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The Volley: The Ball is Back in Your Court Again 3/21/16 Caucus Meeting



Councilman
William Petrick



City Clerk
Elaine Jasko



Councilman
Fernando Irizarry

PERTH AMBOY – Topic for Discussion: Handicapped Ordinance. Councilman Bill Petrick started the discussion regarding the revision of the handicapped ordinance. This has been bounced around for months. A committee had been formed in order to discuss how handicapped permits should be issued. That committee consisted of the City Clerk, the Police Department and Code Enforcement.

Petrick said, “The ordinance is ominous.” He Echoed the same sentiments that City Clerk Elaine Jasko has said in the past about this handicapped ordinance. No one on a committee has the qualifications to determine if an applicant’s medical conditions qualifies them for a handicapped space or sign in front of the residence.

Petrick continued, “Our former B.A. (Greg Fehrenbach) was concerned about too many handicapped spots in the business district. We need to rescind the last handicapped ordinance that we voted on and put it back to what it was before.”

Councilman Joel Pabon, who was acting as Council President in the absence of Lisa Nanton interjected, “Handicapped spaces were being abused by people who I felt really didn’t need it. There are handicapped persons who live in a house and they never leave

that house. Other family members residing with that person have handicapped parking placards in their own vehicle.”

Petrick spoke again and said, “No one in City Hall wants to make a determination on a person’s medical condition.”

Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez reminded the Council that they passed the amended handicapped ordinance, “But it is not in effect yet.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, “People are concerned about some of the specifics in the law. If we the Council are not comfortable about anything in the ordinance, then we should look at it and make the appropriate changes instead of rescinding it altogether.”

Petrick spoke again and said, “This is not just for renewals, but for new applicants.”

Councilman Gonzalez also cautioned that this amended ordinance is going to be in effect now since the old ordinance is not in effect.”

City Clerk Jasko told the Council that in the past applicants would bring in their placards and proper documents to get their handicapped space reissued.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, “I understand that this ordinance is not asking the committee to review an applicant’s medical diagnosis. We are just asking them to bring necessary documents from their physi-

cians, the Division of Motor Vehicles and any other agency that’s required.”

Law Director Quinones-Perez said, “The committee will review the documents of the applicants and make sure they are authentic. The committee can consist of one Council Member, a representative from the Police Department and three Non-Council Members.

Jasko also told the Council, “Applicants renew their handicapped licenses every 3 years.”

Council Member Fernando Irizarry said, “At this point, I am not in favor of rescinding this resolution.”

Councilman Petrick said he had concerns about the confidentiality when people on the committee are reviewing the medical information of applicants.”

At this point, Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano said, “If it makes those on the committee feel better, my department can make the final determination.”

Councilman Gonzalez said, “Anyone who feels they really need a handicapped spot won’t mind going through the process.”

Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez said, “Renewals will be up in December of this year.”

Acting Council President Joel Pabon said, “The main criteria for an applicant getting a handicapped spot is mobility issues.

Good Friday Procession Waterfront, Perth Amboy, 3/25/16



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Bone of Contention

PERTH AMBOY - 3/21/16 Caucus. Resolutions R-167 and R-168 Approving Seasonal Fixed Location, Lease Licenses at the Perth Amboy Marina for Slavko Petric and Edgardo Lugo and Noemi Cardona D/B/A Bomba D'Food Truck, Respectively.

Councilman Bill Petrick and Fernando Gonzalez had differences of opinions about allowing these food vendors in the

Marina area. Fernando Gonzalez said, "The existing restaurant owners had concerns that these seasonal food vendors would be taking business away from them."

Patrick said, "There were four permits available prior to us being on the Council. They are not taking away from the brick and mortar establishments. In the past there were restrictions placed on ice

cream establishments selling food. This is a different base." Gonzalez said, "My main concern is there should be a balance."

At the 3/23/16 Council Meeting these two Resolutions were moved along with all resolutions on the agenda by Bill Petrick and seconded by Fernando Irizarry.

Council President Lisa Nanton was absent.

Law Director's Behavior Questioned 3/23/16 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Comments. during the public portion:

Stanley Sierakowski questioned Law Director Quinones' behavior at the March 9, 2016 Council Meeting, "At one point during the Meeting, the Law Director got up from where she sits with the Council, sat down in the audience and came up to speak as if she was part of the public."

Sierakowski continued, "The contract on Resolution R-145-3/16 was a contract that would follow her if she was no longer employed by the City. It's her law firm (Decotiis) money - not hers. Decotiis' bid for the contract was \$195/hr. Other firms were \$125/hr, You should investigate her (Quinones) actions."

Resident David Caba came up to speak about the Caucus Meeting of 3/7/16. He made reference to Perth Amboy Democratic Chair Billy Delgado's comments at the 3/7/16 Meeting when Delgado said what the Law Director did was legal (When she drew up the resolution appointing Peter Pelissier as Assistant B.A. after his position as Interim B.A. was up). Maybe if he (Delgado) would spend more time in

Perth Amboy he would know what is going on. Quinones admitted she made a mistake. Where are all those lawyers who defended Quinones before? They're not here when Quinones admitted she made a mistake. We go out of state and to Newark to get a Business Administrator. I will continue to fight for my people."

Former Councilman Ken Balut had a comment about the budget appropriations, "Does that include money for an independent lawyer? There are letters from Civil Service violations going on. You can't have paid personnel volunteer to do work at the State of the City Address. \$1.7 million that is included in the Employee Contracts - at the end they will lose that money. The budget doesn't have salaries and the Mayor's budget went up \$20,000 last year. City employees shouldn't be here at the Council Meetings."

Resident Alan Silber wanted to know, "Did we change the Meeting? The Law Director went and changed a Resolution when the Charter School was here at a Meeting. That Resolution that dealt with Charter School issues was revised before the end of the

Meeting. From January 5, 2016 was there an acting administrator here up until the time when Adam Cruz was hired as a permanent Business Administrator?"

Joel Pabon who was the Acting Council President in place of Lisa Nanton verified that Adam Cruz became the new Business Administrator on February 11, 2016. Silber argued the point that you can't have a person who became an Assistant Business Administrator have the same duties as when they were the Acting Business Administrator. Silber also had the same concerns about Quinones' actions at the March 9, 2016 Meeting when she spoke as if she was part of the public instead of a City Official. "Shame on Arlene, the Mayor and the Council."

Businesswoman Virginia Lugo came to speak, "They should make sure that the previous Meetings are broadcast on video streaming before the next Meetings take place. She (the Law Director) was grandstanding. The Mayor made a big deal about the \$20,000 that the Council requested for an independent attorney. Now, I see it's tabled."

Stricken

PERTH AMBOY - For the closed session pending litigation, Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez took one of the items off of that session. The Board of Education vs. The City of Perth Amboy. She explained the reason for this, "The judge determined that the Board of Education failed to issue and send proper notice of the proposed change the date of their Election from November 8, 2016 to April 19, 2016. Therefore it was voided."

Quinones added, "On the City's part, \$10,000 was spent for this specific litigation. Part of this cost was for briefs and certifications." Ms. Quinones thanked City Clerk Elaine Jasko for her help in this matter.

Agree to Disagree 3/21/16 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - 3/21/16 Caucus - Resolution R-150-3/16 - Introduction of Calendar Year 2016 Budget.

Business Administrator Adam Cruz was happy to report, "There is a zero percent tax increase. We are able to maintain the same level of services."

Despite this, Fernando Gonzalez had some concerns, "Employee salaries are not included. I need that information before I make my decision. This was part of the Best Practices in the past."

Jill Goldy, Chief Financial Officer came up and told the Council, "Employee Salaries were not in the Best Practices List."

Fernando Gonzalez came back and replied, "I have the information that had this (Employee Salaries) in the past."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, "We went by the 2015 guidelines."

At the 3/23/16 Council Meeting, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez still wanted a list of all employee salaries in the budget, "Maybe the last time it was done because of union negotiations."

Councilman Bill Petrick also responded to this item when he made his Council Comments, "You're entitled to see the list of salaries even when union negotiations are going on."



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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Customer Service at Its Best

Let's face it, there's a couple of places that most people dread going to. Two of those places are the Department of Motor Vehicle and the Post Office.

What's said here is *my own* personal experiences when dealing with these two businesses.

Once a week, I mail out subscriptions to the paper at the Perth Amboy Post Office. Every single clerk that I have encountered at the window has always been consistent in three things when dealing with me: They're courteous, efficient and always leave me with a smile on my face.

While standing in line waiting to be served, I am always aware as to how they treat the customers they serve before me. In my experience, they have been very patient and helpful, especially when customers are bringing in large boxes or items to be mailed.

The only small complaint I have is that there are not always enough clerks on duty during the busiest time of the day. It could be because of a smaller workforce.

One time I went to Keasbey to mail out the newspapers and they had a sign on the door that they were closed for two hours. Unfortunately at that location, they only have one clerk working there. I was so shocked they would close down for two hours during their working hours. I only hope it was for that one particular day. All in all I have to give kudos to the clerks in the Perth Amboy Office. They have to service a large population that still prefers the human touch over mailing online.

The Department of Motor Vehicles is one operation that I or most people don't depend on that much unless you buy a new car every single year. I am one of the lucky ones who is eligible to renew my license every four years by mail. This year, I decided I wanted a new photo and went in person. On Thursday, March 24, 2016 when I arrived at the Rahway Office, the line was ridiculous-

ly long. A short time after I arrived, one of the workers came out and made an announcement: "The computers statewide are down." They had no idea when they would come back up. Just what I wanted to hear.

The next day was Good Friday and all the DMV Officers were closed. He also told the people standing outside that the DMV Office would be open on Saturday, but the previous Saturday, there were 180 people standing outside waiting to be serviced.

So yesterday (3/28/16) I decided to venture to the Rahway DMV again. The good news is that the computers were working; the bad news was the line was just as long as when I was there on 3/24/16.

My sister who had driven me to Rahway suggested we go to the Edison DMV instead. The line there was half as long and it moved very quickly. An employee came outside to apologize for us having to stand outside, especially because the weather was bad, but there was plenty of coverage. Once I was inside, I was pleasantly surprised. There is a system where there is a screen where you input your name, your cell phone number and then up top you touch on the screen why you're here.

They called you by the last four numbers of your cell phone. If you don't have a cell phone you are provided a ticket with the number. Inside of the waiting area, there are two screens which display the numbers that are about to be called and the line that you would go to. There is also an employee who calls out the same information on the PA system.

As added convenience they will send you a text on your cellphone the estimated time you have to wait to be serviced. Every employee that I encountered that day was courteous, efficient and had a smile on their face. On the way out, I thanked each one I encountered. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Correction

I wish to correct the erroneous information reported by your newspaper regarding John Dyke's presentation to the City Council on 3/9/16.

When John referred to the restoration of the historic ferry slip in his remarks, he in no way gave credit to MOPA (Museums of Perth Amboy) or the three individuals you mention.

The Waterfront Association to Effect Restoration (W.A.T.E.R.) was formed by the late Rose Macan Booz in

1977 for the express purpose of restoring the decaying ferry slip at the foot of Smith Street. After her untimely passing in 1980, Barbara Rokicki-Booz was elected President and John Dyke, Vice-President. We applied and received historic site status, and our membership was close to 200 members.

We entered into an Agreement with the USN Seabees who were stationed at the adjacent Naval Armory and they provided construction assistance. The ferry slip was stabilized, and in 1998 it was completely restored with the

help of the City administration and a Federal Grant provided by the late Sen. Frank Lautenberg.

After the W.A.T.E.R. organization was dissolved, the City of Perth Amboy appointed a Director. The ferry slip housed a "Welcome Center" and a Maritime Museum. However, much to my disappointment, the jewel that we worked so hard to restore is rarely open.

Very truly yours,
Barbara J. Rokicki-Booz
President W.A.T.E.R. Inc.

Statement on Election

"Today, the Honorable Arthur Bergman sitting in Middlesex County Superior Court heard oral argument on the Perth Amboy Board of Education's ("Board") petition to restrain the City of Perth Amboy ("City") from moving school board elections back to November 2016. Judge Bergman issued a decision from the bench, finding that the Board's January 12th resolution was not valid, in substantive part, because based on his interpretation of N.J.S.A. 19:60-1.1 and school laws, a board of education may never shorten

the terms of its board members by moving elections to April. Instead, the Judge outlined specific procedures for moving the November elections to April moving forward. The Judge is expected to issue an order consistent with his bench ruling by end of the week, which will detail those requirements.

The Perth Amboy Board of Education is very satisfied with Judge Bergman's findings, and looks forward to the opportunity to move elections to a time where it benefits the community the most, and when educational issues can be the focus. In light of Judge Bergman's decision, the Perth Amboy Board of Educa-

tion takes this opportunity to advise the public that school board elections for the Perth Amboy Board of Education will not be held on April 19, 2016. The Board would like to thank the public for its patience in handling the confusion surrounding the election, created by the City's actions. The Board continues to work tirelessly to ensure the interests of its students and the constituents it represents are being served, and that school issues are not overshadowed by political parties or city interests."

Samuel Lebreault
President Perth Amboy Board of Education

Trying to Make an Impact

I was walking in a mall last week and observed a number of people who appeared to be confused, disoriented and alone. I nodded and said hello as I passed and some looked up and smiled; others continued to state into space and

acted as though nothing had been said. I went on my way and later these people reentered my thoughts. What was weighing on them so heavily that someone taking an interest in them had no impact? Perhaps their problems were so deep that they could not respond or did not realize that they had been spoken to.

I have no answers to these questions but perhaps if more

people took an interest in them or spoke to them it would encourage them to move forward with their lives or react to the attention being given to them.

One thing I am sure of, the people who take the time to speak to the quiet, unconnected people they see, will come away feeling that they tried to lift their spirits and perhaps made their lives better.

Robert A. Brown

Statement Read by Perth Amboy AFT President Pat Paradiso at the 3/23/16 Board of Education Meeting

Dear Dr. Roman,

It has come to the attention of the Federation that new procedures and/or practices are being enacted in the district regarding student participation in various events. Recently New York Yankee outfielder Carlos Beltran was denied access to the students of Perth Amboy High School because

of this issue. It was explained to me no actual denial took place however: "the message conveyed centered more on our protocols and procedures set under the public school domain, which is to seek proper board approval. As a result, the timeframes for both parties were not in alignment, which then made it rather difficult to fulfill the request."

Now I have been informed that students district-wide are being denied access the Perth Amboy Student Showcase. This is an art showcase our students have participated in for years where they gain rec-

ognition for their artistic talents. Staff was informed that students will not be allowed to participate as the event was not Board approved.

I have worked in this district for the past sixteen (16) years, serving as both Senior Class Advisor and Student Council Advisor and have conducted events where Board approval was never an issue. Similarly I have had guest speakers in my classes which did not require Board approval.

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Although the house is still in the process of being restored, some rooms have been newly decorated. Go back in time and learn about William Franklin and other residents of the house. It's a perfect way to spend a pleasant afternoon. The gift shop is also open.

Groups are welcome, although reservations are required for groups over six people. The Proprietary House is located at 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tel. 732-826-5527 E-mail: info@proprietaryhouse.org. Follow us on our website, www.theproprietaryhouse.org and or/Facebook.

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THURS. Apr. 7	Board of Education, 6 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
MON. Apr. 11	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Apr. 13	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
South Amboy	
MON. Apr. 5	Special Board of Education, 6 p.m. Board of Education Office 240 John Street
WED. Apr. 6	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
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A.C. Bus Trip
St. John Paul II Seniors
PERTH AMBOY - St. John Paul II Seniors are holding a bus trip on Wed., April 30th to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. The cost is \$30. The Casino reimburses each visitor with \$25 slot money. The bus leaves at 9:45 a.m. from the parking lot, Mechanic Street, behind the church. The bus returns at approximately 7:30 p.m. For more information and/or reservations please call Bobbi at 732-636-2867.

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SOUTH AMBOY - Finger Plays, Sadie Pope Dowdell Library - Adjacent To High School, South Amboy. K E Y B O A R D K O N T E S T J U N E 8 3- 5 Every Monday 12 Pm -2 Pm You Don't Need To Be A Word Whiz To Enjoy A Good Game Of Scrabble! Come And Play A Game And Make New Friends! For more info call 732-721-6060 or email: Comments@Dowdell.Org Website: www.Dowdell.Org

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

Knitting Club
SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. Teens & Adults. For more info call 732-721-6060.

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Cast & Crew of the Addams Family
*Photo by Katherine Massopust



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School gave their performances of the Addams Family from March 17 to March 20. A the 3/23/16 Board of Education Meeting, Board President Sam Lebreault praised the cast and crew of the High School Class Play: The Addams Family. "It was outstanding. You guys did an outstanding job. I think your group deserves a little Kudos. I wanted to surprise the cast and crew of the Addams Family and Ms. Guzman (teacher)."

Board Member Milady Tejada said, "You guys are awesome! It was like going to Broadway!"

Board Vice President Israel Varela stated, "Your costumes, your makeup were awesome. I saw you guys working on stage and I am so impressed. All of you - I love you all."

Board President Sam Lebreault then added, "I know we can't broadcast the play (on PATV) because of copyright laws, but we can play a DVD of the play for students to watch in school for the students to enjoy."

Board Vice-President Varela was concerned if this was legal. Ms. Guzman assured him it was legal. "Many people would love to take a photo with the cast," Varela added.

Amboy Guardian Ads Sell!

Council Comments 3/23/16 Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Acting Council President Joel Pabon responded to Residents' questions on how he conducted the meeting.

"In the past, when a Resident asked a question of the Council, they would respond to the Resident right after the question was asked. At this Meeting, all questions posed were answered after the closing of public comments."

Pabon stated, "This change was made because there was a lot of chaos during the last Council Meeting of March 9th."

After Pabon spoke, Councilman Fernando Irizarry read a lengthy statement that was given to him with comments from Council President Lisa Nanton. In the statement she talked about how the Meetings are conducted, the public's right to free speech and the disruptive behavior exhibited by the public. She especially chastised some of the City Employees who displayed unprofessional behavior at the March 9, 2016 Meeting.

After the Meeting, the Amboy Guardian approached Councilman Fernando Irizarry to get a copy of the statement that Nanton wrote and he read. He told the Amboy Guardian that he would make sure that Nanton would send a copy to the paper.

As of yet, no copy of the statement was received.

Irizarry was also concerned about the various potholes in the City. He would like the Business Administrator to have flyers printed up to distribute to local businesses to have the public report any serious potholes.

Irizarry also wanted a bill list from Former City Attorney Mark Blunda for the last few months. "I have been instructed by the last three City Administrators not to contact City Employees."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wanted a list of all Employee salaries in the budget. "Maybe the last time the sala-



Attorney
Daniel Antonelli
*File Photo from DeCotiis

ries were omitted because of union negotiations going on. There also seems to be a discrepancy about vehicles that are ticketed, especially on Gordon Street."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, "I'll handle this matter."

Fernando Gonzalez continued with his comments, "A gentleman came here who was paying \$3000 a month to park his vehicles at the Jefferson Street Parking Deck. I believe that this gentleman is no longer paying those fees, and now the vehicles are being parked on the street."

Councilman Bill Petrick addressed the omission of Employee Salaries in the budget. "In the past, Employees names, salaries and titles were listed."

In the absence of Law Director Arlene Quinones-Perez, Attorney Daniel Antonelli answered some of the Council Questions: "In reference to the gentleman who was paying \$3000 a month in the Jefferson Street Parking Deck, you have to look at the terms and conditions of the contract. There may be zoning issues. There can be a grandfather clause. Documentation is needed to see what kind of terms were being used for parking there. You (the Council) are entitled to see the Employees' salaries, even while contract negotiations are going on."

Water Street Resident Still Not Pleased



Photo taken from parking lot on Front Street, looking towards Bayview Park



Bayview Park - fencing shown on the left blocks stairs leading to Front Street. Hedberg's House is on the right of photo.

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

PERTH AMBOY - 3/9/16 Council Meeting. Resident Dan Hedberg of Water Street appeared before the Council for the second time. He was still very upset as he was when he spoke at the February 10, 2016 Council Meeting about the lack of notification from the City when work was being done on the foundation at Bayview Park. Since this is a major project and Hedberg's home borders one side of that park, he feels that his home is in great danger of being damaged (the foundation).

He stated at the March 9, Council Meeting, "Residents were not notified about construction within 200 feet of their homes. My homeowners insurance will not cover sinkholes. I respect you (the Council) and have had good interactions in the past, but you are not taking my issues seriously."

Before sitting down, Hedberg posed a question, "The City is supposed to have nonpartisan elections. The City does not know how to run them. In the past there have been signs that said, "Obama's Democrats," "Perth Amboy Democrats," etc. If you can't run the elections nonpartisan, then you should just make them partisan."



Another view from Front Street looking upwards. Work being done is supposed to shore up the wall and foundation to strengthen the structure of Bayview Park.



A tarp covering the newly built wall that will reinforce part of Bayview Park.

Perth Amboy Civic Trust Seeks New Trustees

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Civic Trust today announced that it is seeking applications from Perth Amboy residents interested in becoming Civic Trustees- Trustees work together as members of the Perth Amboy Civic Trust to identify and gain adoption of proven solutions for problems facing their City. Civic Trustees and the Perth Amboy Civic Trust receive significant support from The Citizens Campaign's top government lawyers, urban policy experts and experienced political coaches. They are trained to use the power levers of local govern-

ment to get results on the issues they care about.

Trustees pledge to leave their City better than they found it, developing and advancing solutions within the three guiding principles of the Civic Trust- the solutions must be: (1) cost-effective (2) evidence-based (3) and implemented with a "no blame" approach.

Pointing to the substantial accomplishments of the Perth Amboy Civic Trust in the little over a year since it was launched, Civic Trustee Donna Stewart urged interested Perth Amboy residents to apply. "Our Civic Trust is a shining example of what can get done in our

community when we work together," said, Stewart. "There's strength in numbers, and our successes prove it. I urge anyone interested in helping Perth Amboy reach its full potential to apply."

Reinaldo "Ricky" Aviles added, "Our national politics is already dominated by finger pointing and nothing is getting accomplished. By focusing on solutions we are demonstrating the power regular citizens can have on their communities. I would love to meet my civically-minded neighbors."

Trustees are working to improve the high school graduation rate by developing a

community-based approach to school discipline. And after identifying economic issues as one of their top priorities, Civic Trustees have created a Green Team which won \$500,000 of grant funding for green infrastructure which will save the City millions on storm drainage upgrades.

Civic Trustees gather at monthly meetings to find solutions for Perth Amboy, drawing on ideas that have succeeded in other cities. The meetings are designed to be respectful of Trustees' time. They are limited to two hours (5:30 to 7:30) during which dinner is served with no charge. There are no meet-

ings in August due to vacation time and none in December due to the holidays.

The new group of Trustees selected will join the existing 20 Perth Amboy Civic Trustees who have committed to another year of service.

The Citizens Campaign is accepting applications for Perth Amboy Civic Trustees on a rolling basis until Monday, April 25, 2016. Applications may be filled out online at www.thecitizenscampaign.org or printed and mailed to The Citizens Campaign, ATTN: Civic Trust Selection Committee, 450 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ, 08840.

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Statement Read by AFT President Pat Paradiso

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If new procedures are being introduced, staff needs to be made aware of these changes in a timely fashion. This lack of communication by Central Administration is having a direct impact on our students. First students were deprived of hearing a nationally known athlete speak on the virtues of hard work and working hard

and now students will not be allowed to display their proudest accomplishments.

I would ask that, going forward,, all changes that impact students and staff being clearly communicated in an appropriate time frame.

Sincerely,
Pam Campbell
District Representative
CC: Board Members

Digital Café

SOUTH AMBOY - Drop in assistance with downloadable materials such as eBooks, eAudio, eMagazines or Movies. Mondays 12 noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, adjacent to South Amboy High School. For more info call: 732-721-6060 or email: comments@dowdell.org website: www.dowdell.org

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. For tickets call Glen 732-213-7797 or Phillip 908-337-1554 or Roz 732-734-7538 or Rhonda 732-925-0162. 2/10

Dowdell Library Foundation DVD & Recorded Media Drive

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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.

Old Time Gospel

PERTH AMBOY - Women's Day 2016 Presents Old Time Gospel, Friday April 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. James AME Zion Church, 68 Commerce Street, Perth Amboy.

Game Night/Pajama Party

PERTH AMBOY - Game Night /Pajama Party at St. James AME Zion Church, 68 Commerce St., Perth Amboy on Friday, April 22, 2016. Rev Mary Giles – Chair; Rev. Donna Stewart Co-Chair.

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.

Public Talk: Transform Your Life

PERTH AMBOY - Transform Your Life: Striking the Right Work-Life Balance, Saturday, April 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meet with Business Leaders and learn how Meditation transforms our daily work-life balance and brings inner and outer peace. Featuring Workshop, Meditation, Vegetarian Lunch. Join us and learn a simple meditation technique to find inner and outer peace. (Bilingual Workshop English/Spanish) Science and Spirituality Meditation Center, 15 Market St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-690-6509. or email njinfo@sos.org. RSVP Requested.

Mets Trip

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus sponsor an outing to beautiful Citi Field to see the National League champion Mets battle division rival Washington Nationals with Daniel Murphy in a July 9 at 7:15 p.m. game. Cost of \$100 includes round trip motor coach transportation, sandwich, snacks, water, and soft drinks. Motor coach leaves the parking lot at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy at 3 p.m. For reservations call Steve at 732-727-1707

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

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Perth Amboy 38th Annual Geranium Sale

PERTH AMBOY - \$32 per dozen; \$3.50 per plant. Geraniums available in Pink, White, Red and Fuchsia. Also Available: Hanging Geranium Plants; \$20 each. Pick-up outside the medical center at the Groom Street entrance. Please remember to mark your calendar for the date and pick-up time; Thursday, May 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Orders due by May 4. Mail orders to: Joan Volanin, 154 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Sponsored by the Perth Amboy Auxiliary. Proceeds to benefit projects and programs at Raritan Bay - Perth Amboy.

Annual Pocketbook Bingo

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart School is hosting its Annual Designer Pocketbook Bingo on Saturday April 23, 2016 located at Sacred Heart/ St. Mary's school cafeteria 301 Second Street, South Amboy...BYOB and Snacks.... also soda and snacks will be sold that night! 50/50 and Basket Raffles...tickets are \$35 each which includes (12 Bingo sheets)...to purchase tickets please contact Paty Velez via email hsasacredheartsa.com or call Mr. Prichard @ 732-721-0834... Proceeds to Benefit Sacred Heart School

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

Gift Auction

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, April 2, 2016. Doors open 12 Noon at the Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive Street, Perth Amboy. Sponsored by St. James A.M.E. Zion Church.

Sewing Clinic

SOUTH AMBOY - Sewing Clinic - Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, adjacent to South Amboy High School. For more info call: 732-721-6060 or email: comments@dowdell.org website: www.dowdell.org Learn how to SEW!

Free Movie Night

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 invite you and your family to see the inspirational movie "Do You Believe?" starring Cybil Shepherd, Lee Majors, and Ted McGinley, Friday night April 8 at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Movie begins at 7 p.m. Pasta, meatballs, and salad will be available before the film. Cost for dinner is \$5 Adults, and \$2 per child. For more information call 732-721-2025.

3rd Annual Mother/Son Spring Fling

SOUTH AMBOY - Moms, Grandmother's, Aunts, or Any Special Lady please join us with your son/nephew/grandson on April 30, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the South Amboy Knights of Columbus, 308 4th St., South Amboy. Tickets are \$45 per couple (includes dinner and dessert). Tickets can be purchased by mail Mother/Son Dance 377 Main St., Sayreville 08872. Ticket Deadline is April 10, 2016. Cash/Paypal/Checks made payable to Julie Veloz...Photos packages will be available for purchase with Amy McLaughlin Photography. 50/50, Giveaways and Contests, Facepainting by Just Jules. 100% of all Proceeds will be donated to Sayreville Association of Brain Injured Children (B.I.C.) please email: danceticketmom@gmail.com or call 732-343-1896 for any questions etc!

Women's Day 2016

PERTH AMBOY - St. James AME Zion Church, 68 Commerce St., Perth Amboy Presents Women's Day 2016, Wednesday Night Worship, 7:00 p.m. Theme: Celebrating a New Season, A New Day, A Fresh Anointing to Exhort, Edify and Embrace. Scripture: Ephesians 4:12 For the protecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. March 30th, Sis. Jacqueline Nolton, April 6th; Sis. Cynthia Olive, April 13th, Rev. Janet Jones, April 20th, Sis. Sheerene Brown

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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 p.m., 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

Happy St. Patrick's Day at Olive Street
3/17/16 *Photos by Bob Ned



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On March 28, 1941, off Cape Matapan, Greece, there is a long-range engagement between the British cruisers from Piraeus, Greece, and cruisers of Admiral Iachino's Italian fleet. Suspecting that a large British force may be present, the Italians begin to retreat. In the afternoon, planes from the aircraft carrier HMS Formidable, out of Alexandria, Egypt, find the Italians and attack, damaging the battleship Vittorio Veneto and the cruiser Pola. Veneto is able to continue on at reduced speed, but Pola is dead in the water. In the evening, Adm. Iachino dispatches two cruisers — Zara and Fiume — and four destroyers back to Pola to assist her. Pursuing VENETO, the British fleet spots the three Italian cruisers at night on radar. Approaching unseen in the dark, the British get within close range and begin firing. After a brief gun battle, the three Italian cruisers and two of the destroyers are sunk. In California, Glenn Seaborg's research group shows that newly discovered plutonium is fissionable and can potentially be used as a weapon.

On March 29, the British fleet gives up chasing the Italian battleship Vittorio Veneto and returns to its respective home bases, ending the Battle of Cape Matapan. Over the entire operation, the sum of British casualties is the loss of two aircraft. In East Africa, Lt. Gen. Cunningham's South African troops take Diredawa, Ethiopia, in their advance westward toward Addis Ababa. The local Italian populace appeals to the South Africans for protection, alleging that deserters from the native forces have been committing atrocities.

All German, Italian and Danish ships anchored in U.S. waters on March 30 are taken into "protective custody" by the U.S. government. In North Africa, Lt. Gen. Rommel correctly interprets that British forces are weakly dispersed in locations that are not mutually supportable. Accordingly, he orders his forces forward from El Agheila to Mersa Brega, Libya. In Berlin, Hitler addresses a conference of 250 commanders who will have important assignments in the invasion of the Soviet Union. The German leader tells them that the war in the east is to be conducted unlike any previous operation: commissars and communists are to be treated "with the utmost severity." Expecting the Soviet Union's defeat within a couple of weeks, Der Führer says: "We have only to kick in the door and the whole rotten structure will come crashing down."

Rommel's forces attack the British 2nd Armoured Division on March 31 at Mersa Brega. The British fare the worst in the resulting fierce battle, but are able to stop the German advance.

In Iraq on April 1, a coup led by nationalist politician Rashid Ali al-Gaylani overthrows the regent, Faisal, who escapes to Transjordan. By April 3 a new, anti-British government is installed in Baghdad. In response, the British move troops into Iraq from India and elsewhere in the Middle East to ensure continued access to vital oil supplies. In North Africa, the British pull back from Mersa Brega, abandoning the last defensible position before the open spaces of Libya's Cyrenaica Plateau. In East Africa: Lt. Gen. Platt's forces take Asmara, Eritrea.

The Axis advance in North Africa gains momentum on April 2. Abegabia, Libya, is taken. Rommel's force splits into three columns: two take the main roads to Msus and Mechili, while the third column — Italians and a small German unit under a German commander — are sent along the coast road to Benghazi. In Europe, Hungary's prime minister, Count Pál Teleki, not wishing to collaborate with the Nazis, commits suicide. The country's regent, Adm. Miklós Horthy, and Teleki's replacement, László Bárdossy, continue to work with the Germans.

On April 3, German diplomats depart Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in advance of the coming invasion. In London, the British government severs diplomatic relations with Hungary. Germany activates "Operation Rheinübung": the battleship Bismarck and other German raiders are to attack British shipping in the Atlantic while avoiding engagement with warships, if possible.

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

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - Rabbi Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy continues his Ask the Rabbi program. He will be in the Menlo Park Mall Food Court EVERY Wednesday at NOON to answer ANY questions ANYONE might have.

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 16th 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.

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 24th at 2 p.m. Donations welcome. Light refreshments available.

Pets of the Week



Meadow is at the left, Dexter in the Middle and Valentino at the right - Maria

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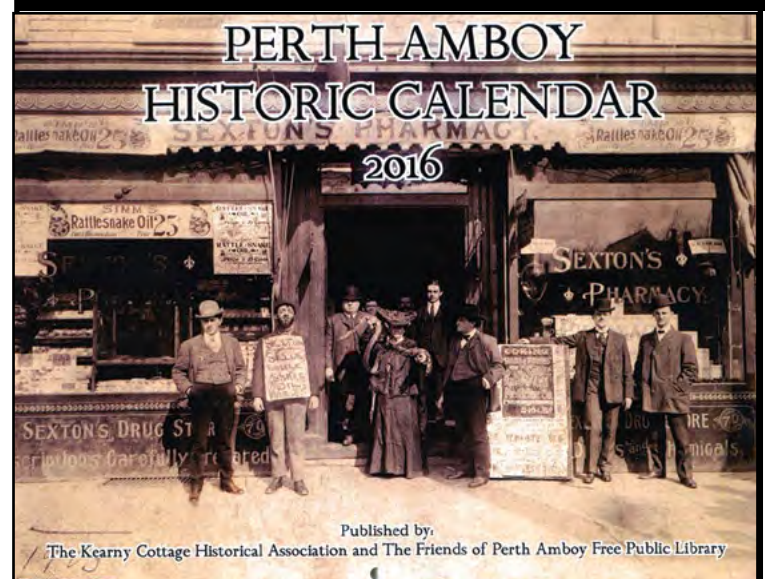
A.C. Bus Trip St. George Catholic Club

PERTH AMBOY – The Saint George Catholic Club is running a bus trip to the Taj Mahal casino on Sunday April 24th. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. from the club at 415 Eagle Ave. Cost \$30 per person. Receive \$25 slot cash from the casino. Continental breakfast will be available from 8:30 a.m. Call Tony at 723 324-0338 for reservation.

Golf Outing

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 hold their annual golf outing Thursday May 12 at Cruz Farms Golf Course in Farmingdale. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with tee-off at 9 a.m. Cost of \$100 includes 18 holes, golf cart, lunch, dinner, and many prizes. For more information call Ray at 732-721-2025 or Wayne at 732-406-2340.

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.

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.

Open Mic

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold their next Open Mic Friday April 29 at 308 Fourth St. South Amboy beginning at 8 p.m. If you play an instrument or like to sing you are invited. Snacks and refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - 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.

Feast in Honor of Our Lady of Martyrs

PERTH AMBOY - The St. John Paul II Parish Presents a Feast in Honor of Our Lady of Martyrs on April 2nd and April 3rd at Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Church, 188 Wayne St., Perth Amboy. Events on Saturday, April 2nd: 12 noon - Festivities begin with music as well as food & beverages for purchase in the parking lot banquet tent; 5:30 p.m. - Mass; 7 p.m. - Musical presentation by "NRG Band" from South River, NJ for the outdoor dancing celebration; 8 p.m. Dancing presentation by the folklore group "Rancho Casa dos Arcos" from Newark, NJ; 10 p.m. Continuation of the outdoor dancing celebration; 12 a.m. Completion of the first day of outdoor festivities. Continuation of the feast will take place in the church basement until 1 a.m. Sunday, April 3rd: 11 a.m.: Mass presided by Rev. Albino Santos SDV; 12 noon - Procession with the musical accompaniment of the "Filharmonic Band" from Our Lady of Fatima Church of Newark, NJ. The outdoor festivities immediately follow with food & beverages for purchase; 4 p.m. - Musical presentation by "Duo Primavera" of Newark, NJ for the outdoor dancing celebration; 5 p.m. - Dancing presentation by the folklore group "Sonhos de Portugal" of Kearny, NJ; 8 p.m. - Ceremonial Exchange of the Banner for 2016 Our Lady of Martyrs Feast; 8:30 p.m. - Dancing continues until 10 p.m. as the festivities end.

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- WED. Mar. 30 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Mar. 31 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Apr. 4 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Apr. 5 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
- Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- WED. Apr. 6 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
- Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
- THURS. Apr. 7 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Apr. 4 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Apr. 13 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Apr. 25 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash 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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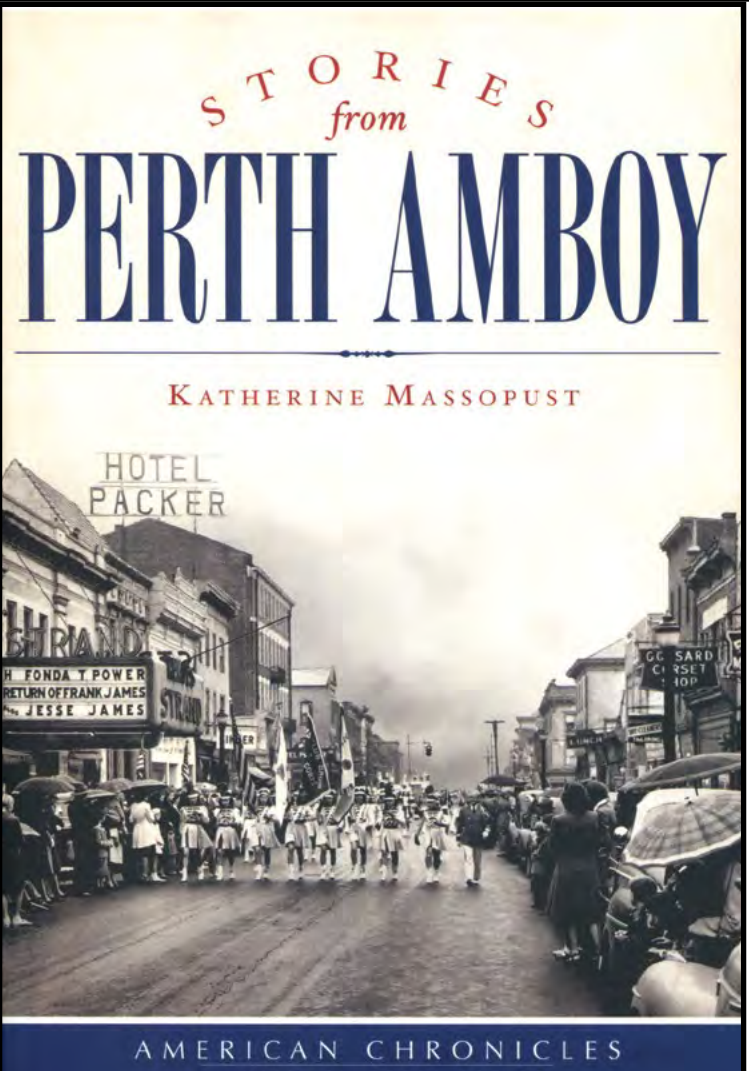


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Blizzard of 1888.

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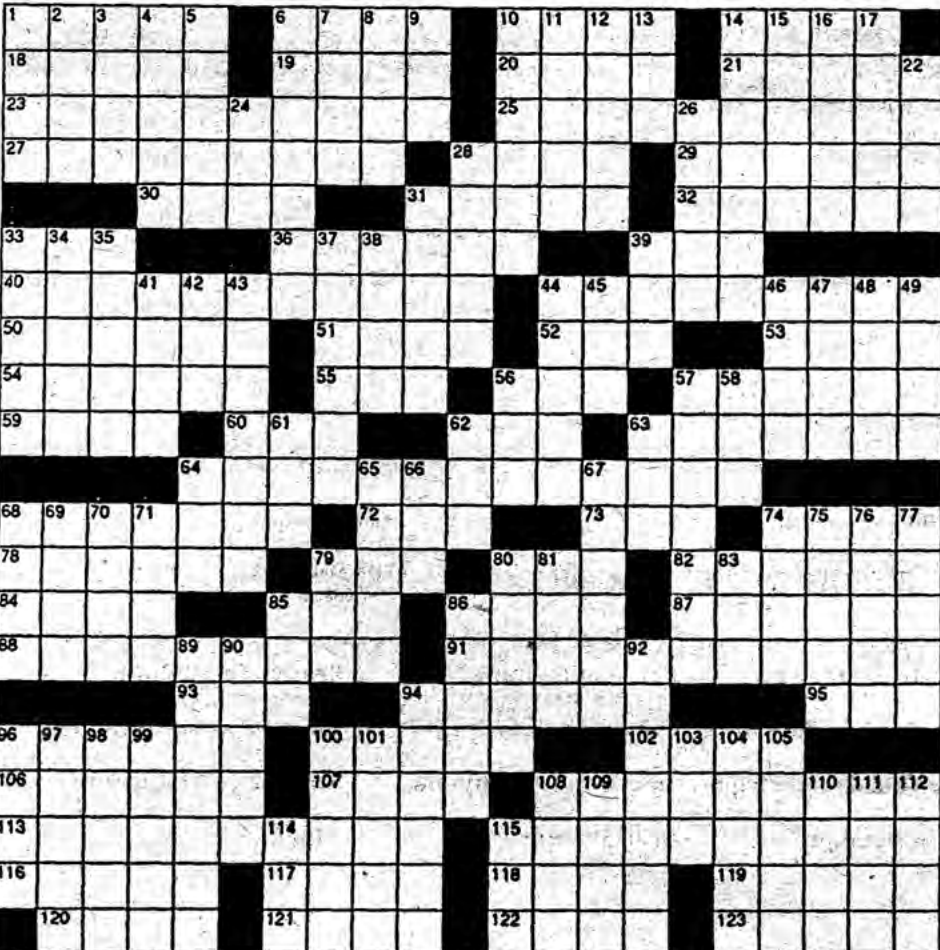
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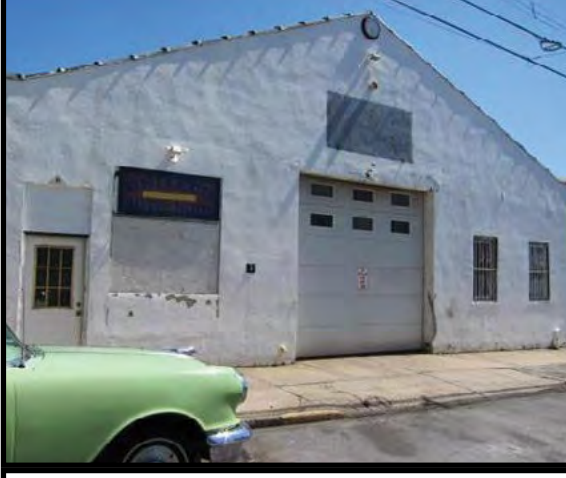
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