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A Lot on the Plate: 6 Topics For Discussion 8/7/17 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY - At the 8/7/17 Caucus, Annie Hindenlang (Redevelopment), Bill Lindner, (Community Collaborative Initiative from the State of New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection), Denise Nickel (Office of Economic and Business Development of Middlesex County) were present to give updates on the Second Street Park.

Hindenlang spoke about the Living Shore and reestablishing the wetlands. "We're looking for additional grant money. We're working with NJ Transit on the Gerdau Ameristeel site. The walkway will be along the Waterfront, but not near the wetlands. We're looking at an open plaza for seating and a space for orchards. There will be an inflexible space big enough for a soccer field. It could be used for other purposes. A clay mountain will be built from excavated soil that will be topped. Community gardens will be handicapped accessible. We are proposing a skate park which will be on top of the clay mountain. Dirt mulch can be placed for those who want to teach someone to ride a bike. Walls will divide spaces which can be used for two separate events, for example, showing movies."

One of the Council Members was concerned about parking.

Hindenlang explained if parking was implemented into this grant, it would make the City ineligible for this grant.

Lindner spoke next about how Perth Amboy was one of 500 towns invited to participate in this Community Collaborative. "Our department has been working with the Mayor and Annie (Hindenlang) for two years. This is a PCB Contaminated Site. Funding from the NJDEP of \$1.8 million was applied for. I've worked with the Federal DEP. There's another grant for a comparable amount that we're

looking to secure. This would be for designing of the park, and there's a lot of competition for this money."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry had a question. He wanted to know, "How did a company get a \$1.8 million no-bid contract?" He also wanted to thank the Commissioners for choosing Perth Amboy to help.

Lindner continued to talk, "This will be an economic boom to the City and help Perth Amboy to become cleaner, redeveloped, and use green technology. This is a public/private partnership with redevelopment. This is a PILOT Program for the Commissioners (NJDEP) Community Initiative and will be used to show other towns how to improve their environment."

Council President William Petrick had a question about the proposed capped property, "I just want to make sure that in ten years there will be no leakage."

Lendner assured Petrick that the capped property cannot be penetrated.

Business Administrator Adam Cruz told the Council, "Only three municipalities of the State were chosen for this project."

Lindner added, "Perth Amboy was ready to undergo and is organized enough to participate in this project."

Denise Nickel spoke next, "Perth Amboy and Woodbridge Township were paired together for a \$2 million coalition grant. The procedure aspect was very vigorous. RFQ's and RFP's were issued and all the properties that were a part of this project had to be reviewed. A point system was used for evaluation and we received 175 points. Several criteria had to be met. There are extensive redevelopment skills that were important and Breaker came out on top. You receive money in chunks and then you wait af-

ter you get each amount. The City has to justify why funds are picked on this assigned work. I had an environmental scientist who worked with me alongside an engineer to look at each site that was picked. Everything we do must be under the public contract laws."

Annie Hindenlang had some closing remarks, "The investigation of the site along with the records findings, the RFP's and LFRP's are all paid for by Breaker. Their license is on the line. It was a fair and open bid."

The Second Topic for Discussion was a Tree Fund Permitting Ordinance.

Betty Crews who is a Citizen's Trust Member and also a member of the Royal Garden Club to talk about this subject. She explained that they (the Citizen's Trust) would like an ordinance where people from the private or public sector donate funding to plant trees throughout the City. These trees could be in the memory of everyone they desire. "Trees are esthetic and reduce greenhouse gases. They also stop flooding and help in the collection of rainwater. The Perth Amboy Green Team, Swim Team, and the Royal Garden Club all support this Ordinance."

Harry Pozycki from the Citizen's Campaign came up to speak, "People from out-of-state may also donate. Trees can only be planted on public property or if a resident requests one for their property."

One of the Council Members wanted to know what kind of trees will be planted.

Pozycki answered, "The Department of Public Works will select the type of trees. It depends on the location and caliber of the tree. They must be consistent with your forestry management plan. We could work with your lawyer as far as

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Intersection of Fayette and Maple Streets. Flashing stop signs and an additional stop sign on Maple Street were discussed to make this intersection a 3-way stop. *Photo by Paul W. Wang

PERTH AMBOY - The Council was still uncomfortable with the disparity of the amounts that contractors use when it comes to awarding bids for City Contracts. The one particular bid that jumped out was for the Jankowski Community Center roof replacement. The lowest bid was \$129,630 by Journey Contracting Company (that won the bid and was the recommended contractor) and the highest bid of \$253,620 was by Paneko Construction, Inc.

In the past, the Council was concerned when the no-bid contract was awarded or when very few bidders were listed. On this item, there were twelve bidders.

Business Administrator Adam Cruz said, "The City went by the letter of the law." When people questioned why this particular contractor won the contract, Cruz answered, "Case law prevents us from getting information about lawsuits from other cities against a contractor unless their contract license is currently suspended." Cruz went on to explain that our Purchasing Agent has over 25 years of experience and that all the bidders had the qualifications that were required by the contract.

Law Director Peter King added further comments, "If a contractor has its license suspended, and his record has been clean for five years, and the company has satisfied all necessary requirements, you cannot hold those violations against them. If the

bidder has a clean record, it is cleared. After violations are committed, and they pass all the requirements by the State, they get their license back."

Council President Bill Petrick said, "I would rather pick someone based on their past performance. The City hired a contractor that did work on the Library and some of the work that was done by them had to be taken down."

During the hearing of the citizens, Resident David Caba came up to speak. He referenced a comment that he made about building a wall around the City of Lakewood. "I was not referencing that all Jewish people were wrong. I'm a Christian, and I know there's a problem, but that doesn't mean all Christians are bad. I know that we (the City) had eight (Police) Chaplains from Lakewood. I can't believe that a Councilman compared my remarks to the holocaust. These people were accused of fraud. I'm not saying they are guilty. If this Councilman felt this strongly, why did he wait for three meetings to make his feelings known. We have no background checks on our Police Chaplains. When people steal from the taxpayers, there is no defense. Millionaires were using public assistance. This Councilman (who complained) has all these degrees, but no common sense and only

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putting this together in an ordinance. Trees can have memorial plaques."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wanted to know, "Who will be managing this program?"

Pozycski answered, "(DPW Director) Hoffman is very knowledgeable about the best trees to plant and I trust him. In the future, you may want to form a committee to select the best trees if Hoffman has too much on his plate."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz remarked, "The Mayor is 100% behind this ordinance."

Council President Bill Petrick asked "Will the Civic Trust manage the funds coming in from donations?"

Pozycski answered, "The CFO Jill Goldy will manage the funds since it is not our expertise."

CFO Jill Goldy came up to respond to this, "We (the City) will need a dedication by a rider to see if we can establish a trust to accept these funds. It would not be appropriate for us to receive the funds but only to make sure the funds are appropriated correctly."

Code Enforcement updates were the next topic for discussion. Supervisor Johan Delgado said there were 169 complaints about overgrown grass problems. "We will put liens on properties if two notices for violations are ignored."

Code Enforcement Director Jamie Rios said, "Fines will be imposed if registration problems are not rectified. The fines will go up as follows: \$500 for the first offence; \$1,500 for the second offence; \$2,000 for third offence."

Johan Delgado also recognized the 1683 Society Committee, "They have been an additional set of eyes for us by reporting violations that they see."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez spoke about residents who complain about long term problems, "We need a method to find out the status of these troubled properties."

Rios explained, "My department is looking to do this on our website."

Delgado explained, "There is an APP that can be downloaded so the public can access certain information on a property."

Perth Amboy IT Tech John Alleman came forward, "This is not fully available to the public, yet. I can see if I can set the security for the Council to review the site."

Councilman Joel Pabon had concerns about the City owned property on Second Street. "There was a problem with poison ivy and sewage which was cleared up after being there for a long time. Then the

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same problem happens again. I should have taken pictures. It's embarrassing to neglect City properties."

B.A. Cruz responded, "The site has to be dry. If it's removed when it's wet, then the smell will intensity."

Luis Perez Jimenez, Director of Operations at the at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) added additional information, "The landfill will not accept the materials until they get samples of the soil first."

Pabon made additional remarks, "What's down there now has been there for at least two months. A lot of students and teachers go by there and smell that. Bushes are hanging over sidewalks making it difficult for people to walk on them."

Luis Perez Jimenez answered, "As soon as I heard about the problem, I contacted B.A. Cruz and the DPW. We are looking to put a dumpster and fencing around that area. Lime was put on that area to lesson the smell. This material is from the catch-basins."

Council President Bill Petrick asked, "Can we place that material with the Department of Public Works? The transfer station is already there and they also have a front-loader."

Perez Jimenez said that he will talk to the Department of Public Works.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked about the status of the Kushner Property on Rector Street that residents constantly complain about.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Delgado said, "We have taken Kushner to court and the situation has gotten a little better."

The next topic dealt with nepotism. Councilman Joel Pabon questioned, "How is this enforced, and what is the policy?"

Law Director Peter King explained, "We don't want the same relatives working in the same capacity in the same department. Also, we can't have someone supervise a relative. There are waivers in some cases."

Council President Bill Petrick stated, "We need to clear this up. Perhaps we should run a seminar to explain to employees how this policy can be implemented."

The topic of getting minutes from other municipal boards was of concern to Councilman Helmin Caba. Caba explained, "There are a lot of great events going on in the City, and sometimes we can't go to all of the Board Meetings. We need these minutes so we can be informed when the public asks us questions."

City Clerk Elaine Jasko said,

"I can supply the City Council with this information after the adoption of the minutes (by the perspective boards). I've done this in the past."

At the public portion, Resident Stanley Sierakowski made the following remarks: "When you (the Council) have a civil contract suit, it should go to arbitration. As far as Bridgeport, (if the Council decides to use it as a tax incentive) for the residents - it's capped per amount and year." He also advised that the Council should table R-314 recommending an agreement with Remedy Analytics for pharmacy benefits management. Benecard (who the City already has is already providing that service). Sierakowski continued, "I called up the Department of Personnel in Trenton. Prosecutors can be full-time or part-time. Billy Delgado (who was on a previous agenda for a Chief Prosecutor Position) can only oversee what the Assistant Prosecutor can do. He can't sign documents."

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up to speak. He questioned if it is in good practice to send property into redevelopment if you want to eliminate that department (PARA). He also questioned why the newly appointed Prosecutor didn't attend the class that was required.

Law Director King replied, "The Prosecutor was appointed late and was unable to come to that meeting. He has the option to go and watch the live video or the video tape."

Baratta continued, "I went to a PARA Meeting and it was said that EPort II can't be built because of water issues. The justification for this PILOT was to encourage future developments. Before you vote, go over the PARA minutes. You need to get all the experts up here at one time."

Resident Reinaldo Aviles had a comment made about low bidders on contract, "The law says that you can accept the lowest, most reliable bid. These contracts should not be put on the agenda unless they have references. Some of the bidders are just low-ballers. Maybe you should look at the next closest reliable bid." Aviles who is Chair of the PAHPC then turned his attention to the project at Waters Stadium. "The PAHPC allocated \$800 of their budget to help pay for the expert to look at the Waters Stadium Gateway. The Board of Education is not going to pay for it (the expert's expense)."

Petrick agreed with Aviles' last statement.

Law Director Peter King said,

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Friends of the Library Meeting

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did it for political points and gains. I also met with a person from a bank who said that Rec- tor Street is a shame. We also have meetings that are missing on the internet. All I know, is that the Landings People have been robbed and mugged by the Developer (Kushner). The Administration is keeping everything a secret. It's time you (the Council) holds this Administration accountable."

On the Ordinances First Reading: Councilman Joel Pabon voted, "No," on Ordinance No. 1 - To Amend an Ordinance entitled Court - Appointment of Municipal Prosecutor. He also voted, "No," On Ordinance No. 2 - To Amend an Ordinance entitled Administration of Government regarding Prosecutor-Director of Law. His explained: "We've had one Prosecutor for the longest time. Now we have two. It's just to pad the payroll. The one Prosecutor is always out of town. I'm against this."

Law Director King explained, "The first Ordinance was just to correct an old Ordinance and the second Ordinance was just to give the Council a say in the appointment. During the week, there are 5 court sessions. The work not only involves the time the Prosecutors spend in court, but also the time they spend outside of court. This can involve discovery, calling attorneys, and

responding to motions. Each Prosecutor has their own cases. Both Prosecutors are working."

Council President William Petrick questioned this, "How can both Prosecutors be working when we haven't even voted on their appointment?"

King explained, "I have the authority to make a temporary appointment as needed."

When it came time to vote on the Resolutions: R-283 through R-313 and R-315 and R-316 and R-318 and R-319, the Resolutions were moved by Councilman Joel Pabon and seconded by Councilman Fernando Irizarry. They were passed unanimously.

The following Resolutions were removed: R-314 which was authorizing a master service agreement with Remedy Analytics, Inc. for pharmacy benefits management.

R-317 was removed. Authorizing designation of area in need of rehabilitation pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law commonly known as 41-47 Wisteria Place. R-320 was removed. This Resolution was authorizing the professional services contract with Robert L. Tarver, Jr. in the defense of the matter of Diaz vs. the City Council of Perth Amboy in the amount not to exceed \$16,306.50.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez had asked that R-317 to be tabled before it was eventually

pulled off and removed. His explanation for this is because: "People wanted to know what was the plan for this area."

Councilman Joel Pabon made additional comments regarding this resolution. "I believe people thought that this would be redeveloped for recreational purposes - not residential. So, did I."

Councilman Helmin Caba also spoke, "I agree with Councilmen Pabon and Gonzalez."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry commented, "The Planning Board report (about this property) was very vague."

During the last public portion, Resident Jeremy Baratta commented, "The Administration does anything it wants. The Council didn't know there was a temporary appointment of a Prosecutor. There was no documentation listed backing this up. People come to meetings because they care, without having anything to gain. I have gone to many public meetings and have even been paid to attend some. I am speechless to see what's being done here. Money moves, appointments made. I've been to many levels of forms of government and I have never seen what's done in this town."

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak to talk about the company (Journey Contracting) who won the bid to replace the roof at the Jankowski Center. He made a comment that the B.A. said that Journey Contracting Com-

pany had been in business for 25 years. "This business has only been operating since 2012. There was an interruption in their business. You (the Council) received the Agenda late and you get little time to research. You have to check their (Journey's) night contracting work. The president of the company didn't put pension money into the business like he was supposed to. He had to pay a \$500,000 fine."

Law Director Peter King responded, "Our Purchasing Officer said we have to put guarantees in Journey's contract."

Silber asked, "Did you notify the Council?"

King responded, "No."
Silber said, "You (the Council) were not part of the decision-making process."

Cruz wanted to respond referring to an incorrect statement by Resident Alan Silber. "I said that our Purchasing Agent has 25 years of experience - not the contracting company (Journey)."

Law Director King additionally said, "The contractor met all the necessary requirements."

Council President Bill Petrick asked, "Can the Council choose another vendor?"

B.A. Cruz responded, "This company (Journey) also submitted a bond."

Law Director King cautioned the Council, "If you try to get another vendor, you may get

into litigation. I also had communications with our finance people."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated, "I hate to be embarrassed by someone in the audience giving us facts about a contractor that we should have known about. Maybe we need an assistant to do research. Our experts should be giving us all information about contractors, even if it's negative past behavior."

B.A. Cruz responded, "We can only go into the compliance of the law."

Resident David Caba came up to speak regarding the City's Police Chaplains, "Why did the number go down from 92 to 18?"

B.A. Cruz interrupted Caba to inform the Council that going forth they will give the Council all the information about bidders (including if they had any negative work experience)."

Law Director cautioned, "This is not part of the bid process."

Caba continued, "Some Chaplains are not here for religious purposes, but political gain. The Mayor is a dictator. The meetings are not being shown. There was a Planning Board Meeting the day of the Presidential election." Caba then proceeded to distribute handouts to the Council. He stated, "These handouts say by statute that City Employ-

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Solar Eclipse August 21, 2017



On Monday, August 21, 2017 there will be a solar eclipse. It's one of those rare events that happen only once or twice in a lifetime. The last total solar eclipse in the United States occurred in 1979.

Because of the orbital path of the moon and the rotation of the earth the path of totality (where you can see a total eclipse) will pass through portions of 14 states. New Jersey is not in totality range and you will only see a partial solar eclipse here.

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In Perth Amboy, the eclipse will start at 1:22 p.m., the maximum view available in our area will be at 2:44 p.m. and will last for 2 minutes 40 seconds. The eclipse ends at 4 p.m. **K.M.**

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ees can't talk to the Council Members unless it's through the Administration. Does the Mayor go through emails?"

B.A. Cruz responded, "Every single Council Member speaks to City Employees."

Caba asked, "Does the Mayor read the City Council's emails? The City Council is left in the dark. People tell me they will not vote for Diaz again."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry commented, "I don't see anything on this email (which was the handout that Caba gave to the Council) indicating that the Mayor is looking at Employee's emails."

Law Director King responded, "Every request goes through the Administration (as required by the City's form of government)."

Councilman Irizarry responded, "People tell us that we don't know what's happening. We get conflicting advice."

Businessman Pedro Esteves from High Street came up next. He said, "I'm disappointed by Councilman Joel Pabon's statement when I came here to address the problems regarding the dangerous intersection of Goodwin and Smith Streets. Instead, Councilman Pabon started to talk about the intersection of Fayette and Maple Streets. There are many more accidents at Goodwin and Smith Streets. There were two more accidents since the last time I was here (7/12/17 Council Meeting)." Esteves also had a question regarding the Parking Utility Director, "She operates 3 daycare centers in the City and has no experience in parking. I saw people giving tickets in the rain. On Madison Avenue, some of the numbers for the parking spaces are erased. Please look into this."

Resident Herschel Chomsky came up to speak. He wanted to respond to the comments made by Resident David Caba about the fraud cases going on in Lakewood. "What happened at the previous Meeting was when he (Caba) mentioned about building a wall around Lakewood. That's what was done during the Holocaust. He's the one who brought the wall up. Councilman Irizarry has nothing to apologize for. For him (Caba), to bring this up again made it worse."

A Resident from Lewis Street came up to speak next. She commented that the work being done on Wisteria Avenue was causing a problem. "The vibrations are terrible and will the City have our back if we need help?"

Council President William Petrick told her, "The cleanup is

separate from what's going on. The LSRP (Licensed Site Remediation Professionals) are monitoring the project. I don't know what the City can do besides moral persuasion."

Law Director King told the Resident, "The contractors can take pictures of your property for damage caused by work being done."

Former Resident Steven Nascimento came up to explain that the Property Manager and Site Manager should be listed on the public notifications. "The residents that are being affected (by the work being done in their neighborhood) should get updates. Signs should be posted with all this information."

During the Council Comments, Helmin Caba spoke first. He thanked people for attending the Meeting and emphasized that the Council should get minutes from all the Board Meetings. "It's embarrassing when residents have information that we should know about."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez wanted to know if any research was done about the traffic on the intersection of Goodwin and Smith Streets since this was brought up at a previous meeting. "We should also look at arrows for the intersection of Convery Boulevard and Fayette Street, especially when exiting ShopRite. I would like to see a report where the top five accident prone areas are in the City."

B.A. Adam Cruz stated that it all depends on how much traffic there is in a particular area."

At this point, Deputy Police Chief Cattano came up to speak about problem areas:

- 1.) "Fayette Street and Convery Boulevard. After the bridge which is being remodeled, that issue will be addressed.
- 2.) For Convery and Sayre Avenue, we're talking with the DOT - that's another accident-prone corner.
- 3.) Smith and Goodwin – in a 3-year timeframe, there's been around 15 – 18 accidents."

Councilman Irizarry commented next, "A speaker made a comment that Police Chaplains did not have background checks or anyone overseeing them."

Deputy Police Chief Cattano addressed this issue, "When the Police Chaplains first came on board, I wasn't involved with them, but I know that on the application that they fill out requires a background check. Police Officer Zaleski is the one who oversees their operation."

Councilman Joel Pabon cleared up previous comments that he made about Fayette and Convery Boulevard, "When I spoke at that meeting about dangerous streets, I did not characterize

which streets require lights. Not all streets need traffic lights. When I mentioned the intersection of Maple and Fayette Streets, I was talking about flashing stop signs. I try to avoid the corner of Goodwin and Smith Streets."

Mr. Esteves apologized to Pabon for the misunderstanding.

Pabon said, "No need." Cattano then addressed the intersection of Maple and Fayette, "We're looking into the possibility of making this a 3-way stop sign. This is so vehicles entering Maple Street from New Brunswick Avenue have to stop as well. All traffic will have to stop and this intersection (Fayette and Maple). We are looking at adding reflectors to these stop signs."

Council President Bill Petrick informed the Residents about the many activities still taking place. "There are art festivals, music, bonfires, movies, activities at the Ferry Slip, and the Concerts by the Bay. I urge everyone to take advantage of this."

B.A. Cruz said, "I thank those who participated in Family Day, especially Kenny Ortiz and his staff from the Department of Recreation. They did an outstanding job. There were a lot of people and family entertainment. Close to 1000 people were at the beach for the movie. I want to thank the DPW, the Police, Fire, and the Department of Recreation and the Administration."

Cattano mentioned the success of the National Night Out. "The crowds were great and a lot of Officers were there on their own time."

B.A. Cruz responded to the person who spoke about the Director of the Parking Utility, "I think it's great thing that a person can operate a business on their own. As long as City Employees carry out their responsibility while their working on City time, they can do what they want on their own time."

Kenny Ortiz was then asked to come forward to make remarks, "Recreation has partnered with PRAHD, and the USA Eastern Organization which has provided \$60,000 to help promote tennis in the City. There are 70 participants plus 40 more in training. The tennis court improvements are coming along and the permits were approved. Tennis is making a big come back in the City. Our Staff found that the code had changed which our engineers didn't know about regarding the water fountains. We had to do a change order."

After Ortiz's statements, Council Petrick closed the Meeting.

What Do You Think? Send Us a Response!



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Historic Surveyor

General's Office

PERTH AMBOY - The Historic Surveyor General's Office, which is adjacent to Perth Amboy City Hall, is now open for tours. At one time, this structure was the meeting place of the East Jersey Board of Proprietors & housed their records. Presently the Surveyor General's Office is displaying artifacts from the John Watson (1685-1768) archaeological site along with other items from Perth Amboy's rich history. Perth Amboy history DVDs are also available.

Free tours are available Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Clubs, classrooms & groups are welcome. Come & view this newly restored building!

Kearny

Cottage Open

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

Proprietary
House Open

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

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	
WED. Aug. 24	Board of Education, 5:30 p.m. PAHS, Eagle Ave.
	• Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.
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**Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz
Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ**

We understand that some may be concerned by the recent incidents/threats in New York, Seaside, NJ and Elizabeth, NJ. At this time, it has been reported that a suspect was taken into custody in Linden, NJ. We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, and I want to emphasize that it is important that **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!** Report Suspicious Activity - Be Vigilant - **STAY ALERT** Do not think that any call or report is too small Don't allow the actions of a few dictate your quality of life **FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 9-1-1**
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8/7/17 Caucus

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"We have to make sure we have the funds. I have the expert's resume and credentials."

Council President Bill Petrick asked, "When will the Thomas Mundy Peterson plaque unveiling take place in the Council Chambers? I know that someone did not check the verbiage on the plaque and it had to be redone."

Aviles acknowledged that there a mistake had to be corrected."

Petrick was also pleased to report that Buckeye gave a check towards the purchase of the plaque.

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak about his concerns regarding the body cameras and license plate readers for the Police Department. "Don't spend the money if the cameras are not turned on or are covered. There should be a punishment that is written for its improper use." He also thanked the Council for asking questions about bids that go out. "There was a preventable expense with

the library. Don't vote unless you have all the answers in front of you. I have a problem with all these people running for the Board of Education that now have City jobs. Then there are City Employees that are running for the Board of Education being supported by the Mayor. It's a conflict of interest. Someone should be at the meetings answering questions about the nepotism policy."

Resident and Business Owner David Caba came up to speak last. "Besides Rector Street, we would like to know what streets were supposed to be fixed by the developer (Kushner)? The developer promised these people a dream, but it was really a fantasy because the developer took off. People bought some of these properties in a Sheriff's sale for \$150,000. After ten years, the developer wants to come back and do 600 rentals. I hate when a rich developer takes advantage of citizens. They have been mugged by this developer."

New Iconography Welcome in 100th Anniversary Celebration

Press Release
 PERTH AMBOY - St. Demetrios Perth Amboy, New Jersey has just completed a total transformation with the adornment of new iconography by Thessalonians iconographers' brothers Panagiotis and Demetrios Chrystodoulou.

The new church wide traditional Byzantine iconography is resplendent amidst the totally restored church back to its original form keeping the lights, terrazzo floors and vintage stained-glass windows in the Orthodox motif. Located across from the scenic waterfront along the Raritan River, the artist was moved by the exceptional light and natural beauty of the church's location. Along with the community's new priest Rev. Dr. George Parsenios, Assistant Professor of Theology, Princeton University, the community is experiencing a renaissance attracting back prior members and increasing with newer members who recognize a new revitalized spirit of optimism and growth.

"This is an exciting time for our church" said Parish Council President Judge Marina Corodemus. "We have been preparing for our 100th year Anniversary this October by preserving the beauty of our building on the waterfront while expanding our membership with people who have rediscovered the new St. Demetrios for the next 100 years." Currently under planning is a new modern community center and the exploration of waterfront housing adjoining the church.

"Unlike other inner-city churches that fled to suburbia, we held fast to our waterfront location, confident that the demographics would shift and gentrification would work in our favor", explained Corodemus. Perth Amboy is slated for several major waterfront projects including a \$47 million-dollar redo of the train station complex to New York. "We kept Yiayia and Papou's church open and revitalized it. So, we invite everyone to visit and come back to Perth Amboy... the best is yet to come".

The church will hold numerous celebrations during the Feast Day week of St. Demetrios October 24-29. Event will include vespers and liturgy celebrated with His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos, Metropolis of New Jersey, host the convention of the EFGOCM, a 64-voice concert honoring the Great Martyr Demetrios, and an open-air luncheon overlooking the water after the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and the Federation choir singing music Anna Gallows. For tickets and a full schedule contact st.demetriosperthamboy.org or call our office 732-826-4466.



Iconography at St. Demetrios Church, Perth Amboy
 *Photos by Paul W. Wang & Submitted by St. Demetrios Church

Edison AARP Chapter 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 is organizing a Myrtle Beach Show Tour for October 22-27. Included are 4 shows, narrated cruise on the itraocoastal waterway, Georgetown tour, and more. Breakfasts & dinners are also included in the package. For information and reservations, call Bob at 732-885-1789. The trip is open to the public.

Go to www.amboyguardian.com for the Latest Breaking News

Volunteer Drivers Needed For Meals on Wheels Program

Press Release
 HIGHLAND PARK – Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County (JFS) is in need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals to homebound senior adults in the Highland Park area for the Kosher Meals on Wheels Program. The program delivers meals Monday – Friday mornings. A commitment of at least 2 days per month for regular volunteers is required. Also seeking substitute drivers who can fill in as needed throughout Middlesex County. Must have valid driver's license. Please contact the JFS Volunteer Coordinator for more detailed information at 732-777-1940 or visit www.jfsmiddlesex.org under the Volunteer Tab

Old Bridge Allstate Insurance Agency Hosts Food Drive to Help Middlesex County Families Donations Benefited Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services (MCFOODS)



Allstate Exclusive Agent Barry Brikowski (left) with administrative assistant Shweta Shewale, collecting donations for Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services (MCFOODS) to help local families in need.



Brikowski's daughter, Kelli Brikowski, office manager at All Seasons Insurance Agency, helps collect nonperishable goods for MCFOODS. *Photos Submitted

Press Release 8/8/17

OLD BRIDGE - Allstate Exclusive Agent Barry Brikowski and his team from All Seasons Insurance Agency recently held a food drive in the Deep Run Plaza on Rt. 9 to benefit Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services (MCFOODS). An estimated 550 lbs. of non-perishable goods were collect-

ed to be distributed at no cost for local families in need.

"Hunger doesn't get a vacation," said Barry Brikowski, Allstate agency owner in Old Bridge. "When we found out that their warehouse was low on items, we wanted to help out and make a difference. Any small donation at any time can make a huge impact on a local family."

All contributions to MCFOODS are donated to over 100 pantries, soup kitchens and social service agencies all throughout the Middlesex

County community. MCFOODS is a non-profit organization committed to providing resources such as personnel, infrastructure, transportation and services in an effort to ease hunger.

The All Seasons Insurance Agency is located at 3326 US Highway 9, STE 8 in Old Bridge and can be reached at 732-316-0202. For more information and to view office hours, visit their website. Learn more about MCFOODS at <http://www.mciauth.com/mcfoods.htm>.

Exercise to Combat Depression

By: Jessica Miller, M.D., FABPMR

Depression is a very complex emotion that is influenced by many factors. It can be brought on by significant life altering events. In many cases, genetics and gene expression can play a crucial role. While it is not thought possible to change your genes, it is possible to change your gene expression (the way your genes work). In addition, there are many lifestyle modifications you can make to improve your emotional state.

The number of research articles written on the causes and treatments for depression is staggering. It has been repeatedly demonstrated that people suffering from depression have altered brain chemistry and function. The ENIGMA consortium, a large multi-center collaboration of 70 institutions, has analyzed both genetic data and neuroimaging studies with regard to depression. They have established that the size of the hippocampus, the area of the brain responsible for memory and emotion, actually decreases in response to chronic depression. So what can you do to prevent this? Exercise!

An excellent article written by Lynette Craft and Frank Perna, in *The Primary Care Companion – Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*, addresses vari-

ous theories as to why exercise helps depression. These theories range from the physical and chemical effects exercise has on the brain to changes in psychology brought on by exercise. The physical and chemical effects include increased body temperature (higher temperature increases activity in certain parts of the brain), release of endorphins (compounds that relieve pain and increase pleasurable feelings), and availability of neurotransmitters (thought to decrease depressive symptoms). The concentrations of these neurotransmitters are often lower in depressed people. In fact, most anti-depressant medications work by preventing breakdown of these important neurotransmitters. Psychological theories concerning benefits of exercise on depression focus on likening exercise to a meditative state providing a distraction from negative thoughts and a sense of confidence offsetting depression through the consistent following of an exercise program.

Most likely all of these hypotheses are at least partially correct. So what's the take home message? Stick to it and continue exercising! The most important times to exercise are the times you don't want to exercise. It is rare that you will leave an exercise session feel-

ing worse than when you entered. Not every day will be the best day, but you just need to show up and give it your all. Just focus on all the benefits you obtain from routine exercise!

Jessica Miller, M.D., FABPMR, is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and part of the medical staff at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center. She is currently completing an Integrative Medicine fellowship under Dr. Andrew Weil at The University of Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine. Dr. Miller incorporates her traditional western medical training with a more integrative approach to address the root causes of disease states. By altering certain factors such as diet, environmental exposures, gut health, and physical activity, Dr. Miller modifies the severity of disease expression. Her office is located in Suite 203, 2 Hospital Plaza, Raritan Bay-Old Bridge. Dr. Miller will lead a discussion on integrative medicine and heart health at the Joyful Heart Tea event, August 24, 4 p.m., at Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy in Centennial Hall. To make an appointment or to register for the event, call 1-800-DOCTORS

Perth Amboy and City's BID Invites Everyone to Big, Summer Block Party with a Purpose Community and Visitors Celebrate with Fun Activities on Saturday, August 19, Event Sponsors Will Distribute Backpacks and School Supplies Also, Collecting Canned Goods to Restock Food Pantry Shelves



Press Release 8/10/17

PERTH AMBOY – Historic Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz, the City's Business Improvement District (BID) and the nonprofit Renovation House are hosting the annual Block Party with a Purpose on Saturday, August 19, beginning at 11AM. The free event, which includes face painting, refreshments, bouncy house inflatables and continuous music, will be held along New Brunswick Avenue from Park to New streets.

Volunteers from Renovation House are cooking hot dogs and serving them with refreshments. Music performed by live bands and played by a professional DJ will keep the party going. Fun runs until 2 PM.

Block party attendees can also dine at nearby restaurants, which offer a range of international cuisine, and shop at local stores and boutiques.

In addition, Perth Amboy, Mayor Diaz, the BID and Renovation House are providing free backpacks and back-to-school items to children during the block party. Pencils, pens, pads, and spiral note-

books will be distributed while the supplies last.

Guests are asked to bring canned goods and non-perishable food items to the block party. During the summer, food insecurity issues continue for working families, yet the inventories in food pantries often run very low. Canned goods and monetary contributions will be shared with St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Perth Amboy.

The celebration was created to assist people who often struggle to put enough nourishing food on their family's table. Families have many costs as they prepare their children for the coming school year. Mayor Diaz encourages everyone to attend and bring nonperishable items, so there are more healthy choices on the shelves of Perth Amboy's food pantries. The Mayor also asks neighbors to share the news about the school supplies that will be available at the Block Party with a Purpose.

The event sponsors include the City of Perth Amboy, its Recreation Department, Renovation House and the BID.

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South Amboy Music-in-the-Parks Summer Series

SOUTH AMBOY - Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All Concerts are FREE. Call 732-745-3936 for more info. Raritan Bay Waterfront Park, O'Leary Boulevard South Amboy/Sayreville Beach Front. August 16 - Zydeco-A-Go-Go - New Orleans style Rhythm & Blues, 40's Jazz & Swing; August 23 - Danny V's 52nd Street Band – A tribute to Billy Joel

Concerts will take place rain or shine. *In the case of inclement weather, you will be directed to the South Amboy Middle/High School Auditorium by Park Rangers. Shuttle bus service will be available every week courtesy of Middlesex County Area Transit.

Police Blotter: Perth Amboy

Police Blotter: 7/21/17

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - At approximately 3:43 P.M. on Friday, 07/21/2017, members of the Perth Amboy Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau assisted by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Narcotic Task Force executed a Superior Court Search Warrant at 68 Brighton Ave. where approximately 24 grams of cocaine, 24 grams of marijuana, and various paraphernalia was recovered from the residence. Arrested was Omar Juarez-Perez age 32 who was charged with 2nd Degree possession of cocaine over 1/2 ounce with the intent to dis-



Omar Juarez-Perez

tribute and various other charges.

The CDS seized has an approximate street value of over \$2,500.00. The investigation was led by Detective Mathew Vazquez.

Police Blotter: 7/31/17

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On 7/31/2017 on or about 0315hrs, P.O. Luis Marte-Estevez observed a black Nissan Sentra in the Harborside Marina on Front St. P.O. Marte-Estevez observed a male and female sleeping in the car and he attempted to get the passengers attention. The driver then rolled down the passenger side window, and the officer could smell the odor of raw marijuana emanating from the inside of the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, the passenger admitted to police that there was a gun in the trunk of the vehicle. During the search of the car a small amount of mar-

ijuana was found and .38 Special revolver were seized.

Jamila Paige of Parlin and Tahmed Patterson of Rahway were both charged with Possession of Marijuana under 50 grams, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purposes.

Det. Dennis Marte of the Perth Amboy Police Department conducted his investigation, and it was found that Patterson had used the gun in a shooting in Rahway, NJ on 7/30/2017, where one victim was shot in the arm, and was additionally being charged by the Rahway Police Dept.

Police Blotter: 7/22/17

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - At approximately 9:26 P.M., on Friday, July 22, 2017, members of the Perth Amboy Police Department's Special Investigations Bureau assisted by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Narcotic's Task Force executed a Superior Court Search Warrant at 901 Florida Grove Rd., in Keasbey, N.J., and a 2013 Jeep Wrangler where a large amount of narcotics along with paraphernalia utilized to package and process narcotics was seized from the residence and two vehicles. The Jeep Wrangler driven by Ariel Melendez age 29 of Perth Amboy, N.J. along with passenger Leslie Hernandez age 27 also of Perth Amboy, N.J. arrived at the residence and both individuals were arrested when approximately 46 grams of marijuana packaged for individual sale, 13.5 percocet pills, and numerous baggies were recovered from the vehicle. Melendez and Hernandez were charged with 2nd degree possession with intent to distribute. \$400.00 cash was seized from Melendez.

A search of the residence yielded approximately 340 grams of cocaine, 252 individual packages of heroin, approximately 28 grams of raw heroin, approximately 176 grams of marijuana, 22 xanax pills, and



Leslie Hernandez



Shawn Massey



Ariel Melendez



Natalie Rojas

a large amount of paraphernalia which included scales, sandwich bags, large heat sealers and bags, electric grinder, tape, measuring spoons, along with over 1,000 empty glassine envelopes utilized to package heroin. Natalie Rojas age 25 of Keasbey, N.J. was arrested and charged with 1st. degree Maintaining a CDS production facility, 1st. degree possession of over 5 ounces of cocaine with the intent to distribute, 2nd. degree possession of over 1/2

ounce of heroin with the intent to distribute amongst a multitude of other charges. Shawn Massey age 34 of Keasbey, N.J. was also charged but not yet arrested.

The CDS seized has an approximate overall street value of over \$40,000.00. The investigation was led by Detective Ethan Boyd. Woodbridge Police Department's Special investigations Unit arrived on scene and assisted with the search.

Police Blotter: 8/4/17 - Taxi Driver Armed Robbery 5 Males Arrested for an Armed Robbery at Gun Point of a Local Taxi Driver

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - On 8/4/2017 Perth Amboy Police responded to an Armed Robbery of a local taxi driver, in which the taxi driver was held up at gun point by one of the suspects who was able to make off with \$80.00 from the victim. The armed suspects then fled the area in a Black BMW. The victim was able to obtain a partial plate and after a subsequent investigation by the Detective Bureau the vehicle involved, the weapon, and the suspects were apprehended a short time later.

All 5 suspects including one 17 year juvenile were from Carteret N.J. The gun that was recovered was a black in color 9mm Taurus semi-automatic handgun, model PT 99AF loaded with 9mm full metal jacket ammunition.

All 5 were charged with Conspiracy, Robbery, and several Weapons offenses, including Possession of a defaced firearm.

The adult males arrested were 19 year old James R. Ward Jr, 19 year old Jean Cor-



Eric Gomez



James R. Ward Jr.



Jean Cortes



Romeo Dart

tes, 18 year old Eric Gomez, and 18 year old Romeo Dart, including the juvenile, all from Carteret, N.J.

All of the arrestees are being held in MCACC until their bail

hearing later this week. Anyone with more information regarding this incident could contact Detective Sergeant Mabner Terron from the Perth Amboy Police Detective Bureau at 732-324-3825

Traffic Light Down 8/2/17

*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - On the intersection of New Brunswick Avenue and Amboy Avenue, a traffic light was brought down by a vehicle.

Emerging Civic Leaders

PERTH AMBOY - Emerging Civic Leaders for a Healthier Community Recruitment. Want to address the health needs in your community, gain leadership skills, and earn extra money? To be eligible, one must be between the ages of 14-21 and must be a Perth Amboy Resident. The Emerging Civic Leaders for a Healthier Community Institute provides youth with hands on experience in community health and the opportunity to make lasting change in their community. Applications will be accepted until September 1, 2017. For more information, visit www.jrfnj.org



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SOUTH AMBOY - Join Artist an Educator, Laura Petrovich-Cheney as she shares her advice on how to identify opportunities and get your work seen! Laura is an award-winning artist in education and collections of work are exhibited internationally. \$10 suggested donation. Presented ARTS Council at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T O'Leary Boulevard. For workshops or for more information visit southamboyarts.org or call 732-316-0222. Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Vote! 3D Art Competition

Press Release 7/19/17
SOUTH AMBOY - Technology has pushed art in different directions, allowing artists to engage in multi-dimensional ways. View the Dowdell Library's innovative 3D art exhibition this summer!

The Dowdell Library's 3D art exhibition/competition may be viewed at the Broadway Gallery (141 N Broadway, South Amboy, NJ 08879) starting Wednesday, July 19th and will run through Wednesday, August 30th. The 3D art was designed by South Amboy residents using the library's 3D pen or 3D printer. Themed categories include: the waterfront, pets and floral themes and the competitive age categories include children ages 8-10, young adults 11-17 and adults 18+.

The Broadway Gallery hours are Wednesdays and Fridays 6-8 pm and Saturdays 11 am - 1 pm. The library is part of the arts district and is partnering with South Amboy ARTS www.southamboyarts.com.

The community is encouraged to support these efforts and vote for your favorite creation! There will be prizes awarded, so voting is limited to one vote per age category.

If you happen to have a problem accessing the exhibition during gallery hours, contact the library at comments@dowdell.org or 732.721.6060.

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

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

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Steak Night

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks will be holding Steak Night on Thursday, August 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Dinner will include steak, baked potato, vegetables, coffee, tea, and desserts. The cost is \$15 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the lodge located at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy or by calling 732-727-7170



Volunteer Firefighters Needed

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

Painting with Mozart W/Irina Maryanchik & Dennis Connors

SOUTH AMBOY - Do you want to create inner clarity, calm your mind, reduce stress, and stimulate creativity? Immerse yourself in creative artistic expression while listening to the music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Watch as emotions flow from your mind into your hands and the paintbrush, releasing them into the canvas. \$25 includes supplies. Presented by the ARTS Council at South Amboy YMCA, 200 John T O'Leary Boulevard. Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. For workshops or for more information visit southamboyarts.org or call 732-316-0222.

Raritan Bay Cruisers Car Show

WOODBIDGE- Tuesdays from May 16th - Sept. 26th from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Pizza Hut, Rte. 9, Woodbridge (Walmart Parking Lot) Weather Permitting. Rock & Roll Music, Trophies, Kids Games, and Just Family Fun. For more info about Cruise Night Call 1-732-407-2396.

Cruise Nights on Broadway

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 information please contact carshowsRus@gmail.com or Mike Toth at mtoth1@optonline.net or 908-930-3497. Sponsored by the City of South Amboy.

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Gospel by the Bay

PERTH AMBOY - The Cathedral International & the Mayor's Waterfront Concert Series presents Gospel by the Bay on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Bayview Park, 250 Water St., Perth Amboy.

The Paradox Process: A Feeling Miracle

SOUTH AMBOY - Tired of letting your feelings define who you are? Join Author and NYC Psychotherapist Thomas M. Jones, Co-Developer of the Paradox Process for this powerful interactive session. Master simple techniques to break through your own barriers and make effective change now! Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Amboy YMCA, 200 John O'Leary Blvd., South Amboy. Presented by the South Amboy Arts Council. \$25pp. For workshops or for more information visit southamboyarts.org or call 732-316-0222.

First Time Homebuyer Workshop

PERTH AMBOY - Attention Gateway Neighborhood Residents! P.A.R.T.N.E.R. is offering FREE Vouchers for Gateway Residents to attend the First Time Homebuyer workshop on September 12,13,14, 2017 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Housing Authority, 881 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy.

Know the 10 Steps to buy a home; get help with closing costs, down payment and credit repair. Register today - call 732-442-0384 or stop by the P.A.R.T.N.E.R. Office at 415 Fayette St., Perth Amboy.

This class will be in English/Spanish. You must attend all classes in order to receive certification for eligibility for down payment and closing. Registration Required. The Perth Amboy Housing Authority is a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency.

South Amboy Business Breakfast

SOUTH AMBOY - Hosted by the City of South Amboy. Breakfast Sponsor - Frank Miatta, Signature Reality. Intro to Video & Social Media Content - Vincent Logozzo. Shop South Amboy - Glenn Kaye. The State of Real Estate - Frank Miatta. Event Date: Monday, August 28, 2017 -8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Broadway Gallery, 141 N. Broadway, South Amboy 732-316-0222.

PAHS Class of 1967 Reunion

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy High School Class of 1967 will hold its 50th Reunion on Saturday, October 21, 2017, at the APA Hotel on Wood Avenue in Iselin, NJ. The night before we are hoping to have a tour of our beloved "Halls of Ivy" with Mr. Anton Massopust. After the tour, our classmate, Les Kennett is hosting a private "Classmate Party" for the Magnificent Class of 1967. Please contact Dena Moore at denabanda@aol.com or reejust@aol.com or 732-266-8550 for more information.

"Garden Side Chat" Educational Event

PERTH AMBOY- Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center's Integrative Health Services team is providing a free "Garden Side Chat" educational event in The Learning Garden, Tuesday, August 22, 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Raritan Bay - Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Nina Regevik, M.D., FACP, ABIHM, will lead the discussion on the nutritional and medicinal values of vegetables, herbs, and spices. The event will be held rain or shine and registration is required. For more information and to register, call 732-324-5257 or email integrativehealth@hackensackmeridian.org

Tom's Tax Tips

Medical Access Denial What Every College Student's Parents Should Know

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Imagine your college-aged daughter has an accident while away at school and ends up in the emergency room. When you call the hospital, you are denied information about her care because you do not have the proper forms signed.

HIPAA not so hip

Due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), you no longer have legal access to your child's health information after they reach age 18. This is the case even if they are still your dependent and their health insurance coverage is in your name. You would not have access to your child's billing records nor would you be able to consult with medical professionals regarding your child's health.

To avoid this administrative nightmare, make sure you take these steps:

1. Health insurance coverage. Before your child leaves for school, make sure your health insurance will cover your child at his or her new campus home. You may need to inform your insur-

ance company, especially if your child is going out of state for school.

2. Signed HIPAA authorization. Have your son or daughter sign a HIPAA authorization form allowing you access to their medical information.

3. Medical power of attorney. Create a multipurpose medical power of attorney authorization. The medical power of attorney will not only give you authorization to help make medical decisions, it can also include an advance directive or living will. Each state has different requirements so you will need to ensure the correct forms are used.

4. Durable power of attorney. This added legal step authorizes a parent or other agent to make decisions on the student's behalf. It can be helpful if your student plans on studying abroad or if you will want access to the student's accounts for possible billing information.

Scan two copies of these documents - one for you and one for your child - and keep them in a secure place along with a copy of your student's insurance card.



Moonlight Music Series

PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Artworks is partnering with the Historic City of Perth Amboy's Ferry Slip Museum to present a Spring/Summer 2017 live music series at the Ferry Slip. Enjoy great live music, the moonrise over Raritan Bay and check out the Ferry Slip Museum. The free live music events are from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at 200 Front St, Perth Amboy.

Saturday Sept. 9th - Proper and Joseph Frame

Cool Down with These Hot Events @ Dowdell Library

Press Release 7/7/17
SOUTH AMBOY - Cool down with these hot events in August at the Dowdell Library including Celebrity Storytimes, James Zamouzakis Live Music Studio, Solar Eclipse Viewing Party and the Summer Prize Party.

Join us for Ronald McDonald and Andy the Armadillo for stories and snacks! Ronald McDonald on Tuesday, August 22 from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.

Gaze upon the skies on Monday, August 21 from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for our Solar Eclipse Party! We'll have refreshments, activities, and special Solar Eclipse viewing glasses that will let you safely view the magical show in the sky! Viewing for our area is predicted to occur around 2:45 p.m. Join us for this out of this world event!

There's still time to join the Summer Clubs for Kids, Teens & Adults to win weekly prizes. At the end of the summer, adult club members will have a chance to win a grand prize, a Kindle Fire, and kids and teen's grand prize is a gift card! Both prizes will be awarded at the End of Summer Party.

So, party with Dowdell at the End of Summer Prize Party on Thursday, August 24 from 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. There'll be door prizes, refreshments and summer fun for ages 0-100. Kids could also win a backpack for school!

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

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Car Wash Fundraiser

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a car wash fundraiser on Sunday, August 20th from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Hy Tavern, 386 High St., Perth Amboy. \$5 cars & \$8 SUV's. Hosted by the Diamond Breakers, The Girls Travel Softball Organization.

Movie Night at the Park

PERTH AMBOY - The City of Perth Amboy and P.A.R.T.N.E.R present "Movie Night at Patten Park," on Friday, August 25th from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at 339 Reade Street, Perth Amboy Featuring "Finding Dory." Activities start at 7 p.m. Showtime starts at 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks provided. Learn about the plan for the Gateway Neighborhood. Connect with your Community. FREE and open to the public. All ages welcome. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. For more info call: P.A.R.T.N.E.R - 732-442-0384 or the Office of Recreation - 732-826-1690 ext. 4350.

Happy 100th Birthday



Margaret Lawrence celebrates her 100th birthday on 8/16/17 is. She was born in Perth Amboy and is a 3rd generation born in the United States. Shown: Celebration at Pantagis Restaurant, Edison..

**Photo by Audrey Maxwell*

September 11th Memorial Service

Press Release
SAYREVILLE - The Borough of Sayreville will be hosting the 16th Annual Memorial Service to remember the victims of September 11, 2001. The Memorial Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 10th, 2017 rain or shine at the Sayreville Borough 9/11 Memorial in Burke's Park, Washington Road. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive by 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Robert Bruce, Program Coordinator at 732-322-5514.

Amboy Bank Helps Seniors Limit Increases, Save and Pay for Property Taxes

Press Release

OLD BRIDGE - As part an ongoing commitment to assisting their communities, Amboy Bank has implemented a program informing seniors of the New Jersey Senior Property Tax Freeze. The NJ Property Tax Freeze reimburses senior citizens for property tax increases. Amboy Bank has taken the initiative to contact and educate senior clients about the program and to let them know that the filing deadline has been extended to October 18, 2017.

"As a community bank, we are always delighted to help our neighbors in any way we can," said Amboy Bank's Executive Vice President and Chief Retail Officer, Gregory Scharpf. "We are using our resources to get out into the community and inform seniors of the tax programs that are available to them. For seniors and non-seniors alike, we also offer a free, convenient tax

service that will help them save for and pay their property taxes on time."

Amboy Bank's Free Save and Pay Property Tax Service helps reduce the stress of budgeting, saving for and paying property taxes by doing the work for those enrolled. Once the Tax Payment Account is opened, the budgeted amount will be automatically transferred from a linked checking, savings or money market account every month, and Amboy will send the tax payment before the due date each quarter.

For more information about the programs you can visit any Amboy Bank branch or call 877.222.6269.

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Family Day, Sadowski Parkway, Perth Amboy 8/5/17

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell & Paul W. Wang



QuickChek NJ Festival of Ballooning, Solberg Airport, Readington, NJ - 7/29/17-7/31/17

*Photos by Katherine Massopust & Carolyn Maxwell



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.*

From a British prison in India, Mohandas Gandhi on August 14, 1942, writes U.S. President Roosevelt: "I have suggested that if the Allies think it necessary, they may keep their troops, at their own expense, in India, not for keeping internal order but for preventing Japanese aggression and defending China. So far as India is concerned, she must become free even as America and Great Britain are." Gandhi receives no reply. However, U.S. troops in India are ordered to "exercise scrupulous care to avoid the slightest participation in India's internal political problems."

The last of six surviving merchant ships (of 14 that started out) of the "Pedestal convoy" — the damaged American tanker *SS Ohio*, with 10,000 tons of oil on board — is towed into Malta by three British warships on August 15. In Moscow, Churchill and Stalin in their final day of meetings, discuss strategic options for operations in North Africa and for, at some point, opening a second front on mainland Europe. In Russia, German troops reach the foothills of the Caucasus Mountains.

On August 16, for the first time in the war, U.S. Army Air Forces planes, operating out of Egypt, provide tactical air support for the British Eighth Army in its fight against Rommel's Axis forces. In the Caucasus, the Red Army evacuates the Maykop oil fields. In California, a mystery unfolds: The U.S. Navy blimp L-8 — on a coastal patrol over the Pacific — drifts ashore near San Francisco, eventually coming down in Daly City with its two-man crew missing. No distress signal had been received, and there are no clues as to why the men (both naval officers) have disappeared. No trace of them is ever found.

In the first air raid conducted solely by the U.S. Army Air Forces in Europe, 12 Flying Fortress heavy bombers hit the railroad marshaling yard in Rouen, Occupied France, on August 17. Klaus Fuchs, a German scientist interned in the United Kingdom when the war broke out, becomes a British subject. He works on the Anglo-American-Canadian "Manhattan Project" to develop an atomic bomb. Unbeknownst to his co-researchers, he is also spying for the Soviet Union, and passing along important information about the secret work.

Due to increased activity by partisans behind German lines on the Eastern Front, Hitler on August 18 issues a directive ordering harsher measures against local populations suspected of resistance. He also grants increased power to the SS Special Units (*Einsatzgruppen*). The waters off Jacksonville, Florida, are mined by a German submarine. Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, of the British Royal Army, replaces Gen. Sir Hugh Auchinleck as commander, Middle East.

On July 19, in an operation code-named "Jubilee," some 6,100 British and Canadian troops conduct a raid-in-force against the port of Dieppe, on the northern coast of Occupied France. It ends in disaster. In less than 10 hours of battle, the British and Canadians lose 1,380 killed in action, 1,600 wounded and 2,000 made prisoner. The RAF loses 107 aircraft and the Royal Navy loses a destroyer. German losses are 345 dead or missing, and 268 wounded, with total Luftwaffe losses being just 40 aircraft. Civilian casualties are put at 48 dead and 100 wounded. Halfway around the world, troops of the Australian 7th Division make amphibious landings at Port Moresby, New Guinea. In the Soviet Union, Gen. von Paulus orders the German Sixth Army to attack Stalingrad.

The next day, August 20, at Guadalcanal, in the Solomon Islands, 19 Grumman Wildcat fighters and 12 Douglas Dauntless dive bombers are flown from the American auxiliary aircraft carrier *USS Long Island* to Henderson Field. The USAAF establishes the Twelfth Air Force as the aviation component of "Operation Torch." It will train in England until moving to North Africa. In San Francisco, dim-out lighting regulations are implemented. Chinese forces retake Guangfeng and Shangrao, in Chiang-hsi Province in southeast China, from the Japanese.



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: Aug. 26; Sept. 9 & 23; Oct. 14 & 28; Nov. 11 & Dec. 9. 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. !!!!

Bookmark Coloring Contest @ Dowdell Library

Press Release 7/19/17
SOUTH AMBOY - Enter the library's bookmark coloring contest and have a chance to win a gift card! Just note how the library is your friend, how the library has helped you, or how you can be a friend to the library.

There are four age categories: Children (Grades 1-5), Tweens (Grades 6-8), Teens (Grades 9-12), and Adults. Winners in each age category will receive gift cards from the Dowdell Library and have their creations reproduced on bookmarks.

Bookmarks and contest forms can be picked up in the library during normal business hours. Forms and bookmarks must be returned to the library before Friday August 18, 2017. Winners will be announced Thursday, August 24 at the Summer Prize Party.

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St. Peter's Pastor Anne-Marie Jefferys' dog, Nevy loves to pose for pictures.

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, Sept. 7, 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. Trip & Tribute Show Holy Rosary Seniors

HOPELAWN - The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City October 25, 2017. Includes 3:30 show, a tribute to The Beach Boys, Beatles, Bee Gees, and Motown; \$10 slot play; \$20 food credit; bus and gratuity. Cost is \$70 a person. Bus leaves Church parking lot at 10:00 am. For more details please call Ronnie 732-442-5252.

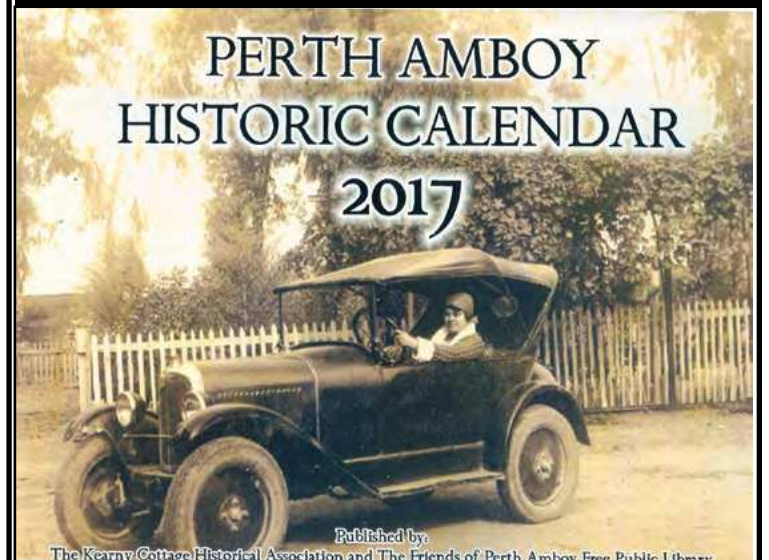
The Machine Performs Pink Floyd

SAYREVILLE - Also: Mikell's Plot & Raftree at the Starland Ballroom, 570 Jernee Mill Rd, Sayreville, NJ 08872 Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. For more info call: 732-238-5500 or email: info@starlandballroom.com

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

PERTH AMBOY - A trip to the Resorts Casino in Atlantic City will be held on Wed. Aug. 23, 2017. Cost \$30 pp.; \$25 back in slot play. Bus will depart from behind St. Stephens Church parking lot on Mechanic Street at 9:30 a.m. Call Bobbi to reserve a seat: 732-636-2867.

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.

**Do you or someone you know have
Old Photographs or Documents?**
The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is Looking for Old Photos and Documents of Perth Amboy, South Amboy, Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area) For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.
For more info please call 732-293-1090

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.

Back-2-School Give-A-Way

PERTH AMBOY – Please donate bags filled with school supplies for the Back-2-School Give-A-Way on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2017 at the Cathedral International, 277 Madison Ave. after all services at 9:30 a.m. For more info go to www.cathedralinternational.org

Frog Hollow 5K Run & Health Walk

Press Release 6/3/16
SOUTH AMBOY - Frog Hollow Swim and Tennis Club's 40th annual 5K Run and Health Walk will be held Sunday, September 10th. Proceeds will benefit the city of South Amboy's Fire and First Aid departments. There will be a free youth Fun Run, awards, t-shirts, post race picnic, and all day swimming and tennis for race participants. Entry fee is \$20 + \$3.25 Sign-up Fee. Registration Ends September 8, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. For more information or to download a registration form, go to www.froghollowswim.com.

ESL Classes

WOODBIDGE - LiteracyNJ will be having a free registration for upcoming ESL (English as a Second Language Classes) at the Woodbridge Main Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, on Wednesday on August 23, from 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. These classes are free and registration is open to all adults. Individuals do not need to be residents of Woodbridge Township to register.

Out of This World Programs @ Dowdell Library

Press Release 7/19/17
SOUTH AMBOY - Stop by the Dowdell Library for out of this world programs including Celebrity Storytime, and fun Summer Activities for ages 0-100. Stop in for a story and snack with PTO President Nikki Navarra for Celebrity Storytime sponsored by Chipotle on Thursday, July 27 from 3:30-5 pm.

Join the Summer Clubs for Kids, Teens & Adults, and learn how you can win weekly prizes. At the end of the summer, club members will have a chance to win a grand prize, which will be awarded at the End of Summer Party in August.

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

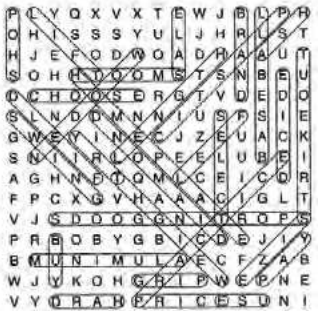
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Senior Scene Happenings

- Perth Amboy**
TUES. Aug. 16 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.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
WED. Aug. 17 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. Aug. 18 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON. Aug. 21 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES. Aug. 22 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. Aug. 23 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. Aug. 24 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- South Amboy**
MON. Aug. 28 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
TUES. Sept. 5 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
WED. Sept. 13 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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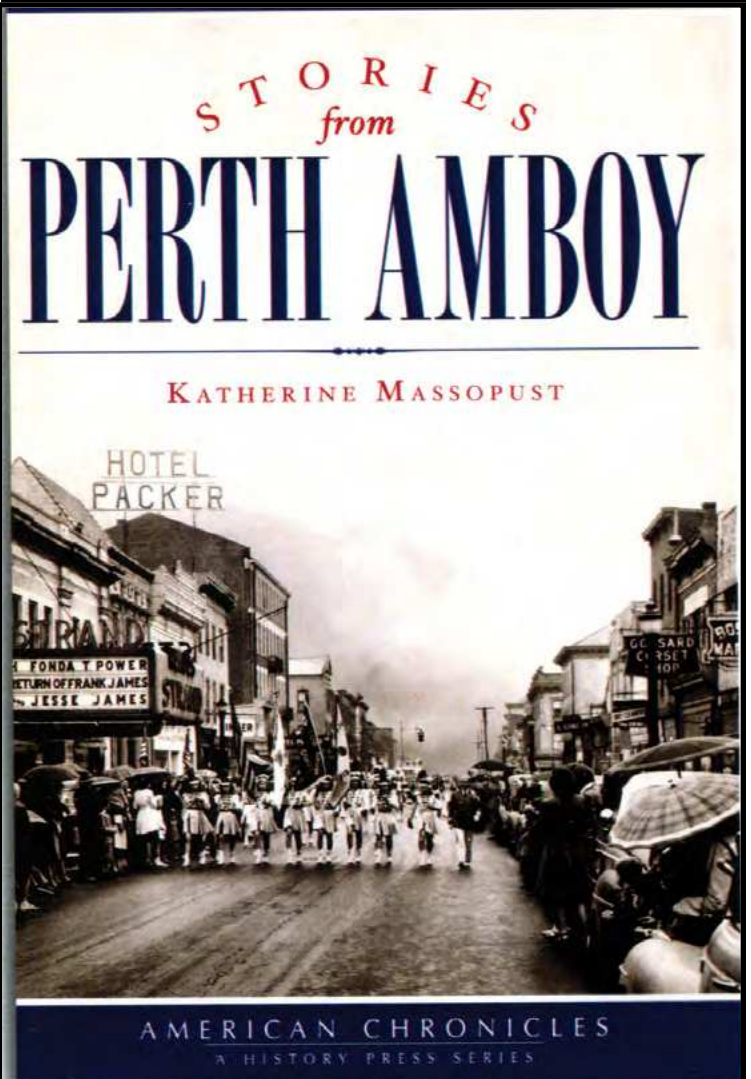
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