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Fielding Questions about CDBG Funds 7/11/16 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - Topic for discussions: 1.) Procedures for use of CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Funds to purchase rehab and transfer homes by Jewish Renaissance Foundation.

JRF Chief Strategy Officer Jorge Cruz fielded questions about the home program that benefited three families in getting houses. "The families were in full compliance for this program. The Council had questions about the funds and the program and I responded to them through e-mail."

Councilman Bill Petrick was the first one to ask questions about this program. He wanted to know how many people were in the pool to be selected. Cruz answered, "We worked with the Housing Authority to see who qualified from their list."

This prompted Council President Lisa Nanton to ask, "Does a family have to live in the house that they acquire?"

Cruz responded, "Yes, but there is also a deed restriction that they must follow. If after a period they want to rent or sell the house, the owner of the house must do so to another qualified applicant from the Housing Authority list. The majority of the people in the program are first time home buyers?"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked, "Are there other programs that people can qualify for besides CDBG funds?"

Cruz responded, "Yes, there are other State Programs such as the NRTC (Neighborhood Revitalization Tax Credit) Programs. This Program has a mixed income approach and does not require a deed restriction."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez questioned if an investor can resell a home. "I would not want to give a home to an investor to fix it up, then resell at a higher value."

Cruz responded, "Once that home is sold, it's out of our hands."

Cruz continued speaking, "There are abandoned foreclosed properties and under utilized properties. We try to put them back on the market. The home in question was on the market for two years. We did our best to work with realtors on this property."

Fernando Gonzalez came back with, "I don't know how this property was sold or marketed. It was bought for \$150,000; fixed up for about \$10,000; and resold for a higher price."

Cruz responded with, "This was the first time he knew of a home (in this program) being sold to an investor. "As far as I know, the first nine homes that were sold were for home ownership. Home ownership that the CDBG funds that were used in collaboration with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation are deed restricted, unlike the NRTC flexible program. We concentrated on the Budapest Section of town. Corporations contributed funding to our program such as revitalization of parks. One example would be the Francis Street Park in the Budapest Section."

Executive Director Office of Economic and Community Development Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency Annie Hindenlang told the Council that she submitted information on the program (CDBG).

Councilman Fernando Irizarry wanted to know, "Is the Jewish Renaissance the administrator of the program?"

Cruz answered, "To understand how the program works, just come to us."

Cruz was asked by the Council to stick around to answer questions by the public. He answered, "I will."

Later during the public portion, several Residents had questions about the CDBG

Program and who will be qualified.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski questioned how a City Employee and her husband were able to acquire one of the houses, especially since she and her husband have a combined income of over \$100,000. "What was the Federal/State income level? This is geared for home ownership - not investing. Who specifically made the decision to give her the house? Why did Cruz (JRF Chief Strategy Officer) walk out when he agreed to stay to answer questions from the public?"

It was stated that Jorge Cruz had to leave to pick up one of his children. (The Meeting was running late.)

B.A. Adam Cruz said, "This was through the State Program (the employee in question's house)."

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak. He cautioned the Council, "If you are going to sign something attached to the Jewish Renaissance it should be more detailed. HUD has certain standards set."

Silber proceeded to read an extensive list which also included income restrictions. "We have to be careful. This is like a shadow government. Yes, they do good work medically (The Jewish Renaissance), but they are also into so many things (Boys and Girls Club and Housing)."

Silber mentioned Tommy Hudaish (Executive Director of the Jewish Renaissance Community Development Corporation) who was working on the Mayor's campaign who was also involved in the selling of the house to someone who is working on the campaign.

Silber also told Law Director Arlene Quinones Perez that the City Attorney works for

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Council Comments on Dallas Police Shootings 7/13/16 Council Meeting



SOUTH AMBOY - Decorated South Amboy Police Car dedicated to the Dallas Police Officers located in front of South Amboy City Hall.
**Photo by Carolyn Maxwell*

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY - At the beginning of the 7/13/16 Regular Council Meeting, there was a moment of silence for the Dallas Police Officers who were gunned down.

Council Vice-President Christine Noble presided over the Meeting since Council President Mickey Gross was absent.

Mayor Fred Henry thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works and everyone for all their hard work they put in to make the Fireworks Display successful. "It was a great show, a team effort. Working with Perth Amboy, everybody did a great job to make it a success."

Henry highlighted Resolution R-122 - Resolution for South Amboy Intermodel Center for Remediation of Conrail Spectraserve Properties.

"It took a lot of hard work to get the Ferry back into South Amboy. This is another step in order to make that happen."

Henry then spoke about the recent Dallas shootings: "Our hearts and prayers go out to the families. We should never take our Police Officers for granted.

I want to thank the Officers in Dallas for making the ultimate sacrifice. I also want to thank the South Amboy Police Officers for the memorial. (see photo above) We need to sit down and get something done. We have to find out why these things are happening."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato offered her feelings, "There are many people, many faces, many religions. Diversity is a good thing. What we need is respect and understanding. We all have to do our part."

B.A. Camille Tooker spoke about the recent tragedy. "Our hearts go out to those lives lost in Dallas. Respect your Police Force. All lives matter."

City Attorney John R. Lanza spoke next, "Our Police get up in the morning every day and do their jobs. When the bullets fly, everyone runs away - they run toward it. It's truly a tragedy. Police play a vital role in society. They help us day to day. Police are always first in line. They should not be taken for granted."

"I have three Police Officers in my family," Council Vice-President Christine Noble added.

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**Arts
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7/13/16 Council
Meeting**

By: Katherine Massopust
SOUTH AMBOY - Councilman Thomas Reilly spoke enthusiastically about the coming of the Arts District to South Amboy.

"I had the opportunity to talk to one of the ladies who are brining in the Art's District here. The Art's District is going to be a great thing for South Amboy. We will have the start of a TV Channel. The Art's District is scheduled for this September."

**A Call to a
Higher
Dimension**

CARTERET/PERTH AMBOY – The Redeemed Christian Church God Sanctuary of Praise is having its 17th Anniversary Celebration. The theme: A Call to a Higher Dimension. Activities and Events: Anniversary Picnic at Joseph Medwick Park, Carteret on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at 11 a.m.; Anniversary Celebration Services at SOP on Sunday, July 31, 2016 at 3 p.m.; Ministering Pastor Daniel Ajayi-Adeniran; Venue: 489 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy. RSVP Mr. Gbenga Qgunyemi (908-249-2717)/Mr. Adekunle Joel (732-277-1519)/Sis Moremi Onafowora (732-207-7579)/Sis Busirat Otun (732-616-7375).



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Book Presentation 7/12/16
**Photo by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Association presents a photo book on the Bicentennial Celebration in Perth Amboy to the Library (L to R) Gabriel Lopez, Herschel Chomsky, Library Director Eleni Glykis, Katherine Massopust, Phyllis Gianfrancesco

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Interfaith Prayer Vigil at Cathedral International

Praying for Families of those Killed, the Wounded and for Unity in the Unites States

Press Release
 PERTH AMBOY – Everyone is invited to attend the Interfaith Prayer Vigil hosted by Cathedral International, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 20, 2016. According to Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr, Senior Pastor at Cathedral International, “We are coming together in response to the tragic shootings, to uplift the community and to emphasize Dr. King’s philosophy: “Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding a deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only love can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.”

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Issues with Abandoned House Resolved

7/13/16 Council Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
 SOUTH AMBOY - During the public portion, Resident Jennifer Nesi addressed the Council. She had come before the Council at the last Meeting in order to complain about a neighboring house that was abandoned. “The house next door was cleaned. Some trees were taken down and a sheet was placed on the door. Many people came and checked it. We appreciate what was done so far.”

B.A. Camille Tooker stated, “A whole team was up there. Code Enforcement has been notified. The house has to be repaired or taken down. It’s a

unsafe structure. There is a Police line there now to help keep people away. We took away the furniture on the porch.”

Nesi thanked the Council and everyone for their quick action. Tooker continued, “If they don’t comply, they will go to court. We’re hoping it doesn’t get to that point.”

Nesi added, “As far as the animal problem, there still are squirrels going into the house. Ground hogs are still going into the house. They are still terrorizing my dog.”

The Council thanked Nesi for her comments.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

I Concur



Resident gets the last laugh!
*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

The Perth Amboy Council Meeting on June 13, 2016 ended at 11:30 p.m. During the last couple of months, an Alpine Street Resident has attended the Meetings and often complains about a particular Municipal Court Judge, (sometimes two) and/or a couple of Police Officers. Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano has also been a target for some of his criticisms. Because people know what to expect when this gentlemen speaks, there are rolling of the eyes and snickers at the comments that he makes.

One thing about this gentleman does, is that he listens to every remark that all the speakers make while he is there. He never holds back and often jumps up to support or disagree with comments made by others. This prompts Council President Lisa Nanton to give him cautionary warnings about speaking out of turn.

During the public portion, this resident is often the first one to get up and speak. It was very unusual at the last meeting (7/13/16) during the last public portion, he waited until everyone spoke before getting up to make his comments. As he approached the mic., he heard the usual snickers and laughter from some of the attendees in the audience. But actually, the last laugh was on the people. He turned the tables on those who were left to hear him speak.

He said, “Oh, okay go ahead

and laugh at me, but you know the best will be last.”

The people behind him corrected him and said, “The saying is “You save the best for last.””

After he made his usual remarks about the Judges, certain Police Officers, etc., this resident made a very astute observation. He surprised everyone by closing with this last comment: “Thank God I don’t have cable so I don’t have to watch this.”

I concur. One of the longest arguments during the Council Meeting was about a small garden being named for a Resident who helped beautify the City as a founder of the Royal Garden Club. This individual had been recognized statewide and her works have been given numerous awards throughout the State. One Councilman vehemently argued against her being honored with a garden (at the tennis courts) being named after her. He stated, “We have an ordinance on the books that we must follow when naming public entities for people.”

Council President Lisa Nanton, who was the one responsible for having this resolution put on the Agenda, not only read the Ordinance pertaining to naming public entities after people, but she also gave a background on the Honoree, the late Rosemary Mazzeo.

I can’t for the life of me fig-

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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

A Political Reason?

On July 7, 2016 in Dallas, Texas five police officers were murdered by a so-called lone shooter (HmMMM.) named Micah Xavier Johnson (age 25) who had no criminal record or ties to terror groups. Was he using this BLM (Black Lives Matter) so-called peaceful protest as a way to kill those cops? Or just a coincidence? This Black Lives Matter group has

caused a concern across the nation. Who or what is funding this BLM group? Now behind closed doors some are saying that MAYBE there was a political reason for the shooting. (HmMMM.) or to start civil unrest before the presidential election? What happened in Dallas will change people’s lives forever? I’m waiting to see what’s going to happen in the Democratic convention in Philly. I heard it will be on full lockdown and the same for the Republi-

can convention in Cleveland, Ohio. We have noticed lots of mass shootings right before the election and talk of gun control from those politicians. The President was saying that the Fed’s want to control the police or a national police force. Oh by the way, I was looking into this shooting and there are too many weird stories from this shooting from the mass controlled news media.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

Running for Office

Does a paid elected official have an “ethical obligation” to resign from their current position when they run for another office? No. Any “resign to run” law creates a legal obligation not an “ethical obligation”. What religion teaches that rule? The idea that anyone who is a paid elected official must resign when they run for another office seems like an “urban legend”, a story not founded on facts.

I used the Internet to reference Texas’ Article 16 Section 65 (b). Section 65 (a) says it applies to county offices, such as County Clerks and Judges, District Attorneys, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and Con-

stables. It does not apply to municipal offices. (Why can’t NJ voters elect these officials?) Section 65 (b) says it only applies when the unexpired term of office exceeds one year. It does not apply to anyone in their last year in office. Some people are misinformed about this law.

Florida’s Chapter 99.012 says “No person may qualify as a candidate for more than one public office ... if the terms or any part thereof run concurrently with each other.” This does not apply to anyone holding a federal office or seeking the President or Vice-President. This law is to prevent one person from holding more than one office. This law does not require a state, district, county, or municipal office to resign if running for a

federal office. A deputy sheriff running for a non-sheriff office would not have to resign.

Only 5 states have this law, so are the other 45 states wrong? I would assume the other states also have laws banning one person from holding two state offices. Should a person holding a municipal office be prevented from being elected to a state office? Shouldn’t the voters be allowed to make this decision? The Governor of NJ appoints other state officials, the voters cannot elect them as in other states. Shouldn’t this be banned as it allows a Governor to own or control more than one state office? Does this explain the problems in the state?

Ronald A. Sobieraj

False Judgement

I find it truly amazing at the circus a once true and original faith / belief system has grown into, becoming a false, judgment - laden, man - led (not Spirit - led) sideshow of rules, human concepts and falsehoods clothed in a veiled hate. This not only invalidates such a faith system as one of God but literally inhibits the participation in faith understanding and practice by the young people today. They have seen the church / synagogue as detached from their sensitivities, concerns and obfuscating the face of God. In fact, they are

right.

Churches /synagogues today to them are bastions of systematic indoctrination, organized spiritual slavery, outright lies and abuses of the human condition....all protected from facing it’s reflection, all in God’s name. Yes, these young people are right.

Today’s churches/ synagogues have isolated themselves as sole organic operations - much like banks, businesses and political parties in an almost demonic competition to see who can be the largest, wealthiest, “community influencing” operation - all without much connection, adherence or defined obedience

to the one living God.

The cure for all this dysfunction and lunacy lies not with any man.... no pastor, priest or rabbi....who very often are themselves the source of this infection but only with understanding and living what God is saying to all people personally. The religious venues in modern America have become sadly and increasingly detached from the one true God. Without reconciling that, man has no hope of anything and that is not what God wants for us all as well.

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HIV Support

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

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

*Kearny
Cottage Open*

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

*Proprietary
House Open*

PERTH AMBOY - The Proprietary House, the last official Royal Governor's residence still standing in the original 13 colonies, is open every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., for tea and tours. Tea is served in our atmospheric candle-lit wine cellar, and includes our delicious homemade desserts and assorted teas. A \$10 donation, \$5 for children under 12, covers both the tea and a mansion.

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.

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

TUES. Aug. 2	PARA, 6 p.m. City Hall, High St.
MON. Aug. 8	City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Aug. 9	BID, 4 p.m. City Hall, High St.
•	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Library, Jefferson St.
WED. Aug. 10	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Aug. 3	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Aug. 17	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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“Safe” Summer Initiatives Press Conference 7/12/16



Anti Littering Sign



Kids All Star Academy



Mayor Diaz speaks on Quality of Life issues



Deputy Chief Larry Cattano



DPW Geri Barcheski



City Ambassadors



Award for Urban Cleanups



PAFD Chief Abraham Pitre



Mayor Diaz with members of the PAPD

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – On Tuesday, 7/12/16 Mayor Wilda Diaz held a press conference at the Waterfront to address Quality of Life issues in Perth Amboy. Children from the Kids All Star Academy were invited to listen to the press conference.

Diaz began her speech with a moment of silence for the recent tragedies that occurred in several communities across the nation. She emphasized the diversity of Perth Amboy and what the City is doing to be proactive about safety for its residents. The Amboy Guardian was provided with a press release.

Diaz emphasized that the Police Department has reached its highest capacity for the first time in 10 years. “Programs and partnerships like the Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps, the Auxiliary Program and the Community Policing Program we launched back in April, were developed to create closer relationships with our families. Our safety personnel consistently engage with the community, through community meetings, public events and they have committed to serving and protecting your children and families.”

She turned her focus to the City’s youth, “...The nutritional movement is national and many organizations have been reaching out to families to teach about healthy eating. Many local organizations have partnered with us to spread the resources in Perth Amboy, such as the Board of Education, numerous non-profit groups, faith-based agencies and public and private programs in surrounding communities like Woodbridge and Carteret.”

“...We want to address not

just our quality of life, but we want to ensure a GREATER quality of life and we’re making these strides city-wide!!!”

“The Business Improvement District is constantly developing ways to attract shoppers to our busy downtown area. We have our upcoming events: Sidewalk sales kicking-off on July 22nd for those who enjoy a good buy, and the Jeep Show on July 23rd followed by our Classic Car Show in September.”

“Small businesses are necessary in urban communities like ours. They are what make up the fabric of our local economy. The Business Improvement District invested a total of \$125,000 in improvements, including over \$40,000 in façade upgrades. We’re also improved our parking services downtown to continue shopping and dining locally...”

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano spoke next, “It’s getting rough to come into work in the morning knowing you can be a target. Our community does support us. I am very proud of the City of Perth Amboy. Older Officers train the younger Officers. You can see our Beat Officers walking. There is two-way communication. Our Beach Patrol is out on Four-Wheel ATV’s keeping everyone safe. There is no swimming in the beaches. The reason is for safety. There are no lifeguards. We’re increasing the Quality of Life Patrols. There will be a period of educate, re-educate and then given a summons.”

Cattano then turned his attention to “Pokémon Go.” “Pokémon Go is an app on your phone or pad that gets kids out of the house and collect Pokémon’s. Young kids and teenagers get so absorbed on the Pokémon’s that they

disregard their safety walking into traffic. Kids get absorbed in the game. They don’t focus on their surroundings. Be careful with these games.”

Cattano then spoke about a new partnership with 7-11, “Tickets will be given to kids for good things, such as wearing a helmet when riding a bike and doing what’s right. The tickets entitle them to a free Slurpee at 7-11.”

“There are 17 new Officers on the street. This allows me to expand programs and increase juvenile and law enforcement in plain clothing and unmarked vehicles. National Night out is on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at Waters Stadium at 6 p.m.”

Cattano then mentioned Cooling Centers, “The Cooling Centers are at the YMCA, the Olive Street Community Center and the Public Library.”

“Animal Control runs the shelter. If you want to volun-

teer and walk dogs or just help out contact the animal shelter.”

Next to speak was Recycling and Clean Communities Coordinator Geri Barcheski. “There are two new programs: Pet waste in any town is both blight and a health threat. It is a health threat to a dog and to people. The Pet Stations which will have dog waste bags for your dogs instituted along the Waterfront. Residents who walk pets must pick up after their pets. Fines will be imposed if you are caught not cleaning up after your dog.”

Barcheski continued, “A lesson learned as a child is a lesson learned for a lifetime. With hands on cleanings our town of Perth Amboy received the Urban Cleanup Award for 2016 for all of our Citywide Cleanups. Tools to reach and teach the community in a new Anti-Litter signage which is bilingual will help people stop

and think about their actions and make positive choices by putting their car litter in waste bags. Our Ambassadors we have for the year now will also be on Amboy Avenue and Hall Avenue. We constantly communicate about litter cleaning and aide to the residents of the community.”

Fire Chief Abraham Pitre was next at the podium, “Always barbeque outside; when fueling propane tanks do it outside. Please use proper disposal of cigarettes. Fireworks pose a risk; they can explode and ignite. Anyone possessing fireworks, please give it to the Police Department. We are planning to build another firehouse to cut the response times in half. We now have the first female firefighter in Perth Amboy. We have a smoke detector program for those who qualify; please replace your detector if necessary.”

CDBG Funds
7/11/16 Caucus

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the Mayor and the Council.

Quinones-Perez reminded those in attendance that employees salary cannot be discussed.

When Resident Kenneth Balut came up to speak, he had a couple of issues that he wanted to bring up. He wanted to know if there was a count of the homeless in the City. “Has the City received the \$4 million that Developer Kushner owes them? People are parking at the Police Station for free (at the Public Safety Complex). You (the Council) want to pay \$40,000 to investigate fraud but the Y owes \$1 million and counting. You’re doing the same thing that Joe

Vas did with the Tony Jones deal.”

Balut also wanted to know, “How was this particular house (sold to the City Employee) advertised? What was done in the Budapest section of town besides renovating parks?”

Business Administrator Adam Cruz answered Balut, “I requested a presentation about the homeless population. Two of the spaces at the Public Safety Complex have been sold.”

Resident and Businessman David Caba came up to speak, “New Brunswick, Perth Amboy and Plainfield are low income towns. There are low income people who want a house but can’t buy one. I as

a realtor cannot buy a bank owned property. Alan Goldsmith President/Founder of the JRF runs the Jewish Renaissance as a business. Who was the broker involved in the sale of this house? There’s something wrong with this particular property.”

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Cruising for Kids Motorcycle Run,
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City of Perth Amboy

Wilda Diaz, Mayor

July 13, 2016

Mr. Samuel Lebreault, President
Board of Education
178 Barracks Street
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Dear Mr. Lebreault:

I am in receipt of your letter on behalf of the Perth Amboy Board of Education dated June 22, 2016.

First and foremost, any actions taken by me or any of our first responders were taken in the best interest of public safety. For you to infer that my actions were politically motivated, is completely irresponsible and misleading. By this time, I am sure you are aware, PSE&G claims no responsibility and has documented that there was no disruption in service to anyone in the City of Perth Amboy on June 16, 2016. In fact, they have publicly stated that the local breaker within the school building was off and once reset, power returned.

Your letter opens with the Board of Education expressing its dismay and disappointment with my actions. While I am sorry that the Board of Education may feel this way, real leadership dictates taking charge of a situation when no one else will.

As a matter of fact, my attendance to the board meeting on the 16th was in response to numerous invitations that I received from your teachers and staff, who many are residents. I believe in bona-fide negotiations and my concern was their lack of a reasonable contract.

As Board of Education members, you know, that you do not have operational authority. Rather, your job is to make sure that the schools are running properly. Therefore, your responsibility was to vacate the building like everyone else. By failing to do so, you placed yourselves in potential danger, as well as our City's first responders.

Furthermore, by the Board of Education inappropriately judging my official actions, I feel compelled to point out some specifics that I believe negatively affect our school children. While there is much material to choose, I am just going to point out that your lack of support towards the faculty and decreased moral in your schools have highly impacted our students.

You would think that after many years serving on the Board of Education, there will be some growth, progress and unity like there is in the City under my stewardship. I have continued to do my best, to work in support of our educators by listening to their requests of expanding educational programs within our city. I have done so, even though my operating budget is about five times less than that of the Board of Education.

Once again there is much material to go on. In your letter you mentioned the board attorney, Ms. Jessika Kleen several times and I want to respond by pointing out the obvious-- her job is to assist the board in policy and she should have remained within her scope of duties, the evening of June 16th. Is it likely that the lawsuit placed against the city to change the Board of Education elections back to April, which was not

in the board's favor, caused her to be verbally aggressive and question my authority as Mayor and Police Director of the City of Perth Amboy?

This lawsuit caused the taxpayers thousands of dollars, which can only appear as self-serving and possibly done for political reasons for those members up for reelection this year.

Also, you charge that my actions of June 16, 2016 are a failure to conform to the standards of the Office of Mayor of Perth Amboy, and within lawful and ethical boundaries. I can proudly say that in the seven years that I have held the seat as Mayor, there has not been any ethic violation charge filed against me.


I know the same cannot be said for you and other board members, because I was subpoenaed as a witness to testify in some of those charges. We also know, as it was made public that the Board of Education has used taxpayers' dollars to settle or "confidentially pay off" victims of this board of education. Is it also likely that you were trying to misinform our residents by alleging that I did something unethical?

Let me be clear, the Board of Education should be limiting their numerous unethical violations against them and redirecting their focus on our children's education. Need I remind you, that is the oath that you took as a Board Member?

In your letter you expressed your willingness to work in cooperation with the Mayor of Perth Amboy and I couldn't agree more! Therefore, it is my responsibility that any action taken by the members of the Board of Education negatively affecting the residents of the City of Perth Amboy, have been and will continue to be addressed by my administration. And all necessary actions will also be taken. This includes and is not limited to unfair teacher contracts, changing the election without public notice, and the BOE's most recent denial of the connector road, which would allow better access to our first responders. I question whether these decisions made by the Board of Education are made in the best interest of our community.

Mr. Lebreault, I am the Mayor of the City of Perth Amboy, and I take my job seriously. I am proud to say that I always put our city first in every decision that I make. Need I also remind you, that is the oath that I took when I was elected by the people to serve this great city!?

As you know, my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Wilda Diaz, Mayor
City of Perth Amboy

cc: Board of Education Members
Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools
Jessika Kleen, Esq., Attorney to the Board of Education
Adam E. Cruz, Business Administrator, City of Perth Amboy
Arlene Quinones-Perez, Esq., Law Director
Elaine Jasko, City Clerk
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South Amboy YMCA Receives \$2,500 Grant from South Amboy Elks National Foundation for its Livestrong Program

*Photo Submitted by Mary Taylor



SOUTH AMBOY - The Livestrong wellness program is designed for cancer survivors and those fighting cancer, on a daily basis. The program provides a certified wellness trainer that works with each individual on the level of their physical strength and keeps an accurate record of each individual. to show how they are improving, so they can progress to a healthy life style through exercise and stretching. In the photo. L-R is Rose Cushing, CEO, YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge and South Amboy. Lisa Sanguiliano, District Executive Director. Nicole Miller, Membership Marketing Director. Beth Helsby, Director of Operations South Amboy Y. Ashley Malone, Wellness Coordinator. Val Tarr Chairman of South Amboy Elks Nation Foundation. And Mike Green, Exalted ruler of South Amboy Elks.

Miguel Nunez, Virginia Lugo & Miriam Quiles Campaign Headquarters Grand Opening, 360 State St. Perth Amboy 7/16/16

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell & Gabriel Pena







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Vitale Criticizes Rutgers for Soda Deal

Coca-Cola Contract without Nutritional Standards

Will Promote Student Consumption of High Sugar Soft Drinks

News Release 7/12/16

TRENTON – Senate Health Committee Chairman Joseph F. Vitale today criticized Rutgers University for its planned contract with Coca-Cola that will allow the company to promote the consumption of the high-sugar beverages by students at the state university. Rutgers is planning to commit to a ten-year deal with the company to make Coke the exclusive supplier of beverages on the school’s campuses, including the ready availability of the company’s products in dining halls and vending machines.

“The health consequences of high-sugar soft drinks are clear and unambiguous,” said Sena-

tor Vitale. “We are in the midst of an epidemic of diet-related illnesses, including type-2 diabetes, heart disease and excessive weight, and one of the primary causes is the consumption of sugar. We shouldn’t be promoting this habit with our college students and the state university should be supporting healthier choices as alternatives.”

Senator Vitale referred to Rutgers’ enhanced role as a leading bio-medical and research university as “inconsistent” with the Coke contract. Senator Vitale, a co-sponsor of the legislation that promoted Rutgers consolidation of medical and scientific research, said the uni-

versity should work to establish nutritional standards for all the food and drink contracts and student offerings.

The proposed contract, that Senator Vitale is urging Rutgers to reconsider, would generate \$1 million a year for 10 years. The university’s total annual budget is more than \$3 billion.

“Rutgers should know better than to subject its students to unhealthy choices that can lead to life-long habits,” said Senator Vitale. “I will work to establish health and nutrition standards for colleges and universities that receive taxpayer funding. These standards could help address the consumption of sugar, sodium and fat and

their health consequences. The standards wouldn’t necessarily restrict access to unhealthy choices, but rather make the healthier options more accessible. We have the benefit of scientific research and knowledge that we should use to better support young people living with optimum health.”

According to the American Heart Association, sugary drinks are the single largest source of calories in the American diet, with the average sugar consumption from the drinks alone the equivalent of 39 pounds a year. Beverage companies, such as the Coca-Cola Company spend billions of dollars marketing their drinks.

“I encourage Rutgers to be part of the solution and not contribute to the myriad of health problems caused by poor nutrition,” said Senator Vitale. “The impact is felt by society as a whole and by the individuals who pay the price. I hope to see Rutgers take this on as a long-term responsibility with the first step of amending the contract with Coke.”

Accelerated Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY... Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is holding an Accelerated Childbirth Education class, Wednesday, July 27, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process and is intended for those with limited time. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and infant care facilitates the class. It will be held at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy, NJ. The fee for the class is \$75 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOTORS(1-800-362-8677) and reference zip code 08861.

Free Container Gardening Education Session

PERTH AMBOY - Integrative Health Services at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is providing a free container gardening education session Wednesday, July 27, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the hospital’s Learning Garden at its Perth Amboy location. Learn the basics of gardening, including container gardening, and the importance of healthy produce and proper nutrition through hands-on and interactive education. Children, adults, families or summer camp groups welcome. Come with your garden questions and/or photos or samples of plants for discussion. Registration is required. Space is limited and sessions are held weather permitting. For more information and to register, call 732.324.5257.



CITY OF PERTH AMBOY
THE HONORABLE MAYOR WILDA DIAZ



ATTENTION RESIDENTS NO TAX INCREASE FOR 2016!!!

This annual letter serves as an update to the City’s developments and information regarding your latest tax bill. The City of Perth Amboy has worked towards building partnerships with commercial business owners to develop vacant properties. This year, due to corporate investments and developments of these properties in our tax base, I am once again pleased to announce that there is **NO TAX INCREASE!!!**

Additionally, for your convenience, you can access your tax account information through the City’s website to make any future online tax payments, visit www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us.

2016 BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

- **IMPROVED FINANCES:** The City of Perth Amboy has maintained an A+ bond rating for the past two years, as a result of our administration’s great management.
- **CORPORATE INVESTMENTS & FUTURE TAX RATABLES:** Buckeye Partners, as our highest taxpayer has invested millions of dollars in property improvements that have added significantly to our assessed value. The BridgePort Logistics Center on High Street invested over \$180 million for three warehouses that will be completed, this year. Phase II of the project includes an additional estimated \$100 million dollar investment in two added warehousing facilities with on State Street, expected to be complete by 2017. As a result, we are building our tax base with major economic development projects that will provide over 300 local jobs.


2016 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN PARK IMPROVEMENTS:** The **Perth Amboy Waterfront** has been fully renovated after storm damage and over \$3 million in grant funds will improve our parks. These include the **Bayview Park** reconstruction and several added facilities along Sadowksi Parkway for new tennis courts, fencing and lighting, public restrooms and volleyball courts. Additional park improvements have been made to **Willow Pond, the Youth Complex and Washington parks**. Also, the **Raritan Riverfront Park plan** is underway and will include a play area for both small and large dogs, an ecological walking trail, a motorized boat launch, parking and a picnic and grilling area for families— coming soon in 2017.
- **OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF CITY ID PROGRAM:** Perth Amboy residents are welcome to apply for a City ID card to 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 and get access to local resources. Call (732)-771-2513 to make your appointment today or visit: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us.
- **STREET PAVING, WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS:** Over \$15 million dollars have been invested in both completed and ongoing construction for road way repairs (milling and paving), water/sewer infrastructure, parking meters, mini sweepers for street cleaning and overall facilities improvements city-wide.

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City Hall Park on Saturday, July 23

Press Release 7/15/16
Perth Amboy – A convoy of “extreme Jeeps” is heading to Perth Amboy, New Jersey, and owners of four-wheel drive vehicles can join the motorcade.
Over 250 Jeeps are rolling into Perth Amboy for the “Xtreme Jeep Show” in City Hall Park on Saturday, July 23 at 12 noon, (Rain date: July 30). Everyone is invited to view vehicles from all Jeep Classes, speak with owners and take selfies by “tricked-out” machines during the event. The event runs until 5 PM, people can also enjoy food and music, checkout vendors and visit Perth Amboy’s nearby waterfront and shopping district.
The huge Jeep display is organized by the City’s Business Improvement District (BID), Jeanette Rios, BID Secretary, and the Perth Amboy Jeep Club. Jeep owners can register their vehicles up to 11 AM on the day of the Show and pay the registration fee is \$20.00. For more information, visit the BID Facebook page or call 732.442.6421.
Members of Jeep Clubs from across New Jersey are bringing their “Best in Class” vehicles to



PERTH AMBOY - Over 250 “extreme Jeeps” will roll into Perth Amboy on Saturday, July 23 for “Xtreme Jeep Show” in City Hall Park from noon to 5 PM. People can attend the event, which includes music and food, for free. Mayor Wilda Diaz presents the top award – a three-foot tall “King of Kings” trophy – to the owner of the most “Xtreme Jeep” at the event.

the “Xtreme Jeep Show.” Participating Jeep Clubs include: Los Tainos, Mendez, Trenton, Jeepers Unidos, Independientes, Los Desobedientes, Solo, Los Amigos Unidos, Jersey Jeep Flow, Angel Suzuki and 365 Jeeplife.
The most outstanding Jeeps in the Show can earn 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place trophies. A panel of judges will check each vehicle’s interior and exterior and look for custom modifications, body kits, and one-of-a-kind components. Trophies will be awarded in many Jeep Classes: CJ-5, CJ-7, TJ and YJ Wrangler, JK2, and JK4 and Open Class as well as Suzuki.
Mayor of Perth Amboy Wilda Diaz will present the top award – a three-foot tall “King of Kings” trophy – to the owner of the most “Xtreme Jeep” at the event.
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Movie Review: Free State of Jones



By: Anton J. Massopust III

“This is for our children and for our children’s children!”

Matthew McConaughey plays Newton Knight, a Confederate Nurse during the Battle of Shiloh during the Civil War. After a young cousin gets killed right in front of him, Knight has seen too much death and destruction. He decides to desert the Confederate Army and go back home.

But things are not that well at home. The Confederate Government decided that the only way that they can feed the army is by seizing everything that farmers own and raise (livestock and crops). Knight decides to arm the farmers. After fleeing to the swamps, he organizes an army with three Black Slaves, Confederate deserters and fed up farmers. He eventually kicks out the Confederate Army out of four Counties.

He did all this on his own, even without the recognition

of the Union Army.

If you are looking for a heavy duty summer blockbuster, this is not it. “Free State of Jones” is a concentrated character driven drama. Matthew McConaughey gives a stellar performance as Newton Knight as he faced challenges through the Civil War and Reconstruction. This is all the way down to into the 1960’s where one of his descendants was still fighting the Civil Rights fight long before anyone ever coined the phrase.

This is a great movie for families to see. Younger kids will be bored, but this is a historical film that should be seen. It has a great supporting cast and wonderful performances. The cinematography is spectacular and the battle scenes were historically accurate.

So if you’ve already seen all the summer blockbusters, this is definitely something you should seek out.

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Cooling Centers Open in Perth Amboy Heat Wave, High Temperatures

PERTH AMBOY - The Office of Emergency Management has designated cooling centers for the public in three Perth Amboy facilities due to high temperatures.

1.) Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center located on 1 Olive Street;
Open M-F from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

2.) Raritan Bay Area YMCA gymnasium located on 357 New Brunswick Avenue;
Open M-F from 5:30 a.m. - 9:45 p.m.

3.) Perth Amboy Public Library on 196 Jefferson Street;
(Check for Hours)

If anyone sees a person who needs help, they are urged to call the Perth Amboy Police Department at 732-442-4400. If needed, transportation will be provided by local emergency responders.

For additional information about the City of Perth Amboy, please visit: www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us.

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§ 53-3 HONORARY NAMING OF STREETS § 53-4

- F. Places. The name of places should be American cities, states, counties and villages or names where a historical event took place or names of local historical places of the City of Perth Amboy.
- G. The proposed honorary naming will be guided by the sensitivities and values of all members of the community and the suitability and significance of the proposed name. There shall be no discrimination because of sex, race, creed, national origin or ancestry.
- H. All proposed name additions will not change the original name of the street and will be added in a manner respectful of all citizens. The existing and official legal addresses for residents and businesses shall remain constant and not be affected by the honorary designation.
- I. The organization requesting the nomination of the honorary street name will be responsible for the petition signing and shall also be responsible for the cost of the additional signage.
- J. Signage will be consistent as to size and color with previous honorary signs, not exceeding six (6) inches and twenty-four (24) inches, shall not overshadow the original name of the street or plaza and shall conform in all aspects to existing signage within the City.
- K. Under special circumstances the Mayor and Council may relax any provision of this chapter.

Accomplishments of Rosemary Mazzeo

Submitted by Lisa Nanton, President of Perth Amboy City Council; President of the Royal Garden Club and Sponsor of Resolution R-330- Naming the Garden at the Tennis Courts after Rosemary Mazzeo

PERTH AMBOY - Rosemary Mazzeo was the founder and first president of the Royal Garden Club by the Bay in April 1993. Under her leadership, the club was affiliated with the state Garden Club of New Jersey in October 1993.

Under her ambitious and enthusiastic direction, the club’s membership grew to 39 members the first year. Her initial projects numbered 11 in total: The Sunshine Gardens at the tennis courts, Olive St. Community Center, Bayview Park Bandstand, Arneson Square, Proprietary House Historic Gardens, 1683 Floral display on the slope of Bayview Park, Five Corners Butterfly Garden, Gazebo at the Waterfront, City Hall Market Square
Fragrance Garden at City Hall.

Under her leadership, the Royal Garden Club:

- Established its by-laws
- The Home Gardeners Contest
- Annual Beautification awards
- Garden Tours
- House and Garden Tours
- Annual Yuletide decorating of the Royal Governor’s Mansion
- Produced 39 Books of Evidence recording all of the Clubs gardens and events.

Because of her ability for long term planning and execution of ideas, Rosemary attracted many visitors from all over the state to Perth Amboy and through her efforts affected a positive perception of our city. The Royal Garden Club has received 93 awards to date from the state Garden Club of New Jersey for its gardens and events. Rosemarie passed away in 2011. The design of the garden by the tennis courts replicate her private home garden, also lovingly cared for by her husband Joe who recently passed away. The Royal Garden Club by the Bay requests the City of Perth Amboy name the garden at the tennis courts “ Rosemary’s Garden” in her honor, for her selfless dedication, enthusiasm, time, labor and love of our City.

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ure out why this Councilman objected so strongly to this resolution. It’s not a street; it’s not a building; it’s a small garden being named after someone who beautified the City and founded the Royal Garden Club. It was embarrassing that this wasn’t voted unanimously and one Councilman had to put a scar on it.

The Perth Amboy Council Meetings, especially this year has been a rolling political show with everyone trying to get a plug in for their candidates. A blind, deaf and dumb person could see this. They said no politicking should be done at the Council Meetings, but that’s all that’s being done.

It turns out that the Alpine Street Resident was the one that made the most astute comment that night at the end. I know this to be true because when he made that statement about not having to watch this (tonight’s meeting), he received a loud applause, because a lot of people agreed.

So who was it that got the last laugh that night? In my opinion this was the top comment that any resident has made at any of the Meetings that I have attended all year to date. **C.M. P.S. - At least this gentleman knows not to interrupt others until after they have finished speaking.**

National Night Out 2016

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Police Department is inviting you to come celebrate “National Night Out 2016.”

National Night Out is a community-police awareness-raising event in the United States, held the first Tuesday of August. The event is meant to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts.

Location: Perth Amboy High School, Albert G Waters Stadium

Eagle Avenue and Francis Street

Time: Tuesday, August 2, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, there will not be a rain date.

Any organization interested in attending to provide interaction with residents along with pamphlets, reference materials, hand-outs, or other donations relating to community safety should contact:

PO Henry Rodgers, 732-324-3817, hrogers@perthamboy-njpd.org

For additional information and updates regarding the National Night Out 2016, sign up for the Nixle Group by texting NIGHTOUT2016 to 888777.

***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.*

In Tokyo, Yosuke Matsuoka is removed as Foreign Minister on July 18, 1941, and replaced by Tejiro Toyoda. Matsuoka has been urging that the treaty signed with the Soviet Union be abandoned and that Japan should join with Germany in attacking the U.S.S.R. Other Japanese leaders feel that without the aggressive, pro-Hitler Matsuoka, they may be better able to reach an agreement with the United States over the pressing problem of oil resources. In London, the United Kingdom formally recognizes the government of Edvard Beneš as the legal provisional government (in exile) of Czechoslovakia. Joseph Stalin writes to Winston Churchill, stating: "It seems to me that the military position of the Soviet Union, as well as that of Great Britain, would be considerably improved if there could be established a front against Hitler in the West — Northern France, and in the North — the Arctic."

On July 19, in a BBC broadcast from London, "Col. V. Britton" urges the people of occupied Europe to resist the Nazis under the slogan "V for Victory." They are urged to chalk the letter "V" in public places to acknowledge their confidence and support of an Allied victory. The U.S. Navy forms Atlantic Fleet Task Force 1 for the protection of American forces on Iceland. The carrier USS Wasp delivers a cargo of Curtiss P-40 Warhawk fighters to the island and a naval buildup begins. The Navy is ordered to provide escorts for Allied vessels of any nationality sailing to and from Iceland.

In Moscow, Stalin assumes the title People's Commissar of Defense on July 20. Churchill responds to Stalin's letter of July 18, informing him that opening a front in the west at this time is out of the question. Churchill reminds Stalin that Great Britain has been "fighting alone for more than a year" in the Middle East, in Africa and in the North Atlantic.

President Roosevelt on July 21 requests Congress to extend the term of service for draftees from one year to 30 months. He asks the same for the National Guard. The Japanese begin mobilizing for a military buildup in French Indochina. British forces at Gibraltar launch "Operation Substance," involving a convoy to bring supplies to Malta. The Majdanek concentration camp, near Lublin, Occupied Poland, begins operations with the arrival of the first Soviet POWs. In South America, U.S. troops arrive in Georgetown, British Guiana, to take over two bases leased from Great Britain. In Russia, General of the Army Dmitry Pavlov and seven of his staff officers are executed by the Soviets at Moscow. They are blamed for the Red Army's disastrous losses at Bialystok-Minsk in the opening days of Germany's invasion of the U.S.S.R.

Italian planes spot part of the "Operation Substance" convoy on July 22, but the Italian fleet remains in port rather than attacking. The next day, July 23, Italian planes attack the convoy, sinking the destroyer *HMS Fearless*.

On July 23, after 30 days of resistance, the Soviet border garrison at Brest-Litovsk, Belorussia, surrenders to the Germans.

The German battleship *Scharnhorst*, in port at La Pallice, Occupied France, is hit five times by bombs from a flight of 15 RAF Halifax bombers on July 24. *Scharnhorst* will be out of service until 1942. In Tokyo, representatives of Vichy France acquiesce to Japanese demands for bases in Indochina. Shortly, the first of 125,000 Japanese troops move into the country.

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For more info please call 732-293-1090

***Live Music
Series***
PERTH AMBOY – Perth Amboy Artworks presents Live Music Series. Free and all ages Saturdays! July 16 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Perth Amboy FerrySlip Museum, 200 Front St., Perth Amboy. For more info call 732-877-8300. www.PerthAmboyArtworks.com

***Vacation
Bible School***
PERTH AMBOY – Classes for 3yrs – 5yrs (pre-school); 6yrs – 9yrs (elementary); 10yrs – 12yrs (pre-teen); 13yrs – 18yrs (teen). Date: Monday, July 25, 2016 to Thursday July 28, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Venue: RCCG-SOP, 489 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy. Package Includes a breakfast and lunch, games and many more. Registration is FREE. T-Shirt \$10. To register visit www.rccgsopni.org/vbs or call 732-293-0020 or 732-762-5470.

***It's a Bicycle
Rodeo!***
PERTH AMBOY - Join us on Saturday, July 30th from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. for a fun filled day on Westside Ave and Dillman Lane, in Perth Amboy, for ages 5 and up to practice and develop skills that will help them to become better bicyclists and avoid typical crashes. The goal is to teach children the skills and precautions to ride a bicycle safely. Food, music, giveaways, helmet decorating, bicycle license and registration will be provided. In partnership with the Jewish Renaissance Foundation and the Perth Amboy Police Dept. Have a bicycle to donate? Contact Vanessa Cepin at (732) 324-2114 x114.

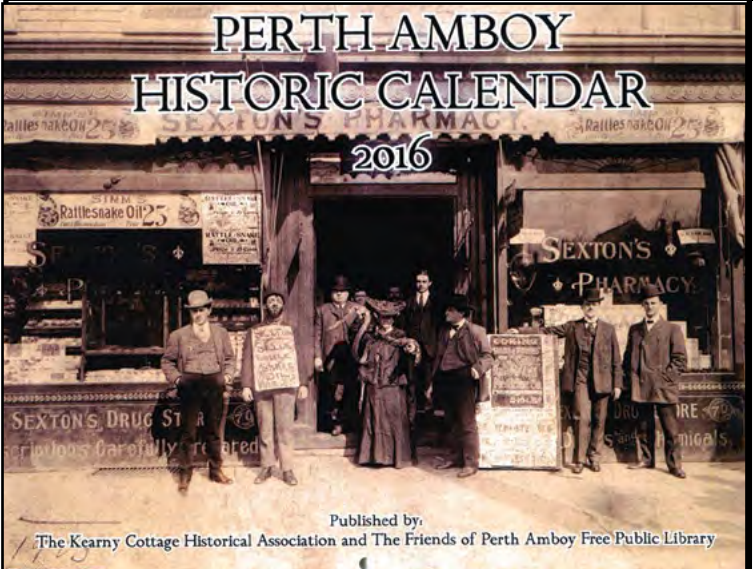
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Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule for the next three months is as follows: Saturdays, July 23rd, August 13th (CLOSED!) August 27th, September 10th, September 24th, October 8th, October 22nd, November 12th, December 10th. We will be there from 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsopperthamboylibrary@gmail.com

***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, August 4th. 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.

***A.C. Bus Trip
Holy Rosary
Seniors***
HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors Bus Trip to Golden Nugget, A/C on Tuesday, August 16, 2016, Cost: \$30 - \$25 back in play and \$5 food. Bus leaves church parking lot 625 Florida Grove Rd, Hopelawn at 10:00 a.m. and arrives back approx. 7:00 p.m. Any Questions, etc. Please contact Ronnie Dematteo: 732-442-5252

***AC Bus Trip
Hungarian
Reformed Church***
PERTH AMBOY - Atlantic City Bus Trip to Resorts Casino on Sunday, August 7, 2016 Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place Perth Amboy. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 noon for a 6 hour stay at the Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$27 per person. You will receive \$25 in slot play. Bagged lunch provided To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment due ASAP.

***2016 Historic Perth Amboy
Calendars***



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2016 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy 732-442-3000 or at Fertigs 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.

Pet of the Week



Rocco

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Special Pet?***
Email us your Pet Photos to Amboy-Guardian@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.

***Basic Newborn
Care Class***
PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is providing a Basic Newborn Care Class, Wednesday, July 20, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Attendees will learn diapering, feeding, sleeping habits and CPR from an experienced registered nurse. Cost is \$50 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

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.*

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

(Never known to fail)
O Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity *(make request)*. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times).
Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).
Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you. N.L.

Prayer to St. Joseph for Employment

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me in my anxiety over my present inability to support my family. Please help me find gainful employment very soon, so that this heavy burden of concern will be lifted from my heart and that I am soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my care. Help us to guard against bitterness and discouragement, so that we may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen. **K.R.**

Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE- Tuesdays from May 10th - Sept. 27th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Wal-Mart Parking Lot) Weather Permitting. Trophy’s Awarded + 1 Cancer Trophy Award. For More info: Call 732-585-7365

Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - “Ask the Rabbi” with Rabbi Saks from Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy, in the Menlo Park Mall food court, every Wednesday from 12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. All questions will be answered. Everyone is invited to ask.

Frog Hollow Annual 5K Run & Health Walk Postponed

Press Release 6/3/16
SOUTH AMBOY - Due to unfortunate circumstances the Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 11, 2016. The Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club is located on Ferris St. off of South Pine Ave. in South Amboy, NJ. For additional information call race director, Danny McCrone at 732-721-6592 or go to www.frohollowswim.com

Senior Scene Happenings

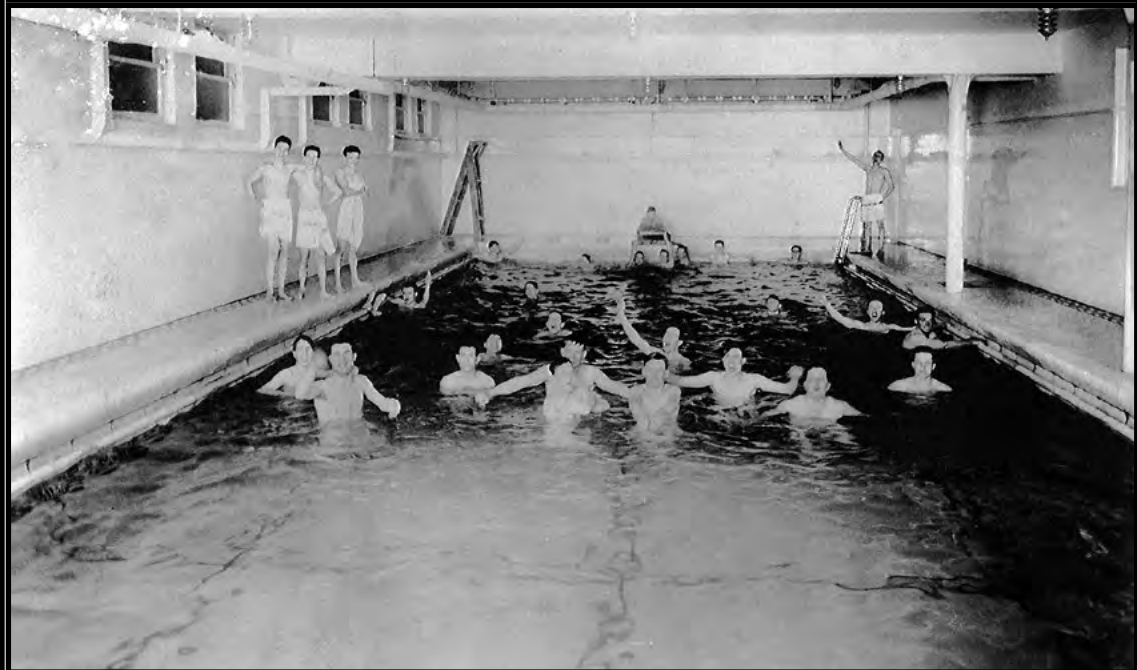
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WED. Jul. 20 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. Jul. 21 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Jul. 25 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Jul. 26 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. Jul. 27 Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
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THURS. Jul. 28 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**
MON. Jul. 25 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
WED. Aug. 3 St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Aug. 8 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes its 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

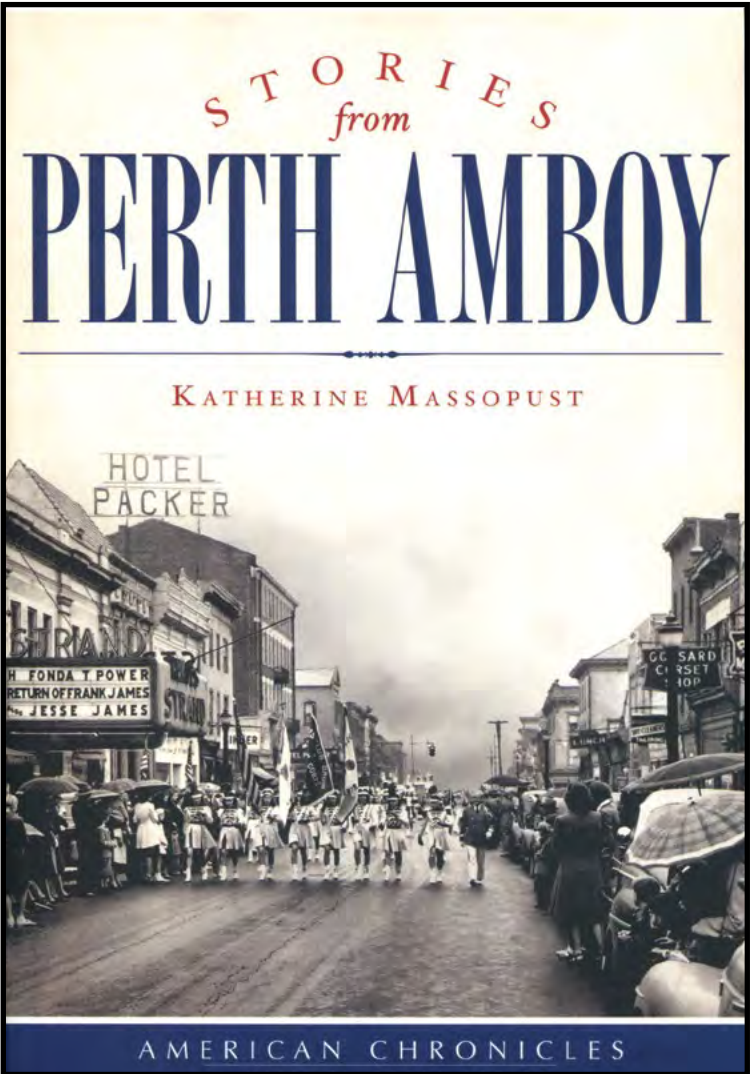
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Young men swim in the YMCA pool circa 1940’s.
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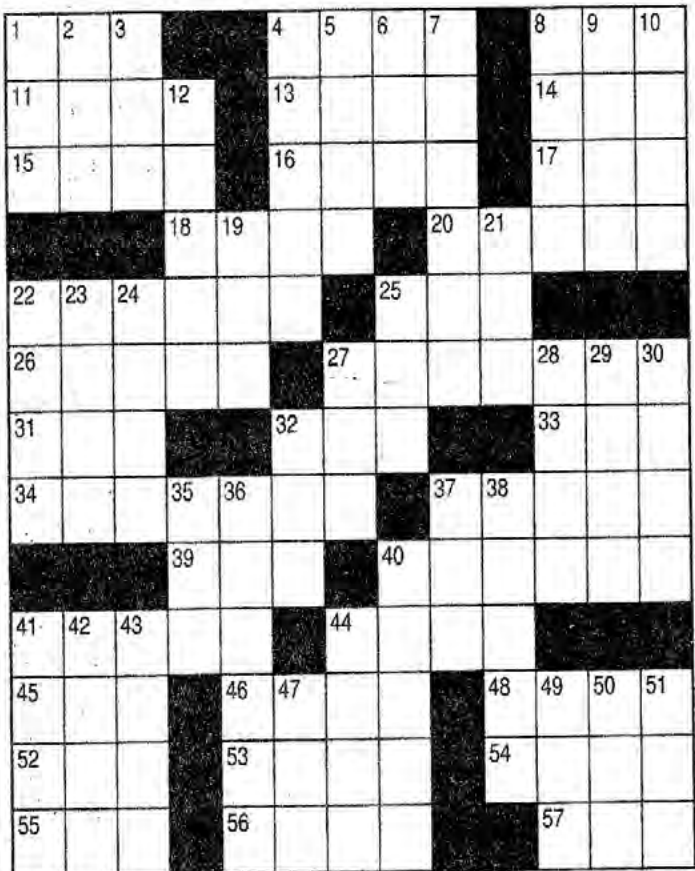
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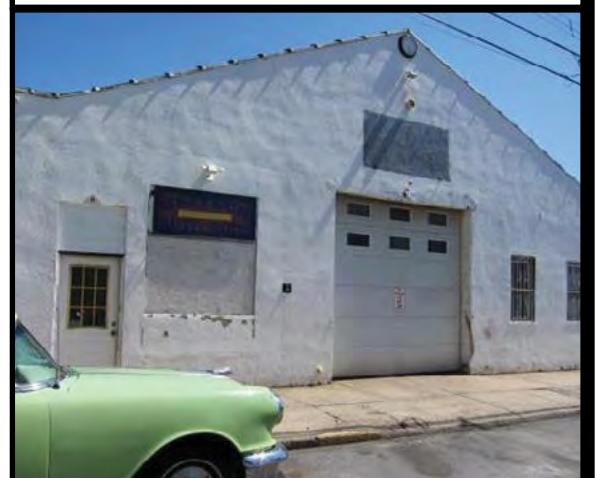
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