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## New Interim Business Administrator Comes Under Fire; He Fires Back Residents Still Question Out-of-Town Hires



Councilman Fernando Irizarry and Councilman Fernando Gonzalez confer with the new Interim Business Administrator Peter Pelissier



City Hall, Part of Mural painted by Tom Ward, located inside a High Street Residence  
\*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - At the 10/14/15 Caucus Portion of the Council Meeting, Resident Stanley Sierakowski asked a barrage of questions directed toward Council President Lisa Nanton in reference to the new Interim Business Administrator. Sierakowski read an article from 2007 that questioned the Interim B.A. Peter Pelissier's pension when he was employed by the City of Rahway, retired from that job and then came back as a consultant.

Sierakowski read the letter in its entirety. A summary of the

blog opinion piece is as follows: A person cannot collect a pension and simultaneously hold a job that is covered by the same retirement system in which he is collecting the pension. The article also faults Rahway Officials who allowed this.

Former Council President Ken Balut wondered, "Why do we always have the lawyers from the DeCotlis law firm? Everyone is connected to this firm. Did we hire the lawyer or the firm? We make appointments of people who were in-

involved in messes before. The poor people living in this town are paying for the lifestyles of these people (who live out-of-town)."

After Balut spoke, two attorneys came up to speak. Carlos Bollar from the law firm of Archer & Greiner spoke in support of Acting Law Director Arlene Quinones Perez. He also said that he would be the President of the Hispanic Bar Association in thirteen days. He touted her, "She is an out-

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## Mayor Diaz Appoints New Interim Administrator

Press Release 10/15/15

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz announces the appointment of Peter H. Pelissier, as the Interim City Administrator for the City of Perth Amboy.

"I am so pleased to appoint Mr. Peter Pelissier as Interim City Administrator," said Mayor Wilda Diaz. "He is a professional, a veteran and an experienced administrator who will work with my administration and the City Council to best serve our residents and taxpayers. His extensive knowledge, skill-set and integrity will also provide much value to our continued business growth in Perth Am-

boy."

Peter Pelissier has served the public as a Professional City Administrator for more than 30 years, most notably working for the City of Rahway, as Director of Administration and Business Administrator for over 20 years. He also served as the Executive Director of the Rahway Redevelopment Agency from its inception in 2001 until his retirement in 2014. Under his direction, the City of Rahway brought in millions of tax dollars due to a tremendous increase of tax rates.

His most notable achievement was negotiating one of the first Public/Private part-

nerships in the State of New Jersey, to provide water services, saving over \$32 million throughout the duration of a 20-year agreement. During his tenure, he had reorganized city departments, streamlined city business systems, improved customer service and elevated professionalism of local government through the City of Rahway's Core Values: Teamwork, Integrity, Innovation, and Professionalism.

Mr. Pelissier's other municipal experience includes, being the clerk and administrator for Long Hill Township; Adminis-

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## SAFD Statement Regarding Firefighter Gerald "Bear" Celecki

SOUTH AMBOY - Today, October 14, 2015 at 0816 hrs, the City of South Amboy Fire Department was dispatched to the area of 424 Parker Avenue for a reported smell of natural gas in the area. The initial alarm alerts all five of the city's companies as well as the city's fire police to respond. Fire Fighter and Fire Police Officer Gerald "Bear" Celecki was in performance of his duties directing traffic when he sustained an unknown medical emergency. Fire fighters on the scene immediately initiated CPR. The South Amboy First Aid with the assistance of Raritan Bay Medical Center Paramedics quickly arrived on scene and continued to provide lifesaving care. Mr. Celecki was transported to Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy but ultimately succumbed

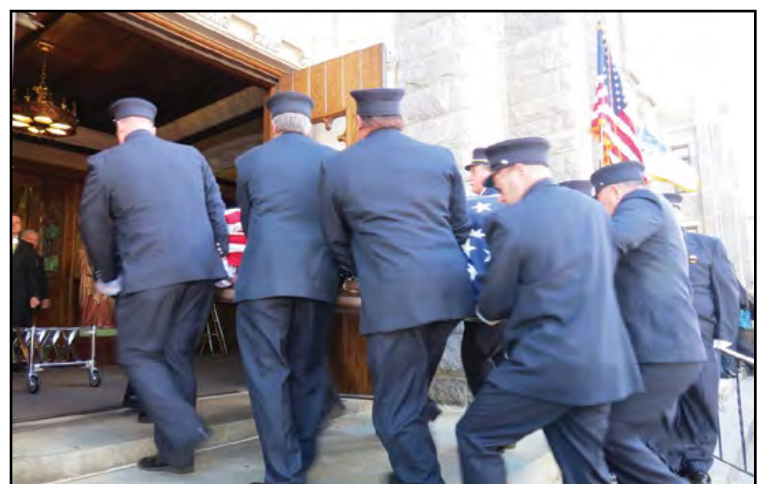


Firefighter and Police Officer Gerald "Bear" Celecki at the SAFD 125th Anniversary Parade 10/3/15 He was Chief of the Middlesex County Fire-Police \*Photo by SAFD

to his injuries and passed away.

Gerald "Bear" Celecki was currently the Chief of the Middlesex County Fire Police.

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## New Interim Administrator Under Fire

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standing attorney with integrity. Our membership of the Hispanic Bar Association of New Jersey supports her. Her reputation is impeccable and she is an inspiration and role model to young attorneys."

Resident David Caba still had questions and he addressed Councilman Fernando Gonzalez, "At what point was Quinones Perez qualified? Since 2009, when she graduated from law school she has held seven jobs. The longest one was nine months. And you did research in one day? You did not vote for Fehrenbach (Former B.A.) who had forty years of experience because he was not a resident. We have all these people who don't live here that came up to speak and they didn't give their address. The Mayor from Clinton came here to tell us how to vote. They don't contribute to our town or see what goes on here."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez responded to Caba, "In life we say many things. I prefer to have someone who lives here, but she (Quinones Perez) is qualified."

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak after Gonzalez made his comments, "A lot of out-of-towners came up here and not one gave their address. We should know where these out-of-towners live. When I come



Interim B.A. Pelissier shakes hands with some of the attendees at the 10/14/15 Caucus/Council Meetings.

*\*Photo by C. Maxwell*

up to speak, I gave my full address. Everyone knows where I live. Having two meetings in one day is not working. It's on the books. It's the Open Meetings Act. There were all these announcements about the new Law Director, but none about the new Acting B.A. The public has a right to know about this important position. We need the best we can get. I saw Blunda (Former Law Director) battle and win decisions against four attorneys from the other side. Quinones said that she is part politician and part lawyer. I wonder how long she will be here."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles said, "No one is questioning Quinones' credentials. Maybe she should have worked with Blunda like Barrick did under Fehrenbach."

After everyone spoke re-

garding both positions, Interim B.A. Pelissier fired back, "Welcome, to Perth Amboy." He addressed then first speaker (Sierakowski). "I want to address the first speaker. You don't know how to do research very well."

At that point Sierakowski interrupted Pelissier, but Pelissier continued, "I did not interrupt you when you were speaking. Now, I'm speaking to everyone. That article (the blog) was an opinion. You should do more research. There was no complaint. There was a review. The Treasury Department did a review on my post retirement from the City of Rahway. There were no violations. This was after the Pension Board asked for a reconsideration because they were not sure how

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## Council Meeting 10/14/15 Questioning Continues Over New Hires & Old Issues Revisited

PERTH AMBOY - During the 10/14/15 Council Meeting arguments continued on both sides as to the Mayor's appointments.

Resident Peter Perez said, "So much negativity occurs whenever the Mayor hires anyone. They are just against the Mayor. If you don't like what the Mayor is doing, then don't vote for her. The negativity has to stop."

Resident Alan Silber pointed out, "Look at the Mayor's record of appointees. She hired Former Business Administrator of Trenton Jane Feigenbaum. That didn't work out. We were supposed to have a county park. Now it's only going to be for the Vocational School's use. Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said he wouldn't vote for someone with forty plus years of experience because they didn't live in town? Now it's no problem. Irizarry and Nanton should be congratulated. I watched the last Council Meeting on TV. It was unbelievable."

Resident David Caba said, "I supported Diaz in 2008. She said she would only run for two terms. Now she's

running for a third term. She has no credibility. I also supported Pabon in 2010. This is not a matter of race. It's a matter of integrity and doing the right thing for the taxpayers who live here. We have to go to Montana to get an Interim B.A. Did anyone contact the Passaic Dominican Mayor for suggestions? You don't need a degree to be a Business Administrator? I will check the ordinance on that. You couldn't find someone locally that's qualified for this position?"

Former Council Member Ken Balut was surprised that the Interim Business Administrator would threaten to sue a citizen that was reading something from a newspaper article. "Did you sue anyone who wrote this newspaper article?" Balut also wondered how someone can get a pension after being in a position for only 31 months. "All of our business administrators that we had before never threatened the citizens. People from out of town get a huge amount of money from our taxpayers, then go back to their own towns. I will find out more. Why is the Mayor hiring

people with grey areas in their backgrounds?"

Resident Sharon Hubberman to the mic to express concerns about double dipping which is an ongoing problem. "When you're looking to fill a permanent position for the Business Administrator, there are a lot of qualified people who are not already collecting a pension."

Attorney and Perth Amboy Democratic Chair Billy Delgado came forward to praise the new Acting Business Administrator. He also had advice for some of the people who criticized the Mayor's choice. "People just suppose all the time without sitting down to talk with the person. I've looked at his (Pelissier) record when he worked for other towns. I apologize for the people who come up here and have been insulting. I've seen what you've done in Rahway. Other towns joke about Perth Amboy. I hope your wife is not too upset about you taking this job. I hope people can see what you can do to help the City. We want professionals who can help the City and raise a level and the reputation of the City."

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**Perth Amboy Public Schools/ AFT 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parent Literacy Convention**

Press Release 9/8/15  
PERTH AMBOY– The AFT and Perth Amboy Public Schools announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Parent Literacy Convention. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Robert N. Wilentz School, 51 First Street in Perth Amboy. Convention hours are from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the convention, and breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 a.m.

For more information visit the Perth Amboy Board of Education at [www.paps.net](http://www.paps.net) or contact **Dr. Damian Medina, Director of Curriculum and Instruction**, [damimedina@paps.net](mailto:damimedina@paps.net) (732) 376-6200 Ext. 30221



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**Raritan Bay Area YMCA Invites the Press to the Grand Opening of the Y’s B3 Program 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center**

Press Release 10/19/15  
PERTH AMBOY-The Raritan Bay Area YMCA invites the Press to join us for our Lights on Afterschool Celebration and GRAND OPENING of our B3 program on October 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Samuel E. Shull Middle School - 380 Hall Ave, Perth Amboy for Lights on Afterschool - Grand Opening of the Y’s B3 Program.

This 21st Century Community Learning Center after school program; Building Beyond Barriers (B3), is offered free of charge for Middle schoolers in Perth Amboy from Monday through Friday at William C. McGinnis and Samuel E Shull Schools. It will provide academic support, homework assistance, and tutoring, as well as enrichment activities including hands-on learnings such as photography, culinary arts, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and encourages parental involvement every step of the way.

Please join us to learn what this program has to offer our community!

For more information, please contact James Castillo, Middle School Aftercare Program Director of the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 732.442.3632 X6700 or [jcastillo@rbaymca.org](mailto:jcastillo@rbaymca.org).

# LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

## EDITORIAL

### *A Perth Amboy Treasure Who Left Many Lasting Memories Behind*

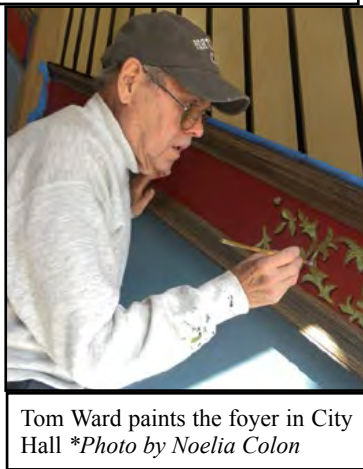


Artist Tom Ward poses next to a doll house he made on display at the Proprietary House. Photo taken on 10/4/15. \*Photo by Katherine Massopust

Perth Amboy lost another true treasure recently. During the Council Meeting held on 10/14/15 a moment of silence was observed in tribute to Tom Ward and also Mrs. Marie Petrick, mother of Councilman Bill Petrick. Council President Lisa Nanton became very emotional as she spoke about Ward not only as a friend, but for his service as a Board Member of the Proprietary House and on Municipal Boards. One person at the Council Meeting mentioned that the City should lower the flag at half-staff for Tom Ward. The City did so on 10/16/15.

The first time I was aware of Tom Ward was when he was an honoree at the Ides of March Dinner for his contributions to the City. He was recognized for his artwork and devotion to Perth Amboy history. If you ever visited the Prop House or eaten at the Barge Restaurant and admired some of the paintings on the wall or the murals, you've seen his artwork. On the outside of Bayside Creamery there is also a mural painted by Tom Ward. These are only a few of his many works.

When Wilda Diaz became Mayor of Perth Amboy, she commissioned Tom Ward to paint a mural in the official office of the Mayor to depict many of the historical sites in Perth Amboy. On the Market side of the entrance to City Hall, as soon as you walk into the foyer on the left hand side of the staircase, there is another of Ward's artistic render-



Tom Ward paints the foyer in City Hall \*Photo by Noelia Colon

ings.

Each year the Royal Garden Club conducts tours of historical homes that are showcased on High Street and Water Street. Many of those homes had murals painted by Tom Ward also depicting scenes from Perth Amboy.

Sometimes it's not necessary to go inside of these homes to view the murals by Ward, because some of the garages and other exteriors of the homes have drawings by Ward. Some of them are of flowers like Council President Lisa Nanton's home on Gordon Street.

Ward's talents not only included drawings but he could also build things such as the doll house depicted above. He also painted landscapes. He also has lent his talents to restore pieces in the Propriety House and in some of the local churches.

Some of Tom Ward's artwork is displayed in this issue and will be displayed in future ones. He joins his wife, Betty who passed away in July of this year. *C.M.*

## THE COMMUNITY VOICE

### *Acting Mayor*

The City Of Perth Amboy and The Citizens of Perth Amboy currently have an Acting Mayor & Acting Business Administrator & Acting Municipal Law Director & A Suspended Police Chief. What's going on here?

There are currently Federal corruption allegations filed against the City of Perth Amboy and it's City Officials, et al. The Citizens of Perth Amboy deserve a full investigation into our TOP City Officials. On top of these allegations Mayor Diaz is also alleged of being

investigated for voter fraud, which cost the Perth Amboy citizens an estimated \$75,000. **We Deserve Better!** Why is our **Acting Mayor from the State of Montana????** We want answers.

Susan Batista

### *Where Did I Go Wrong?*

On October 14, 2015 I attended the City Council Meeting and I noticed it's the same old thing with the same people asking questions and hoping for answers from the Council Members. Some of these concerned citizens would like to run for mayor, but do they have a master plan?. There has been talk on the streets that if it's true that Mayor Wilda Diaz might run again. To me, I think there might be three people who will try to run for Mayor.

That's if a certain group of people that control the system will decide on a person for mayor. You see, politics is a dirty game and the people who control and choose the person to run for office will control them. Sometimes the Council Members can pick someone for mayor so they can control the mayor. Is the system RIGGED? Well, it's up to you to decide.

Money plays a big part of an election. The more, the better. But then I seen it fail with people going to jail. For me, it's all a show with the players and the poor voters get screwed.

Remember, people with big bucks get what they want or know something like they say "Those who don't know will talk and those who know will not talk." Do you trust the politicians or are you just guessing on what they promised you? I'm not bashing the politicians, but over the years it was promised in the dark. So I guess it's time to wake up and see what's a promise and what's real in your community. There will be a day when a voter will cry and say: "Where did I go wrong?"

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

### *This is Sayreville's Time*

On November 3rd Sayreville will have a choice of staying in the 20th century or moving forward into the 21st century. For 16 years Sayreville has been stagnate and missing out on so many opportunities. How this is our time to have professionals lead us into the 21st century with leadership, knowledge and experience of David McGill, Ricci Melendez and Steven Grillo. David's vision includes a recreation center/community center with a swimming pool, with the help of county freeholders wants to widen Washington Road by the high school to improve traffic flow, complete Sayreville Boulevard to offset the terrible traffic on Main Street

and stabilize our taxes. David recently hired a grant writer to apply for money that is available to Sayreville but never utilized. He has been working hard with Congressmen Pallone to replace our Post Office on Main Street. With the help of Steve Grillo, who has his Master's Degree in Urban Development and works as a professional city planner in NYC, they are developing a plan that would revitalize Main Street and bring new businesses and a arts theater back to town the way it was many years ago. David has been working with Ricci Melendez, who is attending Columbia University to receive his Master's Degree for information technology, to make our children and residents safer. With Ricci's knowledge and guidance Sayreville has been placing cameras in and around

the police station and the Senior Center will be completed in October. This security system will allow cameras to be placed in parks, recreation areas or were ever they may be needed. Ricci is also developing plans to upgrade our 15 year old computer system and have council meetings stream live on local television. They are the hard working professionals with ideas, a vision and leadership Sayreville requires.

This November we have a choice, a choice to do what is right for Sayreville a choice to elect the professionals for the 21st century or choose to stay stagnate. This is Sayreville's time. On Election Day vote for change vote for David McGill for Mayor, reelect Ricci Melendez and elect Steve Grillo for Council. The leadership team that Sayreville needs.

Bill Henry

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this should be handled. They found no violations. The Attorney General was not involved. When I worked for Rahway I brought them in millions of dollars in revenue and ratables. To the second speaker (Balut) - I will be happy to meet with you personally and tell you all about my background. I was a Captain in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Vietnam.

I have 30 years experience (in municipal business), the last 20 years in Rahway. Remember, I am an Interim B.A. The former B.A. (Barrick) left on short notice. Perth Amboy is a 71 million corporation with 8 departments and it's a very complex operation. I've watched the meetings on TV and I'm very disappointed that you would come up here with an opinion article and not take the time to learn the truth. I'm

trying to help you, the City, the citizens and its reputation. You don't have the ability to do the research. I intend to be the conduit between the Mayor, Council and Residents. I am Interim Business Administrator. The previous Administrator left on short notice. I've watched several meetings and you don't have anything good to say about Perth Amboy. You

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**Volunteer Firefighters Needed**

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

**Kearny Cottage Open**

**PERTH AMBOY** - Come visit the historic home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny. The Cottage is located at 63 Catalpa Ave, Perth Amboy, and is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and the last Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. by appointment. The Kearny Cottage needs your help. Anyone interested in joining the Kearny Cottage Historical Society please contact 732-293-1090. We are on the web! [www.KearnyCottage.org](http://www.KearnyCottage.org)

**Tea Room Open**

**PERTH AMBOY** - The Proprietary House is now open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for tea and tours. The tea room has reopened, serving their usual delicious homemade cakes and assorted teas. Hostesses Dot, Helen and Joanne are back to greet you. A \$7.00 donation includes both the tea and a tour of the mansion. Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated, and we have acquired several pieces of antique furniture, including a 1700's desk and game table. The gift shop is also opened. A visit to the tea room is the perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel: 732-826-5527. Email: [Info@proprietary-house.org](mailto:Info@proprietary-house.org).

**Community Calendar**

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>Perth Amboy</b> |  |
| MON. Oct. 26       | City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.<br>City Hall, High St.   |
| WED. Oct. 28       | City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.<br>City Hall, High St.   |
| <b>South Amboy</b> |  |
| WED. Oct. 21       | City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.<br>City Hall, N. Broadway  |
| MON. Oct. 26       | Board of Education,<br>Business/Public, 6 p.m.<br>SA Middle/High School,<br>Harold Hoffman Pl. |

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## Mayor Diaz Launches Municipal ID Card Task Force Press Conference



Olive Street Senior Center

\*Photos by Bob Ned

Press Release 10/9/15

PERTHAMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz announced the launch of the Perth Amboy Municipal ID Task Force on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center.

Mayor Diaz will be joined by local community organizations and city officials to give a brief presentation about efforts placed toward initiating a Municipal ID Card Program for the residents of the City of Perth Amboy in early 2016.

The creation of a Municipal ID Task Force will assist the administration in tailoring other existing municipal programs to the needs of our local community. The committee will look into all aspects of developing a Perth Amboy Municipal ID card.

“The task force will consist of local leaders who are committed to the City and also possess skills, knowledge and


other attributes needed in order to effectively carry out their responsibilities of the committee,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

The committee will be tasked to discuss some topics, including:

- All of the benefits of the card, (i.e. emergency information, local discounts, etc.)
- How the business community will be involved,
- Identify and understand the impact that an ID card would have on Perth Amboy residents, especially communities such as people with disabilities, youth, immigrants, the elderly, and homeless.

When: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.; Where: Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

For additional information about the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: [www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us](http://www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us).




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### Lung Cancer Awareness Events

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PERTHAMBOY - Come out to the Lung Cancer Awareness Flag Raising at City Hall Circle at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Perth Amboy City Hall Circle. Later, at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> there will be an awareness conference. Lung cancer is very common and one of the deadliest types of cancer. The United Messengers of Peace have joined forces with Raritan Bay Area YMCA, the American Lung Association, Churches and other organizations to bring this free event to the City of Perth Amboy for the first time ever! Come out in the memory of those affected by lung cancer. For more information call 732-395-7371 or email [Unitedmessengers08861@gmail.com](mailto:Unitedmessengers08861@gmail.com)

Photo: Sharon Hubberman and Stephanie Rodriguez display the Lung Cancer Awareness Flag at the 10/14/15 Meetings. This flag was designed by the United Messengers of Peace and will be raised on 11/1/15 at City Hall Circle at 10 a.m.

### Under Fire

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don't know how good the City is and how hard the employees work. You don't know what integrity and loyalty means. You tried to slander me, but I will do my best for the City. I'm here as an Interim B.A. I will be returning to Montana soon, but if I wasn't, you'd be hearing just as much for me as I've been hearing from you. I will not be slandered by someone who doesn't have the ability to do proper research.”

Councilman Bill Petrick was not present at the 10/14/15 Meetings that took place due to a death of his mother. The next Caucus will be Monday, Oct. 26 at 4:30 p.m. and the next Council Meeting will be Wed. Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. Meetings can be viewed online at PATV look for videos on demand at <http://patv.pegcentral.com/>

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**“Conversations in Black and White”  
Conference Addressing the Role of the Church in Critical Issues Facing Communities.**

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY - “The role of the church in troubled times”, “black and white lives matter” and the “consequences of the continuing racial divide” are some of the topics being addressed at “Conversations In Black and White” during the Eagles’ Gathering. Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor at Cathedral International convenes this conference on October 22 – 25, 2015, Cathedral International Campus, Perth Amboy, NJ.

“These are issues facing local and national communities that the church must address,” states Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr. He goes on to state that it is imperative for religious and community leaders to reason and strategize together. The 2015 Eagles’ Gathering: Conversations in Black and White will amplify the conversation and equip leaders to effectively bring reconciliation and wholeness to their communities and the nation.

Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., is celebrating 32 years of pastoring next month. He is speaking at this conference along with the following national leaders:

Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant – well known and respected pastor of Empowerment Temple AME Church, Baltimore; played an active role in assisting the community after riots broke out following the death of Freddie Gray in Baltimore, MD. He is running for congress with a focus on police reform and job opportunities.

Dr. Leonard I. Sweet is an American theologian, church historian, pastor, and author. Sweet currently serves as the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism at Drew Theological School at Drew University. He is regularly voted one of the most influential Christian leaders in America

Everyone is invited to join the conversation with pastors, theologians, civil rights activists, ministers and community leaders in advancing the agenda for healing and harmony.

Additional information about the conference is available at [www.CEFCAonline.org](http://www.CEFCAonline.org) and by calling (732)826-5293. For more information about Cathedral International, log onto [www.cathedralinternational.org](http://www.cathedralinternational.org)

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**Celebrity Storytime & Halloween Party**  
SOUTH AMBOY - Mickey Gross will be the Celebrity Storyteller on Monday, Oct. 26 at 3:45 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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

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

**Trunk-or-Treat**  
PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, October 31st the Jewish Renaissance Foundation will be hosting its 3rd annual Trunk-or-Treat from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Sadowski Parkway, Perth Amboy. A Trunk or Treat is a Halloween event where people gather and park their vehicles in a large area. Everyone who participates can have the opportunity to decorate their vehicles and pass out candy to our community family members. We will be enhancing the community’s experience this year by partnering with JRF’s Perth Amboy Alliance for Community and the Perth Amboy Dept of Recreation. This is a FREE EVENT! Register Today on how you would like to help! For more info call Denise Febo at 732-638-5063 ext. 105 or email: [denise.febo@jrfnj.org](mailto:denise.febo@jrfnj.org) or go to [www.jrfnj.org](http://www.jrfnj.org).

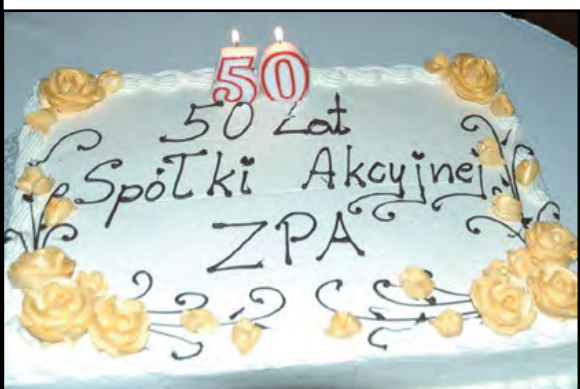
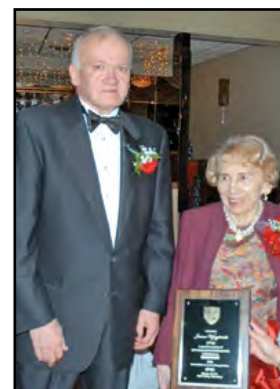
**Funeral for Gerald "Bear" Celecki, St. Stephen's Church, Perth Amboy - 10/17/15**

*\*Photos by Bob Ned*



**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner of the ZPA, Perth Amboy - 10/10/15**

*\*Photos by Katherine Massopust*



**Italian Flag Raising, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy - 10/12/15**

*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*



**Notice: Due to the large number of requests for our staff to take photos of local events we are unable to cover them all. Please inform us and we will let you know if coverage is available. Submitted Photos are always welcome.**



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## Woodbridge Township Salutes Italian American Heritage



Angelo Befumo, 2015 Columbus Day Grand Marshall, and Brianna Oddo, Ms. Italian-American, display resolutions sponsored by the 19<sup>th</sup> District legislators in their honor.



Angelo Befumo, 2015 Columbus Day Grand Marshall, and Brianna Oddo, Ms. Italian-American, are pictured with the Knights of Columbus Council 6571.

*\*Photos Submitted*

WOODBIDGE - Senator Joseph F. Vitale and The Knights of Columbus Colonia Council # 6571 held a flag-raising ceremony on October 11 in observance of Columbus Day. Special guests included Congressman Frank Pallone, Assemblyman Craig Coughlin, Mayor John E. McCormac and members of the Woodbridge Township Council and Board of Education.

“Our growth as a nation has been achieved through the genius and industry of Italian immigrants. As stewards of their tradition and in celebration of Columbus Day, we join together to recognize two Italian-Americans who have each made great contributions to our community,” said Senator Vitale, Chairman of the New Jersey Italian-American Caucus. “Angelo Befumo and Brianna Oddo are testaments to the value of our nation’s rich Italian heritage.”

Angelo Befumo, a Colonia resident, was named the 2015 Columbus Day Grand Marshall.

“Angelo Befumo and Charlie Shaughnessy came to my office ten years ago with the idea to hold a flag raising ceremony every Columbus Day to celebrate Italian-American heritage. I have worked with Angelo ever since and learned of his many contributions to our community. While Ange-

lo passed the torch this year to our Event Chair, Woodbridge Township Board of Education Member Ezio Tamburello, his dedicated service is notable and the reason why Angelo was selected to be the Grand Marshall,” said Senator Vitale.

Senator Vitale went on to describe his many contributions, “Angelo is an usher at St. John Vianney Roman Catholic Church. He serves as a crossing guard in front of School #21 on Inman Avenue where the children know him as “Mr. Angelo.” He has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus since 1999 where he has held the title Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator and is now a 4th Degree. He is involved in the collection of funds for the yearly Alzheimer’s Fund drive, the collection for Camp Pace serving children with disabilities, and the annual Turkey Shoot, which provides turkeys to the Woodbridge Food Bank.”

Brianna Oddo of Sewaren was named the 2015 Columbus Day Miss Italian-American, in recognition of her academic achievements and her contributions to the community. Brianna is a graduate of Woodbridge High School and a senior at Kean University. “As the President of the Board of Trustees of the Sewaren Free Public Library and her work with Mayor John E. Mc-

Cormac, Brianna contributes in many ways to our community,” noted Senator Vitale. “Her family’s heritage traces back to Marsala, Sicily and she has always closely embraced her Italian-American heritage.”

“The Italian American community has contributed so much to the rich cultural and historical tapestry in New Jersey. We owe it to the families of Italian heritage who call the Garden State home to honor and celebrate those contributions. Moving forward, every October in New Jersey will be a chance to appreciate all that Italian-Americans have given to make our State, our nation, and our world a better place to live,” said Senator Vitale.

The crowd gathered for the annual Woodbridge Township Columbus Day Flag Raising celebration and enjoyed a selection of Italian songs performed by Colonia resident Christopher Jago and Woodbridge resident Andrew Zajack. “Christopher Columbus and Queen Isabella” made an appearance with the help of Port Reading residents, Lawrence and Claire Miloscia. Valentina Seramba, sang the United States and Italian National Anthems as Woodbridge Board of Education Member Frank DellaPietro raised the Italian flag.

## New Administrator

*\*Continued From Page 1*

trator and Clerk for the Town of Boonton; Town Administrator and Executive Director for the Town of Morristown Redevelopment Agency. He also served on the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority and provided expert advice to several communities as Relocation Officer pertaining to redevelopment projects.

Mr. Pelissier holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Bridgeport,

Connecticut and a Master’s of Education from Springfield College Massachusetts, as well a Master’s of Public Administration from Rutgers University.

Mr. Pelissier served our country during the Vietnam conflict in the United States Marine Corp. as a Rifle Platoon Commander and 1st Lieutenant receiving the Naval Commendation Medal with Combat Valor. He received an honorable discharge obtaining the rank of Captain.

Peter is married to his wife Jennifer of 25 years and has three daughters, a son, and two grandchildren. Born and raised in a New Jersey, the call of the wild lured Peter and his wife to the Northwest where they have a home in Montana. They like to hike, bike, fish, camp and care for their two yellow Labradors, Buck and Bear.

Mr. Pelissier has been appointed to replace the previous administrator who resigned October 2, 2015.

## Second Camera Questions

PERTH AMBOY - During the 10/14/15 Council Meeting Councilman Fernando Irizarry noticed that there was a person taping the meeting besides the City Cameraman. He questioned who they were.

Reluctantly they said they were from a media outlet named La Nation.

Resident Orlando Perez came up to speak and informed Irizarry that anyone can tape a meeting and even put it on You Tube. “There are those who are trying to squeeze the press. Sometimes government doesn’t like the news media. There will be a day when people will be bringing their own cameras.”

Fernando Irizarry answered



Orlando Perez at the 10/14/15 Council Meeting  
*\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

back, “I also have a right to free speech and I can question a second camera being here.”

## Drug Testing Programs Questioned

PERTH AMBOY - At the 10/14/15 Council Meeting Businesswoman Virginia Lugo had questions about the number of drug testing programs found in Perth Amboy. “Why do we have so many? Who has to approve the money for this? Maybe that’s why there’s an increase in crime, because of all the drug testing facilities. You, the Council has a responsibility to find out why this is happening.”



Virginia Lugo

## Tom Ward Remembered at Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Thomas Ward was a longtime resident of Perth Amboy. He died suddenly on 10/12/15. He was remembered along with Marie Petrick, mother of Councilman Bill Petrick.

Council President and Proprietary House President Lisa Nanton became very emotional when she remembered Tom at the beginning of the meeting. She called for a moment of silence for Ward and Mrs. Petrick after the prayer was said and before the Pledge of Allegiance at the Regular Meeting. She recalled how important he was, not only to the community, but also as a longtime friend and colleague.

Ward was a well known artist who was noted for his many murals that could be found in City Hall, private homes, businesses, churches and most notably the Proprietary House. Most notably many of his murals depicted the historical sites of Perth Amboy. Tom was also a long time commissioner



Flag at Half Staff for Artist Tom Ward  
*\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

of the Board of Adjustments. He served as a trustee at the Proprietary House for many years.

Resident Reinaldo Aviles said, “Ward should be recognized. Tom put in a lot of hours at the Prop House to restore it, even when his wife was ill. We should lower the flag at half staff in his honor.”

### Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Pirohi Sale. Place orders on Oct. 26, 27, 28, 29. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Pick up your order at: 404 Division St., Perth Amboy. All gourmet items are handmade: Potato Pirohi - \$8. Pickup Date is Nov. 3 & 4 beginning at 2 p.m. (not earlier).

### Cheerleading

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

### Blue Mass

METUCEN - The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen on Monday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m. This year the diocese will pay special tribute to Trooper Anthony Raspa, 24, who lost his life in the line of duty in May 2015. A lunch will follow the Mass. All are welcome.

### Super

### Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - Mother's Guild Super Tricky Tray, Sunday, November 8, 2015 at 3pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector St. Perth Amboy. Admission is \$10. For more information please call 732-826-1594.

### Turkey Fest

SAYREVILLE - FFM Daily Bread Turkey Fest, Saturday, Nov. 21st. at 2707 Main St., Sayreville. Join us for our full turkey giveaway! Doors Open at 9:30 a.m. Must have a ticket. Pick up tickets Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thurs; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### South Amboy 9/11 Memorial

#### Pavers

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

### Ladies Auxiliary #4699

SAYREVILLE - The ladies auxiliary of Sayreville #4699 of Jernee mills road, Sayreville will have their monthly meeting on October 27 at 7 p.m. at post home. All are invited to attend to discuss any ideas to help us grow and help our veterans. Light refreshments will be served. For more info call 732-264-3041.

### Calendar

#### Dinner Dance

PERTH AMBOY - The St. Ann's Society of Assumption Church in Perth Amboy will sponsor its annual Calendar Dinner Dance on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, in the school auditorium, Meredith and Jacques Streets. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing: a lavish buffet and DJ music. Doors open at 6:00 PM and dinner is at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased by calling the church office at 732-826-0767, or after liturgies from members. Get your tickets soon!

### Flapjack Breakfast Fundraiser

PERTH AMBOY - Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause. You're invited to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast to support the PTO of Perth Amboy High School on Saturday, November 14 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tickets cost \$10 pp. Applebee's is located at 251 Woodbridge Center Dr., Woodbridge. For more info contact Melvinia Knight at 732-376-6030 ext. 23800 or email: pahs-pto@paps.net



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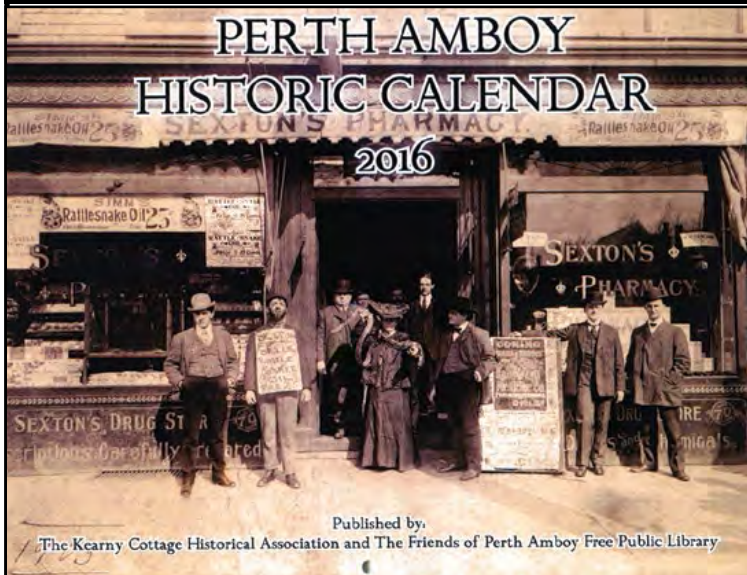
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2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Dept. Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079 or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular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

### Military Timeline

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House at 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, will be hosting a Multi-period Military and Civilian Timeline from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., on Sunday, October 25th. Reenactors will be in uniform or civilian clothing with displays of times gone by. Time periods to be viewed will be from the Revolutionary War to the Vietnam War. Civilian reenactors will be either at tables or walking around talking to the spectators. The event is free for all children. Donations are greatly appreciated. The Proprietary House telephone number is 732-826-5527.

### Tricky Tray

HOPELAWN - Good Shepherd Parish at Most Holy Rosary Church, 625 Florida Grove Rd. in the Hopelawn section of Woodbridge, will be hosting a Tricky Tray Auction in Msgr. Gambino Hall on October 25. Admission is \$15 which includes 25 Tray Tickets, coffee and dessert. Adults only. Hall is handicapped accessible. Doors open at 12 Noon and drawing will begin at 2 p.m. There are 4 levels of prizes plus grand prizes including a Smart TV, Cancun vacation accommodation and Disney Hopper passes. Advanced ticket sale special available before 10/10/15. Currently taking reservations for tables of 6 or more. For more information and tickets, please contact: Marie at 732-442-6916 or the Parish Office at 732-826-4859 or by email at gstrickytray@gmail.com.

### AC Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - The monthly trip to Caesar's Casino, AC will be on Thursday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves 12 Noon from KOC, 228 High St., Perth Amboy. Cost: \$30 pp. Receive \$30 slot play. For additional info call Joe: 732-826-0819.

### Celebration of Two Favorite Elks

SOUTH AMBOY - #784 Invites You To Join Us For A Night To Celebrate Two of Our Favorite Elks! - Tommy Desenzo & Elsie Makar. Saturday, October 24th @ 7:00 p.m. Admission - \$5 (Includes Hot Dog Bar). Bring your own snacks. Lucky Raffle will be drawn at 10 p.m. at 601 Washington Road, South Amboy For Add'l Info call 732-727-7170

### Autumn Breakfast Buffet

PERTH AMBOY - All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet, Sunday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ukrainian Assumption School Cafeteria (Meredith & Jacques Sts., Perth Amboy. Donation \$10 - Adults; \$5 - Teens 12-17 yrs; Children Under 12 - Free. Tickets are available in advance after each Mass or by calling Charlie at 732-254-3966. Sponsored by the Ukrainian Assumption Parish Holy Name Society.

### Need Rent, Food or Utility Assistance?

PERTH AMBOY - The JRF Family Assistance Center provides rent, food or utility assistance to qualifying individuals or families in the community. To be eligible you must meet program requirements. For more information, please call 732-324-2180. You can also stop by our office on the 2nd floor! (149 Kearny Ave. - Rear of Proprietary House)

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PERTH AMBOY - Tuesdays beginning 9/15/15: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Mitruska Integrated Wellness Center, 788 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy. Registration Required. Register today before class fills up! Call 732-324-4300 or schedule online at [www.mitruskawellness.com](http://www.mitruskawellness.com). First Class is FREE. Remember to bring your mat and towel.

### PAHS Class of 1985 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - PAHS Class of 1985 & Friends 30 Year Reunion is the event of the year! If you graduated between 1982 and 1988, join the party! All paid guests, friends and other classmates are welcome to join us (21 and over please). Invite your friends! This is going to be EPIC! PAHS Class of 1985 & Friends 30 Year Reunion, Saturday, October 24 at The Forge in Woodbridge, New Jersey

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### Artist Ricardo Solis to Speak at Kearny Cottage

\*Photos by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Local Artist, Painter, Sculptor, Antique Restorer and Finisher Ricardo Solis will be giving a lecture on the importance of the restoration and preservation of antiques at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 1 p.m. Ricardo was educated at the School of Fine Arts, Lima, Peru, the Academy of Visual Arts, Madrid, Spain, the School of Graphic Arts at El Camino College, Torrance, CA., and the School of Restoration and Water Gilding, Lima Peru. He has restored many private collections, museum and church pieces over the years and will share his experiences and emphasize the importance of restoring antiques. Photo (Top) - Ricardo restores a Rogers Piece. Photo (Bottom) One of Ricardo's many paintings. If you want to contact Ricardo Solis please mail: Ricardo Solis, 292 Smith St. #107, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

### Community Dinners

PERTH AMBOY - Sundays Nov. 1st, 8th & 15th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy.

### Soul Time Dinner & Show

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Community Theater Soul Time Dinner and Show, Friday, Oct. 30th. Seabra's Armory, 200 Front St., Perth Amboy. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. For tix call 732-826-1690

### Success Coaching

PERTH AMBOY - The JRF Family Success Center helps families reach their goals. Feel free to stop by and meet with or family partners for goal planning, helping you and your family members reach your individual success. The JRF Family Center is located in the rear of the Proprietary House (149 Kearny Ave.) For more info call 732-638-5063.

### Halloween Pet Photos

PERTH AMBOY - Halloween Pet Photos at the Perth Amboy Animal Shelter, 597 Fayette Street, Perth Amboy on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. FREE.

### Community Clean-up Day

PERTH AMBOY - Sat. Nov. 7th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Waterfront Area, Sadowski Parkway.

### Suicide Prevention Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - Sat. Nov. 7th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Brighton Avenue Community Center, 56 Brighton Ave., Perth Amboy.

### Halloween Costume Contest &

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, Oct. 31st from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Brighton Ave. Community Center, 56 Brighton Avenue.

**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.  
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**AC Bus Trip**

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**Happenings**

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- WED. Oct. 21 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
  - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
  - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Oct. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Oct. 26 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Oct. 27 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
  - Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Oct. 28 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
  - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Oct. 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

**South Amboy**

- MON. Oct. 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- WED. Nov. 4 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Nov. 18 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave

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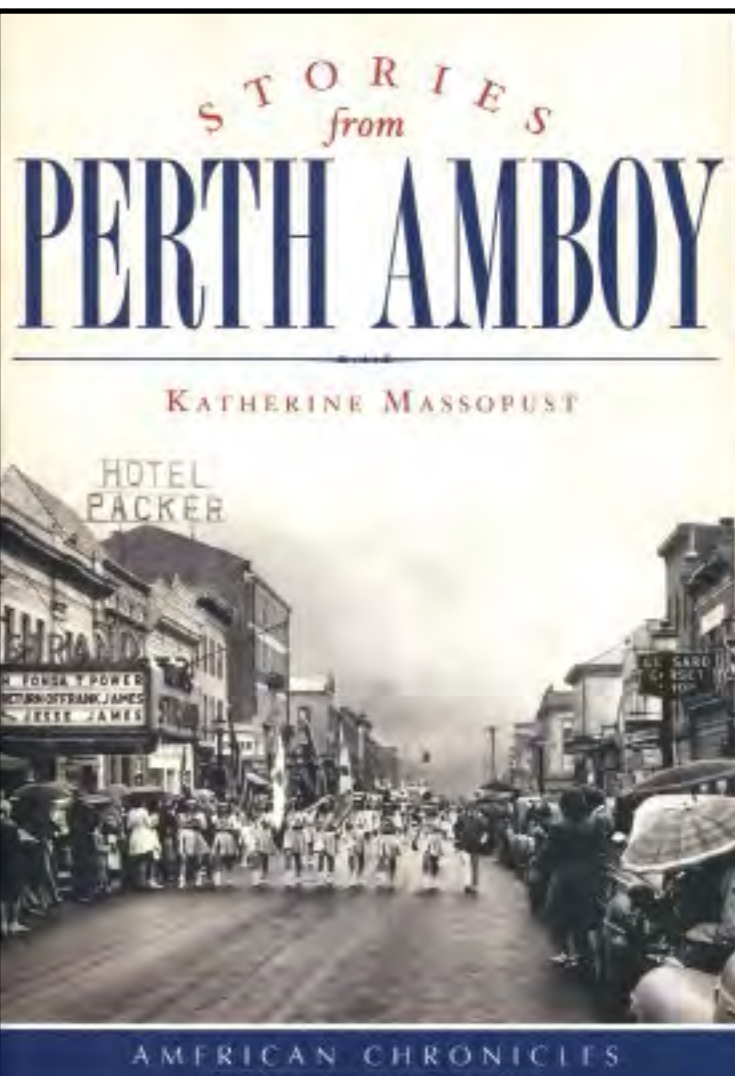
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**LOOKING BACK**



PERTH AMBOY - The reviewing stand of the Bicentennial Parade on the corner of Amboy Avenue and New Brunswick Avenue. The YMCA is located in that area now. *\*Photo Courtesy of Eleanor Bates This Photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission*



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| 16 Rents out                           | 2 Twosome                      | 25 Feline zodiac sign             | 44 Infield cover, for short     |
| 17 Four-star officer (abbr.)           | 3 Poetic "before"              | 27 Papa                           | 47 "Bali ___"                   |
| 18 Branding tool                       | 4 Angels' circlets             | 28 Capri, e.g.                    | 49 River (Sp.)                  |
| 20 Moved upward                        | 5 Hymnal word                  | 29 Flabbergast                    | 50 Pointy-eared sprite          |
| 22 Bread units                         | 6 Smoldering                   | 30 Tornado middles                | 51 Ensemble                     |
| 25 Caustic cleanser                    | 7 Analyzes minerals            | 32 Actress Foster                 |                                 |
| 26 Bancroft and Baxter                 | 8 Company's identifying symbol | 35 Liverpool's                    |                                 |

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