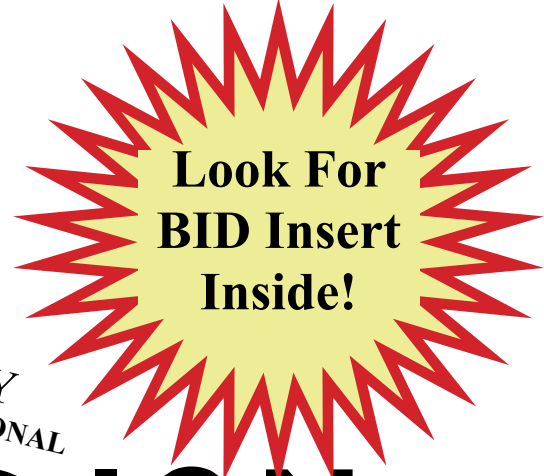




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## LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

### EDITORIAL

#### Nature's Lessons

There is a song from The Byrds called Turn, Turn, Turn which takes phrases from the Book of Ecclesiastes in the Bible. I am going to take you through some of the lyrics of the song:

*To everything (turn, turn, turn)  
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)*

*And a time to every purpose,  
under heaven*

To me, Christmas represents a time for peace. In the next two weeks, we will be going to our own season to rest, reset and bloom again.

2016 has been a trying year for the country and we all need to recharge. As crazy as it might sound, the most magical reason I love to live in New Jersey because it's one of the few states that truly has four seasons.

In the fall the leaves on the trees start to turn brilliant autumn colors of orange, yellow and red until they eventually fall off of the trees and become barren. Winter takes over and with it comes the snow, but then miraculously you may get a warm spell and those rose bushes may start to bloom again. I find that to be miraculous. Spring begins and the first signs are the crocuses blossoming. That's the signal for the other blooms to sprout on the trees that were barren. When summer comes, the gardens come out to dance along with butterflies who were once caterpillars. Nature is miraculous because it knows exactly what to do, even when it's not tended by man.

We have said before that we are only human and it's easy to feel sorry for ourselves. But then you remember the saying, "I cried because I had no shoes until I saw a man who had no



feet" From The Gulistan or Persian for The Rose Garden.

This is also the time of season where generosity takes over and many organizations hand out gifts to those who are less fortunate. Then, there are organizations who are there to help year round. Some of them are local while some are national, but you can always count on them to come through.

So as we go into our season of two weeks of rest (hopefully), we reflect and thank those who support us on our journey.

We've had our ups and downs but your encouragement has helped us get through those downs. Our wish for 2017 is that whenever you feel down that there is someone to pick you up.

There's one more song I would like to quote sung by Lee Ann Womack called "I Hope You Dance":

*I hope you still feel small when  
you stand beside the ocean  
Whenever one door closes I  
hope one more opens*

*Promise me that you'll give  
faith a fighting chance  
And when you get the choice  
to sit it out or dance*

I hope you dance! C.M.

### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

#### Control of Perth Amboy

City Council President Ms. Lisa Nanton wrote a letter to the Amboy Guardian on Dec.14, 2016 concerning Mayor Wilda Diaz. Just about everyone knows what's going inside the Mayor's office -wheels and deals. When you become a Mayor for the first time it is very hard, everybody is telling you what to do and if you get a second term you al-

ready know what to do. If you get a third term, the city is yours and there's no stopping of any plans - even if the City Council Members try to stop you. There are some wheels and deals with the Council Members on some city projects and if the Council Members feel it's unsafe to do so, then the widow is broken. We ask how much power can the Mayor have to control Perth Amboy? In fact, we used to have one that was a control

freak. But then there are those people in Trenton that oversee Perth Amboy and if the Mayor goes too far, here comes the State Attorney General's Office. We all want Mayor Wilda Diaz to do the right thing for Perth Amboy and yet we all know that the City was used as a dumping ground for years on certain issues - or maybe let the State control Perth Amboy for four years.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

#### Majority Rules in Voting

The framers of the US Constitution were in favor of majority rule in deciding elections, no matter what any person may claim. In most states all the Electoral College votes are given to the candidate with the most popular votes, even if this could be less than 50% of the total. The Electoral College was a compromise solution to satisfy the wishes of the small and large states. If no candidate received a majority, the House of Representatives would choose the President by majority vote.

Alexander Hamilton's argu-

ments in Federalist 68 seem like false advertising to appeal to one section of the people. There were two other writers of the Federalist Papers so it is unwise to concentrate on one article out of dozens. The US Constitution was adopted by a majority of the states as it solved the problems that existed with the Articles of Confederation. That quote from Hamilton is ludicrous: "the office of President will never fall to the lot of any man who is not in an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications". Hamilton's morals later forced his resignation as Secretary of the Treasury.

The Electoral College system prevents fraudulent voting in one state from affecting national elections, even if it af-

fects the popular vote. Allowing instant registration creates a loophole that could allow fraudulent voting. There have been plenty of cases of fraudulent voting in the past, usually by forging the totals. In one famous case a candidate was elected when fifty people voted in alphabetic order. They later found these people had died but were still on the voting rolls. It's not only in horror movies where the dead rise from their graves.

If anyone wants to learn more about the adoption of the US Constitution your Public Library may have a history book that documents the events.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

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**PERTH AMBOY** - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

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 E-mail: [info@proprietaryhouse.org](mailto:info@proprietaryhouse.org). Follow us on our website, [www.theproprietaryhouse.org](http://www.theproprietaryhouse.org) and or/Facebook.

**Community Calendar**

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
TUES. Dec. 20	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
TUES. Dec. 27	Special City Council Meeting, 4:00 p.m. City Hall, High St.
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## NJ Transit Awards Funds for Train Station Construction



Press Release 12/15/16  
**PERTH AMBOY-** Mayor Wilda Diaz is pleased to announce that NJ Transit has committed the necessary funding totaling nearly \$47 million to renovate and improve the Perth Amboy Station.

“Since 2008 I have been advocating for our station’s upgrades, including ADA compliance. I am so thankful for the work of NJ Transit and for their dedication to our community. I know this will completely change our commuter experience and enhance our downtown area for greater economic development opportunities. Most importantly, this ensures the safety and best service to all residents and visitors,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

In 2013, the NJ Transit Board’s approval of \$2,051,128 for the completion of the final design and engineering services, which at this time has reached thirty percent completion. In 2014, \$9.6 million of funding was allocated for the Perth Amboy Train Station conceptual design and future construction.

Mayor Wilda Diaz, City and

NJ Transit officials recently met to discuss the progress of the project, which is currently at 30 percent design. The Environmental Assessment (EA) process has commenced and is expected to last between six to nine months. The DEP’s Community Collaborative Initiative will be involved to help advance the Environmental Assessment process. A public meeting will be held thereafter. Conservatively, the station’s design is expected to be completed by the end of 2018 and construction to begin early 2019.

“The Perth Amboy Station Accessibility Improvement Project is a priority project currently advancing through our design process. Funding for this project will be a combination of state and federal resources,” said NJ TRANSIT Executive Director Steve Santoro. “Once the station improvements are completed, the more than 840 customers who use the station on a daily basis will benefit from improved accessibility.”

The Perth Amboy Station Accessibility Improvements

Project will make the historic Perth Amboy Railroad Station more accessible for riders in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project will include construction of two new side high-level platforms, in addition to four new elevators, and accompanying stairs and ramps to access the new high level platforms. Additional platform access will be provided at Smith Street. The plan also includes upgrading existing restrooms. The project also includes rehabilitation and repairs to the Eastbound Station and Westbound Station buildings.

Located on the North Jersey Coast Line, Perth Amboy Station serves approximately 1,700 trips on a typical weekday. The station has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1984, and the station improvements will preserve the 1920s historical architecture design and features. There are also plans to see if the city’s art gallery can be moved into the southbound building.

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## Waterfront Improvements

### Under Fire

*12/12/16 Caucus*

PERTH AMBOY - William Kurzenburger Program Coordinator, Office of Economic and Community Development talked about the Waterfront Improvement Project. "It involves work to be done on Sadowski Parkway and the beaches in that area. He introduced a representative from Helios Construction Inc. to explain more.

The Representative said, "There will be 5 separate improvements:

- 1.) **Reconstruction of the Tennis Courts** - includes lights, paving, fencing, walkways and walls. All of the improvements mentioned will be ADA compliant and handicapped accessible.
- 2.) **Public Rest Rooms** - This will be a part of a grant.
- 3.) **Shower Stations, Water Fountains and Foot Washes**
- 4.) **Sailboat Storage Yard** on Second Street and a **Kayak Storage and Rental Racks**.
- 5.) **More Volleyball Nets**

Councilman Joel Pabon had some concerns, "We need to talk to Kenny Ortiz, Director

of the Department of Recreation. We also need to talk to representatives from the Boys and Girls Club that we may need the Brighton Street Building back."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was concerned, "More information and diagrams are needed on this proposal."

The Representative stated, "Different locations will be looked at for the trailer which will house the rest rooms."

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "We also need the trailer to be more visually pleasing."

The trailer was described as being twelve feet wide and thirty feet long.

Councilman Pabon said, "It will be cheaper to build a permanent rest room."

During the public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski wondered, "Who is going to have a key to the building that houses the bathroom? I also agree with Councilman Fernando Irizarry, "Having showers on Sadowski Parkway is going to encourage swimming."

## Towing the Line: It's a Bus(t)!

*12/12/16 Caucus*

PERTH AMBOY - An Auto Wrecker Ordinance and School Bus Parking were two topics that were discussed at length at the 12/12/16 Caucus.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was the one who requested that these be put on the agenda.

Gonzalez started out by stating, "We (the Council) just approved the towing list for this year (2016). I'm questioning this towing ordinance in the books now and the fees as described. I'm looking at other Municipalities that charge a flat fee. In Perth Amboy the towing fees are different depending on what type of truck is used to tow vehicles. My daughter's car was towed to South Amboy and all of her paperwork was in the car. I had to drive her there. The new Council should look at extending the towing list until we can discuss this further. We should have the towing companies come here and the community to give input or suggestions."

Councilman Bill Petrick stated, "We have discussed this issue several times and we need to put something into action. We should have approved the 2016 tower list much earlier in the year. Newark and Edison keeps their towing services in

town. We should do the same and I feel for our community."

"Maybe we can put a proposal together for the Council," Law Director Louis Rainone suggested.

Petrick commented further, "It should be within the City. We have multiple towers in town.

Councilman Joel Pabon stated, "I know many towers in town that have flatbed trucks. Why do we need so many towers? I don't know of any towns that use Perth Amboy towers. Let's give the money to our in-town towers."

Rainone suggested, "Maybe the Police Department can give us more directions on this."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry who had stated before in previous meetings that the City should establish its own in-town towing yard. "So towers can tow vehicles to the City's pound. We can charge them for using the City's facility."

Council President Lisa Nanton said, "I thought it was illegal to make the towers use the City's Pound."

Gonzalez said, "There was something on the books and I like that idea, but we still need more suggestions and an open

dialogue with the community and towers involved."

After that discussion ended, school bus parking was discussed once again.

Councilman Joel Pabon said "The ordinance was not clear at to what vehicles could park at the train station. We're not making that much money from them. We need to be more specific and see where these companies are coming from."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez suggested, "The Council should make a formal request that the City looks at the one acre property located at State and High Street."

Irizarry once again reiterated, "We can look at this property for impound or bus property."

Fernando Gonzalez suggested, "The administration should look at it and come back to us."

Irizarry suggested that a remediation be done on the one acre property first.

Acting Law Director Rainone commented, "You have City residents driving those buses who have no other place to park. You would rather have them fenced in a lot than have them parked back on the street."

Councilman Bill Petrick had

a suggestion, "Maybe the bus company owners can have their employees bussed to where their buses are parked."

Councilman Gonzalez said, "These buses are not from the Board of Education. The Board of Ed buses are privately parked. They are looking for land and recently bought property on the corner of New Brunswick Avenue and East Avenue for a possible garage."

Councilman Irizarry said, "I need information as to how the buses got to park at the train station in the first place."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz told the Council, "I will give you an update on the one acre property that you suggested for bus parking or an impound on State and High Streets."

Ordinance No. 4 - Regards to the powers and duties to the Director of Law.

Irizarry wanted to know who sponsored this ordinance.

Council President Nanton reminded Irizarry, "At the last meeting, you had questions of what the salary will be on this amended ordinance."

Irizarry shot back, "I didn't want this as an ordinance." He also asked who sponsored the Ordinance dissolving PARA and designating the City

Council as the Redevelopment Entity.

Rainone responded to this, "You need approval in advance from the local finance board. This amendment is not consistent with the form of government in the City." Rainone read an ordinance that supported his argument.

During the public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski made comments about the school bus parking and the towing of vehicles. He stated, "There is an empty lot that has been vacant for 10 years on Sayre Avenue. There are at least parking for 50 vehicles. You should use eminent domain. There is a big pile of contaminated soil on the property on High Street (that you are talking about using for bus parking or impound)."

Resident Renee Skeleton said, "The lot that Mr. Sierakowski is talking about are used by hospital employees to park."

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## City Auditors, Waterfront Improvement & Other Concerns Questioned 12/14/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - R-526-12/16 Awarding a contract to Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo and Cuva, P.A., for professional financial services in an amount not to exceed \$86,000

During the 12/12/16 Caucus meeting, Resident Kenneth Balut questioned the validity of using the same auditor for a long period of time. "Best Practices states you should change your auditor."

At that same Caucus Meeting, CFO Jill Goldy challenged Balut's statement. "This is not currently a part of Best Practices to change auditors and auditor services do not go out for bids. FEMA funds require separate audits."

At the 12/14/16 Regular Meeting, during public comments, Balut stood his ground and said, "The Best Practices was changed 4 years ago. It has to be done every year and it has to be check-marked. Rumor has it that Jersey City donated a large amount of money to the (Mayor's) campaign."

Balut also had comments to make about the old City Buildings on High Street. "Money has been given to that building that Kushner should clean up. Developers sell properties to the government who cleans it up and buys the property back. You keep getting the same auditor who just keeps doing the same thing over and over again."

Resident Jeremy Baratta questioned the City having the same auditor for a long period

of time. "Sometimes things get overlooked." He questioned how much time these auditors were putting in for \$86,000.

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up to speak next, "I looked at the amounts that the City paid the auditors in the previous years and wondered why there is an increase. It's not a forensic audit. Look at the disclaimer. They are just matching the bank statements to what's in the bank. Some departments have remained the same except those that are in the upper level. No appropriations were made to see if actions were executed. It's good to have at least 3 years of audits on hand. It's a template to check for efficiencies."

Resident Alan Silber had questioned about the Waterfront Improvements and a statement about the City Auditors. "It doesn't make sense to have the same auditors and Mayor for a long time. This auditor gave away wine at a League of Municipalities Party. At a Council Meeting, he (the Auditor) argued about raising taxes and having to have skin in the game, which is not appropriate. The Council should look at getting another auditor." He also wanted to know, "Who is the owner of 386 High Street?"

Councilman Bill Petrick answered, "It's the City's."

Silber questioned, "Is the City selling that property?"

William Kurzenbuger came up to answer those questions,

"We are cleaning that property to sell it and it's located in the redevelopment area. DEP is covering the cost."

Kurzenbuger went on to answer Silber's questions about the Waterfront Improvement. "This is a post-Sandy recovery grant. The bathroom facilities - we are looking to reduce the size of the trailer to 8 feet wide and 18 feet in length."

Business Administrator Cruz stated it will reduce the amount of stalls from 8 to 4."

This prompted Councilman Fernando Irizarry to say, "We were not looking to decrease the amount of stalls but just to make it esthetically inclined for the Waterfront."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "How much input from the community in the area including the church there have been? You should have input from any community where perspective projects are involved."

Councilman Bill Petrick commented, "The trail that would hold the bathroom stalls should not be put on Sadowski Parkway."

Council President Lisa Nanton suggested to put the trailer in Caledonia Park.

Resident Kenneth Balut was concerned that when the Council made the suggested changes on the Waterfront Improvement Plans, did you change the bid? Maybe those companies that lost out on the Waterfront Improvement bid should be allowed to rebid."

**Council President Lisa Nanton's  
 Last Regular Meeting 12/14/16**  
*\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

PERTH AMBOY - Council President Lisa Nanton poses for a photo at the end of her last Regular Council Meeting. Nanton chose not to run for re-election after serving one four-year term in the Council. She was elected Council President in 2014. Nanton became emotional when she started to talk about her term as a Councilwoman and the ties she made with each Council Member. She also had final thoughts on the role of a Council Member. "It's a 24/7 job. There are no cameras rolling and the public comes knocking on our door. We do everything without having an office or a staff. It's because we care about the City. The Council are unsung heroes. I have mixed emotions about leaving." (L to R) City Clerk Elaine Jasko, Councilman Bill Petrick, Councilman Joel Pabon, Council President Lisa Nanton, Councilman Fernando Irizarry, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez, B.A. Adam Cruz, Acting Law Director Louis Rainone.

## What's the Status? 12/12/16 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - R - 521-12/16 - Grant for the Remedial Investigation of 376 High Street in the amount of \$25,290.

William Kurzenbuger said, "This was awarded and accepted by the City. It's to reimburse the City for the expenditures to close out the grants. The Economic Development Authority is overseeing the grant. I can get you more details of the remediation."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wanted to know more

information about the status of this property.

Kurzenbuger said, "This is a site cleanup and not a remediation."

Councilman Petrick said, "Grants were used for the removal of oil tanks from the old City buildings on High Street. Gonzalez was concerned, "This property was sitting there for 8 years without us getting any taxes from it. I want the contract status of these City owned properties on High Street."

## We Will Not Be Threatened 12/14/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Ordinance No. 5 Dissolving the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency and designating the City Council as a Redevelopment Entity for the City of Perth Amboy.

**(LOCAL FINANCE BOARD APPROVAL REQUIRED PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE.**

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was very upset as he read part of a letter drafted by Mayor Diaz to the local Finance Board and copied to the Attorney General. In this letter, it

accused Council President Nanton of committing fraud. Gonzalez firmly stated, "The Council will not be threatened."

Acting Law Director Rainone cautioned the Council that they cannot take action on this ordinance before they get the approval for the local finance board.

Councilman Bill Petrick made a motion to postpone the ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. Motion passed.

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a.m., will be leading the audience in holiday songs during the wait for Santa.

If parents would like to have a gift waiting for their child, they should bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it in large print to the Princeton Airport lobby. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa. If parents have more than one child participating, the gifts should be wrapped in the same paper and tied together to speed up the distribution. Also, to have their child participate, parents need to bring a gift for the less fortunate as well. This is the most important feature of this event.

These gifts must be new and unwrapped, and will be collected by the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Personal checks made out to the "FoodBank Network of Somerset County", as well as canned or boxed food will also be collected at the airport. Donations from non-participants are kindly accepted as well.

The collection of the gifts will begin the day after Thanksgiving and will end on Saturday, December 17th in order to enable county workers to arrange the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby of the airport between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Once Santa's plane lands, he will head into the hangar, along with all the participants, to distribute each gift individually. In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Children will also have the opportunity to take a picture on Santa's lap. Usually, distribution is completed by 1:00 p.m. and Santa continues his journey. There is no charge for this event.

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## “Sock the Homeless”

ON #GIVINGTUESDAY

Press Release 11/28/16  
PERTH AMBOY – As this is the season for giving, give back to your community through the Y on #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving. On Tuesday, November 29, 2016, people all over the world will come together for one common purpose: TO CELEBRATE GENEROSITY AND GIVING.

Join the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA on #GivingTuesday by donating SOCKS! Socks are the number one most requested item in homeless shelters, so let's give the gift of warm and toasty feet to those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Last year, we collected over 1,000 pairs of socks - and with your help we can do it again. Take your first step in making a difference and building a BETTER US!

Starting November 29th through December 23rd, bring NEW socks to the Y, let's show those who are less fortunate how a little warmth may spread so much joy this season.

For more information or to join us in this season of giving please contact Yarelis Figueroa, 732.442.3632 or yfigueroa@rbaymca.org.



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY  
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

I want to thank every resident in the City of Perth Amboy for making this another wonderful year. The greatest gift we could exchange this season is to serve one another and as a community, I am so proud to see that in action, time and time again. I wish everyone a holiday season full of love, laughter and giving, with your family, friends and neighbors. I look forward to what we will achieve together in 2017 for our great, historic city. On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy, have a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**Hon. Wilda Diaz, Mayor**

Council President Lisa Nanton

Council Members  
Fernando Gonzalez  
Fernando Irizarry  
Joel Pabon  
William A. Petrick

# Merry Christmas!



## A Christmas Gift

During this season of giving  
 Each one of us can give a Christmas Gift  
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 With giving respect and kindness you may be giving a  
 person that is down on his luck a reason to  
 keep on living  
 You may lift up someone's spirit by giving  
 him a helping hand  
 By giving the gift of reverence of every human being  
 You will be receiving a Christmas Gift  
 A gift that was given to us over two thousand years ago  
 The gift of being selfless  
 The gift of love  
 By being tolerant and giving love to everyone you meet  
 during this Christmas Season  
 You will be giving and receiving "A Christmas Gift"

By "The Poet" Dioris Luis Arlequin

## 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

## Thrift Store Temporarily Closed

SOUTH AMBOY - Trinity Treasures Thrift Store, 815 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy will close on December 20, 2016 and reopen on January 31, 2017 WEATHER permitting. We thank all our customers for their support and look forward to seeing you next year.

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
2017 HOLIDAY EXCLUSION DATES**

**NO GARBAGE COLLECTION ON THE FOLLOWING 2017 HOLIDAYS**

HOLIDAY EXCLUSIONS	HOLIDAY
MONDAY, JANUARY 2	NEW YEAR'S DAY (Observed)
MONDAY, JANUARY 16	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20	PRESIDENT'S DAY
MONDAY, MAY 29	MEMORIAL DAY
TUESDAY, JULY 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4	LABOR DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9	COLUMBUS DAY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10	VETERANS DAY (Observed)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23	THANKSGIVING DAY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS DAY

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

**Sayreville/  
South Amboy  
Police Auxiliary  
Members 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)

**Become A  
Member of the  
South Amboy  
First Aid &  
Safety Squad**

SOUTH AMBOY - Serve the Emergency Medical Needs of Your Community! A Unit of A.R.C. If you are at least 16 years old and have a few available hours in your day each week to give to others, contact us at [Southamboyfirstaid.org](http://Southamboyfirstaid.org) or call (732) 721-1005. South Amboy First Aid Squad serves our residents 24 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week, 365 days-a-year. The squad is an independently run private organization, completely staffed by dedicated volunteers and supported by tax-deductible donations. Join your fellow residents with service to our community. Neighbors Helping Neighbors! All training courtesy of the South Amboy First Aid Squad. See how a little bit of your time can benefit so many. Become A Volunteer Member Now! South Amboy First Aid Squad - PO Box 328 - South Amboy, NJ 08879

**Bariatric  
Weight Loss**

**Support Group**

OLD BRIDGE - The Institute of Weight Loss at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is sponsoring a Bariatric Weight Loss Support Group Meeting Wednesday, December 28, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at its Old Bridge location. For individuals who have had surgery or contemplating weight loss surgery or are trying to maintain a healthy weight. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in Auxiliary Hall B, One Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Registration required, call 1-855-TIME-4-ME (1.855.846.3463).

**City of Perth Amboy Business Improvement District**

**Public Announcement**

The Perth Amboy Business Improvement District is seeking prospective candidates to serve on the 2017 Board of Directors.

If you are interested in applying to serve on the BID Board of Directors or would like more information, please contact:

Roxana Troche, BID Executive Director  
260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861  
[RTroche@perthamboynj.org](mailto:RTroche@perthamboynj.org)  
(732) 442-6421  
Deadline to submit applications: 1.12.17

The Perth Amboy BID has a tradition of high quality service provision and activism related to business improvement and community engagement.

**Make an impact in the downtown district, join our team!**



**Amazon Giveaway at PRAHD, Perth Amboy**  
**12/14/16** \*Photos Courtesy of PRAHD,



**Holiday Activities**

\*Photos by Anton Massopust III, Katherine Massopust & Paul W Wang



Diane from Sipos Bakery, Perth Amboy



Reyes Ortega owner of Copa D'Oro and President of PAMA

**No Paper Next 2 Weeks!**  
**See You January 11, 2017**

**Cathy's Kids Redefines Christmas**

\*Photos Submitted by Eladio Ruiz 3<sup>rd</sup>



Submitted by Eladio Ruiz 3<sup>rd</sup>

PERTH AMBOY - In 2009, Eladio Ruiz 3<sup>rd</sup>, a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy, was on his way to work and stopped at Sipos Bakery to buy cupcakes when he passed a mom walking her four children to school. They all looked so happy that it was almost easy to overlook the one thing that would start a movement. Although all the children were wearing coats, none of them fit properly. It really bothered him, not only that the children needed the coats, but also that he never noticed there was this need in his own hometown. That day he spoke with his good friend Chris Rezes and he shared the story of what he had seen earlier. She then shared her mom's story, which would be the birth of a group called Cathy's Kids named after her mom.

The Bolanos family was your typical middle class family from Perth Amboy. Augustine a blue collar worker, and Cathy a housewife whose job was to care for their two children and manage the household including the finances. One of the things that made Cathy so special was that she opened up a Christmas Club every year, and whenever possible she would put away a little money. At the end of the year she would withdraw the money for "the kids," but the money was not for her kids. She would go to the A. V. Ceres School and ask the principal to identify children that needed coats and she would buy them new coats, hats, scarves and gloves. The number of recipients varied from year to year, some years she would buy more than 10. She never wanted to be acknowledged, so she did it anonymously.

Eladio was so moved by Mrs. Bolanos's generosity that the following year he emailed family and friends, sharing Cathy's story and letting them know that he was going to donate coats to the Perth Amboy elementary schools and wondered if they would also donate a coat. That year 107 people volunteered to donate new coats and accessories. He reached out to all the Pre-k and elementary public schools and they identified students. The schools supplied only the gender and size keeping the children anonymous.

Although the group is not an organized charity, every year the number of donors continues to grow. This year they already have 846 donors. Eladio believes the secret to the groups success is that the donors are actually paired up with a child and since they are buying the coats and accessories, they know all the money spent is going directly to what many refer to as "my kid". The group has grown so large that Eladio has many family and friends that now assist organizing. He points out Perth Amboy natives Gabriella "Gabby" Cuzzola, the daughter of Kelly Cuzzola, a friend of Chris's since kindergarden. Gabby is responsible this year for soliciting over half the donations. The group now delivers coats to children from Pre-K up to high school primarily in Perth Amboy but also in Woodbridge, Newark and Jersey City. This year a Cathy's Kids chapter was started in Lambertville, NJ.

In six years, this Perth Amboy grassroots group has donated over 2850 coats and continues to grow. Eladio proudly admits that what he thought would be a Christmas project has grown larger than he imagined. "We are spreading an epidemic of helping thy neighbor one coat at a time. Cathy's Kids has redefined Christmas to me. Christmas is no longer December 25, it is the day we deliver coats, knowing we are making a difference. A difference that started many years ago by a very humble woman who now looks down upon us and makes sure we are successful."

Visit our website at [cathyskids.wordpress.com](http://cathyskids.wordpress.com)

### Sharing Christmas Spirit at Parsons Elementary School

*\*Photos Submitted*



MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Milagros Balboa of the Mobile Family Success Center operated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen prepares gifts for distribution at Parson's Elementary School in North Brunswick, NJ. The Mobile Family Success Center (MFSC) is a community-based, family centered program, utilizing neighborhood gathering places where any community resident can go for family support, information and services. The program currently focuses on bringing services to Woodbridge, Edison, Sayreville, North Brunswick and East Brunswick, but events are open to all residents of Middlesex County. Last year, more than 1100 families were served by the Mobile Family Success Center in Middlesex County. For more information, visit <http://www.ccdom.org/MFSC-middlesex> or call 732-387-1220

### Mentoring Matters

*\*Photos Submitted*



MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Catholic Charities Staff Members, Left to Right Jillian McCarthy, Melissa Maranzano and Iris Roman prepare for The Connections' Annual Christmas Time Party. The Connections Program, operated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen in Middlesex County is actively recruiting volunteers to work as mentors with children ages 5-17. Mentors offer support, guidance, and education to young people as they go through a difficult time, face a new challenge or opportunity or take on an important task. One hundred children are on the waiting list for a mentor from the Connections Program any given time. To become a mentor in Middlesex County or for more information, visit [www.ccdom.org](http://www.ccdom.org) or call 732-738-1323

### Connections Program Seeks Volunteers

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one activities. Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child's life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor. All adult volunteers will be screened, receive training, staff support and other services as needed. If you are interested in learning more about the Connections Mentoring Program, please contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323.

[www.amboyguardian.com](http://www.amboyguardian.com)

### Tom's Tax Tips

#### Rising Receivables Call for A Year-End Review

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Rising business receivables can be a sign of a growing, prosperous company - or of troubles ahead. How can you know if your receivables are right-sized for your business?

Start by breaking down the numbers. A report of your receivables listed by age will give you the information you need. Track the percentage of invoices paid late and compare the information to that of past years. Benchmark your statistics with those of your industry peers and look at the amount of unapplied or unrec- onciled customer payments.

Do you notice an issue with too many receivables? A receivables problem can be symptomatic of a defective accounting system. Are customer payments posted to the proper accounts accurately and timely? A delay in updating your records will make receivables collection less efficient. Are late notices sent to customers quickly and regularly? Is staff following up on outstanding bills? Perhaps your collections team needs training to beef up skills.

Your sales procedures can also cause problems. For example, extending credit to a borderline customer is a temptation that can result in painful losses. Create a consistent credit application process for your business. Make sure credit limits conform to company policies and that they are strictly enforced. Check bank and vendor references where appropriate.

What can you do before year end to address past due customer invoices? Here are three tips:

1. Double down on your collection efforts. Take advantage of the fact that your customers are likely flush with cash from seasonal sales.
2. Pay collection-related costs before year end. This ordinary business expense can give you an additional tax deduction this year.
3. If your business is on the accrual basis, consider writing off old invoices that you deem uncollectible. Bad debt expense can lower your taxable income. Contact us for help in strengthening your receivables process and weeding out your problem accounts.

### Movie Review: Moana



By: Anton Massopust III

Moana "to get my magic hooks back we've got to go through a whole ocean of bad" - Maui

"Moana" is the latest Disney animated film to tell the tale of a young princess who sets out on a quest to save her people. The movie is beautiful and fun. Moana (Auli'i Cravalho) is a young girl whose grandmother (Rachel House) tells her that a special person must journey across the ocean to find a demigod who stole the heart of the sea. Moana must convince him to bring it back before an on-coming darkness destroys their world.

Forget your traditional princess with the long blonde hair, flowing dress and a castle - Moana doesn't need them. She has powers of her own, and thru her connection to the ocean, so she can handle anything that the ocean throws at her.

The story is a bit slow to get going, but when she does eventually meet Maui (Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson), the story really picks up pace.

There's plenty of great Disney music throughout, especially Maui's song "You're welcome."

The big reason to see "Moana" is the fantastic animation. Massive oceans, huge storms full of dangerous lightning, the beauty of the Pacific islands are all beautifully rendered. The colors are alive and it makes for very vivid imagery. The characters are memorable and the voice acting is excellent. Moana makes a great princess, and the Rock brings the demigod, Maui to life. My only complaint is that it hits all the notes you expect from a Disney animated film.

Recent films like "Wreck-it Ralph" and "Zootopia" felt completely fresh and original whereas Moana is your typical princess on a quest film. It's well done with excellent characters, but it feels like we've traveled this road before. Little kids will love it, as will fans of great animated films, despite the fact that we've seen this story before.



#### Now Available on DVD: "The Bombardment of Perth Amboy 1776"

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - During the Summer and Fall of 1776, Perth Amboy was occupied by American patriot forces, while Staten Island was held by British troops. Warfare ensued. Through the use of historic images, archival records & military reenactors, this long forgotten saga is brought to light in the documentary entitled "The Bombardment of Perth Amboy 1776". This documentary has now been released on DVD.

"After the premier of this film via our local Comcast channel, we received an overwhelming number of requests for DVD copies. So, we simply decided to have our work mass produced," explains producer & local businessman John Dyke. "All this coincided with the 75th anniversary of our family business, Dyke Insurance, and as a result our company put it out as a 'thank you' to our community."

John Dyke along with his wife Christina, have produced many other documentaries such as "The KKK Riots of 1923", "Perth Amboy Terracotta", "Dr. Solomon Andrews", "George Inness: Peace & Plenty in Perth Amboy", and "John Watson 1685-1768". Most of their earlier films are now out of circular, although some are still aired on the local Perth Amboy station, Comcast 34.

The "Bombardment of Perth Amboy 1776" DVD has been mass produced and is free to the general public. It is available at the Perth Amboy Public Library, the Proprietary House, and the Perth Amboy City Hall Clerk's Office.

## *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 December 19, 1941, Adolf Hitler — blaming his generals for the lack of success in the U.S.S.R. — names himself Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the German Armed Forces (*Wehrmacht*). The U.S. Naval Academy graduates its “Class of 1942” a semester early so it can induct the graduates as Navy or Marine Corps officers without delay for immediate war assignments. The British light cruiser *HMS Neptune* enters a newly laid Italian minefield off Tripoli, Libya, hits four mines and quickly capsizes. Only one sailor of the vessel's complement of 768 survives. Italian “human torpedoes” damage two British battleships — *HMS Queen Elizabeth* and *HMS Valiant* — and an oil tanker in the harbor of Alexandria, Egypt.

Japanese forces attack Dutch Borneo, the Celebes and the Moluccas in the Dutch East Indies on December 20. They also capture Davao, Mindanao Island, in the southern Philippines. On Hong Kong Island, counterattacks against the Japanese by the British and Canadian defenders fail with heavy casualties. The 1st American Volunteer Group of the Chinese Air Force (“The Flying Tigers,” comprising volunteer pilots from the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps) flies its first combat sorties over Kunming, China. The unit is commanded by Claire Chennault, a retired U.S. Army Air Corps captain. In Germany, Joseph Goebbels, Reich Minister for Propaganda, appeals for winter coats and warm clothing for soldiers on the Eastern Front. The General Petroleum Corporation tanker *SS Emidio* is torpedoed and damaged off Cape Mendocino, northern California, by Japanese submarine I-17. Five crewmen are killed. Charles Lindbergh writes to Lt. Gen. Henry Arnold, Commandant of the U.S. Army Air Forces, offering to serve in the military.

In Bangkok, Japan and Thailand agree to a ten-year military alliance on December 21. In the besieged city of Leningrad, Russia, it is estimated that 3,000 citizens per day are dying of starvation or disease.

On December 22, the Arcadia Conference opens in Washington, D.C. President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill and their top military aides discuss strategy and make decisions that will guide the Allied war effort in 1942 and 1943 in Europe, Africa and in the Pacific. In the Philippines, the Japanese 48th Division lands at Lingayen Gulf, northern Luzon. Allied troops reach Beda Fomm, Libya, roughly halfway between Benghazi and Al Agheila, but are turned back by German tanks. Axis forces begin evacuating Benghazi by sea.

A second Japanese landing attempt at Wake Island succeeds on December 23, and the garrison of 450 U.S. Marines is overwhelmed and surrenders after a night and morning of fighting. In the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur declares Manila an open city, thereby stating that all defensive efforts to protect the locality have been abandoned. Despite the declaration, the Japanese bomb and shell the Filipino capital anyway. MacArthur orders U.S. forces on Luzon to withdraw to the Bataan Peninsula as Japanese troops approach Manila from the north. Two Japanese landings south of Manila prevent MacArthur from moving that way.

Elements of the British Eighth Army capture Benghazi, Libya, on December 24. In the Philippines, American and Filipino troops move into the Bataan Peninsula. The Japanese bomb Rangoon, Burma. Dutch submarine *HMNLS K XVI* is the first Allied vessel to destroy a Japanese warship, torpedoing and sinking the destroyer *Sagiri* near Sarawak, Borneo. (The next day, the Dutch sub is itself torpedoed and sunk with a loss of all hands by Japanese submarine *I-66*.) The Nazis order authorities in all the Jewish ghettos of occupied Europe to collect fur coats and other fur items from Jewish residents. The German occupation administration of the Baltic States declares that Romani (gypsies) are to be treated the same as Jews.

The Battle of Hong Kong ends on December 25, after 17 days; the British Crown Colony is surrendered to the Japanese by the defeated British and Canadian garrison. 11,000 troops are taken captive. Japanese soldiers in the city kill two doctors and seven nurses treating wounded soldiers at St. Stephen's Emergency Hospital, then murder the 50 wounded. Admiral Émile Musilier, commander of Free French naval forces, seizes the archipelago of St. Pierre and Miquelon, a French Overseas Department in the Atlantic Ocean near Newfoundland, Canada. The islands are the first part of France to be liberated by Free French forces. In the Philippines, the Japanese 48th Division begins moving southward on Luzon, driving U.S. forces ahead of it. In Bangkok, Thailand declares war on the United States and the United Kingdom.

### **A.C. Bus Trip St. John Paul II Seniors**

PERTH AMBOY – There is a trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City every fourth Wednesday of the month. The next trip will be held on December 28, 2016. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:45 a.m. Call Bobbi at 732-636-2867 to reserve a seat and for more information.

### **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, Jan. 5 2017. 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.

### **Golden Nugget Bus Trip**

**Holy Rosary Seniors**  
HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Golden Nugget Casino AC on Tuesday Jan 31, 2017. Bus leaves Good Shepherd Parish parking lot in Hopelawn at 10:00 a.m. Cost \$30 pp, receive \$25 back in play and \$5 towards food. Any questions call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

### **Faith Basics A Monthly Class On the Basics of Judaism and Christianity**

PERTH AMBOY - Faith Basics - A Monthly Class On the Basics of Judaism and Christianity. What: Session 1: Who is a Jew? Who is a Christian? on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy. The first of five monthly sessions exploring the basic concepts of Judaism and Christianity. This month, we will explore the ever-changing nature of Jewish and Christianity identity through the ages, including a close look at the different denominations of Judaism and Christianity. Cost: \$10 per session or \$25 for all 5 sessions. Please RSVP to Rabbi Ari Saks (ari.saks@gmail.com), Reverend Anne-Marie Jeffery (ajeffery04@yahoo.com), or via our Facebook Event page - Faith Basics: Who is a Jew? Who is a Christian?. This program is jointly sponsored by Congregation Beth Mordecai and St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Future Classes - Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4

### **Pet of the Week**



Charlie on the right recently passed away. One of the 2 Waterfront Marina Mascot Cats.

### **Have a Special Pet?**

E-mail us your Pet Photos to [AmboyGuardian@gmail.com](mailto:AmboyGuardian@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.

### **Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee**

will be holding their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

Saturday, January 14, 2017 from  
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cafeteria of St. Stephen's Church  
Mechanic Street Entrance, Perth Amboy

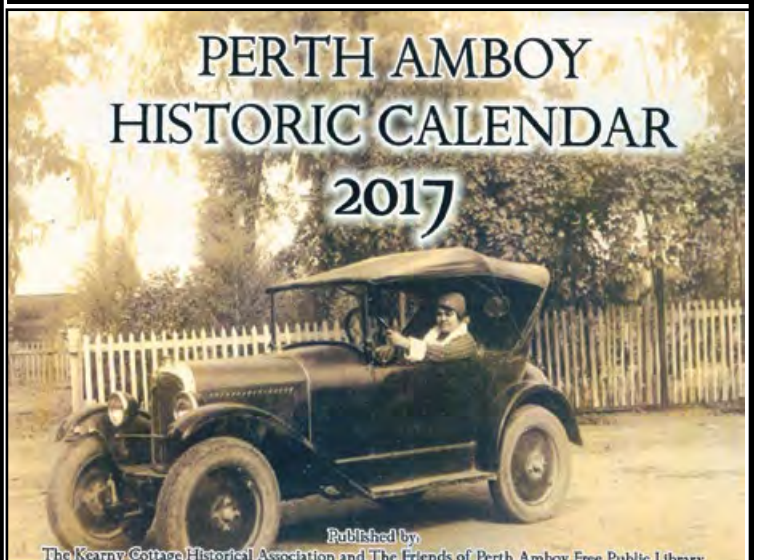
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Tickets are Available at Door

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### **2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars**



2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are now available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079, Perth Amboy City Hall 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.

**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.*

**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 M.A.S.*

**Remember to Say Your Novenas!**

**Bingo**

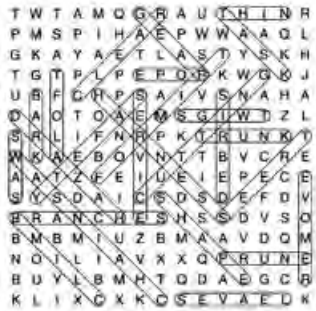
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**LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - Toys assembled for the Christmas Season.

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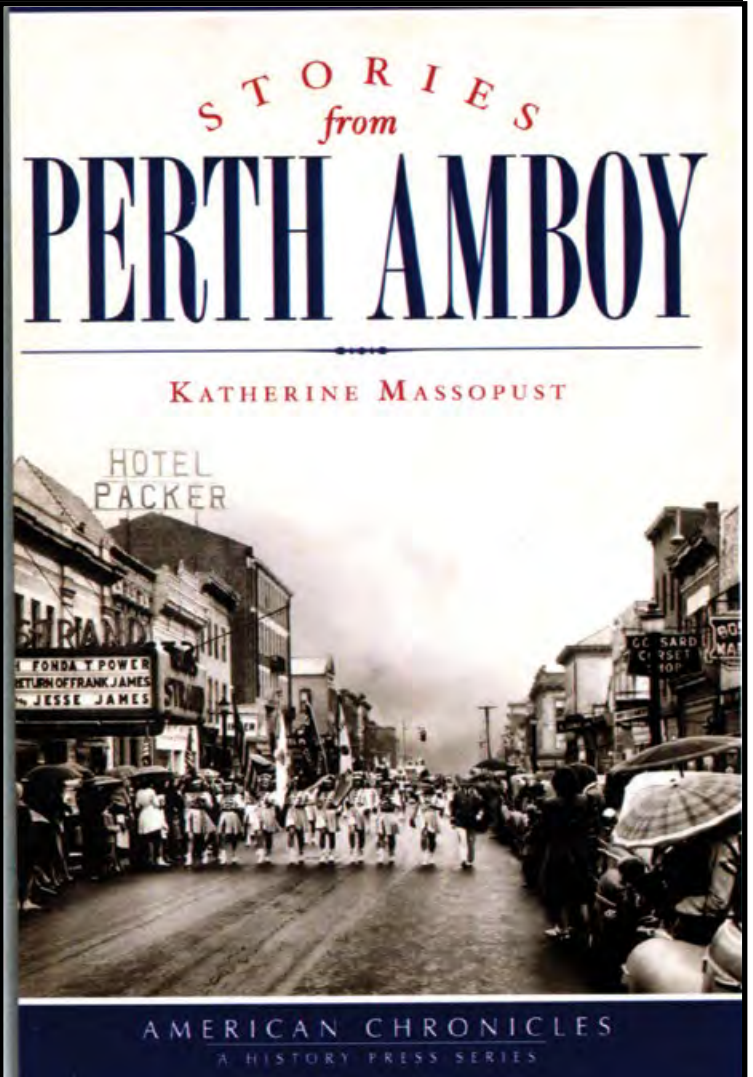
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- WED. Dec. 21 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St. Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Dec. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Dec. 26 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Dec. 27 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St. Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
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- THURS. Dec. 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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- MON. Jan. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

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