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## Arguments Continue for Buckeye Partners Pipeline Project Pre-application and Submission

*3/6/17 Caucus & 3/8/17 Council Meeting*

PERTH AMBOY — R-120-3/17 — Supporting the pre-application submission to the NJDEP Green Acres Program for major diversion of certain parkland in connection with the Buckeye Partners L.K. Pipeline Project.

Councilman Irizarry had concerns because he hadn't seen the Oral Comments from the recent Buckeye Public Meetings held in Perth Amboy. "Also, who reviewed them? (the transcripts) I wanted a copy of the comments. We received a memorandum from the Law Office, but comments, transcripts and summaries were not provided from the Scope Hearings. Written and oral comments need to be given to us in enough time to completely review it."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, "I can get it to the Council in whatever format you want it in by tomorrow (3/7/17)."

A Representative from Buckeye, Steve Some came up to answer Irizarry's concerns, "Everything requested has been done and provided to the City over a week ago by Attorney Wendy Rubinstein."

Council President Bill Petrick asked, "Who reviewed the information?"

Cruz responded, "Me."

During the public portion, Resident Sharon Hubberman came up to speak, "During the Scope Hearing, I asked Buckeye questions pertaining to remediation, arsenic and railroad tracks and problems that may be associated with these items. I was brushed aside. The Scope Hearing was a failed open house. They (Buckeye) didn't want to hear questions asked by the audience. We have a responsibility involving our environment."

Hubberman then proceeded to speak about some of the warnings regarding petroleum pipelines. She warned the

Council that she doesn't think they'll have enough time to get everything (reports) they need.

Resident Ken Balut came up next, "The Mayor and Fire Department were not present at the Scope Hearings. You probably could have gotten a plaque for Thomas Mundy Peterson from Buckeye."

At the 3/8/17 Council Meeting, Buckeye was still a hot topic.

Ken Balut came up to speak. He looked behind him at the large amount of people in the Council Chambers and remarked, "It's amazing that all these people (Union Workers contracted by Buckeye) are here, but not the Mayor. She (the Mayor) made phone calls threatening you guys. Where are the Police and Fire Department?"

Councilman Irizarry said, "The Mayor never called me about Buckeye. Even if she had threatened me, I'm here for the citizens. I'm not a lapdog."

Resident Sharon Hubberman said, "The Council should get information on the values of the homes in the pipeline area. We need to take the terrorism aspect very seriously. We don't have homeland security. A gas station was recently held up. We already have a lot of issues. We're not against jobs. We just have concerns about the safety of our residents and all the workers who want to put that pipeline through. Remediations by Chevron are still not complete. Buckeye is in the top ten companies that have spills. This item, R-120 is pushed too quickly and fast. Buckeye's Open House was more like a tradeshow."

Resident Jeremy Baratta questioned the Council, "This is just a vote for an application." He suggested that the Council vote "Yes," and just let it go to the State next.

Resident Maria Varela came

up to speak next, "I have been going to the Scope Meetings and the first one was horrible. I ask questions. The bottom line is Buckeye is not our friend. Do they (Buckeye) or the union workers have pipelines in their towns? Ms. Hubberman is correct because she does her research and so do I. The pipeline will be coming across all of Perth Amboy. Please, I'm praying that God will guide us. See the track record from that company (Buckeye). Residents from Perth Amboy care about our City. Vote "No," for the pre-application for Buckeye. They are not transparent."

Resident Pedro Martinez came up to speak, "I'm a retiree from Shell Oil." He proceeded to relate an incident that happened in Sewaren.



There were many Union Workers present at the 3/8/17 Council Meeting. \*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

"Someone tried to tap into a line and there was a spill all over the place. As a safety issue, and also as an ex-Perth Amboy Fireman, I have friends that work for Buckeye. It's also a pollution problem."

Council President William

Petrick gave the scenario if the Council voted "No," on R-120. "The process stops and they (Buckeye) can't use the Greenlands. The State will step in and view the application and

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## "It's Official"- New PAHS is Coming! Demolition of Remainder of Delaney Homes to Begin Shortly 3/9/17 BOE Meeting



By: Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY — Item# 14-C.2 — Approval to award a contract to Tricon Enterprises, for the Site and Building Demolition of Delaney Homes, in the amount of \$2,374,900.00.

Vice-President Milady Tejeda was very pleased, "It's just the beginning of a new high school. We're moving forward, one more step to get a new high school."

President Ken Puccio stated, "I can't believe we're getting to this point. It's something we've been looking forward to since we've been here. I want to thank people like Sam Lebreault, Israel Varela, Anthony Bermudez. I also want to thank Mr. Austin Gumbs, Hector Bonilla, Steve Jobin, Kenny Gonzalez and everyone who helped make this possible. This process began in the early 2000's. It's finally coming to fruition."

Photo: Board President Ken Puccio holds up a sign of which a larger one will be hung at the site of the construction of a new Perth Amboy High School as Board Vice President Milady Tejeda and Superintendent Dr. David Roman look on.

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*South Amboy City Council Meeting 3/15/17 - 7 p.m.*

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**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 Thursday, March 9, 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.

**Childbirth Education Class**

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding a Childbirth Education class Saturday, March 25, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The class is designed to help expectant parents better understand the childbearing process. A registered nurse with special training in labor, delivery and childcare techniques will facilitate the class. The class will be held at Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Lower Level, Perth Amboy. The fee for the course is \$125 per couple. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1.800.362.8677) and reference zip code 08861.

**Two-Day Reiki 1 Training Workshop**

PERTH AMBOY - Integrative Health Services at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is providing a two-day Reiki 1 Training Workshop, Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn to practice Reiki, a simple and effective healing practice for relaxation, pain relief and overall well-being. The workshop is presented by Reiki Master Sharon Yeskel and all participants will be Level 1 Reiki USE practitioner upon completion. Participants must attend both days. Cost is \$195 per person. Registration required, call 732-324-5257 or email integrativehealth@hackensackmeridian.org.



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# Perth Amboy Caucus & Council

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send the information back to us. Buckeye can then go through the Federal Right Of Way.”

When it came time to vote on R-120, it was moved by Councilman Fernando Gonzalez and seconded by Councilman Fernando Irizarry. The vote was unanimous, “Yes.”

Council President Bill Petrick commended Buckeye for providing important information, but Petrick also faulted the Administration for not giving the Council information in a timely manner.

Councilman Irizarry wanted to know who would be the first responders in an emergency.

Petrick responded, “The Police, Fire Department, Middlesex County Hazmat and the Buckeye Personnel and entities that they hire.”

Buckeye Representative Steve Some came forward to add more information, “We (Buckeye) work with all the Perth Amboy Emergency Responders for years along with the County. We did a drill last year. We also have more companies that respond to emergency situations.”

Another Buckeye Representative, Steve Guenther added, “Buckeye has a control center with trained personnel and a contract with other emergency responders.”

Steve Some addressed the incidents that some of the Residents referred to. “We have had small incidents that were caused by a third party. All incidents must be reported to the Federal and County Governments. As a corporation we try to hire as many people as possible from town.”

Guenther said, “The pipeline is inspected at least 25 times a year and is protected by a system that protects it from corrosion.”

Steve Some added, “Inspections are required by Federal and State laws. The Department of Transportation and the Federal and the State Departments both have to get all of our inspection reports.”

Guenther also added, “We use Langan Engineering who bores (drill) into the grounds to bring up soil samples which are analyzed in the lab.”

Councilman Irizarry thanked all the citizens who participated at the Buckeye Hearings. He mentioned 3 individuals, one who is Bill Shultz. “We can stop this at any moment. This company plans to be here a long time. We should be getting a lot of benefits. Let’s see what the State has to say.”

Councilman Jelmin Caba spoke and said, “It’s a pre-application and I believe that Buckeye should give back

more to the community. I want to thank all the union members. I’m also in a union. Let this go back to the State.”

Councilman Pabon said, “I wanted to see more people from the City at the Meetings. They were given the opportunity. I thank Buckeye for providing information to us so quickly. I hope more people come out. Move it forward. They’re going to come through here. I was hoping the Fire Department was going to be here. The Buckeye drill that was done last year was massive.”

During the last public portion, the Residents tore into the Council for voting “Yes” on R-120.

Resident Virginia Lugo came up to speak, “You (the Council) didn’t have enough information about the pipelines. I thought this (R-120) would be tabled. The pre-application is the first step. This step has already been pre-approved. I’m really appalled. Does anybody have any figures for the benefits (to the City)? I have never seen any training sessions for people who want these jobs. You have made this decision without any viable information.”

Resident Sharon Hubberman tore into one of the Councilmen who insinuated that Buckeye could make a donation for funds that the library needs. “Some Council Members have others who make deals for them. I’ve had death threat bumper stickers put on my car. It’s illegal to make pleas. You showed a position of weakness, especially when you said you just got information at the last minute and you didn’t have time to review it.”

Resident Ken Balut came up to speak, “It’s a shame how Buckeye came here (Representatives and Union Workers). Where was the Fire Department and Police Department to speak on this matter? Buckeye’s money went to Adminis-

tration Personnel Fees.”

A Resident from Rector Street wanted to know where the pipeline route would be.

Council President Petrick said, “They’re asking for a small part of property and if they don’t get the property, then we don’t get a tax break.”

Resident Philip Clark wanted to know if Rudyk Park would be affected.

The Council nodded, “No.”

Council President Petrick continued, “The route would be at the back of the car wash on State Street, the Patten School and the Outerbridge, the Federal right-of-way of the train track and it’s going under the train easement.”

Petrick asked Riverkeeper Bill Schultz to come up and add comments. Shultz said, “There is not a lot of Federal oversight. There are some alternative locations. The State relies a lot on Green Acres. There are a lot of public benefits. This could be financial or enhancement of parks. The bike path stops dead at Florida Grove Road.”

This prompted Councilman Fernando Gonzalez to ask, “Should the bike path continue into Perth Amboy?”

Shultz responded, “Maybe if it goes into Rudyk Park and continues. We can have one of the longest riverwalks on the east coast.”

During the Council Comments, Jelmin Caba said, “We are neighbors and the pipeline whether approved or not should give back to the City. City Residents ask Buckeye to give more to the community. Were they (the Residents) asking for bribes like when they accuse me of doing when I said funds are needed for the library?”

Council President Bill Petrick said, “Buckeye has approached the Council on what they can do to help the community.”

## Fireboat Repairs Questioned 3/6/17 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – A \$43,497.54 bid for repairs to a 39 ft. Metalcraft Marine Firestorm Fireboat was scrutinized by the Council.

Fire Chief Abraham Pitre came forward to answer questions. He said, “There was a jumper accident and the money for this amount was allocated from the 2016 operating funds.”

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned, “Do other people use this boat?”

Chief Pitre explained, “This has to be a part of our cost. The minimum insurance costs \$50,000. We have another boat that has a \$1,000 deductible. The bow on this Fire-

storm Boat was damaged and there was minor damage elsewhere on the boat.”

Business Administrator Adam Cruz told the Council the reason for the cost (over \$43,000) was because some parts of the Boat have to be disassembled to get to the damage.”

Chief Pitre said, “We have to fight fires and assist in rescues over an area from New York City to Sandy Hook.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked, “How many boats do we have? I believe that we have one fireboat and couple in the Police Department.”

Pitre answered, “Yes.”



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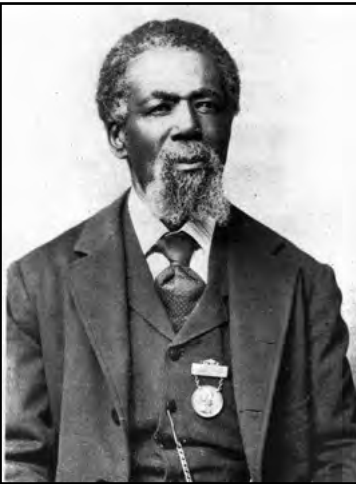
## Thomas Mundy Peterson Plaque Update 3/6/17 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – PAHPC Chair Reinaldo Aviles came forward to give an update on the Thomas Mundy Peterson Plaque. He presented the Council with a flyer showing an artist’s rendering of the plaque. This included measurements, specifications and sample wording and a picture of Thomas Mundy Peterson. All this information on the flyer is what they wished to go on a plaque to have displayed in the Council Chambers. Aviles continued, “A lot of things have been said about Peterson, but we are still fact checking everything. We know that Peterson voted in this building (City Hall) but we don’t know for certain if it was in this chamber.”

PAHPC Member Ana Daily stood with Aviles and wanted to thank all who backed this project. She and Aviles then unrolled a poster that depicted the actual size of the plaque. She placed it on the spot on the wall where they hoped it would be hung.

During the Public Portion, Resident Mel Knight wanted to thank the Council and the Mayor for what they did for the Thomas Mundy Peterson Plaque. Knight said, “I also represent the National Alliance for Black School Educators, the NAACP and I also want to thank Reinaldo Aviles.”

Ana Daily wanted to thank the HPC for their co-operation



Thomas Mundy Peterson

in getting the Thomas Mundy Peterson Project completed. “There are also separate projects that are still being worked on which includes a statue of Thomas Mundy Peterson and a committee being formed to address the Underground Railroad. The Act (First Black Voting under the 15th Amendment) of Thomas Mundy Peterson voting was of national significance and we need to get that recognized.”

Council President Bill Petrick commented, “We are 100% in support of what you’re doing and let’s keep the momentum going.”

Councilman Jelmin Caba congratulated Perth Amboy and the HPC on the great job they did on getting the Thomas Mundy Peterson Plaque. “But we should still consider naming the County Park after Peterson and getting a Monument for him also.”

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

**It Affects You!**  
*The Importance of Attending  
Public Meetings*



The majority of people are apathetic when it comes to government whether it is on a city, county, state or federal level. “How does this affect me?” This is the most common question that people use as an excuse not to care. But the truth is IT DOES MATTER! Who you elect as Mayor has a direct influence on you. Mayors have the power to appoint people to positions of authority that affect your everyday life. This includes the Department Heads of Code Enforcement, Public Works, Dept. of Recreation, Office on Aging, etc. All of these decisions affect *you!* Every time the City Council makes a decision or passes an ordinance, it affects *you!* That is why transparency in government is so important. That is why there are sunshine laws.

*"The Sunshine Act provides, with ten specified exemptions, that 'every portion of every meeting of an agency shall be open to public observation.' 5 U.S.C. 552b(b) It imposes procedural requirements to ensure, inter alia [among other things], that advance notice is given to the public before agency meetings take place."* (Source: Wikipedia)

The agendas of the upcoming Council Meetings are updated for each meeting and posted on the City's Website. The Amboy Guardian lists the meeting dates and times of Council Meetings and other Boards from both Perth Amboy and South Amboy.

So many people come up to me and ask, “What’s going on at the Council Meetings? I haven’t been to one in such a long time.”

I always answer: “Go. See for yourself what’s going on.” So many people complain that there are so many things wrong with this town. It’s about time that more people put their money where their mouth is and go to these meetings.

By going to Council Meetings, you are exercising your right of free speech, a right that you may or may not have in another country. Feel free to speak about something that’s bothering you that the Council can do something about, or better yet, state how a problem that you were having was solved by your local government. Say what you have to say. Bring something to the attention of the Council. They may or may not be able to help you, but they can refer you to someone who can. Whether its concern about a project or garbage on the street - have your voice heard! After attending my share of meetings, I’m sure some fresh faces will be most welcome.

They are there to help you. The Council Members contact information is available on the City’s website if you have a problem and need to contact them. The Council can’t magically know something’s wrong unless you bring it to their attention. Call the Mayor's Office if you feel that they personally need to be aware of a problem that is going on.

Pay attention to your neighborhood. If you see something is wrong like a giant pothole, then report it. If a crime is happening, call it in.

Attend Public Meetings! It’s important to have your voice heard. **K.M.**

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

**Wages or  
Taxes?**

Raising the minimum wages is a good idea but it would only apply to a percentage of wage earners. There is another solution that would apply to most people: raise the standard income tax deduction to \$40,000

or more. This would benefit more people than an increased minimum wage alone. While the Federal budget isn’t balanced now, limiting capital gains deductions could adjust for lower revenues.

Everyone who buys a domestic product or service pays for someone’s income tax, which is built into the price or cost. Im-

ported goods and services should pay a tariff of 35% to adjust for their non-payment of income taxes, Social Security, and Medicare. While the laws can’t and shouldn’t prevent sending jobs offshore, they can adjust for these losses.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

**The Value of  
American  
Citizenship**

March 4th’s edition of the Amboy Guardian had a full page congratulatory ad proclaiming the 100th year (1917-2017) of American citizenship for the Puerto Rican people. American citizenship is an honor for most of us and coveted by many.

On July 2, 2010 Puerto Rico passed a law invalidating all Puerto Rican birth certificates. This occurred as a result of a discovery in 2009 by ICE of a Dominican crime syndicate involved in identity theft in Puerto Rico. All Puerto Rico born Americans had to apply for new secure birth certificates. Some were able to have their new birth certificates electronically processed while others like my elderly parents whose birth certificates were weathered and faded, had to physically make the trip to Puerto Rico and go through the ordeal of bureaucracies before receiving new birth certificates.

**Tens of thousands of birth certificates, social security cards and driver’s licenses**

were stolen from churches, schools and government agencies where sometimes multiple duplicates of these documents were kept. An estimated **5 million** Puerto Rican Americans were affected on the island as well as **1.5 million** here on the main land.

The syndicate sold documents to Dominican illegal aliens in Puerto Rico and the illegal alien Dominican population living in PA, NJ, NY, CT and New England. Documents were distributed to the Southern Border States mainly Texas and California where Mexican, Central and South American illegal aliens purchased these documents. According to the investigating agencies these documents sold for up to \$10,000 and were used to illegally obtain passports, licenses, and other government and private sector documentation and benefits. Approximately **40 PERCENT** of the passport fraud cases investigated by the DOS State Diplomatic Security Services in the years surrounding the theft had involved birth certificates of people born in Puerto Rico. These stolen documents were used by illegal aliens to **apply for credit cards, drivers’ licenses, social security benefits**

**and welfare payments etc.** Puerto Rico born citizens continue suffering from the effects of this identity theft. ICE agents are still recovering Puerto Rican documents from criminal illegal aliens in virtually every state

In Alaska alone, one case involved an elaborate scheme by Dominican illegal aliens and conspirators involving **identity theft, tax fraud, cocaine trafficking and money laundering**. Stolen Puerto Rican identity documents were used to commit these crimes. The proceeds of these crimes were deposited in numerous banks throughout Alaska and then wire transferred in \$5000 increments to the Dominican Republic to the tune of **\$25MILLION**. [www.justice.gov/usao-ak/pr/defendants-sentenced-25-million-tax-fraud-and-drug-conspiracy](http://www.justice.gov/usao-ak/pr/defendants-sentenced-25-million-tax-fraud-and-drug-conspiracy) [www.justice.gov/usao-ak/pr/multiple-defendants-sentenced-international-money-laundering-conspiracy](http://www.justice.gov/usao-ak/pr/multiple-defendants-sentenced-international-money-laundering-conspiracy).

So, if you think possession of a social security card by an illegal alien is just a victimless crime that doesn’t merit deportation, think again.

Mirian Montalvo

**Which One  
Will I Choose?**

I was always of the belief that when you are in charge of people you should lead by example. I always had a disdain for the, “Do as I say, not as I do” mentality. Like the parent who lights up a cigarette, then tries to teach their children about the evils of smoking.

When you lead by example the people in your charge will do their best to follow your lead that is, of course, if they are good followers.

Wanting to be a good follower myself, I found myself in a dilemma. Which law should I ignore? What law should I disregard because I don’t agree with it?

I didn’t want to ignore any federal laws because as everyone knows, “the feds don’t play,”

and I don’t look good in handcuffs. I did some digging into federal laws and what I found was this. If a person or persons comes into this country illegally and gets caught, he/she gets sent back to wherever it is they came from and can’t come back for 3 months. A second offense and they can’t come back for 6 months. However if you aid and/or abet this person or persons, either by helping them cross the border, or giving them “sanctuary” to avoid prosecution, and you are convicted, you get 2 years in the slammer. Not for me brother.

After some soul searching I came up with one that I decided I could ignore because I don’t believe in it. It’s only a local ordinance but I don’t have an army of lawyers at my disposal so I don’t want to do anything big.

The law in question is the one

that doesn’t allow a person to put a garbage can, chair, or anything else in the street to save a parking space that you spent 2 hours shoveling out after a snow storm. It really is unfair that anyone without a driveway has to dig their vehicle out, go to work, and come back to find some self-serving, inconsiderate SOB has taken the spot you broke your hump to clear. If that doesn’t work out, I’ll leave my vehicle where it is and call Uber. They are on time, I don’t have to share with 4 or 5 other people, and it’s not that much more expensive, (oh, the things you learn when there are no cabs to be found) and I’ll be able to save my parking space legally. I’ll just have to find another law to ignore so I can remain a good follower.

Joe Bayona

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# Moment of Silence for the Late Austin Gumbs, Lung Cancer Awareness & Heavy Backpack 3/9/17 BOE Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – During the President’s Report, President Ken Puccio wanted to recognize Coach G (PAHS Wrestling Coach Mike Giordano) who recently announced his retirement. “He is an outstanding individual.”

The Board also honored the late Austin Gumbs with a moment of silence.

“He was one of a kind. The City will surely miss his presence,” stated Board President Ken Puccio.

Board Vice-President Milady Tejeda added her thoughts, “I had the honor to take his (Austin Gumbs) place when he retired.”

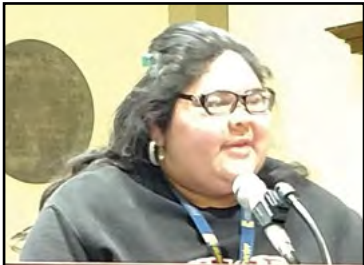
During the Superintendent’s report, Dr. David Roman spoke about the renovations made to McGinnis School (where this BOE Meeting was held), “I want to compliment the new administration and staff. I see the artwork in the halls and the new TV showing teacher and student work.”

Dr. Roman then spoke about the new High School, “I am in constant contact with the SDA (School Development Authority) about the new High School. We meet biweekly. We talk about the programs to be put in the new High School and which ones we’ll use. We’re being very candid about that.”

Dr. Roman also spoke about the possible use of the 2 remaining unused snow days with tentative days off on 4/6/17 and 4/13/17. “As of now, it depends on the upcoming storms tomorrow (3/10/17) and on Tuesday (3/14/17). We will make this decision by the end of the month.”

During the Public Portion, Resident Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe spoke about the United Messengers of Peace’s Lung Cancer Awareness Walk to take place on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 11 a.m. beginning at the Train Station on Smith Street and continuing to St. Peter’s Episcopal Church on Rector Street.

“The walk is to honor former Board Member Anthony Bermudez’s mother who is presently in Stage 4 Lung Cancer. We chose to honor her. This is a free event. Lung Cancer affects everyone whether it is you or someone you know. It is the leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and women in New Jersey, the United States and the world. It kills more Americans than breast, prostate and colon cancer combined.”



Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe

She thanked Senators Vitale and Singer for passing legislation on 2/24/2004 designating February as Lung Cancer Awareness Month (State Joint Resolution 211<sup>th</sup> Legislature).

Parent Mary Valente spoke next wearing a backpack with books. “I live on Market Street. My son comes home from school with this heavy backpack filled with books. He walks to school and is developing back problems. He’s a 10 year old child. I do squats with this 14 lb. bag. I called the Vice Principal and explained to the Vice Principal how my son has to carry the book bag. When I went to see the Vice Principal, the Vice Principal was busy and couldn’t see me. I don’t want to wait 2 weeks for a phone call. I want a resolution to this. I’m sure I’m not the only parent with this problem.”

After the public portion was over, Dr. David Roman asked Asst. Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez to speak with the parent to resolve this issue.

This Board of Education Meeting began with a new format. The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., then went into a closed session until 7 p.m. When the Board returned from the executive session, the Regular Meeting commenced with a public portion on agenda items only, then the main meeting, then the second public portion where anyone can comment on anything. The Meeting was over at 7:45 p.m. The Board then went into another closed session. When they returned no formal action was taken.

Board Members Obi Gonzalez, Anton Massopust and Junior Iglesia were not present at the Meeting.

Attend Public Meetings Have Your Voice Heard!

## Bible Study

PERTH AMBOY - Acts of the Apostles Bible Study- Monday, March 13 at 7 pm or Wednesday, March 15 at 10am, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. For more information, call 732-826-1594. Free Event.

## Grandparents Newborn Care Class

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Meridian Health family, is providing a Grandparents Newborn Care Class Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. The class is about learning to help in your grandbaby’s growth and development. The latest techniques in baby care will be discussed. Cost is \$50 per couple. Make checks payable to RBMC. Registration required, call 1.800.DOC-TORS (1.800.362.8677).

## Corned Beef Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be a St. Patrick’s Day Corned Beef Dinner at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville, on Saturday, March 18, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$12.00 Seniors/Students/Children 5 - 12: \$8.00; Children under 5 - Free Dinner of Spaghetti & Meatballs

Dinner includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti, Boiled Cabbage & Carrots, Boiled Potatoes, Rye Bread or Rolls, Beverage, Dessert. Take out is available.

Please contact Winsome Melvin at (732)432-9072 for questions and reservations.

## Tai Chi Qigong/Meditation Course

PERTH AMBOY - The Division of Integrative Medicine at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family is providing a Tai Chi Qigong/Meditation Course Tuesdays, March 7 to April 11, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Practice this system of exercises slowly and smoothly to promote calmness, relaxation and reduce stress, and to improve strength, stability, balance and coordination. The cost for six Tuesday sessions is \$75.00. Registration required, call 732-324-5257 or email integrative-health@hackensackmeridian.org.

# Street Sweep Initiative Final Report

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY - The purpose of this initiative was to aggressively and vigorously enforce any and all street level activity for the purposes of curtailing such activity by applying pressure with either arrests, summonses, and the offering of assistance for treatment.

The initiative started on Tuesday, February 7th and was concluded on Saturday, February 11th, 2017 between the hours of 0800-1800 when heroin activity is most prevalent. A total of 12-15 Officers were assigned and utilized for this operation. A great deal of intelligence was gained during the initiative that will be extended to further longer term investigations in the near future. Treatment was offered to every individual who any contact was made to in the form of dispensing of literature and even offers to physically transport them to a local facility. This was met with great resistance and are hoping that the

courts can step in during their respective proceedings to mandate treatment upon them. The totals are as follows:  
-A total of **50 arrests** were made for a variety of offenses.  
-**52 decks of heroin** were seized.  
-**105 grams of marijuana** were seized.  
-**8 grams of cocaine** were seized.  
-**27 oxycodone** prescription pills were seized.  
-**6 hypodermic syringes** were seized.  
-**3 crack pipes** were seized.  
-**\$330** in currency was seized. The **total street value** of the narcotics seized is approximately **\$3,220**.

This operation was deemed successful thanks to the hard work, diligent persistence and relentless efforts of the Perth Amboy Police Department, including Chief Roman McKeeon, Lt. Carl Graham, Lt. Carmelo Jimenez, Det./Sgt. Gilberto Simao.

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# City Hall Circle Tree Planting Ceremony

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY - The 1683 Society Inc. and the City Of Perth Amboy cordially invite the public to a tree planting ceremony at City Hall Circle on March 31, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

"Over the years we've lost many trees at City Hall Circle. We will be planting two trees to help restore the Circle's natural beauty and acknowledge our historic past," advised 1683 Society President Norman Vazquez.

One tree will be planted in memory of George Washington. His original tree, which is long gone, was donated by the Ompoge Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The second tree will be planted in memory of Thomas Mundy Peterson & Marcus Curless, the first and second African-American voters under the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The March 31<sup>st</sup> date commemorates the 147th anniversary of their historic vote. A solid cast

bronze plaque will set at the base of the tree.

"City Hall Circle is a fitting place to honor both Peterson & Curless, as both men walked this route," stated John Kerry Dyke, a 1683 Society Trustee. "Their votes were not a random act. Their actions were a part of their own individual bravery as well as an enfranchising effort by Perth Amboy citizens."

Mr. Dyke added, "At a time when other communities were trying to stop Black Americans from voting, the good people of Perth Amboy encouraged the right to vote. And that's something we all should be very proud of!"

The 1683 Society Inc. is a Perth Amboy nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and preserving our history in the waterfront area. The tree planting ceremony is a partnership between the 1683 Society Inc. and Mayor Wilda Diaz.

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### Perth Amboy Company Gets Façade Grant

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Photo Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID) and its Façade Committee recently provided a \$5000 grant to the Journey to Wellness company. This local business completely renovated and improved the exterior of the building at 220 Market Street that houses its treatment facilities. The grant covers a portion of the company's renovation costs. Shown in the photo at Perth Amboy City Hall are Gary Rumpf, chairman of the BID's façade committee, and Anna Komissarenko, president of Journey to Wellness.

### Perth Amboy Artworks Hosts Paint and Sip Event



Paint and Sip nautical sunset image by lead artist Rachel Wintemberg

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On Thursday April 6, 2017 from 7-10 p.m. Perth Amboy Artworks will host its first Paint and Sip, where you can enjoy an evening painting nautical sunset scenes. A \$35 ticket includes soda, delicious appetizers and desserts, a canvas, paint supplies & art instruction. You can bring your own (BYO) favorite drink to sip. Artist Rachel Wintemberg will be leading the Paint and Sip. Rachel has taught art in the Perth Amboy School District for 28 years. She is 2017 Shull School's Teacher of the Year. Rachel holds a BFA from Pratt Institute and an MA in studio art from Montclair State University. She has taught art and exhibited extensively throughout the New York Metropolitan area and has also published many articles on the subject of art education.

You must be 21 or over to attend and seating is limited so please reserve your spot in advance. Please purchase tickets for the Paint and Sip online at [www.perthamboyartworks.org](http://www.perthamboyartworks.org). The Perth Amboy Artworks Paint and Sip event location is at 289 High St in Perth Amboy. All proceeds will benefit Perth Amboy Artworks 2017 projects including a new mural downtown, live music at the Ferry Slip and a seasonal art bazaar. Perth Amboy Artworks is dedicated to revitalizing Perth Amboy through the Arts! Come out and enjoy a great evening getting creative.

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*Alert Message: Winter Storm Warning in Effect  
for Our Area Monday Evening into Tuesday*

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy Office of Emergency Management is monitoring the impending storm predicted to hit our area Monday evening into Tuesday. The predictions are calling for a potential of significant snow accumulations as well as windy conditions. With this type of storm there is a high potential for power outages due to accumulating snow and ice on power lines combined with high winds.

Please monitor the weather outlets as well as our local access channel for predictions and instructions. Please remember if you live on a snow emergency street listed below you must remove your vehicle when the road is snow covered or in the interest of public safety it will be towed.


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Marchers will line up on South Pine Avenue from 12 noon -12:30 p.m. The parade then takes the following route:

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The parade ends on Broadway at the reviewing stage.

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### Irish Heritage Concert

SOUTH AMBOY – Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the South Amboy Community Theatre, 200 Gov. Hoffman Blvd., South Amboy featuring Celi Rain and The Kentucky Rifles. Free event.

### Grand Marshal's Cocktail Party

SOUTH AMBOY – Honoring: Pat Walsh – Honorary Grand Marshall; Mayor Fred Henry – Grand Marshal; Jan C. Williams – Deputy Grand Marshal. Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at AOH Hall, 187-, 197 Stevens Ave N, South Amboy. Tickets are \$25: includes light food and refreshments. Tickets available at the AOH Hall and Main Liquors.

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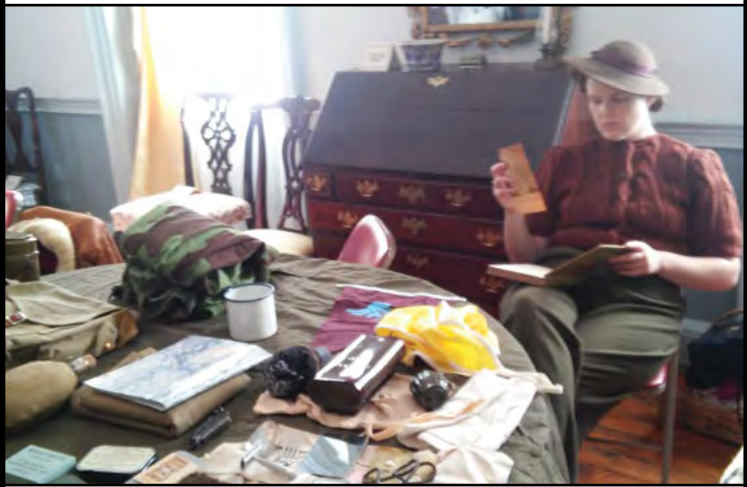
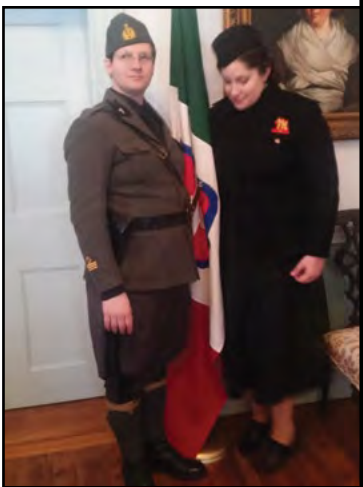
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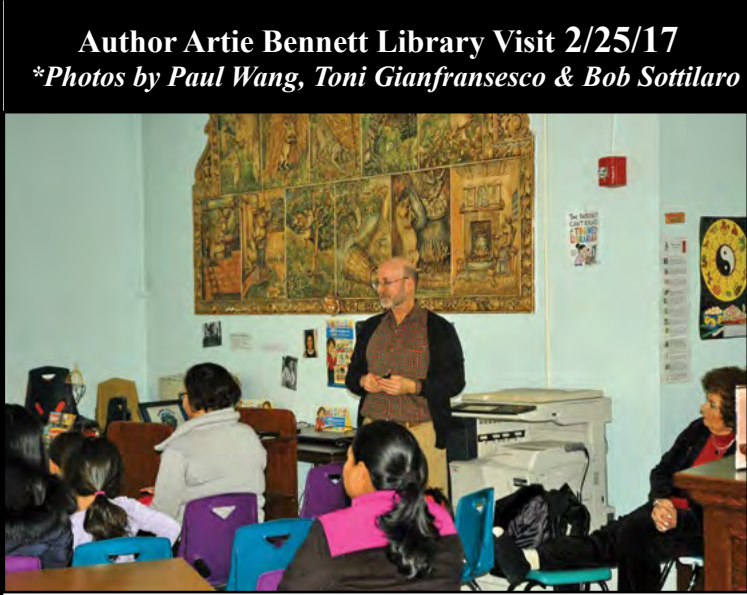
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PERTH AMBOY - Acclaimed Children's Author Artie Bennett came to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library - Children's Library on Saturday, 2/25/17. Bennett dazzled children with his Dr. Seuss-like books which he read: The Butt Book, Poopendous, Peter Panda Melts Down and Belches, Burps and Farts, Oh My! The event was sponsored by the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. The Friends donated some of Bennett's books to the Children's Library. Bottom Photo: (L to R) Toni Gianfrancesco, Barbara Sottilaro, Author Artie Bennet (seated) Katherine Massopust, Noreen Gall, Linda Luden.

## Thomas Mundy Peterson Day

PERTH AMBOY - Come Celebrate Thomas Mundy Peterson Day at the Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy all day, Friday, March 31, 2017.

## Ask the Rabbi

EDISON - Wednesdays, 12 noon -1 p.m. at the Food Court in Menlo Park Mall (between Chik-fil-A and Panera) Have a question? Have a seat! Bring your lunch and ask Rabbi Ari Saks of Congregation Beth Mordecai ANY question you'd like about Judaism, life, spirituality...anything! First person to come will get a FREE drink from the rabbi. For more information please contact Rabbi Saks at ari.saks@gmail.com

## Mets Trip

WOODBIDGE - Come and join the Woodbridge Township Recreation Department on a trip to Citi Field for the New York Mets vs. The Chicago Cubs on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Bus leaves the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge at 4 p.m. Game starts at 7 p.m. Fee: \$65 – includes bus and Hall of Famer Mookie Wilson Replica road jersey. There are no refunds given once payment is received. Space is limited and is on a first come, first serve basis. To register for trip, stop by the WCC. For further information call 732-596-4048. If the game is rained out there will not be another bus trip. Your tickets will become rain vouchers.

## Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center on Franklin Avenue in the Fords section of Edison, NJ. Mary Ann Rivell from the NJ Lottery will present the program "Where The Money Goes".

Upcoming Events:  
March 24: Drivers Course - 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.  
Call Bob at 732-885-1789 for information.

April 18: "Easter Parade" Comedy/Dancing/Luncheon - Stony Hill Inn, Hackensack  
Call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659 for information and reservations.

All trips are open to the public.

Canned food and miscellaneous items for veterans, hospitals, and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting.

For additional information, visit our website at [www.edisonaarp.org](http://www.edisonaarp.org).

**Fish Fry**  
PERTH AMBOY - Sunday, March 26 at from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Cost is \$15.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children and children under 5 are free. St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. For more information, call 732-826-1594.

**Mah Jongg**  
PERTH AMBOY - Looking for something fun to do? The Friends of the Sayreville Public Library invite you to come play Mah Jongg in the Young Adult Room on Sunday, March 26, 2016, 1:00 - 3:00 PM. New and experienced members are welcome. This event is FREE and Mah Jongg sets and cards will be available for use by all players. 1050 Washington Road, Parlin. For more information, please call Elaine (732) 727-0192.

**Meditation:  
Improving our  
Practice,  
Experiencing the  
Love Within**

Press Release 3/9/17  
WOODBIDGE - Please join us on Thursday, March 23 @ 7:00 PM at the Woodbridge Main Library for Meditation: Improving our Practice, Experiencing the Love Within. Facilitator Jim Rose will help you discover the best way to integrate meditation into your daily life and unlock the doorway to deep inner peace and love. He will show you how you can awaken to the power of divine love through meditation. The more you meditate, the more you experience the peace, joy, and love inside you. This love transforms you and those around you.

Jim Rose, M Ed Rutgers University, is a former executive with Johnson and Johnson. By the time he retired, he was senior vice president in charge of quality management for the J&J Pharmaceutical Group worldwide. Part of Jim’s global responsibilities was teaching conflict resolution through collaboration, the need for respecting and caring for one another, and the necessity of working toward win-win outcomes. As a member of Science of Spirituality, Jim brings his skills to the organization, leading workshops focused on meditation and spirituality and their practical application to daily life. He has spoken all over the world: from throughout the United States and Europe to Dubai and India.

This program is free and no registration is required.

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza.

**Lenten Fish Dinners**  
SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784, will be holding their Annual Lenten Fish Dinners at the Elks Lodge - 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy. Dinners will be held on the following Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.: March 10th, March 24th, April 7th, April 14th. The Banquet Hall will be open for sit down dining. Take-out dinners will be also available by calling 732-727-7170 or just stop by the Lodge during dinner. All proceeds will benefit the Elks Charities.

**MASM presents  
Alexei Yavtuhovich and Organist  
Shea Velloso**

SOUTH AMBOY - Music at Saint Mary’s welcomes violinist Alexei Yavtuhovich and organist Shea Velloso as they team up for what is certain to be memorable experience. Alexei, a 21 year resident of Old Bridge is critically acclaimed for his amazing performances throughout the US, Europe and Asia. Shea, is a regular recitalist throughout the tri-state area and performs on public television, and radio show “Pipedreams”. Don’t miss this delightful dynamic duo in concert. Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., at Saint Mary’s Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 suggested donation). For questions call MASM @ 732-857-0202

**Brushes and**  
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WOODBIDGE Come join the Woodbridge Historical Association on March 27 and learn about John Watson (1685-1768), New Jersey’s first professional artist. The program will be presented by Don Peck based on John Kerry Dyke’s documentary on this forgotten artist who made his home on Water Street in Colonial Perth Amboy, purchasing an adjacent property to serve as his art gallery.

In this documentary film on John Watson, Producer Dyke and his crew researched the archives in several states as well as incorporated artifacts from an archaeological dig conducted by Monmouth University.

This presentation will be held on Monday, March 27, at 7pm in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Public Library, corner of George Frederick Plaza and Amboy Avenue. Light refreshments will follow.

**DVD/Media Drive**  
SOUTH AMBOY - Please place your unwanted DVDs, Blu-Ray, CDs, and video games in good condition, into the collection boxes at the Dowdell Library, or Madura Pharmacy Your contributions will be donated to the Dowdell Library to help enhance its current collection. Larger collections call Grace at 732-721-6592 for pick-up Thank you for your support! This on-Going Collection Drive is Sponsored by the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc.

**Getting a  
Good Night’s  
Rest**

OLD BRIDGE - The Center for Sleep Medicine at Raritan Bay Medical Center, a member of the Hackensack Meridian Health family, is holding a “Getting a Good Night’s Rest” educational session Wednesday, March 15, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in Suite 420, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Learn about sleep disorders, including obstructive sleep apnea, and tips to get a better night’s sleep from Center for Sleep Medicine Medical Director David Goldstein, M.D. The class is free. Registration required, call 1-800-DOTORS (1-800-362-8677). Light refreshments will be served.

**K of C  
“All You Can  
Eat”  
Lenten Linguini  
Dinners**

FORDS - Our Lady of Peace Knights of Columbus Council #9199 of Fords is sponsoring their annual “All You Can Eat” Lenten Linguini Dinners every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday. Due to logistical issues, some minor changes had to be made. The dinners will now be served from 5:30 PM-7:30 PM in the cafeteria below the Church.

The menu includes Linguini, with a choice of Red(Marinara) or White clam sauce, salad, garlic bread, coffee and deserts. Bottled water, soda and iced tea are also available for \$1 each.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for Senior Citizens, \$5 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free. There is a special family price of \$20 (EAT IN ONLY). A family would consist of only 2 adults and any children under 12. No reservations necessary and take-out is available. For more information, call Tony at 732-233-4473.

**Historian Gordon Bond Presenting  
“Citizen Peterson” Talk  
on Anniversary of Thomas Mundy  
Peterson’s Historic Vote**

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY - March 31st will be the 147th anniversary of Thomas Mundy Peterson becoming the first African-American to cast a vote under the 1870 Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Perth Amboy has long taken pride in Peterson and his place in Civil Rights history. After casting his vote, he could have disappeared into history. Yet instead, he fully embraced civic life as a citizen. How Peterson took advantage of this new opportunity is an aspect of the story that few know about.

New Jersey historian, author, and lecturer, Gordon Bond, will be exploring this aspect in his presentation, “Citizen Peterson: How Thomas Mundy Peterson Made the Most of His Historic Vote.” He will be talking specifically about how his original research revealed some of Peterson’s forgotten participation in Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, and State politics.

Bond will also provide an update on the release of a pamphlet about Peterson he is writing for the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission that will be made available free of charge later this year.

Lecture is on Friday, March 31, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson Street, Perth Amboy.

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**Library will Host “Cooking  
Around the World”  
in March**

Press Release 2/17/17  
WOODBIDGE - Top Chef has nothing on Woodbridge Township, or its libraries. Four local chefs sponsored by Middlesex County Office of Cultural and Heritage will offer a world tour of their international specialties, complete with a sample of their cuisines in a series of programs, Cooking Around the World, at Woodbridge Public Libraries in March. Culinary demonstrations will feature various ethnicities and cultures from Woodbridge Township’s diverse community.

Wegmans’ Executive, Chef David Lopatynski, will lead the series kick off the with an Asian-inspired menu featuring Korean and Thai foods at the Main Library, Monday, March 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Chef Lopatynski will showcase four dishes and talk a little about the customs and cultures that inspire their creation.

The Iselin Branch, 188 Green Street, Iselin, will host Urban Spice Executive Chef Rakesh Naik, who will demonstrate Indian cooking and explain the difference between regional specialties, on Monday, March 20, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The Main Library will host a unique Indian experience with Royal Albert’s Palace owner, Albert Jasani, who will also offer a demonstration of regional cuisines. Councilman Patel will serve as our host in the Main Library Meeting Room on Wednesday, March 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

On Monday, March 27th, 6:30 pm, at the Henry Inman Branch Library, 607 Inman Avenue, Colonia, the series finale will take guests to South America with WAKA-Tay, Executive Chef Yahir Botiavin and Business Partner Jairo Flores, will feature the flavors and ingredients used in Peruvian cooking. From the coastal region of Lima, Peru, to the northern reaches of the Andes Mountains, this demonstration will inform and sate even the traveler with a taste for adventure.

Passports are not required. Grant funding for the Cooking Around the World series has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant provided by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts /Department of State.

***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.*

Britain's Royal Air Force on March 13, 1942, launches a raid against Essen, Germany. In Canada, the Women's Army Corps is integrated into the Canadian Army.

The Japanese begin landing troops in the Solomon Islands on March 14. Allied military planners are concerned that the threat to Australia increases if the Japanese build an airfield on Guadalcanal, one of the Solomons chain. In the Philip-pines, American and Filipino defenders on the Bataan pen-insula — threatened by Japanese forces positioned around Manila Bay — begin retreating toward the fortified island of Corregidor, located in Manila Bay. In Ukraine, the city of Kharkiv is surrounded by German forces. In the U.S., Presi-dent Roosevelt sends a proposal to all 48 state governors that speed limits be lowered nationally to 40 miles per hour to conserve rubber.

Because the Jewish ghetto of Riga, Latvia, is becoming overcrowded (due to the deportation of Jews from Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia to the city), the Nazi occupy-ing forces and local collaborationists on March 15 massacre about 1,900 Jews from the Riga ghetto in a forest near the city. A week later, another 1,840 are killed in the same woods. All had been told they were "being resettled" to ease crowd-ing. Southeast of Newfoundland, German submarine *U-503* is depth-charged and sunk by a U.S. Navy Lockheed Hudson PBO-1 aircraft from Naval Station Argentia, in Newfound-land.

On March 16, Mother Nature diverts the attention of Ameri-cans from the world at war: a tornado outbreak hits a large area of the central and southern U.S. Over two days — March 16 and 17 — 24 violent tornadoes kill 153 people and in-jure at least 1,284 in Illinois, Mississippi, Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky and Alabama.

U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, his family and staff on March 17 arrive in Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia, from the Philippines. He is appointed commander of Allied Forces in the southwest Pacific. In the United Kingdom, electric-ity, coal and gas rationing begins; the rationing of clothing, already in effect, is further tightened. In Occupied Poland, the Nazi Belzec extermination camp becomes operational. Large-scale deportations of Jews to the camp from Lublin, Occupied Poland, about 142 miles to the northwest, begin.

On March 18, Kharkiv, Ukraine, is once again in German hands. In Washington, President Roosevelt signs Executive Order 9102 creating the War Relocation Authority, respon-sible for the forced relocation and detention of over 110,000 people — Japanese-American citizens and others of Japanese descent — for the duration of the war.

The American oil tanker SS Papoose is torpedoed and sunk on March 19 by German sub *U-124*, roughly 15 nautical miles southeast of Cape Lookout, North Carolina. In Burma, the Battle of Tachiao ends with the Japanese capturing the town of Pyu from Chinese defenders who had relieved the British there the day before.

**Wills, Estate Planning &  
Probate Seminar**

Press Release Colonia Seniors  
COLONIA - Wills & Estate Administration-Protect Your Family and Make Planning Easy. March 21, 2017 at 1 p.m., Colonia Firehouse 250 Inman Ave., Colonia. SPEAKER: Kenneth Vercammen, Esq. Edison, NJ (Author- Wills and Estate Administration by the ABA) Main Topics:  
1. 2017 changes to NJ Estate Tax & changes to taxes on pensions  
2. Updates in Federal Estate and Gift Tax  
3. The New Probate Law and preparation of Wills  
4. Why a new Power of Attorney is important  
5. Living Wills  
6. Administering the Estate/ Probate/Surrogate  
COMPLIMENTARY MATERIAL: Brochures on Wills, "Answers to Questions about Probate" and Administration of an Estate, Power of Attorney, Living Wills, Real Estate Sales for Seniors, and Trusts. Must be a member of Colonia Seniors. To join or information, con-tact George Vassiliades President, 732-283-1759.

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**Overnight Trip**  
HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors overnight trip to Fox-wood and Mohegan Sun 4/3/17 and 4/4/17. Cost is \$145 a per-son for double room; and \$214 for single per person. Must have full payment by 1/27/17. Call Ronnie for more informa-tion. 732-442-5252

**A.C. Bus Trip  
San Salvador  
Seniors**  
PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Ca-sino in AC on Thursday, Apr. 6, 2017. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Re-ceive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

**Bus Trip  
Holy Rosary  
Seniors**  
HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors sponsoring a bus trip to Mount Airy Casino on Tues-day, June 20 2017. Includes a 3:30 PM show "The Music of Mamma Mia," lunch buffet, \$10 slot play and bus. Cost is \$70 a person. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. For more details please call Ronnie 732-442-5252

**Raffle**  
PERTH AMBOY - Saint John Paul II Parish Raffle, 490 State St., Perth Amboy NJ; Tickets \$20 Each.  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 2017 Honda Civic  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Flat Screen TV 65" – Donated by Toshiba  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Laptop, 15" 8GB – Donated by Zevallos/Skrocki Home for Funerals  
4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Portable Electric Generator – Donated by United Poles Federal Credit Union  
5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Apple Watch – Do-nated by St. John Paul II Parish "Señor de los Milagros"  
6<sup>th</sup> Prize – Apple iPad, Air 2, 9.7 inch/16GB – Donated by Julio's Auto Repair  
7<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$300.00 Gift Card – Donated by Flynn & Sons Fu-neral Home  
8<sup>th</sup> Prize – Snow Removal – Donated by Petra Best Realty  
9<sup>th</sup> Prize – Canon Digital Cam-era EF-S 18-55MM f/3.5-5.6 IS, - Donated by Quisqueya Restaurant  
10<sup>th</sup> Prize – X Box One 500GB – Donated by K&K Project  
TO BE DRAWN Saturday, June 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Stephen's School Auditor-ium.  
No substitutions of the offered prizes may be made. No cash will be given in lieu of the prize. Must be 18 YRS. or older to participate. Winner need not be present. Winner is responsi-ble for all federal and state tax. All proceeds will benefit Saint John Paul II Parish.  
I.D. No. 387-1-39661;  
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**Pet of the Week**



Grumpy Gambit is a sweet, shy gray and white male kitten that needs a home. He is fixed, vaccinated, negative for fiv and leuke-mia, and fully vetted. Adoption application and Donation fee apply. Allforthepaws.org

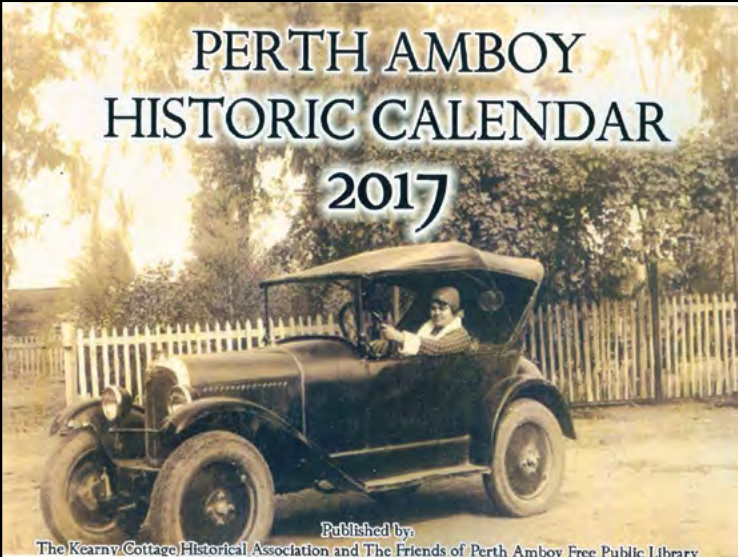
***Have a Special Pet?***  
**E-mail us your Pet Photos to AmboyGuardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.**

**A.C. Bus Trip  
St. John Paul II  
Seniors**  
PERTH AMBOY – There is a Trip to the Golden Nugget Ca-sino in Atlantic City. The next trip will be held on Wed. March 22, 2017. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play and a \$5 food coupon. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Me-chanic Street at 9:45 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

**Fish Fry**  
SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayre-ville, 172 Main Street, Sayre-ville, will be having a Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 31, 2017. Take-out will begin at 5 p.m. and eat-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the Church at 732-257-6353. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. Chicken is available by ad-vance request. All meals in-clude fish, fries, green beans and dessert.

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**2017 Historic Perth Amboy  
Calendars**



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**2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars are now 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, Perth Amboy City Hall or Call Paul or Katherine at 732-293-1090. Back by popular demand the Calendars feature old photographs from Perth Amboy. Sponsored by the Kearny Cottage Historical Association and the Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library. Calendars are \$10 Each.**

Novena to St. Rita

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

About Boating Safety Course

WOODBIDGE – Presented by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 44, Sewaren, NJ. All classes are taught by NJ State Certified Instructors. Class Date(s) start Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 8 a.m. Course Length – 8 hrs. at Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main St., Woodbridge. Cost \$50. Upon successful completion of the ABS course, the student will receive a certification and a NJ State Boating Certificate. The NJ State Boating Safety Certificate allows the individual to operate a personal watercraft and allow any individual to operate a recreational motorboat on NJ/ NY waters. For more information or to register: call James Crincoli – 732-574-0731. Note: Meets New Jersey/New York State Boating Requirements for both states - with the successful test completion. Special Sale Price of \$50 for spring of 2017. Register soon and learn from the best.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Mother's Guild Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - Sunday, March 19 doors open at 3 p.m. auction starts at 5 p.m. admission \$5 per person, St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy.

Designer Bag Bingo & Tricky Tray!

PERTH AMBOY – Bag Bingo and Tricky Tray on March 19, 2017 at Perth Amboy Moose Lodge, 989 Convery Blvd, Perth Amboy. Doors open at 12 Noon; Calling starts at 1:30 p.m. \$25 admission includes boards, cake, coffee, and door prize ticket. Kitchen will be open no outside food permitted. Must be 18 to play. Please call or e-mail Donna 732-925-8273 or e-mail: jndcarpen-ter420@gmail.com

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Pick up a book or two (\$.50 for paperbacks/\$1 for hard cover) ...or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. Presently due to lack of shelf space we are NOT accepting any donations of books.  
Visit us at the Brighton Ave. Community Center located at the corner of Brighton Ave. and Sadowski Pkwy. in Perth Amboy. The schedule is as follows: Saturdays March 25, April 8 and 22. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsoperthamboylibrary@gmail.com Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**  
TUES. Mar. 14 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. Mar. 15 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
• Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.  
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.  
THURS. Mar. 16 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.  
MON. Mar. 20 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.  
TUES. Mar. 21 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.  
WED. Mar. 22 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.  
THURS. Mar. 23 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**  
MON. Mar. 27 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.  
MON. Apr. 3 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.  
WED. Apr. 5 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

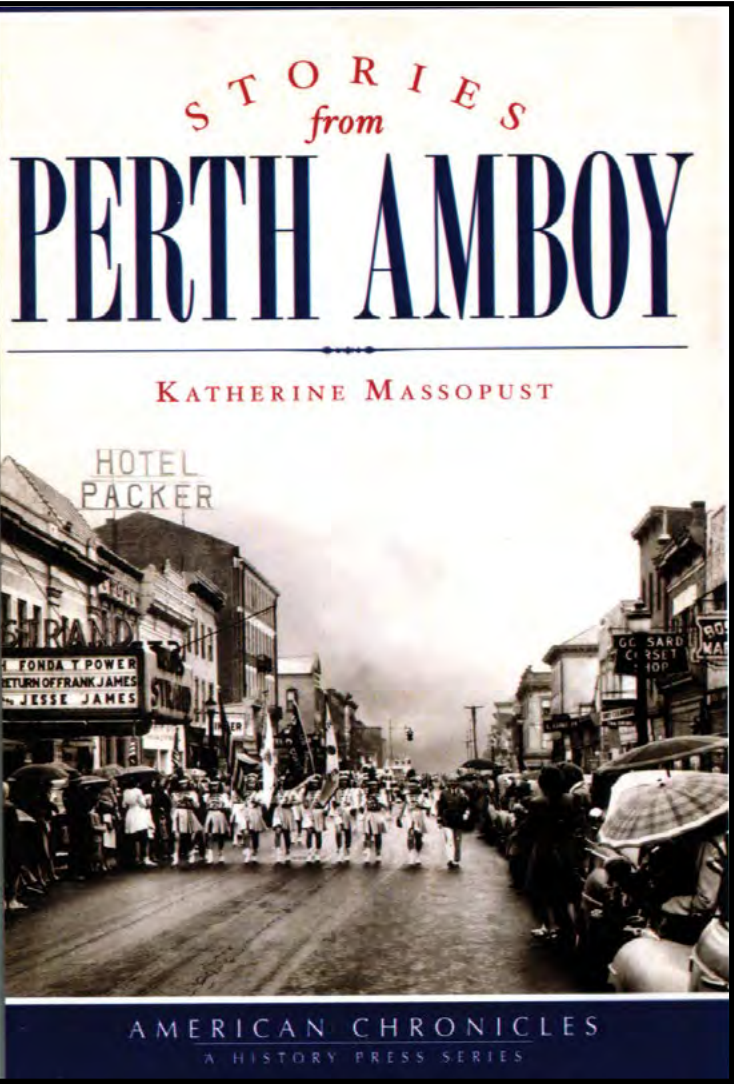
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy High School Baseball Team 1905.  
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**Stories From Perth Amboy**  
PERTH AMBOY - Stories From Perth Amboy by Katherine Massopust is available at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy or in Fertig's Uniform Store, 195 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy For more info call Katherine at 732-261-2610 or call the Barge at 732-442-3000 - or Fertig's at 732-442-1079 - A Great Gift! Get it now along with Then & Now: Perth Amboy!

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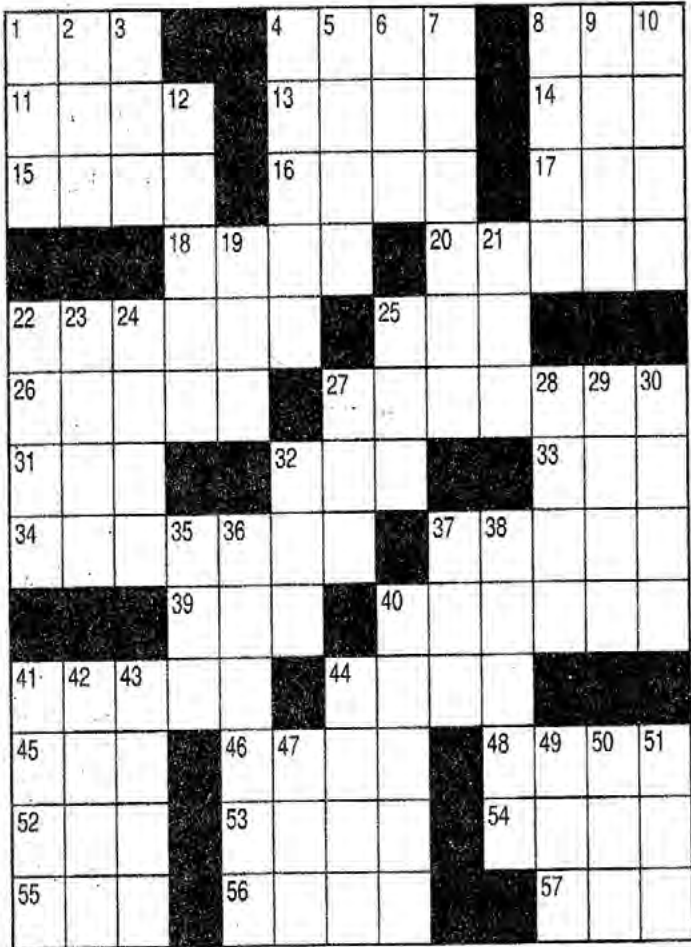
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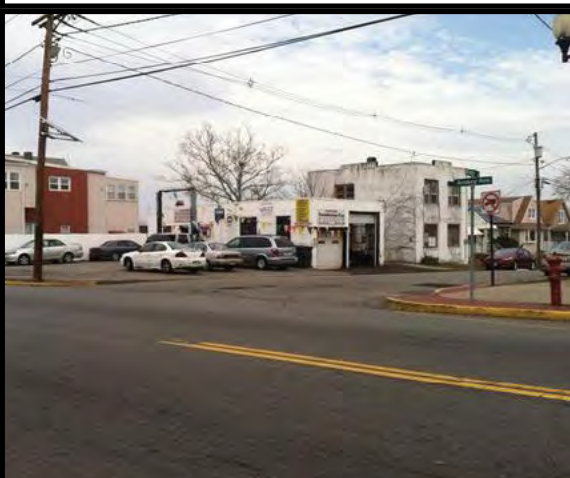
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