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Hot Topics: Paving of Streets, Flooding of YMCA & Enforcing Codes

PERTH AMBOY - 11/21/16 Caucus - City Engineer, Jim Rauch was put in the hot seat to answer questions put forth by the City Council about the horrible conditions of many of Perth Amboy's streets.

Many of questions dealt with the utility companies making the roads worse after work was done. The Council Members questioned why the utility companies feet are not held to the fire to put the roads back in the same condition before they were dug up.

The following is a synopsis of what Engineer Rauch told the Council: "There will be repaving of some of these streets with restoration which will be done in the beginning of the spring.

When Councilman Fernando Gonzalez questioned Rauch about some of the Waterfront Streets that were being done half and half, Rauch responded, "That depends on what was done before on those particular streets."

Gonzalez continued with another question, "When streets are repaved, they are done with two different colors. If they can't match both sides after repaving, it should be paved with the same color."

Rauch responded, "The color is different because you have fresh, brand new asphalt with existing asphalt. You can open up the City to a lawsuit if you make the utility companies do more than what is required of them. Other towns have four feet wide trenches. It all depends how old the roads are (having the same color asphalt). Some exceptions are emergency repairs. We will be giving the Council more information on pavement restoration requirements and on other towns that have two colors on the roads."

Gonzalez responded, "I don't want us being treated differently than other towns. I also see a lot of patchwork being done on State Street."

Rauch responded, "There are different types of restoration of repaving. Some of them include infrared joints of seams."

Council President Lisa Nanton had a comment to make: "They (utility companies) should at least repave the whole street if they are going to dig up half of it and it should be repaved all the way to the intersection."

Rauch was also questioned about the gas meters that the Council Members had concerns about that were placed in front of buildings/houses. Rauch said, "I had a meeting with Elizabethtown Gas about the meters being installed very close to curb lines. I supplied them with a list of addresses. There are grey areas that we have no control over. I'll look at other municipalities ordinances to see how they deal with the placement of gas meters. Some things are out of my jurisdiction and should be handled by Code Enforcement."

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "Some of the meters are placed internally. How was this done before?"

Rauch responded, "With the existing buildings, the utility companies will decided where meters will be placed."

Council President Lisa Nanton spoke again, "On Water Street there were meters placed in front of people's homes. Our former Business Administrator Jillian Barrack and I met with representatives from Elizabethtown Gas. They said they would move those meters elsewhere. They did remove some of those meters, but didn't come back to move the rest."

Annie Hindenlang, who is now a PARA Consultant said, "The utility company changed the way they read meters now. They are not required to respond as they did in the past. They use (scanner) guns now to read the meters."

Nanton added the following



Lance Nelson

comments: "They (the gas company) are having the meters on the outside which makes it easier now to read, especially since Superstorm Sandy."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry had a concern, "We need to coordinate with Elizabethtown Gas about work that has to be done before streets are repaved."

Rauch responded, "Code Enforcement issues the permits and then it's handed to me until the work is completed."

Irizarry questioned, "Can we (the City) legally not have permits issued to a company who did not do their last work correctly?"

Rauch responded, "Some are County Streets and they are responsible for issuing permits."

Irizarry was concerned about how terrible Watson Avenue is.

Rauch said, "That street is slated to be milled and repaved."

Irizarry asked, "With the (gas) meters that are being put in, will the utility companies be required to put in the concrete after replacing the meters?"

Rauch responded, "They will replace everything with concrete. I also met with Middlesex Water about the problem on Davison Street. We told Elizabethtown Gas that the work done has to be a full repavement restoration. We're looking to have a five year



(L to R) Carmine Muccio, Public Works Director Frank Hoffman, Acting Law Director Luis Rainone, B.A. Adam Cruz speak at the 11/21/16 Caucus.

*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

moratorium on street repaving."

Irizarry wondered if the City has a recourse if the utility company refuses to repave a street after the five years.

Rauch said, "We have not been rejected on our request."

Councilman Bill Petrick said, "I would rather have them do the work and fix it. I don't want the money that should be used for roadwork to go into the general fund."

Rauch remarked, "We should look at a performance bond instead of going into an escrow account."

Acting Law Director Luis Rainone suggested another option, "You should have the money available if they (utility company) doesn't do the required work, the money can be pulled."

Councilman Bill Petrick remembered, "Even back in the 1970's, money was being diverted to projects that they were not intended for."

Hindenlang came up to speak and said, "Two streets (River-view Drive & Herbert Street) will be replaced with the new development project coming up."

Rauch told the Council that the County DPW has two programs for repaving or milling County roads. "With this program, the County will be responsible for the curbs, too. The County DPW will be working on the Market Street Roads which will include the

curbs and the sidewalks."

Carmine Muccio, Facility Manager of the YMCA came forward to answer questions about the flooding that occurred in the YMCA a few months ago. "When they were filling the second pool, water got into the elevator pits and set off alarms. There are checks in place on the sewer pipes, but there are no water alarms on the higher floors. The sewer and injection pipes failed. Paper towels jammed them up."

Acting City Law Director Luis Rainone said, "The YMCA and the City insurance company submitted claims. The City's insurance company covered our cost completely and so did the Y's."

Muccio said, "Sheetrock was replaced and so was the tile at the Y that was damaged."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry was concerned and said, "I don't want any work done on the cheap. All damaged furniture was replaced, but I don't want to see the City's insurance money to pay for the Y's damage."

Councilman Bill Petrick asked, "Did the insurance company give the Council the total amount of cost for the damage done?"

Muccio also added, "Three elevators were involved."

Irizarry also questioned, "Will the insurance pay for the

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 Proceeds from this event will benefit Breanna Hathcock, a local resident and South Amboy Middle High School graduate who is currently battling cancer.
 2:00 p.m. - South Amboy Middle School Boys -vs- Calvary Christian
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**Pet First Aid
 Class**
 PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is providing a Pet First Aid Class Saturday, November 5, to Saturday, December 3, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave. Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn how to handle minor emergencies with cats and dogs, when to call poison control and take your cat or dog to an emergency veterinarian. Cost is \$35. Please do not bring your pet. For more information and to register, call 1.800.DOC-TORS(1.800.362.8677).

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Saturday, December 3, 2016 begins at 4:00pm
(Rain Date: Saturday, December 10, 2016)
Parade Line-up at 3:00 p.m. beginning at Wilson & Smith Street

Followed by the Tree Lighting Ceremony at City Hall Circle

Refreshments & gift bags for children!
Photos with Santa!



For more information please contact:
Department of Human Services, Samantha Miranda
732-826-1690 ext. 4305
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Book Fair Fundraiser

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are joining with Barnes & Noble of Menlo Park for a day of fundraising on Saturday, December 3rd from 10am – 6pm. Story times for this event are scheduled between 11:30am – 3pm. Stop by and have a Friend gift wrap your holiday purchases. In addition, student artwork from Perth Amboy schools will be on display.

A percentage of net sales will go to the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library. You must present a valid book fair voucher or mention participation in the book fair at the register prior to making your purchase. Vouchers will be available in-store or by contacting the Friends at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com. If you cannot make it to the store, visit BN.com/book-

fairs from December 3rd to December 8th by entering Bookfair ID 12027330 at checkout.

The Friends of the Perth Amboy Library encourage the love of reading and independent learning, play a role in community involvement, sponsor special programs, raise funds for special projects, equipment and materials in excess of the general Library budget.

Additionally, this is a special Educator Event day for Barnes & Noble starting at 9am. Pre-K through 12 educators are invited to a special holiday shopping event. Educators will receive a 25% discount on books, toys, games, movies, music and more. Check store for details.

Barnes & Noble is located at 419 Menlo Park Mall in Edison. The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Affordable Care Act Enrollment

PERTH AMBOY – 2016 Free Open Enrollment Program for All Perth Amboy Residents, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 10th & 17th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St. Free Registration Assistance is available. Certified staff will be available to assist residents step-by-step with the quick online registration & application process for health insurance in English and Spanish. *No appointment is needed. Registration is first come, first served. For more information, contact: The Office of Housing & Social Services 732-826-4300.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Thanking Businesses for Thinking of Their Employees

Remember the time when businesses would actually be closed for big holidays? Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. It was a day for everyone to be home to enjoy fellowship with their families and friends.

Businesses wouldn't dream of being open on those important holidays. There was no such thing as Grey Thursday. The only place that was guaranteed to be open 24/7 were some diners, which never close or places that service the community like shelters.

Here are a few of the major retailers that were closed on Thanksgiving: Barnes & Noble, B.J.'s, Costco, Home Depot, Ikea, Lowe's, Marshall's, Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom, Office Max/Office Depot, P.C. Richard & Son, Petco/Petsmart, Sam's Club, Staples and TJ Maxx.

It's important that employees are given this time off. We know the next day, which is Black Friday, the stores will be a mad house. I'm sure the employees appreciated having that time off, even if they are not being paid for the holiday. It benefits the employee because it makes them feel that the company appreciates them. And guess what? It does.

To me, it's disheartening when you see retail stores start decorating their windows for Christmas right after Halloween. I love seeing when some homes decorate for Thanksgiving.

I've never been a type of person who has the patience to wait in line Thanksgiving evening for the stores to open so I could score big savings.

First of all, I would be too stuffed. If I did venture out, it would be to walk off all the calories I consumed that day. Trust me, shopping is the last thing on my mind.

Each year, unfortunately you always hear about a brawl or

someone getting injured or killed during these mad rushes. Is it worth it?

I remember when a store opened last year there was such a big rush when a store opened up that the crowd knocked over a store employee and trampled him.

If I were the owner of a store and that happened, I would never ever have that store open on Thanksgiving again.

What are people thinking? I'll tell you what - they're not!

In the past Black Friday (the day after Thanksgiving) was traditionally the day when the best bargains were to be had. In the last few years, Cyber Monday has reigned.

There was a saying, "Let your fingers do the walking." That was in ancient times when the yellow pages used to be the go-to book for businesses. Not anymore. Now, all your fingers do the walking on the computer keyboard/handheld devices. You can even use your voice on those devices to order what you wish. Boy, are we becoming lazier by the second!

So, I just sat back and watched all the madness on TV or YouTube of all the people scrambling around the stores. I don't wish to point out all these shoppers with a broad paint brush, because for a lot of them it is, the rush, thrill and camaraderie of those waiting in lines for the stores to open. I wouldn't be surprised if people met their future spouses while they were waiting in line.

Whichever method you chose to shop, I hope you came away with those bargains that were on your wish list. Most of all, I hope that earlier on Thanksgiving Day you took time to be with family or friends to give thanks for the blessings you received throughout the year. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Voter Fraud

Look at this notice. Some of those cities want to protect those Illegals from being deported and we ask why? Well I asked an insider what's the real reason for this and he told me the Democratic Country Club needs them for voter fraud. In fact, this was the plan by the Democratic Party on Election Day. Yes, it sounds crazy but they had to do what was needed to win. Voter fraud is nothing new. It goes back a

long time ago and all kinds of tricks were used from giving money to voting twice. Here's something very odd. You remember those old green voting machines? If you needed some more votes, all you have to do is open the back door and use a screwdriver to turn the object inside. Now computer program voting machines are being used and I don't trust them. Those mail-in votes are also a concern. Who controls them? Someone told me that voting is just an illusion of

your freedom to make you happy when we know they have already planned our future and they have the power to be control the President. How do we change the voting system and avoid voter fraud? Good question. Go back to paper ballots or use your fingerprints when you vote. America tells other countries how to vote and here at home we still can't trust our own system.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

Give Credit Where Credit is Due

"During the Mayoral Debate that was held a Temple Beth Mordecai, I was astounded when Mayor Diaz took credit for the restoration of the historic Perth Amboy Ferry Slip at the foot of Smith Street.

In 1977 the Waterfront Association to Effect Restoration (W.A.T.E.R.) was formed for the express of saving the dilapidated ferry slip from being razed. We were successful in our efforts, and the ferry slip

was placed on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

Our members worked tirelessly to stabilize the structure, and we received an annual Community Development Block Grant from the City as well as construction assistance from the U.S. Navy Seabees who trained at the adjacent Army.

Mayor Joseph Vas secured a Federal Transportation Grant through the late Senator Frank Lautenberg, and the slip was completely restored and dedicated in 1998.

Mayor Diaz had not even entered politics at the time and

was not involved in this 20-year project. I understand that Mayor Diaz is desirous of establishing a museum in the ferry slip. It is an ideal location for a maritime museum, and a Tourism office, however, it is never open on a regular basis, and it appears to be defunct. I would like to hear the Mayor's vision for this wonderful building in the future."

Very truly yours,
Barbara J. Rokicki-Booz,
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What Do You Think? Send Us a Response!

Stem Grant Received for Preschoolers at South Amboy YMCA

Press Release 11/23/16
METUCHEN/EDISON/ WOODBRIDGE/SOUTH AMBOY - The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy (MEWSA) has received notification of a grant award in the amount of \$7,500 from the PNC Foundation to implement a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program at the Ready...Set...Learn Early Education Center at the South Amboy YMCA. This grant is unique in that the curriculum will focus on teaching and learning activities through a STEM lens for 2-4 year olds. The PNC Foundation is a long-time supporter of non-profit organizations and an advocate for educational programs geared towards children and youth, especially for pre-school children ages 2-4,

with a focus on a STEM course of study.

The funding will go towards the purchase of iSmartStart Tablets and the creation of an individualized, observation-based assessment system to document development and learning across key milestones, based on The Creative Curriculum® and GOLD® teaching strategies. STEM-related experiments and activities will be incorporated to provide a well-rounded, hands-on approach to learning, forming a solid foundation for understanding key concepts later on. "We are firm believers that it is never too early to introduce STEM concepts into our early education programs", said Rose Cushing, CEO & President of the YMCA of MEWSA. "It will prepare the children for

success in college, career and life". The program is scheduled to begin in January 2017 with the goal of implementing a full-day program by September 2017.

The YMCA has previously received a grant from the PNC Foundation for a summer extended learning program at Harborview Early Learning Center in Woodbridge which served to limit the amount of summer learning loss experienced by students that were entering Kindergarten.

For more information about the Ready...Set...Learn Early Education Program, or other YMCA Childcare Programs, please visit our www.ymcaofmews.org/locations/child-care or contact Krystyn Gallant at 732-553-9622, Ext. 4210.

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

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

Kearny Cottage Open

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

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.

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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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WED. Dec. 7	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
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We understand that some may be concerned by the recent incidents/threats in New York, Seaside, NJ and Elizabeth, NJ. At this time, it has been reported that a suspect was taken into custody in Linden, NJ. We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, and I want to emphasize that it is important that **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!**
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<p><u>Civic Leader of the Year</u> Eric Collado</p> <p><u>Executive of the Year</u> Jason Conway - Provident Bank</p> <p><u>Junior Award</u> Michael Chimpuza Cardenas</p> <p><u>Media Award</u> Carolyn Maxwell - Amboy Guardian Katherine Massopust - Amboy Guardian Oscar Quintana - El Americano y La Familia News</p> <p><u>Special Recognition Award</u> Adam Cruz Roxana Troche</p> <p><u>Humanitarian Award</u> Dr. Naum Polonskiy DVM Peter Roblejo - Neurologist</p>	<p><u>Educators of the Year</u> Mr. Roberto Reyes Mr. Nestor Collazo</p> <p><u>Professional Businesswoman of the Year</u> Amalia Melendez</p> <p><u>Businessman of the Year</u> Michael D'Agnes - President and CEO of RBMC Ali Rada- Ali's Liquor Warehouse Jose Quiroz - Plaza Dorada</p> <p><u>Entrepreneur of the Year</u> Jeanette Rios - All Star Academy PAPU</p>
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Governor Christie Proclaims November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in NJ For the Second Year

November 21, 2016—Perth Amboy, NJ- Governor Christie and citizens of New Jersey have joined communities around the nation to recognize the deadly impact of lung cancer by declaring November Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Lung cancer claims more lives in the US each year than breast, colon and prostate cancers combined. In New Jersey alone, an estimated 5,580 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer, and 3,830 people will pass away from the disease in 2016.

Despite lung cancer's devastating toll, awareness of the disease and its risks and symptoms remains low. The amount of federal research funding pales in comparison to the amounts for other cancers. Free to Breathe is working with advocates, survivors, health care professionals and policymakers from around the country to double the five-year lung cancer survival rate in the US by 2022 through research, treatments, tumor testing and clinical trials.

United Messengers of Peace is a local nonprofit organization which aims at educating the public. We first launched our lung cancer awareness initiative in 2015 after one of our Trustees lost his battle to lung cancer. After reading some very shocking statistics, we realized that awareness had to be raised towards lung cancer. Our Founder and President became the creator of the world's first lung cancer awareness flag which was first raised in Perth Amboy in November 2015. In the same month, we were able to receive a proclamation from Governor Chris Christie and Mayor Wilda Diaz of Perth Amboy. Receiving a proclamation for the second year in a row from the Governor has proven to us that our efforts are making an impact and that the spread of awareness is possible.

United Messengers of Peace strives to make every citizen aware of the statistics, importance, and symptoms of lung cancer.

For more information about the initiatives of Unites Messengers of Peace, please feel free to contact us directly at 732-395-7371 or unitedmessengers08861@gmail.com.

We look forward to continuing to raise awareness on lung cancer.

Signed,

Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe
 Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe
 Founder and President



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Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and women, with more than 158,000 deaths expected and approximately 224,400 new cases estimated to be diagnosed in 2016; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer causes more deaths than the next three most common cancers combined (colon, breast and prostate), with more than half of people with lung cancer dying within one year of being diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 4,000 deaths from lung cancer annually are expected to occur in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking is by far the most important risk factor for lung cancer and is responsible for close to 90 percent of cases, with exposure to radon gas as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the US; and

WHEREAS, shared decision making between clinicians and current and former smokers on the benefits, uncertainties and harms associated with lung cancer should be part of the screening process; and

WHEREAS, advocacy and increased public awareness about the disease will result in innovations in lung cancer research, improved early detection methods and better medical treatment for lung cancer and other lung diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

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in New Jersey and urge all citizens to help increase awareness of lung cancer issues and facilitate early screening of this disease.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this thirty-first day of October in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Kim Guadagno
 Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
 GOVERNOR

Paving of Streets, Flooding, Code Enforcement

**Continued From Page 1*

fire department who responded?"

A Representative from the Fire Department stated, "The elevator shaft pumps were working."

Muccio said, "There was flooding ranging from 6 inches to 2 feet."

This prompted Councilman Bill Petrick to say, "Perhaps this needs to be added to the budget."

Lance Nelson from Code Enforcement came up next to answer questions from the Council. First he gave a brief synopsis to the Council as to how Code Enforcement is handling people who have been violating some of the ordinances.

"Several summons have been issued to residents on Water Street about placements of their garbage cans. They have a limited amount of space where they can place their cans."

Council President Lisa Nanton disagreed and said, "They all have garages and places on the sides of their properties where they can place their cans."

Nanton also wanted to know if there is a current list of abandoned properties.

Nelson responded, "I gave you a list. Can you give me more clarity? I can give you a list of those properties that were issued notices and summons. Some of these properties have been placed back into the system and are now ratables."

Annie Hindenlang came up

to speak, "There is a difference between abandoned and vacant properties. The criteria is different."

Nelson continued and related what steps are taken by Code Enforcement when dealing with abandoned properties. "First we have to identify who owns the property including any lien holders. They all have to be contacted first. Then they all must respond within a certain time frame. If they fail to do so, then the properties are registered to the City. Everything is documented. We also have been getting checks every day where property owners have been paying up."

Councilman Joel Pabon was concerned about a lot of garages in the City that are filled with vehicles.

Nelson responded, "A lot of these service stations are subletting their property and don't realize they must be registered with the State. There was a garage on Amboy Avenue that had two partners that subletted part of their property. One of the partners left and he was the partner listed as the owner."

Pabon questioned Nelson about one particular service station on the corner of Maple and Fayette Streets, "They are loaded with vehicles and look like dumps."

Nelson responded, "I know which one your talking about AAMCO - and they just got out of court (for violations)."

Nelson also talked about a business (Carvel) located on New Brunswick Avenue that was mistakenly listed as being in the residential zone. "We are looking to add it back in as commercial."

Towing Contracts Questioned 11/21/16 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - R-477-11/16 - Authorizing execution of contracts for towing services for year 2016.

Councilman William Petrick said, "The name of the principal owners and where they would tow the cars is of concern. We should look at the private tow lots."

Acting Law Director Rainone said, "It's the 2016 list that you're approving at the Meeting tonight."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry mentioned the one acre on High Street that a storage com-

pany will not be using that can be used by a towing company to store cars."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, "We can draft an ordinance to have the tow yards located here."

At previous meetings there have been discussions where owners have complained that their cars were being towed to out of town garages. It had been a hardship for those owners to get their vehicles back when this is done, especially during the weekend."

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Perth Amboy Mayor and President of NJUMA Wilda Diaz Holds Press Conference on Undocumented Immigrants

By: Katherine Massopust
 PERTH AMBOY – On Tuesday, 11/22/16 Mayor Wilda Diaz, President of the New Jersey Urban Mayor’s Association held a press conference in City Hall Circle in front of the Liberty Bell.

On the cold, windy day, Mayor Diaz spoke about the protection of Undocumented Residents in the City of Perth Amboy.

Diaz assured the residents that the names for Municipal ID’s are kept confidential and encouraged anyone that is an Undocumented Resident age 14 and older who does not have an ID to get one. “We do not make copies of the ID,” Diaz reassured everyone. “It’s disturbing to have hate crimes. We will continue to protect everyone. We are making progress with the Police Chaplain Corps and Auxiliaries. Our Officers are here to help. I’m here as Mayor of Perth Amboy and President of the New Jersey Urban Mayor’s Association. Here (in Perth Amboy) we honor all walks of life. It’s about everybody who lives in Perth Amboy. In my opinion, there’s no higher office to serve Perth Amboy directly. As Mayors we are here to protect our Cities.”

Diaz then stated that anyone who is found guilty of committing crimes will be treated accordingly - documented or undocumented.

Sgt. Richard Zaleski spoke next. “We practice Community Policing and Philosophy. We are stressing to the residents that we serve everyone. We formed partnerships that bridge the gap between communities. I hope this eases any tension or anxiety that our residents may be having (due to the results of the presidential election). We wish to empow-



Mayor Wilda Diaz (R) takes a stance on Undocumented Immigrants. Sgt. Richard Zaleski (L) listens as Diaz makes her speech. *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Members of the Press, Poilce Chaplains and City Staff listen to Mayor Diaz and Sgt. Zaleski at the press Conference.

er our residents. We are only as effective as our community. If you see something, say something. It works.”

Mayor Diaz then fielded some questions from the press.
Q: How many Undocumented Residents live in Perth Amboy?

Diaz: We are here to assure the community. People come to this country to make a better life for themselves. We welcome it. We estimate several thousand (undocumented immigrants). We want the residents of our community only to be welcoming.

Q: Will you protect Undocumented Immigrants and risk losing federal aid?

Diaz: There’s a lot of discussion going on. There are things one says while campaigning and other things while govern-

ing. There’s a lot to be done when we work together. We are here to work for the people. I am going to vigilant to see what comes. Federal funding is essential to every community. Undocumented Immigrants are in every community. We need to see what happens.
Q: Does protecting your Undocumented Immigrants may oppose federal policy?
 Diaz: The Police are here to protect the citizens. They are not INS Officers. They will not go house to house looking for Undocumented Immigrants. It’s very shameful. People come here with a dream. When they come here they want to be a part of the Greatest of Our Nations. My job is to protect and serve the families of Perth Amboy.

Public Comments 11/21/16 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - Resident Stanley Sierakowski wondered why the agenda for today’s meeting was not on the website. “Even when I checked for it on the website at 2 p.m. (on the day of the Meeting). I was told that the Mayor told the IT guy not to put the agenda on the website.”

Sierakowski was also concerned about a lot of cars that are parked all over the place like junkyards. “I suggest that Code Enforcement check out these places weekly until the situation is cleared up. Enforce these laws. Give them stiff fines of \$1000 for each infrac-

tion.”
 Resident Ken Balut came up to speak next. He wondered why there hasn’t been a Planning Board Meeting for 4 months. He also questioned the \$113,000 contract gave out for solar pay stations. “I thought that they were supposed to have credit card readers and they don’t.”

At this point an employee of the Parking Authority called out, “Some indeed have credit card readers and some don’t.”

CFO Jill Goldy came up to speak. “The Parking Authority had in their 2015 budget to purchase these solar meters.

Then \$80,000 was budgeted for 2016 to purchase more. It took time for them to install the initial machines and they decided not to purchase more machines this year.”

After Goldy spoke, Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, “Any contract over a certain amount has to be bid out. There are exceptions for bidding. Some examples are Priority or State Contracts.”

The Caucus Meeting ended at 7:39 p.m.

Perth Amboy Paid Out \$150,000 to Settle Sexual Harassment Complaint Filed Against Former Police Chief

Courtesy of John Paff 11/23/16
 PERTH AMBOY/NEW BRUNSWICK - In September 2016, the City of Perth Amboy (Middlesex County) agreed to pay \$150,000 to a female secretary who said that the City’s former police chief would incessantly “stare at her breasts and feet” which made the woman “feel disgusting and repulsed.”

In her lawsuit, Nalda Capo said that former police chief Benjamin Ruiz stared at her and harassed her from 2007 until 2014. According to the complaint, Ruiz told Capo to “start dressing up and get your nails and hair done.” She claimed that he would come to her office uninvited and “rub her neck and shoulders,” would introduce her to citizens as his wife and stand in front of her desk and “stare at her breasts for long periods of time.” She said that she “lived in fear every time the door opened to her office” and that she “would jump out of her chair in fear that Defendant Ruiz would try to touch her again.”

Capo said that she reported Ruiz’s behavior to her union president Ruth Vega but that Vega “violated her rights” by reporting to Ruiz Capo’s intention of filing a sexual harassment charge against him.

Capo also said that Ruiz gave her unfairly poor performance reviews and that she was passed over for a Detective Bureau secretary position in favor of someone who was less qualified and had less seniority. She said that at a grievance hearing, her union representative, Debra Parks, told her that Ruiz “put [Capo]

down like a piece of garbage.” Ruiz no longer works for the City. According to news reports, he was suspended without pay in December 2014 and was later terminated after having been indicted on official misconduct and other charges. In September 2016, Ruiz was acquitted by a jury on all charges.

The case is captioned Capo v. City of Perth Amboy, et al, Docket No. MID-L-7267-15 and Capo’s attorney was Stephen E. Klausner of Manville. Case documents are on-line here.

The settlement agreement specifically reserves for Capo the right to pursue three orthopedic Workers Compensation claims against the City while calling for “a claim for psychiatric or psychological injury” to be dismissed.

None of lawsuit’s allegations have been proven or disproven in court. Settlement agreements typically state that payment does not constitute an admission of wrongdoing by any of the defendants. All that is known for sure is that Perth Amboy or its insurer, for whatever reason, decided that it would rather pay Capo \$150,000 than take the matter to trial. Perhaps the defendants’ decision was done to save further legal expense and the costs of trying what were in fact exaggerated or meritless claims. Or, perhaps the claims were true and the defendants wanted to avoid being embarrassed at trial. This is the problem when cases resolve before trial--it is impossible to know the truth of what really happened.

Pediatric Advanced Life Support Full Class

PERTH AMBOY - The EMS Training Department at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is holding a Pediatric Advanced Life Support Full Class, Tuesday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Call 732-324-5393 or email EMSTraining@hackensackmeridian.org for more information. Register online at <https://trainingcenter-technologies.com/Raritan-BayMC/CourseEnrollment.aspx>.

What Can I Eat?

OLD BRIDGE - The Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is providing a diabetes self-management educational workshop “What Can I Eat?” Wednesday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in Suite 420, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. “What Can I Eat?” reviews how to plan meals, count carbohydrates, read food labels and provide education on carbohydrates present in participants’ diets and how they affect blood sugar levels. Registration and insurance verification is required; call 732-360-4070.



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The tradition will continue this year on Saturday, December 24th, when the Nierenberg family owners of the airport, will open the hangar doors to children awaiting Santa's arrival. Santa is planned to arrive at 11:00 a.m. Parents are advised to bring the children prior to then, as the Princeton Airport Flying Tigers will be serving cocoa and cookies, and local folk singer Pat McKinley, starting at 10:30

a.m., will be leading the audience in holiday songs during the wait for Santa.

If parents would like to have a gift waiting for their child, they should bring a wrapped gift with the child's name on it in large print to the Princeton Airport lobby. Gifts should be no larger than 12" to accommodate Santa. If parents have more than one child participating, the gifts should be wrapped in the same paper and tied together to speed up the distribution. Also, to have their child participate, parents need to bring a gift for the less fortunate as well. This is the most important feature of this event.

These gifts must be new and unwrapped, and will be collected by the Mercer County Board of Social Services. Personal checks made out to the "FoodBank Network of Somerset County", as well as canned or boxed food will also be collected at the airport. Donations from non-participants are kindly accepted as well.

The collection of the gifts will begin the day after Thanksgiving and will end on Saturday, December 17th in order to enable county workers to arrange the best matches for the needy. The gifts can be deposited in the "chimneys" in the lobby of the airport between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Once Santa's plane lands, he will head into the hangar, along with all the participants, to distribute each gift individually. In fairness to all, Santa will distribute the gifts in the order in which they are received at the airport. Children will also have the opportunity to take a picture on Santa's lap. Usually, distribution is completed by 1:00 p.m. and Santa continues his journey. There is no charge for this event.

The Princeton Airport is located in Montgomery Township, 3.5 miles north of Princeton on Route 206. The full address is 41 Airpark Road, Princeton, N.J., 08540.

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Living Nativity

OLD BRIDGE - See costumed characters, animals, and unique scenes while enjoying holiday music and related Scripture verses. Dates: December 2nd, 3rd & 4th & 9th, 10th & 11th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. A completely free event; canned food may be donated. Sponsored by Sayre Woods Bible Church, Route 9 South, ¼ mile north of Route 516 (across from ShopRite). 2290 Highway 9, Old Bridge.

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Grave Blanket Sale

PERTH AMBOY - The Holy Name Society of Ukrainian Assumption Church is sponsoring a sale of grave blankets. The price is \$25 per grave blanket. Orders must be placed by December 4, 2016. Pick up on December 17th or 18th. Checks should be made payable to the Holy Name Society, Ukrainian Assumption Church. Forms and payment can be dropped off at the Rectory.

Become A Member of the South Amboy First Aid & Safety Squad

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Christmas Tea

PERTH AMBOY - The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is sponsoring a Christmas Tea at the Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Perth Amboy on Sunday, December 18 at 1 p.m.

Join the Kearny Cottage members for tea and pastries, with Dennis Nanton on the keyboard.

Donations are appreciated. For more information call 732-293-1090.

Open House at Proprietary House

PERTH AMBOY - Yuletide in Olde Amboy Sunday, December 18th 2016 ALL are invited to CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON at two of Perth Amboy's most treasured historic sites! PROPRIETARY HOUSE, 149 Kearny Avenue Christmas Open House: 1-4 PM. FREE ADMISSION - Tours of the festively decorated Royal Governor's Mansion. Light Refreshments & Holiday Music. Gift Shop.

First Steps

OLD BRIDGE - The Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is providing an educational workshop "First Steps" Thursday, December 8, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Suite 420, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. "First Steps" reviews the basics of diabetes self-management, including; blood sugar, hypo- and hyperglycemia and target ranges, foot care, medication and nutrition. Registration and insurance verification is required; call 732-360-4070.

Healthy Heart Event

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management and blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Tuesday, December 13, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy, NJ. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

Healthy Heart Event

SOUTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a healthy heart event providing free education about chronic heart conditions, medication management, blood pressure screenings and heart rate testing Wednesday, December 7, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T. O'Leary Blvd. High blood pressure and irregular heart rate is associated with stroke, heart failure, heart attack and other life threatening conditions. Take advantage of these screenings and education to maintain a healthy heart.

Holiday Open House and Cooking Class

Press Release 11/15/16
SOUTH AMBOY - The Dowdell Library of South Amboy invites you to join us for our annual Holiday Open House Monday, December 5 from 4-8 pm. Join us as we kick off the holiday season with this fun and festive event. From 4-6 pm MIY (Make It Yourself) fun for all ages and from 6-8 pm, enjoy holiday festivities with music, door prizes and refreshments!

Millennials ages 18-34, join us on Tuesday, December 13 from 6:30 - 8 pm for a hands on cooking class and learn how to turn simple ingredients into fast and delicious appetizers and desserts! Space is limited, so please call 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org

The Dowdell Library's hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 12-4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

St. John Paul II Parish Gift Auction 10/9/16 Perth Amboy *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



Free Family Movie Matinee

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 are showing the movie: "The Polar Express" on Sunday December 4, 2016 at 2 p.m. at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Free admission. Snacks and beverages will be sold before and after intermission. For more information, call Daniela at 201-240-2843 or the Knights of Columbus at 73-721-2025.

The Salvation Army Christmas Kettles

Position: Bell Ringer
PERTH AMBOY - Seasonal Job - Full time; \$9.00 per hour; 5 days per week (Tuesday's thru Saturday's) - 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Need to have Social Security and State ID. November 25 thru December 24. The Salvation Army of Perth Amboy, 433 State Street, Perth Amboy, N.J. For more info contact: 732-826-7040

Small Business Saturday 11/26/16
Perth Amboy *Photos by Paul W. Wang



Mayor Wilda Diaz, WCTC Radio Personality Bert Baron, Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano, BID Chair Barry Rosengarten and Luis De la Hoz from the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce get ready for Small Business Saturday



A young shopper enjoys face painting



Vendors get ready for Small Business Saturday



**Gingerbread
 Cookie
 Decorating**

WOODBIDGE – Decorate and design your very own Gingerbread cookie! Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Saturday, December 10, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration Required! For more info contact the Recreation Department: Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge – 732-596-4048 or go to www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us



**K of C
 Breakfast With
 Santa**

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold their annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 18 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Enjoy a hot breakfast with your family and bring your camera to take pictures of your children with Santa Claus. Cost is \$8 Adults; \$3 Children 2 to 12; under 2 FREE. For more information call 732-721-2025.

**South Amboy
 Holiday Events**

SOUTH AMBOY – The Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Fire/Rescue Parade will be on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Train Plaza Entertainment. Free refreshments and of course – Santa!

Enter the “Holiday Home Decorating Contest” and win \$100 prize and a photo collage of your home dressed for the holidays. Call the Recreation Office at 732-525-5965 for additional information. All homes must be completely decorated by December 11, 2016.

Have a Holly, Jolly Holiday riding in our trolley on a tour of South Amboy Featuring Historical Sites as well as the Contest Winner and the Runners Up in the “Holiday House Decorating Contest.” Tours will be given on Friday, December 16, 2016 starting at 5:30 p.m. Call the Recreation Office at 732-525-5965 or email events@southamboynj.gov to reserve your seat starting on November 18th. Seating is limited. First come, first served. Opened to South Amboy Residents only.

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Ukrainian Assumption Church Bazaar 11/13/16
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**Holiday Gift Guide Issues
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Handel's Messiah!!

SOUTH AMBOY - Handel's Messiah!! "It's just not Christmas for me without hearing Handel's Messiah." "This is my 12th year in a row attending Messiah, and I'll never miss it!" Come join the rest of the South Amboy/Sayreville community for the Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra and Choral Society's presentation of George Frederik Handel's timeless oratorio. Under the direction of Maestro Christopher M. C. Deibert, conductor, the Advent/Christmas portion of this work will be performed in its entirety, along with excerpts from the second and third parts. Don't miss this delightful candlelit concert, set in beautiful Victorian-Gothic architectural surroundings. Saturday, December 17, 2016; 7:30pm at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation appreciated)

Cookie Walk

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy is having a Cookie Walk on Sat. Dec. 17th at 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The address is 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. All Gourmet items Homemade and Handmade. Hope to see you at the Cookie Walk!

Pictures

With Santa

WOODBIDGE - Donate a non-perishable item and take your picture with Santa Claus! Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more info contact the Recreation Department: Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge - 732-596-4048 or go to www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us

Seeking Items to Help the Homeless During the Winter Months

NEW BRUNSWICK - At last night's Middlesex County Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) meeting, it was brought to everyone's attention that the Point-in-Time Homeless Count & Project Homeless Connect is seeking items to help the homeless during the winter months. The most needed items include: Gently used coats, new warm hats/scarves, new gloves/mittens, blankets, new warm socks, hygiene kits.

For more information about Project Homeless Connect or to arrange for delivery of donated items, please contact Harriet Slonim at 732-745-4041 or harriet.slonim@co.middlesex.nj.us.

Christmas Cake Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John The Baptist Orthodox church Perth Amboy is having a Christmas Cake Sale on Nov. 28th to Dec. 1st Call 732-826-7067 to place an order between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. Pick up your order at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy. All Gourmet items Homemade and Handmade, therefore call early before the maximum is reached. Cake: Poppysed, Walnut, Prune, Apricot and Raspberry. \$12:00 each. The order time is Nov. 28th to Dec.1st. The pick-up date is Dec. 5th to Dec. 7th. Pick-up will begin at 2:30 p.m. Thank you for your order!

Sayreville Holiday Celebration

SAYREVILLE - Sunday, December 4th, 5:30p.m., Main St and Borough Hall, A Holiday Parade along Main St. Enjoy holiday music performances from various organizations, schools, and the Melrose Blackhawks. Visit with Santa Claus as he lights our Christmas Tree and Menorah and rings in the Holiday Season. Free cookies and hot chocolate. Pictures with Santa. The Recreation Department will be collecting new toys for their Annual Town Toy Drive. For Information call: 732-390-7092/7096.

26th Annual Holiday Model Train Exhibit

WOODBIDGE - The Barron Arts Center Presents The 26th Annual Holiday Model Train Exhibit On View Nov 26 - Dec 30, 2016 CLOSED DEC 25 & DEC 26 Exhibit Hours Mon - Fri 11am-4pm Sat & Sun 2-4pm Train Show Reception & Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday Dec 2, 2016 ~ 5-7pm In the tradition of family exhibitions for the Holiday Season, the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge, New Jersey will once again host an exhibition of model trains curated by Colonia resident Michael Gelsky. The exhibition will be free to the public but donations are always greatly appreciated. This event is sponsored by Access Self Storage of Woodbridge located at 135 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge, J.J. Elek Realty Co. located at 117 Main Street. Middlesex Water Company located at 1500 Ronson Road, Iselin & Wegmans Food Market located at 15 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge. This year's show is also sponsored by The Mom's Club of Edison.

Sayreville Rec Toy Drive

SAYREVILLE - Please help the needy children of Sayreville have a Happy Holiday Season! The Sayreville Recreation Toy Drive is looking for donations of NEW toys, gift certificates and /or check. Please donate monetarily thru registration donation below. All donations can be dropped off at the Recreation office Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov.10th thru Dec.7th thank you, Jerry Ust, Director of Recreation.

Holiday Auction

PERTH AMBOY - Sponsored by the Women's Guild of the Magyar Reformed Church, Perth Amboy on Sunday, December 4, 2016 in the Church Center on the corner of Fayette Street and Kirkland Place. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Admission \$7.00 (includes 1 Board) Many different raffles 50/50 raffle. Door Prizes Appliances, Holiday Gifts & More! Food will be available: Cabbage noodles, Palacsinta (Crepes), Hot Dogs, Kolbasz Sandwiches and Soda, Coffee and Cake. Please - NO OUTSIDE FOOD MAY BE BROUGHT IN. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

"Sock the Homeless"

ON #GIVINGTUESDAY Press Release 11/28/16 PERTH AMBOY - As this is the season for giving, give back to your community through the Y on #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving. On Tuesday, November 29, 2016, people all over the world will come together for one common purpose: TO CELEBRATE GENEROSITY AND GIVING.

Join the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA on #GivingTuesday by donating SOCKS! Socks are the number one most requested item in homeless shelters, so let's give the gift of warm and toasty feet to those experiencing homelessness and poverty. Last year, we collected over 1,000 pairs of socks - and with your help we can do it again. Take your first step in making a difference and building a BETTER US!

Starting November 29th through December 23rd, bring NEW socks to the Y, let's show those who are less fortunate how a little warmth may spread so much joy this season.

For more information or to join us in this season of giving please contact Yarelis Figueroa, 732.442.3632 or yfigueroa@rbaymca.org.

Red Cross Urges Donors to Give The Perfect Gift this Winter Blood and Platelet Donations Needed Throughout Holiday Season

Press Release 11/21/16

PRINCETON TWP - The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give the perfect gift this holiday season - a lifesaving blood or platelet donation. By rolling up a sleeve, donors can help ensure patients continue to receive treatment throughout the holiday season.

Busy holiday schedules and travel plans make it more challenging for regular donors to give, and many businesses and organizations postpone hosting blood drives during the holiday season for these same reasons. This can lead to a decline in blood donations, but the need is constant.

"While many of us gather with friends and family this time of year, patients may spend the holidays in a hospital room," said Nick Gehrig, communications director, Red Cross Blood Services. "The need for blood doesn't take a break for the holidays. Please make an appointment to give the most meaningful gift of all - the gift of life through a blood or platelet donation."

To encourage donations around Thanksgiving, those who come to give blood or platelets from Nov. 24-28 will be emailed a set of recipes from celebrity chef partners Mario Batali, Rick Bayless, Richard Blais, David Burke, Mike Isabella and Ellie Krieger.

Power Red maximizes donations

Blood donors with type O, B

negative and A negative blood can help more patients with one appointment by making a Power Red donation at select Red Cross blood donation centers and blood drives. Power Red donors give a concentrated dose of red blood cells - the most commonly transfused blood component. Red blood cells carry oxygen throughout the body and are frequently give to trauma and surgery patients. During a Power Red donation, red blood cells are separated from other blood components, and plasma and platelets are then safely and comfortably returned to the donor.

"With just a little extra time at their appointment, donors can have an even greater impact on patients in need," added Gehrig.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Middlesex

Dayton

12/10/2016: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Master Peter's Academy of Martial Arts, 485 Georges Road, Suite 117

Edison

11/27/2016: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Avenue

Fords

12/3/2016: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Muslim Community of New Jersey, 15 South 2nd Street New Brunswick

11/22/2016: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Rutgers University College Avenue Student Center, 126 College Avenue

American Red Cross Blood

Donation Center:

Central New Jersey Donor Center

707 Alexander Rd., Suite 701, Princeton Township

Tuesday: 11:45 a.m. - 7 p.m. (whole blood & platelet pheresis)

Friday - Sunday: 7:15 a.m. - 3 p.m. (whole blood & platelet pheresis)

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood donors can now save time at their next donation by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, prior to arriving at the blood drive. To get started and learn more, visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass and follow the instructions on the site.

Amboy's Got Talent, Perth Amboy YMCA 11/18/16

*Photos by Bob Ned



Exploring Law Enforcement

NEW JERSEY - Get your hands on the challenging field of Law Enforcement. Law Enforcement Exploring offers young men and women ages 15-20 the chance to experience law enforcement career opportunities. For information about scouting contact Will C. Adams Office# - 973-765-9322 ext. 234; Cell# - 732-540-5936 or email: will.adams@scouting.org Join Now!

Accelerated Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY- Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding an Accelerated Childbirth Education class, Wednesday, November 30, 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-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677) and reference zip code 08861.

We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is sponsoring a free "We Keep You Moving" Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, December 2, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at the medical center's Perth Amboy location, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been scheduled for joint replacement surgery or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call Nurse Navigator Clare Schuld, R.N., at 732-535-4746.

Grandparents Newborn Care Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is providing a Grandparents Newborn Care Class Thursday, December 1, 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Instruction is provided to help in your grandbaby's growth and development. The latest research in baby care will be discussed. Cost is \$50 per couple. Make checks payable to RBMC. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677).

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.

Bingo

SAYREVILLE - FEELING LUCKY! Get out of the house and off the couch - come enjoy an evening or afternoon playing Bingo. St. Stan's Parish, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville - has Bingo each Thursday evening, with doors opening at 6 p.m. and games beginning at 7:30 p.m. We also have Sunday afternoon Bingo each week, with doors opening at 12 Noon and games beginning at 1:30 p.m. Our kitchen is open for great homemade lunch and dinner specials along with a nice selection of snacks to munch on. Please call our Parish Office at (732) 254-0212 for more info. See you there!

ORDER OF NOTICE:

State of Connecticut Superior Court

Judicial District of Hartford At Hartford

Docket No.

TREJO, OLINDA vs. BELLIDO, WILFREDO

NOTICE TO: WILFREDO BELLIDO

UPON THE COMPLAINT of

The plaintiff in the above-entitled action requesting, for reasons therein set forth, a divorce of the marriage and other relief, be returnable on 12/27/2016 at the above named Court located at 90 Washington Street Hartford, CT 06103 and upon a motion in said action for an order of notice, it appearing and being found by the subscribing authority that the current address of the party is unknown and that all reasonable efforts to find him have failed. The Court also finds that the last known address of the party to be notified was in Perth Amboy, NJ. The Court orders that notice of the institution of this action and that Automatic Court Orders, which have been issued as required by Connecticut Practice Book Section 25.5 and are part of the Complaint to be filed with the Court, be given to the defendant to be noticed by some proper office causing a true and attested copy of this Order of Notice by placing a legal notice in THE AMBOY GUARDIAN a newspaper circulated in the area where the defendant is most likely to be. The notice shall appear once a week for two successive weeks commencing on or before 12/27/2016 and proof of service shall be filed with this Court. BY THE COURT

**Check Presentation for Epilepsy, Boss Audio, 518 Smith St., Perth Amboy
10/23/16 *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell**



PERTH AMBOY - Photo Left (L to R) Boss Audio Employees Jaylen Carrera, Leslie Sedan, Andrew Acosta, David Arocho, Salvador Pineda. Photo Right - Jacqui Moskowitzz (Dir. Resource Development), Epilepsy Foundation, NJ was present to accept \$5000 Check raised by Boss Audio Employees.

**Royal Rangers Time Capsule Buried, Walk Dedicated 11/20/16
Perth Amboy *Photos Submitted**



PERTH AMBOY - The Royal Rangers buried their time capsule at the Kearny Cottage. It is scheduled to be dug up and reopened 10 years from now. The walk, which was a project by the Royal Rangers was also opened and dedicated.

**Daughters of The War of 1812 Tour Kearny Cottage
11/20/16 *Photo by Paul W. Wang**



PERTH AMBOY - The Daughters of the War of 1812 took a tour of the Kearny Cottage on 11/20/16

**PAHS Class of 1976 Reunion ZPA, Perth Amboy
10/15/16 *Photo Submitted**



PERTH AMBOY - The PAHS Class of 1976 celebrated it's 40th Class Reunion at the ZPA on 10/15/16

**Faith Basics
A Monthly Class On
the Basics of Judaism
and Christianity**

PERTH AMBOY - Faith Basics - A Monthly Class On the Basics of Judaism and Christianity. What: Session 1: Who is a Jew? Who is a Christian? on Tuesday, December 6th, 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Congregation Beth Mordecai, 224 High Street, Perth Amboy. The first of five monthly sessions exploring the basic concepts of Judaism and Christianity. This month, we will explore the ever-changing nature of Jewish and Christianity identity through the ages, including a close look at the different denominations of Judaism and Christianity. Cost: \$10 per session or \$25 for all 5 sessions. Please RSVP to Rabbi Ari Saks (ari.saks@gmail.com), Reverend Anne-Marie Jeffery (ajeffery04@yahoo.com), or via our Facebook Event page - Faith Basics: Who is a Jew? Who is a Christian?. This program is jointly sponsored by Congregation Beth Mordecai and St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Future Classes - Jan 3, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4

Movie Review: The Arrival



By: Anton Massopust III

"There are days that define your life. Like the day they arrived." - Louise Banks.

The Arrival is a hard sci-fi film about a college linguistics professor and translator (Amy Adams) who is called upon by the military to decipher an alien language when 12 alien space ships descend to Earth. The military wants to know why they're here and what their intentions are. Along with Ian Donnelly (Jeremy Renner), Dr. Banks has to figure out those answers before those who are afraid of the aliens begin what could become a global war. I really can't say more about the plot without spoiling it, but this movie is not about what you think it is about.

The cast is fantastic, led by Renner and Adams, both Academy Award nominees and it also features Forest Whitaker, an Academy Award winner.

They lend a human element to a movie that is both slow and serious.

This is a thinking man's movie. It tries to make language translation exciting in the way that The Firm tried to make photocopying exciting. Unfortunately, it proved a bit too slow for my taste. The reveal at the end didn't resonate with me. I didn't hate it but it just didn't work for me that well. I do want to add that the sound and sound editing are fantastic and really enhance the drama and the action.

It's certainly a different spin on science fiction and I'm sure the academy will love this film and will want to see more sci-fi films like this. That isn't necessarily a bad thing. It was interesting but if you don't like a slow paced movie, then perhaps you should wait for DVD or Netflix before giving it a try.



**Now Available on DVD:
"The Bombardment of
Perth Amboy 1776"**

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - During the Summer and Fall of 1776, Perth Amboy was occupied by American patriot forces, while Staten Island was held by British troops. Warfare ensued. Through the use of historic images, archival records & military reenactors, this long forgotten saga is brought to light in the documentary entitled "The Bombardment of Perth Amboy 1776". This documentary has now been released on DVD.

"After the premier of this film via our local Comcast channel, we received an overwhelming number of requests for DVD copies. So, we simply decided to have our work mass produced," explains producer & local businessman John Dyke. "All this coincided with the 75th anniversary of our family business, Dyke Insurance, and as a result our company put it out as a 'thank you' to our community."

John Dyke along with his wife Christina, have produced many other documentaries such as "The KKK Riots of 1923", "Perth Amboy Terracotta", "Dr. Solomon Andrews", "George Inness: Peace & Plenty in Perth Amboy", and "John Watson 1685-1768". Most of their earlier films are now out of circular, although some are still aired on the local Perth Amboy station, Comcast 34.

The "Bombardment of Perth Amboy 1776" DVD has been mass produced and is free to the general public. It is available at the Perth Amboy Public Library, the Proprietary House, and the Perth Amboy City Hall Clerk's Office.

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 East Africa, terms are negotiated and accepted on November 28, 1941, for the surrender of 22,000 Italian troops in Ethiopia. In North Africa, there is renewed fighting around Sidi Rezegh, Libya. Northwest of Ed Duda, Libya, New Zealand troops make contact with soldiers from the Tobruk garrison, breaking the siege. In Berlin, Mohammed Amin al-Husseini, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, meets with Hitler, the both pledging mutual support.

Panzer forces commanded by Gen. Georg-Hans Reinhardt reach the Moscow-Volga Canal on November 29 and cross it. Red Army resistance, however, is fierce. At Taganrog, on the Sea of Azov, the Germans are forced to withdraw in the face of stiff Soviet defense.

On November 30, a British Whitney bomber sinks the German submarine *U-206* in France's Bay of Biscay with the assistance of air-to-surface-vessel radar. It is the first successful use of the equipment. In Borneo, British sources report Japanese naval movements; the assumption is that the vessels are headed for Malaya or the East Indies. In North Africa, Axis forces attack New Zealand troops at Sidi Rezegh, Libya, in a renewed attack on Tobruk.

On December 1, the Germans continue their attack on Tobruk; New Zealanders facing them are forced to retreat. The Axis troops, however, are becoming exhausted, and many officers have been killed or wounded. The British Eighth Army, though battered, is still receiving supplies and replacement tanks. In Japan, the government of Hideki Tojo decides that the terms of the "Hull Note" are an unacceptable ultimatum; Emperor Hirohito approves attacks against the United States, Great Britain and the Netherlands. A state of emergency is declared in British Malaya. In the U.S., Fiorello LaGuardia, mayor of New York City and Director, U.S. Office of Civilian Defense, signs Administrative Order Number 9 creating the Civil Air Patrol, which will operate under the authority of the U.S. Army Air Forces. On the Eastern Front, SS Col. Karl Jäger reports to Berlin that Lithuania is "clean of Jews." Farther south, Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt resigns following the German retreat that he ordered from Rostov-on-Don (on November 24th against Hitler's direct command), the first significant German withdrawal of the war. Subsequent commanders later affirm that Rundstedt had made the correct decision.

From Tokyo on December 2 the code message "Climb Mount Niitaka" is sent to the Japanese task force *en route* to Hawaii, indicating that negotiations have broken down and the attack is to be carried out as planned. In the Soviet Union, small German scout units reach the outskirts of Moscow as the weather turns colder with heavy snow falling in blizzard conditions. U.S. cryptologists intercept Japanese orders to destroy codes at the embassy in Washington.

In North Africa, Lt. Gen. Erwin Rommel orders attacks against the garrisons of Bardia, Libya, and Sollum and the Halfaya Pass, in Egypt, but all are repulsed. In the United Kingdom, conscription is expanded on December 3 to include all males between the ages of 18 and 50. Women are encouraged to join auxiliary groups and to serve on fire brigades. In Finland, the Soviets evacuate the naval base at Hanko, 80 miles west of Helsinki, besieged since June 29.

On December 4, the temperature on the Moscow front falls to -34°F. In the U.S., the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Washington Times-Herald* publish an article revealing leaked details of the top-secret war plan put together by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy, including the statement that the U.S. would not be able to field forces in strength until mid-1943. The German *chargé d'affaires* in Washington radios a report on the article to Berlin.

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Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 Events - Tickets are now available for our holiday luncheon at The Pines on December 19, 2016.

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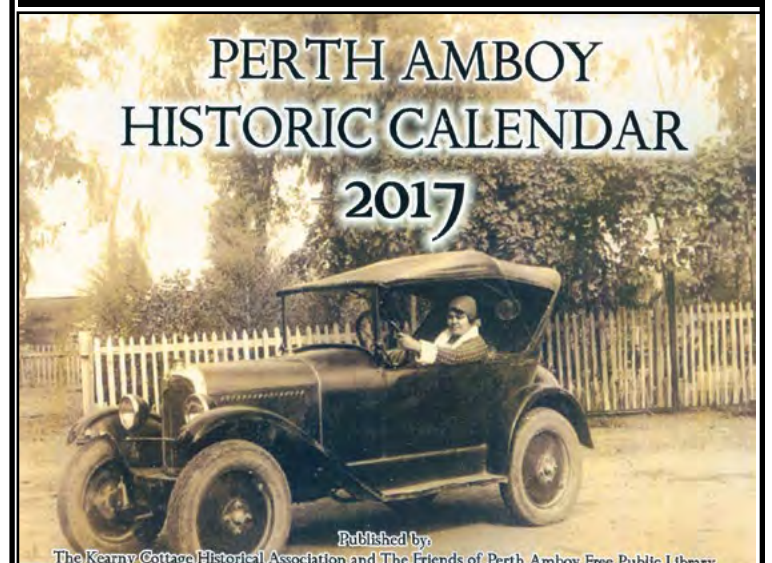
We will be collecting holiday gifts at the meeting; Male & Female for the Edison Veterans Home.

For additional information on the chapter, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

Accelerated Childbirth Education Class

PERTH AMBOY- Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding an Accelerated Childbirth Education class, Thursday, December 8, 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.

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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 St. Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of. Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (*Here make your request*) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

Thank you, Saint Jude D.T.

Sands Casino Trip

Holy Rosary Seniors
HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors Bus Trip to Sands Casino - Tony Orlando Holiday Show – Thursday, December 1, 2016. Cost: \$60 - Includes \$20 Back In Play, Bus And Tip + The Show At 2:00 p.m. Bus Leaves Church Parking Lot (625 Florida Grove Road, Hopelawn) At 10:00 a.m. and Arrives Back Approx. 7:00 p.m. Any Questions, Etc. Please Contact Ronnie Dematteo at 732-442-5252

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A.C. Bus Trip St. John Paul II Seniors

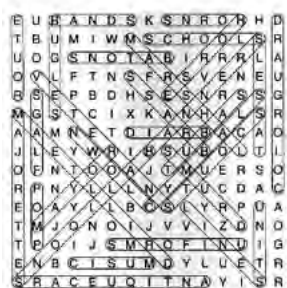
PERTH AMBOY – There is a trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City every fourth Wednesday of the month. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next trip will be held on November 30, 2016. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:45 a.m. Call Bobbi at 732-636-2867 to reserve a seat and for more information.

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MON. Dec. 5 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Dec. 6 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
• Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
WED. Dec. 7 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
• Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
THURS. Dec. 8 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Reo Diner, Amboy Ave., Woodbridge.
- South Amboy**
WED. Dec. 7 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Dec. 12 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
MON. Dec. 23 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash 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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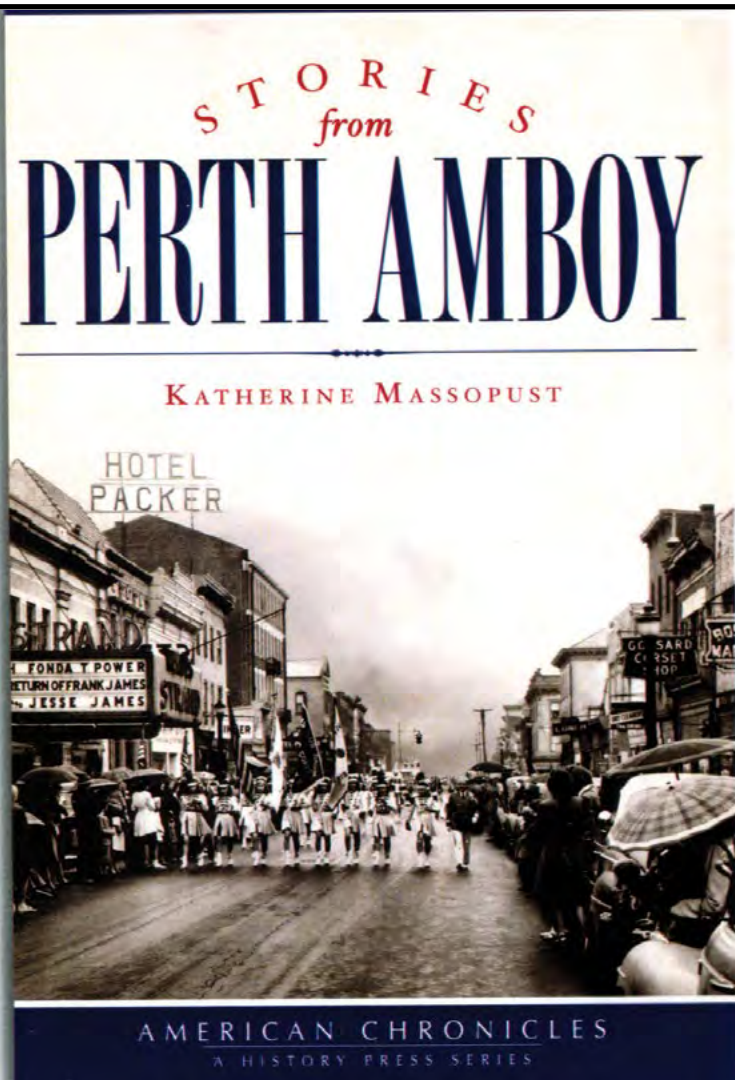


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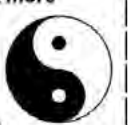
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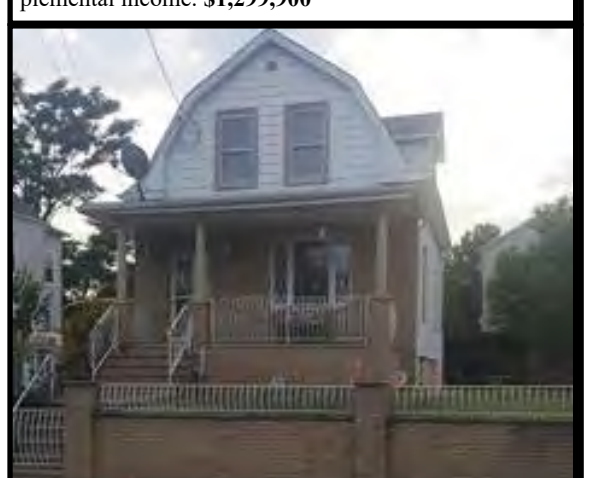
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