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## 2016 Perth Amboy Mayoral Candidates

PERTH AMBOY - On Thursday, October 27, 2016 The Amboy Guardian held its Mayoral Forum at Temple Beth Mordecai. Over 400 people attended.

The following are excerpts from some of the questions asked of the candidates.

### Illegal Housing:

**Sharon Hubberman:** The situation of illegal housing is very sensitive. Many families cannot afford to pay property tax (so they rent out spaces in their homes illegally) Our average rents are \$1900/Mo compared to Woodbridge Township which is \$1800/Mo. This the reason people choose to live in an attic or a basement. I will not stand by Code Enforcement to trespass on people's property. The solution: we need to have a Rent Leveling Board.

**Miguel Nunez:** We are a community of poor families. We need to sit down with the developers, investors and residents so our residents can live with dignity.

**Joel Pabon:** I've gone to see illegal housing myself. It's especially hard when you see children living in these conditions, especially with extension cords are hanging down. The First Responders are in jeopardy. It's (illegal housing) been going on for years. The Fire Department should work with Code Enforcement. It's a safety issue for the residents. The Fire Department and Code Enforcement should be working together.

**Wilda Diaz:** Code Enforcement and the Fire Department and the Department of Recreation all work together. I want to thank our Directors. I know how hard you work. They are working 6 days a week to address any issues. We show compassion and educate the people instead of punishing them. We want to show them how to be safe in their units. We are an urban city and our population is growing just like other urban towns. The people want to live, work and play in



(L to R) Miguel Nunez, Sharon Hubberman, Councilman Joel Pabon and Mayor Wilda Diaz pose for a photo after the debate at Temple Beth Mordecai on 10/27/16

\*Photo by Bob Ned



Joel Pabon  
1J



Miguel Nunez  
1K



Sharon Hubberman  
1L



Wilda Diaz  
1M

a city like Perth Amboy.

**Joel Pabon Rebuttal:** We need to take preventative measures so that the Recreation Department doesn't have to take care of these people.

### Parking:

**Joel Pabon:** Surrounding towns have no meters. It's

a very tough situation. We should get rid of some meters, especially in residential areas. I don't know how they can be completely eliminated.

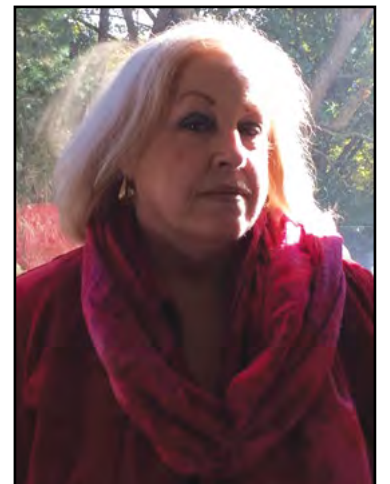
**Wilda Diaz:** They are revenue generators and some of the

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## 2016 South Amboy City Council Candidates



Brian H. McLaughlin  
Ward 1 9B



Barbara Pasternack  
Ward 1 9C



Thomas Reilly  
Ward 2 9B



Zusette Dato  
Ward 3 9B

SOUTH AMBOY - Two newcomers are vying for the seat in Ward 1 that will be vacant when Donald Applegate decided not to seek reelection. Thomas Reilly who was appointed to the Council to replace Joe O'Connor is now seeking his first full term and is running unopposed. Zusette Dato who was first elected to the Council in 2012 is also running unopposed.

The answers to the questions posed to South Amboy Candidates are on page 8.

Brian McLaughlin pulled an upset when defeated Butch Mulchavy in the South Amboy Democratic Primaries. Eventually the South Amboy Democratic Party backed McLaughlin's candidacy. It has been stated that he has a difference of opinion with some of the incumbents on how the City of South Amboy should grow. He prefers that there more business growth over residential construction.

Remember Turn Your  
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to attend. For more info call  
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**A Special  
Presentation for  
Our Senior  
Residents**  
*By County Freeholder  
Director Ronald G. Rios*

SOUTH AMBOY - Please join  
us on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 12  
Noon as Middlesex County  
Freeholder Director Ronald G.  
Rios discusses the many pro-  
grams and services offered  
through the County's Aging  
and Disabled Services Office,  
and how the County and the  
South Amboy Senior Center  
work collaboratively to serve  
our residents. Topics to be  
discussed include the wide array  
of programs available for ac-  
tive seniors and those who  
need varying levels of care,  
Veterans Services and where  
to get additional information  
on available services. The  
Freeholder Director will be  
joined by staff members, who  
will be on hand for a question-  
and-answer period. South Am-  
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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

One Last Chance & The Final Word

For those of you who didn't have a chance to go to the debate on October 25th where only one candidate appeared (Sharon Hubberman), or the October 27th debate held at Beth Mordecai, you have an opportunity to see the four candidates on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at Olive Street from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (see Page 14 for more details).

Regarding the debate at Beth Mordecai - Yes, we have read some of the comments left on Facebook and contrary to certain individual's comments - IS WAS NOT RIGGED! It was not exactly what we had envisioned like we had at the first debate and we also had a couple of surprises.

First of all we need to thank those involved that made this debate happened. We had stated a few weeks earlier, because October being a very busy month, we didn't think we could pull off a debate this year. We received a call in mid-October from Ron Miskoff who said that Rabbi Saks had contacted him about the Amboy Guardian having a debate because many of the residents felt it was needed and we had a successful debate in 2012 held at the same location. It was ironic in 2012 Beth Mordecai was not the first choice for the debate. Our first choice was a much smaller place and thank God we chose Beth Mordecai because more than twice as many people showed up for the debate, than the first place could hold.

We had a short period of time to prepare for the debate, must importantly to notify the candidates and verify that they would be attending.

We have to give kudos first and foremost to Rabbi Ari Saks. He was there three hours before the doors were to open setting up the microphones and he was able to accommodate all that we requested. We also would like to thank Messengers of Peace Founder Stephanie Rodriguez (Marquez-Villafane) who manned the clock and her mother, Nilda Rivera who passed out and collected the index cards from the attendees. The two of them did the work of four people and were cool, calm and collected.

We had also asked those in attendance to please hold their applause until after the debate was over, so some of you were at fault, too for not following those rules. Once it started, it was hard to stop. Emotions ran high, which is a good thing because it shows people care about the issues. This the first time since we've been publishing that a Sitting Council Member challenged the Mayor in an election.

People came over to us and said that at times the audience was out of control and we agree. That's why I went up on stage to try to rectify the situation to no avail.

We realize that some of the candidates seemed to be hitting below the belt and should been warned. We specified in the rules of the forum no disparaging remarks to the other candidates. And we realize that there were too many rebuttals. There was supposed to be one rebuttal per candidate per question.

Of course, the candidate that

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Drain the Swamp!

Drain the swamp! From the White House down thru Trenton, New Brunswick and all counties in New Jersey. The corruption is so widespread that voting only a few "Public Servants" out of office won't

sanitize the smell of these long-time crooks and liars, who are overpaid. Do nothing and get all kinds of perks and bonuses.

My tax dollars won't stretch much further to support these phony plutocrats.

Vote them all out along with the biggest crook and liar,

Hillary Clinton, who takes bribes and big money to foster her counterfeit foundation. She will do anything to get back into the White House. Drain the swamp! Hillary first!

Mary Vargo

The Gasoline Tax Dedication

There is a proposal to dedicate the new tripled gasoline tax solely to road and highway construction and maintenance. But this implies the gasoline tax alone must be used for roads and highways, while everyone benefits from transportation. The other problem is the presence of a cash surplus will mean looking for new ways to spend it, else it shows the tax is too high.

One example of excess spending is the Route 35 high bridge over the Raritan River.

It must have cost much more than a ground level bridge. Drivers must use more gasoline going up the bridge then use their brakes going down, an added expense. It also presents an impediment to pedestrians and unpowered bicycles. The bankruptcies of the many businesses along the river during the past forty years reduced the river traffic that required the frequent opening of a swing bridge.

The tripled gasoline tax (from 14 to 37 cents) raises costs for all transportation, so prices will increase for groceries and clothing even though

they are now untaxed. People will pay more for the gasoline tax and have less money for other purchases, and this affects other businesses.

Should gambling be allowed in the northern counties? Limiting it to Atlantic City did not benefit the people there; it only created businesses that went bankrupt. Gambling is not a productive and beneficial business. Money spent on gambling reduces spending for other businesses, especially during this "Great Recession".

Ronald A. Sobieraj

Why I Am Supporting Joel Pabon for Mayor

I first ran and was elected with Joel Pabon in 2000 for the Board of Education. I am now coming to the end of my term and have had the honor of serving with the most energetic, mature statesmen on this city council. I am grateful that Joel has stepped up to the plate to run for Mayor.

The Council has worked through some very harrowing times in the last few years. We recently received the completion of an investigation which disclosed that the appointment of the mayor's interim business administrator to assistant business administrator, under the advice of her former law director, violated state statute. Under the advice of legal counsel, the city council is moving to recoup those funds illegally paid. The resolution

for the investigation and the resolution to recoup those funds were voted on UNANIMOUSLY by the City Council. For the year and a half I've been council president, I've had to work with three different business administrators, three law directors, two public works directors, two code enforcement directors and several personnel changes.

Joel Pabon is one of the hardest working public servants I know. We have not always agreed on process or opinion, but have always reasonably discussed our views without having to raising our voices and the end goal was always the same. We agree that Perth Amboy deserves better. I have had the opportunity to see Joel in action. He understands the urgency of NOW. When people come to the city council from sheer frustration, they have already waited too long to be heard. I've also been very moved by the number of stories people have come forward to tell me of how Joel Pa-

bon has helped them; from housing individuals who have come to Perth Amboy until they get on their feet, to hiring a group of youths for his ball team, so they could be in the stadium to watch the game.

Joel is around town all the time, not just during election season. He sees what has been accomplished and what needs to be done. He is a humble, hard working, humanitarian with common sense and a great love for this city.

Hopefully Perth Amboy has learned its lessons and has suffered enough. It's time for a change in leadership. I urge everyone to support Joel Pabon for Mayor, Ken Puccio and Angel Ramirez for council. Collectively these gentlemen have more community service hours than all the other candidates combined. We need leaders who will work for ALL OF US.

Lisa Nanton, President, Perth Amboy City Council

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Polls Open 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Remember to Vote!



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## Perth Amboy

WED. Nov. 9	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
•	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Nov. 10	BID, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

## South Amboy

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**LUNG CANCER AWARENESS**



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## Editorial

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took the brunt of the bullets was Mayor Diaz, because that is the position that all of her opponents want and she wants to retain. In 2012, there were 5 other candidates who were vying after the position. It was easier for her back then, because she was only going for a second term. Although the field had narrowed down, she was hammered because of the third term she is seeking.

Joel Pabon was a target also, but not as much as the Mayor. There are two things that Wil-da Diaz and Joel Pabon have in common. They both upset the applecart when they were first elected and they did that by walking the neighborhoods and speaking individually to residents just listening to their concerns. Secondly, they both have a track record as elected officials where people can go back and look at decisions that they have made. Sharon Hubberman and Miguel Nunez are no babes in the woods when it comes to politics. They have both run for political office before; Hubberman for Mayor in 2012 and Nunez for Council in 2012 and 2014 so all four candidates know what they're getting into and have spoken in front of large audiences before and should be well aware of all the hot topics in town, even without having to give them a list.

Lastly, we understand that the Moderator decided to push the envelope, which took us aback. You never know what will happen in debates because candidates have to think on their feet.

In spite of the difficulties that occurred that may have made

some of the candidates uncomfortable, we want to give those candidates KUDOS. They were extremely gracious to us and to each other at the end of the debate.

It's easy to be an armchair politician when you are not in front of a large audience trying to defend yourself. As a whole, we found that they were for the most part gracious under fire.

Let's be honest. Politics in Perth Amboy is unique. If you look at the players between 2008 up until this year, you see how there has been a shift as to who is supporting whom. Not only political candidates, but residents themselves have shifted their support between different candidates.

All we can do is sit back and wait for the final results after the election is held on November 8, 2016. The paper is coming out on Election Day and we will not have any negative political ads or letters in that issue. We also stated in last week's paper (10/26/16) that we would not publish any negative ads or letters to the editor attacking any candidates. We did this because the candidates would not have any chance to respond back to those criticisms.

Check [www.amboyguardain.com](http://www.amboyguardain.com) for election results that will be FROM THE MACHINE ONLY. We will post updates as soon as we can. If you feel that candidates once they get in office tend to let you down, the only thing you can do is run yourself. You never know. You may be surprised. *C.M. & K.M.*

## 10/26/16 Council Meeting It's Déjà vu All Over Again

PERTH AMBOY - Resident and former City Councilman Ken Balut came up to speak about what he calls his favorite subject - the YMCA. He asked the Council if they knew the total amount of damage when the pool leaked recently. "The Y owes us about \$1.5 million since it opened up in 2008. Their pensions have gone up between 7% to 8%. Their Director put \$10,000 into the pension system, yet the Mayor testifies against employees' pension benefits. When is the Y going to be put in the City's budget?"

Balut continued and said, "Kenny Ortiz (Department of Recreation Director) is getting a nice salary. He should run the Y. Did any of the Council Members see any of the damage from the pool leaking? You should ask for the pictures and reports from the damage. If they are hiding information from you, it's unethical."

Councilman Joel Pabon wanted to know if the City has paid any monies to the Y related to the damage (pool leaking).

Business Administrator Adam Cruz stated, "We haven't paid anything to the Y yet related to this damage."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "We want to see a full report on the problem, including photos."

B.A. Cruz responded, "Sure."

During the Public Portion, Balut came up to speak again about an upcoming promotion of a Sergeant in the Police Department who was skipped over before and now cannot take the Lieutenant exam. "You were lucky you weren't sued."

Councilman Bill Petrick corrected Balut and said, "The Council wouldn't be sued. It would be the Administration that would be sued."

Balut continued speaking and said, "Under the former Police Chief, we had more police at the meetings than we had on the street."

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak. He wanted to know when the City hired the first Black Business Administrator (Jillian Barrack). "There was no press release. When Arlene Quinones-Perez was hired, she was paid \$25,000 more than Barrack and there were all these different press releases surrounding her."

Silber also questioned a \$150,000 settlement that the Council didn't want to speak about, but eventually all the details will come out.

Councilman Bill Petrick responded, "That's how the settlement reads. (it doesn't go

into that much detail).

Mayoral Candidate Sharon Hubberman came up to speak. She wanted to know if there was any progress about what to do about the buses at the Train Station. She also admonished all the candidates who did not show up at the Mayoral Forum (run by the Messengers of Peace) that was held on October 25, 2016. "Shame on all of you candidates. There were many tough questions that I would love of hearing you answered. As elected officials, I thought you would have shown up, especially to support the Messengers of Peace who do so much."

B.A. Adam Cruz responded to Sharon's questions about the buses at the Train Station, "Each bus is charged \$50 a month to park there."

Resident Linda Ferreria (who lives in the Budapest section of town) came up to speak about street cleaning. "It's a waste of money. You get a ticket if your car is on the street at the time their cleaning. If we were given advanced notice of when sweeping will be done on our street, it would at least give us time to move our cars."

She also wondered if the Department of Public Works started giving out new garbage cans. "Only the stores have them and not the residents."

She also had concerns about private school buses that are parked on residential streets.

B.A. Adam Cruz said, "The City is looking to buy a new sweeper next year. We have an ordinance of no buses on City streets after 6 p.m."

Resident Lois Lane came up to speak. She had a question about the renewal of application process for handicapped parking spots. "The application says that doctors have to put down a reason why the applicant has have a handicapped spot and that this request had to be put on the doctor's letterhead. They're asking for information that has to be protected under a patient's rights. What is being asked on the application is illegal. Some of the pages with the application are obsolete. I have to pay \$25 for the doctor to fill out the sheet with the certification."

City Clerk Elaine Jasko explained that, "For mobility disability, the doctor has to certify that. When you brought back the application, it was just with a prescription attached which was not acceptable."

Ms. Lane was told to see Ms. Jasko at the end of the Meeting to get more details.

Businesswoman who is running for a seat on the Council

came up to speak. She said that she along with her running mates attended the Board of Education Forum which was held on 10/24/16 at Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Avenue. "We told them (The Messengers of Peace) in advance that we will not be attending their Mayoral Debate because no one else (the other Mayoral Candidates) will be there."

A Resident from Alpine Street, who comes to the Meetings to complain about a judge and a member of the Police Department says that no one ever wants to help him.

At this time Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came up to speak to address this Resident. "Any internal affairs matters are confidential and we are forbidden to discuss them. We can discuss your specific incidents in-house only. We set up meetings two times for you to come in to discuss your problems, but you never showed up. You can call me to set up a meeting. We can also give you guidelines for picketing."

At the end of the Meeting, the Council made comments. Fernando Gonzalez addressed the placement of gas meters in front of people's houses. "I'm concerned because these meters are protruding too far into the street."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz spoke next and said, "I reached out to City Engineer Jeff Rauch. The City has no control over where gas meters can be placed. Jeff will set up a meeting with Elizabethtown gas to discuss this problem."

Cruz also updated the Council about streets that are having problems with bumps after being repaved by utility companies that did work. Blacktop is being replaced with concrete to solve this problem."

Councilman Joel Pabon who is running for Mayor touched on the problem of the gas meters. "I don't believe for one minute that the gas company couldn't find another spot to place these gas meters other than on the front of people's homes."

Councilman Bill Petrick agreed and said, "The gas companies would not do this in other towns." He went on to name some of the more affluent towns.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry was absent due to personal reasons.

Attorney Ronald Gordon of the DeCotiis Law Firm was present in place of Law Director Louis Rainone.

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Tom’s Tax Tips

The Taxing Side of Divorce

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Getting divorced? Amid all the upheaval, taxes are not likely to be foremost on your mind. Yet overlooking the tax consequences can be costly. Here are some of the basics.

Your filing status will change. No matter if you get your final divorce decree or separate maintenance on January 1, December 31, or any date in between, as a calendar-year taxpayer, you’re considered unmarried for the whole tax year. That means you can only file as single, head of household (if you otherwise qualify), or qualifying widow(er).

Not all payments or receipts are taxable. You can deduct alimony paid to a spouse or former spouse under a divorce or separation decree, whether or not you itemize deductions. However, voluntary payments made outside a divorce or separation decree are not deductible. Alimony you receive is taxable in the year you get it.

Child support payments are neither deductible to the payer nor taxable income to the recipient.

Property settlements incident to divorce generally don’t have income tax consequences, although exceptions apply.

You may not be able to claim your dependents. Generally, you must be the custodial parent to be able to claim your child as a dependent. What’s a custodial parent? You’re considered a custodial parent if your child lived with you for the greater number of nights during the year. However, even if you’re not the custodial parent, you can claim your child if your former spouse releases the dependency exemption to you. When that’s the case, you’ll need to attach Form 8332, Release/Revocation of Release of Claim to Exemption for Child by Custodial Parent, to your tax return each year you claim the dependency exemption.

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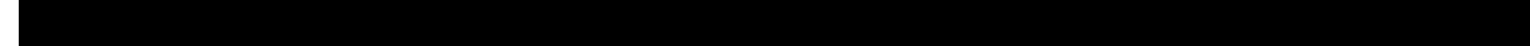
South Amboy Council Candidates Answer Amboy Guardian Questions

Zusette Dato Running For Reelection

- 1. **Town Improvements** - Yes, we continue to address the maintenance and improvements to assets and infrastructure, protecting the environment, becoming a Sustainable Jersey Community, maintaining our low crime rate, preserving our quality of life and maintaining a financially stable City through responsible ratable growth. In addition to all of the above, we routinely respond to concerns and requests brought to us by our constituents.
- 2. **Businesses** - The South Amboy Business District easily lends itself to development that would welcome businesses that patrons would visit rather than reach online. Many retailers today are transitioning to an “online” presence rather than a bricks and mortar establishment. For these reason restaurants, personal services and entertainment venues are preferable as well as specialized shops and services and those businesses related to the Arts.
- 3. **Parking Meters** - It has been the opinion of this administration that in South Amboy parking meters would actually hurt business. We have taken steps to designate areas of parking that have limited occupancy time. We have also designated fifteen (15) minute parking areas in certain areas located in the business district to provide for a fast turnaround. We have created “pocket parking” along Broadway. With technology what it is and the parking system available, we see a need to change the way we think about parking in our City. Also, being a New Jersey Designated Transit Village and an extremely walkable community, we are looking to include more bike lanes and pedestrian pathways, especially in the areas where development such as the Intermodal Transportation Center, commercial and residential development is taking place.
- 4. **Term Limits** – I don’t think term limits are necessary. It takes a few years to really understand the needs of the community and work well within the system. If residents are unhappy with their representative, they have the right to vote for someone else or encourage some other candidate to run in the primary. That is our democratic process.
- 5. **Housing** – We believe in quality, not quantity. We need to continue to utilize smart growth as we view any project. We need to attract age oriented individuals to minimize the impact on our school system. The waterfront housing worked well as we secured high ratable with little impact to the school system. South Amboy was never an industrial community. With the creation of the train station and the upcoming ferry service, we are connecting workers to their jobs.
- 6. **Employment** - We have seen situations where a business opening will be solely run by its proprietor and we have seen businesses that have hired a large number of people from the community at large. We have also had expansions in existing businesses that have allowed the hiring of additional workers. There is no reason to believe this trend will change, however, employing the “smart growth” process of Redevelopment projects also offers job opportunities for the building trades during the construction of their projects. Needless to say, we also encourage business to consider tapping into our local talent pool to hire local residents.
- 7. **City Assets** - Comments that we hear from residents primarily indicate that they feel the city is clean with safe streets but we see the need to improve the status quo. We both walk the City frequently and as we observe areas in need of attention, we point these areas out to code enforcement or others to get speedy attention to the need. Over the years we have seen improvements to our infrastructure. These included bridges, roads and sewers. We can now focus on the Broadway business district. The creation of the Arts District will undoubtedly attract new business, which is already occurring with the opening of “Raise the Bar” and “Soul Sisters Cakery Café” ribbon cutting tomorrow, Saturday, October 29. When you also consider our YMCA, the train station and County Waterfront Park, we feel we are blessed but will continue to be open to and seek further improvements to quality of life for residents and visitors.

South Amboy Board of Education Candidates

Ann Marie “Amy” McLaughlin 1J, Jessica Colacci 2J, Raymond Perez 3J, Raymond Perez 3J, Samantha Seaman 4J, Tyler Simko 5J; (For Unexpired Term) Kevin S. Riley 6J



Barbara Pasternack

- 1) **Town Improvements** - I haven’t been to the arts district yet so I really can’t predict if it will be a success. I do know when the presentation was made to the council there was concern from the residents about parking and I don’t see that being resolved. The open hours are limited and they close early. There is a lot of room for other businesses on Broadway but there is no success. I heard Dunkin Dounuts and Subway are closing. That would be a disaster.
  - 2) **Businesses** - I would like to see businesses that well established and could withstand the growth pains of South Amboy. We missed the boat on Amazon. They are building a warehouse in Avenel and hiring 3500 people. I have done some research and Pet Supplies Plus is expanding along with Great Harvest Bread Co. They are looking to add 60 stores in the northeast. All products are made by hand adding more employees to the businesses. Pet owner spend over 350 million dollars just around the holidays.
  - 3) **Parking Meters** - First you have to address parking. There Re some spaces that are currently unused and/or in need of demolition. Make them municipal parking lots and charge an affordable amount to residents and let the city offset taxes. Every time this topic is approached there is never a solution.
  - 4) **Term Limits** - I do believe term limits are necessary. If the same people are always there the same ideas or lack thereof continue. I especially think they are necessary because as evidenced in the 2010 mayoral race the elections are not always honest. Is it rigged? Perhaps.
  - 5) **Housing** - Absolutely no more housing is needed here. There is too much already and no matter how they are classified they aren’t selling. There are too many foreclosures. We need a new firehouse and other businesses not housing. What they should do with existing empty properties is convert them to “over 55” housing. They should come up with a new idea for the Manhattan Beach Project. In December 2014 they had to sign the contract by the end of the year. Nearly 2 years later ...nothing.
  - 6) **Employment** - I go to the council meetings and I am unaware of any new businesses coming to town. A bar reopened but don’t see anything adding to the workforce.
  - 7) **Town’s Assets** - When I came here from Brooklyn 11 years ago I saw promise and hope. The waterfront is beautiful but when you get to Broadway it is disappointing. The new train station has its challenges because if you park in the lot and want to go to Broadway you have to go up one staircase and then down another and go back again. If you drive you have to find parking. Another challenge. When I have to take the train during the week I have to take a taxi because there is no parking. Parking seems to be a common denominator of all of the problems. I don’t think it is hopeless or impossible to turn this town around. We do need some new people and new thinking.
- I think a South Amboy Business Association would be a good idea. Business owners could share ideas and help each other address problems. They could approach the administration as a cohesive group wand add more strength to problem resolution. They might also be able to share the cost of advertising with co-op ads. More marketing is needed.

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## Ghosts at the Proprietary House 10/28 & 10/29/16

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## The Proprietary House



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## **Perth Amboy Boys in Grades 1-5 Invited to Take Part in Stem Adventure Program to be Held During NJ Teacher's Convention Week**

News Release 10/27/16

**PERTH AMBOY** - The Boy Scouts of America STEM programs and BASF have partnered to provide a unique STEM program during Teachers Convention on November. STEM Adventure is open to boys in first through fifth grade. There is a maximum of 20 slots open at \$10.00 per boy. The offer may be withdrawn, if a minimum interest level is not met by November 4, 2016. Those interested in attending

are highly encouraged to register prior to November 4, 2016 at: <http://tinyurl.com/hdjng6t>.

STEM Adventure runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the option of participating in the Happy Hands event. Friday, November 11th will include a trip to Liberty Science Center where students will have the option to participate in BASF's Happy Hands experiment program. The boys are asked to meet at 9:00am at Perth Am-

boy Police Department where  
the bus will pick them up.

This program is produced under the leadership of the staff of Summer STEM Institute through the Boy Scouts of America. Space is limited to the first 20 registered and participants must register prior to November 4th.

For more information, please contact Art Lobdell, Field Director at [Art.Lobdell@Scouting.org](mailto:Art.Lobdell@Scouting.org).

## *Pirohi Sale*

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Perth Amboy, N. J. is having a Pirohi Sale on Oct. 31st. to Nov. 3rd. Pick up your order at 404 Division Street Perth Amboy, N. J. Call 732- 838-7067 between 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All gourmet items homemade and handmade. Call early before maximum is reached. Potato Pirohi- \$8:00 a doz. The order date is Oct. 31st to Nov. 3rd. The pick-up date is Nov. 8th and Nov 9th. Pick up will begin at 2:30 - no earlier. Beginning Nov. 8th at pick up, we will have frozen pirohi available at the same price. Ready to be cooked! Thank you for your order!

# The Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

***Position: Bell Ringer***

**PERTH AMBOY** - Seasonal Job - Full time; \$9.00 per hour; 5 days per week (Tuesday's thru Saturday's) - 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Need to have Social Security and State ID. November 25 thru December 24. The Salvation Army of Perth Amboy, 433 State Street, Perth Amboy, N.J. For more info contact: 732-826-7040

***Accelerated  
Childbirth  
Education  
Class***

PERTH AMBOY- Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding an Accelerated Childbirth Education class, Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process and is intended for those with limited time. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and infant care facilitates the class. It will be held at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy, NJ. The fee for the class is \$75 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677) and reference zip code 08861.

## *Advanced Cardiac Life Support*

## *Provider Course*

**PERTH AMBOY -The EMS Training Department at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Family is holding an Advanced Cardiac Life Support Provider Course, Tuesday, November 15, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Call 732-324-5393 or email [EMSTraining@rbmc.org](mailto:EMSTraining@rbmc.org) for more information. Register online at <https://trainingcentertechnologies.com/RaritanBayMC/CourseEnrollment.aspx>.**

## *Small Business Saturday*

## Shopping Spree

**SAYREVILLE** - The Friends of Sayreville Public Library is hosting a Small Business Saturday Shopping Spree on Saturday, November 26, 2016, 11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. at the Sayreville Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin, NJ. The event is located in the main lobby, conference and young adult rooms, featuring Handmade Crafters & Direct Sales Vendors from our community. Friends of the Sayreville Public Library Membership will be available.

## Congressman Albio Sires Endorses Mayor Wilda Diaz *Cites Her Accomplishments*

Press Release 10/26/16

**PERTH AMBOY** – Congressman Albio Sires today endorsed Mayor Wilda Diaz touting her unwavering commitment to Perth Amboy and its residents. He also praised Mayor Diaz’s hard work over the past 7+ years in redevelopment and ethics reform.

“Being born and raised in Perth Amboy gives Wilda a unique perspective and love for this city and its people that is second to none. I have seen her take this city from the brinks of bankruptcy and state takeover to one that is prosperous and transparent,” said Sires. “During the time I worked with her, I saw her commitment to make this city a better place. Her tireless

work in redeveloping blighted and contaminated areas has not only beautified the city, but has brought stable taxes and jobs for all of its residents. We can see the progress all around the city, from small businesses to large corporations now call Perth Amboy their home.”

“It takes not only hard work and dedication, but vision as well, and that is what I have always admired about Wilda. She is a visionary leader that is able to focus on the details of everyday life in Perth Amboy, but never loses sight of the big picture and her long-term goals to make the city a better place. Knowing Wilda, I know she will not rest until her work is done,” concluded Sires.

Election Day is November 8.



# New York City Author Talk and Workshop Thomas M. Jones: Exploring the Inner Workings of Successful Relationships

Press Release 10/28/16  
SOUTH AMBOY – The City of South Amboy Arts District is proud to present an afternoon with Thomas M. Jones, author of Love Games: The Hidden Rules of Relationship. The program is entitled: Exploring the Inner Workings of Successful Relationships. The author talk/book signing/interactive workshop will be held downtown in South Amboy Arts’ stunning new Broadway Gallery, on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

“This is an exciting time for us,” said Founding Co-Director, Diana St. John. “We are bringing national artists to our town to engage with our community, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive.”

Jones’ fall tour and workshop series is based on the revised edition of his acclaimed book Love Games: The Hidden Rules of Relationship. In the book, Jones breaks through the fantasies, illusions and expectations of relationships in order to reveal the true dynamics of being a couple. He asserts that NINE-TENTHS of problems in relationships have to do with the MECHANICS not the PEOPLE. Jones will offer an accessible guide to show couples how to get what they need and want in partnership. As he explains it, “We are not broken or wrong. The problem isn’t us, it’s the information we’ve been given. Like the heirloom cuckoo clock that never really worked but has been kept for the sake of tradition, relationship is broken.”

Using real-life examples, Jones will guide participants through many inevitable disconnects the occur, and illuminate the ways to resolve these conflicts and promote actual growth as a couple. He will



Thomas M. Jones  
Author

also answer the questions: “What do I need from a relationship?”, “How much should I give?”, and “Will it last?”

Thomas M. Jones is a New York City psychotherapist in practice for over three decades. He currently teaches and consults with individuals, groups and organizations worldwide. He is the co-developer of the Paradox Process, and a motivational teacher and speaker in the fields of relationships and conflict resolution. Jones was host of “The Open Door,” a coast-to-coast cable television dedicated to spirituality and the mind. His current book, “Love Games: the Hidden Rules of Relationship” describes a new paradigm of “conscious loving,” a mix of the spiritual and the practical giving his students tools to sustain transformation.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the door or online at [www.southamboyarts.org](http://www.southamboyarts.org) South Amboy Arts Broadway Gallery is located at 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy, NJ 08879, just steps from the New Jersey Transit South Amboy Train Station. For more information, visit [www.southamboyarts.org](http://www.southamboyarts.org) or call 732-753-9486.

## Wreath Laying

HOMDEL - With Veterans Day just around the corner, it is time to plan for your organization’s wreath at our annual ceremony. This year’s ceremony will take place on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

If you are planning on participating, we ask that someone from your organization notify us no later than Monday, November 7, 2016. If your wreath is currently stored at NJV-VMF we will need to retrieve it from storage - so the deadline is very important. We would also would appreciate knowing if you are placing a live or artificial wreath.

Please note that if we do not hear from you by Monday, November 7, your wreath may not be able to be included in the ceremony

As always, thank you for your support and dedication and we look forward to seeing you on this special day.

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money is used to make repairs to our parking lots. We have a vibrant business district. In downtown Woodbridge, stores are closing. Our business are expanding. They are no longer just on Smith Street but also on Hall Avenue, State Street and Amboy Avenue.

**Sharon Hubberman:** If you can’t make a decision about parking meters - how can you make executive decisions? We should make sure that we have accessible parking for people who want park downtown. Buses are parked in the train station. They should not be parked there.

**Homeless: Perth Amboy and New Brunswick are the only cities in Middlesex County that participate in a program to take in the homeless in severe inclement weather. Because of this, other Middlesex County municipalities send their homeless to us which puts a strain on our resources. What solution do you have for this problem?**

**Wilda Diaz:** We have taken a proactive approach and have teamed up with social services. Some of the individuals that are homeless have health and mental issues. The Recreation Department also takes some of them in. Our Police Department, especially our Police Chaplains help feed the needy. We seriously help people who need us. We have been in talks with the other cities about doing their part.

**Sharon Hubberman:** Being raised as a Roman Catholic, I believe in helping and feeding people. Our homeless rate is 8% while the country is .26% We have to look at our own people who are losing our homes. We need to reach out to other communities and let them know it’s their duty to help their own. Let’s look at our property taxes to help our residents keep their homes.

**Wilda Diaz Rebuttal:** In Perth Amboy we are blessed to have the Salvation Army, God’s Army Ministry an the YMCA who are helping the homeless and to seek housing for them.

**Sharon Hubberman Rebuttal:** People have been on a waiting list for affordable housing for a long time, and then they find out that there number on the list has been dropped down greatly which means they have to wait even longer for affordable housing.

**Joel Pabon:** At the end of the day we do a little bit too much. Other towns know that we will take care of their homeless and that’s why they send them to us. We need to talk to the Freeholders about this. I do agree with the Mayor that we take

care of our own, but we can’t take care of those who are sent here from other towns.

**Miguel Nunez:** I’ve seen a lot of homeless and people on the streets. There is just no place here for all of them anymore.

**Recreation:**

**Sharon Hubberman:** Going to Board of Education Meetings we need to provide our young people with something to do which is both entertaining and educational. I know there is a separation between the City and the Board of Education, but they need to collaborate to increase the activities for our children. The Board of Education said they have a hard time working with the Mayor.

**Joel Pabon:** I have to kudos to Kenny Ortiz, the Director of Recreation and the Department of Public Works who make sure the parks are in shape for the activities. These people work 7 days a week. There was a study that said we need more recreation for the amount of people here. We have small parks. What I like to see is to have big parts built on those properties.

**Wilda Diaz:** Recreation is not only about sports. We have to think not only about having programs about literacy and scholastics. We have art activities and also activities for adults such as Zumba classes. There are programs for families, too.

**Miguel Nunez:** This should be happening all the time, not during just campaigning.

**Historic Buildings: In the past, many historic buildings have been demolished. There is a remnant of a very historic city owned building on the corner of Rte. 35 and Smith Street which is scheduled to be demolished for a redevelopment project. This building is one of the last remnants of Eagleswood (a famous artist colony and progressive school in Perth Amboy for all races and sexes in the mid 1800’s). It is a vital part of Perth Amboy’s historic past. What would you do to preserve this building? Can we move it across the street to City owned property or move the development across the street to City owned property and make it a welcoming center?**

**Joel Pabon:** This is very important. We have a lot of history here and I just found out the value of this property. We lost too many historic homes. There was a house torn down on Convery Boulevard and a fast food establishment was put there which eventually went out of business. We definitely need to look into this.

**Wilda Diaz:** I’m a history buff and we’ve had funding to save or renovate our historic build-

ing such as the Library, Ferry Slip and Kearny Cottage. For historic site, it is our responsibility to restore it and have archeological digs to make sure there is nothing valuable on those sites. I happy to report that another historic structure next to City Hall is scheduled to open soon.

**Sharon Hubberman:** We need to preserve these sites. I hear they’re talking about putting affordable homes on that site. Rutgers University said we need to preserve these sites. Perhaps we should put a University there instead. Thomas Mundy Peterson (The First Black American to vote under the 15th Amendment) - We need to have a statue put in place for him, and on more than one site.

Miguel Nunez was asked a question by the Moderator: You are the owner of a business called Turismo Immigration and Tax. What personal experience in your business helped prepare you to become Mayor?

**Miguel Nunez:** I’m in touch with the people in Perth Amboy and how they feel because they come to me when they have to contact their relatives or friends in other countries. They feel comfortable talking to me about their needs living here.

**Mayor Diaz was given several subjects to respond to. She chose to speak about the Muncipal ID Program.**

**Wilda Diaz:** It helps all residents, especially those who don’t speak English. We encourage people to speak two languages.

**Joel Pabon was asked if his experience as being a Board of Education member in the past would benefit him if he were to be elected Mayor.**

**Joel Pabon:** There definitely needs to be better communications in the City and The Board of Education. The Mayor’s position has nothing to do with the inside workings of the Board of Education.

**Wilda Diaz:** I will not support wasting money on changing the dates of elections and bogus environmental studies.

**Sharon Hubberman:** It took a long time for the property to be found for a high school. In the past we had a Superintendent who ruled like a dictator. The people who are there now are making progress.

**Wilda Diaz Rebuttal:** The SDA (School Development Authority) made it clear that they would not build a school on a contaminated site. This is state money that is being used.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Diabetes Association Conference

PERTH AMBOY - The American Diabetes Association will hold its 8th Annual Conferencia sobre la Diabetes (Diabetes Conference) on Saturday, November 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Avenue in Perth Amboy. The conference will offer free health and wellness screenings, educational activities including seminars and demonstrations, and will stress the importance of healthy eating and physical fitness to aid in the prevention and treatment of diabetes. For more information or to register visit [www.diabetes.org/conferencia](http://www.diabetes.org/conferencia). If you have questions, please call 732-469-7979, Ext. 3510.

## Innovative November Programs @ Dowdell Library *Book Buddy Dog, Sewing Workshop and Historical South Amboy*

Press Release 10/17/16

SOUTH AMBOY – Join us @ Dowdell Library this November for NEW and innovative programs for all ages which includes reading to the Library's book buddy dog, a sewing workshop where you could create and finish a holiday table runner and a historical program on South Amboy. For dates and times, please see below:

Make a Holiday Table Runner @ your library! On Monday, November 14th from 6:30 – 8 pm, Mary Rager will present a sewing workshop using amazing Singer sewing machines. Samples will be on display!

Meet the library's friendly and gentle Book Buddy Dog - Olaf (Great Pyrenees breed)! He will visit the library and act as a Book Buddy on Friday, November 18th (3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)... Community members of all ages are invited to drop in to meet him!

Weird and wonderful South Amboy: On Tuesday, November 29th from 6:30 p.m. – 8 pm, the library will open its archives to the treasure within! Hear all about quirky and weird facts about South Amboy!

The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 12-4 pm. For more information on the Library, please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).

## P.A.M.A. Awards Dinner Rescheduled

PERTH AMBOY - The P.A.M.A. Award Dinner new date is Thursday, December 8, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the Cornucopia Cruise Line: Riverboat St. Charles

## K of C Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Saturday, Nov 12, 2016 at the OLP Parish Center. The menu includes spaghetti & meatballs with Marinara sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee & desserts. Cost is \$10. Soda & bottled water will be available for \$1. BYOB (beer & wine). No reservations necessary. For more information call Bill Herring at 732-512-8825.

## Spies in the Revolutionary War

WOODBIDGE - If you can't outfight them, then out spy them was a leading premise of George Washington, the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, during the American Revolution. Based on Washington's experience fighting for the British in the French and Indian War, he soon realized in the early years of the Revolution that the army of the American colonists was no match for that of Great Britain.

On Monday, November 28, you are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township at the Main Library. November's program will feature Damien M. Cregeau, historian and consultant, discussing

Spies in the Revolutionary War. The noted speaker is a member of the Connecticut Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, Vice President of the Sons of the American Revolution and member of the Wethersfield Connecticut Historic District Commission.

The meeting begins at 7pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Main Library located on Amboy Avenue. Light refreshments will follow.

For further information, contact [brenda.velasco@twp.woodbridge.nj.us](mailto:brenda.velasco@twp.woodbridge.nj.us)

## Pet First Aid Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is providing a Pet First Aid Class Saturday, November 5, to Saturday, December 3, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn how to handle minor emergencies with cats and dogs, when to call poison control and take your cat or dog to an emergency veterinarian. Cost is \$35. Please do not bring your pet. For more information and to register, call 1.800.DOC-TORS(1.800.362.8677).

## Hackensack Meridian Health's Mitchell Vassar Vision Awareness Day

OLD BRIDGE - Losing his sight while serving in Iraq could not break Major Scotty Smiley's indomitable spirit. Since then he has climbed Mount Rainier, won an ESPY as Best Outdoor Athlete, became a father, earned an MBA from Duke University and more. Major Smiley will share his personal experiences to help others find their "hope unseen" at Hackensack Meridian Health's Mitchell Vassar Vision Awareness Day on Veteran's Day Friday, November 11, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Grand Marquis, 1550 Rt. 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ. This free event includes lunch, a resource fair, and collection of unwanted glasses for the Lions Club Recycle for Sight Program benefiting visually impaired adults and children. Also, Hackensack Meridian Integrative Health and Medicine Health Coach Suzannah Sabin will discuss how a sense of purpose, and learning skills to respond to stress, can give meaning to one's life and enable them to thrive. Vision Awareness Day is made possible by the Mitchell Vassar Bright Future Legacy. Registration is required, call 1.800.560.9990 or visit [www.meridianhealth.com/hopeunseen](http://www.meridianhealth.com/hopeunseen).

The resource fair will include exhibitions from the Booker Health Sciences Library at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Meridian At Home, Meridian Care Journey, Meridian Rehabilitation, Meridian Sleep, and Integrative Health Services at Raritan Bay Medical Center and the Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay.

## The NAACP Perth Amboy Area Branch Mayoral Candidate Forum

Press Release 10/27/16

PERTH AMBOY – The mayoral election for Perth Amboy is just around the corner and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Perth Amboy Branch will host a public Mayoral Candidate Public Forum to learn more about each candidate's platform and agenda for the city, if elected as Mayor. This forum will take place on November 1, at the Alexander Jankowski Community Center located at 1 Olive Street in Perth Amboy starting at 7pm. Our moderator for the evening will be Pastor of Church Life Danielle L. Brown at Cathedral International Church.

## Healthy Heart Event

SOUTH AMBOY- Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management, blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Wednesday, November 2, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

## We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, November 11, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been told they need joint replacement or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call Nurse Navigator Clare Schuld, R.N., at 732.535.4746.

## Diabetes Conference

PERTH AMBOY-The American Diabetes Association is holding a Diabetes Conference with free health screenings and educational seminars and exhibitions Saturday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Free lunch will be provided. Information will be provided in English and Spanish. Several organizations are sponsoring the event, including Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family.

## Charity

### Basketball Game

SOUTH AMBOY - The 5th annual Friends of South Amboy charity basketball games at South Amboy High School on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from this event will benefit Breanna Hathcock, a local resident and South Amboy Middle High School graduate who is currently battling cancer. 2:00 p.m. - South Amboy Middle School Boys -vs- Calvary Christian 4:00 p.m. - South Amboy Girls Varsity -vs- Calvary Christian 6:00 p.m. - Sayerville Boys Varsity -vs- Bishop Ahr 8:00 p.m. - South Amboy Boys Varsity -vs- Calvary Christian

Visit our Facebook page for more information . <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfSouthAmboy/>

## Seeking Items to Help the Homeless During the Winter Months

NEW BRUNSWICK - At last night's Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) meeting, it was brought to everyone's attention that the Point-in-Time Homeless Count & Project Homeless Connect is seeking items to help the homeless during the winter months. The most needed items include: Gently used coats, new warm hats/scarves, new gloves/mittens, blankets, new warm socks, hygiene kits.

For more information about Project Homeless Connect or to arrange for delivery of donated items, please contact Harriet Slonim at 732-745-4041 or [harriet.slonim@co.middlesex.nj.us](mailto:harriet.slonim@co.middlesex.nj.us).

**Ads Sell!**  
**Call Carolyn**  
**732-896-4446**



# Army Recruiter Risks Life to Save Truck Driver



Press Release 10/28/16  
NEWARK – On the morning of Tuesday, October 11th, First Sergeant (1SG) Michael Huson was conducting his normal business driving to one of the seven Army Recruitment Centers that he manages. As he was exiting the highway, he passed a tractor trailer completely on its side along the side of the road. At first glance it appeared to have been placed there out of the way of traffic to be recovered at a later time. As he drove by, though, he noticed the wheels were still moving and smoke was coming from the vehicle. He immediately exited his vehicle and rushed over to the overturned tractor trailer.

Upon approaching the vehicle, 1SG Huson instructed a bystander to call 911. He noticed movement in the cab and a body on the driver side door that was now the floor of the cab. He went to the back of the cab to climb up to open the top door and get inside. As he was about to climb up, he noticed fuel pouring out of the passenger fuel tank to the ground near the exhaust stack that was now on the ground. He did not let this deter him, though, and continued to climb, lifted the passenger side door up and found an injured female looking up at him and an injured driver beneath her.

Another citizen then arrived at the vehicle and climbed up to help, holding the door as 1SG Huson entered the cab. Upon positioning himself in the cab, 1SG Huson helped the female passenger climb out and, at that point, realized that neither the driver nor his passenger spoke English. Luckily the individual holding the door was able to act as a translator, providing guidance and comfort to them.

After helping the female exit the vehicle, 1SG Huson turned his attention on the driver, and noticed that his legs were pinned. Since he couldn't be moved, 1SG Huson administered first aid and assessed his condition. The driver had head trauma from his head hitting the window and there was clearly something wrong with his upper body. After a little work, 1SG Huson was able to free the driver's legs and made him as comfortable as possible. There was no moving him up in his condition so with the help of the interrupter, they kept him alert and awake.

Approximately 25 minutes later, the police and fire departments, with EMS, arrived. They decided to cut out the window, requiring 1SG Huson to cover the driver and himself with a blanket to protect them from debris and glass. Once the window was removed, both were able to be evacuated from the overturned vehicle.

The entire time 1SG Huson was the only one ever in the cab. Later one of 1SG Huson's subordinates informed him that it took several hours to clear the road and that the vehicle had caught fire.

When asked why he decided to stop and aid these individuals, 1SG Huson stated "It was the right thing to do. We fight the good fight daily with civilians and our reputation in communities, I hope my actions are a display of our character, as any Soldier in my company would have done the same."

For additional information or to request an interview with 1SG Michael Huson, contact Michael Halloran at 732-801-9569 or michael.j.halloran.civ@mail.mil.



Salute the men and women of our armed forces who have valiantly served the United States of America.

City of Perth Amboy  
Mayor Wilda Diaz  
and the  
Veterans of Perth Amboy  
Invite you to the  
**VETERANS DAY CEREMONY**  
Friday, November 11, 2016

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

**LIGHT LUNCHEON**  
12:00 noon at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center  
1 Olive Street

For more information call the Office of the Mayor at : (732)-826-7121.

## Opinion

### Why It is Important to Vote YES on Public Question #2

NEW JERSEY - The Amboy Guardian normally does not recommend or endorse any candidate or state an opinion on any public question on a ballot. But this time, we are making an exception.

As everyone knows, the 23 cents increase per gallon for gasoline has already passed.

In a synopsis, Question #2 on the ballot is if you vote YES three more cents of the 10.5 cents per gallon total (13.5 cents) on fuel will go for transportation needs and cannot be used anywhere else (e.g. into the pension fund.)

That is why it is very important to look at the interpretive statement at all public questions. In my case, because of certain informative media news media outlets I listen to that breakdown these statements for me, I was able to make an educated choice. C.M.

### Pallone Announces \$9.8 Million in Federal Funding to New Jersey for Low Performing Schools

Press Release 10/25/16  
WASHINGTON, DC -- Today, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) announced that the state of New Jersey will receive \$9,824,640 in federal funding through the Department of Education's School Improvement Grants (SIG) program. These grants are awarded to states for low-achieving schools districts that show the greatest need for assistance and the strongest commitment to using the funds to raise student achievement.

"Improving our schools is one of the most important and necessary things we can do to ensure a better future for our children and communities,"

said Pallone. "I am pleased that the Department of Education has awarded this federal grant to New Jersey and given our state the opportunity to improve the schools that need it most."

Since 2009, the SIG program has invested over \$7 billion to improve 1,800 of the country's lowest performing schools. Data from SIG has shown that schools that receive grants are improving faster than other schools, and particularly improving in math and reading proficiency. This year, the program awarded a total of \$427,500,000 to states and territories of the United States.

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## ***This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago***

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

On October 31, 1941, while escorting an eastbound convoy from Newfoundland, the American destroyer USS Reuben James is torpedoed and sunk by German submarine U-552 near Iceland, killing 115 of the crew of 159. This is the first loss of a U.S. Navy vessel in the European Theater of the war. The Luftwaffe flies 45 bombing sorties over Moscow. SS Gen. Erich von dem Bach-Zelewski reports to Berlin: "Today, there are no more Jews in Estonia." Carving of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial, in the Black Hills of South Dakota, is completed. Construction had been started by Danish-American sculptor Gutzon Borglum in 1927, and was continued after his death (in March 1941) by his son, Lincoln Borglum.

On November 1 President Roosevelt announces that the U.S. Coast Guard will immediately move to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Navy — a transition of authority usually reserved only for wartime. German forces in the Crimea take Simferopol, an important communications center. The Rainbow Bridge over the Niagara River, connecting the U.S. and Canada, opens to traffic.

The Finnish conquest of East Karelia is completed on November 2 with the Soviet withdrawal from Kondopoga, in Russia. A Vichy French convoy of freighters and passenger ships is captured north of Madagascar by British cruisers.

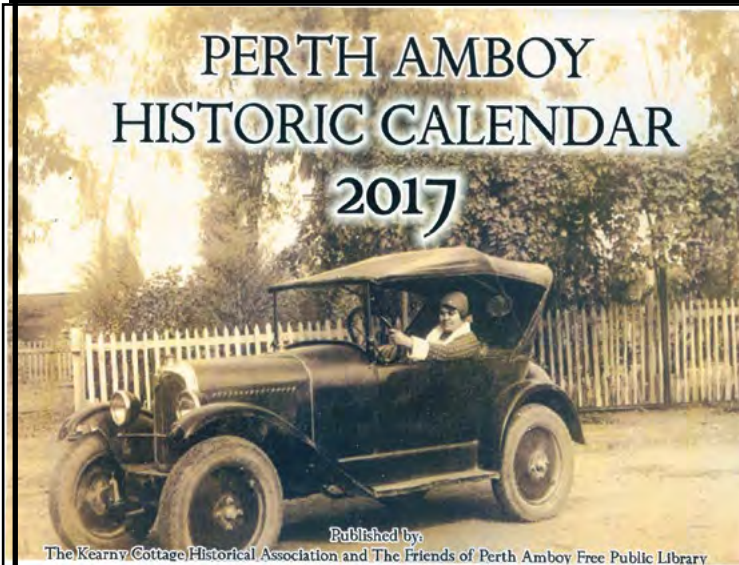
The Germans take the Soviet city of Kursk, south of Leningrad, on November 3. They also cut the railroad line between Leningrad and Vologda at Tikhvin.

German advances in the Crimea continue, with the city of Feodosia, on the Black Sea coast, being captured on November 4. New regulations in Greater Germany deny Jews sick pay, accident insurance, vacation pay and pensions. They may be fired without notice and may not become apprentices. In the U.S., Fiorello LaGuardia is elected to a third term as mayor of New York City. Also holding the federal position of Director—Office of Civilian Defense, LaGuardia spends three days each week in Washington, D.C., and four in New York City.

From Tokyo, the Japanese government dispatches a top diplomat, Saburo Kurusu, to Washington on November 5 in an effort to negotiate a settlement with the United States on their various issues. In the meantime, U.S. code-breakers continue to intercept all Japanese diplomatic messages. In Japan, Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto issues to the Imperial Navy's Combined Fleet Top Secret Order No. 1, detailing the plans for the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On November 6, Soviet leader Joseph Stalin addresses the people of the Soviet Union for only the second time since taking over the leadership of the country in 1922 (the first time being earlier this year, on July 2). He states that even though 350,000 Red Army troops have been killed in German attacks so far, the Germans have lost 4.5 million soldiers (a gross exaggeration) and Soviet victory is near. German troops begin experiencing frostbite on the Eastern Front. (Because the Germans expected the U.S.S.R. to fall within weeks of their invasion in June, many German troops have no winter clothing.) In Rivne, Ukraine, the Germans kill between 15,000 and 18,000 Jewish residents in a pine grove in nearby Sosenki Forest.

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### ***A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors***

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, Nov. 3 2016. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

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### ***Sands Casino Trip***

**Holy Rosary Seniors**  
HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors Bus Trip to Sands Casino - Tony Orlando Holiday Show - Thursday, December 1, 2016. Cost: \$60 - Includes \$20 Back In Play, Bus And Tip + The Show At 2:00 p.m. Bus Leaves Church Parking Lot (625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn) At 10:00 a.m. and Arrives Back Approx. 7:00 p.m. Any Questions, Etc. Please Contact Ronnie Dematteo at 732-442-5252

### ***Bingo***

SAYREVILLE - FEELING LUCKY! Get out of the house and off the couch - come enjoy an evening or afternoon playing Bingo. St. Stan's Parish, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville - has Bingo each Thursday evening, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and games beginning at 7:30 p.m. We also have Sunday afternoon Bingo each week, with doors opening at 12 Noon and games beginning at 1:30 p.m. Our kitchen is open for great homemade lunch and dinner specials along with a nice selection of snacks to munch on. Please call our Parish Office at (732) 254-0212 for more info. See you there!

### ***Sayreville/South Amboy Police Auxiliary Mem- bers Wanted***

SOUTH AMBOY/SAYREVILLE - Attention South Amboy / Sayreville Residents: The Sayreville Police Auxiliary is seeking new members to join its volunteer force. If you are interested in a future in law enforcement and have a desire to serve your community, this is a great opportunity! Interested applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be able to pass a criminal background check and possess a valid New Jersey driver's license. Interested applicants can download an application from: [www.sayrevillepoliceaux.org](http://www.sayrevillepoliceaux.org)

## ***Pet of the Week***



This is Buster he is always up to some sort of fun loving trickery. Amy

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**E-mail us your Pet Photos to Amboy-Guardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.**

### ***Have a Heart for Heather Benefit Dinner***

SPOTSWOOD - There will be a Benefit Dinner for Heather, a 34 year old who resides in Sayreville in need of a kidney transplant due to anti-rejection medications which she has been on since her heart transplant in 2004. We are asking for you to please attend our dinner to help off-set some of the extreme financial burden she is facing. Donations are also accepted from those who want to help but are unable to attend. Checks should be made payable to "Have a Heart for Heather Foundation" and mailed to Beth Iorillo, 107 Overlook Drive, Clinton, NJ 08809. The dinner will be on Saturday, November 19 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 30 Crescent Ave., Spotswood, NJ 0884. Tickets are \$25 pp, Cash Bar, DJ, Door Prizes 50/50. You can purchase tickets at the Knights of Columbus or contact Beth Iorillo at 732-754-2187 or email [bethiorillo@comcast.net](mailto:bethiorillo@comcast.net) Thank you for your generosity and help. It's people like you that make the world a place worth living in.

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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.*

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - “Ask the Rabbi” with Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy, in the Menlo Park Mall food court, every Wednesday from 12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. All questions will be answered. Everyone is invited to ask.

Cub Scout Stem Adventure

PERTH AMBOY – Open to all boys\* in first grade through fifth grade. Sisters may attend the program with brother if in grades 1-5. The meeting is at 9 a.m. at the Muncipal Complex, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy on Friday, Nov. 11. The program goes from 9 a.m. to 3:45 pm; \$10 per student, BASF’s Happy Hands experiment program, Trip to Liberty Science Center. Bus transportation provided to and from Liberty Science Center. Adult supervision provided. Registration Deadline Friday, Nov. 4. Register by contacting Art Lobdell at Art.lobdell@scouting.org or 973-769-2340. <http://ppbsa.doubleknot.com/event/2014956> \*This program is organized by the Boy Scouts of America and all participants will be asked to register for insurance purposes.

Introduction to New Jersey’s Historic Burial Grounds

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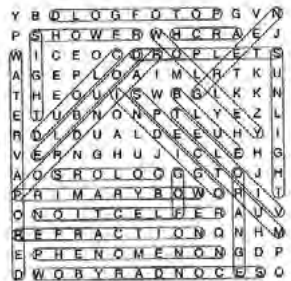
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- St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
  - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Nov. 3 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Nov. 7 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Nov. 8 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
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- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.

South Amboy

- WED. Nov. 2 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
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- MON. Nov. 28 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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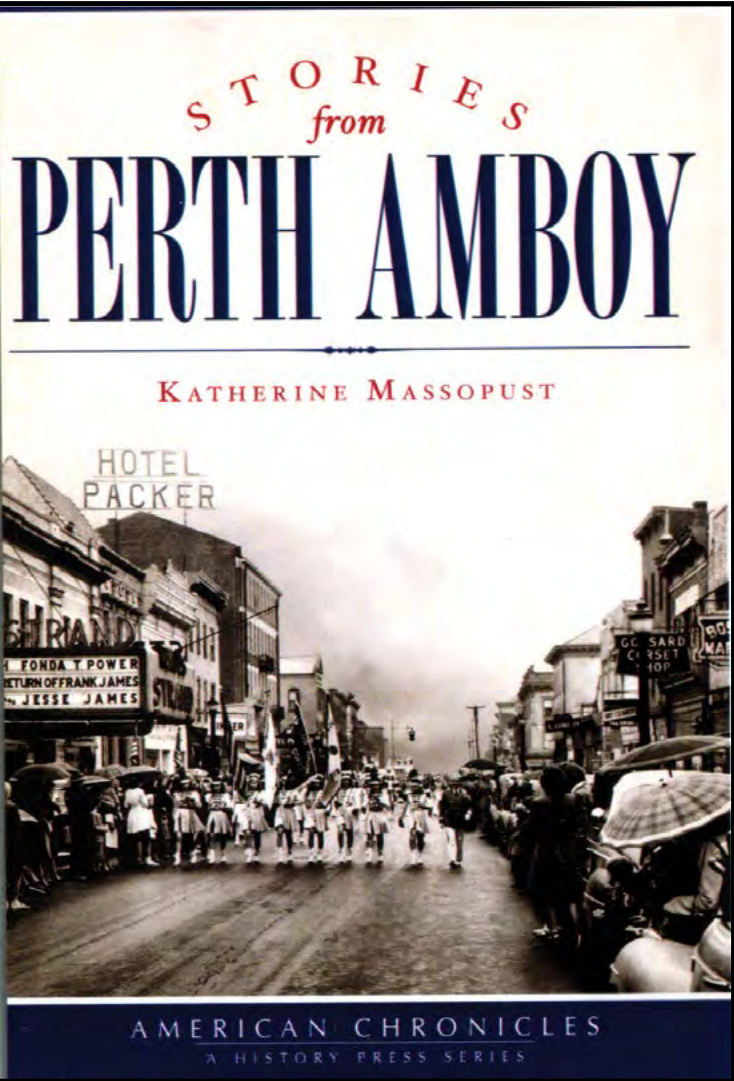
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - School Patrols on High Street circa 1930’s  
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