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Residents Advise Council on Stipulation for PILOT Projects

5/8/17 Caucus & 5/10/17 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Robert Benecke from Benecke Economics came before the Council to give a presentation on various types of PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) Programs. PILOT Presentations have been given before the Council at least three previous times.

Benecke explained, "There are three types of PILOT Programs:

- 1.) NJ Housing (Housing Authorities)
- 2.) Long Term Tax Exemption (Redevelopment and UEZ)
- 3.) Short Term Tax Abatements

Benecke explained, "In regards to the Bridge the \$2.2 million that the tenants pay would the City Coffers that could be used for the City infrastructure facilities."

Benecke continued, "With the (Bridgeport) Distribution Center, you have greater flexibility and it can offset the annual service charges. If the units are not occupied, then you don't receive the money. You receive more money with the PILOT Program than without."

Annie Hindenlang came forward to let the Council know how important PILOT Programs are. "400 people showed up for 50 Managerial positions at the recent Target Job Fair. Bridgeport has been a great partner and has brought a lot to the table. Financial agreements have not been finalized yet, so it can be adjusted."

Both Benecke and Hindenlang emphasized that money can be earmarked and it does not have to go into the general fund and there will be a \$193.00 savings for the taxpayers with this PILOT Program.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez mentioned the surplus money that the City has had each year. "They still find a way to spend that money."

Councilman Fernando Irizar-



Economic Consultant
Robert Benecke

ry reminded the Council, "The \$5 million surplus money from last year - \$2 million came from grants."

Benecke complimented the City Council on how well the City's money is spent.

During the public portion, Resident Reinaldo Aviles said, "I'm not against PILOTs if we can get 1000 jobs out of it. If we can give away tax rates, let's see what we can give residents. A lot of time, they (contractors/developers) say that they can go to other communities. We should not automatically say no to PILOT Programs."

Rector Street Resident Mark Achamizo made a suggestion pertaining to the PILOTs stating, "I recommend sustainable energy be built into the contracts. Maybe donations of solar panels. We need to work to be a self sustainable community."

During the Council Comments, Councilman Irizarry showed his frustration and asked, "When will the PILOT (for E-Port) be put on the agenda? We've had several presentations on this program."

Council President Bill Petrick responded, "We still have time and it can be discussed in closed session."

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South Amboy Adopts 2017 Budget

Business Administrator Camille Tooker Retires; Stacey Kennedy Named New B.A.

By: Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - The city of South Amboy officially adopted the 2017 Budget at last Wednesday's city council meeting.

South Amboy's Chief Financial Officer Angel Albanese and City Auditor Gary Higgins were on hand to explain the results of this year's budget and answer any questions the council or residents of South Amboy may have had. Higgins discussed the highlights of the budget, including a healthy appropriation cap and tax levy cap.

"You're under two caps, an appropriation cap and a tax levy cap," Higgins explained. "You're \$1,013,000 under the appropriation cap, which is very substantial. The city is operating properly without the additional \$1 million in appro-



B.A. Camille Tooker's last Council Meeting.

*Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

priations."

"On top of that you have a 2 percent tax levy cap and this budget is presented at approximately \$447,000 under the 2 percent tax levy cap," Higgins continued. "You're in full compliance with the appropriation cap and tax levy cap. The budget is in good shape and you can act and proceed to

adopt if you wish."

After a brief public portion of the hearing, the city unanimously approved to adopt the budget. Council President Mickey Gross and Mayor Fred Henry praised the hard work that the city's government put

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Career Day at Wilentz School



The NJ State Trooper Helicopter circles the field near the Wilentz School before landing on Sadowski Parkway



The Police Dept. Representatives were just as excited as the students who participated in career day.

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(L to R) Sergeant Enrique Villa, CFRN Flight Nurse Carl Corriere, Flight Medic Nicole Ferrarella and Flight Paramedic Vincent Cisternino. *Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

Perth Amboy City Council Meeting 7 p.m. 5/24/17

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South Amboy

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into the process of putting this year's budget together.

"A lot of times in government we get criticized and the words sometimes used is 'rubberstamped'," Gross said. "It is not rubberstamped. I want to just personally thank everyone who participated in the process. We worked hard on it... certainly it's not a perfect budget but it's a budget I'm proud of."

"My administration continues to work hard for citizens of South Amboy," Mayor Henry said. "The council has reviewed it and questioned it and they commented on this year's budget and I want to thank them for their approval of this and the cooperation that we've had."

"This is a budget that I believe that the increase is one penny on the budget, which I believe comes out to about \$26 a year. I want thank especially Angel and Camille for her last budget."

Business Administrator Camille Tooker recently announced her retirement and attended her final meeting on Wednesday. The council and Mayor Henry praised Tooker's hard work and commitment to the city and wished her all the best in her retirement.

"I would like to thank Camille on behalf of South Amboy and definitely and mostly on behalf of myself," Councilwoman Christine Noble said.

"You were a great help to me when I first came on, thank you very much, I'm going to miss you."

"You really don't know how hard that she works," City Attorney John Lanza said. "Even when she was very ill, she still continued to work on the behalf of the city and fulfill her responsibilities. It was my privilege to work with you all these years and I thank you."

"Camille is more than just a Business Administrator...she has been a friend," Mayor Henry said. "She has given her soul to the city of South Amboy and I can't imagine anyone giving more than Camille has done over the years."

Tooker thanked Mayor Henry and the council and reflected on her time in South Amboy.

"I appreciate the opportunity to come and work for the citizens," Tooker said. "The best thing I loved about my job is I met so many wonderful people, both my co-workers and residents. You wouldn't believe how many people have called me. That touches me because when you make a difference to a person that's what really matters."

Amidst the budget being approved and Tooker's last meeting, the council also unanimously voted to appoint Stacey Kennedy South Amboy's Business Administrator. Kennedy has served as the Secretary to the Mayor and Business Administrator since

2014.

"This position is of the utmost importance and must go to someone in whom I have complete confidence," Mayor Henry said. "I have worked with Ms. Kennedy these past few years, I have witnessed her professionalism and confidence she has within herself. She has proven herself over and over again how capable she is to successfully occupy the office as our Business Administrator."

"There are big shoes to fill, Camille has done a great job over the years," he continued. "Stacey has worked not as a secretary but almost as an equal down in the office. She knows the ins and outs of everything going on and I know she will approach this in a very professional manner. I wish her well."

"I have the utmost confidence in Stacey having worked with her for over three years," Tooker said. "I've seen her abilities, I've seen how she handles herself, I've seen the knowledge that she's garnered through redevelopment and planning board, and most importantly I've seen her put all that knowledge into action."

Councilwoman Zusette Dato was unable to attend the meeting in person, but voted on the budget and appointment of Business Administrator Kennedy via phone conference. The next city council meeting will be held on June 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Residents' Pleas
5/10/17 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - During the Public Comments, Resident Jeremy Baratta questioned the absence of Code Enforcement Personnel stating, "I thought you (the Council) requested at Monday's Caucus Meeting (5/8/17) that Code Enforcement be here (tonight)."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz told Baratta, "We said they will be here at the next Caucus Meeting."

Resident Ken Balut talked about Resolution R-194-5/17 - awarding a contract to Water Loss Systems, Inc. for a leak detection survey.

The amount of the contract was a total of \$18,525

Balut wanted to thank the Council for putting a bid out. He also had a question about Communication No. 3 where Council President Petrick asked the Business Administrator to provide the Council with a report of a fire at 524 Cornell Street. "Were any summons issued? Code Enforcement is not doing an investigation. You see graffiti and no

one gets a summons. Code Enforcement puts on blinders. Someone's going to die and it's going to be your fault. Code Enforcement loses files on C/O's (Certificate of Occupancy)."

B.A. Cruz answered one of Balut's concerns, "Yes, there was illegal housing at 524 Cornell Street."

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak in reference to Communications No. 7 & No. 8 pertaining to Buckeye and also Langan Engineering and Environmental Services. He wanted to know, "What are the site improvements (Flood Hazard Area). There are booms (*temporary floating barriers used to contain an oil spill; they are used to reduce the possibility of polluting shorelines and other resources, and to help make recovery easier*) down there which indicate a spill. The Mayor and others are looking at other sources of renewable energy. We need jobs, but we need to make sure we have a cleanup of the area."

At this time, Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano said, "Booms are in the area in case of spills or leaks. There has not been anything ongoing that has been reported."

When it came to the last Public Portion, Jeremy Baratta was visibly upset about the elevators and fire alarms that were still not working at 675 New Brunswick Avenue. "This is an ongoing problem. I thought we had standards when it comes to these issues. The Police are always coming here to the Meetings. Next to the Fire Department, the Code Enforcement Department is very important."

B.A. Cruz addressed Baratta's concerns, "The circuit board on the elevator went down. It's on order. It will take about 5 days to get it. (*At the time of the 5/10/17 Council Meeting*). We go with a third party for elevator inspections because of the amount of elevators we have in the City."

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Press Release 5/9/17
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Marc plays a finger style blues in the traditions of Mississippi Hurt and the great Tim Hardin. A proud road warrior, he was inducted into the New York Chapter of the Blues Hall of Fame in June of 2014.

Marc has performed and recorded with Art Garfunkel, Taj Mahal, Richie Havens, Rick Danko and Pete Seeger to name a few. He was recently named Folk Artist of the Year on ABC Radio, and a winner at the Kerrville Folk Festival.

In the words of folk legend, Happy Traum, “Marc is a master at spreading the joy of music.”

This event is open to free and open to all. The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Camille Tooker Retires as South Amboy Business Administrator



(L to R) Stacey Kennedy (who will be replacing Camille Tooker as South Amboy B.A.) B.A. Camille Tooker, South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry, South Amboy CFO Angel Albanese
*File Photo on Riverboat St. Charles taken 5/2017 by Paul W. Wang

I first met, Ms. Tooker when I started attending the South Amboy Meetings late in 2007. She would always be very poised and confident when answering questions, whether they were from the residents, Council Members or other administrators attending the meetings.

It wasn't always easy. I also remember when I heard about her having some health issues and in spite of it, she still worked from home.

The one thing that did impress me about Ms. Tooker was during a 2/18/15 South Amboy Council Meeting. Tooker talked about former South Amboy Resident, Vince Mackiel who is now residing in Perth Amboy.

Vince is very impassioned when it comes to protecting the environment. While residing in South Amboy, Vince would always talk about South Amboy's eyesore (property owned by Amboy Aggregates). This was a big sand pile that later be acquired to turn it into land that the City could use for redevelopment projects.

Tooker credited Mackiel for his impassioned pleas for the City to do something about this eyesore.

Vince would document evidence why it was important that the property in question should have certain restrictions while it remained active.

Tooker took every argument

that Mackiel said at the Meetings to heart.

I love the fact that she remembered his efforts although he had left South Amboy because as a former resident, he fought for the good that he knew South Amboy could become.

In the past two years, If I called South Amboy City Hall to speak to Ms. Tooker, if her voice mail came on, she would get back to me rather quickly, even if it was through email. I wish her many years of good health and enjoyment upon her retirement.

She came in under the administration of former South Amboy Mayor Jack O'Leary and retired under Mayor Fred Henry. You could see the mutual respect each Mayor had for Tooker. She always showed concern when helping to guide the Council, Administrators and Department Heads on important issues.

We are happy that before Ms. Tooker retired that she was able to see the Arts District come to fruition and thrive which is an important achievement for the City of South Amboy to help revitalize Broadway.

To Ms. Tooker, "You have been with the City of South Amboy through the good times and the bad times. Now it's your turn to have many good times."

In the end we say, "Good luck and Be Well." *C.M.*

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United Messengers of Peace thanks those who supported of Lung Cancer Awareness Lunch

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A special thank you to the Bermudez family especially Mrs. Haydee Bermudez, St. Peter's Episcopal Church and those who chose to volunteers, LAMA Queens, NY and NJ, Girls Scout Troops of GSCSNJ (Troops 80218, 80714, 80722, 80467, 80030, 81610 and 80706), DJ Juan, Jackie Bermudez (Always Picture Me Photo Booth), Renovation House, Hola Doctor Health Insurance, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), NJ Consumer Affairs, Youth Alliance and City of Perth Amboy Municipal ID Program.

We would like to acknowledge Renovation House, Thrift World Outlet, Abundant Life Worship Church, God's Army Ministries, the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, the UMOP Board of Trustees & Lung Cancer Awareness Committee for believing and trusting in our Lung Cancer Awareness Program. A huge thank you to Ed Troche and his active involvement in raising awareness alongside us.

Thank you Dorothy Carter-Daniels for her poem recital honoring a mother and The Amboy Guardian for allowing us to promote the event in your paper and for publishing a follow up article with pictures.

Last, but not least important, because without you we wouldn't had been a success, to all our volunteers and participants that showed up despite of the pouring rain outside!

THANK YOU TO ALL!

Next event: Lung Cancer Awareness Flag Raising honoring R. Alexandria "Sandy" Larson, ESQ.
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Wednesday	Appointments Only- No Walk-Ins
Thursday	8:30 am-4:30 pm
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Due to an increase in our Public Housing/Section 8 caseload, it is necessary for the Authority to restrict unscheduled visits from program participants so that staff has uninterrupted time to process documentation in a timely manner.

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Public Housing Residents may continue to access the office to pay rent or report a maintenance problem. All other business must be conducted according to the stated hours.

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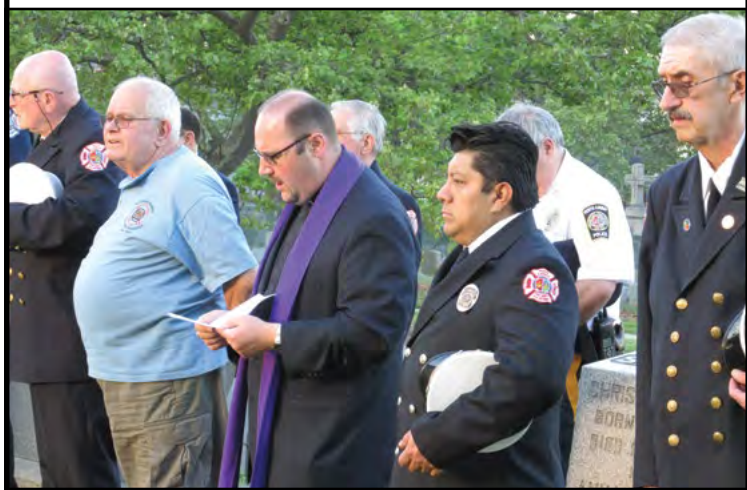
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Perth Amboy Fire Department Annual Memorial Service
Alpine Cemetery, 5/17/17 *Photos by Ray Kawka



PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department Annual Memorial Service at the Firefighter's Monument was held at Alpine Cemetery. The event is sponsored by the Perth Amboy Fire Department Exempt Association, Past Chief William Petrick, President, Past Chief John Yuhas, Vice-President. Each year, Firefighters pay tribute to the fallen members of the past year. They lay a wreath at the statue erected in honor of the firefighters killed in the 1921 train/fire truck accident.

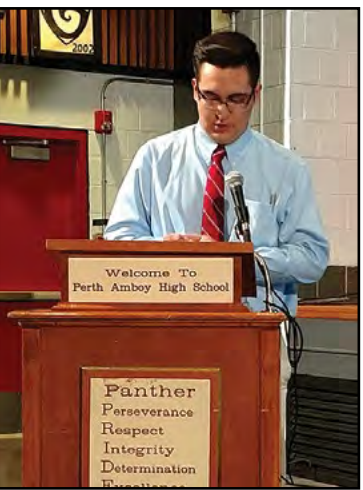
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Three Presentations at the
5/3/17 BOE Meeting



Student Brandon Cisneros gave a presentation on SCHOLLY

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – Continuing with the new format, the Board commenced business at 5:30 p.m. and immediately went into closed session to begin the open meeting at 7:48 p.m.
There were 3 presentations at the Meeting.
The first presentation was by Student Brandon Cisneros. Cisneros gave a presentation on the scholarship tool and finder APP SCHOLLY. This APP helps students find a scholarship based on their profile and matches it to find scholarships that they may be eligible for. It was first introduced on Shark Tank by creator Christopher Gray. Gray won \$1.3 million in scholarships through a painstaking process. He wanted to make it easier to find scholarships so he created the APP SCHOLLY.
Cisneros stated, “It took me two weeks on Google and I still didn’t find what I needed. Within 5 minutes after filling out a profile on SCHOLLY, I was able to find scholarships. Many people don’t have internet access. There is the Give



Dr. David Roman and Board Secretary Derek Jess give a presentation on the 2017/2018 School Budget *Photos by K. Massopust

SCHOLLY Program where sponsors can pay for the SCHOLLY Membership.”
The second presentation was on the 9th Grade Program and given by Dr. Ashanti Holley. “The 9th Grade Program is the beacon of change, support and success.”
The presentation included a short promotional video featuring students and teachers in the 9th Grade Program. The students and teachers in the film emphasized the closeness of the relationship between teachers and students and the support the students receive from teachers. It also featured success stories from both the teachers and students. It emphasized the level of rigor in the program and what was expected out of the students. Students stated in the video that there “...were a lot of trips to colleges and that you need a chance to be what you want to be.”
Dr. Holley was assisted by Student Delilah Morales who stated, “Kindness of teachers helped me come out of my shell. I was able to go to St. Peter’s University with the de-

bate team and received the Best Delegate Award. “We work hard to combat stereotyping.”
Board Secretary Derek Jess and Supervisor Dr. David Roman gave the last presentation which was on the Board of Education 2017-2018 Budget.
The total budget for 2017-2018 school year is \$315,648,042 with \$27,713,696 or 8.4% coming from taxes. State Aid is \$186,647,166 or 59.13%.
Dr. Roman stated that each student costs 26.5 cents a day or \$8.00 a month and gave the financial position of the Board, “Over the next 3 years, all of our debt (regarding previous bonds) will be paid.”
“The Dual Language Program will be increased to the 5th Grade.” Roman also stated, “We’re meeting biweekly with the SDA (School Development Authority) to bring a robust program to the new High School. The plan is for the new high school to open in 2021 at no cost to the Perth Amboy Taxpayers.”

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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 24th**. Interested parties are encouraged to apply online, so they can interview in person at the job fair

APPLY ONLINE HERE:

<https://jobs.target.com/location/perth-amboy-jobs/1118/6252001-5101760-5101160-5102578/>

Council Comments 5/10/17 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Councilman Fernando Gonzalez was pleased to report that the last BID Meeting he attended they talked about extensive programs. "I think they are moving in the right direction. But they should look at increased lighting (in the downtown area). They should also improve their dialogue with PSEG because the citizens and merchants would appreciate it."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, "I want to know what work is being done on State Street."

B.A. Cruz answered, "Elizabeth Town Gas is still replacing gas mains."

Irizarry wondered, "Will the road (State Street) be put back the way it was before the work started?"

Cruz responded, "We will do our due diligence to make sure that the roads will be put back as close as possible before digging began."

Irizarry went on to mention Amboy Avenue, "That road is okay, but nothing has been done yet with New Brunswick Avenue."

Councilman Joel Pabon was concerned about the Youth Complex Field (by Willow Pond) and Rudyk Park. "They're lagging behind in maintenance."

Cruz responded, "We are resurfacing and DPW are redirecting funds for this."

Cruz also made additional comments on the roads that have been dug up. He reminded the Council that it takes about 90 days for the material to settle.

Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame Induction & Dinner June 1st, 2017

Our Newest Inductees:

Kurt Epps – Class of 1965 – Educator
Donald Katz – Class of 1966 – Law
Gail Hodge – Class of 1975- Chemist
Kenneth Gonzalez – Class of 1987 – Law
Dr. Ricardo Perez – Class of 1993 – Medicine
Joseph Rybakiewicz- Class of 1941- U.S. Marine Corps.

**Plaque Unveiling Ceremony at the
Perth Amboy High School Main Foyer 8:30 A.M.
Dinner at 6:00 P.M.**

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Perth Amboy, NJ

Tickets are \$50.00 per person

Contact Magda Hernandez or Karla Flores 732-376-6030 or karlgarcia@paps.net or magdhernandez@paps.net

On Thursday, June 1st, 2017, the Hall of Fame inductees will meet at Perth Amboy High School for a gathering breakfast and then honored, during the plaque unveiling on the Hall of Fame wall in the school's main foyer. The inductees will then visit classes and speak with students, and/or will be videotaped on Channel 34 to discuss their accomplishments and professions.

The event will culminate with a dinner at the ZPA in Perth Amboy. The dinner will highlight the accomplishments of the inductees who will offer a few words of thanks and encouragement.

The Perth Amboy High School Hall of Fame honors outstanding graduates from Perth Amboy High School who have excelled in community achievement and service. The honorees serve as an inspiration to the students of Perth Amboy High School and act as an incentive for them to set goals necessary for success.

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 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 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.

PILOT Projects 5/8/17 Caucus & 5/10/17 Council Meeting

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During the 5/10/17 Council Meeting, the discussion continued.

Resident and Businessman David Caba said, "We should not give PILOTs to millionaires." He then addressed each Council Member individually, asking them, "Do any of you have a PILOT?"

They each answered, "No."

Caba continued, "Poor people get fined when they have violations on their property, but not Kushner and his dump. Kushner promised all of these amenities. They (the people (contractors/developers)) will get a PILOT because of a weak administration. It's your (the Council) job to look out for the residents, and not the developers."

Residents' Pleas 5/10/17 Council Meeting

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Resident Ken Balut came up to speak, He was concerned about the many houses that are being put up in small plots of land. "They want to put houses between two houses on my block. (*Bruck Avenue*). Kushner gave a \$100,000 to a PAC in Jersey City. Who is negotiating PARA contracts? Now we're having a contractor on PARA. It was easier to find money (given to the former Mayor). People who pay money to your campaign (some of the Council Members) took a cut of 15%. Many contractors who make campaign contributions get City contracts. We send out bids on items that have a low cost, but not on million dollar contracts."

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GRAND OPENING

of the
Surveyor General's Office Museum

Thursday, May 25, 2017 10:00am
260 High Street , Perth Amboy, NJ

Please join us as we celebrate with an opening reception and site tour.

The Surveyor General's Office was constructed between 1852 and 1854 to house the headquarters of the Board of Proprietors of East New Jersey as well as the office of the Surveyor General. The site was added to the New Jersey Registry of Historic Places in 1980 and the National Registry of Historic Places in 1981 along with the Perth Amboy City Hall.

This May, it will re-open as a museum for the entire community.

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 10:00 A.M.
SCHEDULED STUDENT TOURS: 10:30 AM
GENERAL PUBLIC TOURS: 1:00 PM

2017 Carteret Memorial Day Parade

CARTERET - Carteret to host 2017 Memorial Day ceremonies & parade [CARTERET] Mayor Reiman, the Carteret Borough Council, and the Veterans Alliance will host a series of Memorial Day observations on Sunday, May 28th:

- 8:00 a.m.: Casting of the memorial wreaths & veterans’ flag raising ceremony at Carteret Waterfront Park.
 - Carteret’s Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will host its own ceremony following the laying of the wreaths, in front of the Carteret Library at 100 Cooke Avenue.
 - 12:00 noon: Veterans Alliance ceremonies at Carteret Park, at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial.
 - 1:00 p.m.: Carteret’s annual Memorial Day Parade, beginning at Carteret Park (corner of Cypress St. and Carteret Ave.), and ending at the Memorial Municipal Building, 61 Cooke Avenue.
 - Town barbeque following the parade at the Memorial Municipal Building.
- The Veterans Alliance encourages military veterans and all U.S. military service personnel to participate in the parade. A veterans’ dinner will also be hosted at the library following the day’s events. For more information, call (732) 541-3801.

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South Amboy Memorial Day Services

SOUTH AMBOY – 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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For additional information, please contact events@southamboy.gov or call Jaclyn Kelly at 732-525-5965

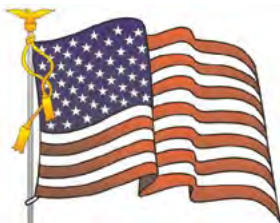


Chili Church

PERTH AMBOY-Thursday, June 1, 6:30 pm St. Peter’s Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free event all are welcome.

Mother’s Guild Tricky Tray

PERTH AMBOY - Sunday, June 18 doors open at 3 p.m. auction starts at 5p.m. Admission \$5 per person, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy.



Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

PERTH AMBOY - Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. or Wednesday, June 14 at 10 a.m., St. Peter’s Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. More information call 732-826-1594. Free event.

Children’s Ministry Celebrate Seasons Pentecost

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parents join us at 12:30 p.m. for a short interactive Holy Communion service. All children from Pre K to 5th grade are welcome. St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 188 Rector Street, Perth Amboy. Free event.



*Salute the men and women of our
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**City of Perth Amboy
Mayor Wilda Diaz
and the
Perth Amboy Veterans**

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CERMONY Monday, May 29, 2017

Rain Location: American Legion Post 45, 530 Smith Street

PARADE

10:00 a.m. begins at the
Corner of Smith Street and Wilson Street

CEREMONY

11:00 a.m. at the Veterans’ War Memorial
Sadowski Parkway

LIGHT LUNCHEON

12:00 noon at the American Legion Post 45
530 Smith Street

Movie Review: Alien Covenant

By: Anton Massopust III
"You're right, we shouldn't have come. We don't belong here."

The Alien saga continues in "Alien: Covenant." Starship Covenant is carrying a group of colonists to a distant planet with the hopes of starting a new life. While everyone is in hyper-sleep for the long journey (except android Walter (Michael Fassbender), the captain and some colonists are accidentally killed while in cryo-sleep due to a fire in the cryo-sleep chambers. The remaining crew realize that they have to repair their ship to continue their journey. After they repair the ship, the colonists decide stop in nearby planet which has a breathable atmosphere and everything that they could use. However, the climate seems strange. There's plenty of plant life, but no animals - not even any insects. The new Captain doesn't think that the crew has faith in him and he's unsure of himself as well. The crew find a hostile group of hybrid Aliens (similar to the



ones we know). They discover that someone is doing experiments on these Aliens. These Aliens are extremely hostile to humans. Daniels (Katherine Waterston), the deceased Captain's wife must deal with her own personal issues, who to trust as well as the Aliens.
Director Ridley Scott of the original Alien films returns to the franchise with this new movie. The film has all the gritty style that the original film had. The spaceships are kind of dirty along with the equipment that looks like it's been used to give a realistic feel.
The group of actors who are in the Starship's crew have an interesting chemis-

try. The alien creatures look completely different than in previous Alien films including Prometheus.
My problems with "Alien: Covenant" is the lack of original characters. You don't feel scared for the colonists and there is a lot of predictability. The exterior shots that of the planet are quite a sight to behold and the special effects are great. There's a lot of blood and guts, but you'd expect that in an Alien movie. The plot could be better. If you're an Alien fan, it might be worth your time, but there are plenty of other movies on the horizon that might be more with the time.

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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

Medicinal, Colonial and Cultural Uses of Herbs

PERTH AMBOY - Gertrude Coleman Retired Associate Profession of English and Nature Writing at Middlesex County College will present a program on the Medicinal, Colonial and Cultural Uses of Herbs at the Kearny Cottage, 63 Catalpa Ave., Sunday June 4, 2017 at 2 p.m. Herbs have been used since ancient time to season and preserve food, ease digestion, soothe headaches, fight infections, as well as clean our clothes and homes.

Ms. Coleman will be discussing how the colonist used herbs and how we use them today. Both traditional and familiar herbs as well as some unfamiliar herbs will be discussed. Plants go in and out of fashion. While historically no herb garden was every planted without Savory, today many are unfamiliar with this thyme-oregano scented plant that eases bee stings like no other.

Weather permitting, we can look at the herb garden planted by the Cottage. She will bring samples of fresh and dried herbs for display!

Pallone Unveils Comprehensive Infrastructure Package

LIFT America Act Invests in Infrastructure, Creates Jobs & Protects Public Health and the Environment

Press Release 5/10/17
WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today in Carteret, Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) unveiled legislation to invest in America's infrastructure, create jobs and modernize our economy for the 21st century. Congressman Pallone's bill provides for funding for a comprehensive 21st Century infrastructure package including key areas such as broadband, drinking water, healthcare, the electric grid, brownfield redevelopment and renewable energy. The Leading Infrastructure For Tomorrow's America Act, or LIFT America Act, sets out five years of funding for essential infrastructure improvements, job growth, and greater protections for public health and the environment. Carteret Mayor Daniel Reiman, Kevin Duncan, Chair of the Middlesex County Building and Construction Trades Council and Doug O'Malley, Director of Environment New Jersey joined Congressman Pallone at the event.

"At a time when our nation's infrastructure is either crumbling or in desperate need of modernization, it's time we make real and significant investments for the future," said Ranking Member Frank Pal-

lone, Jr. (NJ-06). "The LIFT America Act is a blueprint for critical investments in our nation's infrastructure that will also create jobs, protect public health, and the environment. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues to advance these key investments in American infrastructure."
The LIFT America Act includes investments in several key areas including:
• \$22.56 billion for drinking water infrastructure to protect public health and create jobs, including increased investment in drinking water State Revolving Funds and additional funding to replace lead service lines, address lead in school drinking water, and prepare for the impacts of climate change;
• \$2.25 billion for Brownfields redevelopment to revitalize communities and create jobs by returning valuable land to productive use;
• Over \$17 billion for energy infrastructure, including \$4 billion for modern, secure, efficient, and resilient electric grid infrastructure, \$9 billion for resilient and renewable energy supply including methane pipeline replacement, and more than \$4 billion for energy efficiency efforts and smart communities;

• More than \$3 billion for healthcare infrastructure, to revive the successful Hill-Burton hospital infrastructure program, fund medical facility infrastructure in Indian Country, support state labs fighting Zika and other infectious diseases, and support community based health care infrastructure; and
• \$40 billion for the deployment of secure and resilient broadband, to expand access for communities nationwide while protecting privacy and promoting security by design;
"Investing in our nation's infrastructure makes sense for everyone. It will provide good jobs for the skilled men and women of the unions I am proud to represent. It will improve our local economies, and keep our nation competitive in an ever globalizing economy," said President Bill Mullen of the NJ Building & Construction Trades Council. "We need to rebuild New Jersey's bridges and roads, but there are also opportunities to build hospitals, improve our energy grid, and turn unused contaminated sites into vibrant parts of our communities. The LIFT America Act is a chance for our elected officials in Washington to come together and put Americans to work."



*Photo Submitted

"Fixing and expanding our infrastructure should be a no-brainer for Congress," said Doug O'Malley, director of Environment New Jersey. "From fixing lead pipes to strengthening our electric grid to weatherizing our schools, Rep. Pallone's LIFT Act provides a vision forward for how to strengthen our communities, our environment and economy. This should be a bipartisan push and we urge the full delegation to support this."
The LIFT America Act will invest in programs with proven records of job creation, including the drinking water State Revolving Fund and the Brownfields Redevelopment program. The legislation requires the use of American made iron and steel for drink-

ing water projects and hospital construction and requires the payment of prevailing wages. The bill will also spur new high-paying technology jobs by supporting deployment of smart buildings, smart grid, and Smart Communities technology. The LIFT America Act also provides much-needed funding to repair and replace aging infrastructure that will have significant public health benefits, especially for children. The bill includes funding to get lead out of school drinking water, replace polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)-laden lighting fixtures with safer and more energy efficient alternatives in schools, and reduce diesel emissions from school-buses.

Thomas Mundy Peterson Medal Presentation



Dorothy Daniel holds Thomas Mundy Peterson's Medal



John K. Dyke holds Thomas Mundy Peterson's Medal



The inscription on the back of Thomas Mundy Peterson's medal

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday June 3 at 3:00 p.m., the "Thomas Mundy Peterson Medal Presentation" will take place at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rector Street, Perth Amboy.

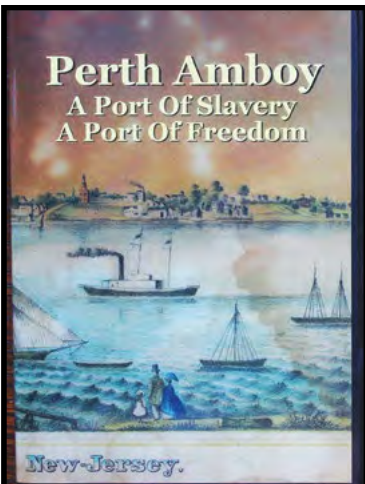
After more than forty years, Peterson's gold medal is back in Perth Amboy. Peterson was awarded this medal by the local citizens for being the first African American to vote under the 15th Amendment. That vote took place in Perth Amboy City Hall on March 31, 1870. It was a historic landmark vote.

"It is an honor & a privilege to hold this medal, as well as have it back in Perth Amboy" stated Dorothy Carty-Daniel, chairperson of the event. "It is on loan to us from Xavier

University and will be on display during our presentation."

"During the 19th Century, and even up to the present day, many communities have attempted to stop African Americans from voting. Perth Amboy is different, that is, we encouraged the right to vote" advised local businessman & historian John Kerry Dyke. "The Thomas Mundy Peterson medal is more than just an award. It represents the efforts of all good people that want to enfranchise America's voters. It embodies the concept that all men are created equal."

Congressman Frank Pallone & Mayor Wilda Diaz are the featured speakers for the June 3rd event. A splendid time is guaranteed for all & all are invited to attend.



Free Perth Amboy History DVD

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - At the May 27th Waterfront Arts Festival, visit the 1683 Society table & get your FREE Perth Amboy History DVD. Yes, it is free! This hour long documentary is entitled "Perth Amboy: A Port of Slavery, A Port of Freedom," produced by John Kerry Dyke. And it is the first time this new documentary is available on DVD. The 1683 Society is a Perth Amboy nonprofit organization. Find out what they've done & what they intend to do.

Raffle

PERTH AMBOY - Saint John Paul II Parish Raffle, 490 State St., Perth Amboy NJ; Tickets \$20 Each.

- 1st Prize – 2017 Honda Civic
 - 2nd Prize – Flat Screen TV 65" – Donated by Toshiba
 - 3rd Prize – Laptop, 15" 8GB – Donated by Zevallos/Skrocki Home for Funerals
 - 4th Prize – Portable Electric Generator – Donated by United Poles Federal Credit Union
 - 5th Prize – Apple Watch – Donated by St. John Paul II Parish "Señor de los Milagros"
 - 6th Prize – Apple iPad, Air 2, 9.7 inch/16GB – Donated by Julio's Auto Repair
 - 7th Prize - \$300.00 Gift Card – Donated by Flynn & Sons Funeral Home
 - 8th Prize – Snow Removal – Donated by Petra Best Realty
 - 9th Prize – Canon Digital Camera EF-S 18-55MM f/3.5-5.6 IS, - Donated by Quisqueya Restaurant
 - 10th 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 Auditorium.
- 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 responsible for all federal and state tax. All proceeds will benefit Saint John Paul II Parish.
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Mikell's Plot to Perform at Waterfront Arts Festival



Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Mikell's Plot will be performing at The Perth Amboy Waterfront Arts Festival. May 27th 2017 3:00 pm.

Mikell's Plot has been playing the local scene for almost 20 years and recently signed an artist development deal with Heart Songs Corporation (www.heartssongscorporation.com). The label came to a live show to support their artist, 22 year old NJ Native Cory Singer who has been getting a great deal of national attention. Mikell's Plot performed that night and the label offered a deal.

Mikell's Plot is currently releasing a Six Song EP produced by John Mulrenan. John Mulrenan is currently writing songs with Mikell's Plot's lead singer Michael O'Connor. Recently one of John Mulrenan's original songs placed in the movie, "Hands of Stone" about boxer Roberto Duran starring Robert De Niro. The band's current lineup includes: Michael O'Connor (Lead Vocals); Pete Mongiello (Lead Guitarist), Andrew Edick - (Bass/Vocals, George Rivera - (Guitar/Vocals), Jenn Hamilton (electric violin), J.J Petri - (Drums/Vocals), Douglas DeRienzo (Saxophone) and John Mulrenan (Keyboards/Backing Vocals).

For more information on Mikell's Plot info@heartssongscorporation.com or www.mikellspot.com

Decluttering Presentation, Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 5/20/17

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



PERTH AMBOY - Humorist, Media Personality and Author of "Keep This, Toss That!" Jamie Novak gave a presentation on how to unclutter your life, a laugh out loud look at the common challenges on getting organized at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

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.

Healthy Heart Event

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

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.*

Spurred by the torpedoing of two of its ships by German U-boats — one off Florida and the other in the Gulf of Mexico — Mexico declares war on Germany, Italy and Japan on May 22, 1942. Near Townsville, Queensland, in northeastern Australia, around 600 African-American members of the 96th Battalion, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, riot in their camp. Fed up with continual racial abuse from some of their white officers, the soldiers mutiny, machine-gunning the officers' tents. Australian troops are called out to keep the rioters contained within the camp. In the resulting eight-hour rampage, one person is killed and dozens are severely injured. In the U.S., the War Production Board announces that new tires and safety razors will not be available to the average citizen for at least two years. In Boston, Red Sox star outfielder Ted Williams enlists in the U.S. Navy's aviation program.

On May 23, tanks of Gen. Ewald von Kleist and Gen. Friedrich von Paulus meet up at Balakleya, southeast of Kharkiv, Ukraine. They have encircled most of the Soviet 6th and 57th Armies and have caused over 200,000 casualties.

U.S. Army Gen. Joseph "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell and his party arrive in New Delhi, India, from Manipur on May 24, after their long retreat from Burma. In London, two gatherings — one organized by the Communist Party, the other by the Daily Express newspaper — adopt resolutions calling for a second front to be opened in Europe. In Russia, the Germans begin a six-day sweep along the Bryansk-Vyazma railway line southwest of Moscow. Thousands of anti-Nazi partisans will be captured and killed.

The Japanese submarine tender Asahi is torpedoed and sunk in the South China Sea on May 25 by the submarine USS Salmon.

In Libya, Lt. Gen. Erwin Rommel on May 26 launches a major combined German-Italian offensive to take the Allies' Gazala Line, which runs from Gazala, near the coast, some 50 miles south to Bir Hakeim. Rommel's goal is to move around the line, then head north and capture Tobruk. In London, the foreign secretaries of the Soviet Union and the United Kingdom conclude a treaty whereby each party agrees that no peace will be arranged with the Axis unless approved by the other.

Rommel's troops on May 27 have reached to just south of Bir Hakeim and are poised to turn north. They are held up, however, by a vicious defense by the 1st Free French Brigade. In Prague, Czechoslovakia, Reinhard Heydrich, Reich Protector of Bohemia and Moravia and one of the main architects of the "Final Solution to the Jewish Question," is ambushed and severely wounded in a hand-grenade attack by two Czech Army sergeants. The two attackers escape, although one subsequently kills himself rather than be captured; the other is killed in a gun battle with troops hunting for him. The aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, damaged in the Battle of the Coral Sea, limps into Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, for hurried repairs. In Tokyo, Prime Minister Hideki Tojo, addressing the Japanese Diet, reviews the status of the war and encourages India to strive for independence by rising against the British.

On May 28 in New York, Italian opera singer Ezio Pinza is released from confinement at Ellis Island. He had been detained there for three months after being arrested on suspicion of being an enemy alien and supporting the Axis. In Occupied Belgium, the wearing of a yellow badge becomes compulsory for Jews.

A.C. Bus Trip San Salvador Seniors

PERTH AMBOY - The San Salvador Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in AC on Thursday, June 1, 2017. Bus leaves 12 Noon from the Perth Amboy Knights of Columbus, High Street, Perth Amboy. Cost 30 pp. Receive \$30 back in slot dollars. For more info call Joe at 732-826-0819.

A.C. Bus Trip 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

A.C. Bus Trip Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church

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

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 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 Book Dealers are welcome. !!!!

K of C 100th Anniversary Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - On Sunday, June 25, 2017 Msgr. John F. Brady Assembly 676 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus celebrate their 100th anniversary Sunday June 25 with a 12 Noon Mass at Sacred Heart Church followed by dinner at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus 308 Fourth St. South Amboy. Cost of dinner is \$30. Reservation deadline is June 9, 2017. For more information, call Les at 732-721-0812.

20th 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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Pet of the Week



Joe from Animal Control with Kyle the Kitten.

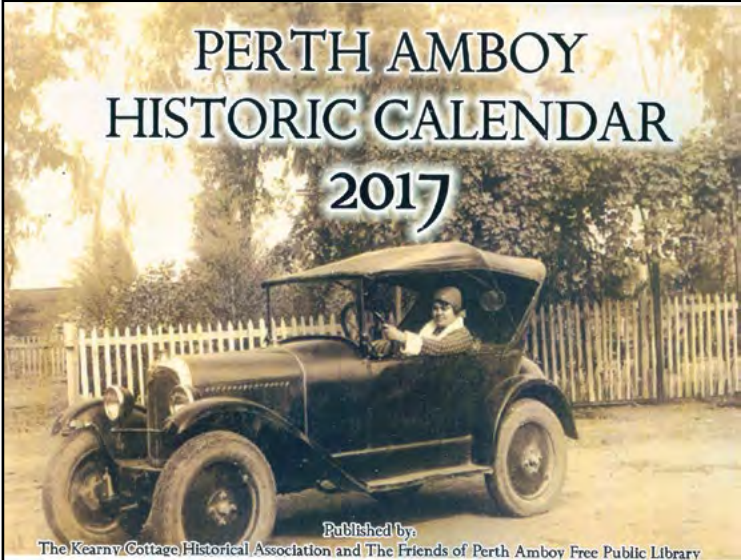
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SOUTH AMBOY - Come join DJ Richie the flash and crew for great cruise nights the third Wednesday of every month from June to October from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Music from the '50's to the '80's. Trophies will be awarded - Bring the Family! For additional info please contact carshowsRus@gmail.com or Mike Toth at moth1@optonline.net or 908-930-3497. Sponsored by the City of South Amboy.

2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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.

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

Friends of the Library Meeting

Date Change

PERTHAMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Tuesday, May 30 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.

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.

City Wide Yard Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - All South Amboy Residents can participate at no cost just by displaying balloons at their home to alert shoppers! No Registration Necessary! Please contact events@southamboynj.gov Or Jaclyn Kelly at 732-525-5965 with any questions. Saturday, June 24, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Book Sale

WOODBIDGE - The Robert E. Lee CWRT and Research Center will be having a book sale on Saturday, July 1, 2017. Dozens of top quality books will be priced to sell. Some topics available will be personalities, battles, medicine and weapons, just to name a few. The library is located in the Mercatili Building on 94 Green Street in Woodbridge. Enter through the side doors which are off the driveway, and look for room 104. The sale will run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you! Stop by, peruse, chat and while you're there, enjoy our light refreshments.

Remember to Say Your Novenas!

Car Blessing

SOUTH AMBOY - On Wednesday May 31, 2017 the South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 is sponsoring the annual blessing of the cars on Wednesday May 31 from 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the school parking lot on Second Street. For more details, call Steve at 732-727-1707.

Flea Market

EDISON - Our Lady of Peace Church is having their Parish Flea Market on Saturday, June 10th, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the OLP Parish Center, Franklin Ave & Amboy Ave in Edison. **If you are interested in being a vendor, call or text Michael at 732-221-0976 or e-mail him at mchundak@gmail.com

Yard Sale

SOUTH AMBOY - Sacred Heart Church on 531 Washington Ave. South Amboy is having a big yard sale in conjunction with the South Amboy City-Wide Yard Sale on Saturday June 24, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or Shine. Household and kitchen items, lamps, framed pictures, purses, toys, baby items, books, CD's video games, sports equipment will be accepted. Donations will be taken on the following days before and after all Masses: June 3 & 4, June 10 & 11, June 17 & 18. Donations can be dropped off at Memorial Hall. Clothing, shoes, bedding, food, and furniture WILL NOT be accepted, Volunteers will be needed to set up, clean up, and man the tables. For more information, call the Parish Office at 732-721-0040.

Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
TUES. May 23 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 24 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
THURS. May 25 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. May 29 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. May 30 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED. May 31 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
THURS. May 32 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**
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.
MON. Jun. 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.

Attn: If Your Club changes its Schedule due to the Holidays or if you have Community Events to Submit Please give us two weeks advanced notice! 732-896-4446 or 732-261-2610 AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

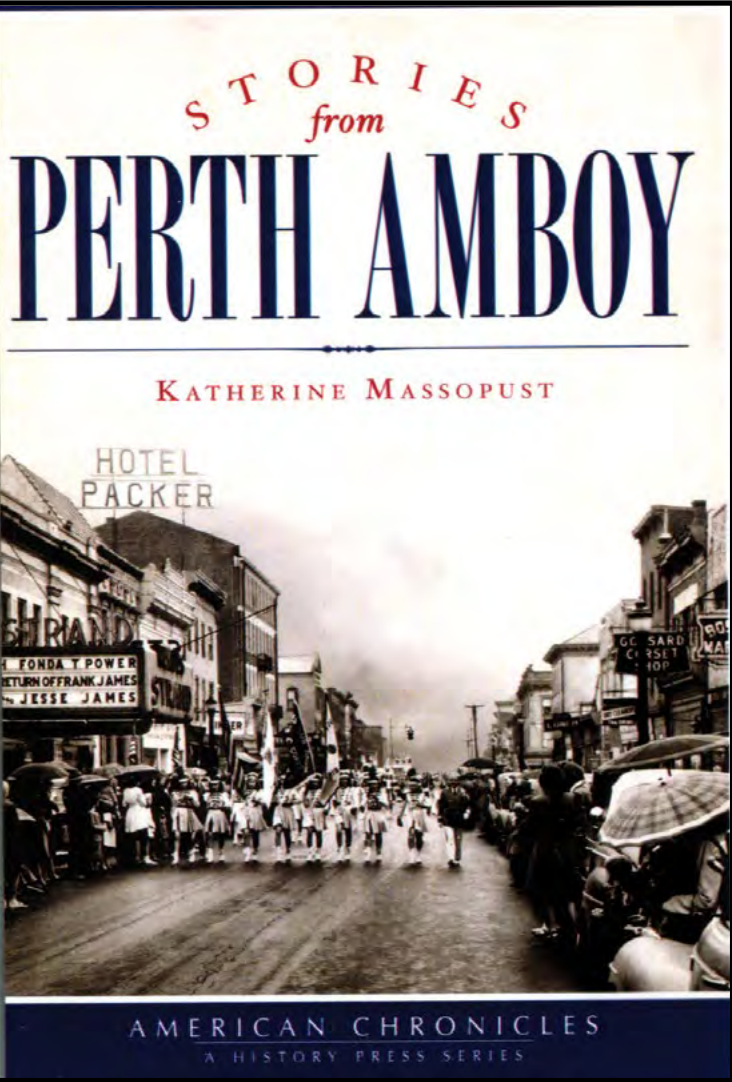
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - George H. Tice, Postmaster, Perth Amboy 1900-1916.
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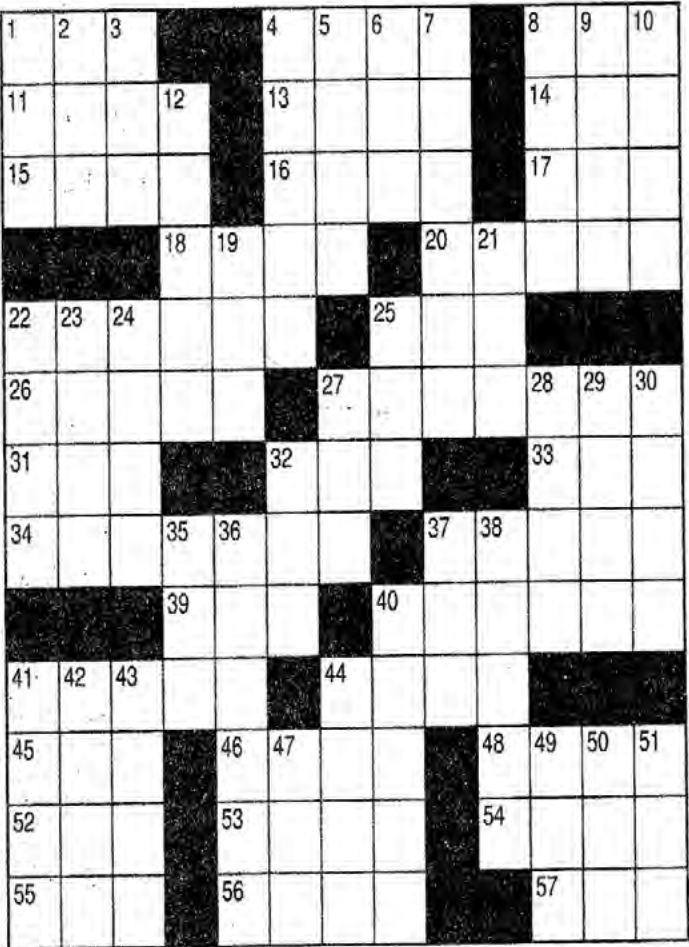
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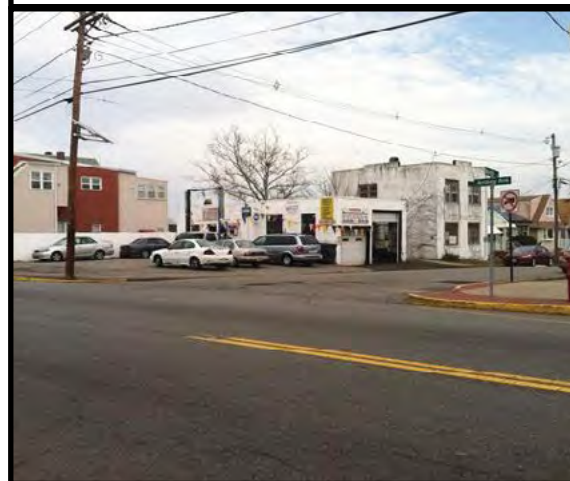
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