mr. Dyke's history documentaries.

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"We should have 2 Resolutions, then Mr. Gonzalez could split the decision. He did not vote for Fehrenbach (Former B.A.) because he did not live here. I nothing bad to say about this lawyer (Quinones) but her judgement was bad in hooking up with this law firm."

Landings Resident Daniel Santo Petro heaped more praise at Arlene Quinones, "I know she is committed to the City. She implemented the Municipal ID Program in the City and did well against Kushner (Landings Developer)."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles stated, "I know people who know Quinones and they said she gets things done. We will have issues with hirees. Look at her work with the Unions and public employees. She's young with a lot of experience compacted into a short period of time."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez clarified exactly why he voted against Greg Fehrenbach: "Fehrenbach was a double dipper, which weighed more on my mind than him not being a resident."

Mayor Wilda Diaz showed her displeasure with some of the residents who spoke at the Meeting. "A lot of people (appointees) left, but a lot of Perth Amboy long term employees got promoted in these Departments. They live, shop and eat in Perth Amboy. I did what people wanted. They have been bashed by people. I have been disappointed. You have spoken to County Officials. Why don't you tell these people to come and live here? I picked an individual who is dedicated (Quinones Perez) You get on the phone tonight and tell those same County Officials that Arlene is now our new Law Director."

Ken Balut spoke next, "We didn't say anything about Blunda's law firm or question the last Business Administrator Jillian Barrick because they came from clean firms. We are just asking for transparency. When people call me, I gave them information. EPort and the Train Station started with Joe's (Vas) administration. Fehrenbach and CFO Jill Goldy had the guts to stand against wrongdoings. I didn't always agree with him (Fehrenbach), but he did the job. Mr. Blunda didn't quit. He was forced to resign. I want to thank them for thinking about the taxpayers."

Resident Alan Silber echoed some of the same sentiments, "First off, I congratulate the Board of Education victors. Blunda was a person of integrity. Although I did argue with him a lot. The big ticket item

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was the law firm. Fehrenbach was highly qualified. I also argued with him a lot."

Resident David Caba went up to speak. He addressed each Council Member: To Irizarry and Nanton, he told them: "You stood by your principles. I respect you for that." To Pabon: "You live by your decisions. Petrick: "You voted by your conscience." To Fernando Gonzalez: "You and I have issues."

Caba continued, "I would like to thank those who voted against this firm (DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP). We are Number One in New Jersey in foreclosures. The Mayor got her attorney. I defend the people of Perth Amboy."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles reminded the Council, "You have to be specific when you go into closed session. You voted the way you were most comfortable (appointment of the Law Director). Addressing Council President Lisa Nanton: he thanked her for explaining why she voted the way she did and everyone should have done the same. "I respected that you (the Council) decided to vote up or down today. We need stability in the City. The last person who held the position of Code Enforcement, there were a lot of complaints. Maybe it's good they're gone."

Resident and Business Owner Susan Batista said she wanted to give an update on her lawsuit. "I'm on our third law firm. It was Blunda's but there was a conflict since Blunda was the Law Director. Now I have another lawyer and he's doing discovery. Now he's gone. Another lawyer said we should drop the charge against the Police."

After Susan Batista spoke and the public portion was closed, Interim B.A. Peter Pelissier made a report, "Crime is down." He provided some statistics. He spoke about the importance of the EPort Logistics Center (which recently had a ground breaking - see the 11/11/15 issue of the Amboy Guardian (Page 1)).

"The City has acquired Sustainable NJ Bronze Status. (for more info go to www.sustainablejersey.com). NJDOT grants are coming through for the train station in 2016. 30% of the conceptional design will be completed by then."

He reminded everyone that Small Business Saturday is coming up (November 28th.)

Newly appointed Law Director Arlene Quinones Perez said she wanted to set the record straight. "My record has been distorted by many. My credentials and my qualifications have been attacked. I look forward to serving with this Council and the Mayor and proudly will do so. It's an



Law Director
Arlene Quinones Perez,

honor to serve with Peter Pelissier (see her full statement on page 7)."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke next. He welcomed Arlene Quinones Perez as the new Law Director. He also thanked the Mayor's Aide Irving Lozada for arranging a visit from a delegation from LaVega (a city in the Dominican Republic). "It was a very enjoyable visit."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, "I need to be able to live with myself and follow my conscience and work for the best interest in the City. The Mayor has a right to nominate someone. But I can disagree with the Mayor. I do not base my opinion on politics. I follow my conscience."

Councilman Joel Pabon praised Deputy Chief Larry Cattano for all that he's done for the City and was pleased about the delegates that came from the Dominican Republic. "There are lots of positive things happening in the City which includes a lot of recreational activities. I never feel pressured to vote certain ways. I urge people to volunteer. I will talk and listen to anyone. When I close my eyes at night to go to sleep, I'm out, because I know that my conscience is clear."

Talking to Peter Pelissier, Pabon stated, "I know you're trying to help us out. We have some great people here and I respect the people who speak, but try not to take everything to heart."

Council President Lisa Nanton stated, "Some of us were pressured. We are limited what we can say publicly about employees."

Earlier in the Meeting Council President Nanton read a lengthy statement as to why she voted no to the appointment of Quinones. She mentioned the various exits of many Department Heads or Appointees in a short time frame which gave her cause for concern.

The Amboy Guardian asked for a copy of this statement after the 11/9/15. As soon as it is available, it will be posted online and in print.

2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars

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2016

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2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079 or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.

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Yoga Classes

SOUTH AMBOY - Help Support Christ Church. YOGA is back at Christ Church. Start Date: November 21st Time: 10:15 a.m. at 210 Main Street, South Amboy Christ Church Memorial Hall. Price: 7 classes for \$55 *Donation non refundable. Join YOGA Teacher/ Certified Personal Trainer, Denise Morgan, for a 50 minute full body relaxing workout. All you need is a mat. Never forget your water! For registration info email Denise at healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com or call 732-525-9536.

Adult Bible Classes

PERTH AMBOY – Adult Bible Classes at Assumption Catholic Church, 684 Alta Vista, Perth Amboy. Discover one of the most beautiful churches in the area and get a chance to know God by studying His Word in the Bible. Adult Bible Discussion Sessions are being held inside the church at 7:00 p.m. every Thursday until Christmas. The sessions are open to all and no advance preparation is required. For more information call 732-826-0767.

Breakfast with Santa

SAYREVILLE - Sayreville United Methodist Church at 406 Main St., Sayreville, will be having ‘Breakfast with Santa’ on Saturday, December 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Cost: Adults \$6; Children under 12: \$3. Breakfast Includes: Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, Cereal, Coffee, Tea & Juice. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, Food & Gifts. Bring the whole family. Please contact Winsome Melvin at 732-432-9072 for more information.

Elks Memorial Service

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks # 784 will conduct Memorial Services for all members who have passed away since our last service was conducted. On Sunday, December 6, 2015, commencing at 5:00 p.m., #784 Lodge Officers will conduct the service this year as per Grand Lodge stature 2.020. It is required that the bar be closed at 5:00 p.m. and reopen upon the conclusion of the Memorial Services. All are invited to attend this moving ceremony. Thank you for your cooperation. Michael Green, Exalted Ruler.

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Poets, Percussionists, Opinionators & Show and Tell and Tellers of Tall Tales are welcome
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732-293-1090 or 732-675-8826

South Amboy 9/11 Memorial Pavers

SOUTH AMBOY - The 9-11 Memorial Committee is selling 9/11 Pavers. The applications can be picked up at the SAFD Independence Engine & Hose Co. Firehouse on Broadway. Cost is \$50 per paver. For more info please contact 9/11 Memorial Committee Chair Phil English at 732-688-7956.

Lecture on Library Reliefs

PERTH AMBOY - Artist/ Sculptor Paul Balog will speak on the reliefs found in the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (Children’s Library). Lecture will be at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy on Sunday, November 22 at 1 p.m. Light Refreshments available. For more info call 732-293-1090.

Green Collaborative

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz encourages you to the join the Join the Perth Amboy Green Collaborative to:

- Learn about Green Infrastructure to Guide over \$500k worth of Investment Projects
- Lead Sustainability Efforts to Create a Greener, Healthier City
- Build Partnerships and Make Friends Who are Committed to a Cleaner Future for All Residents
- Receive Training in Brownfield Redevelopment and Re-use
- Help Protect and Enhance the City’s Valuable Natural Resource.

Monday, November 16 at 6 p.m., Firehouse Training Room, 357 New Brunswick Ave, 3rd Floor.
Contact: William Kurzenberger, (732) 826 - 0290 Ext. 4048 or email: wkurzenberger@perthamboynj.org

Food Pantry

SAYREVILLE - Each month on the 3rd Thursday of the month our Food Pantry “Daily Bread” distributes food for those in need. Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Faith Fellowship Ministries, 2707 Main St., Sayreville. For more info call (732)727-9500 ext. 1704

Afterschool Program

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy YMCA is offering an Afterschool program. In the South Amboy YMCA’s afterschool program youth receive help with homework and can also explore art, swimming, sports, and so much more. Financial assistance is available to those in need, to ensure every child and teen has the opportunity to learn and grow at the Y. For more information call 732-553-9622.

Book Drop/Book Exchange/ Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are establishing a use for the books you have read and would like to recycle!!! Drop off your books. Exchange them for books you have not read pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ... or select a “bag of books” for a price of only \$5. Please no text books or reference books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the rest of 2015 is as follows: Mondays: Nov, 23, Dec. 7 and 21 and on Saturdays: Nov. 14 and Dec. 12. We will be there from 12 noon until 2 pm (weather permitting).
For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

Novena to St. Rita

O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God’s grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior Jesus Christ, and in particular through his patient wearing of the crown of thorns, which with tender devotion thou didst daily contemplate. Through the merits of the holy Virgin Mary and thine own graces and virtues, I ask thee to obtain my earnest petition, provided it be for the greater glory of God and my own sanctification. Guide and purify my intention, O holy protectress and advocate, so that I may obtain the pardon of all my sins and the grace to persevere daily, as thou didst in walking with courage, generosity, and fidelity down the path of life. *(Mention your request.)* Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us. Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.
Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.

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Petition to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.
Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.
Thank you, St. Jude *A.M.A.*

Dowdell Library Foundation DVD & Recorded Media Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Your fall cleanout is done and you’re wondering what to do with all of those unwanted DVD’s, CD’s, and video games. How about donating them to South Amboy’s Sadie Pope Dowdell Library? Just bring those unwanted items to the library, during regular hours. No VHS please!

This program has been running since 2012 collecting thousands of DVD’s and other electronic media for the library. Those generous donations have enabled the library to increase its resources for the benefit of South Amboy residents and the surrounding communities.

All donations are fully tax deductible and the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Please call (732)721-6060 for library hours. To schedule a pick-up for larger collections, please contact Grace at 732-721-6592. Your support is greatly appreciated.

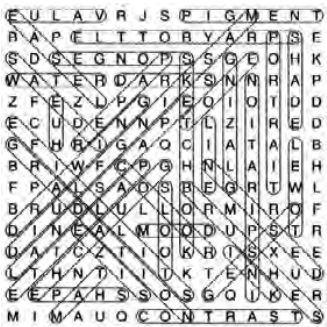
Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy	
WED. Nov. 18	Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
	• St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Nov. 19	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Nov. 16	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Nov. 23	Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
	• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Nov. 24	Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
	• St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
	• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
South Amboy	
WED. Nov. 18	South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave
MON. Nov. 30	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
MON. Dec. 7	St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

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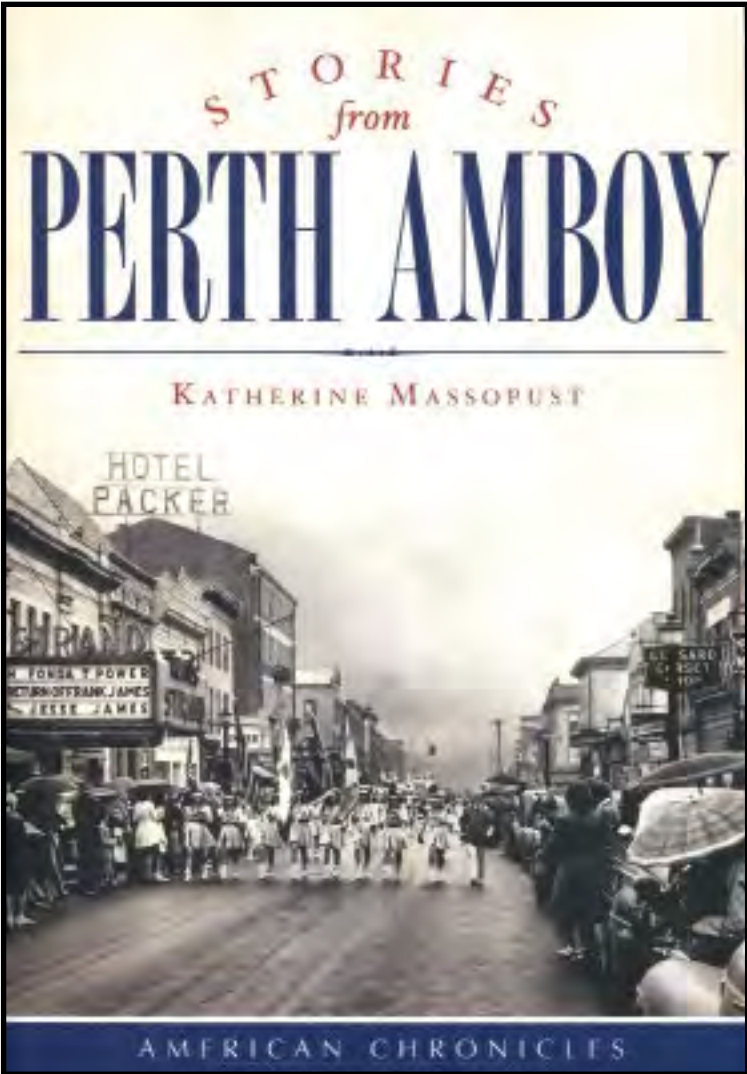


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Parade going down Smith Street circa 1955. Reynolds Department Store is in the background.

**Photo Courtesy of John K. Dyke*



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