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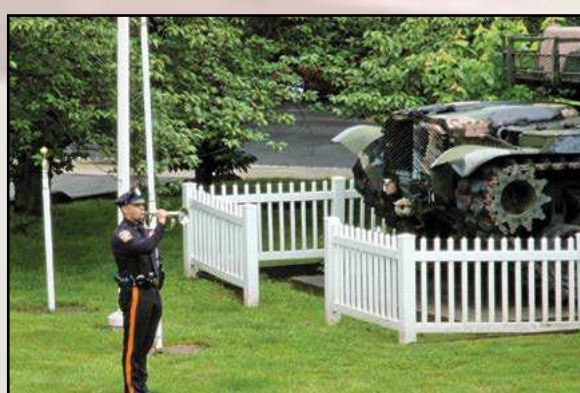
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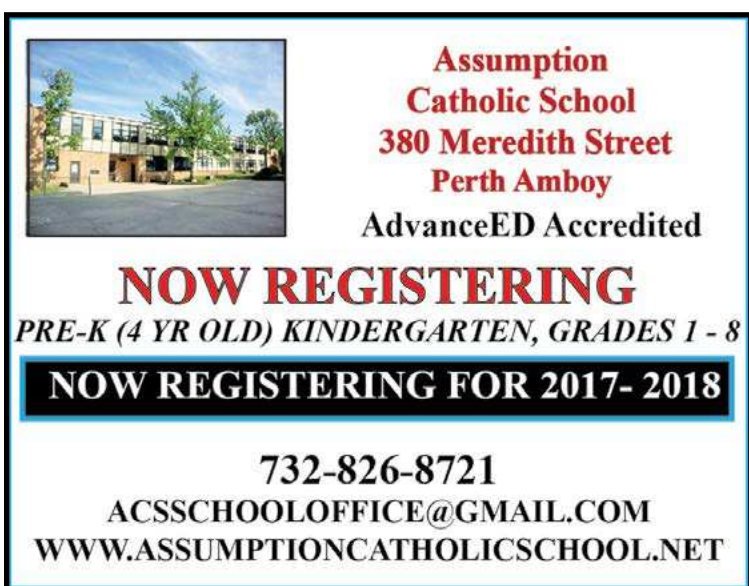


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Code Enforcement Status Report

5/22/17 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – Code Enforcement Director Jamie Rios and two Supervisors: Lance Nelson and Johan Delgado were present to answer questions posed by the Council in response to residents' complaints. Most of those complaints stem from the fact that Code Enforcement has not been present at several Caucus and Council Meetings where in the past, they were always there.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez started off and told Code Enforcement, "You have come up at discussions at meetings and no one has been here. Many questions have been asked about a fire that occurred at 154 Rector St. and also about elevator problems at a building located at 675 New Brunswick Ave. You have given us a report on the Rector Street fire."

Code Enforcement Director Jamie Rios responded, "I or another representative from my Department will be here on a monthly basis and we will try to send monthly reports electronically to the Council. Last year, our department received a new computer system. We get complaints that are sent us from the Fire and Police Departments and when we do, we send out an inspector. When we go out to a site that has a complaint, we can input the date, time, type of complaint and the action taken. The report that you (the Council) have in your hands right now are from January 1st to March 31st of this year. There were 130 complaints which 70 were for illegal housing. Of the 130 complaints and a total of 95 them involved court cases. In 2016, there were 269 inspections. So far, this year (2017) we've had 329."

Supervisor Lance Nelson and Director Jamie Rios both told the Council that Smart Phones are used to generate reports. Rios also said, "We can scan all the information to the office."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "The Citizens complain that we don't inspect that much, but now I will be able to see (when those residents call us (the Council)) if their complaints are on the reports."

Rios told Gonzalez, "You can see any complaint reports from the beginning (when it was first reported) and the status of the complaint up until it's resolved."

Johan Delgado said, "While we're out in the field (at a property) we can take photos and forward them to our office or other Departments so that they can see what we're seeing at

the same time."

Gonzalez then had questions about certificates on compliance.

Nelson said, "If there is a sheriff's sale, we will not have a certificate of compliance."

Jamie Rios added additional information stating, "If a property is sold from one family member to another, they may not have to have a code of compliance. There is an ordinance on this."

Councilman Gonzalez (who is also a real estate agent) said, "All transfers are recorded to our tax department."

Rios countered, "The deed won't say if there is code compliance."

Gonzalez answered back, "You (Code Enforcement) can check with the Tax Department. As soon as we receive it, we can put it in the books."

Rios responded, "I will talk to Adam Cruz (Business Administrator) and the Tax Assessor to cross check."

Rios gave additional information about the number of units at 154 Rector St. "Our records indicate it was a 3 family all along and registered through the State. When it was sold in 1998, it was listed as a 3 family. During the code compliance, there were 4-5 violations when the house was sold, but the owners at the time ignored them."

Supervisor Nelson offered more information on the structure, "They (people involved in selling 154 Rector St.) should not have gone into closing until they got a C/O, but in this case, that didn't happen."

Gonzalez responded, "There is a penalty of over \$1000 if a person violates a code compliance and we should be collecting these fines."

Director Rios gave a brief synopsis of how violations are handled, "A notice of violation is sent out and the recipient who has 10 days to comply. If they don't, we issue a summons which includes a court date. We don't get involved with sheriff sales or family to family transfers when it comes to code compliance and that is per City Ordinance."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry had a question, "Aren't there inspectors assigned to certain neighborhoods?"

This was in response to people who complained about properties that have not been cleaned up for a long stretch of time.

Nelson said, "I agree that maintenance has been neglected on some properties - maybe weeks - but not months. We have over 10,000 structures."

Inspector Delgado shed some

more light on why this may be the case, "Sometimes an owner who lives alone may die or even be hospitalized and that property may go into distress. Once a week, we will have inspectors walk their areas in the summer."

Rios then stated, "Instead of having 3 Strikes - You're out - it's now 2 strikes and you're out. We also have inspectors working on the weekends."

Delgado reminded those present, "It takes a village to help us (Code Enforcement)."

Councilman Irizarry had another concern. He asked, "Do you give people who complaints are lodged against them the name of the person who complained about them?"

Director Rios responded, "60% of the complaints that are called in are anonymous. We also have a list of vacant property, but it's regularly updated. We have 4 abandoned properties on file now. We can give you a list of abandoned versus vacant properties."

Councilman Joel Pabon showed his frustration, "It's the same people who are repeat violators. You should know automatically who the bad boys and girls are. The inspectors need to be held accountable if there are repeat violators in their area that aren't addressed."

During the Public Portion of the Meeting, Resident Jeremy Baratta who resides at 675 New Brunswick Ave., told the Council that the elevator in his building is still not working. He also inquired, "How long does it take for the Meetings to be aired?"

Council President Bill Petrick stated, "The Meeting should be aired by Friday (5/26/17)."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski had some suggestions that he felt would benefit Code Enforcement and the Council: "Code Enforcement should call the Sheriff's Department for their monthly foreclosure list. (Then the properties (in the City) will be red-flagged.) And you (the Council) should have been told to strengthen your ordinance (dealing with code compliance on foreclosed properties)."

Resident Ken Balut wondered, "Why didn't the Council ask Code Enforcement about the Kushner property? You can see all the illegal housing. As soon as a school is built, it will be overcrowded."

Then Balut pointed to Mr. Baratta when he made the following statement, "675 New Brunswick Ave. is supposed to be for people 55 years and older. Does he look like he's that old?"



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Alzheimer's Education Event

PERTH AMBOY- Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is having an Alzheimer's education event Wednesday, June 14, 7:00 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Room 16, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Learn the signs, symptoms, prevention, treatment and caregiver resources for Alzheimer. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS.

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June 1st, 2017

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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.

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

America's and the World's Heroes



The weekend leading up to Memorial Day is usually called the "Unofficial Start of Summer." Stores run special sales and a lot of people plan their getaways or hope and pray the weather is sunny and warm for a picnic. Many towns plan their Memorial Day Services/Parades usually on the Saturday, Sunday or Memorial Day itself to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We feel for the families and friends whose loved ones came home in a casket or even more heartbreaking or those whose remains were never found, but you know they are gone.

The President of the United States also lays a wreath during a very solemn ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is dedicated to American Service Members who have died without their remains being identified.

I believe with all my heart that after Memorial Day Services, your loved ones would like that day to end with happy memories of the times spent with them. You see, they made the ultimate sacrifice and fought overseas to protect our homeland and this we should all be very grateful for. Not only that, they also died in conflicts where they helped liberate citizens in other countries who were oppressed.

This is evident by the num-

ber of cemeteries and monuments worldwide where the remains of American Soldiers were laid or the names of those missing in action are carved into monuments.

Late last week as we were passing Alpine Cemetery (in Perth Amboy) we saw several young people laying flags on Veteran's grave-sites. The American Legion in Perth Amboy and similar organizations also do this.

On Memorial Day, these organizations will have a ceremony of remembrance and then have light refreshments for the participants and the community.

So, for future Memorial Day events, whether it be a cookout or just a simple gathering with family and/or friends which in essence is a celebration of life, raise a glass to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

For those who are still feeling the sting and deep pain at the loss of their loved ones, just think of the times when they made you laugh and take that memory and hold it tight as you fall asleep for the night.

We realize that there were service personnel who made that ultimate sacrifice leaving behind young children or those who were about to be born. We know how important it is to pass those memories onto them. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Campaigning at the Waterfront Arts Festival

On Saturday May 27, 2017, the City of Perth Amboy held a Waterfront Festival. It was a nice day to have it and everyone was having a very good time - plus the kids love it.

This Waterfront Festival is to

be used only for entertainment and having a good time with family and friends. It's very sad to see the Mayor using it for political reasons by making political speeches and showing us a person running for Governor of New Jersey. People came to the festival to have a good time - not to see and hear the Mayor giving a political speech. Most people

at the festival could care less about who is running for Governor. These politicians should know when to do this. At a festival, it's all in the bag - the time and place and then they wonder why we are not happy to see this.

Orlando "Wildman" Perez

God Bless This Land

Although our soldiers fought for the right of all citizens, it doesn't take a genius to see that destructive use of our rights will not advance our culture. This would answer the age old question: "why do people do what they do?"

Memorial Day is a sad day for many; probably as many as 99% of our country. But what about the other one percent? What do they think? Probably nothing. We will find them at the liberal colleges, in the streets and even in our own neighborhoods. I recently spent some time at the cemetery and celebrated the lives of our departed and realized that if not for them, we would not have the lives we have now.

This weekend, we've seen

the American Flag flying but how many realize what that symbol means? It leads our soldiers into battle and for many the flag was the last thing they saw before they closed their eyes forever.

There are people in this country that would stomp on and even burn the flag that so many died for. This despicable display of unpatriotic acts is synonymous with what many democratic leaders adhere to. If it were not for our Veterans, we would not have the beautiful country in which we now live.

From 1776 to the present, we have been blessed with a country that we should be proud of. It is unfortunate that we have within our government people who do not understand that a government of, by and for the people means all of us and not

a choice few.

God has granted us a beautiful land. To keep it has been a project for all people, not a few. When we all realize this, then and only then will this country be the chosen one for all. A country is judged by its values and its results.

The flag which we honor represents those that died defending it. When all realize this, we will be united. A hero never steps on the flag but raises the flag with pride and love.

Our fallen heroes have given us the only thing they could have - the peace we now live in. It is too bad it has been marred by some citizens who belittle their sacrifices. Please God, bless this land and its people.

Barbara Skokan

Not on Automatic PILOT

5/22/17 Caucus & 5/24/17 Council Meetings

PERTH AMBOY - An Ordinance of the City of Perth Amboy, County of Middlesex, New Jersey - Approving the PILOT Application and authorizing the Mayor pursuant to N.J.S.A., 40A:20-1ET SEQ - To execute a financial agreement by and between the City of Perth Amboy and Bridge Perth Amboy I Urban Renewal, LLC.

Leigh Anne Hindenlang and Bob Benecke (Benecke Economics) came up to answer questions from the Council.

Hindenlang gave an overview of the property from the times that Viridian Partners had it until it was taken over by Bridge. She stated, "Viridian was the original developer, then sold it to Bridge. There had to be a transfer agreement to Bridge."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz interrupted Hindenlang to remind the Council, "The original PILOT Program submitted by Bridge Partners was re-

duced from 25 years to 22 years."

Hindenlang then continued and answered a Councilman's question in regards to Target coming into one of the Bridge Buildings and a job fair that they had. She said, "We requested that Target have a job fair in Perth Amboy to give our residents first choice of positions whether or not Target locates here or not."

Benecke then spoke about the percentages of money that each entity will get if a PILOT Program is put in place. These percentages are the ones that Benecke revised after Resident Stanley Sierakowski gave him corrections. "26.3% for the school, 61% paid to the City and the balance of 13% to the County. 95% of the PILOT money will go to the City. \$1.8 million will be your net gain in 2 years. If the building is occupied without a PILOT, your net gain will be \$800,000. I sug-

gested to the Business Administrator and the Administration that you should dedicate this money to tax relief. It will be memorialized in a resolution. As per the State, the money will be put in a trust designated where the money goes. You can state that it be put in the budget for tax relief if you so desire. The company right now has a tax appeal."

Councilman Irizarry interrupted and ask, "Can the City afford the PILOT?"

Benecke answered, "There was \$150 million investment. \$2.88 value is our tax rate; \$3.6 million of tax value with tenants occupied."

Annie Hindenlang provided more information, "Viridian had the property 3 years before Bridge took over for the Vertical building. We (PARA) negotiated for 6 to 7 months for the PILOT Project terms."

Council President Bill Petrick

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy	
MON. Jun. 12	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
TUES. Jun. 13	Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. Library, Jefferson St.
WED. Jun. 14	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
THURS. Jun. 15	Board of Education, 5:30 p.m. PAHS Eagle Ave.
South Amboy	
WED. May 31	Planning Board, 7 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
THURS. Jun. 1	SARA, 6:30 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway
WED. Jun. 14	City Council, Business, 6 p.m. City Hall, N. Broadway

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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.

Healthcare Provider CPR Class

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center, is providing an American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR class Wednesday, June 7, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Participants will receive certification in CPR for adults, infants and children and learn about ventilation devices, automated external defibrillators and how to clear an obstructed airway in responsive and unresponsive patients. Cost is \$80 per person. Make checks payable to Raritan Bay Medical Center. Registration required, call 1 - 8 0 0 - D O C T O R S (1.800.362.8677).

Angioscreen Event

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center is holding an Angioscreen event Tuesday, June 6, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Learn your risk of heart attack and stroke. Includes carotid artery ultrasound, heart rhythm, blood pressure and screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm and peripheral artery disease. Receive a color report of your findings, education materials and consultation with a registered nurse. The cost is \$49.95. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

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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.

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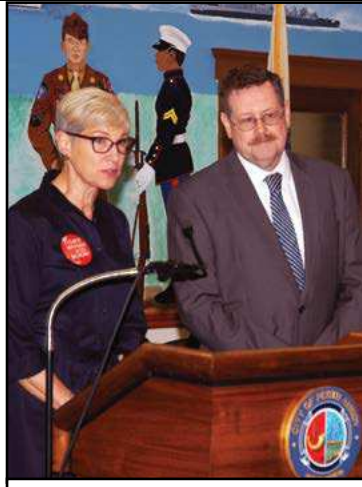
Historic Building Converted to New Perth Amboy Museum, City Hall & Surveyor General's Office

5/27/17

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The Last Surveyor General with Barbara Booz



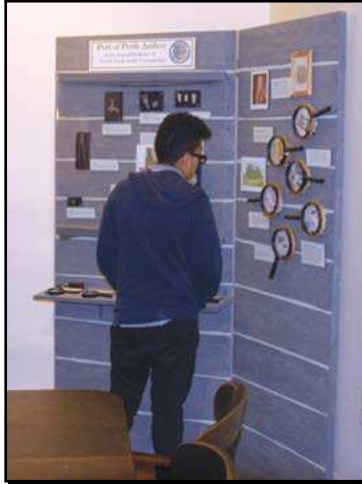
Janet Foster, Chair NJ Historic Trust



Waiting outside in the rain for the grand opening of the Surveyor General's Office Museum to open



William Pavlovsky explains about the Skull Casting and Facial Reconstruction of an Indentured Servant and the history behind it



A student looks at a display



Students pose for a group photo

Press Release 5/22/17

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Wilda Diaz is pleased to host the grand opening of the Surveyor General's Office Museum on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (260 High Street)

Mayor Diaz will be joined by local dignitaries, city officials and Perth Amboy school students for a showing of a history video and brief tour of the newly renovated historic site.

The Surveyor General's Office (SGO) located next to Perth Amboy City Hall at 260 High Street-- a two room brick building built in 1852-1854 that once housed decades' worth of city council minutes, rolled-up maps, old flags and a conference meeting table.

The building is the former home of the East Jersey Board of Proprietors, which governed New Jersey from 1682 until 1702 -- long before the independence was declared -- and which is the oldest incorporated body in the country.

The board was dissolved in 1998 after 316 years of corporate existence, at which time the building, which also housed the office of the board's Surveyor General, was donated to the City of Perth Amboy, while its extensive records were transferred to the State Library in Trenton.

The one-story building, listed on the state and na-

tional historic registers has transformed into a public museum celebrating the historical and archeological heritage of Perth Amboy, which was the first incorporated municipality in New Jersey.

"The Surveyor General's Office is an architectural and historical gem, very much like other historic buildings in Perth Amboy, but until now no one has cared for its restoration," said Mayor Wilda Diaz, who championed the museum effort. "By turning the Surveyor General's Office into a museum, the city will be able to showcase its extraordinary colonial history and preserve yet another piece of national history."

Perth Amboy's history can be traced back to King Charles II, who in 1664 granted the area west of the Hudson, which was a former Dutch colony, to his brother, James, Duke of York, who in turn granted a proprietorship over New Jersey to Lord John Berkeley and Sir George Carteret.

During 1682, Carteret's Estate was sold to 12 new buyers, and these men formed the East Jersey Board of Proprietors. The East and West Jersey Proprietors were the first British landowners, governing the province for the first four decades of British colonization.

The city is named in honor of James Drummond, Earl of

Perth, one of the early proprietors. Perth Amboy was the colonial capital of East Jersey from 1686 until the union of East and West Jersey in 1702, when it became an alternate colonial capital with Burlington until 1776. A statue of the Earl of Perth stands in front of City Hall.

Before it dissolved itself in 1998 the board sold the SGO to the City of Perth Amboy for \$1.00, while its extensive records were transferred to the State Library in Trenton.

At the request of Mayor Diaz, a proposal for the adaptive re-use of the SGO was prepared in 2010. It proposed a conversion of the building to a museum interpreting the historical role of the proprietors and to display a large and important collection of 17th and 18th-century.

The New Jersey Historic Trust (NJHT) awarded the City a Capital Preservation Grant in the amount of \$110,635 out of the Garden State Historic Preservation Trust Fund and it was matched with federal community development block grant funds. The funds were used to restore the two-room, 22- by 35-foot building and to update the interior. The building is also ADA compliant. The work was completed just several months ago.

The museum will serve:

- To interpret the role of the proprietors in the

founding of Perth Amboy and the settlement of New Jersey.

- To house an important collection of artifacts from two city archeological sites dating from the 17th and 18th centuries; the artifacts have been in storage for more than 35 years and thus inaccessible to students, historians and the public

On the day of the grand opening, the SGO Museum will display the original silver seal of the City of Perth Amboy dating from 1718. The seal, which has been in a vault for 40 years after it was reclaimed by the Perth Amboy Women's Club, is believed to be one of the oldest city seals in the nation.

The artifacts from the two archeological sites are particularly noteworthy. Unlike other colonial cities in New Jersey, such as Newark and Trenton, which have been built up, much of Perth Amboy's historic core has escaped urbanization, allowing archeologists to recover thousands of artifacts.

The artifacts were recovered from the Clarke-Watson house site, dating from 1684, which is one of the city's first houses; and the King's Arms Tavern site, which may date from as early as 1692. The tavern was frequented by George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Paine.

The artifacts, some of

which date from the 1600s, are remarkable for their variety. They include household items such as tableware, cutlery and kitchenware; iron-work such as nails, spikes and hinges; personal accessories such as pipes, buttons and buckles; coins, ceramic tiles and more.

"Properly displayed in an appropriate setting, [these artifacts] can dramatically bring to life the seemingly remote era in which our city, state and country had their beginnings," the grant application states.

The new museum joins several other city sites of historical significance, including the Proprietary House, commissioned by the Proprietors of East Jersey as the official residence of William Franklin, the last-appointed Royal Governor of New Jersey; Kearny Cottage, the home of Commodore Lawrence Kearny, who initiated the "open door" policy with China in 1842; and the Perth Amboy-Tottenville ferry slip, which opened in to 1684 to help travelers such as Ben Franklin and the Lenape Indians cross the Arthur Kill.

The new city museum will be open three days a week and by appointment for school and other groups, from Wednesday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Memorial Day 2017 - South Amboy - N. Broadway 5/20/17 Perth Amboy - American Legion Post #45 5/29/17



SOUTH AMBOY/PERTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Memorial Day Parade took place on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Grand Marshal Frank Campbell lay the wreath for those who gave their lives for our country. The Perth Amboy Memorial Day Parade was cancelled due to inclement weather. The Ceremony was held at the American Legion Post 45 on Smith Street, Perth Amboy. The Grand Marshals were Maria I. Santiago, Police Officer and Corporal United States Marine Corps & Rosa M. Ramos, Lt. Colonel United States Air Force. The Master of Ceremonies was Jesus Martinez, Ret. Detective PAPD and United States Recon, Marine. *Photos by Mary Taylor and Paul W. Wang

Not on Automatic PILOT - 5/22/17 Caucus & 5/24/17 Council Meetings

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told Hindenlang, "Viridian said they didn't want a PILOT."

Hindenlang answered back, "Viridian had a huge escrow and got that back, plus they made a huge profit on top of that. They (Viridian) made an application to the Administration first. We went to the Tax Assessor first to see if a PILOT was acceptable."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez brought up the issue which involved the tax rate dealing with the School System.

Resolution R-207 - Certifying to the Middlesex County Board of Taxation a Local Tax Levy in the amount of \$25,853,697 for the 2017-2018 Perth Amboy School Budget.

CFO Jill Goldy came up to respond, "It's 4 Cents on the tax rate which is \$95 per year to a home owner whose home value is \$239,000."

Gonzalez responded back, "That's why I voted against the budget. I predicted this tax increase."

Business Administrator Cruz responded, "We can't predict what the school board or county tax increase will be."

Gonzalez stated, "We work for the Citizens - not the City! I pay \$14,000 in taxes. I can afford it because my son moved in with me. We have to work hard to make sure our citizens do not continue getting tax increases."

Cruz finished his argument stating, "We have power only on balancing our Municipal Budget."

Mayor Diaz came up later in

the meeting to make a case for the Bridge PILOT. Before doing so, she wanted to let the Council and Residents know that the State Attorney acknowledged the Police Department for their great work with the community. She continued, "A lot of work went into this PILOT (Bridge). I was skeptical at first of the PILOT Program, but they help put people to work. The Point Pleasant Mayor said they were looking at PILOTs to help with their shorelines. I said we are using them to bring in industries. Gerdau Ameristeel will be asking for a PILOT. Bridge had buildings that were just shells. Viridian could not finish their project. It was understood that whoever Viridian sold to was going to ask for a PILOT. I believe Target wants to come, but right now, there's no C/O. You (the Council) want to attract long term tenants. You want to protect the workers when it comes to decent wages and to have a bargaining unit. Other Mayors use PILOTs to move their projects. PILOTs will jump-start our economy. People can shop and dine here. Our residents that work there can put the money back into our community. This money can build a firehouse in that section of town. It can put in money for tax relief, too. Using bonds come with a cost. There are a lot of if's. Look at all the information given to you (the Council) and the hard work by PARA and other agencies. We need more of an economic engine than just PILOTs for housing."

At the 5/24/17 Council Meeting, the Council still had concerns about the Bridge PILOT,

especially the amount of time it would be in effect.

Councilman Joel Pabon said, "22 years is very long and they have too many whereas in the contract. I'm all for the PILOT, and we're probably going to need more."

Business Administrator Cruz answered Pabon's concerns. "First I want to thank the Council for placing this Ordinance on the Agenda. We have brought in 3 levels of expertise (to explain this particular PILOT). We reduced the terms from the initial amount of 30 to 22 years. This is what other Municipalities have. We have a 50 year PILOT Program going on right now."

Council President Bill Petrick had some thoughts on this, "I don't think we need to give a PILOT for an out of town large corporation. We always had a large workforce (in the City for years). The roads, railroad and river is why all large corporations wanted to be here."

Cruz responded, "All of these large corporations also left pollutants."

Petrick continued, "Bridge already had a clean site when they bought it from Viridian. The building we are talking about already has a tenant coming here."

Councilman Jelmin Caba spoke up, "Just like Adam (B.A. Cruz) said, we have a lot of blighted areas that may continue (to exist) without PILOTs. I agree with Councilman Pabon about the years. Maybe we can revisit this in 10 years."

Irizarry spoke next, "I understand the rationality for 22 years and maybe Mr. Benecke

can explain why it's for that amount of time."

Pabon responded, "Companies come here and offer very little jobs to our residents. I understand what Benecke said, but still 22 years is too long."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez agreed stating, "I believe 22 under any conditions is not proper. Viridian said they will never need a PILOT. I think that a 22 year commitment is too long. We should encourage this company. I don't want to tie the hands of a new Council."

Pabon questioned, "We know that others will be asking for PILOTs. Will they be getting the same amount of years?"

When it came for the vote, Irizarry and Caba voted "Yes" to the ordinance and Gonzalez, Pabon and Petrick voted "No." Ordinance did not pass.

During the last Public Portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski had a suggestion, "The real issue is the divergence of the money distributed. The Board of Education and library percentages will shrink. Let the County get a smaller percentage or even 0%. I'm in favor of PILOTs, if you don't steal from the schools and library. Just do the PILOT for 12 to 15 years instead."

Mayor Diaz came up to speak, telling the Council how disappointed she was. "Full disclosure wasn't given. Viridian had \$12 million to \$14 million in escrow and that is why they didn't ask for a PILOT."

She then addressed Council President Bill Petrick and said, "I know that you are against PILOTs."

Petrick responded, "I have

seen PILOTs that have failed in the past. Also the experts that have come here (in reference to the Bridge PILOT) have given us wrong numbers. Under Fehrenbach (former B.A.) and Jimenez, there were not going to be PILOTs."

Mayor Diaz responded, "He (Fehrenbach) was talking about another company. Viridian was not the original company. It was Panatone. They (Bridge) are creating ratables and jobs with Union Benefits. I told the Union that the Council will support them."

The person who has signed on to a 50 year PILOT came up to speak. He is the Owner/Manager of the building located at 315 High St. He stated, "When the rent increases, the PILOT increases. The PILOT worked against us. We pay \$155,000 in taxes. If we were taxed the traditional way, we would pay \$95,000. I came here tonight to see if something can be done (with the terms of the agreement).

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, "It's strange that you're here talking about how your 50 year PILOT worked against you. The Administration is the one you'll have to talk to."

Council President Bill Petrick told the owner of 315 High St. That there is a big difference between your PILOT Program (and the one we're discussing tonight).

Resident Reinaldo Aviles told the Council, "Retail is not doing well. These are different jobs than years ago which will not be a waste. It's light indus-

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Saturday, June 10 12-7pm

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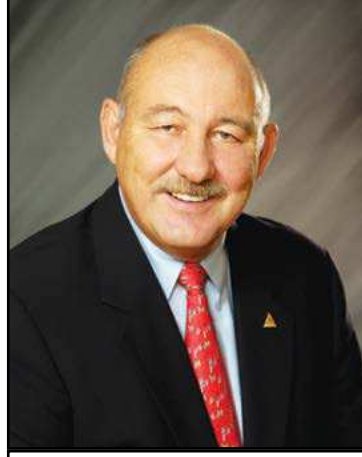
Making the Meatballs at Holy Rosary Church for the Festa Di San Antonio
*Photos by Toni Gianfrancesco



Amboy Bank Announces Executive Changes

**Photo Submitted*

News Release 5/2017
OLD BRIDGE - George E. Scharpf, Chairman and CEO, has announced changes to the senior management team at Amboy Bank. Effective as of May 25th, Stanley J. Koreyva, Jr., Chief Operating Officer, has been named President of Amboy Bank. Promoted to Executive Vice President were G. Gregory Scharpf, Chief Retail Banking Officer; Domenick Margiotta, Chief Lending Officer and Mary Kay Riccardi, Chief Risk Officer. As Chairman, Scharpf will concentrate on long term goals and focus on strategic initiatives.



George E. Scharpf
Amboy Bank Chairman



Stanley J. Koreyva
Amboy Bank President

Commenting on the changes, Scharpf stated, "The transition acknowledges and recognizes the strength and depth of our senior management team that has been responsible for making Amboy a successful community bank."

George Scharpf, who is well known in the banking industry, joined Amboy Bank in 1969 and was named President and CEO in 1981 and has been Chairman of the Board since 1995. He is also Chairman, President and CEO of Amboy Bancorporation. He has a BBA degree from The University of Notre Dame and an MBA from New York University.

Stanley J. Koreyva, Jr., who joined Amboy Bank in 1990, was promoted to Executive Vice President and COO in 2008. He earned a BS degree in Accounting from Rider University and is a Certified Public Accountant. He is a board member of both Amboy Bank and Amboy Bancorporation.

Gregory Scharpf, who joined the bank in 2002, was previously a Vice President and Segment Manager with Bank of America. He was named Senior Vice President and Chief Retail Banking Officer in 2008. He earned his undergraduate degree at the College of William and Mary and an MBA at Vanderbilt University. He is a member of the Bank's Board of Directors.

Domenick Margiotta came to Amboy Bank in 1989. He

has a BS in Finance from Seton Hall University and has a degree from the Graduate School of Banking in Madison Wisconsin. He was named Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer in 2008.

Mary Kay Riccardi joined Amboy Bank as Controller in 1995. She was promoted to Chief Financial Officer in 2007, Senior Vice President in 2009 and Chief Risk Officer in 2016. Riccardi, a Certified Public Accountant, graduated from The College of New Jersey with a BS degree in Accounting.

Founded in 1888, Amboy Bank is a full-service commercial bank with assets of \$2.4 billion and 22 offices in central New Jersey. Amboy has been voted Best Bank in Central Jersey for 19 years in row.

Amboy Bank Draws Winner for New Cheesequake Branch Sweepstakes

**Photo Submitted*



News Release
MATAWAN - Amboy Bank Cheesequake branch manager, Donna Ostrowski, congratulates Mary Giessuebel as the grand prize winner of Amboy's month-long grand opening sweepstakes. Giessuebel won a 55" LG Smart LED television. The sweepstakes celebrated Amboy's new branch at 95 Matawan Road in Matawan. The bank is continuing to welcome new clients with special deposit offers.

Founded in 1888, Amboy Bank, a full-service commercial bank with 23 offices in central New Jersey, prides itself on quality service and responsiveness. They have been voted "Best Bank in Central Jersey" for the past 19 years in a row.

Book Release Party for *Man Failure: The Story of New Jersey's Deadliest Train Wreck*

Press Release 5/25/17

WOODBIDGE - The official release party for Gordon Bond's new book about the 1951 Woodbridge train wreck has been set for Saturday, June 17, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Woodbridge Main Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ! This event is free and open to all.

Man Failure: The Story of New Jersey's Deadliest Train Wreck, by Gordon Bond, draws on eyewitness interviews, contemporary news reports, and investigation transcripts to explore this dramatic event in New Jersey history.

On the drizzly evening of February 6, 1951, the Pennsylvania Railroad commuter train known as "The Broker" derailed in Woodbridge, New Jersey, killing 85 and injuring hundreds in what remains the deadliest railroad accident in the state's history and among the top five in the United States.

What happened is reasonably well-understood. The Broker hit a temporary track around a New Jersey Turnpike construction site going between 50- and 65-miles-per-hour, though the speed limit was set at 25. The tender derailed and began to drag the eleven passenger cars behind it down a 30-foot embankment onto the parallel Fulton Street. The horrors of the wreck have been recounted by surviving passengers, witnesses, and rescuers. The Broker has remained in the communal memories of

the Township and the communities afflicted, appearing in local histories, noted in local media on anniversaries, and within compendiums of historic railroad accidents.

Why it happened, however, is an area of controversy. While the role of speed is generally accepted, why the otherwise experienced and skilled engineer failed to properly observe the speed restriction drew attention at the time to systemic issues within the Pennsylvania Railroad itself and seemed to reflect what many had come to believe about the industry as a whole. Seemingly plagued by delays, rate hikes, labor disputes, accidents, and the long shadow of a hundred-plus years of corruptive influence, it felt like the railroads put profit before service—and now the cost was being counted in mangled corpses and broken bodies.

"*Man Failure: The Story of New Jersey's Deadliest Train Wreck*," by Gordon Bond, draws on eyewitness interviews, contemporary news reports, and investigation transcripts to explore this dramatic event in New Jersey history.

Admission is free and there will be a presentation, video and photos display, light refreshments, and, of course, the book will be available for purchase (\$30) and signing!

Please RSVP: gordon@gardenstatelegacy.com. Please also indicate if you are interested in purchasing a copy of the book.

Arrest of The Royal Governor & Outwater's Militia Encampment

PERTH AMBOY – The annual re-enactment of the Arrest of Royal Governor William Franklin and Outwater's Militia Encampment will take place at the Proprietary House, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy on Sunday, June 11, 2017. The Governor's Arrest Performance: 1 p.m.; Militia Encampment Tours: 12 Noon to 4 p.m.; Militia Living History Demonstrations: 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. Following the Governor's Arrest Performance – FREE Tours of the Museum – Light Refreshments – Gift Shop. For more information, call 732-826-5527 or email: info@theproprietaryhouse.org FREE Admission.

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.

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.

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trial at the very least."

Resident David Caba came up to speak, "Why give these billionaires PILOTs based on what they promise us? I bet that Kushner will ask for a PILOT if he builds his 600 units. These billionaires don't think about the residents - just what the Mayor wants. You guys can compromise when it comes to PILOTs. Why doesn't the State pay for the PILOTs instead of the Municipalities?"

Resident Mark Achamizo commended the Council for turning down the PILOT and suggested that they renegotiate every 5 years, "I like that the Mayor incorporated union benefits. We need to have our

buildings more energy efficient, especially when it comes to any new buildings.

During the Council Comments, Jelmin Caba stated, "This PILOT (Bridge) is not a residential mix and it's in the blighted area. I don't want Bridge to be discouraged and they should come back to renegotiation. I understand that the Council President doesn't like PILOTs, but they are needed."

Fernando Gonzalez stated, "We have approved PILOTs in the past. Mendez Dairy had a 5 year PILOT Program. I like that the industries, businesses, residents and the City work together."

Joel Pabon said, "I'm not against PILOTs. I'm just concerned about the length of years and I hope that Bridge

comes back. I looked at neighboring cities (that have PILOTs) and I've been on the phone constantly. I have to look on how this will affect 60,000 people. Maybe if Bridge comes back with a decent number, we can work with that."

Council President Bill Petrick made it clear that he's just against bad PILOTs that don't benefit the City. "You have to realize that Perth Amboy is a valuable Community where you don't have to give up our worth. I will base each PILOT on it's own merit."

Petrick also wished everyone a great weekend and to think about those who sacrificed while we are having a good time.

Historian Gordon Bond Presenting "Citizen Peterson: How Thomas Mundy Peterson Made the Most of His Historic Vote"

Press Release

WOODBIDGE - Monday, June 26, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. Woodbridge Main Public Library 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ Sponsored by The Historical Association of Woodbridge Township March 31st was the 147th anniversary of Thomas Mundy Peterson becoming the first African-American to cast a vote under the 1870 Fifteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not

be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

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

New Jersey historian, author, and lecturer, Gordon Bond,

will be exploring this aspect in his presentation, "Citizen Peterson: How Thomas Mundy Peterson Made the Most of His Historic Vote." He will be talking specifically about how his original research revealed some of Peterson's forgotten participation in Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, and State politics.

Exciting news will also be announced regarding Peterson's "voting medal."

Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

YarnPlay Knit in Public (KIP) Day @ WPL!

Press Release 5/25/17

WOODBIDGE - Share your time with other knitters! Please bring your chair and work in progress. Please note that if it rains this event will be moved inside the Main Library.

World Wide Knit in Public Day was started in 2005 by Danielle Landes. It began as a way for knitters to come together and enjoy each other's company. Knitting is such a solitary act that it's easy to knit alone somewhere and sink into your work without thinking about all the other knitters out there. Neighbors could spend all their lives never knowing that the other knits. This a specific day to get out of your house and go to a local event (with your knitting in tow) just for you and people like you. Who knows you might even bump into your neighbor! Consider this a spark, to ignite a fire; getting all of the closeted knitters out into fresh air.

For more information, please see: <http://www.wkipday.com/yarnplay-knit-library/>

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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Leaf Foundation Red Carpet Gala Riverboat St. Charles 5/6/17

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Student Scholarship Recipients



Mayor Wilda Diaz, Daughter, Samantha Diaz, Laurie Hernandez, Dr. Robles

The Learning Empowerment Achievement Foundation (LEAF), celebrated their 5th Annual Red Carpet Gala on May 6, 2017 at the Cornucopia Riverboat St. Charles, Perth Amboy

Press Release
 PERTH AMBOY - Annually the foundation awards scholarships to students of Perth Amboy and surrounding communities pursuing post-secondary education. Through generous donations by corporations, local business and community partners the foundation presented 11 students with scholarships. This year's scholar students were: Sonia Kumar, Lizette Esquivel, Yoeric Valdez, Ashley Castro, Lisnaldy Gomez, Anays Heridia, Karen Carrasco, Kenvely Grullon, Darina Rodriguez, Erick Negro, and Katherine Granja.
 The following Scholarship sponsored are; Rafael Men-

dez (Tropical Cheese), Carlos and Luz Sanchez, Chevron Corporation, The Rotary Club, R.K. Hughes, Inc., Symbys (from California), Daisey (from California), The Tomasini Family (from California) Dr. Robles Family, Constitution Bank, Barry and Nicole Rosengarten.
 The following donors are: Verizon, Raritan Bay Area YMCA, Harry and Caroline Pozycki, Patrisa Phillips and William Johnson (Florida) and Mr. Mustafa Kilic (Cornucopia).
 Also being honored at the gala were individuals who have contributed to the successes of the various non-traditional school programs and the community of Perth

Amboy and surrounding communities. This year LEAF honored eight community member for their commitment, dedication and involvement, honored were: Ms. Wanda Hernandez – Counselor of Wilentz School “Outstanding Mentor”, Dr. Dulce Rodriguez – Principal of Edward J. Patten Elementary School - “Humanitarian Award”, Ms. Lissette Velez-Saturday Morning Family School Program Coordinator – “Outstanding Staff Member”, Mr. Jorge Cruz – CEO of Jewish Reinance Foundation – “Community Ambassador Award”, Mr. Barry Rossengarten – Founder and Owner of RR&D - “Corporate Leader-

ship Award”, Honorable Pedro Jimenez Jr. – Judge of Middlesex – “Perth Amboy Role Model”, Mr. Fernando Alonso – Director of Puerta a Forturo in Fairleigh Dickinson University – “Educator Award” and Miss Laurie Hernandez – Gold Medalist Olympic and winner of Dancing with the Stars – Special Recognition Award.
 The LEAF foundation mission is to support and offer scholarships and resources to the student population enrolled in the Perth Amboy Educational programs servicing surrounding Communities. A diverse student population, participating in various programs in a non-traditional educational set-

ting will be provided with a variety of opportunities to further student post secondary educational goals.
 LEAF's goal is to continue to seek and grow their supporters and donors, in order to be able to offer more scholarships. Many of our students seek and are provided a second chance to complete their non-traditional education, offering them the opportunity for them to continue with their post secondary educational dreams. Our students deserve a chance to enter post-secondary schools at any age, said Dr. Senovia Robles – founder.

**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.

**Immigration:
 Know Your
 Rights**

PERTH AMBOY – Free Conference at Lighthouse Christian Church, 166 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 5 p.m. Presenter: Yanira Zavala, lawyer with over 20 years of experience in Immigration Law. Free Public Parking across the street after 5 p.m. For more info, call 732-442-0275

**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.

Chili Church

PERTH AMBOY-Thursday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. 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 5 p.m. Admission \$5 per person, St. Peter's Episcopal Church 183 Rector Street, Perth Amboy.

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

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.*

On May 29, 1942, Jews in Occupied France are ordered to wear a yellow Star of David on their clothing. In Ukraine, German forces complete the encirclement of 250,000 Red Army soldiers west of the Donets River. Singer Bing Crosby records the Irving Berlin song "White Christmas" for Decca Records. Released at Christmastime, it goes on to become the best-selling single record ever, reaching sales of over 100 million copies worldwide. In New York, the biographical musical "Yankee Doodle Dandy," starring James Cagney as songwriter and entertainer George M. Cohan premieres. Instead of selling tickets, Warner Brothers sells War Bonds as the price of admission to the premiere.

After only three days of hasty repairs, the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown departs Pearl Harbor on May 30 to join the carrier USS Enterprise for the next battle, impending near Midway Island.

The British Royal Air Force on May 31 conducts a 1,000-bomber raid on Cologne, Germany. The British drop 1,455 tons of bombs in 90 minutes. Some 13,000 homes are destroyed, around 500 people are killed, and over 45,000 are made homeless. In Australia, three Japanese mini-submarines penetrate Sydney harbor and sink a military support ship. Although all the Japanese vessels are sunk, concern grows among the populace about a possible Japanese invasion.

On June 1, 1942, the first reports arrive in the West about toxic gas being used to kill Jews that had been sent "to the East" by the Nazis. In North Africa, Rommel, having lost nearly 30% of his tanks in hard fighting, cancels his plans to turn to the north toward Tobruk from Bir Hakeim, Libya. Instead, he focuses his forces against the British 150th Infantry Brigade at Sidi Muftah, in the middle of the Gazala Line. The area becomes known as "The Cauldron." In Ukraine, Hitler visits Army Group South headquarters at Poltava to confirm plans for the upcoming summer offensive.

The RAF conducts another 1,000-bomber raid over Germany on June 2. This time, the target is the industrial town of Essen. In Ukraine, the huge German 31.5-inch siege gun "Schwerer Gustav (Heavy Gustav)" and 619 other artillery pieces begin a five-day bombardment of Sevastopol on the Crimean Peninsula. The Ukrainian city is defended by 106,000 Soviet soldiers, sailors and marines, 600 guns, 100 mortars, 38 tanks and 55 aircraft. Facing them are 204,000 troops of the German 11th Army, 670 guns, 450 mortars, 720 tanks and 200 aircraft.

The Japanese launch a carrier-based air raid on June 3 against U.S. Army and Navy facilities at Dutch Harbor, on Amaknak Island, Alaska, in the Aleutians. The British government announces that it will be nationalizing the U.K.'s coal mines and its milk industry. British commandos conduct an overnight raid on a radar facility at Plage-Ste-Cécile, in northern France, but a stiff German defense foils the operation.

On June 4, U.S. naval forces engage the Imperial Japanese Navy off Midway Island in what comes to be known as the Battle of Midway, the most decisive naval engagement of the war. The Japanese lose four aircraft carriers — half of their carrier fleet — which hamstring Japanese ability to mount offensive naval engagements in the future. The U.S. loses one carrier — USS Yorktown — and one destroyer. In Prague, Czechoslovakia, Reinhard Heydrich, Reich Protector of Bohemia and Moravia, and one of the architects of the "Final Solution to the Jewish Question," dies of wounds suffered in an assassination attempt in Prague on May 27. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer releases the romantic war drama "Mrs. Miniver," which will go on to win six Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director (William Wyler), Best Actress (Greer Garson) and Best Supporting Actress (Theresa Wright).

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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. !!!!

Pet of the Week



Leslee

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.

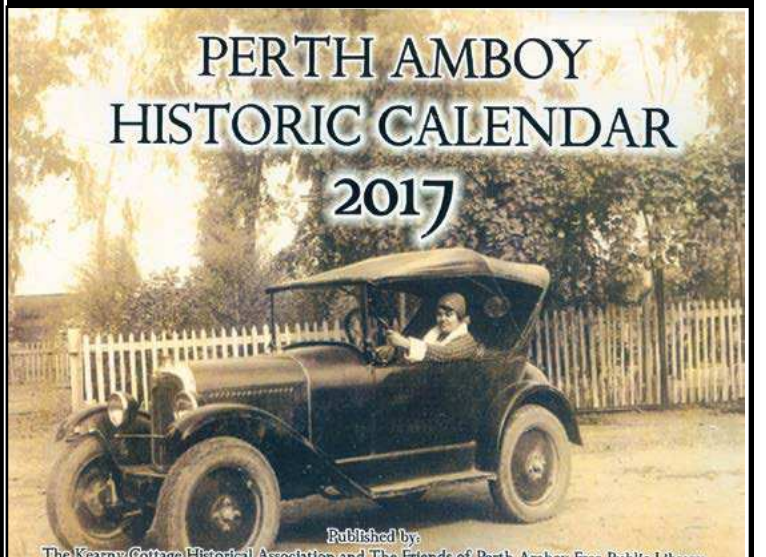
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2017 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



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.

Novena to St. Rita

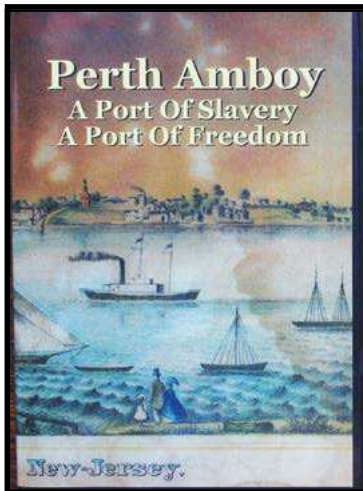
O holy protectress of those who art in greatest need, thou who shineth as a star of hope in the midst of darkness, blessed Saint Rita, bright mirror of God's grace, in patience and fortitude thou art a model of all the states in life. I unite my will with the will of God through the merits of my Savior 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.

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.



Free Perth Amboy History DVD

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.

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.

Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
 TUES. May 30 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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 WED. May 31 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. Jun. 1 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
 MON. Jun. 5 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
 TUES. Jun. 6 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
 WED. Jun. 7 St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
 • Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
 THURS. Jun. 8 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.

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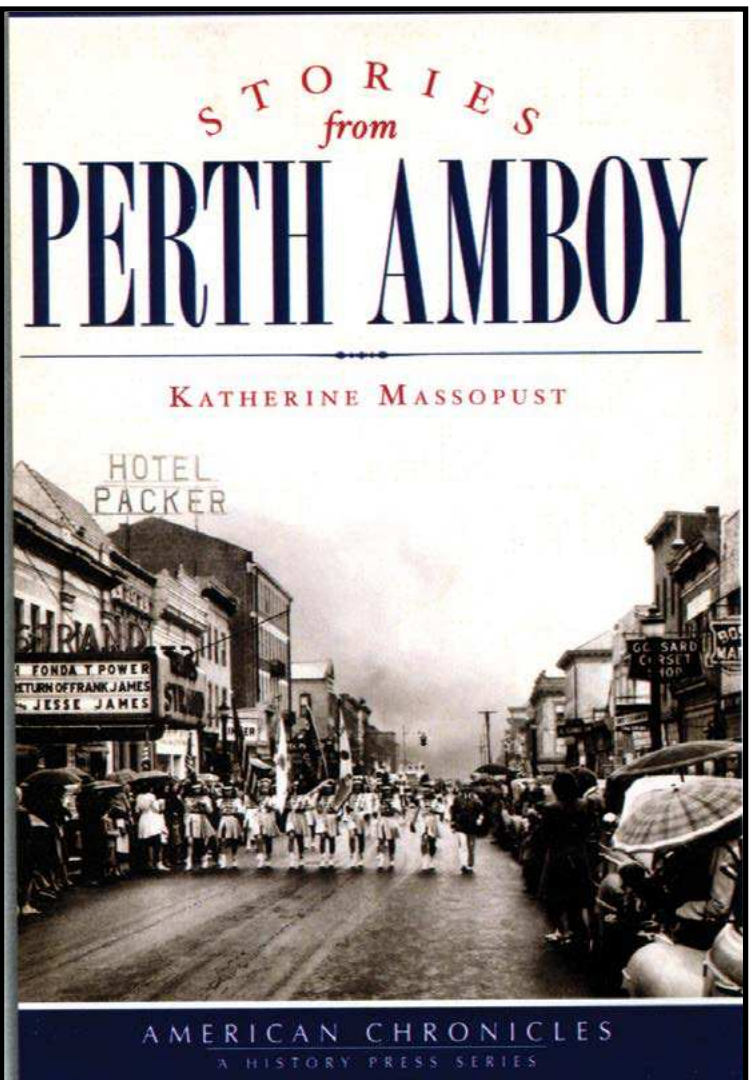
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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Firemen's Parade 1888. Corner of Smith & High Streets.
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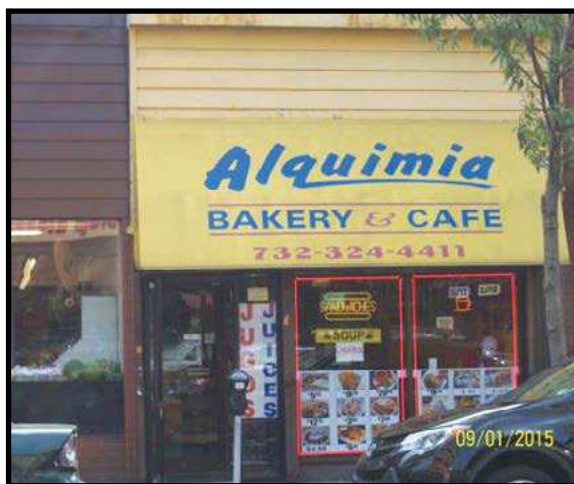
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