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Affirmative

Frank Hoffman Appointed Department of Public Works Director; Jamie Rios Appointed Code Enforcement Director

PERTH AMBOY – Resolution: R-84-2/16 - Consenting to the appointment of Frank Hoffman as the Director of the Department of Public Works. Resolution R-85-2/16 Consenting to the appointment of Jamie Rios as Director of Code Enforcement.

There was overwhelming support for the two newly appointed DPW and Code Enforcement Directors. There were several employees for the Department of Public Works who praised Frank Hoffman, who worked his way up through the ranks to become the new leader.

Perth Amboy Democratic Chair Billy Delgado commended the two individuals, “Hoffman should be appointed. His department worked 40-50 hours nonstop during the recent storm. I have known Jamie Rios for 25 years and I’m astounded as to how much he has accomplished in the short period of time as the Acting Director of Code Enforcement. Since Rios has been the acting head of that department, they have been working 7 days a week and have been getting more work done through the use of smartphones. All necessary permits are on site when work is being done. Now only one inspector is needed at the courthouse so others in that department can be out in the field. Rios is also a resident of the City.”

After Delgado’s remarks, an employee from Code Enforcement came up to speak. That employee said, “It’s a pleasure to come to work now. Rios preaches customer service and tells us how to educate the public. I’ve seen more people cleaning up their properties. We have weekly update meetings. If he’s done this much in six months, imagine what he’ll do in one year.”

The next speaker was Gregory Pabon, a Democratic Committeeman who has been impressed with Code Enforcement under the leadership of



City Employees pose for a photo with DPW Director Frank Hoffman
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

Rios, “Whenever I call about a problem I’m having in my district, Code Enforcement responds very quickly. That’s all that I’ve come up here to say.”

Mayor Diaz then spoke, “Every appointment I’ve made has been to benefit the City. Employees are uplifted in these departments (Code Enforcement and DPW). Diaz echoed Delgado’s comments, “Code Enforcement has been working 7 days a week.” She asked the Council to appoint Frank Hoffman (DPW Director), Jamie Rios (Code Enforcement Director) and Adam Cruz (as Business Administrator).

Geri Barcheski, herself a 27 year City Employee, who has periodically acted as Interim Public Works Director during periods of transition spoke next. “In the time I’ve been in Public Works, I’ve worked under 9 different Directors. We are concerned with the health and safety of the residents of the City. We are proud of the work we do. Hoffman is tough, but fair and we’ve had more training under him. The work relations and morale are up in the department. Hoffman has the confidence, intelligence, skills and knows how to get it done. Please make Hoffman the Public Works Director. It’s the best decision you’ll make. He was born and raised here. People in our department start

work at 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. We do work that we are not even responsible for.”

DPW Supervisor Hector Polidura spoke, “Hoffman and I worked as City mechanics and we both worked our way up. The staff has worked long hours and many days with little rest. Hoffman respects feedback from employees. There are positive changes in the office and responses from the residents. Under Hoffman’s watch, there have been better communications.” Polidura pleaded with the Council to put politics aside and to look at the work all the departments are doing – not just Code Enforcement and the Department of Public Works.

An employee who has been in the DPW since 1991 remarked about the snowstorm we had this past January. He was proud to report, “Our town had many roads cleared in 3 days compared to some of the towns in surrounding communities. We are so happy with Mr. Hoffman, that we threw a party for him to show our appreciation.”

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Danny Cleaver came up to speak, “I am a 27 year employee. We had another good Director (Ken Schwartz)

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The Battle Continues and Old Wounds Reopened 2/10/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – Resolution R-83 – 2/16 – Moving the Election Date of the Perth Amboy School Board Members to the first Tuesday after the First Monday in November.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski was very interested in this resolution. As he did previously, Sierakowski told the Council Members that the Board of Education did nothing illegal when they decided to change the election to April. He then asked the Council Members, “Did you read the stature in reference to changing Municipal Elections?” Sierakowski continued, “What’s the legal basis for the Council moving the Board of Education Election back to November?”

Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez answered Sierakowski and proceeded to read the stature: (See Page 8)."

Perth Amboy Republican Chair Sharon Hubberman said, “I was present at the Board of Education Special Meeting 1/12/16 at PAHS when they decided to change their election to April. I sent an OPRA request to the County Clerk and to City Clerk Jasko’s office to see if the Board of Education had sent a public notification to the newspapers 48 hours prior to the date of the meeting. I only found it online.”

Resident Alan Silber came up and wanted to know who initiated this resolution. Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez said, “It was either initiated by the Council or the Law Director.”

Silber also had a question about the candidate chosen to be the new Business Administrator. “Was this candidate ever a Business Administrator?” There was no answer.

Resident David Caba also had questions about the salary for the Business Administrators. “Assistant Business Administrator Peter Pelissier said, “The new Business Administrator will be getting a

\$130,000 per year.”

Caba retorted, “I guess Councilman Fernando Gonzalez won’t hire the new B.A. because he’s not a resident. Aren’t we paying the Assistant B.A. \$157,000? Doesn’t a Vice President earn less than a President?”

Councilman Joel Pabon answered back to Caba, “He (Pelissier) was paid based on his experience.”

The ball went back into Caba’s court, “But the Council had an ordinance with a salary cap (with this position.)”

Pabon answered, “It was an old ordinance that we should not have voted on.”

Law Director Quinones cited the Faulkner Act, “The ordinance pertaining to the salary range is for department heads.”

Perth Amboy Democratic Chair Billy Delgado said, “We need to have an experienced Assistant Business Administrator here to help the new B.A. in his transition.”

Mayor Diaz said, “Adam Cruz, the candidate to be appointed as the new B.A. was an Assistant Business Administrator in Newark. Peter Pelissier has over 20 years experience. These are people who really want to work in the City.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came back later in the evening (public portion). “Nothing is official. (The date being changed back to April for the Board of Education Elections) According an article published in the Amboy Guardian in 2012, “Three Board of Education Members voted against moving the elections to November.” He then again encouraged the Council Members to read the stature on changing Board of Education election dates.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez showed his displeasure in regards to moving the Board

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**Resident Feels House is in Danger
 2/10/16 Council Meeting**

PERTH AMBOY - Water Street Resident Dan Hedberg was concerned about the stones that were removed which secured the hill leading to Bayview Park from Front Street. He presented photos to the Council, "I called Council President Lisa Nanton who is the committee woman in our district about not only my home but other homes that may be affected by this. I came to City Hall and spoke to Mayor Diaz and B.A. Pelissier. Our neighborhood was not told about the rock removal which I feel will put us in danger. Heavy rains can cause the dirt to slide. There was a front-end loader that was digging out the dirt. I'm asking that this project be put on hold."



Hedberg House *Photo by Josh Hedberg 2/12/16

Hedberg had a list of requests to present before the Council. One included if the town would be able to issue any kind of insurance to protect his residence for any damages. He wanted to know if there were any legal

requirements informing residents in an area that there may be a project that might endanger them. "Why are we putting walkways in the middle of a hill?"

Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez told Hedberg, "The City does not provide insurance in those cases. I am not familiar with this project and will have to take a look."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "I think we have engineers looking at this."

Annie Hindenlang - Exec. Dir. Office of Economic and Community Development Redevelopment Agency said, "The walkway is actually a terracing effect to prevent further damage from another Superstorm Sandy occurrence. This will actually make the area safer."

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who retired. When Schwartz retired, Hoffman stepped in as Public Works Director and did a good job until a permanent replacement could be found for Schwartz. In that short period of time, Hoffman had to do the budget for Public Works and he did a good job and brought it under budget. Both Hoffman and Jamie Rios are dedicated employees."

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "I was impressed by the employees who came up to speak about these two individuals (Hoffman and Rios). Three of the most important departments in the City are the Police, Public Works and Code

Enforcement. Sometimes people in these departments may think that no one is watching them when they're working at certain hours. But, there are a lot of people who are looking when you're working at all different hours of the day. I know, because we get complaints from these people. I know the employees said we are short of manpower and equipment, but that's why we (the Council) are here so you can tell us exactly what you need."

Hoffman's appointment was moved and passed unanimously.

After Hoffman was approved as Public Works Director by the Council, the DPW em-

ployees and many others at the Council Meeting stood up, cheered and applauded for that decision. Hoffman stood up with a big smile on his face and thanked the DPW for being here and supporting him. He asked the Council to please vote for Rios as well.

Rios' appointment was moved and passed unanimously as well.

Hoffman complimented the new Code Enforcement Director, Jamie Rios whom he sided as being a "very understanding director." He added, "Rios has to be a disciplinarian as well as a leader."

Battle Continues

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of Election date, "For 30 to 40 years the Board of Education elections were held in May. Governor Christie said that the municipalities could change it to November to save money. (November is when the general elections are held.) We spent \$80,000 on a special election (Fernando Gonzalez vs. Sergio Diaz for a 3rd spot on the City Council held May 12, 2015) just because the City didn't like the 2014 election results. There is a desire to control everything in the City. Instead of the City, the Administration, the Council and the Board of Education sitting down and talking, there will be money spent on making lawyers rich (arguing this change of date). It is sad for the future of Perth Amboy."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry responded to Councilman Fernando Gonzalez' outburst, "That election (5/12/15 Special Election) was ordered by the Court."

Councilman Bill Petrick added, "There was fraud found. I'm surprised at Fernando Gonzalez. He piloted this (change of the election to November). Look at the records."

Fernando Gonzalez was astounded at Petrick's remarks.

Councilman Joel Pabon added, "This looked too secretive (the Board of Education changing their election to April 2016). I haven't been to many Board of Education Meetings lately, but people have said that something is not right. The City and the Board of Education need to get together."

Councilman Fernando Gon-

zalez stated, "I was against the Board of Elections moving the election to November. We were not giving the educational system the value it deserves. There were 57 names on the ballot which was very confusing for the people."

Council President Lisa Nanton said, "I'm not really against moving the Board of Education elections back to April. I just question why they're doing it so late. The Board of Education Members had 4 years to change the date back to April. The special meeting they had to decide this date change was given on short notice."

The Resolution R-83 passed. Councilman Fernando Gonzalez abstained because of conflict of interest.

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Ashes To Go, Perth Amboy Train Station 2/10/16 *Photos by Paul W. Wang



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Of Dire Need



McClellan Street *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Madison Avenue



Gutter on Madison Avenue and Market Street

According to the 2010 United States Census, there were 50,814 people in Perth Amboy, including 15,419 households, and 11,456 families residing in the city. Even if you factor only one car per household (being conservative), that's over 15,000 vehicles that need parking in a 4.702 sq mi land area. That's 10,806.8 people per sq mi - and more people coming in. Enough already! Where are these people going to park? As it is now, we don't have sufficient parking for our residents, including all the residents which are living in illegal housing. Even if these vehicles are garaged, there are a large amount of cars on the street and people driving in town. It's getting more and more difficult to navigate while driving in the City. Perth Amboy is bursting at the seams. Any additional housing will put a strain on the City. What will be the straw that breaks the camel's back?

Winter has taken its toll on Perth Amboy's roads, as it has been doing so for many years, and it doesn't help our sewer system either. The last snow-storm added to the ever in-

creasing pothole problem. Look around the City and count how many potholes and cracks you see. The roads are continuing to deteriorate and are getting worse and worse each day. The appearance of some roads as they are now is deplorable. Besides being unsightly, they are an accident waiting to happen to both pedestrians and drivers. Some of the roads going through Perth Amboy are state or county roads and are the state's and county's responsibility respectively. Perth Amboy should request that these roads be paved.

While patching helps put a Band-Aid by fixing the problem temporarily, many of Perth Amboy's roads are beyond patching. These roads need to be paved. Paving Perth Amboy's roads will improve the overall appearance of the town giving it a much needed face-lift. At the same time, it will give the City the opportunity to take the time to improve the infrastructure of the sewers (which may collapse one day and cause major sinkholes). It's a job long overdue. The new Director of Public Works has his work cut out for him. **K.M.**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Defending the AFT

During my time in the District, until I became disabled and unable to work, I found the AFT representation excellent. Our contracts were negotiated at the local level taking into consideration the parameters needed to benefit the learning outcome for students in our classroom.

Our benefit package was second to none. Who has compared State health care plans to our present health package? Give it a try and open an eye.

NJEA members are just that. NJEA members. They are not AFT members. Why would they want to even think of attending an AFT meeting? Would be like a registered Democrat trying to sneak into the Republican convention. Silly at best.

What did all those NJEA dues get their members? Man-

datory health contributions and decreased retirement benefits. Worse is yet to come for the NJEA membership rank and file.

I am retired now due to my injuries. But if I would have a vote it would be for the AFT. Local representation on the local level for those in our District as a priority.

No outsiders coming in to push their weight around. Do we need this? For what reason would we need it? I can see none whatsoever.

My father was a custodian in District and retired in the 1970's. I was a business and mathematics teacher and retired in the 2010's. The AFT was here and represented both of us.

We should not now allow a group of outsiders to enter our City and attempt to create a circus arena atmosphere during the critical negotiating technicalities needed to bring forth a viable agreement.

Obama brought change and created a disaster. Christie brought change and screwed us. Now the NJEA wants to bring us relief. I don't believe so.

My thinking leads me to believe that the NJEA just wants all monies in their coffers from everyone who is an educational employee in the state. They have jealousy in their blood for the AFT.

Worst of all they attempt to undermine first amendment rights and laugh at our district wide communication channel of the "mailbox". They profess that visiting a colleague at their home is not worth your time.

My door is open at all times to any of my colleagues and friends who desire to stop around. It's always OK, in my book, to stop and say hello.

Bill Pafinty
Retired PABOE Teacher

Equal Pay for Women Can't Wait

Seven years ago, President Obama signed the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act ensuring that anyone whose pay lagged because of gender, race, age, disability, or religion could assert her rights under federal anti-discrimination laws. While the act has helped many deserving individuals since its enactment, according to the National Women's Law Center[i], women remain economically marginalized and underpaid in comparison with men throughout the United States and here in New Jersey.

Enter New Jersey legislative champion state Senator Loretta Weinberg introducing a critical measure to help address the persistent problem of pay inequity that hurts New Jersey families so dramatically. Sen. Weinberg's bill takes steps towards strengthening New Jersey's laws against discrimination particularly as it relates to wages and sex. A requirement for employers contracting with the state to provide demographic and wage information is a good measure to help identify discriminatory practices where they exist. This measure and corresponding initiatives in other states need to be supported with advocacy and activism to move them through attempts to derail and obstruct.

Legislative measures are one tool in what must be a multi-faceted approach to the persistent problem of the gender pay gap.

Our unions continue to advocate successfully for equal pay and make some progress. The Institute for Women's Policy Research found that women represented by labor unions earn 88.7 cents on the dollar compared with their male counterparts, a considerably higher earnings ratio than the earnings ratio between all women and men in the United States (78.3 percent)[ii].

When I started teaching more than three decades ago, the profession was low-paid and comprised of a mostly female workforce. We suffered with low salaries for decades. Collectively bargained salary guides accounting for both experience and education have gone a long way towards addressing pay inequality within the ranks of professional educators, but it is still not enough. Unfortunately old attitudes persist and we still see that men are more likely to be moved into athletics coaching and extracurricular activities that offer stipends and more likely to be hired into district administration with higher salaries.

Although we know that education is a great equalizer in many areas and of immeasurable value in shaping our society, the wage gap exists




Donna M. Chiera
President AFT of NJ

regardless of education level. Women with master's degrees working full time are paid just 72 cents for every dollar paid to men with master's degrees, according to the National Partnership for Women and Families.[iii] Further, women with doctoral degrees are paid less than men with master's degrees, and women with master's degrees are paid less than men with bachelor's degrees.

None of these persistent gaps are going to be closed by the force of wishful thinking or platitudes. We need solid legislation like Sen. Weinberg's to keep us moving in the right direction. We need programs to train women for rewarding careers in trades as well as for professional and managerial roles. We need to change the mistaken impression that

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SENIOR CENTER.....	423 MAIN ST.
SUNNYSIDE RESTAURANT.....	111 MAIN ST.
IN SEWAREN:	
PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	546 WEST AVE.
SEWAREN CORNER DELI.....	514 WEST AVE.
IN SOUTH AMBOY:	
AMBOY NATIONAL BANK.....	100 N. BROADWAY
BROADWAY BAGELS.....	105 S. BROADWAY
BROADWAY DINER.....	126 N. BROADWAY
CENTER DELI.....	250 N. STEVENS AVE.
CITY HALL.....	140 N. BROADWAY
COMMUNITY CENTER.....	200 O'LEARY BLVD.
KRAUSZER'S.....	200 N. BROADWAY
KRAUSZER'S.....	717 BORDENTOWN AVE.
PUBLIC LIBRARY.....	100 HOFFMAN PLAZA
SCIORTINO'S HARBOR LIGHTS.....	132 S. BROADWAY
SOUTH AMBOY MEDICAL CENTER.....	540 BORDENTOWN AVE.
WELLS FARGO BANK.....	116 N. BROADWAY
IN WOODBRIDGE:	
CITY HALL.....	1 MAIN ST.
MAIN ST. FARM.....	107 MAIN ST.
NEWS & TREATS.....	99 MAIN ST.
REO DINER.....	392 AMBOY AVE.
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HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday's at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

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

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.

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

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.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
MON. Feb. 22	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Feb. 24	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Feb. 25	Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
South Amboy	
WED. Feb. 17	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?
The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area)
For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.
For more info please call 732-293-1090

Attention! Our Newspaper is available at Shop-Rite, Perth Amboy at the Courtesy Counter!

Five New Jersey Schools Awarded Verizon Innovative Learning Grants to Enhance STEM Education

News Release 2/9/16

NEWARK – Five New Jersey schools are recent recipients of highly competitive Verizon Innovative Learning Grants designed to accelerate innovative learning opportunities in under-resourced schools.

The winners are:

- Nathan Hale School in Carteret
- Academy of Urban Leadership Charter High School in Perth Amboy
- High Tech High School in North Bergen
- Paulsboro High School in Paulsboro
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community School in Atlantic City

This program is a part of Verizon's commitment to the White House's ConnectED initiative. The company has pledged up to \$100 million in cash and in-kind contributions over three years as part of this program. Each school was awarded \$20,000 for the 2015-16 school year to support and better engage students' interest and understanding in STEM subjects.

"Verizon understands America's need for a diverse, skilled technology workforce," said Samuel Delgado, vice president of external affairs for Verizon New Jersey. "Today, too few young people in New Jersey are prepared to play a meaningful role in the tech-based economy, and that's especially true for women and minorities.

"The grants are being used to help students have increased access to technology as a powerful tool to create more exciting, hands-on and experiential learning environments," Delgado added.

The grants will help the schools launch or accelerate STEM programs that incorporate experiential learning, train teachers on the effective use of mobile technology to help increase student achievement, and create more personalized learning environments to help students succeed.

The national grant program is open to any public elementary, middle or high school in the

United States in which at least 70 percent of students qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Learn more about Verizon's commitment to New Jersey at www.VerizonUpdateNJ.com Verizon Communications Inc. (NYSE, Nasdaq: VZ) employs a diverse workforce of 177,700 and generated nearly \$132 billion in 2015 revenues. Verizon operates America's most reliable wireless network, with more than 112 million retail connections nationwide. Headquartered in New York, the company also provides communications and entertainment services over America's most advanced fiber-optic network, and delivers integrated business solutions to customers worldwide.

Lego Toddlers

SOUTH AMBOY - Ages 2-3 yrs. old. Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060. Come build with us!

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)

Drums Alive

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY - Drums Alive (R) Fundraiser to benefit the Columbian Club #426. Drums Alive Classes with Licensed and Certified Instructor Denise Morgan!!! Thursdays at 7pm! Feel and experience the pulsating rhythms, dynamic movements and powerful percussions of this new and unique high-energy dance rhythmical workout. The Drums Alive® program is simple and fun for adults and kids of all fitness levels, including seniors and those who may have physical challenges. Participants enjoy a total "mind and body" workout with just a pair of drumsticks

in hand and a stability ball at their feet. By combining the cognitive and physical process involved in the rhythmic movements, one can discover balance of the mind, body and spirit. February 25th thru March 24th from 7 p.m. to 7:55 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth Street South Amboy. Price: 5 classes = \$45 a portion of the proceeds go to the Columbian club #426. You must bring a stability ball and a yoga mat, don't forget your water! Come join the fun and see what Drums Alive is all about. Preregistration is required. Email healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com or call Denise 732-525-9536.

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
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TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2016
6:00 P.M.

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The Community Voice

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males are family breadwinners and women are only working to supplement a husband's income. In fact, census data show more than 441,000 family households in New Jersey headed by women[iv]. About 23 percent of those families, or 99,308 family households, have incomes that fall below the poverty level.

One strength we have in advocating for local, state and federal legislation is that women vote at higher rates than men since 1980 and in higher numbers since 1964[v]. In 2012, 71.4 million women (64 percent of those eligible) voted, compared to 61.6 million men (less than 60 percent). In 2012, 81.7 million women were registered to vote, compared to 71.4 million men.

Legislators of both parties as well as candidates for higher office should be held to task for their past votes and asked to pledge to support bills that provide accountability and address wage discrimination. These are among the tools that we can use so that subsequent generations of Lilly Ledbetter's daughters and nieces earn enough to be self-sufficient and those who choose to can care for their own families.

Donna M. Chiera
President of the American
Federation of Teachers
New Jersey

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**Keep Those Letters Coming!
We Love to Hear From You!**

This is Outrageous!

Mayor circumvents City Code and Ordinances, Council supports and condones it; City Attorney goes against Ordinances she herself submitted.

This is an outrage. At the Council Meeting on January 13, 2016, it was pointed out that City Code 4-23 procedures had been violated in hiring Mr. Pelissier as the Interim Business Administrator.

Attempting to cover up the violation, Mayor Diaz presumably acted upon Ms. Quinones' advice and submitted a letter to the City Council dated January 27, 2016, which circumvented City Code 4-23 by backdating Mr. Pelissier's appointment as an Assistant BA to January 5, 2015, thereby keeping his salary at \$157,000.00. In a convenient lapse of memory by both the Mayor and Ms. Quinones, this disregarded another Ordinance, 1798-2015, that had just been adopted by the Council on December 9, 2015. Signed by Lisa Nanton Mayor

Diaz, Elaine Jasko approved as to form by Arlene Quinones Perez, this ordinance limited the salary for an Assistant B.A. to \$106,000 and required any appointee to be a resident of Perth Amboy.

In violation of this ordinance, Mr. Pelissier's present salary of \$157,000.00 represents an unlawful overpayment of \$51,000.00. This is on top of the fact that Mr. Pelissier is not a resident of our city, another violation.

Mr. Pabon at the February 10th Council meeting, stated that Ordinance 1798-2015 adopted by the Council on December 09, 2015 should not have been passed, that it was an error on their part, thus trying to provide cover for the Mayor, the attorney, and the Council, with the exception of Fernando Gonzalez, who was the only council member to vote "nay."

Can anyone please tell me what is going on here? THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS!!

Virginia Lugo
Concerned Citizen

What Do You Think? Send us a Response!

PERTH AMBOY ANTI-RABIES VACCINE CLINICS-2016 May 14, 2016 and September 10, 2016

PROTECT YOUR PETS AND YOUR FAMILY AGAINST THE DEADLY THREAT OF THE RABIES VIRUS NOW!



The City of Perth Amboy
Will be conducting animal anti-rabies vaccine clinics in 2016 on
Saturday from 9:00 Am till Noon on the dates and locations listed below.
Visit these free Clinics or see your veterinarian.

Dogs and Cats that were inoculated in 2013 are due for re-inoculation in 2016 Due to the continuing rabies threat, we are strongly recommending that all animals inoculated 2014 be re-inoculated at this time to insure no lapse in immunity.

All Dogs Must Be Leashed and Accompanied By An Adult. All cats must be in carriers or leashed.
2016 Licenses may be purchased at the clinic.

LICENSE FEES:

Spayed or Neutered Dogs or Cats \$7.00
(Bring Veterinarian's Certificates)
\$10.00 If not spayed or neutered



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY DOG/CAT LICENSE APPLICATION 2016

Pet Information

Dog/Cat Name: _____ Breed: _____

Sex: _____ Hair(Long or Short) _____ Color: _____ Markings: _____

Spay/Neutered(Yes/No): _____

Year of Birth: _____ Rabies Expiration Date* _____

Owner Information

Name: _____ Telephone#: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Veterinarian

In accordance with New Jersey State Health Department regulations rabies coverage shall be through November 1st of current license year

Veterinarian Name: _____ Telephone#: _____

Address: _____

Payment Information

Spayed or Neutered (Written Proof Required): \$7.00

Not Spayed or Neutered: \$10.00

Apply by Person or Mail to:

(Make Check Payable to City of Perth Amboy):

City Clerk's Office• City Hall

260 High Street, Perth Amboy,08861

(732) 826-0290

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:AM- 5:00 PM

2016 Rabies Clinic Schedule

May 14, 2016 and September 10, 2016

CITY GARAGE-FOOT OF FAYETTE STREET- 9: 00 AM To Noon

Note: Licenses may be purchased at Clinics.

*** All dog Must Be Leashed/ All cats must be In carriers or leashed.***

Military Assistance Center

WOODBIDGE - Sansone Auto Mall and Woodbridge Township are sponsoring a Military Assistance Center, 3rd Floor, Town Hall. Ronald G. Davie, Coordinator. 732-634-4500 ext. 2037. Email - Ron.Davie@twp.woodbridge.nj.us

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.

Vet's Coffee House

PERTH AMBOY - Attention area vets of our Armed Forces. The Salvation Army Vet's Coffee House meets once a month, every 2nd Thursday for coffee, donuts and conversation. Time is 19:00 - 21:00 located at the corner of Washington Street and State Street, Perth Amboy. We can be reached at the Salvation Army 732-826-7040. We look forward to meeting you.

Ladies Auxiliary #4699

SAYREVILLE - the Ladies Auxiliary of #4699 of Jernee Mill road, Sayreville will hold their monthly meeting on February 23 at the post hall. All are invited to attend and light refreshments will be served. For any info call 732-264-3041. 2/10

\$100 Worth of Food for \$40

PERTH AMBOY – The Jolin Food box program is designed to provide families with nationally branded food products at wholesale prices. On behalf of the Cathedral's Community Development Corporation, the Jewish Renaissance Foundation's AmeriCorps is helping promote the Jolin Food Box. This month's deadline is Feb. 10. Pick Up Date is Saturday, Feb. 20 between 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at 282 McClennan Street, Perth Amboy Check out <https://jolinfoodbox.com> or contact us at 732-826-8207.

R-80-2/16

RESOLUTION OF THE PERTH AMBOY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION AT THE FEBRUARY 8, 2016 MEETING TO DISCUSS CLOSED SESSION MINUTES REVIEW, YMCA NEGOTIATIONS AND LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Perth Amboy is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq; and

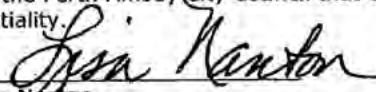
WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that a closed session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by resolution; and

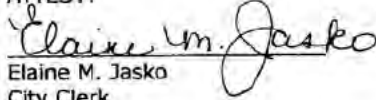
WHEREAS, it is necessary for the City of Perth Amboy to discuss in a session not open to the public, certain matters relating to items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b).

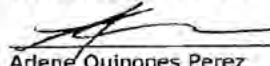
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Perth Amboy City Council that a closed session shall be held on February 8, 2016 at 4:45 PM, and 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, to discuss the following matters:

- a. Closed Session Minutes Review - 1/25/16
- b. YMCA Negotiations
- c. Litigation
 - Arbitration - Police Retiree Benefits
 - Landings v. City of Perth Amboy
 - Bucior v. City of Perth Amboy
 - American Halal v. City of Perth Amboy
 - Update on pending legal cases - Tracy Guarneri; Edwin Rodriguez v. Salazar, Perez and Diaz; TAK and Safeco; Serghides, PBA Local 13 Unfair Labor Practice Acting Sergeants; PBA Local 13 - Military Unfair; Estate of Dixon Rodriguez v. CPA and Officers Fontaine and Puntiel; Alfred J. Petit-Clair & Matthew Petit-Clair; Landings at Harborside; Unfair Labor Practice - Retiree Benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Perth Amboy City Council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.


 Lisa Nanton
 Council President

ATTEST:

 Elaine M. Jasko
 City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 Arlene Quinones Perez
 Director of Law

DATED: February 8, 2016

2016 APRIL ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION COST ESTIMATE

(TO BE PAID/REIMBURSED BY BOARD OF EDUCATION)

POLL CLERKS	\$10,725.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (\$115 x 90) @ 6 poll clerks x 15 districts) (\$10,350) • (\$25 x 15 districts - supply pickup/drop off) (\$375) 	
OVERTIME - OFFICE STAFF/HELPERS	2,000.
OVERTIME - POLICE	1,000.
ADVERTISING	2,000.
PRINTING OF BALLOTS/VOTE BY MAIL BALLOTS/MACHINE BALLOTS	11,350.
PRINTING OF ATV'S	500.
BULK MAILING OF BALLOTS	1,800.
DELIVERY/PICK-UP OF MACHINES	2,000.
2 POLLING SITES RENTAL SPACE	335.
TOTAL	\$31,710.

Comments

**Public, Council & Administration
 2/10/16 Council Meeting**

PERTH AMBOY - Truxton Avenue Resident William Mason inquired about the lawsuit filed about Susan Batista over a year ago. "What are the legal bills so far?"

Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez said, "The fees are covered by the City's insurance company carrier that has a rider attached to it."

Truxton Avenue Susan Batista inquired again, "Was Peter Pelissier ever an Acting Mayor before January of this year?"

Council President Lisa Nanton said, "He was only the Acting Mayor from the January dates that were listed on the previous agenda when the Mayor was out of town."

(Mayor Diaz came back at an earlier date than originally scheduled because of the snowstorm.)

Resident David Caba said, "I should apply for a City Pension because I've been coming to the Meetings for over 20 years. Nobody wanted to run against Joe Vas for many years. I respect Pelissier as a Veteran. I have a right to come up here because of our Veterans fighting for our freedom."

When Caba started to speak about an 85 year old man who was a Veteran who he considers as a second father, Councilman Fernando Irizarry interrupted him and said, "You've told this to us many times already."

Caba became agitated and responded, "I can come up and speak as many times as I want - Even if it's on the same subject! 35% of the people voted for Mayor Diaz. The other 65% did not want her."

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak. He addressed Councilman Joel Pabon. Silber questioned Pabon about an ordinance that Pabon said the

Council should have pulled from the December 9, 2015 Council Meeting Agenda:

2. An Ordinance to Amend An Ordinance Entitled "Ordinance Fixing and Establishing A Schedule of Salaries and Salary Ranges and Increments for Officers and Employees of the City of Perth Amboy" (Ordinance No. 218-79 As Amended) Adopted July 3, 1979. Re: Management & Non Union - January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2018.

Silber stated, "This Ordinance was signed by Council President Nanton, Mayor Diaz, City Clerk Elaine Jasko and Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez. It was on the January 7, 2016 Agenda that made Pelissier an Assistant B.A. You can't trust people who said they'll run for two terms, and then break their promise."

He questioned the Council, "Are you part of the Administration? Or Separate? She (Mayor Diaz) doesn't appoint. You have to consent. How are sick/vacation days determined? We're talking about dollars here. I'll say one thing - Frank Hoffman was one of the City Employees who went to the Vas trial everyday. I've been speaking to people in the Ethics Department in Trenton about the Mayor not following the ordinances. The people in that Department wanted to know why isn't the Council doing anything about it?"

Law Director Quinones-Perez interjected and said to Silber, "I've worked with many people in different State Departments and the Governor's Office. I know a lot of them. Who did you speak to?"

Silber mentioned two names:

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RESOLUTION MOVING THE ELECTION DATE OF THE PERTH AMBOY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2016, a Resolution was passed by the Perth Amboy Board of Education, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, changing the election date of the school board members from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election) to the third Tuesday in April; and

WHEREAS, the Perth Amboy Board of Education elections were originally moved from April to November to save the residents of the City taxpayer dollars as well as to increase voter participation. Furthermore, the Perth Amboy Board of Education has failed to identify why moving the election from November to April would be in the best interest of the City or its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that such a change would not benefit the City of Perth Amboy or its resident. Changing the election from November to April would increase the cost of the elections for 2016 at the expense of the taxpayers. Additionally, such a change would also significantly decrease voter participation.

WHEREAS, in furtherance of that position, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60:1.1(c), the City has determined to change the school board election scheduled for the third Tuesday in April to November, to take effect for the 2016 election cycle.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY:

1. That in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:60:1.1(c), the election of school board members will be changed to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election)
2. That the City Clerk shall provide notice, in writing, a copy of this Resolution to the Middlesex County Clerk; the Middlesex Board of Education; the Middlesex County Superintendent of Election; the School Board Secretary; the Department of State; the Division of Elections; the Department of Education's Executive County Superintendent; and the Department of Community Affairs; and the Division of Local Government services.

LISA NANTON
 Council President

ELAINE M. JASKO
 City Clerk

Dated: February 10, 2016

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ARLENE QUINONES PEREZ
 Director of Law

PryceLess Foundation: Celebrating The Life Of Richie Pryce in A Memorial Service

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY – Violence took his life but his legacy continues to speak out against the violent behavior that devastates communities. Richie Pryce was gunned down one year ago and one year later his vision of starting a non-profit organization is alive and closer to becoming a reality. Saturday, February 27, 2016, 6:00pm a memorial service for Richie Pryce will take place at the Jankowski Center, 1 Olive Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Richie's family and friends were shocked to hear of his death resulting from the very thing he spoke against. "Speaking out against violence" will be one of the topics lifted up at the occasion where he will be remembered.

Richie Pryce's service will be a community event that will have performance, motivational speakers, spoken word, food, dance and music. Family, friends and the community will come together to honor Richie and share stories about his life.

February is Black History Month and the memorial event will include presentations on gun violence, leadership and social justice. The PryceLess Foundation which is being set up and will be announced during the service has a mission to: Inspire and motivate everyone to make positive decisions and to live a healthy and successful life.

There is no cost to attend the service. "It's a special evening for us to reminisce on his



Richard Pryce

life, become inspired and start working to get rid of community violence." Stated Jahmal Pryce, brother of Richie

For additional information call Keneshia Pryce (443) 380-3851

Easter Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having an Easter Cake Sale from March 7th -March 10th. Pick up your order at 404 Division St. To place your order call: 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All gourmet items are homemade. Cakes: Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune (Lekvar), Raspberry. Price - \$11.00 each. Pickup dates are March 15th & March 16th. after 2 p.m. 2/17

Winter Paper Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - The Dowdell Library of South Amboy will be holding a Winter Paper Sale beginning Monday Jan 18th through February. The Library will be offering paperback books - five for \$1; adult hardcover books \$1 each; magazines \$2 per year, and children's books for only 25 cents each. A coordinated special sale of DVDs are available for only \$1 each, as well as printers for \$10, and much more! While you're at the library, pick up an entry form for Dowdell Library's 102nd Anniversary Cooking Competition "Festive Appetizers." The contest will be held on Monday, March 14 and a soft drink "cocktail" party will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. The library is located off John T O'Leary Blvd (adjacent to High/Middle School) in South Amboy. Hours are Mon-Tues-Thurs. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Wed and Fri 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sat 12 noon to 4 p.m. For additional information contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or email: comments@dowdell.org. The library website is www.dowdell.org. 1/20

Food Pantry

SAYREVILLE - Each month on the 3rd Thursday of the month our Food Pantry "Daily Bread" distributes food for those in need. Between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Faith Fellowship Ministries, 2707 Main St., Sayreville. For more info call (732)727-9500 ext. 1704

Mah Jongg

PARLIN - Looking for something fun to do? The Friends of Sayreville Public Library invite you to come play Mah Jongg in the Young Adult Room. Sunday, February 21, 2016 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. New and experienced members welcome. This is event is FREE and Mah Jongg sets and cards will be available for use by all players. 1050 Washington Road, Parlin. For more information, please call Elaine (732) 727-0192. 2/3

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

FORDS - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 Planned Trips: May 17-18: Pennsylvania Package Tour - includes "Samson" at the Sight & Sound Theater, "Million Dollar Quartet" at the Dutch Apple Theater, Turkey Hill Taste Lab, and a hotel stay at Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA. Contact Bob at 732-885-1789 for reservations. All trips are open to non-members. For information on the Knitting & Crocheting club, contact Kay at 732-548-1976. Canned food for MCFOOD, miscellaneous items for nursing homes & hospitals, used eyeglasses for the Lions Club, and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House will be collected at the meeting. For additional information, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org. 1/13

Fish & Chicken Fry

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville located at 172 Main St. will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on March 4. Tickets are \$13 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door for \$15. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5 p.m. and dining room seating will be from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@optimum.net. 2/10

Dowdell Library Foundation DVD & Recorded Media Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Your fall cleanout is done and you're wondering what to do with all of those unwanted DVD's, CD's, and video games. How about donating them to South Amboy's Sadie Pope Dowdell Library? Just bring those unwanted items to the library, during regular hours. No VHS please!

This program has been running since 2012 collecting thousands of DVD's and other electronic media for the library. Those generous donations have enabled the library to increase its resources for the benefit of South Amboy residents and the surrounding communities.

All donations are fully tax deductible and the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. Please call (732)721-6060 for library hours. To schedule a pick-up for larger collections, please contact Grace at 732-721-6592. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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The Green Truth (Variation Upon A Theme By John Burroughs)

For Anton Massopust by Jerry Shonds

Cleansed by the trees of this forest of my city thoughts,
Dark with envy, nearly black with strife,
I will no longer chase after things I cannot keep
When I can seize what I can never lose.
What is really mine will come to me and cling.

Replenished by its towering canopies of flickering leaves,
Each green leaf repeating the same green truth,
I wait to complete what I have just begun,
Casting off all my false selves,
Like strange garments that never belonged,
Like incredible news delayed but certain,
I will come into my own and revel in my watch.

Renewed by the throwing realms of jubilant birdsongs overhead,
By the myriad lifeforms stirring unseen under my feet,
What can swerve me from my way,
Separate me from my core?
All that belongs to me will find me and sing.

Released from the error of hurry, the unnecessary rush,
I move now among timeless things;
There is neither early nor late.
Brightened here by sunlight,
Dappled there by shadows,
One by one, all my thoughts now completely green,
Sit down, fold their hands and beam.

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Five Points by Board President Lebreault

2/11/16 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – During the President’s Report, Board President Sam Lebreault stated five major points he wanted to emphasize. The Amboy Guardian reached out to Lebreault who explained each of the five points.



Board President Sam Lebreault

1.) The Board of Education is looking into purchasing 3 properties near the Patten School located at 500 Charles St. (Off of Hall Avenue). “The reason for this is not only to create parking for teachers and staff, but to create traffic patterns to make it a lot easier for parents to drop kids off. There will be one-way traffic in front of the school and more control of traffic on Charles and Elizabeth Streets. We will be building a cul-de-sac to provide for ease of traffic.”

2.) The Bus Depot – the Board of Education is looking at the East Avenue Property as well as other areas to build a bus depot. “We already own the East Avenue Property but if another property is more suited for our needs, the Board will be looking into purchasing it.”

3.) The SDA (School Development Authority) has requested that the Board of Education have a name given to the Seamen Avenue School. “The Board will reach out to the public for suggestions, but Board will decide on the name of it.”

4.) The final purchase of the Delaney Homes Property is in the works. The SDA wants to know what programs to be

expected to be held at the new high school. “We will work to present to the state what is required by them.”

5.) The Board of Education Election has been moved to April 2016. The City is challenging that. In reference to the City Council: “The Board of Education is a separate entity than the Council. We are a self-governing body. The law’s written part (referring to the election) is ambiguous. The Board has the right to move it. In some districts the Board of Education is appointed by the City Council. It (this ordinance) was never meant for fully elected bodies. The Board wishes to keep political influence out of the election. The City Council (on 2/10/16) wanted to move the election back to November. We (The BOE) want what’s best for the BOE’s purpose. We’re taking it to court. I’m only guessing, but the court will have to act expeditiously.”

Caesar’s Wife Must be Beyond Reproach

2/11/16 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – During the public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to the podium to speak. He began with an old expression: “Caesar’s wife must be beyond reproach.” This old proverb stems from ancient Rome when Julius Caesar (supposedly) gave the reason why he divorced his second wife, Pompeia because she was suspected of some wrongdoing, and therefore he could not be associated with her anymore.



Stanley Sierakowski

Sierakowski explained, “There are three members of the negotiating committee (with the PA-AFT) who are incumbents. When you have a relationship with a Union Member. 3 of 4 of the negotiating committee are BOE incumbents. As a business practice, that does not happen. See the process at it evolves. In the future, take into consideration Caesar’s second wife.”

Board President Sam Lebreault

answered Sierakowski, “All 9 Members are conflicted. New Jersey mandates the Doctrine of Necessity where all 9 Board Members on this Board are conflicted. Of the 4 out of 9 Board Members, they are the 4 who are least conflicted of the 9. Jose Rodriguez and Manuel Nunez are not up for reelection. We put a lot of thought into it.”

Dual Language Academy; Board Certified Teachers Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent’s Report

2/11/16 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY - During the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. David Roman stated, “Students are engaging in meaningful activities, higher order thinking and a nurturing environment.”

Dr. Roman continued to praise the staff on their hard work during the recent snow storm. “Snow had an impact on the community.”

Dr. Roman went on to speak about the Dual Language Academy at the building that used to be Our Lady of Peace School, now being utilized by the Perth Amboy BOE, “The

importance of dual languages – we’re not just going to open up a building without engaging teachers, parents and meet with them. What we need is to have a successful dual language program.”

In reference to the new high school, “How do we build it into our High School? We will meet with the SDA and include everyone (input) into the new High School. Where we are and what we’re doing – our workforce is not viewed as a challenge.”

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez gave her report which included a report

on violence in all the schools. She first praised the Nationally Board Certified Teachers of which Perth Amboy has eleven in our school system making the Perth Amboy District in the top 5 school systems statewide. “Tonight we are especially proud to embark on revitalizing the Perth Amboy School District. The Members of the Board of Education support the Board Certified Teachers. In September of 2016 we are planning to offer technical support on site.”

Board Members Jose Rodriguez, Anthony Bermudez and Ken Puccio were not present.

Pre-K Our Way Applauds Assembly Members Jasey, Prieto, Diegnan & Decroce for Bipartisan Pre-K Expansion Measure

News Release 2/9/16
CLIFTON, N.J. –Today Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (D-27), Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto (D-32), Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan (D-18), and Assemblywoman Betty Lou DeCrocce (R-26) announced they have introduced legislation to expand high-quality, publicly-funded preschool to additional communities throughout New Jersey. The announcement took place at Clifton School #17 in Clifton, N.J.

Sam Crane of Pre-K Our Way released the following statement:

“With this major bipartisan step taken today by Assembly members Jasey, Prieto, Diegnan and DeCrocce, pre-k expansion to over 100 communities across the state is becoming a major state priority. If enacted, more New Jersey three- and four-year olds have access to high quality pre-k programs.

“New Jersey already has one of the best, most successful preschool programs in the country. However, today children in fewer than 40 school districts have access to the high-quality pre-k program. Where a child lives should not determine whether or not they have access to high-quality preschool. With more pre-k access, our kids will enter kindergarten prepared for school and ready for success.

“At Pre-K Our Way, we want to thank Assembly members Jasey, Prieto, Diegnan and DeCrocce for making preschool access a priority in New Jersey and their leadership in ad-



Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, D-27, speaks at an announcement event Tuesday morning at Clifton School #17 in Clifton N.J. regarding legislation she introduced to expand New Jersey’s high-quality, publicly-funded preschool program to more NJ district.



Speaker Vincent Prieto, D-32, speaks about the importance of preschool education at an announcement of legislation he sponsored to expand preschool access in New Jersey. *Photos Submitted



Miss Melody Bioletti’s class of 4-year old preschool students from Clifton Early Learning Academy, Clifton School #17 sing for attendees at an announcement event of legislation that would expand preschool access to more three- and four-year olds in New Jersey.

vocating for more New Jersey children benefiting from this program, regardless of where they live.”

During the event on Tuesday, Assembly members Jasey, Prieto, DeCrocce announced they have introduced A-2572 and will be joined by Assem-

blyman Diegnan in bill sponsorship, but who was unable to attend Tuesday. A 2008 law called for the expansion to over 100 districts, but the law was never funded. A-2572 calls for the implementation of the 2008 law and provides a specific funding source.

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Comments

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Max Henry and James Donnelly from the State of New Jersey Comptroller's Office.

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Silber then became agitated with Quinones-Perez and said, "I really didn't have to give you those names. I'll tell you what - have the DeCotiis Law Firm call me."

Before sitting down, Silber said to Quinones-Perez, "It's because of your attitude that a lot of people don't want to come here (to the Council Meetings).

Businesswoman Virginia Lugo said, "I'm appalled. The City Codes are not being followed. You (the Council) have non-caring attitudes. You are supposed to question when something is amiss. You guys are rubber-stamping everything. That is what is wrong with the City."

Perth Amboy Republican Chair and Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman had several subjects she wanted to discuss, "I witnessed City Employees who came to support their Directors. These employees who spoke said, 'We haven't had this sort of exemplarity leadership in years. A lot of individuals state their views and as public servants, you are indifferent.'"

Hubberman used as an example Water Street: Dan Hedberg's concerns about his property next to Bayview Park. "Where is the transparency and checks and balances? Are we looking at changes through politics or public interests? There's a separation between the Board of Education and the City. If the Board of Education sees there is something not in line, they question it. I have respect for individuals who respect the ordinances."

During the Council Comments, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "I heard an Auditor might be under indictment."

Gonzalez stated that the City is ordering a lot of vehicles. He wanted to know who is driving these vehicles in the departments that is ordering them.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "We need clear-cut answers just like what the public is questioning. If I feel as if someone is disrespecting me, I just won't answer you. We're only human."

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "It was encouraging to see the Employees supporting their Directors."

Council President Lisa Nan-

ton said, "I understand your (the Residents') frustrations. This is our fourth Business Administrator. We were given letters of appointments and other correspondence at the last minute. We hear you. We understand."

Assistant Business Administrator Peter Pelissier commented, "I want to thank every single employee, the Department Heads, the Mayor, the Business Owners and the BID/UEZ Members who I have worked with. I'll be leaving here with more than just being a TV Personality Show. It's been a rewarding experience. I have done nothing illegal. I work for the Administration and not the legal body. There are three envelopes I will leave in a desk drawer for the next Business Administrator. The first envelope says: 'I will blame my predecessor; The second envelope will say: What do I do now? - It will simply say 'Reorganize,'; The third envelope will say: Prepare three envelopes and leave it in the left hand drawer for the next B.A. after you."

Mayor Diaz came up to speak, "We can only take advice from our advisors. Employees do care about how their departments are handled. I make assessments of individuals that I put in place. They're open to suggestions. I know Adam Cruz (the new Business Administrator) will have a tough job. In a short period of time, I had to find a replacement for the last B.A. who left on short notice. The person (Pelissier) I chose is one had experience in making us a transit village. I wanted someone short term until we could find a long term B.A. We needed a change. Peter had military service and I worked with him day in and day out. He was very disrespected by some residents. I will not allow Fernando Gonzalez to distort what was said. I have always been a supporter of the schools. It was the public who told us about the Board of Education changing their election dates. Let's be clear. It was because of fraud that a special election was made." The Mayor again praised Pelissier for his service. "He's a brave man. He defended our Country and he took abuse from some residents."

Council President Lisa Nanton ended the evening with the following quote: "It isn't the mountain ahead that wears you out; it's the grain of sand in your shoe." *Quote from Robert W. Service.*

The next Caucus is Monday February 22, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall Chambers. The next Regular Council Meeting is Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7 p.m. at City Hall Chambers.

Lung Cancer

Support Group

PERTH AMBOY - Lung Cancer Support Group, Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7pm at St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector St., Perth Amboy. For more information please call Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffery 732-826-1594. 1/13

Cooking Competition

SOUTH AMBOY - SAVE THE DATE! The Dowdell Library 102nd Anniversary Cooking Competition Festive Appetizers! Monday March 14th Enter the competition and enjoy soft drinks & appetizers 6:30-8 pm. See rules for details. Sadie Pope Dowdell Library - Adjacent to High School, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org 2/17

Opening the Door of Mercy

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - Celebrate the Rite of Opening of the Door of Mercy at Assumption Church, Perth Amboy. Just as Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican and at St. John Lateran, Rome, so too His Grace Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka of the Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese chose certain church doors in His Archdiocese as Holy Doors to mark the Holy Year. The faithful can receive special graces by walking through the Holy Door, receiving Communion, going to confession and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church at 684 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ was designated as a special pilgrimage site for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. This honor and blessing for our parish will take place on Sunday, February 28th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. with celebration of "Akathist to The Divine Passion of Christ". The main celebrant and homilist will be Rev. Taras Lonchyna, Dean for the New Jersey parishes. The Sacrament of confession will be available before and during the service. All are welcome to come to pray with us and to seek special blessings during the Jubilee Year of Mercy by walking through the main door of Assumption Church - the Door of Mercy.

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NJ Flower & Garden Show, Raritan Expo Center, Edison 2/11 - 2/14/16

**Photos by Paul W. Wang & Carolyn Maxwell*



EDISON - The New Jersey Flower and Garden Show took place over Valentine's Day Weekend from 2/11 -2/14/16 at Raritan Expo Center, Edison. Vendors displayed their different wares from plants, flowers, gardening to organic clothing and health related items. Every day there was a list of different exhibitions and lectures on anything or everything related to your home and gardens. We look forward to going back in February 2017 for an even bigger and better show!

This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

On February 14, 1941, the first units of the German Afrika Korps, commanded by Lt. Gen. Erwin Rommel, begin landing at Tripoli, Libya. At Berchtesgaden, Germany, Adolf Hitler meets with Yugoslavia's prime minister, Dragiša Cvetković, in an attempt to persuade him to join the Tripartite Pact (among the Axis nations: Germany, Italy and Japan). Cvetković declines to make a commitment, however, hoping to get assistance from the U.K. and the U.S. Great Britain announces that because of the presence of over 500,000 German troops in Romania, it considers that nation "territory under enemy occupation" and an "enemy destination."

During the night of February 15, Royal Air Force planes, based in Great Britain, drop propaganda leaflets over Kraków and Katowice, in German-occupied Poland. In Italy, the government forces the U.S. to close its consulates in Naples and Palermo.

On February 16, the 1st South African Brigade begins an important battle to seize crossings over the lower reaches of the Jubba River in southern Italian Somaliland.

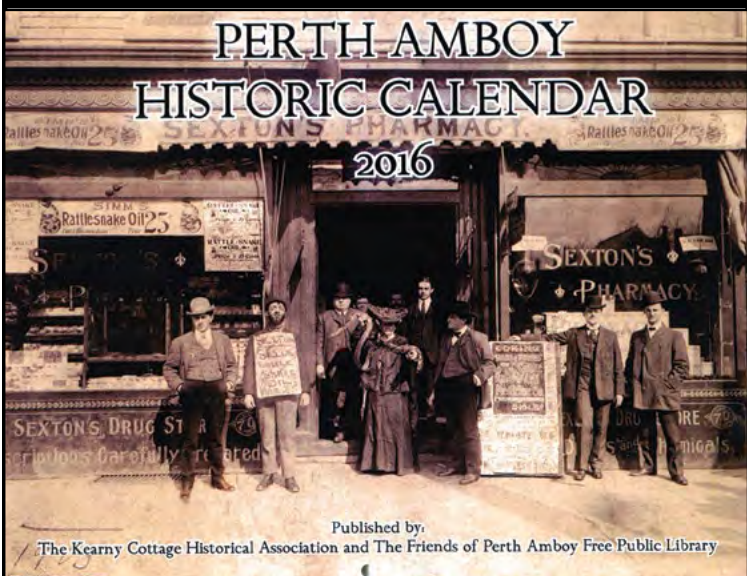
Pressured by Germany, Turkey and Bulgaria sign a "friendship" agreement in Sofia on February 17 stating that Turkey acknowledges that passage of German troops through Bulgaria does not constitute an act of war. The British conclude that the agreement more or less confirms that there is little to no chance of persuading Turkey to join the Allies.

South African troops, advancing from Kenya on February 18, attack the town of Mega, in southern Ethiopia, which is taken quickly, along with over 1,000 Italian prisoners. In Asia, thousands of Australian troops arrive in Singapore to help prepare defenses against a possible attack by the Japanese.

The Luftwaffe begins the "Three Nights' Blitz" of Swansea, Wales, on February 19. The central portion of the town is almost completely destroyed by 896 high-explosive bombs dropped over the nights of February 19, 20 and 21. 230 people are killed and 397 are injured. In Cairo, Egypt, on February 19, Anthony Eden, of the British Foreign Office (an assistant to Prime Minister Winston Churchill), Gen. John Dill, Chief of the (British) Imperial General Staff, and local commanders Gen. Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief Middle East, and Lt. Gen. Alan Cunningham, Commander East Africa Force, meet to discuss whether they can send help to Greece, and, if so, how much. British political leaders strongly favor sending as much help to the Greeks as possible, and Gen. Wavell agrees that sending assistance can be done effectively. In Amsterdam, Occupied Netherlands, two German policemen enter an ice cream parlor where they are sprayed with ammonia by a protective device that had been installed by the establishment's German-Jewish owners. The incident will have repercussions. In Washington, D.C., President Roosevelt signs legislation that converts the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve from a civilian organization to a military one.

On February 20, British and German patrols make contact for the first time in North Africa, in the desert near Sirte, Libya.

2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy 732-442-1079 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.

AC Bus Trip

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, March 3rd. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819. 2/10

Lecture by Joyce Richardson

PERTH AMBOY - Joyce Richardson will be giving a lecture on her father, Herbert Richardson on Sunday, February 28th at 2 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy.

Seed Swap

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy Seed Swap Event - Grow with your community! Bring your seeds and leave with: Pro Gardening Tips; New Friends; More seeds! PLUS: Technical Assistance to Help You Develop Your Own Neighborhood Garden from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 5th at PRAHD Headquarters, 100 First St., Perth Amboy.

21st Annual Charity Ball

OLD BRIDGE - Sunday, March 20 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Grand Marquis, Rt 9, Old Bridge. Tickets \$105 pp. Includes cocktail hour followed by dinner & music with open bar throughout. Sponsored By The Sayreville Association For Brain Injured Children, a non-profit organization that provides year round recreation programs to children and adults with special needs. Also seeking sponsors for our ad journal. For more information or to reserve call Jim Gilleite or Laurie Ventolo @ 732-254-8530.

Open Jam Night

PERTH AMBOY - Stageright Studios Presents Open Jam Night every Wednesday Night at 9 p.m. at Al Cibelli's Night Club, 1096 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy. Music lovers can enjoy great food at the lowest drink prices in town as you watch the best entertainment in New Jersey. Listen as amazing musicians jam with one another. As always, no cover charge in the downstairs lounge, all back line provided. 21 to enter and drink. Extra parking across the street. Hosted by John Garoniak. For more info call: Stageright Studios 732-602-1355. Bands welcome - all styles.

Lecture by Donald Peck

PERTH AMBOY - Donald Peck will lecture and sign his new book "The American Journey of Hope" on Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m. at the Kearney Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy.

Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Wednesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

Book Drop/Book Exchange/Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library have established a use for the books you have read and would like to recycle!!! Drop off your books. Exchange them for books you have not read pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ... or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Please no text books or reference books.

Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays February 27 and March 12. We will be there from 12 noon until 2 p.m. (weather permitting).

For more info, e-mail us at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

Uncle Floyd

SOUTH AMBOY - The SAFD Merchandise Hose Company presents, "An Evening with Uncle Floyd." Appearing on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at Sacred Hall Annex Hall (Memorial Hall) on Washington Rd., South Amboy. Buffet, Beer and Wine. \$40 pp. For tickets call 732-642-4608 or email SAFD1LMartinJr@gmail.com 1/27

Support Our Troops Buffet Dinner

SAYREVILLE - VFW Post 4699 Auxiliary Fundraiser at 575 JerneeMill Rd., Sayreville. Classis Rock/Oldies Night--Music by: Clem & Friends on Saturday, March 19 --Doors open at 6 p.m.--Open Bar, Buffet Dinner at \$40 pp--contact Carmen 732-254-9425 or Post at 732-254-4789. For more info call 723-264-3041 or Carmen. 1/20

Passport Fair

PERTH AMBOY - The United States Postal Service Woodbridge Branch will be hosting a US Passport Fair on Tuesday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive, Street, Perth Amboy. For more information please contact, 732-826-1690, Ext. 4307.

United States Postal Service Passport Fees: Adult, Passport Book & Card \$140.00 + \$25 (Execution Fee); Passport Book only: \$110.00 + \$25 (Execution Fee); Applicants 16 years and younger Passport Book/& Card: \$95.00 + \$25 (Execution Fee); Passport Book only: \$80 + \$25 (Execution fee); Individuals must bring: 2 color passport photos (2 x 2), taken within the last six months.

Gas Tank Mojo Cafe

PERTH AMBOY - Friday Night Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy. Coffee, cake, poetry, stories & opinions. In the spirit of Beat author Jack Kerouac, of "On the Road" fame who, as a merchant marine, shipping out of Perth Amboy, on his way to Tangier, referred to Perth Amboy as "Gas Tank Mojo Town." For more info call 732-293-1090 or 732-675-8826. Bring Your Own Bongos. (weather permitting)

Notice: Community Announcements or "Shorts"

The Amboy Guardian is committed to serving the community. However, due to the rising cost of print publication, we are forced to now charge a small fee for community announcements. We will provide one complimentary short paragraph or "short" per event. After your event "short" is published for one week, there will be a \$5.00 fee per week charge for each additional "short" published pertaining to that particular event. For those who pay for a display ad, there will be no fee for additional shorts pertaining to the event in the paid display ad. To our regular loyal advertisers who hold community events, your "short" announcements will remain complimentary. Effective 1/1/16. Thank you.

Carolyn Maxwell
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The Amboy Guardian

Novena to St. Rita

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

Lenten Dinners

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks #784, will be holding their annual Lenten Dinners, starting on Friday, February 12th thru March 25th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Every Friday). Take-outs are available by calling 732-727-7170 or stop by the Lodge located at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy. The Dining room will also be open for sit down meals. All proceeds will benefit the Elks charities. 2/17

3rd Annual African American History Month Celebration

PERTH AMBOY - PRAHD will be honoring Carole Dortch-Wright with the Arturo Alfonso Schomburg Award for all the love and care she gives to our community in the City of Perth Amboy. Please join us as we celebrate the many contributions of Carole Dortch-Wright during African American History Month. Special Guest: Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Dean Schomburg, Adrian A. Council, Sr. - Publisher, Community Positive Magazine. Friday, Feb. 19 from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. at PRAHD, 100 First St., Perth Amboy. RSVP Lillian Martinez at lmartinez@prahd.org or 732-638-2811.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

SAYREVILLE - St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ on Saturday, March 12, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 8 pm. Cost: Adults \$12; Seniors/Students/Children 5-12 \$8; Children under 5 - Free Dinner of Spaghetti & Meatballs. Dinner includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Roll, Beverage and Dessert. For questions or additional tickets, please contact Winsome at (732)432-9072. 1/20

"All You Can Eat" Lenten Linguini Dinners

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Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Feb. 17 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. Feb. 18 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Feb. 22 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Feb. 23 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
 - Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Feb. 24 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
 - St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.

South Amboy

- MON. Feb. 29 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- WED. Mar. 2 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Mar. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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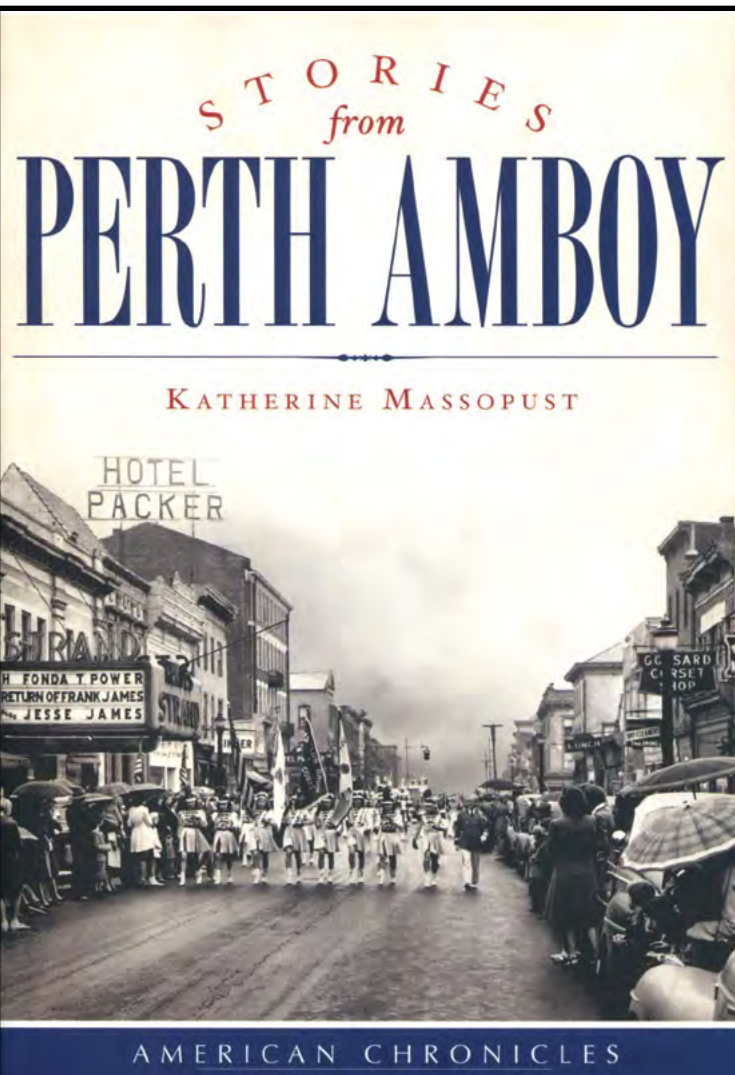
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - President Teddy Roosevelt stopping at Perth Amboy July 7, 1905
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12. Adele of *Cool Million*
13. Chest muscle, for short
14. *General Hospital* actress Morris
15. *Memories... and Now*
16. Murderer's lack on *The Fugitive*
17. Graduate degs.
18. Tony Shalhoub's case-solving character (2 words)
21. Where Dennis the Menace kept his slingshot
24. ___ *Haw Honeys*
25. *Let's Make* (2 words)
26. *Hollywood Squares* win
27. ___ *King*
30. *Rugrats* kid
31. *Nothing Sacred* actress Dowd
32. Chico's uncle
33. Polonsky of *The Naked Truth*
34. "___ to a Nightingale"
35. Animated series: ___ *Fu*
37. Batter's stat
38. "The Freshman" star
39. Brooke on *One Tree Hill* (2 words)
43. Roy Brocksmith's *Picket Fences* role
44. Varney of *The Rag Trade*
45. Tony Becker, on *For Love and Honor*
49. Dull sound
50. Address bk. line
51. Code ___: *Foxfire*
52. *Snowy River: The McGregor* ___

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Down

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2. Mrs. Krabappel's derisive cry
3. Vexation
4. *Magnum, P.I.*'s Lt. ___
5. *A World* ___
6. Actress Polo of *The Wedding Bells*
7. Ed of *Next Big Star*
8. ___ *a Break!*
9. *B.J. and the Bear's* corrupt sheriff
10. ___ even keel (2 words)
11. Lie in the sun
19. John ___ *Regno of Baker's Dozen*
20. Keanu, in "The Matrix"
21. Become tiresome
22. *Garfield and Friends* friend
23. Animators' transparencies
26. ___ *Minute Please*
27. Stupefy
28. *Two of a* ___
29. *Mad About You* guest star Ono
31. Patrick who was Ho-John on *M*A*S*H*
34. Osaka clincher
35. Some Ridgemont High students (abbr.)
36. The Big ___ of *Raven*
37. Julie Kavner sitcom
38. *F Troop* instrument
39. Dipsomaniacs
40. Federal watchdog group (abbr.)
41. *Tonight Show*-stopper?
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