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## Pilot Projects Presentation, Train Station Update, Homeless Discussed 1/9/17 Caucus



(L to R) Councilmen Joel Pabon, Fernando Irizarry, Council President Bill Petrick, Councilmen Fernando Gonzalez and Jelmin Caba.



E-Port Logistics Center Representatives Michael J. Caccavelli (R) and Jeffery J. Milaniak (L) give an update on the E-Port project.  
\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - Jeffery J. Milaniak, a Principle Partner from Bridgeport came up first to give an update on E-port Logistics Center construction. He began by giving his credentials, "I have over 30 years experience in commercial real estate development. Some of the projects I was involved with was as a President/Partner of Heller Industrial Parks. Our labor force in the Edison (Warehouses) came primarily from Perth Amboy. Construction Jobs are Union and we encourage Perth Amboy workers. We can't speak to how many jobs will actually be Union jobs."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry looked at the paperwork handed out and said, "There was a discrepancy of the terms

for this particular pilot project. Is it 25 or 30 years?"

Michael J. Caccavelli said, "The contract was supposed to be for 30 years."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wasn't completely sold on the idea stating, "This project has been discussed for at least eight years, but this is the first time a Pilot has been mentioned. Should we give a Pilot to our citizens? We welcome you (E-Port) for bringing tax dollars to us, but we have been left in a mess before. We need more research before voting."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, "We don't want to violate the Sunshine Law. This is why we wanted to present this project tonight."

Gonzalez came back and

said, "I just want the Council to be kept in the loop on all discussions."

Milaniak continued to explain that Viridian Partners buys contaminated sites. "They buy, clean-up, then sell these properties. We partnered up with Viridian to clean up this site and then we on our did the final cleanup on the site. We want to bring businesses in with competitive values to compete with other towns. We are not here to ask you to vote on this now. We will put our money where our mouth is. You'll be impressed what you'll see right now."

Ted Lamicella, SCGRE, CTA came up to speak. "To spur economic development, Viridian was determined to

buy this contaminated property. This is the first large development that has come to fruition."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry had concerns, "In the past companies that came in under Pilot Programs would declare bankruptcy to avoid paying taxes or sometimes change their names."

Milaniak reassured the Council by letting them know, "We have offices in three states and we undergo a lot of scrutiny. We collect just the rent from the tenants and the rest of the money goes to the City."

DeCotiis Attorney Francis Regan came forward to let the City know that he is the one who drew up the contract and he would make the correction

to show that the terms should be 25 years.

Council President Bill Petrick asked Milaniak and Caccavelli, "Can you get the square footage that you charged for other buildings in other towns?"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wanted to know, "What kind of traffic changes will occur with the completion of this project? This community needs to know."

Milaniak replied, "You are located to very easy access to all major highways (Rtes. 1& 9, 287, Turnpike, Parkway)"

Councilman Jelmin Caba wanted to know, "Is inflation calculated into the cost?"

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## Middlesex County to Provide Fire Prevention Services to South Amboy Sayreville Previously Provided Additional Services in Necessary Situations

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - The city of South Amboy discussed their agreement to have Middlesex County provide fire prevention services to the city moving forward instead of Sayreville.

Business Administrator Camille Tooker explained that she and the Mayor had reviewed both proposals from both Sayreville and the county, and in the end the offer from Middlesex County was more beneficial to the city.

"We met with the county and we became aware of some additional benefits that the city can derive from in that agreement, and of course our goal is to get the most for the city and its residents," Tooker said.

Councilmen Tom Reilly and Brian McLaughlin asked if the fees and response times would change, considering how close Sayreville was to South Amboy. Mayor Henry assured them that they were in good hands with the county.

"We were assured that there

wouldn't be any problem whatsoever, that they would have two inspections on site with anything we needed," Henry said. "As Camille said we did our due diligence and went over both sides and came down to the conclusion of knowing the county would be the better of the two deals."

"Not that we had any problem at all with Sayreville," he added. "I have no complaints what so ever, but in making a comparison we believe there was a little more that the coun-

ty could offer."

The contract with Middlesex County is for seven years, but Mayor Henry explained that the city has the option to get out of the deal whenever they want if a problem came up. He also noted that the local fire chiefs were on board with the new deal.

The city also announced that the South Amboy Police Department has reached an agreement with East Brunswick to use their training facility. South Amboy's current shoot-

ing gallery was closed in order to make room for the new ferry terminal.

The meeting began after an hour-long closed session. All members of the council were in attendance.

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PERTH AMBOY - Ordinance No. 5 - First Reading - An Ordinance to amend an Ordinance entitled Ordinance fixing and establishing a schedule of salaries and salary ranges and increments for officers and employees of the City of Perth Amboy. (Ordinance No. 218-79) as amended adopted July 3, 1979. Re: Management and Non-Union.

Councilman Irizarry asked about the Assistant Business Administration Title listed.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated, “This is not an allowed position.”

DeCotiis Attorney Judy Verone who was acting as Law Director stated, “This is a subordinate position.”

Councilman Gonzalez responded back, “Under Faulkner Plan B, it is not a position for a city of our size.”

Business Administrator Adam Cruz told the Council, “We are taking it off the agenda - Assistant B.A. and we will amend the Business Manager Position. Civil Service has eliminated some titles and made new ones.”





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Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:36-26.8(a) a scoping hearing to obtain public comment on this request will be held at **City Hall, Council Chambers (260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ) on January 26, 2017 at 6:00 PM**

All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the scoping hearing. Written comments on the diversion request may be directed to Adam Cruz, Business Administrator at City of Perth Amboy, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 or at 732-826-0290. Please send a copy of any comments submitted on this request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program, Bureau of Legal Services and Stewardship, Mail Code 501-01, 501 East State St., P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420.

Public comment on this diversion request will be accepted during the scoping hearing or **until (February 9, 2017).**

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EDITORIAL

# The Saturation Point

## Don't Put All the Blame on the Developers

### Was the Rutgers Study a Waste of Time?

Perth Amboy is crowded. Not just crowded but congested. Even though we had projects and tall buildings that were demolished (e.g. The Stockton Building and The Huntington Building) others that took their place (e.g. King Plaza which probably has more apartments than the other two combined). Over the past 25 years, Perth Amboy has seen the rise of Harbortown, Hidden Village, and Landings. The addition of Harbortown is still being constructed in units.

In 2013 The Rutgers Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy gave the results of their study on Perth Amboy. We urge you to go to [www.amboyguardian.com](http://www.amboyguardian.com) look at past issues and download the 1/8/14 issue of the Amboy Guardian and see the front cover on the right hand side.

One result of their study stated as of 2013 Perth Amboy was 6.9% more congested than any municipality in Middlesex County. I'd say it's a sure bet that number has increased over the past four years.

Now there are proposed developments such as Seagate, Riverwalk and the Transit Village project which will bring thousands more people to Perth Amboy. Perth Amboy is 5.957 sq mi, of which 4.702 sq mi is land. Where are these people going to fit? The 2015 estimated population is 52,682. If you count the illegal housing, the population of Perth Amboy is easily over 85,000 - probably more.

If you think driving in Perth Amboy is difficult now, how will it be years from now when the population increases to even more?

Where are these people going to go to school or drive on the already congested streets? We have to stop going backwards. We got rid of high rise apartment complexes because of overcrowding. Now we are doing just the opposite of what the Rutgers Bloustein study recommended. Don't put all the blame on the developers' shoulders

because they have to have all their projects approved. It seems as though the citizens' complaints about overcrowding are falling upon deaf ears. When all those apartment buildings were demolished, all the new units coming up will more than exceed what was taken down.

Just look around. The City Council justifiably has complained about all the City streets being continuously dug up and repaved. That should give you a clue that something is amiss regarding our aging infrastructure. There is a saying: "If these walls can talk..." I tell you right now - the streets are talking! But it seems like they are not being heard.

In 2012 when we had our Mayor Forum we asked what could you do immediately about the condition of outer State Street as people come driving in form Sewaren. Most people went right to the Celotex property. We were thinking about some plants or shrubs to cover the ugliness. It is important that the E-Port Logistics Center is completed.

We are not concerned which administration started a project. What is important is a project that benefits a City is followed through and completed. We give a thumbs up to E-Port. Towns close by (i.e. Carteret and Woodbridge) have warehouses to employ their residents coming in. Just look at our paper where Amazon has been looking for jobs in Carteret. There is no reason why we can't have those warehouses in Perth Amboy.

Staffing agencies have been booming in Perth Amboy because people need transportation to jobs out of town. We have enough space to make the E-Port Logistics Center successful. The record of the company who made the presentation at the 1/9/17 Caucus seemed to be on point.

Let's get more jobs here so our residents can spend their money here. **C.M. & K.M.**

PERTH AMBOY - Resident Ken Balut still wanted to know about the Ad Book that the BID put out. "Where is this money going? I'm glad the Cornucopia which got a bad rap from this town got into the book. The people who got big ads are on the BID. Don't you think the businesses in the district should have been in the Ad Book? What about Lee's Market on Smith Street? He was broken into twice. Did he get help from the BID? Now they want money to do the same thing again."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski asked about the Façade Program. People who truly needed signage should have been approached."

Resident Jeremy Baratta questioned the \$95,000 for Executive Secretary, \$4000 for a copier machine and \$27,000 for professional services. "It seems like a very padded budget."

Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton said, "Last year, we passed a budget of \$60,000 for BID. I'm very disappointed. The streets have not been enhanced. We wanted pamphlets for the Prop House and other Historic Sites. That will bring people in. We're not getting the benefit for the cost."

BID Vice-Chair Tommy Hudanish came up to speak about what was said, "I have been a BID Member for 24 months. There are low turnout at the meetings, even with publicity. This would be an opportunity to talk about these problems beforehand. If I don't invest in an organization I belong to, then I'm not setting a good example. Some criticisms were uncalled for. Ms. Nanton's criticisms are valid."

Councilman Irizarry asked Hudanish, "Is every business in the BID listed?"

Hudanish answered, "Yes." He also answered questions about the cost to publish the BID book. "The average cost is usually \$24,000. It cost us \$17,000 to put out this book. It was \$2.34 per book. 6,000 books were distributed. Out of that amount 600 to 800 were held back to be distributed later at upcoming events. All Façade improvements are open to all businesses that meet the qualifications. We want to do all types of Façades for the district and we want people to add their ideas. I encourage all including our critics to participate. The planters will be put out to bid, and we will also look at alternatives. The cost of the planters includes the placement, planting, watering and removal. "

Councilman Joel Pabon had a few comments. "You have a list of all the BID officers and members, but a lot of businesses say they don't get a visit from any of the BID Members. I know a lot of the business owners are not from Perth Amboy. We used to have Sidewalk Sales and that's no longer being done."

Hudanish responded, "The BID was involved with over 20 events a year and we passed out literature. We have someone who goes out to new businesses. Code Enforcement also new businesses to reach out to us."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry commended the BID on the events that they have held and sponsored. "They are very nice and family orientated and I wish that you will continue them."

Hudanish responded, "I have seen all of you at these events. They're well attended and I appreciate your support."

Councilman Jelmin Caba said, "I appreciated the events that the BID puts on, but you still need to reach out to more businesses."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry had a few concerns. "There is not enough exposure of what the BID does. The BID is a creation of the City's Council and the businesses get taxed for participating. I question the \$95,000 executive fee. Other organizations are run by volunteers. This is the City Council's baby and I would like to find a way of greater participation of the Business District. I would like to be the Council's liaison for the BID."

Tommy Hudanish responded, "I think the amount of \$95,000 should be higher. It's for three people. It's quasi-city and private."

Councilman Gonzalez responded, "It's a private entity created by the State. BID has been around for about 20 years and we can do a better job. You've heard some of the dissatisfaction."

Hudanish responded, "I can tell you all the positive responses."

Council President Bill Petrick mentioned the Administrative Fee and said, "It included the Director and other Staff."

Tommy Hudanish said, "I can get you a job description of the +Director and the Staff Members."

Petrick also asked if the book was in the BID budget.

Hudanish responded, "I don't know."

Petrick suggested that the

BID engage Lisa Nanton and the Royal Garden Club to help out with the planters.

Hudanish answered, "We did so, but their plate was full. Let's do it together and do it well."


BID Member Sergio Diaz came up to speak. He made mention of someone who thought that certain businesses were singled out for certain grants. "I wish this person was present when Randy Convery (who is part of the BID Administrative Staff) reaches out to the businesses. The BID has meetings at all times to accommodate businesses and grant applications are available to give to them."

Sergio Diaz then answered another criticism when one of the Councilman said they need someone to reach out to the non-English speaking businesses. "Randy (Convery) is bilingual. BID's funds come from the taxpayers and those businesses are contacted when memberships and officer elections come up."

Diaz also answered a question that was posed that said that the BID would save money if they were located outside of City Hall. "We would have to pay for utilities, insurance and we would have to hire three individuals. The Tax Office sent out all notices to businesses in the BID District."

Business Owner and former BID Member Virginia Lugo said, "The BID has the same budget for at least ten years. I disagree with people who say they will save money by being in City Hall. Rents downtown are \$1,000 which includes insurance. The Façade Program usually doesn't get used. Ordinances have to be enforced. Go to other cities. Most of the money (on the BID's Budget) are going to salaries. Why don't they see what other towns do during the holidays? We haven't seen much improvement downtown, especially in the Façade Program. These events were also presented by the Mayor during her campaign. There should be no City Employees that should be voting members. People who are business owners is part of BID."

When it came to voting, Resolution R-61/17 - Public Hearing and adoption of the 2017 Perth Amboy Business Improvement Budget was moved by Councilman Irizarry. Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was the only one to vote, "No." Motion passed.



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

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House Open

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

Perth Amboy

MON. Jan. 23	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Jan. 25	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Jan 26	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Jan. 18	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
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Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz  
Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

We understand that some may be concerned by the recent incidents/threats in New York, Seaside, NJ and Elizabeth, NJ. At this time, it has been reported that a suspect was taken into custody in Linden, NJ. We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, and I want to emphasize that it is important that **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!**

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# Pilot Projects Presentation, Train Station Update, Homeless Discussed

## 1/9/17 Caucus

*\*Continued From Page 1*

Milaniak replied, “We built in a 25% increase.”

After the E-Port Presentation, Doug Dzema, Executive Director of the Housing Authority came up to speak about the Pilot (Payment in lieu of taxes)/RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) Program. “We’re asking for two Pilots for money to go into fixing up existing properties (Stack, Hansen, Dunlap, Otlowski Gardens). In May 2015 applications for RAD were approved. We want to self develop.”

Dzema introduced the Housing Authority Consultant Bill Snyder. Snyder said, “This is for operating only and we only get what Congress allows which is 89 cents on the dollar. There’s a \$30 billion shortfall to fix public housing. The RAD attracts private investors to fix up public housing. The rent will go up, but not the tenant’s rent. This will convert the units to projects based assistance. When a tenant moves out of a unit, the rent will remain the same. The quality of life will improve for the residents. The low income housing tax credit programs will be at 4%.”

This prompted Councilman Fernando Irizarry to question, “Who will be responsible for Housing Authority debt?”

Snyder replied, “It’s not on the City’s budget.”

Doug Dzema came back up to speak. “There’s a 20 year stretch of work to be done.” He

talked about specifics of what each building required. “Some properties needed new fencing. Units will be updated with air filtration systems and such improvements as exterior lighting and remodeling of kitchens and bathrooms, etc., as needed. Any savings that will come with these improvements will go back into the Housing budget. All individual units will be able to control their own heat and air conditioning. Anytime a tenant moves out, we must put in another applicant that is on the Perth Amboy Housing Authority’s waiting list.”

Councilman Joel Pabon thanked the Housing Authority for their work. “We (the City) really make out on your projects. You always do good jobs on your units. We have received \$18 million.”

Tax Credit Consultant Sue Lenz came forward to speak, “With the Family Housing Projects, there is \$22 million involved. There are six different sources for funding for both Pilot projects. One project has a \$2.3 million mortgage. The other project has a \$300,000 mortgage. All improvements must be done in 24 months.”

Housing Authority Chair Dot Daniel told the Council, “We (the Housing Authority) have to adhere to the standards of the Federal Government.”

During the Public Portion and Council Comments, the following issues were discussed:

Residents came up to speak

about the Pilot Projects and other concerns dealing with the quality of life in Perth Amboy.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski said, “I am in favor of E-Port getting tax abatements. The County will lose about \$12 million, but they can afford it. The school system will be losing \$28 million over 25 years. This tax abatement makes sense in this situation. You’re (the City) getting 95% but where’s the rest of the money going? Take the money and run. It’s only good for warehouses only. How much is the City getting from the abatement from the Housing Authority? What is the present tax abatement? When Ben Carson becomes the head of the Department of Housing, he will freeze all programs. Wait and see what he does.”

Doug Dzema came up to answer that concern. “All the properties that we talked about are under the Pilot Program.”

Resident Ken Balut came up next. “They give you (the Council) a presentation at the last minute. There was a homeless study. What about the Rutgers study about illegal housing? I told you to look at the receipts for the BID book that was published. Get the PARA contracts that deal with Kushner and the Landings. There’s a lawsuit against Kushner and they may win that lawsuit. Get copies of the two mortgages (Landings) from PARA. The law firm messed up the last contract. The firm we have is disgusting. I’m asking Coun-

cilman Caba and Irizarry what they knew about two big contributors to your campaign. Did they get City Contracts? You need to tell the public where your money is coming from.”

Communication No. 7 - Mayor Wilda Diaz advising that NJ Transit has committed the necessary funding totaling nearly \$47 million to renovate and improve the Perth Amboy Train Station.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry was glad this project is finally moving on. “Other towns had their stations done, but what about the homeless population? This is a recurring problem at the train station where the homeless hang out.”

Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, “The Police Chaplains are expanding and so are social services. Some people have mental problems and prefer the streets. We address each individual’s needs. We know other towns are not doing their part. It would be inhumane for us not to do anything. We reach out to other towns to help them set up Code Blue Systems.”

Acting Police Chief Roman McKeon came up to speak about the homeless problem. “It’s a catch-22. There is a point of survey that all cities in the County have to take. It’s important that we get a hold on the homeless because this survey is coming up very quickly. Only two cities said they have a homeless problem. Other towns put their homeless on a train or bus and send them to

us. Other towns don’t care and turn a blind eye. We try to get the homeless help with counseling and housing. I talk to the Freeholders but they’ve done nothing. The towns close by do nothing. Some homeless are victims of domestic violence. It’s easy to ignore, but we care and we need help. It’s not a crime to be homeless. When we need to take someone homeless to the hospital, they can only hold them for 24 hours. Our offices care. We have to all pitch in together. It’s a bunch of bologna when these towns say they don’t have a homeless problem. Woodbridge says they don’t have homeless. If there are at least 10 homeless people living in a town, you have a homeless problem. I am willing to go to any town to advocate.” McKeon put the homeless population in Perth Amboy at around 200. He continued “Just because I’m the Police Chief doesn’t make me better than the homeless.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, “There is a problem when you are looking for more personnel to spend our money. We had a \$3 million surplus. People complain that the audio on Channel 34 is terrible. Is it being done on purpose?”

At that point cameraman George Bonilla suggested that they call the Board of Education about that problem.

Gonzalez continued, “We need money to be spent on the audio on Channel 34. That has to be a priority.”

### Food Stamps Assistance

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday there will be a Food Stamps Assistance Program 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.: JRF’s Family Success Center families to come in and meet with a representative from the Community Food Bank of NJ to assist with food stamps application and eligibility guidelines. For additional information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Rear of Proprietary House).

### JCP&L Home Safety Program

#### Keeping Safe Around Electricity

Press Release 12/29/16  
SOUTH AMBOY – Gerald Ricciardi from JCP&L will present a program on home safety at the Dowdell Library on Tuesday, January 24 from 6:30-8 pm. Learn about electrical safety inside your home, using electric heaters safely, locating overhead and underground wires, and other safety tips. There will be a fun quiz to test your knowledge about JCP&L wires and equipment. No registration is required, so feel free to drop by – and while you’re here, take a look around our wonderful library!  
To learn about other free programs, sign up for the library’s monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>  
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### Tom’s Tax Tips

#### Stay on Top of New Due Dates This Year

*Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka*  
Tax filing season officially begins this month. Did you know due dates for certain returns have been changed?  
**Why are the dates changing?**  
One reason is to bring due dates into a more logical order. For example, in prior years, if you were a partner in a partnership, you may have had to extend your personal tax return because you received the information statement from the partnership (Schedule K-1) at the last minute. That was because the due date for partnership returns has been four and a half months after the partnership’s year-end. For calendar-year partnerships, the date was April 15 - the same date you have to file your personal tax return.  
**What’s changed.** Partnerships and C corporations are swap-

ping due dates. Beginning this year, when you file your 2016 federal return, the filing date for partnerships is March 15. The due date for a calendar-year 2016 C corporation is now April 15.  
The Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts Report (FBAR) is due April 15 instead of June 30. Forms W-2 and Forms 1099-Misc with non-employee compensation reported in Box 7 must be sent to recipients and submitted to the Social Security Administration and the IRS by January 31. The new due date for these forms apply to both paper and electronic filing.

Some extended due dates are changing too. Partnerships will now have a five-month extension until September 15. The Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts Report can be extended until October 15.  
**What hasn’t changed.** Due dates for your individual federal income tax return, S corporations, trusts, estates, non-profit organizations, and employee benefit plans will generally remain the same.  
Missing a due date and filing a tax return late will trigger penalties, and you’ll lose the opportunity to extend the time to file. Please contact us for more details.

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## Perth Amboy Board of Education: Puccio Elected President, Tejeda Vice-President 1/10/17 Reorganization Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – Everyone was present at the 1/10/17 Board of Education Reorganization Meeting except for Business Administrator/Board Secretary Derek Jess. Board Attorney Jessika Kleen swore in new members Randy Convery, Junior Igelsia and Tashi Vasquez.

When it came to electing Board President, Ken Puccio was nominated by Anton J. Massopust and seconded by Jose Rodriguez. He was elected unanimously. For Board Vice-President, Milady Tejeda was nominated by Jose Rodriguez and seconded by Anton J. Massopust. She was elected unanimously.

Later there was a discussion about an Agenda Item: Approval to enter into a TASC (Test Assessing Secretary Completion) Test Center Memorandum of Understanding between the Perth Amboy Education Center and the Data Recognition Corporation to provide administration of the online TASC Exam, the high school equivalency assessment and for the Perth Amboy Education Center to serve as a TASC Test Center, under the supervision of Mr. Luke Miller, Director of Adult and Continuing Education, at no cost to the district.

Board Member Tashi Vasquez questioned the necessity of this item and moved to table it until further discussion. Board Member Junior Iglesia seconded the motion.

Board Member Obi Gonzalez stated that the deadline will be missed if this item is tabled.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez stated that this was an administered online exam.

Board Member Anton J. Massopust asked, “Will this interfere? Will we be denied service? Will the students suffer because this is delayed?”

Board Vice-President Milady Tejeda asked, “Is it possible to approve it pending information?”

Board Attorney Jessika Kleen answered, “You can amend this item. You can’t vote on it pending (information).”

“I haven’t seen a copy of this item,” Vasquez insisted.

“It’s not something the Board would need,” Kleen answered.

Board Member Junior Iglesia then stated, “It’s too vague.”

Board Member Tashi Vasquez kept insisting her opinion on this matter, “This will cost us if we approve. If we don’t ap-



Randy Convery is sworn in as a Board Member  
\*Photos by Katherine Massopust



Junior Iglesia is sworn in as a Board Member



Tashi Vasquez is sworn in as a Board Member

prove, there may be benefits.”

Board Attorney Jessika Kleen said, “You can vote if you want to table it or not.”

Obi Gonzalez asked, “Can we vote if we want to table if we then get the information?”

“No, you can only take public action,” Kleen answered.

“Will the students suffer because of the tabling this motion?” Board Member Anton J. Massopust insisted on knowing.

Dr. Vivian Rodriguez answered, “I don’t know when the test will be given. I don’t have that answer before me.”

The vote to table was as follows: Board Members Randy Convery, Junior Iglesia and

Tashi Vasquez voted, “Yes.” Board Members Obi Gonzalez, Anton J. Massopust, Manuel Nunez, Jose Rodriguez, Milady Tejeda and Ken Puccio all voted “No.” Motion did not pass.

Board Member Anton J. Massopust moved to pass the item. Board Member Obi Gonzalez seconded. The vote went as follows: Board Members Randy Convery, Junior Iglesia and Tashi Vasquez voted “No.” Board Members Obi Gonzalez, Anton J. Massopust, Manuel Nunez, Jose Rodriguez, Milady Tejeda, and Ken Puccio voted “Yes.” Motion passes.

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## Life and Death of a Movie Theater

WOODBIDGE - Do you recall the free dinnerware and double feature when you attended the movies long ago? Irv Hyatt, Woodbridge resident and author, will discuss his book, Life and Death of a Movie Theater, at the next Historical Association meeting on January 23. I. Joseph Hyatt is an entertainment archeologist and author of 26 book covering film and theater. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Union County Performing Arts Center of New Jersey, a fully restored 1928 movie/vaudeville theater.

In this presentation, Mr. Hyatt will tell the story of the State Theater of Woodbridge which was the place to go for over 40 years. He also will include the stories of the five competing Woodbridge theaters and three drive-ins to put the State’s story into perspective. The State’s rise and fall reflects the history of many theaters across the United States and around the world during the depression, WWII years, television years and beyond.

Come join the Historical Association of Woodbridge Township and share the memoirs on Monday, January 23, at 7pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room at the Woodbridge Public Library, corner of George Frederick Plaza and Amboy Avenue. Light refreshments will follow.



Prospora (Holy Supper) at Ukrainian Assumption Church 1/6/17

\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - On the evening of Friday, January 6, 2017 the Ukrainian Assumption Church held its annual Prospora (Holy Supper), the traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve supper. The Prospora was sponsored and organized by the men of the Holy Name Society. The menu consisted of meatless dishes and the Holy Name members prepared the food. The ladies of the St. Ann Society provided dessert and other dishes. Church Members and guests enjoyed food, fellowship and sang carols.

Epiphany Service at St. Demetrios Church 1/6/17

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang



PAVFD Parade Committee Inc. Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, St. Stephen's Church 1/14/17

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee Inc. Annual Spaghetti Dinner was held to raise funds to help restore the 1926 Ahren's Fox Fire Truck. The Girl Scouts and Messengers of Peace helped serve the dinner which was held at St. Stephen's Church. The dinner was well attended. Photo (R) The Latin Stars came out and showed their support.





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**3 Kings Gift Distribution, St. Vincent dePaul,  
1/8/17 - Perth Amboy**  
*\*Photos Courtesy of Jerry Yaros*



The volunteers at the Perth Amboy St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry had their annual toy and gifts distribution, Sunday Jan 8, 2017 (Three Kings Day) They gave out gifts to over 180 happy children in Perth Amboy.

**3 Kings Day at PRAHD, Perth Amboy 1/8/17**

*\*Photos by Alejandro Roman*



The PRAHD in Perth Amboy celebrated their annual 3 Kings Day. Senator Joe Vitale and Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski 19<sup>th</sup> District were on hand for the celebration. The 3 Kings came and handed out many gifts to the children who were present. PRAHD wishes to thank the Perth Amboy Police Department for their continued support and United Healthcare and Prudential for their participation.



## Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The next Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Children's Room at Perth Amboy Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. All are Welcome.

## Catholic Schools Week 2017

### Open House

PERTH AMBOY - Assumption Catholic School at 380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ will join nearly 8,000 Catholic Schools across the nation in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Parents and prospective preschool through grade eight students are invited to visit our school on Sunday, February 5th, 2017 from noon to 3:00 p.m. for the Open House. You will have the opportunity to tour the school and enjoy conversation with Principal and current students, who will be assisting with each tour. Registrations for the 2017-2018 school year, will be accepted at these sessions. ACS is fully accredited by the Commission on Elementary Schools - Advanced. It's never too early to start thinking about giving your children the great gift of a Catholic education - one which is effective and affordable! If you can't make it to the OPEN HOUSE, feel free to call the School office and set up a tour with us at any time. Our principal is always more than happy to do a walk-through with you and answer all your questions! To receive more information about the school, call 732-826-8721 or visit [www.assumptioncatholicsschool.net](http://www.assumptioncatholicsschool.net)

## CASA of Middlesex County Volunteers Needed to Advocate for Children in Foster Care

Press Release 12/23/16  
NEW BRUNSWICK - Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Middlesex County has current openings for volunteers to advocate for children from Middlesex County who have experienced abuse or neglect.

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## Chili Church

PERTH AMBOY - Thursday, February 2, 6:30 pm St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. Free event. More information call 732-826-1594. Free Event

## Art Through Technology City wide 3D Design Contest

Press Release 12/29/16

SOUTH AMBOY– The Dowdell Library of South Amboy will be holding an innovative art competition using 3D printing technology. Using the library's 3D printer or 3D pens, community members of all ages may enter the art competition from January through June 15th. Entries must be entered within one of the following categories: the waterfront, pets and a floral theme. Age categories will range from children through seniors.

Entries will be exhibited at the South Amboy Arts exhibition hall on Broadway during July and August. The community will have the opportunity to vote for the winners in each category. For more information, contact the library at [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org) or 732.721.6060.

To learn about free programs, sign up for the library's monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

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, 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).

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**CITY OF PERTH AMBOY  
DOG/CAT LICENSE APPLICATION  
2017**


**Pet Information**  
 Dog/Cat Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair(Long or Short) \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Markings: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spay/Neutered(Yes/No): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Rabies Expiration Date\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Owner Information**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinarian**  
 \*\*\*In accordance with New Jersey State Health Department regulations rabies coverage shall be through November 1st of current license year\*\*\*  
 Veterinarian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information**  
 Spayed or Neutered ( Written Proof Required): \$7.00  
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**Apply by Person or Mail to :**  
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 City Clerk's Office• City Hall  
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**2017 Rabies Clinic Schedule**  
 May 13, 2017 and September 9, 2017  
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\*\*\*Note: Licenses may be purchased at Clinics.\*\*\*  
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## Herbs 101: Introduction to Herbs

Press Release 1/6/17

On Wednesday January 25 at 7 pm, Woodbridge Main Library will welcome, educator, author and certified herbalist Gert Coleman. Coleman, will look at all aspects of herbs including how to grow them, cook with them, use them to ease headaches, colds, and other winter ailments. She will also discuss some of the historical, cultural and mythical lore surrounding herbs.

Coleman has recently retired as Associate Professor of English and Nature Writing at Middlesex County College in New Jersey. She

lives in Staten Island where she serves as the vice president of the Staten Island Herb Society, which helps maintain the Colonial Herb Garden at Conference House Park.

Currently Coleman is the Co-editor of the IHA (International Herb Association) newsletter and a contributor to nine IHA Herb of the Year™ books (calendula, bay, dill, horseradish, rose, elder, artemisia, savory, and capsicum). She frequently writes about the legends, lore, and poetry of herbs. This year, Coleman is also keeping busy by serving as

the Editor of the 2017 Herb of the Year book on Cilantro/Coriander.

If you would like to learn more about the many uses of herbs please join herbalist Gert Coleman for this hands on program.

This program is free and no registration is required.

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza.

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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.*

In Malaya, the Japanese 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division crosses the Muar River on January 16, capturing the town of Muar. In the U.S., some 15 minutes after taking off from Las Vegas, Nevada, TWA Flight 3 — *en route* to Burbank, California — slams into Potosi Mountain, about 30 miles southwest of the city, killing all 22 people aboard the plane. Among the victims is actress Carole Lombard, the wife of movie star Clark Gable. Lombard was returning home from a successful War Bond tour in the Midwest. A subsequent investigation determines that the cause of the crash was a navigational error made by the pilot.

In North Africa, the British take Halfaya Pass in western Egypt on January 17, capturing 5,500 German and Italian troops. Rommel has now lost around 32% of the force he had when the Allied “Operation Crusader” began on November 18, 1941. In the Arctic, Allied Convoy PQ-8 — consisting of eight merchant ships (five British, one Soviet, one American and one Panamanian) en route from Iceland to Archangelsk in the Soviet Union — is attacked by German sub *U-454*, the first such attack in the Arctic Ocean. The British escort destroyer *HMS Matabele* is sunk with the loss of 198 of its 200-man crew, but all the merchant vessels get safely through to their destination. In Ukraine, German forces capture Feodosia, on the Crimean Peninsula.

On the Eastern Front, troops of the Red Army’s South and Southwest Fronts on January 18 attack German positions across the Donets River. Their aim is to swing southward to the Sea of Azov, trapping forces of the German 6<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Armies. Farther north, Red Army troops approach within 70 miles of Smolensk, which is about 220 miles west-southwest of Moscow.

Japanese forces take large numbers of British troops prisoner north of Singapore, Malaya, on January 19. On British North Borneo, the Japanese capture Sandakan, the capital. In Savannah, Georgia, the U.S. Army Air Forces establishes the VIII<sup>th</sup> Bomber Command, which later becomes the Eighth Air Force. The Canadian ocean liner *RMS Lady Hawkins* is torpedoed by German sub U-66 off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. The vessel sinks in 30 minutes — 251 passengers and crew are killed; 71 survive and are rescued four days later.

The Japanese bomb Singapore, Malaya, on January 20 as their forces near the city. In the Bismarck Archipelago, near Papua-New Guinea, aircraft from four Japanese carriers bomb Rabaul, on New Britain Island, which is garrisoned by Australian troops. At a conference convened in the Wannsee section of Berlin by Reinhard Heydrich, chief of the Reich Main Security Office, senior Nazi officials decide that “the final solution to the Jewish problem” is to be relocation, followed by elimination. Heydrich declares that once the deportations are completed, the SS is to handle the exterminations. In Russia, Red Army troops capture Mzhaysk, approximately 68 miles west of Moscow.

In North Africa, Lt. Gen. Erwin Rommel begins a counteroffensive from El Agheila, Libya, on January 21, catching the Allies completely by surprise. With reinforcements and new tanks, his force takes Agedabia and then pushes north towards Beda Fomm. Over 100 Japanese planes conduct an air attack on Rabaul, on New Britain Island, in Australia’s Territory of New Guinea. In China, U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Joseph “Vinegar Joe” Stilwell is named chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, commander of Nationalist Chinese Forces. Stilwell’s mission is to increase the combat efficiency of the Chinese army. The Hungarian Army begins rounding up Serbs and Jews near Novi Sad, Yugoslavia. Over the next three days, between 2,000 and 3,000 of those arrested are executed. Hungarian authorities claim the killings are reprisals for resistance activity, but residents insist the operation is simply the liquidation of “unwanted elements.”

On January 22, Japanese transports carry 5,300 troops into Rabaul harbor on New Britain Island. At Leningrad, the Soviets begin evacuating civilians from the city via an “ice road” across frozen Lake Ladoga. By April 23rd, 1942, some 440,000 people will be transported.

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***Caribbean  
Night***

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, February 4 at 6 pm admission is \$15 a person (12 and over) \$8 for between 5 and 12. Under five free. Families with more than two children only pay for the first two. St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. For tickets call 732-826-1594.

***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, Feb. 2 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.

***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!

***Volunteer  
Drivers Needed  
For Meals on  
Wheels  
Program***

Press Release  
HIGHLAND PARK – Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS) is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound senior adults in the Highland Park area for the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program. The program delivers meals Monday – Friday mornings. A commitment of at least 2 days per month for regular volunteers is required. Also seeking substitute drivers who can fill in as needed throughout Middlesex County. Must have valid driver’s license. Please contact the JFS Volunteer Coordinator for more detailed information at 732-777-1940 or visit [www.jfsmiddlesex.org](http://www.jfsmiddlesex.org) under the Volunteer Tab

***Have a  
Special Pet?***  
E-mail us your Pet Photos to [Amboy-Guardian@gmail.com](mailto: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.

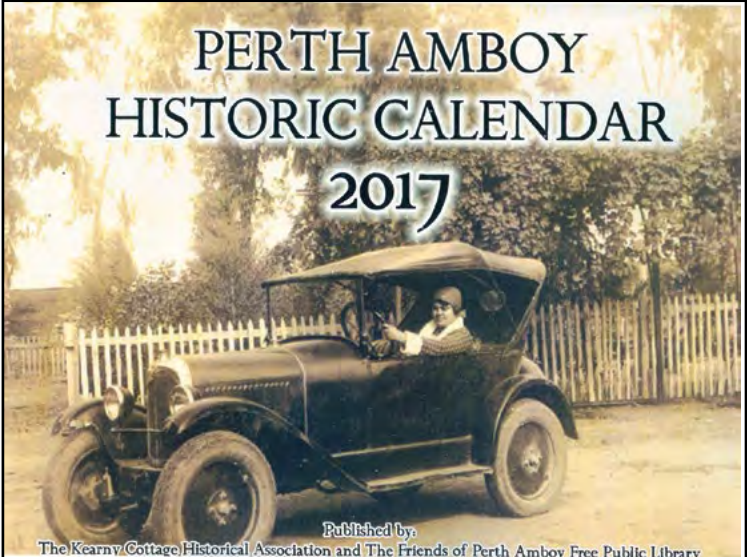
***Acts of the  
Apostles  
Bible Study***

PERTH AMBOY - Monday, January 23 at 7 p.m. or Wednesday, January 25 at 10 a.m., St. Peter’s Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free Event.

***4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
African American  
History Month  
Celebration  
Rescheduled***

PERTH AMBOY – PRAHD is thrilled to be honoring Bob McCoy with the Arturo Alfonso Schomburg Award for all the love and care he gives to our community in the City of Perth Amboy. Please join us as we celebrate the many contributions of Bob McCoy during African American History Month. Special Guest ~ Dean Schomburg. **Friday, February 24, 2017** - Noon to 2 p.m. PRAHD, 100 First Street, Perth Amboy.

***2017 Historic Perth Amboy  
Calendars***



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The Kearny/Cottage Historical Association and The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library

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.

***Pet of the Week***



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***Youth Group  
Breakfast  
Fundraiser***

PERTH AMBOY - Sunday, January 22 beginning after the 8 am service, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. Menu - Pancakes and Sausages. \$8 per person.

***Young  
Champion  
Cheerleading***

PERTH AMBOY - Starts Thursday, January 19 starting at 5:30 pm at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church 183, Rector Street, Perth Amboy. For kids from 4-13. Registration is \$8 and classes are \$8 per week. For more information call Young Champions of America at 1-800-956-6956.



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.*

Prayer to St. Jude

*To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.* Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly *(Here make your request)* and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.  
*Thank you, Saint Jude A.L.S.*

**Book Sale**  
PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ...or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Presently due to lack of shelf space we are NOT accepting any donations of books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule is as follows: Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at [friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com) Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

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SAYREVILLE - The Friends of Sayreville Public Library are having their January Book Sale at Sayreville Free Public Library, 1050 Washington Road, Parlin on Saturday, January 21, 2017 and Sunday, January 22, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$10.00 for bag or \$15.00 for box (Must use bags/boxes provided). Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. - Not for Profit and Teacher Appreciation ~Books and Media FREE of charge (Must provide ID).

Senior Scene  
Happenings

- Perth Amboy**  
TUES. Jan. 17 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m.,  
Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
WED. Jan. 18 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m.,  
Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.  
THURS. Jan. 19 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,  
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON. Jan. 23 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m.,  
Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES. Jan. 24 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.  
WED. Jan. 25 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
• Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m.,  
Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.  
THURS. Jan. 26 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,  
Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- WED. Feb. 8 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon,  
Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
MON. Feb. 13 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon,  
Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
MON. Feb. 27 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon  
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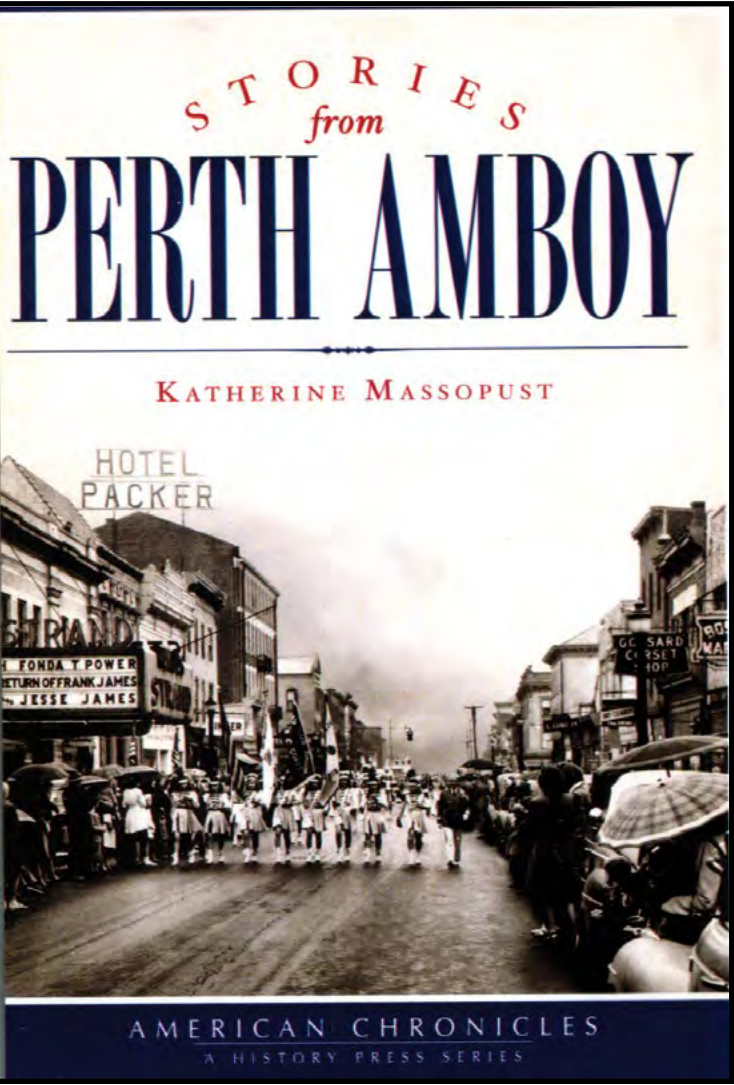


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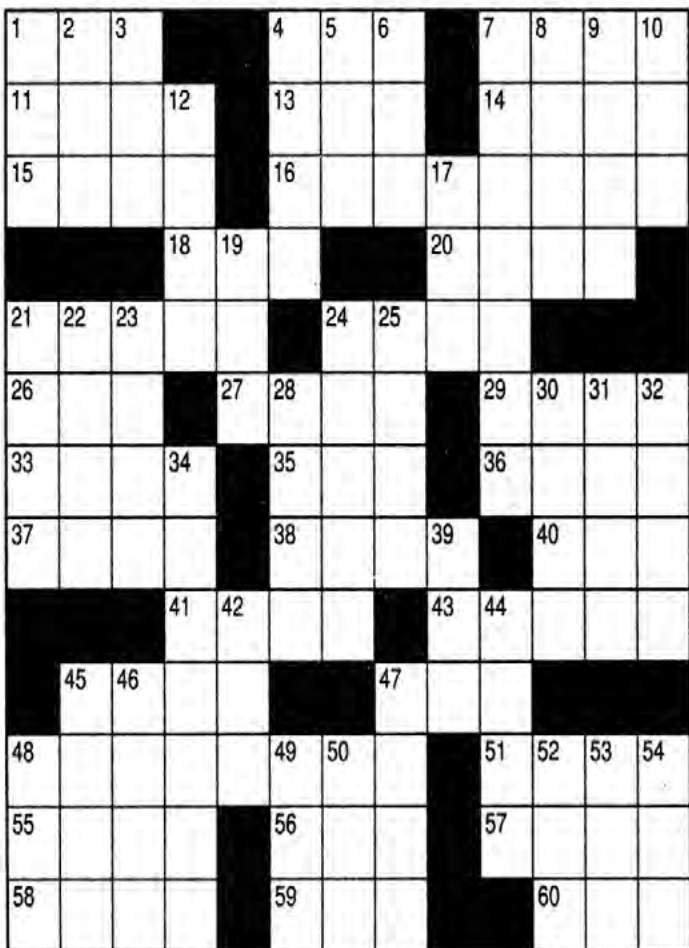
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