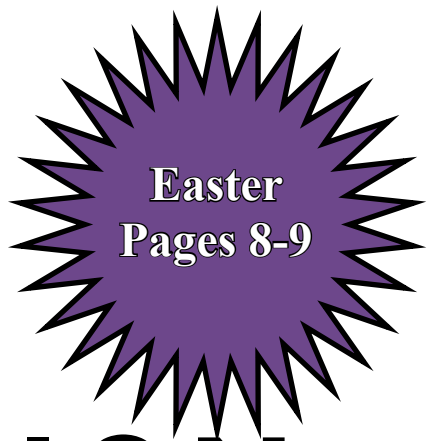




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## Perth Amboy Council Confused Mayor Diaz Does a Tom Petty! I Won't Back Down!



Council President  
Lisa Nanton



Councilman  
Fernando Gonzalez



Business Administrator  
Adam Cruz



Mayor Wilda Diaz



Law Director  
Arlene Quinones-Perez

PERTH AMBOY - Caucus 3/7/16 - R-129-3/16 Authorizing Emergency Temporary Appropriations to extend CY2016 Temporary Budget in the amount of \$9,414,268.05.

Mayor Wilda Diaz was not happy with this. Diaz firmly stated, "I will not sign any resolution or contract not approved by the Administration or CFO."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez replied back to the Mayor, "We (the Council) can add to the budget."

Council President Lisa Nanton added comments, "It's because we wanted an independent lawyer to address Council concerns and the attorney should have no previous ties to the City."

This prompted Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez to ask the Council, "What exactly are you investigating? Is it all of the decisions I've made since you appointed me? Or is it just about Peter Pelissier (Former Interim/Assistant B.A.)?"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated, "I was not pleased with Peter Pelissier and I consulted the State and the State advised me to get an independent Counsel. I was elected to do this and I would be amiss

not to do so. I just want to see if we are right or wrong. The Council can investigate anything that doesn't seem right."

Mayor Diaz responded, "Mr. Gonzalez, you should do the math! It's my budget. Let's stay focused."

Nanton came back, "The Law Director does not control the budget. Now, I'm getting suspicious."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz decided that this back and forth confrontation between the Council and the Mayor was not getting anywhere. Cruz told the Council they can go to other entities instead of getting an independent lawyer.

Lisa Nanton addressed the Law Director Quinones-Perez and told her, "Your name is not mentioned in the suit. You should not be afraid of this resolution (hiring an independent lawyer)."

At one point, Chief Financial Officer Jill Goldy came over to talk to the Business Administrator, Adam Cruz. "This the Mayor's introductory budget. The Council can amend the budget as seen fit. I'm not sure how to go about this procedurally. I was advised not to insert this additional money. On

March 23, 2016 the amended budget will be introduced."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry decided to take the middle of the road solution. "We should amend the resolution to remove the \$20,000 we wanted for an independent attorney."

Fernando Gonzalez disagreed, "I think we should keep the \$20,000 in."

Nanton sided with the Gonzalez. "The budget is temporary, because it hasn't been approved. The cost (for an independent attorney to investigate our inquires about Pelissier and other matters) might not even amount to that much."

CFO Goldy said, "A possible solution might be to issue a separate solution amending the resolution appropriating the insertion of the \$20,000 into the budget. We need operating funds to carry us to the end of April."

Irizarry spoke again and cautioned his fellow Council Members, "Let's wait until the Mayor introduces her budget. We need to be careful as a Council not to do anything to get us into trouble."

Naton responded to this, "This is what we are trying to do now."

Law Director Quinones-Perez told the Council, "The Business Administrator, Myself and the CFO agree. You (the Council) should wait until the Mayor introduces her budget."

Councilman Bill Petrick interjected, "We have to have a line item to add this additional money to the budget."

Nanton stated, "If we don't know procedurally what is correct, let's just put in the additional funds (for independent lawyer) and see what happens."

Fernando Gonzalez wanted to know if the Council was doing a separate resolution for funds.

The battle was not over yet. There were more fireworks when it came to discussing R-145-3/16 - Authorizing a professional services contract with the firm of DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole to provide legal services for labor and employment, real estate, ABC Matters and additional litigation in an amount not to exceed \$275,000.

During the Council Comments, Fernando Gonzalez said, "We should have an individual as our Law Director - not someone who belongs to a firm. The lawyer can advise

the Council if there should be other outside law firms for work outside of their particular expertise."

Quinones questioned Gonzalez' statement, "We discussed this before and that there would be no savings to the City. I have looked at other cities who have done this. They have not saved money by just hiring an individual attorney."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz told the Council, "All lawyers have their specific specialties."

Quinones came back and said, "This is my contract and it will follow me if I leave the City and go to another law firm. This is for my services to the City and my salary. I received a RICE Notice. I want to discuss anything pertaining to my employment in public. I don't know why my name was removed off of it (R-145)."

During the public portion, some of the residents came up to discuss matters pertaining to Pelissier and Law Director Quinones.

Stanley Sierakowski was the first individual to come up and speak. He told the Council, "It's not about an investiga-

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Caucus 3/7/16

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tion, but the appointment of Pelissier. He should have been removed by law - not by the Council. We are investigating the procedure by the Mayor. It's not about her (Quinones-Perez) contract. You should table the last Resolution (R-145-3/16)

Resident Susan Batista said, "There are three resolutions the Law Director is in conflict with. We are in discovery right now. The Mayor won't give you \$20,000 for independent counsel."

Daniel Pietro, a resident of Landings came up to speak, "I am concerned to see this sort of discussion is still going on about someone (Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez) who is highly qualified and has integrity. I am involved with the Latino Action Network that deals with Hispanic Issues. She (Quinones-Perez) is being harassed as a female Latina more so than if she were a white male. She has dealt better with Kushner than any other lawyers. At the Landings 70-82 families are suffering and have been made offers. I'm asking all to be careful on how you (the Council and Audience) conduct themselves."

When resident Ken Balut came up to speak, he referenced some of the statements that Pietro made. Balut stated, "I'd like to see the Latino Action Group talk to me about unfair labor practices against Latina female employees. Why aren't you concerned about that? Kushner treats us (the City) like second class citizens, yet he's investing millions in other cities (building malls). Our Law Director is texting during meetings. How much are law firms charging for bonds? When Blunda did it - it was cost effective."

Resident Alan Silber came up and said, "Pelissier owes the City money that he received from January 5<sup>th</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>. It's not just \$7000. The Mayor took over the Council as if you didn't exist. On November 5, 2015 Councilman Joel Pabon, Peter Pelissier and Quinones had a meeting, and the City was billed \$300 for that meeting. I don't even know if Pabon knew that meeting was being billed. Take a look at that Resolution (R-145) It says: "The DeCotiis Firm.""

Resident Tommy Hudanish

said, "I'm disappointed how the public and Council are disrespecting the Law Director. There is a big difference between what happened between Pelissier and the other cities that he's worked in versus what is happening here. I don't think the Mayor, the Law Director or the Business Administrator would be concerned if this was just over \$7000."

Next up was Resident Gregory Pabon. He said, "I came up here to speak as a citizen. This should be tabled until this is investigated. I could understand Fernando Gonzalez pushing this because he's running for Mayor. Is the Council President pushing this because she didn't want Arlene in the beginning? \$80,000 to get back to the City is important."

Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez spoke next. She was concerned that the Council agreed to allow someone to speak and extra minute, even after that person made an inappropriate comment. Please don't allow people to come up here and curse."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry interrupted Pastor Bernie and apologized. He wanted to make a comment about inappropriate behavior. "Can't we all be civil and not treat each other like dogs? I'm talking about both sides. Let's respect each other's opinions."

Pastor Bernie concluded, "Let's all try to be peaceful."

Mayor Diaz came up and spoke in a very stern voice, "I've tried to be transparent from the first time I've taken office. I've worked with the Attorney General, FBI and other State Agencies. I do respect your opinions (the Council) and working with you. You should let the prosecutor do the investigating to save us money. We don't believe our professionals?" Then looking at Fernando Gonzalez who had a slight smile on his face, she said, "I don't think this is something to laugh about. There's not one time that anyone stopped any e-mails to Pelissier."

The Mayor also addressed criticism when she was accused of not informing the Council of Police/Fire promotions. "I spoke at the State of the City about the last Fire Personnel promotion and about the female Sergeant promotions. We have people who are working past their regular

hours. If we do not have this Law Director, it's going to cost a lot of money to bring new people up to date on pending cases."

Council President Lisa Nanton told those at the Meeting that no one can terminate the Law Director but the Mayor. "It's the law. I asked Pelissier not to come to the last Meeting in January. Then we got the letter about the Mayor appointing Pelissier Assistant B.A. effective 1/5/16."

After Nanton spoke, Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez wanted to address some misconceptions that were made by residents at this and previous Council Meetings. The first order of business was the article about the Business Administrator in Orange. "That B.A. was ordered to pay back a certain amount money to the City. Quinones-Perez said, "That Orange case consisted of 29 pages. There was an order to show cause filed by the Council. The attorneys for that Business Administrator filed an appeal. That case has no resemblance to what is going on here with the Pelissier case." Quinones-Perez also rattled off other cities that have filed suits for different departments in the City. One was the City of Orange vs. Brown and Monroe Township vs. Gariboldi. "A lot of people think they are lawyers. We have answered all questions about the Mayor's appointments and the Business Administrators salaries. I suggest that people look at the meeting of December 7, 2015, specifically at 1.18 and 1.19."

Then speaking about herself, Quinones-Perez said, "To be berated in public meetings is not pleasant, but the people I meet while walking on the street say they are proud of me. A lot of people check with PolitickerNJ but they are opinion pieces. I go to FactChecker. People are questioning my integrity and qualifications. I put in significant hours. I will soon be sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor. I am a part time Law Director and a partner in the DeCotiis Firm. I apologize if I've offended anyone and if I've done so, I apologize. I'm asking you to please let me do my job. Just talk to the Directors and Employees (about my job performance).

Councilman Joel Pabon was not present for the Meeting.

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EDITORIAL

When the Smoke Settles

I don't know about anybody else, but I'm tired of the debates of potential Presidential candidates on both sides.

The constant bickering and name calling is tiresome. It seems that the moderators are losing control. Candidates constantly talk over each other, raise their voices and eventually none are getting their point across.

It is sort of embarrassing, especially when you start out with a large field of candidates and the verbal attacks started.

How many times can you ask the same questions over and over again? I'm tired of the name calling as if they were in grade school. I remember when I used to watch the beauty pageants on television when each finalist was asked the same question.

I haven't watched any of these contests in a few years. There is one thing that I remember which I felt was very unique and fair.

Each contestant had to answer the same question. When a contestant was answering that question, the other finalists were not able to hear that question or the answer given by any other contestant

This is what should be done when they have the final two candidates for each party. This way, the candidate who answers the question last does not have any advantages or disadvantages.

All of a sudden when a candidate has to drop out because of low polling, they now endorse the person that they did a hatchet job before. I'm just scratching my head.

I guess some individuals are jockeying for a cabinet position an appointment as a department head.

I hear a lot of former politicians become lobbyists which I hear can pay very well. What I find very funny or strange is when they drag people out of the woodwork who ran for President before to badmouth someone who they praised just a short time ago. To me, the person who was dragged out of the woodwork just make themselves look small by demeaning the person who they previously praised and who helped them out in their failed campaign in

2012. I don't know what that person hoped to accomplish or what he was promised, but it was a failed mission. He may have sunk his own ship if he decided to get back into the political waters.

The sad part is I really liked that woodsman (a.k.a. the person who they dragged out of the woods).

People may be puzzled why I say that. I liked him as a family man. I liked his dynamics with his wife and how she struggled through her disability and how they have a blended family.

When the Republican debates were going on and there were many more candidates involved, I wish the moderators would have asked them a certain question. Here it is: "Look at the other candidates on the stage. If you had to pick a existing position to place them in the White House if you were elected, what would it be?" (*It can't be newly created position such as court jester.*)

The candidates would have to take it seriously. If they made a joke of that, they would be have been eliminated from participation from that particular debate.

No matter what anyone says and what political party you belong to, you have to admit that the Republican Party had very diverse candidates to start with. Every single candidate whether you are Republican, Democrat, Green Party, Libertarian, etc., had at least one good idea. Every so often candidates agreed with each other on certain positions.

I had to chuckle when Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders talked about her deleted e-mails at one of the Democratic Debates. Sanders said, "People are tired about hearing about your (Clinton's) e-mails."

Clinton replied back, "So am I."

Well, earlier this week, the gentleman who set up Hillary's server was given immunity.

Suddenly VP Joe Biden has been resurrected and has been making a lot of personal appearances. They may be dusting him off, shining him up and dragging him out of the woodwork's in case Clinton's ship sinks. Tune in. *C.M.*

The Perth Amboy Council

Hon. Lisa Nanton  
President, Perth Amboy City Council

Dear Council President Nanton,

I write to you as a resident in an outcry regarding the conduct that you have allowed to take place at the recent Caucus and City Council meetings held on March 7th and 9th, respectively. As President of our City's legislative body, it is your duty to ensure that proper decorum is upheld. I can respectfully submit that I witnessed you fail to uphold the duties of your office, while you sat silently and allowed our Law Director, Mrs. Arlene Quinones Perez to be personally attacked on several occasions. Although not isolated events, as Mrs. Quinones has been the target of frequent persecution, the past two meetings have left me truly concerned about the direction the City Council is going under your leadership.

On Monday, March 7, 2016, during the caucus meeting

these same individuals, who seemingly take issue with anything going on in the City, went up to speak on agenda items. As usual I sat in the audience listening to everything that was said, took notes and planned to follow up. I was appalled at the comments made during the public discussion on agenda item 145, which was a resolution authorizing Mrs. Quinones Perez, through her firm, to continue to perform the non-salaried responsibilities that fall to her as the Director of Law. One of the individuals, who once claimed your current title as Council President, used vulgar language during his comments.

It was extremely disappointing to see you not exert any form of authority to control the situation. In fact, you allowed this individual to continue his disrespectful tirade for an additional minute. It should have come to no surprise that the comments made at the following council meeting were even thought to have ever been uttered, considering the lack of leadership you demonstrated and the behavior you have enabled.

At the Council Meeting held on March 9, 2016, the same

individual who once served as a legislator of our City government claimed Mrs. Quinones Perez "sees dollar signs and her mouth drools." Madam President, that is no way to speak about a woman, yet you did not call him out of order or even interrupt him.

As you know I supported Mrs. Quinones Perez's appointment and I am aware you have never supported her in her role as law director or seemed to care about her astounding credentials. Let's put those opposing positions to the side and look at this issue from a non-political perspective. Not only is Mrs. Quinones Perez a highly respected professional in the State of New Jersey, she is also a WOMAN, a MOTHER and a HUMAN BEING. She is not an animal. I am outraged that you have allowed ANY woman to be degraded, disparaged and disrespected in such a manner.

I implore you, Madam President, to put your personal politics aside to restore the credibility and integrity of not only your office, but the entire City Council as well.

Respectfully,  
Lionel Giron

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Press Release 3/9/16  
By: Néstor Collazo, Ph.D.  
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"The Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School has a history of providing a high-quality education to its students," Education Commissioner David Hespe stated in his letter of approval. DOE went on to cite further compelling evidence to support AUL's request for expansion. The Academy received a Tier Rank of 1 in the 2013-14 school year, the highest rank possible based on the standards within the Performance Framework and out-performed the local district on the 2015 PARCC in

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## Down to Brass Tacks 3/9/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Public Portion Agenda Items: Stanley Sierakowski addressed the Council about Resolution R-145 (See Pg. 1) “The Law Director said this is transferable to her.” Law Director Quinones responded, “I’ll confirm that.”

Resident Ken Balut was concerned not only about the amount of money for the Law Director, but how much they charge per hour. “When I put in an OPRA request, there was a \$120 bill for the research for it. She has billed for every meeting she has with any Council Member excluding the Caucus/Council Meetings. She’s your (the Council) attorney, too. She should not be charging when she’s having any outside meetings with the Council Members.”

Business Administrator Adam Cruz wanted those in attendance to know, “We are on the phones (himself and also the Law Director) Saturdays and Sundays and we are available 24 hrs.

Perth Amboy Democratic Chair Billy Delgado came up to speak. “This is an advice and consent agenda. We have a lot of matters to address in-

stead of worrying about \$7000. People who talk about Resolution R-145 have no idea what is required of a legal department. If we don’t approve this resolution, we may have to pay up to \$1 million for other legal representation. I have reached out to other Directors and people who have dealt with Law Director Quinones and they all have positive things to say about her. I think this is just plain harassment of this woman.”

Councilman Irizarry said, “The Law Director is not supposed to contact the Directors. Only the B.A. is supposed to do this.”

The new Library Director Eleni Glykis said, “Arlene the Law Director is my favorite person. Her large law firm has the capacity to handle what we need done for the library. They could look up information that we need very easily.” She asked that the Council pass Resolution R-145.

Resident Dorothy Daniel had an issue to address about the so called overpayment of the Business Administrator. Daniel said, “I’ve sat on many Boards and structure is very important. Do you have a copy of the municipi-

pal code City Clerk Elaine Jasko and CFO Jill Goldy are very brilliant and they should be in the private sessions, too and have copies of municipal code. Did anybody ask this person (Pelissier) for money back?”

The Council nodded, “No.” Daniel concluded with, “The CFO, City Clerk and Auditor should know if someone is overpaid.”

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak. He said, “It was not \$7000, but \$26,000 that Pelissier owes back. He was not an employee after January 25, 2016. A letter was presented on January 27, 2016 that was backdated January 26, 2016. It came from the Mayor appointing Pelissier Assistant B.A. The Law Director is supposed to work for the Mayor and the Council. Every E-mail the Law Director sends or responds to she bills the City. I want Mr. Cruz (the new B.A.) to realize that he shouldn’t be a mouthpiece and should do his homework.”

Resident Reinaldo Aviles said, “We needed legal advice and Mrs. Quinones has done a lot for us. Continuity is very im-

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### Below is a Statement Read by Perth Amboy City Council President Lisa Nanton at the 3/9/16 Council Meeting

For the record.

During the last council meeting, there was a lot of heated discussion about the council’s attempt to get a neutral second opinion concerning the actions that were taken to extend the appointment of the interim BA. There were accusations questioning the motives of the council, suggesting that our actions were either personal or political—as if the council had somehow created this problem.

- We did not create this situation. All of this began—not because of anything any member of the city council did—but because of something the administration DID NOT DO.
- The interim BA was appointed to a 90-day term last fall while the city looked for a full-time BA. It was the responsibility of the administration to be aware of when his term was about expire, and to then present the city council with a resolution that would have extended his term.
- For reasons that have never been explained to us on the council, that never happened. As a result of this oversight, the interim BA continued to function in that capacity as BA after Jan5, without legal authority.
- This was brought to the attention of the council by a member of the public. When the law director was notified, she could have admitted her oversight and then presented the council with a resolution to fix the problem, and extend the interim BA’s term.. But instead, just a few minutes before the Jan.27<sup>th</sup> council meeting, we were presented with a letter stating that our BA had somehow miraculously become our assistant BA—and that his appointment was backdated several weeks to January 5, to cover the period during which he had actually been working outside of any legal authorization. And why had he suddenly been demoted to assistant BA—even though his daily responsibilities as BA remained the same? That alone was enough to make us suspicious.
- When we questioned the legality and appropriateness of this strange scenario, we were told—by the same person who created it—that it was perfectly legal. But as the governing body of this city, it is our responsibility to be sure. The law director, can advise on all legal issues—except those in which she is involved. She and her law firm created the scenario we are questioning. So she was conflict, and could not give us an unbiased opinion. Therefore, on THIS particular issue, we require a neutral second opinion to advise us on its legality and its ramifications for the city.
- And we should remind everyone that second opinions in law are routine. If they weren’t, there wouldn’t appeals courts, and legal opinions that were rendered by attorneys sure of their correctness, would never be overturned.
- Let me be clear. The city council wants to work with the mayor, but we are not subordinate to her. We are an equal branch of government, and we will exercise our powers as city council as we see fit. The mayor put the city council on notice the other day concerning what she will or will not allow in this matter. We are now doing the same. We intend to investigate this matter, because we have questions that need answering. Anyone with nothing to hide should not fear our questions. If you are in the right, it will be proven. Trying to obstruct this council’s attempt to get a second legal opinion might delay it, but will not stop it. We intend to proceed.



R-148-3/16

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM OF DECOTIIS, FITZPATRICK & COLE (GLENPOINTE CENTRE WEST, 500 FRANK W. BURR BOULEVARD, SUITE 13, TEANECK, NJ 07666) TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES FOR LABOR & EMPLOYMENT, REAL ESATE, ABC MATTERS AND ADDITIONAL LITIGATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 OR UNTIL THE END OF APRIL**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Perth Amboy City Code (the "City Code") at Article VII, Department of Law, Section 4-51, entitled "Department Generally," the Director of Law is required to represent the City in all judicial and administrative proceedings; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlene Quiñones Perez, has been appointed as the Director of Law with the advice and consent of Council. Ms. Perez is a Partner at DeCotiis, Fitz Patrick & Cole, LLP; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Code at Section 4-53 entitled "Nonsalaried Services of the Director of Law," requires a resolution by City Council authorizing services to be performed by the Director of Law outside the scope of duties to be performed by the Director of law pursuant to the City Code at Section 4-52, entitled "Powers and Duties of the Director of Law;" and

**WHEREAS**, the City issued Requests for Proposals for Professional Services for 2015-2016 ("RFP"), which was advertised and notice provided pursuant to a Fair and Open Procurement Process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's RFP was conducted in accordance with Executive Order No.4-09 issued by the Mayor in 2009 and with Section 98-22B of the City Code requiring a fair and open process in procuring professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, the RFP was advertised on October 21, 2015 and responses received on October 30, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Purchasing Agent and Business Administrator received responses to the RFP and determine that the value of the services may exceed \$17,500; and


**WHEREAS**, the Purchasing Agent and Business Administrator have reviewed the responses to the RFP and have determined that the law firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP meets the stated qualifications and is suitable for the required services, and has provided a reasonable fee proposal; and

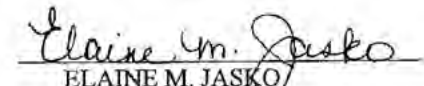
**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer certifies that funds in the amount of \$100,000 are available in Account 6-01-20-155-027.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERTH AMBOY:**


1. That the firm of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole LLP as listed above is hereby approved to provide legal services to the City as the City may determine to be required and needed from time to time, for a five (5) month period from April 2016 through December 2016.

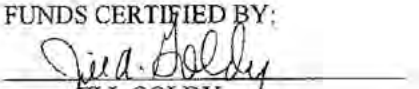
2. That the appropriate city officials are hereby authorized to execute a contract for professional services with DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole LLP (Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Boulevard, Suite 31, Teaneck NJ 07666) pursuant to the terms set forth above, and in accordance with the Proposals for Professional Services dated October 28, 2015 and submitted to the City of Perth Amboy on October 30, 2015.

  
LISA NANTON  
Council President

  
ELAINE M. JASKO  
City Clerk

Dated: March 9, 2016

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
ARLENE QUINONES PEREZ  
Director of Law

FUNDS CERTIFIED BY:  
  
JILL GOLDDY  
Chief Financial Officer

## Comedy Knight 28

PERTH AMBOY - The Columbian Club of Perth Amboy will be hold Comedy Knight 28 on April 16th featuring the Comedy of Paul Venier. (Proceeds to benefit the good work of the K of C) Tickets cost \$35 pp. and include Buffet dinner 7 p.m. beer and wine, and the show starts @ 8:30 Location 228 High Street, Perth Amboy. Tickets available by contacting John Fedorka @732-727-9659 or 732-442-2998.

## Luck of the Irish

PERTH AMBOY - The Women of the Moose Annual Tricky Tray, 989 Convery Blvd., Perth Amboy, Friday March 18. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Calling begins 7 p.m. \$7.00 includes 1 sheet/coffee, tea and cake. Please contact Donna for advanced tickets 732-925-8273 or Email: jndcarpenter420@gmail.com or visit the lodge. Kitchen will be open.

## A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, April 7th. 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



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Director  
NJ LIC No. 3353

## Breakfast & Bake Sale

WOODBIDGE - 9th Annual Step Up! Walk Breakfast and Bake Sale for the Domestic Violence Response Team, Sunday, April 3, 2016, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 244 Avenel St., Avenel from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. Mother's Day is coming! Stop in to see beautiful gift selections Mom will surely love. Adults \$8; Seniors \$6; Children 4-12 yrs. \$6; 3 yrs. & under Free. Spring has sprung! Catch what's new from Thirty-one. All proceeds go towards victim services and community education. 3/16

## An Evening of Jazz

COLONIA - Sponsored by the Independent Club of Colonia featuring the Danny Mixon Trio or Quartet. April 2 at the Colonia Fire House, 250 Inman Ave., Colonia from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Advanced Tickets required. Limited Seating. \$30pp includes wine and beer, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. BYOB optional. For more info go to [www.independentclub.org](http://www.independentclub.org). For tickets call Glen 732-213-7797 or Phillip 908-337-1554 or Roz 732-734-7538 or Rhonda 732-925-0162. 2/10

## A Saint Patrick's Day Harp & Violin Duo Concert

SOUTH AMBOY - MASM Presents- Calling all Irish! Saint Patrick's Day is here! BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - Join Merynda Adams and Christopher Collins Lee as they team up for this wonderful concert of music for violin and harp. Christopher Collins Lee is a world-famous violinist who holds degrees from the Juilliard School of Music, a Doctorate from SUNY Stony Brook, and five Honorary Doctorates from foreign institutions. Merynda Adams, an internationally renowned harpist, has performed throughout the United States, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Puerto Rico. Ms. Adams has performed with the New Jersey Symphony, New York Grand Opera, New Philharmonic, and many others. Sunday, 4/3/16 at 4:00 pm, at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy! Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A special IRISH RECEPTION will follow the concert in honor of Saint Patrick's Day! 3/16

## "Big City Breakout"

SOUTH AMBOY - Blues-rockers Big City Breakout will perform Saturday, Mar. 19 at the Blue Moon Tavern, 114 S. Broadway, South Amboy, New Jersey. The band plays live starting at 9:00 p.m. There is no admission charge. Big City Breakout has been performing since 2009. Members are Mark Willenbrock (bass guitar, vocals), Jason Hallenbake (keyboards, vocals), Tony Zinicola (guitar, vocals), Gary Hoffman (drums, vocals) and L.E. McCullough (harmonica, vocals). The band mixes classic blues with original rock from their two CDs, Cost of Living and Hurricane Shelter. The CDs are available online at cdbaby.com, iTunes, Amazon.com and others. A Central Jersey entertainment hotspot, Blue Moon Tavern was voted Best Place to Hear Blues & Jazz by the Home News Tribune. 3/16

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**The Perth Amboy DVRT Team is Looking for New Volunteers.**

Press Release

Requirements:

- Middlesex county resident, from Perth Amboy a plus.
- Must be able to pass a criminal background check.
- Must commit to 9 weeknights of training. Usually a Wednesday night, 1 Saturday for makeup classes.
- Must be able to commit to be on team for a least a year.
- Must be able to abide by the policies of the Perth Amboy DVR team and Police department.
- Must be a team player.
- Must be able to work in a confidential atmosphere and keep all information confidential.

Deadline for applications March 30, 2016

If interested please contact Detective Liza Capo @732-324-3815, or pick up application @ police headquarters @365 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy NJ 08861

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## At-a-Glance Phone Directory

For Emergencies Dial 9-1-1

City Hall	732.826.0290
Code Enforcement	732.826.0183
Fire Department	732.324.3500
Human Services	732.826.1690
Mayor's Office	732.826.7121
Municipal Court	732.442.6011
Parking Utility	732.826.9223
Police Department	732.442.4400
Public Library	732.826.2600
Public Works	732.826.2010
Recreation/Events	732.826.1690
Water Utility	732.826.5335
UEZ/BID	732.442.6421
Board of Education	732.376.6200
County Health Dept.	732.826.0440

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## CITY ID CARD

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Art Gallery, 339 Reade Street

[www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us](http://www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us)

## NEWS FROM THE HISTORIC CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

### A Message From Mayor Wilda Diaz

Dear Friends:

It's spring time and I know we have all been looking forward to the change in season.

We are doing great things here in our community!! We have a number of events planned for you this year, including the Easter Egg Hunt & Pageant, Earth Week, reading programs, Arts Festival, Memorial Day parade & ceremony and the Independence Day Fireworks on July 1st!! We are once again reaching out to the community for donations to help make this a memorable event at no cost to the taxpayers.

I am also pleased to announce the launch of our City ID Program, this March! You can read more about the program inside and learn about our Top 10 Highlights of the State of City Address below.

Remember to take the time to register to vote for the upcoming elections and as always, stay posted on what's being done to better the City with my updates on Facebook. I wish everyone a fun and healthy spring season, God Bless!!!



Mayor Diaz with students from A.V. Ceres School for Read Across America on March 1st, 2016

## Top 10 City Highlights

### 1. NO TAX INCREASE

The City of Perth Amboy has worked towards presenting a budget that will keep our taxes stable and reflect a no tax increase for 2016!!!

### 2. INCREASED JOBS AND TAX RATABLES

We are building our tax base with major economic development projects in near future that will provide over 300 local jobs.

### 3. A+ CREDIT RATING

The City of Perth Amboy has maintained an A+ bond rating for the past two years, as a result of our great management.

### 4. 14 % DECREASE IN CRIME

We have a highly professional police force that reflects the diversity of the residents of our community-- for the first time in nearly 10 years our police department has reached its highest capacity.

### 5. MILLIONS of \$\$\$ IN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Over \$3 million in grant funds will improve our parks including, Bayview park reconstruction and several added facilities along

Sadowksi parkway for new tennis courts, fencing and lighting, public restrooms and volleyball courts.

### 6. OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF CITY ID PROGRAM

Read more about this program on page 2!

### 7. LOCAL COUNTY AND STATE RESOURCES

The Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center on 1 Olive Street has a multitude of resources, including access to housing assistance and recreational, vital and senior services, including Congressman Frank Pallone's Federal Satellite Office and the Middlesex County satellite Offices include the Health Department, Surrogate's Office and the Board of Social Services. We are also pleased to share that Veteran Center services will also be offered at no charge for counseling.

### 8. CITY-WIDE ARTS PLAN

This year, the City's Creative Arts Placemaking Plan was awarded the "Outstanding Municipal Plan for 2016," from the American Planning Association. Check it out on the City's website.

### 9. EXPANDED GREEN INITIATIVES

Sustainability has become an important community goal with the support our local partners and community led Green Collaborative. Programming includes several street cleanups, interactive demonstrations and the unveiling of new ways the City is tackling it's combined sewer system. Also, learn more about "Earth Week" on pg. 2.

### 10. PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Sign-ups have increased!! We finally opened our doors this past October and it is absolutely beautiful!!! There are programs and databases available for employment searches, language learning and government exam preparations. Our families deserve a place of quiet study and educational tools that they can fully utilize.





## Sworn-In Officers, Promotions and New Business Administrator Congratulations to All!!

### Police Promotions on January 5th

Sgt. Brandon Butcher  
Sgt. Armando Lagomarsini  
Sgt. Frank Szeg  
Sgt. Richard Zaleski  
Lt. Carmelo Jimenez  
Lt. Andy Montalvo  
Lt. Joseph Sulikowski  
Capt. Nicholas Simone



### 13 New Officers Sworn in on January 14th

Gilberto Arocho  
Darling Ciriaco  
Giovanni Diaz  
Jorge E. Figueroa  
Patrick M. McGhee  
Javier Morillo  
Ariel Morillo-Collado  
Gregory Perez  
William Perez  
Dominik Skibniewski  
Jacqueline A. Tarracino  
Jeffery Valentin  
Ernie J. Vega



### 1st Hispanic Female Promoted to Sergeant on February 18th

Sgt. Sandy Rivera



### Fire Department Promotion on March 3rd

Fire Captain Bunten

## We welcome Adam E. Cruz, as our newly appointed Business Administrator.

Mr. Cruz has extensive Federal, State and Local government experience that include serving as Assistant Business Administrator for the City of Newark as well as the Director of the Division of Central Purchasing, Department of Administration.



In addition to his professional experience, Mr. Cruz has a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Planning & Design from Rutgers University, a QPA from the Department of Community Affairs and is currently an M.A.S. candidate in Public Administration.

Mr. Cruz is known and respected for his expertise in Project Management and Administration and in providing effective leadership in challenging times for the largest municipality in the State of New Jersey.

## Veteran Center

For the first time, this spring we'll have the Center for Veteran Affairs federal satellite office at our Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center at 1 Olive Street. War veterans will be welcomed home with honor by providing quality readjustment counseling in a caring manner.

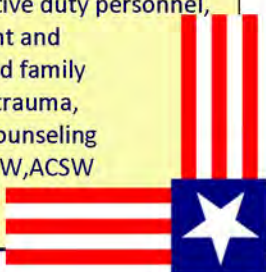
### The Basics:

- No charges or co-payments for Vet Center services
- Confidential interactions
- Staffed by Veterans and civilians

### Counseling services include:

PTSD and readjustment, active duty personnel, alcohol and drug assessment and referral, couples/marital and family counseling, military sexual trauma, counseling, bereavement counseling

Contact: Jenny Rosetti, LCSW, ACSW  
609-882-5744



## Going Green

For more information, call  
(732) 826-0290 ext. 4048

For the first time, we will be engaging community, state and regional partners to host Earth Week between April 18th – April 23rd city-wide in a national campaign to raise awareness for green and clean opportunities and engage our residents in hands on activities.

### Monday, April 18th - Rain Barrel Demonstration

Learn about CSO issues and encourage storm-water management practices.

### Tuesday, April 19th - Green Infrastructure/ Community Garden Ribbon Cutting

Unveiling of our first green infrastructure installation.

### Wednesday, April 20th - Mural Dedication

Community Art Mural on Riverview Drive.

### Thursday, April 21st - Sponsorship Luncheon

To learn more about local green initiatives on how to get involved, adopted a park or volunteer.

### Friday, April 22nd - Movie Night

Movie screenings on environmental and green initiative and round-table discussion.

### Saturday, April 23rd - Neighborhood Clean-ups

The community will gather to clean-up six different neighborhoods

### Sunday, April 24th -

### Sustainable Living: Getting Active

Offering opportunities for attendees to participate in various recreational activities such as volleyball, and exercise courses in partnership with the County's Health Week.

Learn more about NJ Clean Communities  
\$500 mini-grants given available for volunteer  
organization neighborhood clean-ups.  
Call Today!! Department of Public Works,  
Clean Communities: 732-826-2010.

## City ID Program



The program offers all residents of Perth Amboy, age 14 and older a valid ID card that will allow them access to vital services. The local card will serve as proof of identity within the community and will help residents who do not have access to other forms of identifications, interact with city agencies.

Additionally, the City of Perth Amboy is the first to launch this initiative in the County of Middlesex.

"I want to reiterate that the importance of the ID program is that we are including everyone in the community to be recognized as part of our community. Whether they are looking to open a bank account, join the Raritan Bay Area YMCA or obtain a library card—the local ID will allow that to happen," said Mayor Wilda Diaz. "This gives one more resident a chance to improve in their health, their finances, their safety and their education!"

The permanent location for the City ID Card program is the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts located on 339 Reade Street. The Perth Amboy City ID cards program is now open citywide for enrollment. Bilingual Assistance is also provided.

For more information about the municipal ID program and its requirements, visit: [www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us](http://www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us).

Visit the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts located on 339 Reade Street or call (732) 771-2513 to apply today!!



### Hours of Operation

Monday: 12:00 p.m. (noon) - 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.; Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For program updates, text PERTHAMBOYID to 888777

## Student/Summer Employment Program

The City of Perth Amboy will be accepting applications for the 2016 Summer Employment Program effective April 1, 2016. Applicants must be age of 14 (by June 1, 2016) and a resident of the City of Perth Amboy.

### Positions available:

- Park Counselor
- Camp Counselor
- Maintenance Aides
- Recreation Aides
- Clerical Aides
- Lunch Aides

All applications must include a letter of recommendation from a School or Community Representative. Applications may be obtained on the City's Website or in person at City Hall, but cannot be submitted electronically. Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall, Office of Personnel, 260 High Street, 2nd floor, Monday - Friday from 9:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For additional information please contact 732-826-0290 ext. 4041.

Application deadline: Friday, April 29th, 2016 at 5 p.m.



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For applications and more information contact  
The Department of Human Services Office of Housing / Social Services  
1 Olive Street - 2nd Floor | Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | 732-826-4300 FAX: 732-826-6192





## KARATE

Starts: April 19th

**Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays**

6:30pm—7:30pm (Ages: 5-9)

7:30pm—8:30pm (Ages: 10—Older)

Robert N. Wilentz School

**\$40.00 per participant (Money order only)**

## RED RAIDERS MINI FOOTBALL CAMP

Starts: April 18th

**Mondays & Wednesdays**

Ages: 8 & UP

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Albert G. Waters Stadium

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## CHILDREN'S TENNIS

Starts: April 11th

**Mondays & Wednesdays:**

**Ages: 7 & 8:** 6:00 pm— 7:30 pm

**Tuesdays & Thursdays:**

**Ages: 9 & 11:** 6:00 pm—7:30pm

**Fridays (Open Court):**

**Ages: 12—17:** 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

**Saturdays:**

**Ages: 3 & 4:** 10:00 am—11:00 am

**Ages: 5-6:** 11:15 am—12:15 pm

Location: Waterfront Tennis Courts

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## ADULT TENNIS (18 yrs and up)

Starts: April 12th

**Tuesdays & Thursdays,** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Waterfront Tennis Courts

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## WALKING FOR FITNESS

Hosted by Mayor Wilda Diaz as part of the Mayor's Wellness Campaign



Starts: April 11th

**Monday – Thursday, 6:00 pm—8:00 pm**

Ages: 18 & up

Brighton Avenue Community Center

56 Brighton Avenue

T- Shirt included, **FREE OF CHARGE**

Enjoy a fitness walk with Mayor Wilda Diaz as she promotes healthy living.

## WRESTLING CLINIC

Starts: April 11th

**Mondays & Wednesdays,** 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Ages: 8—18

Samuel E. Shull School

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## INDOOR GIRLS SOCCER

Starts: April 14th

**Tuesdays & Thursdays,** 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Grades: 8—12

Samuel E. Shull School

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Starts: April 18th

**Mondays & Wednesdays,** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Robert N. Wilentz School

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Starts: July 6th

**Mondays & Wednesdays**

Ages: 18 & Over

**\$45.00 per participant (Money order only)**

## BOOTCAMP

Starts: April 4th

**Mondays & Wednesdays,** 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Ages: 18 & up

South Campus

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## ZUMBA

Starts: April 4th

**Monday - Thursdays,** 6:00 pm—7:00 pm

Ages: 18 & up

South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street

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# Spring Programs — Sign-up Today!

## ESL FOR SURVIVAL

Starts: April 4th

**Mondays & Wednesdays,** 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Ages: 18 & up

South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Starts: April 4th

**Mondays & Wednesdays,** 6:00 pm—8:00 pm

Ages: 18 & up

South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## RED RAIDERS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION DATES

Ages: 8—14 (Boys & Girls)

As of September 1, 2016

High School students not eligible

**EARLY REGISTRATION ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

Location: **Alexander F. Jankowski Center**

**1 Olive Street**

Friday April 1st 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturday April 2nd 11:00 am to 1:00pm

(Early registration fee of \$75.00)

**REGULAR REGISTRATION DATES:**

Location: **Youth Complex (Behind Wendy's)**

Friday, April 15th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 16th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Friday, May 20th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 21st 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Friday, June 17th 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturday June 18th 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Friday July 15th 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Saturday July 16th 11:00am to 1:00pm

**Location: Family Day (Sadowski Pkwy)**

Saturday, August 6, 2016—11:00am to 2:00pm

(Rain date: August 13th.)

**Non-refundable Registration Fee:**

\$85 per participant

Register online: [www.htosports.com/parr](http://www.htosports.com/parr)

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Sharon Coaxum (201) 206-6788

Wanda Velasquez (732) 925-0155

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**April 9th, 30th: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**SPACES ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED**

(You can also call for an appointment to register early)

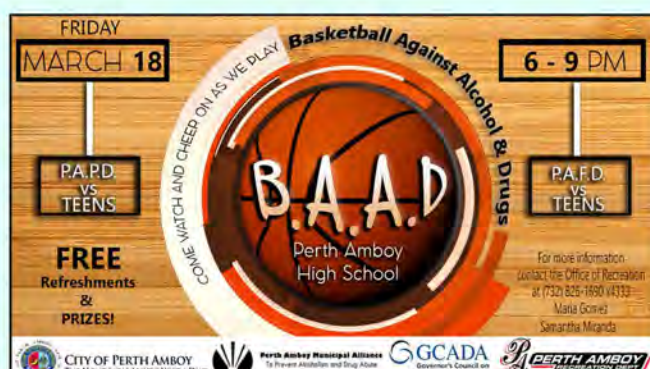
**Contact:** Sharon Piper (732) 406-9621

Christina Boyd (732) 585-3744

Tonia Atkinson (732) 921-8498

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## Arts Programs

Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts

339 Reade Street (in Patten Park)

**Vivian Acuna-Francisco**, Coordinator

*Arts classes will start the week of April 19th*

## BEGINNER GUITAR

**Tuesdays**

Ages: 7 & 8 — 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Ages: 9 & 11 — 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Thursdays**

Ages: 12 - 15 — 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Ages: 16 & up — 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## BEGINNER DRUMMING

**Fridays**

Ages: 7 - 10 — 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Ages: 11 - 14 — 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS

**Wednesdays,** 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Ages: 5 - 9

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## OIL PAINTING

**Wednesdays,** 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Ages: 15 - Adult

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## CERAMICS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

**Wednesdays,** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Ages: 15 - Adult

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## COMMUNITY MURAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

Ages: Teens

*Painting dates on weekends*

*Dates vary & weather permitting*

For more information, please call 732-826-1690 ext. 4305

**FREE OF CHARGE**

**Brighton Avenue Community Center**

56 Brighton Avenue

*These classes will begin the week of April 19th*

## HIP HOP DANCE PROGRAM

**Tuesdays**

Ages: 5 & 6 — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Ages: 7 & 8 — 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**FREE OF CHARGE**

## SALSA DANCE PROGRAM

**Wednesdays**

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Ages: 18 & up

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# Upcoming Events

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## OFFICE OF RECREATION

1 Olive Street | Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

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## MARCH

### B.A.A.D- Basketball Game

Fire & Police VS High School Students

Friday, March 18th

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Perth Amboy High School (Main Campus)

### American Red Cross & Fire Department

Smoke Detector Event

Saturday, March 19th

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

More info call: 732-324-3505

### Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute

Saturday, March 19th

8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Alexander F. Jankowski

Community Center, 1 Olive Street

To RSVP call 732-826-1690

### Teen Night

Saturday, March 19th and 26th, 7:00 p.m.

Raritan Bay Area YMCA

357 New Brunswick Ave

### US Passport Fair

Tuesday, March 22nd

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Alexander F. Jankowski Comm. Center

1 Olive Street

### Mayor's Community Meeting

Thursday, March 24th, 7:00 p.m.

The Hubs Club, 802 Robbins Street

### EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 26th, 1:00 p.m.

Waters Stadium near PAHS

### EASTER PAGEANT

Sunday, March 27th, 2:00 p.m.

Municipal Complex Theatre Room (YMCA)

357 New Brunswick Avenue

### Christopher Ramirez - Solo Exhibit

Tuesday, March 29th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Opening Reception

Perth Amboy Gallery, 339 Reade Street

### FOR BUSINESS OWNERS:

Annual Neighborhood Business Meetings

Wednesday, March 30th @ 12:00 noon

Don Manuel Restaurant, 287 State Street

## APRIL

### Perth Amboy Schools Art Exhibit

April 7th, 5:00-7:00pm

Perth Amboy Gallery, 339 Reade Street

### Earth Week

April 18th – April 23rd

See Page 2 for all program information

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event details

### FOR BUSINESS OWNERS:

Annual Neighborhood Business Meetings

• Wednesday, April 13th @ 12:00 noon  
Provident Bank, 339 State Street

• Wednesday, April 27th @ 12:00 noon  
Casa del Mariachi Rest., 315 Smith Street

### "Tab Albers Finds His Purpose"

Children's Book Launch

April 13th, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Children's Library, 196 Jefferson Avenue

## MAY

### Cinco De Mayo

Saturday, May 7th, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

More Info call 732-442-6421

### Perth Amboy Community

Theatre Presents:

**Broadway By The Bay**

May 13th, 7:00 p.m.

May 14th, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

May 15th, 2:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices:

\$10 for adults

\$6 for children 3-12 yrs old

Children 2 yrs old and under are free

Contact for info:

[pact.org.group@gmail.com](mailto:pact.org.group@gmail.com)

### Free Rabies Clinic for Cats & Dogs

Saturday, May 14th, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Public Works Garage 599 Fayette St.

### Waterfront Arts Festival

Saturday, May 28th, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sadowski Parkway

### Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony

Monday, May 30th

Parade: 10:00 a.m.

Ceremony 11:00 a.m. – Veterans' War Memorial

Call 732-826-1690 x 4306 to participate in the parade



### Greek Festival

Saturday, June 4th, 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Sadowski Parkway (Non-City Event)



### Puerto Rican Festival

June 10th, 11th and 12th, Rudyk Park (Non-City Event)

### FOR BUSINESS OWNERS:

Networking Event

Wednesday, June 15th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Seabra's Armory Restaurant

### Andes Festival

Food, music, dances & history

Saturday, June 27th, 12 noon to 6:00 p.m.

Fink Park (Corner of Smith St. & Madison Ave.)

## Office on Aging

### MARCH

3/17 St. Patrick's Celebration Lunch, 10:30 a.m.

3/22 Passport Fair – Open to all City residents, 10 a.m.

3/31 Atlantic City Trip – Resorts Casino, 9 a.m.

### APRIL

4/6 Beginner Computer Classes, 4:00 p.m.

4/7 World Health Day & Spring Luncheon, 11:00 a.m.

4/15 "Bravest vs Breakers" Billiard Tournament

4/24 NJ Ballet's Cinderella, BergenPAC  
(Bus leaves @ 11:00 a.m.)

4/28 Medieval Times Trip – 9:00 a.m

### MAY

5/6 Mother's Day Luncheon, 10:30 a.m.

5/7 Trip to BergenPAC, 6:00 p.m.

5/13 Trip to Rutgers Gardens, Spring Market, 11 a.m.

5/20 90's Birthday Bash w/MC Office on Aging, 10 a.m.

### JUNE

6/11 David's Touch Billiard Tournament

6/16 Trip to Somerset Patriots Game, 5:30 p.m.

6/17 Father's Day Breakfast co-sponsored by PAFD

6/24 Pops vs Cops Billiard Tournament w/PAPD

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Seniors interested may contact our office for

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Wednesday, March 30th

Time: 12:00 noon

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### EASTER EGG HUNT

1:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26th

Waters Stadium (High School)

### EASTER PAGEANT

Sunday, March 27th

2:00 p.m.

Municipal Complex (YMCA)

Theatre Room

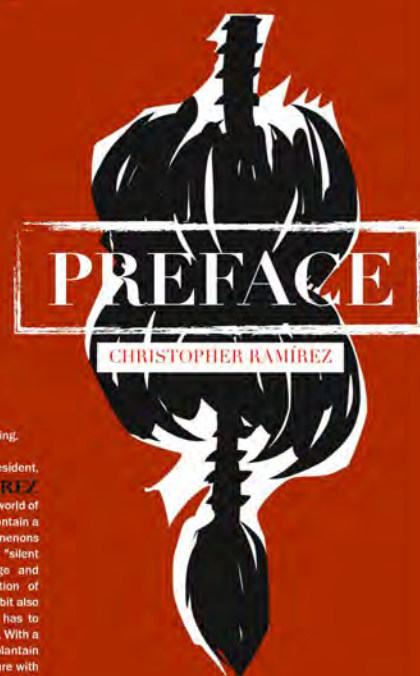
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Infant - 3 years old \* 4 - 5 years old \* 6 - 7 years old \* 8 - 10 years old

For additional information, please call the Office of Recreation

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OPENING  
RECEPTION:  
TUESDAY,  
MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
6:00PM - 8:00PM

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that are affecting our society. These "silent  
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moral values in today's youth. This exhibit also  
showcases the appreciation Ramirez has to  
his homeland, the Dominican Republic. With a  
homage to the iconic "Platano" or plantain  
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### Irish Flag Raising

PERTH AMBOY - Happy St. Patrick's Day! Flag Irish Raising at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at City Hall Circle, followed by Open House at 428 Brace Ave., Perth Amboy.

### Easter Egg Hunt

PERTH AMBOY - Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunday, March 27 at 11 a.m. at the Radiance Church. The Easter Egg hunt will take place after service. Also, special performances and giveaways. Radiance Church is located at 446 Market St. in Perth Amboy

### Lenten Dinners

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks #784, will be holding their annual Lenten Dinners, starting on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> thru March 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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### A.C. Bus Trip

#### Hungarian Reformed Church

PERTH AMBOY - Atlantic City Bus Trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 pm - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC Cost: \$27pp. You will receive \$25 in slot play. Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment due by ASAP. No refunds for late cancellations. 3/16



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# Down to Brass Tacks

## 3/9/16 Council Meeting

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portant. In Resolution R-145 is there anything specific that you are questioning here?"

Another Resident, Junior Iglesia came up to speak, "I'm not an expert on municipal law, but I would ask the Council to approve R-145. Our Law Director is capable and knowledgeable about all that was given to her."

Hector Palidura from DPW told the Council, "You are professionals. I never knew Ms. Perez before, but she's also professional and handles matters quickly. If you can't give respect - you won't get it. Perhaps Mr. Gonzalez should switch places and handle the Meetings. People come up here and speak without presenting facts. There are now good and positive responses between the City and the Law Director. It was like a circus on Monday (at the Caucus Meeting)."

He then addressed Council President, Nanton, "You have the power to put a stop to it."

Resident David Caba spoke next. "You don't work for the administration but with the administration. You guys are supposed to look out for the taxpayers. 65,000 people think that something's wrong. You (the Council) put us in this predicament. This should never be here if you did your homework."

Library Business Manager Herschel Chomsky praised Arlene Quinones. "I've worked for the City for many years. Our previous Library Director would come here to speak on behalf of her employees and afterwards she would sometimes be reprimanded for doing so. Now, we are not afraid to speak up."

A Supervisor from Code Enforcement came up to speak. "We've had a big turnover in law enforcement. For every question I asked of the Law Director, she contacts the correct Department for answers"

He then addressed Council President Nanton, "Lisa, I know you always go with your heart. Mr. Blunda was a gentleman's gentleman. Quinones could walk on water and not get respect. Is there a price comparison between Blunda's firm and Quinones' salary? Quinones is forever getting blasted. She is part of our team and we want her to come back."

DPW Director Frank Hoffman echoed the same sentiments, "Quinones makes herself available to us all the time and is our biggest cheerleader."

Mayor Wilda Diaz came up to speak about Resolution R-145. "We have professionals looking at our litigations. It would be a great disservice to have someone who is new start from scratch. I got a legal opinion We need to have a transition. A search takes over 90 days. Let's stand together and move together to move the City forward. **On Resolution R-146 I disagree**

**with the Resolution.** We need to work with professionals that we have now. Maybe you want us to fail. Arlene knows the intricacies and the employees of the City. She's apologized to you, but she should be apologized to. Let's work with Arlene. I'm coming in with a zero tax increase. People sit back here and disrespect me when I'm speaking."

Irvng Lozada who is the Mayor's Aide came up and said, "I am speaking from my heart. The Law Director told me that she wanted to meet the residents of the City." Lozada wondered, "Where are we getting the money (\$20,000) to pay for independent counsel for the Council."

Council President Lisa Nanton responded, "It can be in the Council or the Law Director's budget."

Lozada responded back, "You guys should pay for it."

Lawyer Daniel Gonzalez said, "It will cost a lot of money to do this job no matter what." Gonzalez spoke about a lot of disrespect on both sides, "We should just focus on the betterment of the community. Check to see what the City paid other law firms in the past and also check what other cities pay. We don't have to accept this contract, now. We can give it a few more months. Ms. Quinones is a smart young lady. I have a law degree, but the big firms have a more detailed list of their bills. This should be a compromise. Let Arlene stay here a little longer. Let's scrutinize her more."

Law Director Quinones came up to speak, "I'm proud of the work I've done under my contract. Obnoxious and absurd comments have been made. Ms. Nanton, you had no issues with the DeCotiis Firm or I get 45 e-mails a day from City Employees and from the five City Directors. I don't bill for a lot of them. I work and take calls 7 days a week. I practice in courts in New York, New Jersey and in Federal Court. I'm going to be able to practice in front of the Supreme Court. Right now, we are discussing a lot of litigations and contract negotiations. I called Bill Kearns from the League of Municipalities and asked him if the Council could have their own attorney. He said, "No." Mark Blunda's firm charged \$500,000 to \$600,000 a year. I am well within my legal budget. Let's discuss the bills in public. 80% of the bills are mine, but you don't see a lot of the bills on here with conversations I've had. If Resolution R-145 is not passed, it will cost the City."

When it came to voting on resolutions. On R-145 - 3/16 The vote was as follows: Fernando Gonzalez, Fernando Irizarry, Bill Petrick and Council President Lisa Nanton voted "No." Councilman Joel Pabon voted "Yes." Resolution R-145 - 3/16 did not pass.

This caused an outrage at the

Council Meeting with several City Employees and Residents for and against this decision. The following is a synopsis of some of those comments:

Resident Ken Balut said, "I am questioning the law firm - not the lawyer. Civil service lawsuits are being violated which are very serious. The Mayor should ask for part of Pelissier's pay back. In the long run, pensions will spring up after 4 years. Look to see who is getting raises."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski said, "Besides their salaries, look at expense accounts. The Mayor went over the stature of New Jersey with appointments. Pelissier was not an employee when he was appointed Assistant B.A. \$275,000 is for routine stuff."

Sierakowski's prompted Law Director Arlene Quinones to answer back. Addressing Council President Lisa Nanton, Quinones stated, "Those remarks are slanderous to me. You, the Council President should abide by your own rules and not allow slanderous remarks about me."

Resident Alan Silber said, "A City Employee to came up to ask where the \$20,000 came from to hire an independent lawyer for the Council. He should have asked instead, "Where did the money come from to hire a Chief of Staff?" You never had that position before."

Resident Virginia Lugo told the Council to review tapes from previous meetings about Pelissier's appointment and about the ordinance you signed off on December 9, 2015. You have a right to question any decision you made and get an independent lawyer."

Quinones spoke again, this time about all the organizations and titles she has had over her career. "I will stand by all women and also with this Mayor. I have pride walking the streets and people say they are proud that I am their Law Director. It's amazing that you continually let your Citizens berate me, I would never allow this. I have been mentioned as a possible candidate for Lt. Governor. I've helped many women, especially Latinas get elected. You, the Council have wasted a significant amount of time and money."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles came up to speak, "A lot of things happened tonight that was awful. Why didn't you approach Ms. Perez about the bills before tonight. She asked you publicly if you wanted to go over highlighted items on the bill, but you never did. The most corrupt lawyer the City ever had - his bills were never questioned. You should have the item that was billed that you questioned. It should have been done so in public."

Perth Amboy Democratic Chair Billy Delgado told the Council, "You withdrew your confidence in the Law Director tonight. Professionals out

of respect should discuss some issues in private. The elections began tonight. If you want to take her out (remove Quinones) you should run for Mayor. You are not showing the Law Director professionalism or respect. I'm very disappointed in my Council Members."

The Mayor's daughter, Samantha Diaz came up to speak. She was very emotional, "I am here as a young Latina Professional who lives here." Looking at Arlene, she said, "I aspire to be half the Professional that you are." Turning her attention to the Council, she said, "This a dereliction of your duties, what you did here tonight." Addressing Joel Pabon, Ms. Diaz said, "You demonstrated your ability to work with the Law Director."

Mayor Diaz came up to speak, "You (some of the Council Members) had it out from day one for Arlene. I know you had political meetings. You took recommendations from Pelissier when you said he was not an employee. I'm shocked that the Council Members did not call the League of Municipalities. Arlene is a true professional. I'm going to take an oath and tell the truth. Councilman Gonzalez - did you set Arlene up to fail? Now we are back ten steps. Then you'll wonder about litigation."

Mayor's Chief of Staff Lissette Martinez had scorching words for the Council. "You should take training. You don't know what you're doing. Lisa, you took advice from an audience member. I know you (the Council) talk about me in closed sessions. I get slandered all the time and you didn't care." Addressing Arlene Quinones, she said, "I'm so sorry and I want to thank you."

Jeanette Rios in charge of the Parking Utility said, "I'm coming up to speak as a Resident, Business Owner and Employee. What happened tonight should have never happened."

Herschel Chomsky said, "A decision was made before an investigation was made."

Mayor's Aide Irving Lozada said, "This was a political move. Councilman Joel Pabon made the right decision. Mrs. Nanton, I hope you are not running for Mayor. How can we move the City forward if we're going in different directions. There's no communications between the Mayor and Council as there were before. People said Vitale was running the City, but you guys are letting people run you. The Mayor stood up to Vitale."

DPW Employee Hector Palidura said, "We go through a change of command before talking to the Law Director. We are the first responders to clear streets so others can get down those streets. I know who is running for Mayor here, because I get calls from you. It's embarrassing what happened tonight. I want to thank you, Arlene. You have my number in case you want to get in touch

with me."

Library Director Eleni Glykis said, "From the outside Perth Amboy is looked on as hoodlums. The way you voted is going to cost us money."

Resident Dot Daniel said, "I know what Arlene is going through, because I have been disparaged and lied about constantly, especially from 3 people. It stopped after Councilman Irizarry asked me a series of questions which I answered. There's no way someone would walk through their doors at our Housing Commission Meetings an disrespect my members this way."

Council Comments:

J. Pabon said, "I don't care about elections and I respect my Council's votes. I voted for Arlene and depended for our advice as our Lawyer. I wasn't here on 3/7/16 and I don't care what was said. When residents call me about a problem, I call whatever Director that can handle it. It's our obligation to keep the City moving until the November Elections. If I were her, I think I would have left already. If you guys want her removed, then you should get together to have her removed."

Law Director Quinones wanted to know what she should do about pending litigation. She rattled off some of the cases she was working on. The first one she mentioned was the Board of Education case.

Council President Lisa Nanton said, "We can have the Attorney pass a resolution for that case and others that may be of immediate importance. I also called Kearns from the League of Municipalities and he said I will have to get advice from the Law Director. We should have a special meeting to appoint another firm. We agreed with recommendations of B.A. Cruz."

Arlene Quinones added, "I cannot handle all the pending litigations. Which ones do you want me to handle?"

When Quinones was rattling off a list of what was on her plate (cases), she was interrupted by Business Administrator Adam Cruz. "You should do a blanket resolution. This is a very serious matter. It's a deadlock. Our CFO Jill Goldy just informed me that we need a certification of funding."

CFO Jill Goldy told the Council, "I don't know what it's going to cost to resolve these matters."

Council President Lisa Nanton spoke up and said, "Let's put a cap of \$100,000 until the end of April."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez commented, "I voted for Arlene as Law Director initially. I was a little concerned about the billing. I don't want another law firm. We spent \$70,000 to hire an attorney and wanted to know what we would be getting. We should have a full time attorney. We had it under Vas. At this time I'm not ready to add an additional \$270,000."





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Take a step towards a healthier lifestyle and experience the Y for FREE all week long. This event is open to anyone 55yrs+. Enjoy a variety of low-impact fitness classes, blood pressure screenings, tours games and a workshop.



**Monday – Body Vive @ 11:25am**

**Tuesday – Silver Sneakers @11:25am**

**Wednesday – Brown Bag Bingo @ 12pm (bring your lunch)**

**Thursday – Silver Sneakers @ 11:25am**

**Friday – Aqua Fitness @11:30am**

**BODYVIVE™** is the low-impact, whole body group fitness workout that uses your body weight to boost fitness and core strength.

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## *This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago*

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

On March 14, 1941, Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie — traveling with “The Gideon Force” (about 2,000 British, Sudanese and Ethiopian troops led by British Maj. Orde Wingate) — establishes his headquarters at Bure, in the central part of the country some 255 miles northwest of the capital, Addis Ababa. The main Italian force in the area is 67 miles southeast, at Debre Marqos. In Asia, the Japanese 11th Army attacks the headquarters of the Chinese 19th Army, beginning the almost-month-long Battle of Shanggao in Jiangxi Province, China. At the end of the contest, both sides retain the ground they originally held, but the Chinese capture large amounts of military equipment and supplies. Casualties number around 20,000 on each side.

In the North Atlantic on March 15 the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau sink 16 ships of an Allied convoy that has been dispersed. The British battleship HMS Rodney appears on scene, but not before the two German ships slip away. The Royal Navy mounts an extensive search for them, but is unsuccessful. In a Washington, D.C., speech, President Roosevelt promises that the U.S. will provide to Great Britain and the Allies “aid until victory,” and that there will be an “end to compromise with tyranny.” In East Africa, British attacks toward Keren, Eritrea, continue. In Berlin, United Press correspondent Richard C. Hottelet, an American, is arrested by the Gestapo (German secret police) on “suspicion of espionage.” He will be held until July 1941, when he is released as part of a prisoner exchange.

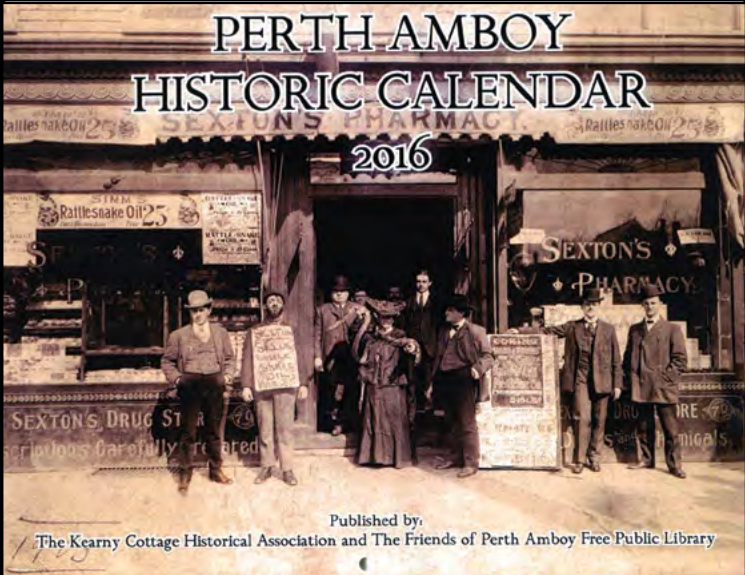
In the Balkans, on March 16, the Italians call off their Albanian offensive. In seven days they have incurred 12,000 casualties and have gained absolutely no ground. In the Horn of Africa, a small British force crosses the Gulf of Aden from Aden, landing at and capturing the port of Berbera, Somaliland. The takeover is quick and the British force immediately begins moving inland. British gains are also being made in the battle for Keren, Eritrea. In the North Atlantic, two German subs — U-99 and U-100 — are sunk during a convoy battle. These losses plus the loss of U-47 ten days earlier deals a severe blow to the morale of German submarine crews. What the Germans don't know is that U-100 was defeated with the help of new Allied radar equipment.

On March 17, the British push northward from Mogadishu reaches Jijiga, Ethiopia, only 37 miles from the Somali border. Once there, the troops find that the Italians have evacuated the town. In London, Minister of Labour Ernest Bevin calls for women to take vital jobs, freeing men to serve in the military.

In the North Atlantic, the British battleship HMS Malaya, escorting a convoy, is seriously damaged on March 19 by a torpedo from German submarine U-106. Malaya immediately proceeds to New York for repairs, the first major British warship to receive such help in the U.S. In Belgrade, the Germans deliver an ultimatum: the Yugoslavs have five days to decide on whether or not they will join the Axis.

The next day, March 20, in a meeting of the Royal Council, it becomes clear that Prince Paul is ready to agree to Hitler's demand and join the Tripartite (Axis) Pact and to permit free passage of German troops through Yugoslavia. Four council ministers resign in protest. In Washington, D.C., Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles warns the Soviet ambassador that the U.S. has information confirming Germany's intention to attack the Soviet Union.

## *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.**

## *Have a Special Pet?*

**Email us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.**

## *NJ Makers Day*

**SOUTH AMBOY - Fri. Mar 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Join us for a day of technology as we bring out our newest MIY Kits!! Enjoy working with our 3D Pen, Smoothie Station, Snap Circuits and many more!! For all ages. At the Dowdell Library, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

## *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.

## *Jammin for Jaclyn*

**SOUTH AMBOY - Jammin for Jaclyn** has joined with RJC Charities, Inc., a non-profit organization. We will be running the Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert annually. 100% of the proceeds will go to families in need due to cancer. The benefit this year will be for Wyatt Scott a 2 year old little boy who has Neuroblastoma. He will need multiple surgeries, Chemo and Radiation. Please help this family help their son. The 3rd annual Jammin for Jaclyn Benefit Concert will be April 16<sup>th</sup> Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth Street, South Amboy. 4 p.m. to 1 p.m. Continuous Live Bands. Huge hot and cold buffet. Adults only please. \$25/pp. Tickets sold at the door.

Cancer does not discriminate. Anyone can be struck at anytime, please help. Contact Denise Morgan at 732-525-9536 for further information. If you would like to donate prior to the event, checks can be made out to RJC Charities Inc.-please put Jammin for Jaclyn in the memo. Mail to 292 Stevens Avenue South Amboy NJ 08879.

## *Hungarian Homemade Nut Roll Sale*

**WOODBIDGE - Sponsored by the Lorantffy Women's Guild of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge.** Each individually hand rolled are made with the best ingredients, each weighing 1lb 8oz. Available in English Walnut, Poppyseed, Prune (Le-kvar), Apricot and Raspberry. Price \$16 each. Orders will be available for pick-up on Friday, March 18th between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Please use Ross Street Entrance. All orders must be paid in full upon ordering. Please call: Florette at 732-636-2868.

## *Hungarian Kolbasz Sale*

**WOODBIDGE - Made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge.** Friday, March 18th. Place your orders with Audrey: 732-494-1431. Price: \$5.50 per lb. Deadline for order, Tuesday, March 15th. Orders may be picked-up on the day of the sale between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Use Ross Street entrance. If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your order for Kolbasz at the same time.

## *Citizen Peterson*

**PERTH AMBOY - “Citizen Peterson: How Thomas Mundy Peterson Made the Most of His Historic Vote.”** If you have heard the name Thomas Mundy Peterson, it is likely because he was the first African-American to vote under the Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1870. But he didn't just cast his ballot and disappear into history. Peterson used his status to fully-embrace the role of citizen in the face of those who questioned a black man as a sociopolitical equal. New Jersey historian and author, Gordon Bond, has discovered how Peterson ran for local office, switched from the Republican to Prohibition Party, and calls into question some of the often repeated aspects of his post-vote roles in his latest presentation.

The lecture will be at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 p.m. Donations welcome. Light refreshments available.

## *Pet of the Week*



Rocky with Owner, Millie

## *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.

## *Edison AARP Ch. 3446*

**EDISON - The Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 1:00 pm.** The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, Franklin Avenue, Fords, NJ. Ageless Grace trainer/educator Roz Zuccarelli Gerken will present a program focusing on healthy longevity of the body, mind, and spirit. Planned Trips: March 30: “Broadway Stoppers” show & luncheon at the Stoney Hill Inn in Hackensack, NJ. For reservations, contact Mary Ann at 732-287-3659. 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. For reservations, contact Bob at 732-885-1789. All trips are open to non-members. For information on the Knitting & Crocheting club, contact Kay at 732-548-1976. Canned food and miscellaneous items for veterans, hospitals, and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting. For additional information about our chapter or upcoming events, visit our website at [www.edisonaarp.org](http://www.edisonaarp.org).



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.*

Cabbage & Noodle Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Evg. Lutheran Church is having a cabbage & noodle sale. Orders taken Feb. 21st through March 13. Pick up will be at 664 Amboy Ave (use the side door on Meredith St.) on Sunday March 20th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Contact Lorraine at 732-996-8860 or kookie.mc@verizon.net to place your order. \$6.00 for 1 pound or buy 3 lbs. or more save \$1.00 per pound!

21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

“All You Can Eat” Lenten Linguini Dinners

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring their annual “All You Can Eat” Lenten Linguini Dinners every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. The dinners will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria below the Church. The menu includes Linguini, with a choice of Red (Marinara) or White clam sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee, soda, water, iced tea and desserts. The menu will also include our FAMOUS PIZZA! The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for Senior Citizens, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free. There is a special family price of \$20 (EAT IN ONLY). A family would consist of only 2 adults and any children under 12. No reservations necessary and take-out is available. For more information, call Tony at 732-233-4473. 1/20

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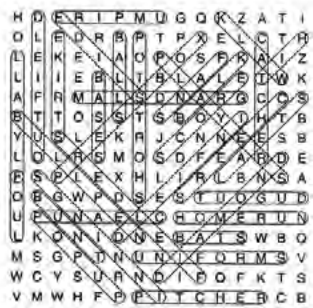
- WED. Mar. 16 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Mar. 17 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Mar. 21 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Mar. 22 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Mar. 23 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
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  - Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Mar. 24 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

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- MON. Mar. 28 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- WED. Apr. 6 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Apr. 11 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes Your Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

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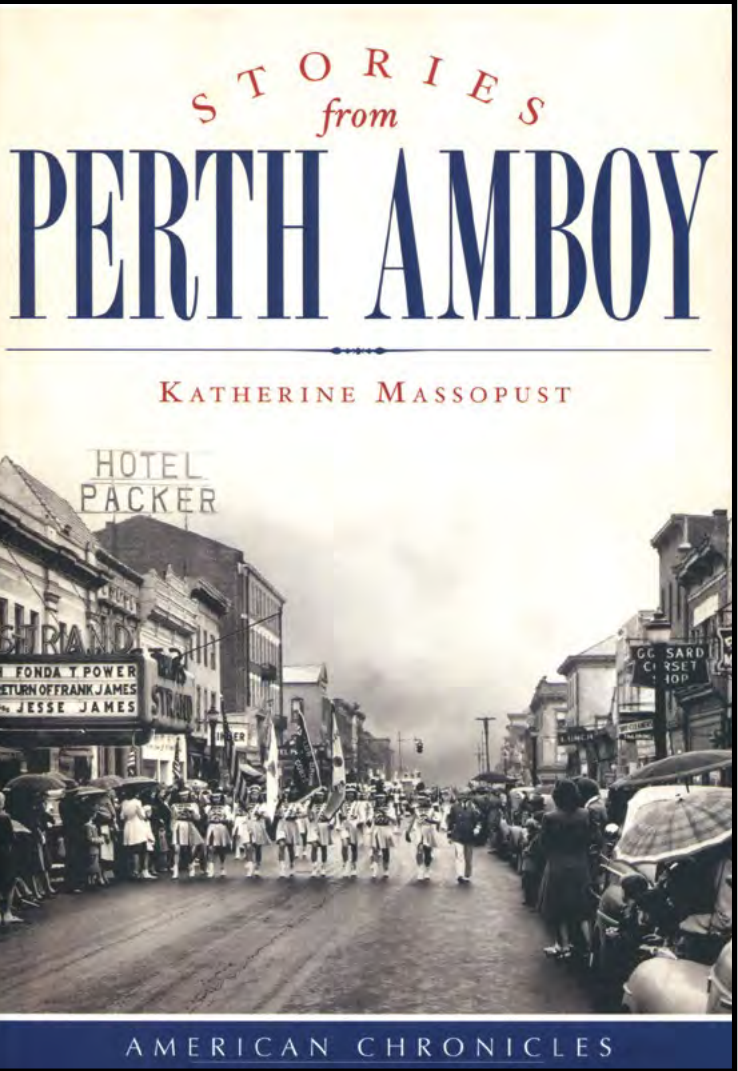
LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Coloring eggs for Easter in school circa 1950's.

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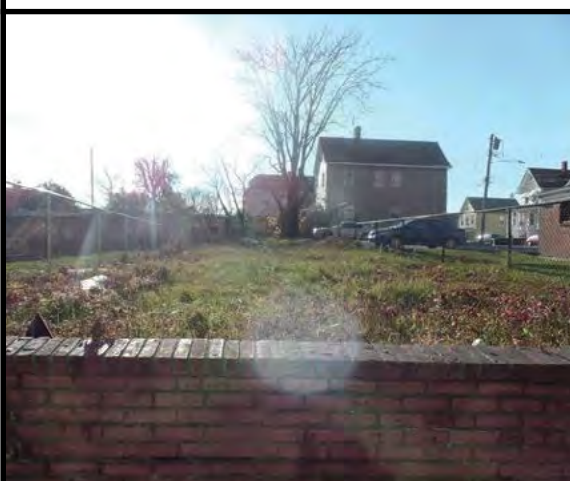
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**PERTH AMBOY** - THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME YOUR OWN BOSS. GREAT POTENTIAL INCOME LOCATED IN DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA. ALL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES ON SALE. CENTRAL AIR, USE OF BASEMENT AND LOT MORE. LEASE END ON FEBRUARY 2016. RENEWABLE EVERY 3 YEARS WITH 5% INCREASE. **\$120,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - This is three buildings for the price of one, fully rented great income producing business. 4 Family in the front, a two family in the rear and another two family on the side all in one package. **\$1,100,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - ESPECTACULAR WATER VIEW ON THIS TWO LEVEL APARTMENT. JUST MOVE IN AND ENJOY THE VIEW FROM THE WIDE OPEN WINDOW. ACCESS TO GYM ONE PARKING SPACE ASSIGNED PLUS VERY NICE COURTYARD FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY OUTSIDE WEATHER. COMMISSION PAID BY LANDLORD. **\$1,775/Mo Rent**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Being sold strictly in "AS IS" condition buyer is responsible for Smoke Cert, Termite Cert. and all repairs. **\$150,000**