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## Perth Amboy & South Amboy Kickoff Celebration for July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks *Barry Rosengarten Given Key to the City*



Mayors Fred Henry and Wilda Diaz



Barry Rosengarten receives a proclamation signed by Congressman Frank Pallone



Barry Rosengarten is given the Key to the City by Mayor Diaz  
*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY/SOUTH AMBOY – On Tuesday, May 2, 2017 on the Cornucopia Cruise Line, Riverboat St. Charles the Cities of Perth Amboy and South Amboy started the kick-off campaign for the 2017 Fireworks Display to be held on July 3, 2017 (rain date 7/4/17). The fireworks are completely funded through the generosity of local businesses through the Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes Committee chaired by Barry

Rosengarten.

WCTC (1450 AM) and WMGQ (Magic 98.3 FM) Radio Personality Bert Baron was the Master of Ceremonies at the event. He introduced South Amboy City Council President and Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes Co-Chair Mickey Gross.

Gross thanked Barry Rosengarten's personal assistant, Yolanda Flores, "It's real simple. Yolanda Flores makes this happen. She sent emails for 10 months asking if we would do

the fireworks again. The answer was "Yes!" In this day and age we proved them wrong. We're going to give a great fireworks show. We have two great Mayors. What a beautiful City Perth Amboy is. I consider it my second home. I want to thank the local businesses and Stacy Candy, the new B.A. of South Amboy. Every year, this event gets better and better. Bert, I thank you. I'd like to thank the EMTs, Fire Departments and First Aid. One thing is evident – two

cities show us proud. I thank Barry Rosengarten. We're standing here due to our Veterans and Armed Forces. Please take 10 seconds to say thank you to them."

Honorary Co-Chairs Mayors Wilda Diaz and Fred Henry came up to speak next. Mayor Diaz said, "Thank you and welcome. I am honored to be the host city to chair such a special event. We are creating lasting memories of our cities. How happy the children are to see this event. We can't do this

without my coworkers. We are also acknowledging the generosity of our sponsors of whom I am forever grateful to make our dreams possible."

Diaz continued, "Back in 2012, I spoke to Mayor Henry (about doing the fireworks). I'd like to thank Co-Chair (and City Council President) Bill Petrick. You guys are doing an amazing job. It's not only about fireworks – it's about the celebration of the history of

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## Updates on Ferry Progress; Pumping Station; Purchases Explained; Council Comments; Public Portion *5/3/17 Business Meeting*

SOUTH AMBOY - Business Item No. A - A Resolution for Potomac Hudson Environmental, Inc. - Change Order No. 2.

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz explained, "This was necessary because of the removal of the artifacts found. So far, the cost of this project is \$553,954.59"

Business Administrator Camille Tooker told the Council, "This money has already been approved."

Rasimowicz continued, "The remediation has been completed. The artifacts found have been documented, and everything is backfilled. Monitoring will go on for two years. We are now in the design phase. Permits are being modified and the design is about a year away. Everything should be done by

2019."

B.A. Camille Tooker stated, "There is a letter of intent from the New York Waterway for the ferry service."

Business Item No. C. - Resolution for Emergency Pump Station Repairs at Raritan Street, South Pine Avenue, and Louisa Street.

Rasimowicz stated, "We are inspecting all pump stations. We have to make upgrades on all of our pumps. Venetian is having problems with their pumping systems. It's up to the Venetian Engineer to solve the problem that they're having with their overflow."

Business Administrator Camille Tooker explained the importance of certain equipment / items that would be needed to be purchased shortly. One of

these purchases is for a Senior Bus. Another purchase for the City's immediate needs is equipment for beach replenishment and cleanups.

Tooker explained where there was a recent demonstration of this piece of equipment. It was very effective in removing a great deal of sand and debris. The Council will be given a list of a breakdown of the equipment needed for all the various City Departments.

Councilman Tom Reilly said, "On May 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Business Breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. taking place at the Art Museum. A film will be shown that will shed a very good light on the City."

He spoke again in regards to the Business Breakfast Meeting, "Can there be a presenta-

tion of Shop South Amboy?"

Tooker replied, "I will look into it."

He also suggested that there be a digital sign if possible outside City Hall advertising upcoming City Events.

Camille Tooker responded, "We looked into this about two years ago."

Councilman MacLaughlin suggested, "We can look at the technology and our budget and see if perhaps, forming a Municipal Alliance."

Council President Mickey Gross stated, "I know that the town of Edison has an alliance."

Gross also addressed concerns from Councilman Brian MacLaughlin. MacLaughlin had questions about Department Heads and how they are

licensed.

Gross stated, "Most Department Heads are licensed by entities outside of South Amboy such as the State and County Agencies. There are checks and balances as well as continued training that Department Heads take."

When Mayor Henry spoke, he talked about the monthly meetings. "We're looking at a second firehouse. We are in the process of setting up a committee."

MacLaughlin asked Henry, "Are they are looking incorporate the First Aid?"

Mayor Henry responded, "We're looking at it, but it will cost a lot of money."

During the Public Portion, two Residents who live at 145

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*Perth Amboy City Council Meeting 7 p.m. 5/10/17*



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Fireworks Return on July 3, 2017



Sponsors of the Fireworks pose for a group photo  
*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*

our nation. If not for our men and women who defend our nation, we would not be here today. We are blessed to have a replica of the Liberty Bell in our City. We are proud to say: we are from Perth Amboy; we are from South Amboy. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you."

South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry came up to speak, "I want to thank everyone. A number of years ago we got this started. We have a great contingency here from South Amboy. B.A. Camille Tooker is retiring this month. She goes way beyond being just the B.A. Think about the July 4<sup>th</sup> history. It's important that we do these things. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." For me, it's a great honor to speak as Mayor of South Amboy. We want to keep reminding all the great things about this country. I would like to thank the sponsors."

August Santore of Garden State Fireworks offered a few words, "It's a collaboration of business and government. There's nothing like seeing the faces of our children. This year we are focusing on patriotic music."

Mayors Diaz and Henry then presented Barry Rosengarten with a special Congressional Recognition which was signed on 5/2/17 by Congressman Frank Pallone. Rosengarten was overwhelmed with emo-



Yolanda Flores, Roxana Troche, Bert Baron & Barry Rosengarten

tion, "I'm truly humbled. This is not about me, but about the great team we have. It's an obligation and responsibility we all have."

Bert Baron then read a very, very lengthy list of achievements that Barry Rosengarten accomplished over his lifetime and his dedication and service to the City of Perth Amboy.

Mayor Wilda Diaz then presented Rosengarten with the Key to the City. Diaz stated with pride, "Barry always said, If only I had the key to the City, I'd be in City Hall every day. Our Community is much richer because we have you in our City."

Mayor Fred Henry then added, "It's incredible what Barry has achieved in his lifetime, dedication, community service and achievements by advancing our beautiful Cities. I hope you have continuous health and happiness."

Barry Rosengarten contin-

ued, "The team deserves a round of applause. This year marks the 4<sup>th</sup> successive Independence Day Fireworks Celebration. This year, there will be themes resounding the sounds of freedom. We're proud Americans – all of us! It's important for all of us to stand and thank our Veterans."

"It is said that: "A Veteran is someone who, at one point in their life wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount up to and including their life." - Unknown

Rosengarten then added, "I have two women in my life: Yolanda Flores, my personal assistant and Roxana Troche who will be retiring this year. We all will miss you in a powerful way."

Each sponsor was given a Celebrate Our Stars and Stripes Beach Towel.

Correction

**PERTH AMBOY -** In the 3/1/17 issue of the Amboy Guardian in the story titled "Civil Rights Hero: Sarah Keys Evens" the lawyer who defended Evens was Mrs. Dovey Johnson Roundtree, a graduate of Howard University Law School - not the NAACP. The Amboy Guardian regrets this error.

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Press Release 4/27/17

WOODBIDGE - Please join guest speaker Kenneth Vercammen, Managing Attorney from Kenneth Vercammen & Associates, as he presents "Wills, Estate Planning & Probate" @ the Woodbridge Main Library on May 15 @ 7pm!

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Attendees will receive complimentary brochures. This event is free and open to all. No registration is required.

Kenneth A. Vercammen is an Edison, Middlesex County, NJ trial attorney who has published 125 articles in national and New Jersey publications on business and litigation topics. He often lectures to trial lawyers of the American Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association and Middlesex County Bar Association. Learn more about him @ <http://www.njlaws.com/>

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Author  
Presentation

PERTH AMBOY – There will be an author presentation on Saturday, May 20, 2017, 1 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson Street. Presenting Organizing Humorist, Media Personality and Author of "Keep This Toss That!", Jaime Novak, who will give a talk on how to unclutter your life, a Laugh-Out-Loud look at the common challenges to getting organized. Free. Reservations Suggested but not Required



United Messengers of Peace to  
Host Walk in Support of  
Lung Cancer Awareness

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY – Nonprofit organization and charity, United Messengers of Peace invites community members to sign up for their first Lung Cancer Awareness Walk on Saturday May 13, 2017 beginning at the Perth Amboy Train Station and ending at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church (183 Rector St). Participants can register online at UMoPLCA.eventbrite.com. Volunteers are needed for the event. Volunteer information will be provided upon request.  
The UMoP Lung Cancer Awareness Walk, supported by the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Renovation House, Abundant Life Worship Center, Thrift World Outlet, and God’s Army Ministries, will aim to bring awareness of lung cancer to the community. Registration for this event is free and can be completed ahead of time at umoplca.eventbrite.com.  
The walk starts at 11:00 AM at the Perth Amboy Train Station, with participant and sponsor registration/check-in

running from 9 AM-10:15 AM. Open registration will also occur during this time frame. The walk will begin at 11 AM sharp!  
“This is our first season hosting this walk and every year we notice how the need for lung cancer awareness rises,” said Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe, Founder and President. “With the help of our supporters and community members, we anticipate the spread of lung cancer awareness will increase tremendously this year.”  
Following the event, participants are invited to refreshments and information provided by various community businesses and organizations!  
For more information or to register online, please visit UMoPLCA.eventbrite.com or unitedmessengers08.wix.com/umop/lca-walk-registration.  
A Quick Note United Messengers of Peace is a registered nonprofit organization and NJ charity. Donations for the event will be accepted at any time and are tax-deductible.

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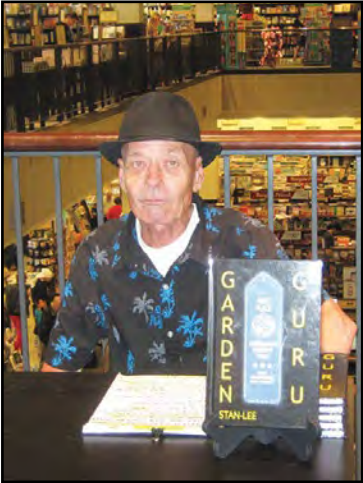
Remembering the Stanley "Spike" Jaremczak  
The Garden Guru  
Jan. 18, 1953 -Apr. 29, 2017



Stanley "Spike" Jaremczak (a.k.a. The Garden Guru) (L) with his Companion, Carol Sabo (C) and friend, Scott Sable (R). All three have won multiple ribbons in the Middlesex County Fair for gardening.  
\*File Photo by C. Maxwell



The Garden Guru gives a lecture on pickling at the Kearny Cottage. He was a popular speaker at the Cottage.  
\*File Photo by K. Massopust



Stanley Jaremczak with a copy of his book, "Garden Guru" at Barnes & Noble in Edison at the Friends of the Library Book Fair  
\*File Photo by T. Gianfrancesco

Stanley Jaremczak passed away this past Saturday, April 29, 2017.

We first learned about Stanley (a.k.a. The Garden Guru) when his friend, Joe B. suggested we contact him to speak at the Kearny Cottage about his gardening skills.

Stanley has celebrated 25 years winning blue ribbons at the Middlesex County Fair. In fact, in 2015 (as noted in the August 19, 2015 issue of the Amboy Guardian) the Garden Guru celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Middlesex County Fair. He won 12 ribbon's that year. Eight First place blue ribbons. In that time frame he had over 100 First Place Blue Ribbons and close to 200 total Ribbons. The Garden Guru won First Place for the biggest cucumber for 17 straight years, biggest green pepper, biggest carrot, purple basil vinegar and hot cherry pepper's to name a few.

Stanley agreed to do a presentation at the Kearny Cottage. He was so popular that we immediately knew that we would be inviting him back.

He made another appear-

ance, this time to demonstrate his pickling skills.

During his presentations at the Kearny Cottage, he would hand each attendee a ticket for a chance to win a door prize that he donated.

Stanley enjoyed coming to the Cottage so much that he had plans to invite us to see his garden in his backyard and also join him for a barbecue.

Unfortunately, we never had a chance to do so.

Stanley was also friends with Local Poet Dioris Arlequin who immortalized Stanley in a poem "The Garden Guru." (See to the right)

Stanley served the community as a Perth Amboy Police Officer for 25 years before he retired.

He would beam when speaking about his Companion, Carol Sabo and boasted about the many ribbons that she won for her gardening skills as well. She was always by his side. The last time the Garden Guru made an appearance at the Cottage, besides Carol, he also brought along his friend, Paul Sable, who Stanley mentioned was also a gifted gardener.

Our Condolences to all of those who were touched by Stanley and we thank Joe B. for introducing us to this Gardener Extraordinaire.  
C.M. & K.M.



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THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Public Servants  
or Self-Servants

After doing research on the salaries, benefits, pensions and other perks of certain employees, I've come to the conclusion that the term, "Public Servant" is merely a euphemism for self-servants. This does not apply to all cases, but when someone's potential retirement income far exceeds what they made while working. There's a problem. No need to wonder why towns, states and country are in debt. Remem-

ber, governments are not profit making entities. In fact, the opposite is true. The solution is of course, to raise taxes so that those who are not "public servants" have less to fund those who are. We are at the mercy of the unions who think their members have a sense of entitlement. Perhaps they should pay into and live on social security like the rest of us. – Oh, and wait until they're 65 years old to start collecting!

Sincerely,  
Michael J. Rusznak

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Would have been proud of him.  
From peppers to radishes, to his  
Famous cucumbers,  
His prowess in his garden is known to everyone.  
So on this day,  
I pay tribute to Stanley the Garden Guru

Dioris Arlequin

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

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

## Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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](http://www.KearnyCottage.org)

## Proprietary House Open

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

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

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

## Community Calendar

### Perth Amboy

TUES. May 9 BID, 4 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
• Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.  
Library, Jefferson St.  
WED. May 10 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

### South Amboy

WED. May 17 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway  
WED. May 31 Planning Board, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway

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## Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

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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# Raritan Bay Medical Center Now Provides Advanced Robotic Surgery

Press Release 5/2/17

OLD BRIDGE - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center Old Bridge has added the latest in robotic technology to its surgical services with the da Vinci Xi®, the most advanced robotic-assisted surgical system currently available. The addition of this minimally-invasive surgical system allows surgeons at Raritan Bay Medical Center to operate robotically in a number of complex surgeries that would otherwise need to be performed through traditional, open surgery. This is good news for patients as robotic surgery has several advantages over traditional surgery, including; smaller incisions, less blood loss during surgery, fewer complications, and shorter recovery periods and hospital stay.

“Joining a leading health care organization has provided us with the resources to make improvements and enhance our services. To date, we have focused on our patients’ and guests’ experiences, adding Palliative Care and Concierge services and forming a Patient Family Advisory Council, as well as recruiting top surgical subspecialty and primary care physicians,” said Michael R. D’Agnes, president of Raritan Bay Medical Center, referencing Raritan Bay’s 2016 merger with Meridian Health, now Hackensack Meridian Health. “The da Vinci Xi surgical technology is our first major capital investment, made possible by joining the network family, to enhance the treatment options for our patients. As we continue to attract new surgical subspecialty and primary care physicians, adding leading-edge health care technology is necessary to provide them the tools needed to deliver exceptional care.”

Raritan Bay appointed Board Certified General Surgeon Frederick Sabido, M.D., FACS, as director of the new Center for Robotic Surgery. The experienced surgeon of more than 20 years has performed over 400 robotic-assisted surgeries and specializes in Robotic Single Site Cholecystectomy and Robotic

Abdominal Wall and Inguinal Hernia repair.

“Robotic surgery far surpasses any other surgical approach. It greatly enhances the surgeon’s ability to visualize tissue, allowing for more flexibility to make repairs in tighter spaces,” says Dr. Sabido. “This computer-assisted system gives us very precise control of movement, essential during a minimally invasive procedure.” Dr. Sabido’s case volume and proficiency in robotic hernia repair surgery led the American Hernia Society to invite him to participate in a large-scale collaborative quality study of the procedure, which includes clinical follow-up with his patients for 15 years to monitor outcomes.

“Typically, patients who receive robotic hernia repair can resume normal activities immediately, since they do not need to be given narcotics as part of the procedure, with no post-operative or chronic pain or scarring,” says Dr. Sabido.

Initially, Raritan Bay will provide robotic surgery in the areas of general and urological surgery and then expand offerings to include other subspecialties. The da Vinci Xi system has a wide range of surgical applications, including; liver tumors, obesity, pancreatic tumors, kidney tumors, bladder cancer, diverticulitis, colorectal cancer, gynecologic cancers and more. The hospital’s surgical suites at Raritan Bay Old Bridge are conveniently housed in the Medical and Surgical Pavilion, a “one stop shop” allowing patients to receive pre-operative testing and blood work, visit their physicians and have their surgery in the same location.

The Center for Robotic Surgery’s nurse navigator guides patients through their care, for more information call 1-800-DOCTORS. Raritan Bay’s robotic system complements other da Vinci robots at Hackensack Meridian Health locations, including; Hackensack University Medical Center, Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Riverview Medical Center, Hackensack-UMC Mountainside, and Ocean Medical Center.

# Historic Perth Amboy Synagogue to Honor Outgoing Rabbi June 11

*Rabbi Ari Y. Saks Known for Community Engagement Both Within the  
Congregation and Throughout Central New Jersey’s Faith Communities*

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Congregation Beth Mordecai is hosting “An Evening Honoring Rabbi Saks” June 11 in honor of the congregation’s outgoing rabbi.

The dinner is a special celebratory event to acknowledge Rabbi Ari Y. Saks’ efforts in the central New Jersey Jewish community, the city of Perth Amboy and his work in many faith-based organizations throughout Middlesex County and Monmouth County.

"I will be forever grateful to Beth Mordecai for giving me -- and my family -- a loving Jewish community to call home over the past five years, while providing a platform for me right out of Seminary to share my Torah as a rabbi," Saks said. "I am deeply honored that in my final days as rabbi of Beth Mordecai, the congregation is taking a moment to reflect on the work we've done together to grow as a community, while using this opportunity as a springboard to continue its efforts in revitalizing Jewish Perth Amboy."

Since arriving at Beth Mordecai in 2012, Saks oversaw a 30 percent jump in the historic synagogue’s membership growth, developing programming for

young adults, teens, children, adults and interfaith families which attracted many throughout central New Jersey. Nicknamed the “Mall Rabbi” for his engagement efforts, Saks is known for his outreach activities in public places, holding a weekly “Ask the Rabbi” session in the Menlo Park Mall, Edison, food court and holding Torah study sessions in cafes throughout central New Jersey.

While serving as rabbi of Beth Mordecai, he took up mantles of leadership throughout the community, serving as Deputy Commander of the Perth Amboy Police Chaplain Corps, president of the Rabbinical Association in the Heart of New Jersey and as an alumni board member of the Chautauqua New Clergy Program. He is also a fellow at Rabbin Without Borders and a member of the Metuchen-Edison Area Interfaith Clergy Association.

“I want to thank Rabbi Saks for his five years of service and commitment to our congregation,” said Alan Roy, President of Congregation Beth Mordecai’s executive board. “He was instrumental in bringing new light, fresh ideas and enthusiastic leadership to the synagogue.



Rabbi Ari Saks

He’s developed strong relationships with many people in our community and the greater Perth Amboy community as a whole.”

An Evening Honoring Rabbi Saks will be held June 11, 2017, 4 p.m.- 8 p.m. at The Armory, 200 Front St., Perth Amboy. The evening will feature a three-course dinner, an ad journal and a raffle. Tickets are \$49 per person. Kosher dietary rules are under the supervision of Rabbi Saks.

RSVPs are due to the synagogue office by May 31. For more information, including ticket and ad journal purchase, visit [www.bethmordecai.org](http://www.bethmordecai.org) or contact the synagogue office at (732) 442-1373.

# Happy Anniversary Alameda Center And Many More!

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Indeed, Platinum Health of New Jersey acquired this renowned facility back in 2016 and has worked steadfastly to elevate every aspect of the rehab and skilled nursing services, honoring its commitment to the Perth Amboy community, and its mission to provide Progressive Rehab – And An Impressive Experience to the communities of Middlesex County and its commitment to the Perth Amboy community.

“It has been a year of exceptional teamwork and great accomplishments”, says Jay Berger, LNHA, Administrator at Alameda Center. Among these accomplishments, “to be chosen as a collaborator by Raritan Bay Medical Center to manage the post-surgery care of patients undergoing hip and knee replacement is a true testament to the excellent in rehab and skilled nursing care – something my team and I are very proud of”.

Starting at 8 am on April 21, the staff members were treated to an all-day raffle of gift cards – a generous way of expressing appreciation to a staff that has grown together throughout this year the way a family does: facing challenges together – and celebrating success together.

Looking forward to sustained growth, the 250-bed subacute rehabilitation and nursing care



April 30, 2017. Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Transitioning a successful healthcare facility to new ownership is no easy feat; elevating its 30-year reputation of clinical excellence is a goal that demands total dedication. Achieving both in one year is beyond remarkable – and that’s what the team at Alameda Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare is celebrating as they mark the Center’s 1-Year Anniversary.

*\*Photo Submitted*

facility will soon launch a Best Evidence Based Medicine Sepsis Protocol aimed at early identification of infection markers that will enable their specialized staff to identify, communicate with physicians, diagnose, treat, and improve the overall quality of life of patients.

“Thank you for everything you do every day, especially to those of you who have worked with me through the transition; your dedication to our residents and our Center is extremely appreciated” read a communication sent by Jay Berger early in the morning of April 21. Delighted to celebrate the milestone, Berger’s message to the

staff at Alameda could not be more heartfelt – and proud!

Voted “Best of The Best” three years in a row in Middlesex County by Home News Tribune, Alameda Center is charting new frontiers in patient care with an impressive suite of specialized programs that include state-of-the-art Orthopedic Rehabilitation, Pulmonary Care, Cardiac Telemetry, Peritoneal Dialysis and unique Hispanic and Indian Cultural Programs.

For more information about Alameda Center please contact Junel Hutchinson Executive Director of Admissions & Marketing at 732-638-7280 and visit <http://alamedacenter.com>.

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National Day of Prayer, City Hall Circle 5/5/17

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Sayreville/  
South Amboy  
Police Auxiliary  
Members Wanted

SOUTH AMBOY/SAYREVILLE - Attention South Amboy / Sayreville Residents: The Sayreville Police Auxiliary is seeking new members to join its volunteer force. If you are interested in a future in law enforcement and have a desire to serve your community, this is a great opportunity! Interested applicants must be 18 years of age or older, be able to pass a criminal background check and possess a valid New Jersey driver’s license. Interested applicants can download an application from: [www.sayrevillepoliceaux.org](http://www.sayrevillepoliceaux.org)

Food Stamps Assistance

PERTH AMBOY - Every Wednesday there will be a Food Stamps Assistance Program 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.: JRF’s Family Success Center families to come in and meet with a representative from the Community Food Bank of NJ to assist with food stamps application and eligibility guidelines. For additional information please call 732-638-5063 or visit our office located at: 149 Kearny Ave. Perth Amboy (Rear of Proprietary House).



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# Slow Down to Get Around Legislation Signed into Law in New Jersey

## Motorists Required to Slow Down and Proceed With Caution When Approaching Active Sanitation Vehicles or Face New Penalties

Press Release 5/3/17  
TRENTON – On May 1st, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie (R), signed into law legislation that will protect workers in the waste and recycling industry. A-4452/S-518, New Jersey’s version of the Slow Down to Get Around law, affords waste industry workers the same kinds of slow down protections around their vehicles as afforded police, ambulance workers and other emergency personnel around their vehicles. The legislation was sponsored by Senator Jennifer Beck (R-11); and, Assembly Members Joann Downey (D-11), Eric Houghtaling (D-11), Daniel Benson (D-14) and Raj Mukherji (D-33.)

New Jersey is now the fifteenth state to enact this vital legislation, commonly referred to as Slow Down to Get Around, which is designed to protect waste and recycling workers. The New Jersey chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) took critical steps to develop this legislation nationally and then worked hard with industry members to achieve its enactment in the New Jersey legisla-

ture. The bill can be found electronically at: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/Default.asp> (search S518 under bills).

The law is now in effect and requires motorists to slow down, safely change lanes if possible and operate with due caution around waste trucks when safety lights are flashing, similar to cautions motorists must now exercise when traveling through a construction work zone or when passing other stopped safety vehicles. Slow Down to Get Around is a nationwide campaign by NWRA and its state chapters.

“This law is about the safety of waste industry workers who serve our communities statewide, every day,” said, John Wohlrab, Director of Government Relations, Greater Mid Atlantic Area for Waste Management, a leader in the New Jersey chapter of NWRA. “All New Jersey motorists are now to exercise caution and must slow down to get around sanitation vehicles, which will save lives and prevent unnecessary accidents and injuries. Our focus now turns to raising aware-

ness of the new law and educating residents of the dangers that our collectors face daily on New Jersey roadways.”

The most recent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that the waste and recycling collection occupation ranks fifth in the nation for injuries, accidents and fatalities, and more recent data shows that many accidents involving waste and collection workers are caused by inattentive motorists and distracted driving. New Jersey now joins fourteen other states that have enacted Slow Down to Get Around, including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia, Wisconsin and West Virginia.

In all states, NWRA encourages motorists to be aware of the roadside dangers facing sanitation workers. NWRA is asking the media, safety and transportation agencies and community leaders in New Jersey to be active in educating the general public about the new law.



# Flea Market Swap, Train Station, Perth Amboy 4/29/17 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



# South Amboy Business Meeting

*\*Continued From Page 1*

Stockton St. were frustrated by a neighboring property on their block where there have been many problems that have not been addressed. "The grass has not been mowed. The owners at that property have been taken to court."

Business Administrator Camille Tooker addressed the Residents' concerns, "Every time you've called about a problem, the City has taken action. On the last court date, you left before it ended."

The Residents told B.A. Tooker, "This is not true. We were told we didn't have to stay until the end because the results of what took place (that day) would be emailed to us. I thought there would be more open communication (between us and the Code Enforcement Department.)"

Tooker told the Residents, "The next court date (to address the problem at the Stockton Street property in question)

will be May 11."

She suggested to the two Residents who have filed complaints to: "Copy all communications that you sent to Jay Elliot (Director of Code Enforcement) to me and to Councilman Tom Reilly. Our biggest issue is getting that house to where it should be. I don't think it's Jay Elliot's fault."

The two Residents responded, "We know it's in the court's control. We just want monthly updates and to clear the air."

Tooker answered, "I will reach out to Jay Elliot to give you updates (about what's going on pertaining to the property in question)."

Councilman Thomas Reilly then spoke up and suggested, "We may need another full time Code Enforcement Officer."

Mayor Henry responded to that request, "This problem is more of a court problem."

Reilly responded and said, "It still isn't fair to the Residents."

**ANUNCIO PARA TODA LA AUTORIDA DE VIVIENDA DE PERTH AMBOY**  
**Participantes de Vivienda Pública y Sección 8**

Efectivo el Lunes, 17 de Abril del 2017, por favor esté al tanto que La Autoridad de Vivienda de la Ciudad de Perth Amboy implementó nuevos horarios de oficina para los participantes de nuestros programas de la siguiente manera

Lunes	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Martes	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Miércoles	Solo Citas- No visitas sin programar
Jueves	8:30 am-4:30 pm
Viernes	No Citas- No visitas sin programar
Oficina Cerrada Al Público	

Debido a un incremento en los casos de Vivienda Pública y sección 8, es necesario que la Autoridad de Vivienda limite las visitas sin programar de los clientes para que el personal tenga tiempo suficiente sin interrupciones y así procesar la documentación de clientes de manera oportuna.

Lamentamos cualquier inconveniencia que esta decisión podría causar y queremos asegurarnos que siempre vamos a proporcionar los más altos niveles de calidad en vivienda y servicio al cliente.

Nosotros le sugerimos que utilice el correo electrónico para comunicarse con nuestro personal, de igual manera puede dejar un mensaje en nuestro sistema automatizado de correo de voz.

Residentes de Vivienda Pública pueden continuar teniendo acceso a la oficina para pagar la renta o para reportar problemas de mantenimiento. Todos los demás asuntos deben ser tratados de acuerdo al horario listado arriba.

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## 20<sup>th</sup> and Finale Drawing of Franklin D. English Scholarship

Press Release  
SOUTHAMBOY - A \$1000.00 Scholarship will be awarded by lottery to a South Amboy resident graduating in June 2017. Interested High School seniors can register for the drawing by mailing a copy of their acceptance from an institute of higher learning, College, or Technical Institute to the address below.

Please submit your acceptance letter by June 13, 2017.  
The drawing will be held on June 15, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at The Dowdell Library. All applicants are welcome to witness the drawing. Past members of the South Amboy Lions Club are also Invited to attend the drawing.

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## Cruise Nights on Broadway

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## Every Day Should Be Mother's Day Celebrating Mothers with Love, Gifts and a Mother's Day Procession

Press Release  
PERTH AMBOY - Mothers everywhere will be celebrated Sunday, May 14th and Cathedral International will not be left out of the celebration, according to Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., Senior Pastor, "On Mother's Day we show appreciation to mothers for their sacrificial love. And it is a day of remembrance for those of us who no longer have mothers with us."

"Every Day should be Mother's Day" is the chosen theme for this year's celebration which starts Saturday with the church providing manicures and pedicures for mothers. On Sunday all mothers are invited to participate in a Mother's Day procession starting prior to the 9:30am worship service at The Cathedral, 277 Madison Avenue. Gifts will be given to all mothers attending both services 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend services at the church and especially on Mother's Day.

For more information about Cathedral International's services and programs, call the church at 732.826-5293 or visit the website at [www.cathedral-international.org](http://www.cathedral-international.org).

## Exciting May Programs! Culinary Classes and Live Music with Marc Black

Press Release 4/28/17  
SOUTH AMBOY – Stop by the Dowdell Library in May for exciting programming including Culinary Classes and a 50's & 60's Musical Tribute with Marc Black.

Looking for appetizer ideas for your Memorial Day weekend? Join us on Wednesdays, May 10 and 17 from 3-4 pm for a culinary demonstration as we make a warm delicious dip, good for everything from chips to veggies!

Stop by for Music @ Dowdell on Tuesday, May 30 from 6-8 pm with Marc Black, an Eclectic Folk Rocker and NY Chapter Blues Hall of Fame Inductee as he plays a musical tribute from the 50's and 60's. Step back in time and hear some tunes such as "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini," moving folk songs like Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind," and many others.

To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

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](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).

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## Spring Flower Fair 2017 The Ultimate Plant Sale

NEW BRUNSWICK – Rutgers is having its annual Spring Flower Fair - The Ultimate Plant Sale! on May 12, 13, 14. The sale is on rain or shine. Come out to support the Gardens and our Student Internship Program.

Please know that while there is a large volume of plant material we cannot guarantee that things will not sell out before Sunday.

May 11 - Members Only Preview Sale and Reception - Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm. The sale is open to all members and special guests. Avoid the weekend crowds while you have a glass of wine, and be the first to select and purchase your plants. Sale Time: Friday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please bring your own garden cart. No Dogs allowed in the sales area please.

The Spring Flower Fair is a garden plant sale that provides you with the opportunity to purchase everyone's favorite varieties, as well as unique and/or difficult-to-find plants that will enhance your garden with flower, form or food. This year we increased the selection of those hard-to-find plants, but also focused upon those plants that will provide solutions to difficult sites in your garden!

Your purchase directly benefits the Rutgers Gardens Student Internship Program, which will provide hands-on educational experience for over 12 students this coming summer. Rutgers Gardens is entirely self-supporting, and your support is greatly needed and appreciated!

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Purchase your tickets in advance for a journey back to the 18th century. Learn why tea was of such importance to the era's fashion-conscious families that their portraits included their tea sets. Historian Stacy F. Roth dons period attire to explore tea's history in colonial America, the beverage's cultural importance, tea's social rituals and etiquette. The program includes a living history display, with demonstrations, prose, poetry & music. Following Ms. Roth's presentation, afternoon tea, finger sandwiches & cakes will be served.

SPACE IS LIMITED!!!  
Tickets Now Available On A First-Come, First-Served Basis. Admission: \$30 per Person; \$25 for Members. To Purchase Tickets Contact – Proprietary House Association. Phone: (732) 826-5527; E-mail: [info@theproprietaryhouse.org](mailto:info@theproprietaryhouse.org); Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861.

\*\*\*All funds raised will benefit ongoing restoration and operation of Proprietary House's Museum. \*\*\*

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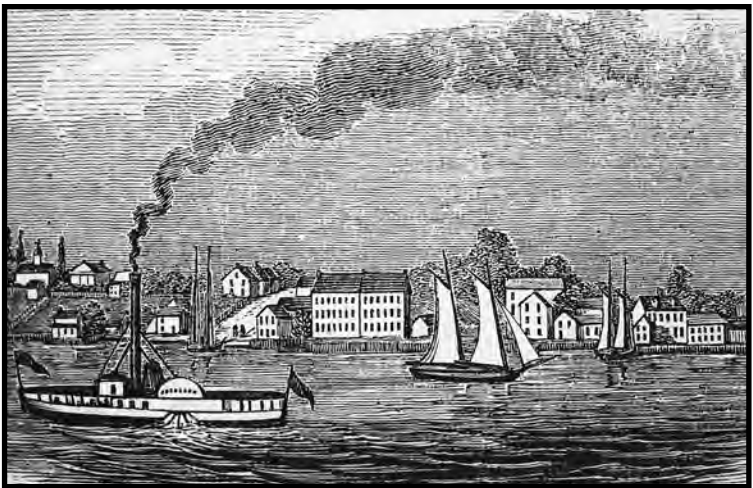
### Perth Amboy Catholic School Winner - Fun Things To Do Instead of Drugs

*\*Photos Submitted by P.A. Catholic School*

Press Release  
PERTHAMBOY - On Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017, Lauren Daniels, a 4th grade student at Perth Amboy Catholic School was honored at a ceremony hosted by the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. The event was held at the Middlesex County Fire Academy in Sayreville, N.J. Lauren's artwork of a ballerina, who would rather concentrate on dancing than doing drugs, was chosen from more than 7000 entries in the "Fun Things to Do Instead of Drugs" 4th grade folder contest. Only 30 finalists were chosen from the State of New Jersey. Lauren was accompanied by her family and art teacher, Rose Lavin Pennyfeather to the event.



## New Perth Amboy History Documentary!



Perth Amboy in 1844  
*\*Image Submitted by John K. Dyke*

Press Release  
PERTHAMBOY - "Perth Amboy: A Port Of Slavery, A Port Of Freedom" is an hour long brand new history documentary produced by John Kerry Dyke. Here the documentary crew presents a 250 year struggle for freedom, which they brought together from various archives. This includes numerous rare historic images, many of which have never been seen before. And the narrative details the experience from the 17th, 18th and 19th Centuries. "Perhaps the most striking element in this saga is the change within the Perth Amboy mindset", states film producer John Kerry Dyke. "The small town of Perth Amboy transforms itself from a major slave port to a main station of the Underground Railroad!" Very few people have knowledge of Perth Amboy's notorious slave trade. And the Underground Railroad history in Perth Amboy is almost unknown. Yet, this new documentary brings all to light via numerous primary archival resources. "This important documentary sensitively examines long-forgotten aspects of Perth Amboy's history. It is captivating and a must-see for all seeking a fuller understanding of our past," Mary Ellen Pavlovsky, Trustee, Proprietary House Association. "Excellent! A great film! Without a doubt, this needs to be aired in our public schools!" Keneshia Pryce, Vice President, Perth Amboy Branch NAACP. "Perth Amboy: A Port Of Slavery, A Port of Freedom" will be broadcast on local Comcast TV Channel 34, as well as local Fios 46/47. Check the TV station for dates & times. So, tune in & see how Perth Amboy transforms itself, eventually stepping onto the national forefront for human rights.

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## Perth Amboy & Its Business Improvement District (BID) Increases Funding Available for Façade Improvement Grants

### *Encouraging Firms to Renovate, Improve or Remodel their Properties in the BID*

Press Release 4/25/17  
PERTHAMBOY – Public and private sector alliances are energizing the ongoing transformation of Perth Amboy's downtown business district. For example, more local companies, which are located in Perth Amboy's Business Improvement District, are renovating the exterior of their properties, and they are applying for grants to cover a portion of the remodeling costs.

The City of Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz and the BID have increased the amount of grant funding that is available for façade improvements during 2017. In 2016, the City and BID provided close to \$25,000 to seven businesses. This year, the BID has doubled the amount of funds for façade grants, and it may increase the budget if there is a surge in applications.

In discussing the grant program, Mayor Diaz, who also serves on the BID board, said, "One of my main missions is help grow the City's economy. The BID grants are one of the incentives we can offer local business owners who are willing to invest in their companies. Local businesses appreciate the financial support and the recognition that their renovations make Perth Amboy a more exciting place to shop, dine and explore."

The BID provides façade grants for a range of business improvements and remodeling projects. The renovations include upgrading the lighting, modernizing storefronts and replacing display windows as well as improving entryways to create easier access. Businesses in the BID have also completely renovated their structures. Each project can attract new customers and spur repeat business.

In recent weeks, the BID has supplied grants to the following companies that are located in the district:

- Grzankowski Family Trust completely transformed the Wilner Building at the corner of Smith Street and Herbert Street. The property will house four residential units and three retail spaces.
- Devine Health and Medical Supplies improved the exterior of its building at 377 Smith Street. The company sells and services home medical equipment.
- Journey to Wellness made significant improvements to its building at 220 Market Street. The company's professional staff serves the community by providing outpatient substance abuse and mental health treatment.
- Toscano Consulting restored and modernized the exterior of the property at 389 Smith Street. The company provides busi-



Perth Amboy BID Director Gary Rumpf presents façade grant to Alejandri Quispe, who owns Maritza's Boutique at 345 A State Street. The business created a modern, visually appealing storefront with a large display window. The local company designs and produces custom-made prom dresses and evening gowns, rents formalwear and plans events.



The Perth Amboy Business Improvement District (BID) recently provided a façade grant to Journey to Wellness. The business completely renovated and improved the exterior of its building at 220 Market Street that houses a comprehensive treatment facility. 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 BID Director Gary Rumpf presents façade grant to Maria Toscano, who owns and runs Toscano Consulting. The business is located at 389 Smith Street. Ms. Toscano and her team provide business clients with accounting, bookkeeping and payroll services.

nesses with accounting, bookkeeping and payroll services. ·Maritza's Boutique remodeled the storefront by adding modern display windows, lighting, signage and an improved entryway. The property is at 345 A State Street, and the company produces custom-made prom dresses and evening gowns, rents formalwear for men and creates special events. After presenting the grants, BID Director Gary Rumpf, who chairs the Façade and Appearance Committee, said, "We are striving to create a downtown shopping and dining scene that attracts people and keeps folks

coming back often. In essence, we are forming an alliance with local businesses that are willing to invest in their properties to make them more appealing. The BID is ready to assist business owners when they are ready to take a chance and make positive and significant changes to their properties." Companies that are planning property improvements are encouraged to contact the BID's Executive Director Roxana Troche at 732.442.6421 or by email at [rtroche@perthamboynj.org](mailto:rtroche@perthamboynj.org). The BID's façade grants are available to businesses that are located in the BID.



# Stephen R. Skokan Completes His Eagle Scout Project

*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*

By: Katherine Massopust  
PERTH AMBOY – On Sunday, May 7, 2017 at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, Stephen R. Skokan completed his Eagle Scout project which was to renovate the Church Library. Stephen stated he chose this project because every orthodox church is required to have a library, but St. John’s was not up to par. So, for his Eagle Scout Project he decided to renovate the library which is located in a room underneath the church. Stephen proposed his project to his Scoutmaster, George Agin who along with the Boy Scouts, liked the idea.

Stephen felt that it would benefit the church to have an organized library. "The purpose of the project was to establish and develop a working library for the church, which will provide parishioners with easy access to books, materials, and information relating to the Orthodox faith and ethnicity."

With the help of 22 people, it took 115 man hours to complete this project (taking around a total of 2 years). Stephen began his journey by learning about leadership and life skills. "It’s important when dealing with people to be organized and communicate your point well with having a clean message and guiding people instead of just barking orders. The hardest thing about the project was the church being away from where I live (the commute). That is where I learned to be patient. Filling out paperwork can also be tedious."

The project entailed replacing the carpet which was donated by a local business. The room was painted inside. "We built a display with a kiosk, and laminated historic documents with the help of parishioners and fellow scouts. The



(L to R) Asst. Scoutmaster Tom Petty, Troop Committee Chair Susan Agin, Fr. Michael Chendorain, Stephen R. Skokan, Scoutmaster George Agin, President of St. John's Church Stephen Gallant



Stephen R. Skokan with his Scoutmaster, George Agin

room already had book shelves but they needed to be fixed and cleaned. The lighting was changed. We cleaned off the tables. Someone donated an oak desk which we put in the library. There is a part of the library that is a museum which has historical articles. There are artifacts on display at the kiosk. We hung pictures. Some of the articles were laminated and hung on the wall. My sister, Katie painted a welcome sign which now hangs over the entrance to the library," Stephen stated.

Stephen continued, "The library is open to parishioners, students and Sunday School students. We were able to obtain over 400 books that are religious based on the Orthodox Faith. We got books from my Church and other Church-

es. We also asked for donations. Bishop Gregory donated some books. We incorporated a drop off and donation box at the display kiosk for future books and magazines."

When asked who was his role model, Stephen answered, "My father, Dr. Stephen Skokan is always on top of things. He is very open minded. He is very detailed and goes the extra mile. He’s a doctor and interacts with people really nice. I look up to him."

Stephen is in Scout Troop#61, Stafford Township, Manahawkin, New Jersey. His awards include the prestigious Chi-Rho Award in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and the Alpha-Omega award in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. To receive the Chi-Rho Award, Stephen studied his patron Saint - Saint Ste-



Stephen R. Skokan's Family: (L to R) Aunt Barbara I., Grandmother Barbara M., Father, Dr. Stephen J., Stephen R., Sister Katie and Mother Janine



Cutting the Ribbon



Enjoying the Library

phen. To receive the Alpha-Omega award, Stephen expanded his knowledge of the Orthodox Church by reading all 4 Gospels and studying the saints, especially the 4 Evangelists of the Gospel.

St. John’s is the oldest Church in the American Car-

pathian-Russian Orthodox Diocese in the United States. The Church is celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this September.

Stephen is an altar boy at his church and he is also in the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society.

Congratulations on a job well done!

## Healthy Kids Day, Perth Amboy Waterfront 4/29/17

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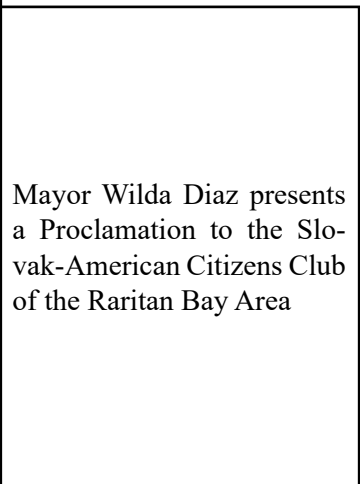
Slovak Flag Raising, Perth Amboy  
City Hall Circle, 3/25/17  
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Mayor Wilda Diaz presents a Proclamation to the Slovak-American Citizens Club of the Raritan Bay Area



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**Connections Program Seeks Volunteers**  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY - The Connections Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, a voluntary child to adult match program is seeking adult volunteers to provide a positive friend relationship to children and youth that has suffered a loss or has special needs. These children reside in Middlesex County and Franklin Township and are in desperate need of a positive role model. Adult Volunteers are being sought to make a difference in the lives of children and youth through one-to-one activities. Any individual 18 years old or older, of any ethnic, religious or economic background, who is interested in making a positive impact on a child's life is eligible to become an adult volunteer mentor. All adult volunteers will be screened, receive training, staff support and other services as needed. If you are interested in learning more about the Connections Mentoring Program, please contact Jeanette Cullen at (732) 738-1323.



By: Anton Massopust III  
“Peter throughout the Universe, I’ve done a lot of mistakes, but you are not one of them.”  
Fear not, true believers! The Guardians of the Galaxy have returned and are taking on one of the worst villains of the universe. The Guardians are employed to stop a group of monsters from stealing batteries from a group of super superior beings. Their High Priestess makes a bargain with them to capture Nebula (Karen Gillan), but Rocket (Bradley Cooper) steals some valuable batteries and now they're after them. After a strange being saves the Guardians, a man known as Ego (Kurt Russell) rescues them and tells them that he is Star-Lord's father and takes them to a nearby planet to show Star-Lord (Chris Pratt) his true purpose. They

also introduce a young alien girl named Mantis (Pom Klementief) who has empathic powers.  
This movie is about family. Each of the Guardians deals with family issues. Rocket finds out what his place in the universe. Nebula and Gamora (Zoe Saldana) come together to unite against Thanos.  
We find out more about Drax’s (Dave Bautista) character. Even Yondo (Michael Rooker), the former leader of the Ravengers finds out that he is done some bad things and he’s better off being a good guy. He's trying to try to become a guardian and make up for all his misdeeds. Star Lord finds out who his father really is and what he is planning to do and what purpose he has for him.  
This Marvel movie has sensory overload cameos by

tons of characters including Howard the Duck, the Watchers, Stan Lee and many others. It has an awesome soundtrack from songs from the 70’s and 80’s which is sure to be on everyone's playlist.  
What I like about this movie is it doesn’t need to establish all the characters again. You just are thrown right into the Marvel Universe as the Guardians fight and argue just like a regular family and save the universe.  
I didn't mention Baby Groot who is cute and funny. Drax was an extremely funny in this movie. The film has wonderful special effects as we see different worlds come alive on screen.  
It's definitely worth seeing and I will probably add this to my growing DVD collection.

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**South Amboy Memorial Day Parade & Services**  
SOUTH AMBOY – Our parade is being held on the Saturday prior to Memorial Day Weekend to encourage participation by our citizens. Please join us as we salute our servicemen and women. All Veterans are invited to march with us. Anyone interested in participating can contact Phyllis at 732-347-4181.  
Parade Route: Line up at Knights of Columbus on 4th Street at 11 a.m. Proceed down Stevens Avenue to John Street and up Broadway to City Hall.  
Memorial Services will be held by the American Legion Post 62 at City Hall following the Parade. We hope you will be able to stay for these services.  
American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post 62 at City Hall following the sites on Sunday, May 28, 2017.

- 1) Gazebo on Bordentown Ave. 9 a.m. sharp
- 2) Christ Church Cemetery
- 3) Morgan Cemetery
- 4) Morgan Explosion Cemetery
- 5) Sacred Heart Cemetery
- 6) St. Mary’s Cemetery
- 7) Benjamin Sebban Monument (at Waterfront Park)
- 8) SA Boat Ramp
- 9) American Legion Post 62

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## Target Job Fair

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Diaz is extremely excited to announce that Target (warehouse) is the new tenant of the Bridge Development site located on High Street.

Target will be opening their distribution facility (not retail) later this summer and is hiring at this time for several local positions. Please see the flyer below and attached for the upcoming job fair on **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. Interested parties are encouraged to apply online, so they can interview in person at the job fair

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## Ask the Rabbi

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## Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Tuesday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

## "Big City Breakout"

SOUTH AMBOY - Celebrate National Apple Pie Day with blues-rockers Big City Breakout Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Blue Moon Tavern, 114 S. Broadway, South Amboy, New Jersey. The band plays live starting at 9:00 p.m. There is no admission charge. Big City Breakout has been performing since 2009. Members are Mark Willenbrock (bass guitar, vocals), Jason Hallenbake (keyboards, vocals), Tony Zinicola (guitar, vocals), Gary Hoffman (drums, vocals) and L.E. McCullough (harmonica, vocals). The band mixes classic blues with original rock from their two CDs, Cost of Living and Hurricane Shelter. The CDs are available online at cdbaby.com, iTunes, Amazon.com and others.

## Help Support Christ Church

SOUTH AMBOY - Interval Fitness Classes start on May 13th Saturday Mornings, 9:15 a.m.-10:05 a.m. Total body workout. Cardio and Strength training. Get strong, burn fat and gain confidence. Join us for a fun filled, 50-minute full body workout. A set of light weights and a mat are required. Never forget your water!

Yoga starts on May 15th, Monday evenings from 6:30 p.m.-7:20 p.m. A mat is required. Never forget your water!

Location: 220 Main Street South Amboy, Christ Church Memorial Hall.

Price: \$10/class \*Donation non-refundable. Part of the proceeds go to Christ Church.

Classes are instructed by, Certified Personal Trainer, Group Exercise Instructor and Yoga Teacher, Denise Morgan.

For registration information please email Denise at [healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com](mailto:healthandfitnesswithdenise@gmail.com) or call 732-525-9536

## Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, May 15, 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. Certified Financial Planner, Bruce T. Yenck, will speak on estate planning and creating your family love letter.

### Upcoming Events:

May 16: Day trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see the comedy "Born Yesterday." For information, call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659.

June 2-8: Collette trip to The Badlands & Mount Rushmore - For information, call Bob at 732-885-1789.

June 23: AARP Drivers Safety Course - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - For reservations, call Bob at 732-885-1789.

September 15: A complete luncheon, dancing & show at Li Grecis Staaten, Staten Island, NY - For information, call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659.

For information on the Knitting and Crocheting club, contact Kay at 732-548-1976.

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

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

## 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 - Donated 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 Funeral Home

8<sup>th</sup> Prize - Snow Removal - Donated by Petra Best Realty

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

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

The Battle of the Coral Sea concludes on May 8, 1942. The U.S. loses the aircraft carrier *USS Lexington*, but the Japanese lose two carriers and large numbers of aircraft. In Europe, Lt. Gen. Erich von Manstein begins "Operation Bustard," an attempt to retake Crimea's Kerch Peninsula and clear it of Soviet forces. Success would again allow the Germans an unhindered approach to the strongly fortified city of Sevastopol. In Asia, the Japanese take the northern Burmese city of Myitkyina.

In the Mediterranean, the aircraft carriers *USS Wasp* and *HMS Eagle* on May 9 deliver a second contingent of 61 Royal Air Force Spitfire fighters to Malta. Instead of being left on the ground to be destroyed by Axis air raids (as were the planes of the first shipment brought by *Wasp* on April 20), these fighters are refueled quickly and launched into the air to intercept incoming German and Italian planes. The Spitfires turn the tide in the skies above the island, intercepting nine air raids, damaging or destroying 47 Axis aircraft in exchange for the loss of only three British planes. The lop-sided British victory in the so-called Battle of Malta forces the Axis to abandon daylight bombing of the island. Off Morehead City, North Carolina, the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *USCGC Icarus* depth charges and sinks German sub *U-352*.

The British hospital ship *Ramb IV* — captured from the Italians at Massawa, Eritrea, on April 10, 1941 — is bombed by the Luftwaffe and sinks off Alexandria, Egypt, on May 10. The Japanese occupy Palawan Island in the Philippines. Knowing that the American and Filipino prisoners of war on Corregidor could be slaughtered if his force on Mindanao in the southern Philippines continues fighting, U.S. Brig. Gen. William F. Sharp surrenders his men to the Japanese. Many of his soldiers, however, are Filipinos and refuse to surrender. Instead, they slip away into the jungle and join various guerilla groups.

The British armed trawler *HMT Bedfordshire* — assisting the U.S. Navy by performing anti-submarine patrols along the East Coast of the U.S. — is torpedoed and sunk on May 11 off Ocracoke Island, N.C., by German sub *U-558*, with the loss of all 37 British and Canadian crewmen. In the Mediterranean, the British Royal Navy loses three destroyers to the Luftwaffe: *HMS Jackal*, *HMS Kipling* and *HMS Lively*. Pursuant to a referendum held in April, the Canadian Parliament passes legislation authorizing full conscription.

German submarine *U-553* sinks the British freighter *Nicoya* near the mouth of Canada's St. Lawrence River on May 12. In eastern Ukraine, Soviet forces initiate a major offensive to capture Kharkiv from the Germans.

Gen. Stilwell and his party — now completely on foot, having had to abandon their vehicles due to impassable mud — on May 13 reach the Chindwin River in Burma, a tributary of the country's main river, the Irrawaddy. Farther south, Japanese troops cross the River Salween, driving toward Kengtung, Burma. In the English Channel, British Royal Navy motor torpedo boats attempt to stop the German auxiliary cruiser *Stier* from reaching port at Gironde, France. The action lasts about an hour, with the *Stier* making it through. However, two German torpedo boats escorting the larger vessel are sunk, as is one British vessel.

In response to the Soviet offensive around Kharkiv, Ukraine, Hitler on May 14 orders elements of the Luftwaffe located south of the city to head north and fly ground-support missions. By the end of the day, the Germans are gaining air superiority in the area. British forces retreating from Burma reach Tamu, near the border of the eastern Indian state of Manipur.

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**A.C. Bus Trip  
San Salvador  
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**A.C. Bus Trip  
St. John Paul II  
Seniors**

PERTH AMBOY – There is a Trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City. The next trip will be held on Wed. May 24, 2017. 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 to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

**Bus Trip  
Holy Rosary  
Seniors**

HOPELAWN - Holy Rosary Seniors sponsoring a bus trip to Mount Airy Casino on Tuesday, 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

***Bag Bingo***

PERTH AMBOY – There will be a Bag Bingo at Saint John Paul II Parish, St. Stephen's School, 500 State St., Perth Amboy on Friday, May 12, 2017. Doors open at 6 P.M. Game Starts at 7:30 P.M. Prizes include Michael Kors & Coach. Outside food welcome, B.Y.O.B. \$ 20.00 per person (one set of 12 bingo cards /each 3 bingo boards) Includes a ticket for door prizes. For more information, call 732-826-1395 / 732-485-9367.

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PERTH AMBOY - Atlantic City Bus Trip to the Tropicana Casino on Sunday, June 11, 2017

Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 Noon - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$30.00 per person (\$25 slot play). Bagged lunch provided -To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726

***A Gospel  
Extravaganza***

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Local Branch NAACP Presents: "A Gospel Concert," on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 12:00 Noon at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave, Perth Amboy. Admission: \$20 (Under the Age of 12 Free). For Additional Information, Contact Janice Clark: 732-277-1051

***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 May 13 & May 27. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at [friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com) Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

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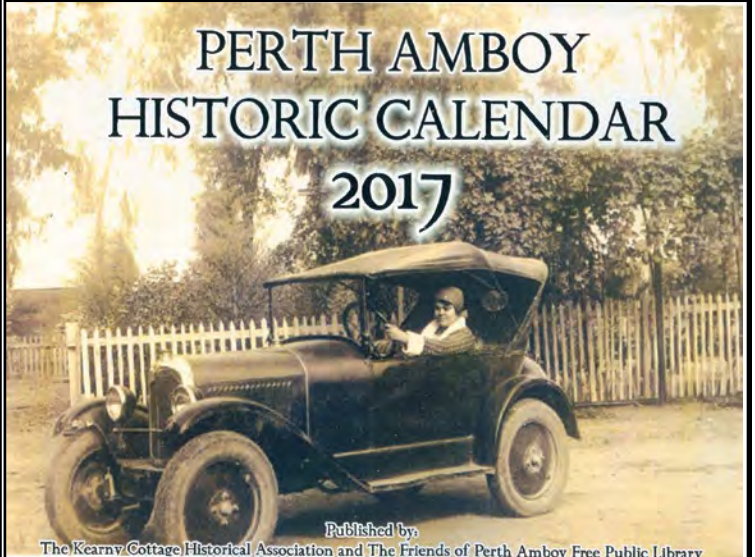
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PERTH AMBOY - The 25th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive on Saturday, May 13, 2017 Specific questions regarding the Food Drive should be directed to NALC Director of Community Services Pam Donato at 202-662-2489 or at [donato@nalc.org](mailto:donato@nalc.org).

***2017 Historic Perth Amboy  
Calendars***



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*Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be three times each. K.M. & C.M.*

Music at St. Mary’s Sergey Pospelov Violin Recital

SOUTH AMBOY - Music at Saint Mary’s welcomes violinist Sergey Pospelov – another MASM first! Sergey Pospelov is a critically acclaimed Russian violinist who made his solo orchestral debut at the age of 11. As a young prodigy, he was claimed by critics as having “Intense Musical Imagination” and “Impeccable Technique”. Pospelov is an active recitalist who has performed in Russia Belarus, Poland France, China, Israel, the Czech Republic, Romania, Italy, and Japan. His current concert tour, including his performance here at Saint Mary’s marks his United States debut. Don’t miss this opportunity to experience a world-class recital with Sergey! Saturday, May 13, 2017; 7:00 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.

Music at St. Mary’s 9th Annual Mozart Festival

SOUTH AMBOY - MASM is pleased to present its final concert of the season; the 9th Annual Mozart Festival performed by The Saint Mary Chamber Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Christopher M. C. Deibert. The SMCO will perform Mozart’s Symphony #35 (Haffner) in D Major and Symphony #36 (Linz) in C Major. Come and help us toast the middle of springtime with this unparalleled music. A portion of the proceeds from this performance will benefit the MOC-USA, a 501 (c) 3 public charity whose mission is to serve the poor and needy, and to support breast cancer research. Come celebrate with us, Sunday, May 21, 2017; 4:00 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A celebratory wine and cheese reception will follow the concert.

Flea Market

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be holding their Annual Flea Market on Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 in the Church parking lot. We are located at 172 Main Street, directly across for Borough Hall. The hours are 8am-2pm. Come join us for bargains and good food. You never know what treasures you may find.  
There are still spaces available for vendors, for more information please contact the Church at 732-257-6353 or churchoffice172@optimum.net.

Senior Scene Happenings

<b>Perth Amboy</b>	
TUES. May 9	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. May 10	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. May 11	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
	• Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Alta Vista Pl.
MON. May 15	St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. May 16	Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. May 17	St. Stephen’s Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS. May 18	The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
<b>South Amboy</b>	
MON. May 22	Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
MON. Jun. 5	St. Mary’s Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
WED. Jun. 7	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

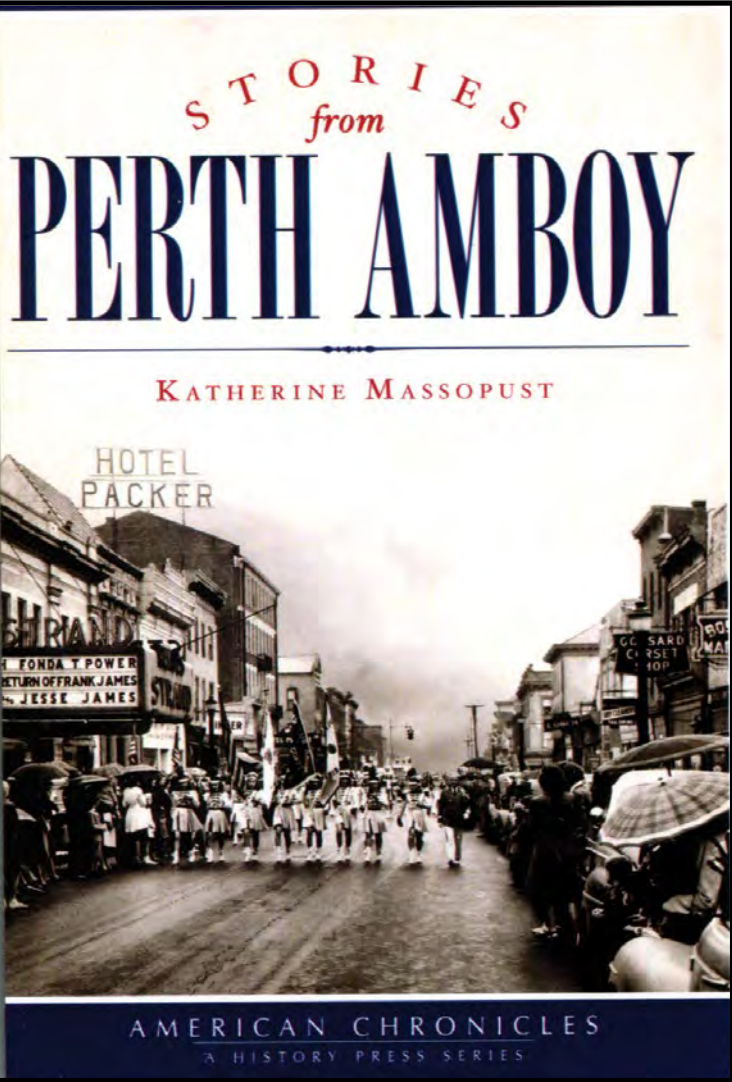
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Dunlap Garage, Amboy Avenue circa 1950's  
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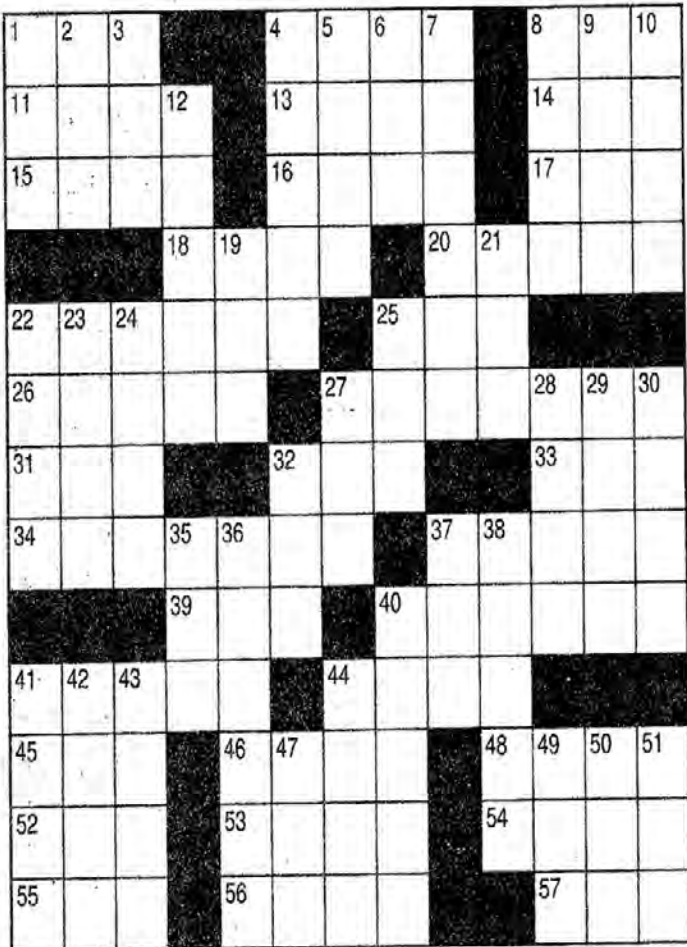
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