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## Will the Move(able) Walls Work? Water/Wastewater Presentation Snow Removal Update and Much Needed Equipment for Public Works Caucus & Council Meeting 1/22/14

PERTH AMBOY - Luis Perez Jimenez Director of Operations USAPA gave an overview of what needs to be done in the water/wastewater systems.

Jimenez' main concern was the replacement of the 4 inch water main pipes with 6 inch pipes. "This has to be done because of EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) regulations. There have been small leaks at the Florida Grove Road Reservoir that have been repaired before, but leaks are still occurring inside the reservoir walls. We have been talking to engineers about how to permanently fix this problem. The Runyon wall pipes need to be inspected, repairs made and cleaning. The sewer collection system (catch basins) need to be replaced per EPA requirements," Jimenez stated.

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach reminded the Council that there was 2013 Bond Ordinance that this item appeared on."

Jimenez continued, "There's been a reduction in the capacity of the mainline. That's why we have to clean the receptors. Another EPA regulation."

"With the Second Street Pump Station mitigation, we will be looking into elevating the motors and electrical equipment. We estimate that the cost of this will be around \$2.055 million."

B.A. Fehrenbach said, "This is where Mr. Jimenez and I have a slight disagreement."

Fehrenbach estimated the cost to be around \$1.6 million. Fehrenbach factored into FEMA funds that the City has requested but has not yet received. "The FEMA mitigation funds will come into about \$555,000 but it could be lower. We are eligible for the maximum of \$620,000. CDM Smith was awarded the contract."

Fehrenbach said, "The gen-

erator at the Second Street Pump Station would not be elevated but would be protected by a movable wall that can be used when necessary."

Perez Jimenez verified what Fehrenbach said in regards to the generator.

It was stated that the reason that these changes had to take place at the Second Street Pump Station is to prevent another occurrence of damage that happened when Superstorm Sandy hit.

Department of Public Works Director Frank Dann was the next speaker to talk about what additional funds will be needed in his department and the reasons why.

Before going into that topic Dann wanted to give an update on the snow removal procedures on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

Dann started out by saying, "Our roads will have snow on them for a few days. This is due to the fact of very cold temperatures, high winds and drifting snow. Salt will not work if the temperature is 20 degrees or below. Some plows have rubber blades and some plows have steel blades, which sometimes break when hitting manhole covers. On emergency roads the police will go up and down the streets first with light and horns to let people know that they have to remove their cars off the streets. Any cars that remain after the first warning will be towed."

Dann then went into what is needed at the Public Works Department as a whole. "\$500,000 is needed for road reconstruction, resurfacing, repairing (which can include replacing the curbs). We can do 6 to 8 roads a year with this money. The engineers can give an exact cost. We need 3 tractor trailer trucks to transport materials that will end up in the landfill. One of those



Business Administrator Greg Fehrenbach and Luis Perez Jimenez Director of Operations at the at the USAPA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company

\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



Frank Dann  
Dir. Public Works

tractor-trailer trucks is a 1996 model. We have 2 tractor-trailers that run steady every day. This is a requirement by DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) that says we must move materials every day. We have one full time and three part time drivers who drive these trucks. We have a 8 to 10 year old truck that can be used as a backup, but it has a front load problem. We also need another automated garbage truck with containers. It will be 6 months before we get the 2 trucks already on order."

Dann also said, "If these trucks are approved by the Council, it will be 1 year to 16 months before delivery can be made on them. This is because trucks have to be built to our specifications and we will be looking at bids."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach said, "We will need to have money for these trucks to be approved."

Dann continued, "In the meantime, we will go to other towns to see if there have been upgrades to trucks they have in operation."

"Front-loader garbage trucks are very quick and they are good for small areas. We pick up and do disposals for the school system. The school system says that they will per-

form this task. Currently we pick up trash everyday from the schools during the school year."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach stated, "It's a quarter million dollar expense to pick up garbage from the schools. We hope that the schools can supplement or support part of the cost for the school garbage pickup. We approached them about doing this in 2014. Some municipalities have scavenger pickups."

Dann talked about a 1990 Mason dump truck with a spreader that needs to be re-

placed. "Six spreaders went out during the storm. One is now down. Salt has corroded some of the motors and other parts of the equipment. All of our drivers do pre-trip forms to check for the safety of the equipment they will be taking out. There is a list of 30 items to be inspected on the vehicles - including brakes. We do not send out any unsafe trucks. There is a 1995 pickup truck that is not in good shape. These trucks are needed to go

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### Advisory: No Public Access To Maurer Road

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY — The public is advised that on December 30, 2013, the Middlesex County Board do Chosen Freeholders adopted Resolution #13-2307-R, official vacating Maurer Road in the City of Perth Amboy as a public right-of-way.

Maurer Road has been vacated from a point on Maurer Road approximately one hundred (100) feet east of the New Jersey Transit railroad tracks to the terminus of Maurer Road at State Street.

As such and for the safety of drivers, Maurer Road is now a private roadway and as of Wednesday, January 29, 2014 can NO LONGER be used as a thru-street to travel between Amboy Avenue and State Street in the City of Perth Amboy. The roadway will continuously be occupied by truck traffic and for the use of Buckeye Partners.

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## Perth Amboy Capital Improvement

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into cul-de-sac's and dead end streets."

"Work needs to be done in the City Hall building. The windows need to have sealants or replacement windows. These would be wooden windows taking into consideration the historic aspect of the building. The outside of the windows would have an aluminum protective. Dan Cleaver is very protective of the historic value of the building."

Dann continued, "We need \$18,000 for storage bins. The bins that we have now contain topsoil, crushed concrete and asphalt. We are concerned about cross-contamination. The \$18,000 will be used for concrete blocks for 3 bins (To separate the materials). The

gazebos at the Waterfront need to be replaced. We can put a temporary wall around them in the event of another Superstorm Sandy. We're looking at \$20,000 for each one. The gazebos have a lot of vandalism and the ones that we need can be built with materials that can be easily cleaned. At the Public Works Department we need to get updated software for the front security gate. This would include getting special keys. The software that is in place now is 20 years old. We have shared services with the school system."

B.A. Greg Fehrenbach wrapped up the discussion of the Capital Improvement Program and the Capital Budget 2014 with the following: "\$440,000 is needed for the 911 system for the Police Department."

He then told the Council the steps they need to take when adopting a temporary Capital Budget starting in January which would be for 3 to 4 months. An introduction of bond ordinances is needed. There would have to be an application to the local Finance Board to adopt a bond for this in the budget.

"On the agenda for February 12, 2014 there will be an item for the approval of the Capital Budget, a Temporary Budget of \$300,000 for Capital Improvements and \$300,000 Appropriation. There will also be an intro of 2 bond ordinances in the Capital Budget plus Water/Wastewater. This will enable the City's debt reduction to go down from \$203/\$207 million to \$197/\$198 million of debt."

## It's Personal



**Attorney  
Daniel Gonzalez**

PERTH AMBOY - Attorney Daniel Gonzalez, son of former Councilman Fernando Gonzalez made a rare appearance at the 1/22/14 City Council Meeting. During the public portion, Gonzalez talked about a statement that his father made about a recent shooting and a letter the Mayor wrote about the school system.

Daniel Gonzalez said, "Sometimes Council Meetings turn into a political forum and can become contentious. I wish for more people to come, but we need to be more respectable. I ask all to respect each other and move in a positive way. My father was approached after the last Council Meeting outside the hallway and some things were said to him. My father has a heart condition and has to be careful, but right now he's in Puerto Rico."

Leslie Dominguez who is also the Perth Amboy Democratic Chair was more to the point. Dominguez read from a prepared statement (see page 6) during the public portion of the Council Meeting. She said that Fernando Gonzalez was verbally attacked after

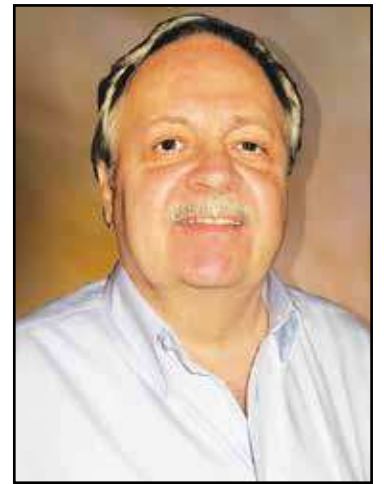


**Leslie  
Dominguez-Rodriguez**

the 1/8/14 Council Meeting by the Mayor's husband. I'm asking for the Middlesex County Sheriff's Office to protect the citizens during and after the meetings."

Leslie Dominguez then spoke freely about an incident that happened after one of the Zoning Board Meetings. She had to wait to be escorted out by some of the other Board Members to her vehicle. She was verbally attacked during and after this meeting by some of the people attending.

At the Regular Council Meeting on 1/22/14 Resident Stanley Sierakowski said that the Mayor's husband starts arguments after meetings. Sierakowski said that Fernando Gonzalez was approached by



**Stanley Sierakowski**

the Mayor's husband after the meeting. He stated that the Mayor's husband said to Fernando, "How dare you criticize the Mayor after all the favors she's done for you?"

Leslie Dominguez spoke again during the public portion of the regular meeting. "I'm asking that we just abide by policies and follow the rules and regulations." Speaking to the Council she said, "I thought you knew what happened at the 1/8/14 meeting. I was out of town at the time but I got texts and messages about the Mayor's husband verbally attacking Fernando Gonzalez. I love and respect our Police officers but the Mayor's relatives are exempt from the rules."

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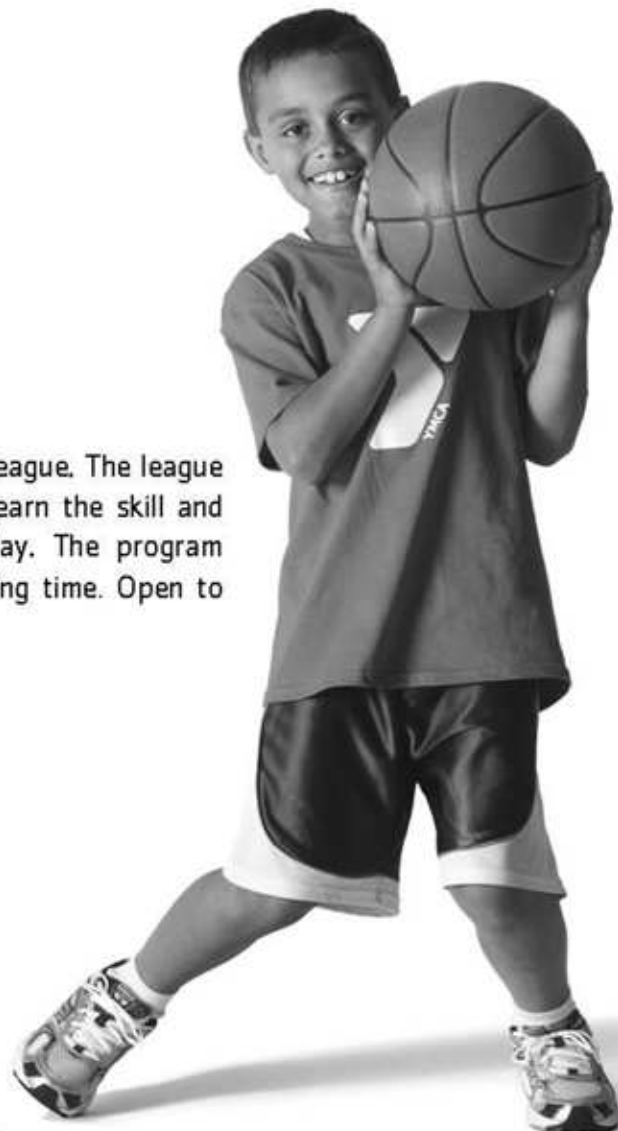
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# LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

## EDITORIAL

### Same Questions - Same Answers Time to Take a Different Route



Spokeswoman for Dixon Rodriguez Family  
\*Photo by Paul W. Wang

Since the December 4<sup>th</sup> shooting of Dixon Rodriguez there have been peaceful marches asking that justice be served.

One march that took place shortly after Dixon died started from Hall Avenue and at one point the marches proceeded down Smith Street and stopped at City Hall.

At City Hall some of the marchers had signs that they carried demonstrating their discontent with the investigation.

At one of the City Council Meetings, a representative speaking for the Dixon Rodriguez family stated that they are not blaming the police. She said that she doesn't even know if Dixon was to blame, but they just need their questions answered.

There have been speakers at the Council Meetings who were not related to the family who have shown their frustrations at the slow pace of the investigation.

The Latino Leadership Alliance of New Jersey (LLANJ) has filed an OPRA request asking for an investigation into the shooting.

The speakers have addressed the Council and Mayor asking them to push for a quicker resolution to the shooting, especially having the video surveillance tapes released.

One resident even brought it to the attention that the Prosecutor's Office has stated that

the officers acted accordingly.

Some wanted to know why the Mayor and the Council couldn't send a communication to the Prosecutor's Office for an update of how the investigation was progressing.

Police Chief Ruiz explained at the last Council Meeting on January 22 as he has done in previous meetings, that the case is out of the jurisdiction of the local Police.

Perhaps it's time for all of those concerned to write a letter to the Prosecutor and Attorney General's Office. If the letters have signatures attached, it will show how concerned the citizens are.

It's a possibility both or either of those offices may respond and provide more answers to the family and community.

It's up to the Council members if they choose to speak to the community about what happened.

The bottom line is no matter how many times people have come before the Council to speak about the shooting, the answers to their questions have remained the same: The investigation is out of the City's hands. City Attorney Mark Blunda said he could draft a letter asking if an update could be provided.

If you do the same thing over and over again and getting the same results, maybe it's time to take a different approach.

C.M.

## THE COMMUNITY VOICE

### Wall Street Secret Club House?

Look at this those people in high places. Wall Street has a club call Kappa Beta Phi or is it a secret society? You guess. They get together and hold a dinner party at a

class A hotel in New York City and talk about things we don't understand but they do. Let me guess how to control the world's market. Who are these people? Millionaires? Who else? They have an interest in our money when we invest in the stock market. For many years Wall Street has controlled our economy. They have gotten very greedy. They

know when to press the button to crash or save the millions for the rich. I'm waiting for the dollar to collapse BIG TIME because of phony things that Wall Street is saying on the market. Our country is ready to collapse with this \$16 trillion debt we own.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

### The Fashions of Yesteryear

Everywhere you look, you see girls & women with fur lined boots. Women today have warm feet. Going back to the 50's, it wasn't so. We had cold feet, what with nylon stockings and high heels made of leather. The typical winter outfit for a woman back then would be a full length winter coat and a kerchief (babushka) for the head and oh yes nylon stockings and heels.

On a cold winter day our endurance was tested when we

waited for a bus. The buses in Perth Amboy were always filled to capacity with women shoppers. By the time the bus would reach 5 Corners, to pick up passengers it was already full and sometimes the people were turned away to wait for the next one which sometimes took 1 hour.

A popular place where one avoided the cold while waiting for the bus was inside "George's Luncheonette" on the State Street side of Five Corners, the windiest part of town. When the bus would come and the people would step outside ready to board,

it was a common sight to see women, including myself stomping our feet to promote circulation in our cod and numb toes.

Speaking of winter fashion in bygone days, women owned a everyday coat and a special coat worn on Sundays, usually with a fur collar or for some, a full length fur. The men all wore top coats and felt hats called "Fedoras" to compliment their wives. I miss that . . .

Yours truly,  
Annette Book

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South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, Chair of Celebrate the Amboy's, Barry Rosengarten, Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz on the Cornucopia May 2012 during the announcement of the return of fireworks to the Amboy's. This was the first year that the Amboy's partnered.

\*File Photo by Bob Ned

PERTHAMBOY & SOUTH AMBOY - The skies will again light up on Thursday, July 3, 2014. The towns of Perth and South Amboy will once again partner for a joint celebration of our nation's birthday.

Superstorm Sandy of 2012 knocked out any hopes of a fireworks celebration in 2013. The storm brought major damage to the Waterfronts of both cities. In Perth Amboy many businesses and homes in the Waterfront area were severely damaged. Some of these businesses included: the Armory, the Barge, Bayside Creamery

and Slavko's Harborside Walk.

During the 2012 joint fireworks celebration, some of the above businesses held celebrations specifically related to the fireworks.

Except for Slavko's Harborside Walk, (We're hoping to see him back) all of those businesses are back in operation and we expect them to be a part of the 2014 fireworks comeback.

There will be more information forthcoming in The Amboy Guardian about how the community can take part of this exciting celebration.

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**Community Calendar**

- Perth Amboy**  
MON. Feb. 3 Sustainable Perth Amboy Forum, 6 p.m.  
City Hall High St.  
THURS. Feb. 6 Board of Education, 6 p.m.  
PAHS, Eagle Ave.  
Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
MON. Feb. 10 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
TUES. Feb. 11 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
WED. Feb. 12 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
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## Statement Read by Pedro A. Perez at the 1/22/14 Caucus Meeting *Reascending My Application to Be Reappointed to the Housing Authority*

PERTH AMBOY - Since 1989 I have proudly served the Perth Amboy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners with good standing.

I am very proud of the many accomplishments of the Perth Amboy Housing Authority, such as the construction of the Otlowski Gardens on Convery Boulevard, the Dzema Gardens on Penn Street, the Sofield Gardens on Catherine Street, and the Parkview Building across from Washington Park.

I am also very proud to be one of the Commissioners who voted yes to sell the Stockton property to the Board of Education so the Richardson School could be built there.

One organization that I am not proud or happy with is the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization better known as PARTNER.

In 2003 using \$600,000 from the Section 8 reserved (tax payers money) the Perth Amboy Housing Authority formed a nonprofit corporation named PARTNER to provide economical opportunity as well as housing to low income families and individuals.

At the end of 2010, I became outraged when I found out that from the beginning the majority of the funds spent by PARTNER went to pay dual salaries to two top Perth Amboy Housing Authority employees. The same people who suggested the formation of PARTNER in the first place.

From 2003 to the end of 2010, approximately \$252,000 was spent. Only \$21,000 were used for 21 scholarships to 21 High School Students, and the rest went for salaries and other administrative expenses. (This to me is outrageous and unacceptable.)

I brought this information to the attention of my fellow Commissioners and to the PARTNER Board of Directors. All refused to see anything wrong with the way the funds were being spent. (Unbelievable.)

At the end of 2011 and the beginning of 2012, the office of HUD Inspector General audited the Perth Amboy Housing Authority and PARTNER, and in June 2012 presented

a 25 page Audit report to the Housing Authority.

The Audit found that while PARTNER was formed to provide economic, social and housing opportunities to low income families and individuals. The majority (86%) of the funds had been expended for PARTNER salary and administrative expenses, with limited accomplishments.

Even with this information in front of them, my fellow Commissioners and PARTNER Board of Directors saw nothing wrong. (Incredible.)

2 Commissioners who are also members of PARTNER Board of Directors plainly stated that the HUD Inspector General Audit was just a waste of time. (Just a waste of time, they should be ashamed of themselves.)

And while this was going on in Perth Amboy, I learned that the Housing Authority of Rochester, NY was going through a similar situation.

There the Commissioners with the help from city elected officials took action, and the end result there, is that the top people that were receiving dual salaries are no longer with the Rochester, NY Housing Authority. (Gone.)

I was hoping for the same result in Perth Amboy. So on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 5<sup>th</sup> 2012, I met with some city elected officials. At those meetings the elected officials appeared to be outraged and promised to help. But after 16 months of waiting for help, it is clear that help is not coming, and if it is coming, it is too late.

So, because I cannot tolerate PARTNER's financial record and lack of accomplishments from 2003 to the end of 2010, and since I did not receive the help promised by some elected officials to do something about it, and also, because I no longer trust the people in charge of running the Perth Amboy Housing Authority, I have sadly decided to withdraw my request to be reappointed to the Perth Amboy Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. I am sad, outraged, frustrated, and very, very disappointed.

Thank you,  
Pedro A. Perez

### ENOUGH!!!!

PERTH AMBOY - The only truth to the statement made by Former Commissioner Peter Perez is that he has withdrawn his name from being reappointed for another term to the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy (HACPA). As far as the other allegations are concerned, the HACPA has been investigated **AD NAUSEUM** at the request of this Commissioner by all federal and state agencies having jurisdiction. In each and every instance, the HACPA has been cleared of all false accusations leveled against us. The administration and staff of the HACPA through inter-local agreements with 3 other Housing Authorities and Program Management Agreements with 3 addi-

tional Housing Authorities throughout New Jersey take extreme pride in the fact that our 2089 families and seniors are being served in an exemplarily way with professionalism. We are held as a model for the entire nation to emulate.

The HACPA Commissioners are circumspect in assuring that all federal guidelines are strictly adhered to at all times. In conclusion, all future inquiries into practices and procedures of the HACPA will be cordially accepted **ON THE RECORD** at our regular meetings, or in response to all legitimate OPRA Requests. **ENOUGH!!!!**

Dorothy Carty-Daniel

### *Intergovernmental Affairs Invite FEMA Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map Webinar*

Press Release

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - A webinar will be held to provide information regarding the next step in FEMA's flood mapping process for Middlesex County: the release of Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps. We understand many of your constituents will be interested in this information, and are holding this webinar to update you on the next steps in the process. Please know that there is no change to the coastal flood hazard data that was released earlier this year; this is primarily a procedural update on the flood mapping process, with the addition of inland river flood hazard data.

The release of the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps indicates the first step in the official regulatory review process, and is extremely important in building a stronger and more resilient community. Subject matter experts from FEMA Region II and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) will discuss this update with your office and be available to answer questions.

Friday, January 31, 1 p.m. EST. There will be a Webinar on Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps at <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r7t3h0jherd/> Call the Conference Bridge Line at: 800-320-4330 and follow the voice prompts. When asked, enter Conference Code 221955 followed by the # sign.

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A copy of the presentation slides will be provided on Thursday afternoon for you to follow remotely should you have connection issues. If you cannot access the webinar, please listen in to the conference call and follow along with the slides.

Thank you for your continued support and concern in the Flood Hazard Mapping Process. If you have any questions, please contact the FEMA Region II Office of External Affairs at: [FEMA-R2-ExternalAffairs@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-R2-ExternalAffairs@fema.dhs.gov).

### *Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez Address*

Council Meeting Jan. 22, 2014

GOOD EVENING AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

It is so sad when concerned citizens, taxpayers, and residents who speak out during our council meetings or attending, continue to be harassed and bullied by local administration. It is even sadder to know that former councilman Fernando Gonzalez was attacked verbally after the first meeting of the year by the husband of Mayor Diaz.

This is not the first time an individual as well as others including myself have been bullied by our current administration and or her closest supporters. This form of harassment is one of the main reasons many citizens are afraid to attend the meeting let alone express their opinion and can lead to a potential lawsuit against our municipality if not stopped.

Politics as usual plays a role in this behavior. Individuals in politics are attacked everyday by the media and their opponents, but

when a concerned citizen who expresses their opinion at a council meeting is attacked soon after, it is intolerable.

Although our council president Pabon stresses the do's and don'ts at the beginning of the meetings, it is obvious that some don't adhere to it. And it is obvious that our law enforcement have not protected our concern citizens from this act of harassment, especially to a former councilman. Therefore, I am calling upon our council president Pabon to reach out to our Middlesex County Sheriff Dept. and see if they can provide security during and after everyone leaves our council meeting twice a month. If need so.

If there is a cost to having safety and security during our council meetings, I am sure our taxpayers will agree well spent and appreciated. Please advice of your attentions to resolve this security matter as soon as possible.

Thank you.  
Leslie Dominguez-Rodriguez

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**Vendors Needed**

SOUTH AMBOY - Vendors are needed for Vendor's Fair 2014, South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Avenue, Saturday, February 23, 3 p.m. to 7p.m. For more info contact Saelks784@yahoo.com

**St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner**

WOODBIDGE - The Annual Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 8, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Join us in support of the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission & The Barron Arts Center. A Traditional St. Patrick's Day Feast. Reservations Required. Call (732)634-0413.

**Chili Cook-Off**

WOODBIDGE - 7th Annual Woodbridge Charity Chili Cook-off Sunday, March 2 from 12 noon to 2 p.m., J.J. Bitting, 33 Main St., Woodbridge. Sample the best chili Woodbridge has to offer. \$8 Admission. Enter to Win \$600 in prizes. Door Prizes. Live DJ. \$20 Participation fee to enter the competition and show-off your Chili skills! Applications available at the Woodbridge Community Center, Recreation Dept. or at the Brewpub. Questions? Contact Niven Raghieb at 732-596-4047.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Anyone wishing to join the Parade Committee and help organize and present this wonderful event should contact Councilman Mickey Gross at 732-721-5031. Grand Marshal's Night January 31 at the AOH Hall 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. honoring Grand Marshal Monsignor John Gordon, Deputy Grand Marshal Colonel John F. O'Connell, Honorary Grand Marshal Assemblyman Craig Coughlin. All are welcome. \$35 includes food entertainment and more. Tickets are on sale at the YMCA office and the AOH hall.

## Tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, February 12, at 6 or 7 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to take the tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of the hospital's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

## McGinnis School "Teach To One" Open House

PERTH AMBOY - Thursday, February 13 at the newly designed "Teach To One" classrooms at the William C. McGinnis School. from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Come see the newly equipped classrooms and learn about the philosophy of the "Teach to One" program. All are welcome. For further information, please see the McGinnis Website via Perth Amboy Public Schools (paps.net) or contact McGinnis School directly. *About TTO: Teach to One: Math uses resources from multiple classrooms, combined in an open space, to give each student a targeted, individualized learning experience with instruction delivered at the right academic level, using the most suitable instructional format. Each student. Each day.*

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## Zumba

### Fitness Classes

The Sayreville Recreation Department will continue to offer Zumba and Core Fitness on Thursdays at 3:45 p.m.

Classes start January 16<sup>th</sup> and run 8 weeks. Classes are located at Samsel Upper Elementary School on Ernston Road, in the auxiliary gym. Fee is \$60. Pre-registration is required. Registration starts January 2, 2014. For more information please call Denise at 732-525-9536 or email zumbasayreville@gmail.com

### Get in the Game

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Branch YMCA is starting an Adult Basketball League (Ages 18+) beginning February 14. The weekly games will be played on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. with times determined by the number of teams that are registered. Scores and standings will be recorded online and games will be refereed. The teams can have 5-12 players each and teams must submit a roster prior to start of the season. The cost is \$700 per team (\$100 deposit due at registration). Balance due before your first game (\*includes team shirts and ref fees). If you have any questions please contact Mike Manfre, Physical Director at 732-316-8208 or mike.manfre@ymcaofmews.org.

### Piano Quintet

SOUTH AMBOY - To all Chamber Music lovers! Artist-in-residence Lucia Nowik, violinist, returns to perform a concert with her piano quintet from the Juilliard School. The classic piano quintet, i.e. piano and string quartet, was an ensemble greatly favored by Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Franck and other late 19th and early 20th century composers. The exceptionally talented young musicians of this particular piano quintet represent the very finest of their generation in the world of music. Come and witness the joy these performers bring with them to every concert. February 9, at 4 p.m. at Saint Mary's RC church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy.

## Sweeney Calls On Christie Administration To Provide Answers For Sandy Victims

News Release 1/24/14

TRENTON – Senate President Steve Sweeney today called on the Christie administration to disclose how it plans to proceed with the critical task of getting Sandy victims back into their homes now that it has cancelled a contract with the Louisiana firm Hammerman and Gainer (HGI).

The Christie administration awarded a multi-million dollar contract to HGI last year to help victims of Hurricane Sandy return to their homes, but during legislative hearings we heard from victims who complained about the firm losing their applications and failing to answer the simplest of

questions.

The administration reportedly cancelled the firm's contract in December, but failed to disclose the action despite testifying at legislative hearings. The decision was ultimately disclosed by New Jersey Public Radio.

"This is exactly why we need to provide transparency, honesty and answers to the thousands of New Jersey residents who continue to suffer from Hurricane Sandy well over a year later. It's troubling that the administration was silent on the move and I can only hope that the wave of news that is plaguing this administration does not adversely af-

fect the needs of New Jersey's residents," Sweeney said.

The administration refused to answer questions from multiple media outlets about who is now taking over this task.

"The victims and the public need to know who to hold accountable, not in three weeks or three months, but today," Sweeney said. "Last week I announced that I am currently drafting a Hurricane Sandy Bill of Rights that would help victims get the information and answers they desperately need and clearly deserve. Today's news reiterates the importance of getting answers for our residents."

## Yoga for Back Health

SAYREVILLE - Yoga For Back Health on Saturday, February 15th from 10:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. at 210 Main Street, Sayreville. Price: \$60 for 8 classes. You need a yoga mat, a towel and water. Questions? Or to receive a registration form, please Email zumbasayreville@gmail.com or call Denise 732-525-9536 Help support Christ Church. \*Donation not refundable

## We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY... The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, February 7, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Session will be presented by clinical specialists. Registration required, call 732.535.4746.

## Trip to Disney's Aladdin

WOODBIDGE - There will be a trip to Disney's Aladdin on Thursday, March 6. Sponsored by the Woodbridge Township Recreation Department, 600 Main St., Woodbridge. Bus leaves the Community Center at 4 p.m. Show starts 8 p.m. \$80 pp. Space is limited! There are no refunds once payment is received. For more info call 732-596-4048 or email RecreationDepartment@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

## Civil War Roundtable

WOODBIDGE - The next meeting of The Robert E. Lee Civil War Roundtable will be held at the Woodbridge Public Library on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dan Weinfeld and his topic will be "Reconstruction." The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome.

## Lego Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - The Sadie Pope Dowdell Library of South Amboy is looking for donations of LEGO's for future programs! We are asking that anyone that wishes to donate any regular model making size pieces to please drop them off at the library during our regular business hours. The library is located at 100 Harold G Hoffman Plaza off of O'Leary Blvd, adjacent to the High/Middle school. For hours and directions please visit our website at www.dowdell.org.

## Diabetes Discussion Group

PERTH AMBOY - The Institute for Weight Loss at Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a free Diabetes Discussion Group meeting Wednesday, February 5, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Clinical specialists will lead an open discussion about diabetes and a question and answer period in both English and Spanish. Registration is required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

## Xbox Galaxy

SOUTH AMBOY- Xbox Galaxy at 3 p.m. on Mondays at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

## Advisory: Security Officer From Raritan Bay Medical Center Arrested For Theft.

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY - On Thursday, 23 January 2014 Rodolfo Ruiz age 34 was arrested and charged with Theft. Rodolfo was employed by the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division, as a Security Officer.

The Theft occurred after a patient that was being treated in the emergency room, was transferred to another room for continued treatment. She left her purse behind during the transfer. An orderly of the hospital found the purse and turned it over to Security Officer Ruiz. But before returning the purse to the patient, Ruiz went through it and removed her debit card. Ruiz then left the hospital, while he was still working and went down the street to Jezsif Fried Chicken located at 481 New Brunswick Avenue. There he utilized the stolen debit card and withdrew a total of \$1,400.00 in US currency. As Police Officer Jose Santiago was speaking with the victim and gathering information for the police report, Ruiz arrived and attempted to give back the stolen money. Ruiz was charged with Theft and bail was set in the amount of \$5,000.00 with no 10% option by the Honorable Judge Maria Del Valle-Koch.





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**TAX FACTS**

**Use IRS Adjusted Numbers  
 For 2014 Tax Planning**

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka  
 Certain tax numbers are adjusted by the IRS for inflation each year. Here are some of the 2014 tax numbers you'll need to use as you get started with this year's tax planning.

- The standard mileage rate for business driving decreases to 56¢ per mile for 2014. The rate for medical and moving mileage decreases from 24¢ per mile to 23.5¢ per mile. The general rate for charitable driving remains at 14¢ per mile.
- The maximum earnings subject to social security tax in 2014 increases to \$117,000. The earnings limit for those under full retirement age is \$15,480. For those at full retirement age, there is no earnings limit.
- The "nanny tax" threshold increases to \$1,900 for 2014. If you pay household workers more than this amount during the year, you're responsible for payroll taxes.
- The "kiddie tax" threshold for 2014 remains unchanged at \$2,000. If your child under age 19 (under age 24 for stu-

dents) has more than \$2,000 of unearned income this year (e.g., dividends and interest income), the excess could be taxed at your highest rate.

- The maximum individual retirement account (IRA) contribution you can make in 2014 remains at \$5,500 if you're under age 50 and at \$6,500 if you are 50 or older.
- The maximum amount of wages employees can put into a 401(k) plan remains unchanged at \$17,500. The 2014 maximum allowed for SIMPLE plans remains at \$12,000. If you are 50 or older, you can contribute up to \$23,000 to a 401(k) and \$14,500 to a SIMPLE plan.
- For 2014, the maximum amount that can be contributed to a health savings account (HSA) increases to \$3,300 for individuals and \$6,550 for families. Those 55 and older can contribute an additional \$1,000.
- The alternative minimum tax exemption for 2014 is \$52,800 for singles and \$82,100 for couples filing joint returns.

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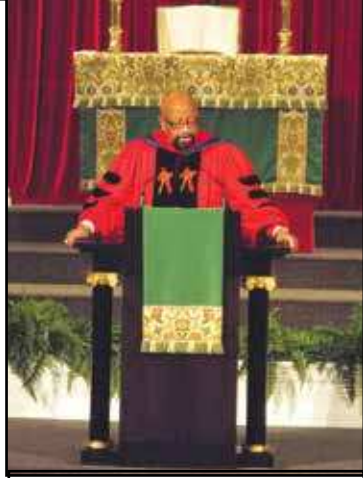
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WOODBIDGE - February 12 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Workshop 7 p.m. Featuring Edwin Romond & Martha Silano. Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. For more info call 732-634-0413.

**Painting Chinese Gardens**

WOODBIDGE - The Dr. Stephen Kaplan "A Taste of the Arts" Lecture Series: Painting Chinese Gardens will be held on Wednesday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. This session examines Chinese gardens through art as well as the history on garden culture in China and garden design. Presented by Dr. Zoe Song-Yi Kwok. Reservations Required, call (732)634-0413.

**NJ on Shuffle Concert Series**

WOODBIDGE - Friday, March 7 - Jazz - the Tim Horner Quintet at 7:30 p.m. at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. FREE admission for all events - \$5 Suggested Donation. In case of rain, outdoor concerts will be held indoors and seating will be on a first-come, first-seated basis. Call 732-634-0413 for Reservation Information. This program is funded in part by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Middlesex Co. Cultural and Heritage Commission with assistance thru a grant provided by NJ State Council on the Arts/Dept. of State.

**Historical Exhibit: Hooked on the Presidents**

WOODBIDGE - February 8-27, 2014 at the Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Fiber artists Nola Heidbreder and Linda Pietz present a series of 44 rugs depicting the men who took the oath of office as President of the United States. Heidbreder & Pietz present the presidents as people rather than names we memorize out of history books. Learn more about the likes, dislikes, pets & other fun facts about the Presidents. Available for school or group viewing. For more info Call (732)634-0413.

# AMBOY SPOTLIGHT

## Congratulations to Rosie Weikel! Retirement Party Held at Mario's Famous Pizza, Perth Amboy 48 Years of Service to the Salvation Army and the Community



Surprise!!!!



Rosie receives a Mayoral Citation from Mayor Diaz



Rosie (2nd from right) is surrounded by her niece Debbie Foley, her sister, Alice Arcaro and Mayor Wilda Diaz



Mario's Famous Pizza donated their restaurant for the event. Mario's Owners: Kristy, Jeannie (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Left) and Bill Schuster (Far Right)



The woman of the Hour, Rosie Weikel



Cutting the Cake



Niece, Debbie Foley, Sister Alice Arcaro, Rosie and Niece, Denise



Alice congratulates Rosie



Certificate of Appreciation from then Woodbridge Mayor James McGreevey and Shell Oil Company

By: Carolyn Maxwell  
PERTH AMBOY - I decided when I grow up, I want to be Rosie.

You may have seen Rosie walking around Perth Amboy when she was not at the Salvation Army which was very rare.

Rosie is pint-sized but has all the energy of a tornado. It is very rare to see a woman at the age of 90 - yes that is 90 so vibrant and who could probably move more quickly than people half her age. Correction - I've seen her move better! And without any kind of aid (crutch, cane, walker) than people in their 30's.

I had the privilege of being invited to Rosie's retirement party held at Mario's Famous Pizza on Sunday, January 19, 2014.

Rosie's niece, Debbie Fol-

ey planned the surprise party and boy! Was Rosie surprised when she walked in that door! See the expression on her face. (See top photo on left.)

Rosie was greeted by hugs and kisses from the adults but I think the sweetest hugs she received were from the youngsters who were there.

I think Rosie was more popular than Santa Claus at that point. You can tell by the way the kids ran up to her with big smiles on their faces.

In 1993, Rosie was honored with the Honorama Life Member Award. This award has only been given out 38 times in the whole world.

Born July 19, 1922 Rosie became a USO Volunteer at the age of 20. She married Harry Weikel in 1957, but he passed away a short time into the marriage. Although Rosie never



The William Booth Founder Award - The Highest Award given by the Salvation Army

remarried or had children, the Salvation Army and the families they serviced became part of Rosie's family. So, in essence Rosie did have many children.

Rosie has served not only in the Salvation Army honorably since 1965 when she be-



Group photo of family and friends

came a full time housekeeper in the Salvation Army, but she has been recognized in other townships such as Woodbridge by then Mayor Jim McGreevey and when he became Governor.

There are too many awards, recognitions and behind the scenes contributions that Rosie

has accomplished. They say if you enjoy what you are doing, then you have not worked a day in your life. Rosie worked for many years, but to her it was not work, because she truly enjoyed every day with the people she loved and loved her back.

## Attn: Residents with Parking Permits

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - As a courtesy reminder to resident's within the permit zones. Please be advised that your present residential permit expired: December 31, 2013.

The 2014 permits are available in our office between the hours of 9-5 Monday through Friday.

Per City ordinance, we require a valid NJ driver's license and valid vehicle registration card. Both documents MUST have the same address within the requesting permit zone.

As a courtesy the PAPU office has extended the period of time allotted for permit renewal to January 31st. If your 2014 permit is not renewed and visibly placed on vehicle beginning February 1st you WILL receive a summons.

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### Novena to St. Rita

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

Saint Rita, advocate of the impossible, pray for us.

Saint Rita, advocate of the helpless, pray for us.

*Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each.*

**K.M.**

### Petition to St. Jude

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

*Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.*

**Thank you, St. Jude A.C.S.**

## Royal Garden Club February Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Royal Garden Club February Meeting. We will organize plants and materials for 11 gardens! Come listen and learn. All are welcome. Wed., Feb. 5, 2014, at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish House, 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy.

## Teens Invited to "Dance the Night Away" at the Y

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy & Sayreville students in grades 6-8 are invited to the Y's "Dance the Night Away" party on Saturday, February 8 from 7-10 p.m. The event will be held at the Edison Branch Y and teens will be bused from the South Amboy Y at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a night of dancing, food and fun! The cost is \$5 per student and advance registration is required. Please contact Mike Tonzola with any questions at 732-316-8205 or visit our website to register online at [www.ymcaofmwsa.org](http://www.ymcaofmwsa.org).

# Senior Scene

## Happenings

### Perth Amboy

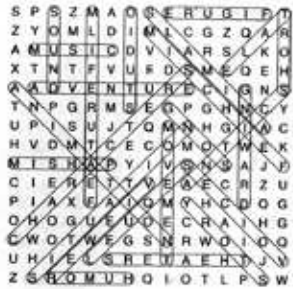
- WED. Jan. 29 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
- Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Jan. 30 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Feb. 3 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Feb. 4 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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### South Amboy

- MON. Feb. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Feb. 12 South Amboy Seniors, noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

**Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays Please give us two weeks notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610**

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



## LOOKING BACK

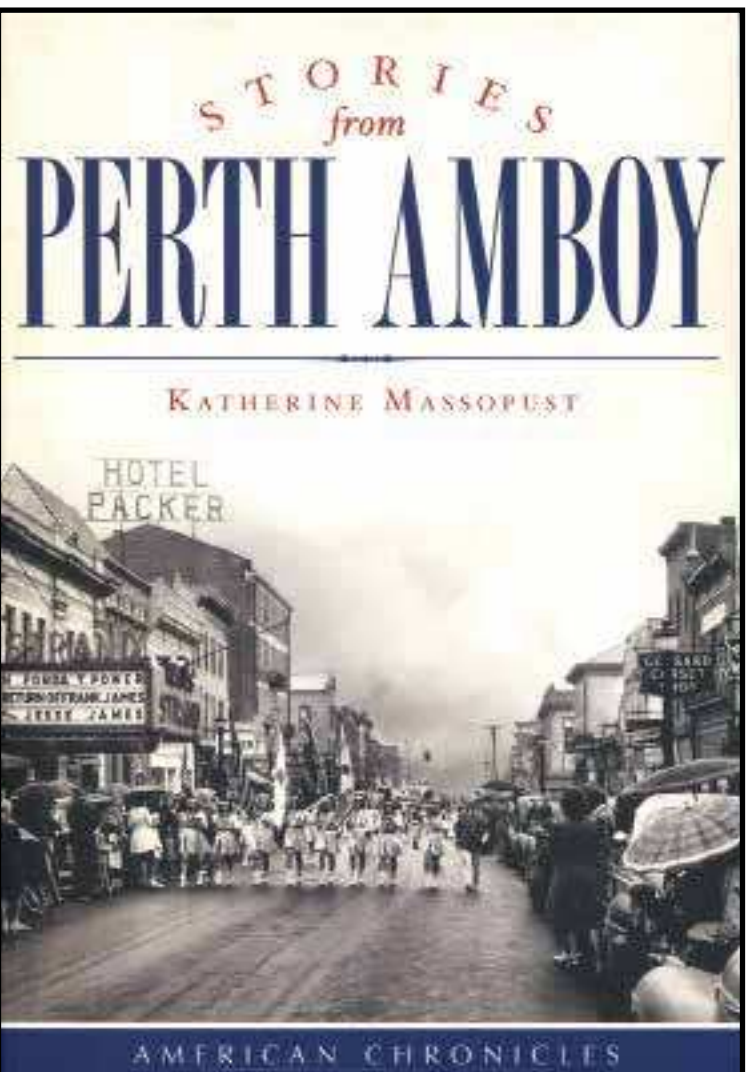


PERTH AMBOY - Penn Central Restaurant circa 1938. Corner of Second and Market Streets. A popular spot for traingoers and local residents.

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