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St. Demetrios Property Discussion Draws Standing Room Crowd 9/11/17 Caucus & 9/13/17 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – City Engineer Jeffery Rauch came forward to answer questions about the St. Demetrios Property, which is need of redevelopment. Their church hall had to be demolished because of contaminated soil underneath it.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, “The community voiced their concerns to him because of the lack of understanding what is going to happen on that property. The Council also needs to know. Is there going to be a presentation or is this going to be a topic for discussion for the audience to participate in?”

Law Director Peter King said, “There will be a presentation. The resolution on the agenda is separate.”

Jeffery Rauch then began to speak, “The City and the Planning Board Engineer met to see if the property where the hall used to be met the criteria for redevelopment. The Planning Board agreed to our (City Engineer’s) findings to place the land for redevelopment and to recommend that to the Council. The land is historic and some of the contaminants are from the 1800’s. The Perth Amboy Gas Company had their building there and the property was then sold to St. Demetrios in the 1950’s. The building had to be demolished to get to the contaminants. The contaminated material had to be removed and replaced with clean fill. The site remediation is now underway. Because of the contaminated site, it does not meet the redevelopment standards by New Jersey laws. It was a brownfield site. As a remediated site, the Planning Board agreed that the property needs to be redeveloped.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry said, “The site is in a R-60 Zone which is only for single family homes. Will the zoning have to be changed?”

Rauch replied, “The Council has to make that decision and the Redevelopment Agency. It’s after PARA makes the recommendation, if the Council decides if they want to follow through.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked, “Will they have to go through a variance?”



Members and Clergy of St. Demetrios Parish at the 9/11/17 Caucus
*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

King replied, “Yes, because of the prior use of the land, but it will have to go through the Zoning Board.”

Petrick questioned, “Would it be best to just go through the Zoning Board instead of PARA?”

At this point, Annie Hindenlang from PARA came up to speak, “Because of preexisting conditions, it’s best that this goes through Redevelopment because the property is owned by the church which is a nonprofit.”

Robert Goldsmith who is the attorney for St. Demetrios came up to speak next. He told the Council, “There will be a covenant because of the remediated site. The governing body will decide what the site will be. If you go through the Zoning Board, there will be no assurance. The Community Center will be rebuilt at a significant cost to St. Demetrios with 24 Senior Housing Units. Revenue will be reentered into the City because the apartments will be market value and not tax exempt. Only the Community Center will have a tax exempt status. There is also a distinction between a commercial developer versus a church group. The church will be the developer. In an economic crisis, such as in 2008, it can change from ownership to rentals.”

Hindenlang then spoke again, “Since this is going to be a new project, the governing body (the Council) has control over us (PARA).”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez responded to Hindenlang’s statement, “You opened up a can

of worms. You have shed a light on what was previously done by PARA.”

Councilman Helmin Caba asked if St. Demetrios will sell the units as the developer.

Goldsmith replied, “Rentals will be through a third party.”

Councilman Joel Pabon said, “If the neighbors knew what was going on, it would alleviate a lot of their concerns.” He also suggested that people go visit the church which is beautiful inside. “The church stayed after Superstorm Sandy and have invested a lot to stay in the community.”

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to make some comments, “The church is not the developer, but they can transfer the rights to another developer. I ask the Council to table this because the area is not blighted and they could probably make more money in rentals than sales.”

A Resident from Linden Street came up to speak, “We are experiencing collateral damage. My house is shaking from all the construction that is going on. I bought my house for the view and quietness. We have a parking problem now with all the activities that go on in the park. With a senior housing unit, you have to charge them reduced rates. I don’t have a problem with the community center, but I don’t approve of the units being built.”

A Resident from High Street came up to speak, “Were notices (pertaining to this project) ever published in the papers?”

Jamie Rios from Code Enforcement stepped up to speak, “Pub-



(L to R) St. Demetrios Church Attorney Robert J. Goldsmith from the law firm of Goldsmith & Greenbaum, Ken Balut, President of the Parish Council Judge Marina Corodemus

lic notices were published.”

The High Street Resident continued, “The community needs more facts. I’m here to protect the rights of the people in the neighborhood. This property was not in a blighted area.”

Lewis Street Resident Lois Lane came up to speak. She welcomed the community center, but she opposed the condos. She also mentioned that the 1683 Society believes the condos will spoil the area.

Christina Dyke who is a member of the 1683 Society came up to speak. She read a section from the State Statute for public hearings. She believes that the State Statute was not followed when it came to advertising the public hearings on this matter.

Another High Street Resident questioned, “Will there more of a police presence if the units are

built? This is a historic area and what will it do to our property values?”

A Wisteria Place Resident voiced concerns because there’s too much noise and traffic now. “How long will it take to build this?”

Councilman Irizarry was surprised at the fact that the residents were not given proper notice, “The Council was told that the gas company was going to notify the neighbors of the site plan.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez responded to some of the residents who said that work was going on at the site very early in the morning.” He said, “I will have the Business Administrator and Code Enforcement contact the electric company to see if the

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Line of Duty Death Honored at NJ State Firemen's Convention 9/16/17 Wildwood

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WILDWOOD - A Perth Amboy Fire Engine with Purple Bunting led the NJ State Firemen's Convention Parade in Wildwood to honor Richard Leonard of the Perth Amboy Fire Department.

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Mayor Wilda Diaz Unveils
Taskforce Recommendations

Press Release 9/6/17
PERTH AMBOY- Mayor Wilda Diaz held a press conference for the unveiling of the taskforce recommendations on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the Perth Amboy City Hall Council Chambers located at 260 High Street, Perth Amboy.

Mayor Diaz was joined by city officials, residents, Jeff Milanaik, Principal of Bridge Development Partners; Wilfredo Larancuent, President of the NJ State Council of SEIU; and taskforce Chairpersons including, Robert Garrison, National LECET; Robert Medina, Medina 43 Business Strategies; and Donna Chiera, President of AFTNJ-- for a public delivery on the recommendations provided by the all members of the taskforce.

I am pleased to announce that we've reached a milestone in nearly completing the taskforce report. However, most importantly, we will be finalizing the report with a public meeting to be held on Monday, September 18th at the Brighton Avenue Community Center for the input and feedback from our residents.

"The collective goal was to draft an inclusive and expansive vision of growth and development for Perth Amboy. And I am proud to say that many of the recommendations that were brought to the table are either in progress or have come to fruition," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

The entire Strategic Task Force is represented by more than 50 community members and leaders, who are both involved in our community and across the state. The members assisted in launching a 4-year plan that will serve as a guide for our City's future.

Throughout the course of 9 months, these members evaluated the City's overall operations, department functions and services to the public. The steering committees focused on values relating to: Historic Preservation, Economic Development, Education, Public Safety, Quality of Life and Recreational and Social Services.

"One of the greatest accomplishments this administration has seen is in the area of redevelopment and economic development and the PILOT agreement supported by our City Council. "Through this agreement, the City has secured over \$2.2 million in annual revenue stream that will benefit our community long-term," said Mayor Wilda Diaz. "Additionally, the redevelopment and financial agreements, provide for best efforts by the redeveloper and their tenants to hire local individuals and union workers."

Some of the recommendations included:

- REDEVELOPMENT
 - o Stimulate the local economy



Mayor's Task Force *Photo by Paul W. Wang

and create jobs for the residents of Perth Amboy

- o It is also recommended that the City hire a professional grant writer to prepare and obtain state and federal grants for the city agencies to advance economic development and growth.

- o The City should look to create a Hotel District in order to attract hotels large enough to draw conferences and visitors.

- o Perth Amboy should increase the amount of PILOTs/Long Term Tax Abatements in order to stimulate the local economy and create jobs for residents of the the city.

• EDUCATION

- o The committee urges the City and the Board to continue the ongoing discussions on how they can improve their working relationships.

- o Considering there will be two new schools in the district; a High School and an Elementary School possibly within the next 5 years. The Board of Education, City of Perth Amboy, Perth Amboy American Federation of Teachers, and a community coalition should begin to investigate the community school model which provides, educational programs, services and other community oriented enrichment programs.

• HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- o Establish "Heritage Points" – sites that are given bronze plaques that describe the historic relevance of that particular site. Assisting the Historic Preservation Commission.

- o Establish pocket museums throughout the City. They can be as simple as a small room dedicated to a particular collection

and within a building usually open to the public or as grand as the Proprietary House.

- o Create a standing committee amongst stakeholder community members and representatives of local boards.

• PUBLIC SAFETY

- o Continue to foster relationships with the department & community to ensure we're all on the same team

- o This committee recommends the administration continue to invest in both and apply for grant funding for police and fire departments.

- o Considering homelessness is a challenge for urban municipalities face throughout the state, it is recommended that a standing task force be established to allow for communication and coordination amongst community organizations, first responders and other stakeholders.

The goal of the taskforce was to evaluate the City's overall operations, inclusive of department functions and services to the public, through a comprehensive and transparent process. The final report will be a supplement to Mayor's Diaz third-term mayoral goals for the City of Perth Amboy.

The final report will be released this autumn season and a public meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th at the Brighton Avenue Community Center to gain input and feedback from residents to finalize the report. The strategic plan will span for a total of 4 years, from 2017-2021, in order for the administration to revisit goals after establishing the structural plan in the final report.

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Helping the Homeless *Did You Know?*

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Every year, during the last week in January, a "Point in Time" survey is conducted by Middlesex County. This annual survey helps to develop a snapshot of the number of, and reasons for, homeless persons in our County. On January 26, 2016, 294 households containing 457 individuals reported being "literally homeless" (in emergency housing or on the street) in Middlesex County. Of these, 373 persons were temporarily sheltered, including 135 households with children, and 84 were unsheltered, including 9 children.

In partnership with God's Army Ministries and other community agencies, the YMCA's Center for Support, Success & Prosperity assists individuals and families to

overcome homelessness. At the Y, we believe the desire to belong and help others is human nature, because everyone has something of value to contribute to the greater good. We serve as a catalyst for positive change in Perth Amboy, bringing people together and giving them opportunities to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and their own lives. In 2016 alone, The Y's Center for Support, through Pastor Berny and God's Army Ministries, along with the help of many supporters served almost 8000 meals to homeless and underprivileged individuals, provided nearly 250 shelter nights of care to homeless individuals and families, and distributed clothing and hygiene products to more than 150 individuals and families in need. The Center also provided rent-

al assistance and security deposits to over 100 individuals, and helped placed over 120 individuals into permanent housing. Furthermore, The Center for Support, through Pastor Berny and her team at God's Army Ministries provided over 4000 hours of Case Management in critical areas such as support for newly housed individuals and families, addiction services, legal assistance, medical services, domestic violence and much, much more.

The Center for Support, Success & Prosperity program and services would not be possible without the support of contributions to sustain this critical work. If you would like to be PART of SOMETHING BIGGER join us on September 21st at our Ending Homelessness Event or text "ENDING" to 91999 to make a donation.

RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA Joins Welcoming America & Hundreds of Communities to Celebrate New Americans During Welcoming Week

Press Release – 9/15/17

PERTH AMBOY—This Welcoming Week, taking place Sept. 15–24, 2017, RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA will join Welcoming America and hundreds of YMCAs and other organizations nationwide in hosting events to celebrate immigrants' contributions to communities and bring together all residents in a spirit of unity. Welcoming Week activities are open to the public and include activities for the entire family.

"At the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, we believe Perth Amboy is stronger when everyone in the community feels welcome and we can all work together for the common good," said Sholonda Chipopo, VP of Organizational Development. "Welcoming Week is an opportunity for neighbors – both immigrants and U.S.-born residents – to connect, find common

ground and celebrate our shared values – all for a better us."

During Welcoming Week, we will Kick-off with a Welcoming Walk and host BMI Assessments, International Coffee & Snack Hours, Welcoming Week Inspired ZUMBA classes, Cultural Time Movie Films, Cultural Snacks, Welcoming Community Pool Party and Community Yard Sale.

"Communities recognize the benefits of being welcoming and ensuring that everyone can fully contribute to a community's prosperity," said David Lubell, founder and executive director of Welcoming America. "Welcoming Week events are a powerful way to promote cross-cultural understanding and build bridges between new and long-time residents, which results in stronger communities for all."

For more information or for a detailed schedule of events please visit our website www.rbaymca.org or stop by the Y, 357 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy NJ 08861.

New Jersey's Paella Cook-off Pits Top Chefs

Press Release 9/18/17

PERTH AMBOY – The epic New Jersey Paella Cook-off will pit elite Mediterranean-cuisine chefs in a competition staged at Perth Amboy's scenic Waterfront Marina. The Cook-off and Third Annual Statewide Paella Festival will be held on Sunday, September 24 from noon to 6 PM. The Marina is located at 260 Front Street, and guests can stroll along the promenade which provides a magnificent view of Raritan Bay.

The Paella Festival and Cook-off were created to build awareness of the many health benefits that individuals can gain by following the Mediterranean Diet.

More than 1,000 people plan to attend the Cook-off, and everyone is encouraged to arrive in the early afternoon. Plenty of world-class paella will be prepared by exceptional chefs. The Cook-off judges include top chef Diego De La Rosa, who co-owns Paella Party Catering in Fords, N.J., and Chef Serafin Sarduy, executive chef at New Brunswick-based Esquina Latina Restaurant.

The Cook-off will feature original paella recipes crafted by 15 world-renowned chefs. The celebration of paella is presented by historic Perth Amboy, Mayor Wilda Diaz, the City's BID, and the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for New Jersey. Perth Amboy's Office of Economic and Community Development is also supporting the Cook-off and Festival.

For more information, visit the N.J. Paella Cook-off Facebook page, contact Maria De La Rosa, co-owner of Paella Party at 732-738-7300 or by email at LittleSpain582@aol.com



We believe our community is stronger when everyone feels welcome and we work together for the common good.

Welcoming Week is a chance for neighbors—both immigrants and U.S.-born residents—to get to know one another and celebrate what unites us as a community.

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All events are OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

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ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Friday, Sept. 15th

Kick-off with a Welcoming Walk at 11:15am (meet at the Welcome Center)
**BMI Assessments at 8–9am, 11:30–12:30pm and 4:30–5:30pm

Saturday, Sept. 16th

**BMI Assessments at 7:30–10:30am

Sunday, Sept. 17th

*God's Army Ministries Sunday Service outdoors at 12pm

Monday, Sept. 18th

International Coffee & Snack Hour at 10:00am (Welcome Center)

City ID Program between 1–3pm

**BMI Assessments at 1:30–3:30pm and 5–8pm

Tuesday, Sept. 19th

Welcoming Week Inspired ZUMBA at 10:15am

City ID Program between 5:30–7:30pm

**BMI Assessments at 7:30–8:30am and 6–8:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 20th

Movie Time Cultural Film at 12pm (Theater) and *6pm

**BMI Assessments at 11am–12:00pm, 1:30–6:30pm

Welcoming Week Inspired ZUMBA at 8:00pm

Thursday, Sept. 21st

City ID Program at 9am–1pm

Cultural Snacks at 12pm

**BMI Assessments at 9am–12pm and 5:30–8:30pm

Friday, Sept. 22nd

City ID Program at 10am–12pm

Welcoming Community Pool Party between 5–8pm

Everest Institute Informational Session between 5–8pm

**BMI Assessments at 8–9am, 11:30am–12:30pm and 4:30–5:30pm

Saturday, Sept. 23rd

**BMI Assessments at 7:30–10:30am

*Community Yard "Lot" Sale between 9:00am–1:00pm

Sunday, Sept. 24th

*God's Army Ministries Sunday Service outdoors at 12pm

**All outdoor events are subject to change weather permitting.*

***BMI Assessments will be located in the Health & Wellness Office, 2nd level.*

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Food For Thought



(2nd from Left) Pastor Amos Dickerson with Visiting Pastors, NAACP, Clergy and Church Members *Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

On September 8, 2017 I attended part of the vigil prayer service held at St. James AME Zion Church in Perth Amboy. The most important aspect of that service is the prayers that they were sending to leaders in all fields so that they are guided by the Lord in all their decision making.

What was also important is that men and women are equally important when it comes to guiding children in the correct way of living. If you put God foremost in your life, you can't go wrong. Everyone has their faults, but in spite of that, you can still rise.

They gave out a special prayer to those women, and yes men who were single parents and they realized that sometimes they are in that position through no fault of their own. But the reality is that if you can be in contact with your child, it is so very important to make that strong connection. Parents should never, ever use their children as a pawn to keep them from seeing a parent that is loving.

I remember having a conversation with my brother-in-law who emphatically told me that if he were to break up with my sister, he would never walk away from their children. "It is my blood that is running through their veins. To walk away from them would be like hating myself because of that blood in them."

The speakers at this vigil made it clear that men and

women have different ways of rearing children and it's important that both men and women do their part making sure that the child can see the respect between the two of them. I remember my father telling us that he always loved the Lord first because the Lord enabled him to love his wife first and then his children.

The speakers asked that men be strong and become a mentor to the young men who have gone astray in our society. They also recognized how drugs and alcohol have been the downfall of many. They asked for prayers for the teachers in the schools and that they teach their students the correct way to be just. "Don't just sit back and watch things happen. Stand up for something."

They asked for prayers for the President and those around him. Speak for those who are rebellious. They also remembered all of the people who have suffered because of the recent hurricanes.

The football season was acknowledged, but they said: "Church first on Sunday - then go home and watch the game." Special prayers were offered for the elderly in nursing homes, especially for those who have no family who can visit them. Please let the staff of those nursing homes bring the compassion that those residents desperately need.

Remember, God is the answer. *C.M.*

Leave President Trump & His Family Alone!

Because President Trump spent Labor Day Weekend at his golf club in New Jersey, an article in the newspapers indicated that the Branchburg, Bedminster, etc. assemblage were gearing up for their weekly motorcade that drives by the President's National Golf Club. WHY? What do they hope to gain by this open display of disrespect and insult to our President? What has he done to them?

I always considered people who live in Bedminster, Bernardsville area to be smart, professional, affluent, wealthy people who live in beautiful homes, have horses, and live a comfortable life. I guess not. Evidently, they're not happy.

By their negative actions against their President, they've shown that they are carrying their "rights" and "free speech" much too far.

President Trump is a property owner there. He pays taxes and has a right to visit anytime he wants to. Who are they to deny our President peace and quiet? They have lowered themselves (by their

actions) to just plain ordinary common complainers. The only difference is that their weekly motorcade may be made up of B.M.W.'s, Porches, Mercedes, and the like.

If they have a problem, they should speak to their elected representatives. I really thought that they were a classy bunch – but they're not.

Shame on them for their actions against President Trump. Leave him and his family alone. Let them enjoy themselves on their own property. You guys should do the same.

Mary Vargo

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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

MON. Sept. 25 City Council, Caucus 4:30 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
WED. Sept. 27 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
City Hall, High St.
THURS. Sept. 28 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.
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South Amboy

WED. Sept. 20 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.
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Perth Amboy Artworks Hosts Live at the Ferry Slip Music Series Season Finale on October 7th

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - Perth Amboy Artworks will host the finale of their second season of the Live at the Ferry Slip Music Series on Saturday October 7th from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Ferry Slip, 300 Front St. The free concert at the waterfront is a family friendly event. The season finale will be a celebration of Hispanic Heritage featuring performances by Segunda Quimbamba and United States of Boogaloo. Come out and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with these two great NJ bands!

Segunda Quimbamba is a Jersey City based dance and drum ensemble that perform authentic bomba and plena, the vibrant drum music of Puerto Rico. Band director Juan Cartagena and his wife Nanette Hernandez founded Segunda Quimbamba in 1989. Juan Cartagena is a recognized master folk artist by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Segunda Quimbamba has performed at festivals, concert series and venues throughout NJ, NY & PA and has also toured internationally. Their recent CD called EXPERIMENTAL y TRADICIONAL, pays homage to 2 strands that define the Puerto Rican diaspora “the traditions that color our youth, our memories, and our mother’s cooking; and the modern musical influences that color our language, our dance and the rhythms in America.”

United States of Boogaloo, founded in Jersey City in 2012, perform Spanish-English songs fusing Boogaloo, Punk, Salsa, Rockabilly, Samba, and Puerto Rican Bomba and Plena music. Their self-titled album recorded in Kray’s Studios in Weehawken, NJ features originals that air on independent radio stations in NJ. They have performed regularly at festivals and venues around the State. The band delivers percussion-heavy songs with lyrics (sung in Spanish and English) inspired by member’s upbringing in NJ and a deep respect for their Latin American heritage. Members developed their style interests from having played in punk rock bands for over 20 and having also performed in the Puerto Rican Folk band Segunda Quimbamba. Band member BJ Torres lives in Perth Amboy and is a Vice President of the Perth Amboy Arts Council.

Live at the Ferry Slip Music Series is hosted by Perth Amboy Artworks in partnership with the Historic City of Perth Amboy Ferry Slip Museum and the Honorable Mayor Wilda Diaz. The program is made possible with funding support from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders,



Segunda Quimbamba



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Office of Culture and Heritage and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

“The Ferry Slip Music Series brings together our community to celebrate Perth Amboy,” said Caroline Pozycki-Torres, President of Perth Amboy Artworks. “This year we have seen our highest attendance, with excited neighbors walking to the show and visitors from outside the City coming to enjoy high quality music in the beautiful setting of the Ferry Slip on the waterfront. We try to incorporate art into everything we do, from posters designed by local artists, to hiring local photographers to share the fun of the event, to hiring the best NJ based original independent performers who really love being part of creating and celebrating community. We thank Mayor Wilda Diaz, the County Freeholders, the City Council, the City Administration, The NJ State Council on the Arts, the Auxiliary Police, the Ferry Slip Board, our sponsors, the community, the performers, photographers, designers and volunteers who all made this the best season yet at the Ferry Slip,” said Caroline. The 2017 Live at the Ferry Slip Music Series has featured performances this summer by Destitute NJ, I4, San Simon, GMJ Groove, Joseph Frame and Proper (pictured). For more information about the October 7th concert and Perth Amboy Artworks, visit their website at www.PerthAmboyArtworks.org or call 732-877-3800.



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Board Member Jose Rodriguez Resigns

9/7/17 Board of Education Meeting

By: Katherine Massopust
PERTH AMBOY – The 9/7/17 Board Meeting began at 5:30 p.m. with public comments on agenda items only. No one came up to speak. There was a brief recess until 6:04 p.m.

Board President Ken Puccio asked for a moment of silence for the 16th anniversary of 9-11-01. He also thanked everyone including the PSA and AFT and everyone for all the hard work that they do. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vivian Rodriguez thanked everyone including staff, administrators, teachers, and students.

Board Member Jose Rodriguez announced that he was resigning from the Board of Education. Rodriguez who also had served in the U.S. Air Force for 35 years has moved to Puerto Rico. Rodriguez stated, “Thanks for helping me achieve my goals over the past 2½ years. I thank Ken Puccio, Milady Tejada, Obi Gonzalez and Derek Jess for all the times I called you. I’m sad to leave. I knew the district in the district was in bad shape. I learned how bad it was. One of the best things here was hiring Dr. David Roman as Superintendent. He has taken the school system to achieve that goal (of a district of distinction). It probably will take more than 5 years. Thanks for the help. You will make this district the best in the



Board Members pose for a photo with Jose Rodriguez
*Photo by Katherine Massopust

State of New Jersey. You need to give Dr. David Roman the tools he needs. I want to thank Former Board President Sam Lebreault who taught me a lot. I give thanks to him for that.”

Board Vice President Milady Tejada stated, “I have the honor to run with Jose Rodriguez. I knew more about Leslie (Jose’s wife) back then. I feel very proud he (Jose Rodriguez) is a part of our team.”

Board Members Tashi Vasquez and Junior Iglesia made some remarks expressing their enthusiasm for the upcoming school year.

Board President Ken Puccio then added, “On Tuesday, I wish everyone good luck. It takes a very special person to serve on

the Board. Some of us are retired; some are still working. I want to recognize Jose (Rodriguez). I found Jose Rodriguez is a hard working Board Member. We learn from you. Thank you for all those hours. All of us know what we are getting into (when running for the BOE). You are the hardest working people I have ever seen. Without you, we wouldn’t operate. Everyone is on the same page and works together.”

After the business portion of the meeting, no one spoke at the public portion. Board Member Obi Gonzalez and Superintendent Dr. David Roman were not present. The meeting ended at 6:28 p.m. to loud applause.

St. Demetrios

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work hours can be adjusted.”

Another Resident from High Street said, “We were offended that one of the most beautiful areas in the City is being called blighted.”

Resident Lisa Nanton had a question for the church’s attorney. “Can you tell me what you consider is the governing body?”

Goldsmith responded, “It’s the legislative body as adopted by the local and state government.”

Nanton replied, “Make sure that goes on the record.”

Judge Marina Corodemus from St. Demetrios Church said, “I have attended many meetings. We have lost three generations of people. In 1952, we acquired this property from the gas company. Each year, when we have our festival, we also open our church doors for tours. We have an aging population who attend our church and who have been asking for housing close to the church. We were here in the 1960’s when there were bad problems in the City. We are teachers, businesspeople, and taxpayers. We got a bad deal from Elizabethtown Gas. People wanted the community center and the housing. We have never turned down a request when people wanted to use the facility or even our parking lot. We’ve lost all our parking. We’ve even moved our liturgy hours to accommodate others requests. Our attorney was born and raised in Perth Amboy. Everything that was asked of us, we have provided. We are not angry at what is

going on. We just pray. I offered to have this historical group (the 1683 Society) to visit us. This is not about money. We’ve modified plans as requested. Houses of worship are stable. We are asking for help to continue to stay in Perth Amboy. Don’t judge us based on bad developers. We have even have waived fees for some who have used the hall in the past.”

Bob Durso became emotional when he came up to speak, “I spend a majority of my time in Perth Amboy. This property is zoned for residential use. There are not many Senior Rentals in the City for Seniors 55+. These units will be low impact. This community welcomed me – a non-Greek into their church. We are not Kushner or other nasty developers. I want to thank St. Demetrios for welcoming my family.”

Caroline Pozycki from 1683 Society and the Citizen’s Campaign said, “We appreciate the Greek Church. I’m just confused as to why this is under redevelopment and designated as blighted. This project will have an impact on the Waterfront area.”

Dot Daniel from Chamberlain Avenue came up to speak, “I know many families from St. Demetrios, and I sat on the Planning Board for 11 years. Many people request housing. Consider all the ramifications of this project. A lot of the housing projects in Mount Laurel requested senior housing. The people who came up to speak to complain about not getting notices should complain

to Elizabethtown Gas about this.”

A Resident from 166 High Street came up to speak, “I’m in favor on what the church wants to do. They will be providing extra parking.”

A Physician came up to speak and talked about his mother, “Your community is under attack. My mom insists that she have all her medical procedures done in Perth Amboy. You’ll have seniors from other towns coming to live here.”

A South River Resident came up to speak next, “I had some business in the Waterfront area and I personally saw personnel from Elizabethtown Gas delivering letters to residents in the area where the work is being done.”

Mayor Diaz came up to speak, “The church followed every step necessary. A lot of developers bought blighted sites in town to turn them into ratables. The Redevelopment Agency has shared all the information with the Council. The Planning Board recommended that after the assessment from professionals that the site was okay for redevelopment. All their meetings are public. The Council requested that the Planning Board do the work (hiring the professionals) and to make recommendations.”

St. Demetrios Attorney Goldsmith made some additional comments, “There can be no transfers without the governing body’s approval. You can restrict the working hours of Elizabethtown Gas.”

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FIRST IN FLIGHT

By: John Kerry Dyke

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Another Resident by the name of Mrs. Vega came up to speak, "As you can tell by last name, I am not Greek, but I do bring my daughter to the Greek School. At night it's very dark. With this redevelopment project, it will add more light and make the neighborhood safer."

At the 9/13/17 Council Meeting, St. Demetrios' attorney said there was a mistake made on the paperwork on Ordinance R-328-9/17. "The Planning Board is doing a study (to see what is the most viable use of the land) to give to the governing body. If the Council wants to this, they can do so."

City Attorney Peter King advised the Council that they pass the resolutions/ordinances.

Councilman Irizarry questioned municipal board appointments - specifically PARA. "Does the Mayor make appointments and the Council advises and consents?"

King answered, "PARA was established by the Council. They advise and consent to appointments. The Council appoints the Zoning Board Members."

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak about R-328. "Do they (St. Demetrios) have to go to the Zoning Board? The property is zoned for single family housing. Spot zoning is illegal. If the resolution is voted

down, the church can go to court to appeal the decision."

Resident Alan Silber commented about R-328 also, "I don't know about all of these boards. This seems to be a government overreach. This could have been redeveloped many times. It's a private ownership. They own it and they want to redevelop. Why not let the people who own the property build on it? The Mayor disregards ordinances. I hope you vote for this."

Resident and Businesswoman Sharon Hubberman came up to speak also about R-328. "If an owner cleans it up, and makes it viable for it's use, the government shouldn't step in. Sometimes a developer will want to sieve property for their own profit. If an owner is compliant with all the rules and regulations, they should be able to do what they want."

When it came time to vote, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked that R-328 & R-329 to be pulled from the consent agenda to be voted on separately. Council President Bill Petrick suggested that R-328 be tabled. "This is so that a public meeting can be held between the parish and the neighborhood."

Council Irizarry said, "I am not in favor of tabling this and I want it cleared up tonight."

St. Demetrios Attorney, Goldsmith said, "There has to be a change on the wording in the

amendment. The word "rehabilitation" should be replaced with the word, "redevelopment."

Councilman Joel Pabon questioned, "This is not closing the project down?"

Councilman Gonzalez stated, "Since the decision is going to be made by the Council, I support R-328 if we accept it with the two changes (replacing the wording and hiring professionals).

Goldsmith laid out the steps, "After all the meetings between PARA and the Church are prepared and the plans presented to the Council, you (the Council) will be make the final decision as to what you want implemented. No plan is on the table, yet. You have the power to accept or reject it when they are presented. The property is not in eminent domain."

It was decided to have more public hearings on this property. R-328 was voted on to be amended, moved by Irizarry, seconded by Caba.

The following amendments were put in place: "Redevelopment" instead of "Rehabilitation" and replacing the Planning Board with the governing body/(City Council).

During the public portion, Resident and Planning Board Member Norman Vasquez said, "We just wanted a little more transparency. We felt as we were being pushed aside. We want to be good neighbors."



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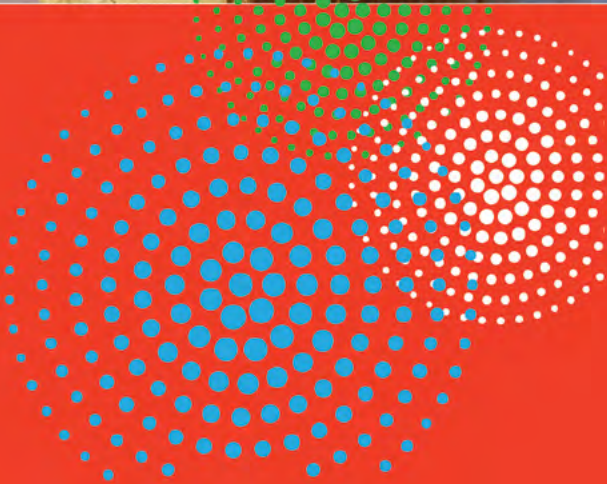
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Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. Receives \$50,000 Grant for Respite & Home Healthcare Program

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - The Puerto Rican Association for Human Development, Inc. (PRAHD) has been awarded a \$50,000 grant to support the agency’s Resources for Independent Living (REFIL) Program – a home healthcare service primarily for seniors, developmentally disabled individuals and their caregivers.

This award marks the second consecutive year of funding from the NJ Office of Faith Based Initiatives (NJOFBI) Social Entrepreneur and Enterprise Development (SE2D I) Project. SE2D I funding supports community based organizations that implement a revenue generating model whose purpose is to address social issues in creative and innovative ways. The recent investment to the REFIL program highlights PRAHD’s immense success in its dual approach of addressing social issues faced by not only the client through Certified Home Health Aides, but also issues faced by the caregiver who is provided supportive services offered by PRAHD.

“PRAHD created the REFIL program in response to the growing and urgent needs of New Jersey’s critical population of disabled and home-bound patients,” states Yvonne Lopez, Executive Director/CEO of the agency. “With 10 programs addressing a range of

social issues, PRAHD has the ability to ensure the often overlooked caregiver is provided any necessary supportive services needed to allow them to participate meaningfully in their community”.

With year one funding from NJOFBI– PRAHD was able to enhance the program by increasing human capital resources, purchase of equipment, and expanding marketing efforts. The investment ultimately led to the program serving additional patients and their caregivers throughout Middlesex County. Year two funding will allow REFIL to continue to enhance human capital, operational and training support – with an ultimate goal of serving more clients in need of personal care services.

The unmet need for home healthcare services, growing number of Medicare beneficiaries, and aging baby-boomer population ensures a strong market for REFIL services. Edward LaPorte, Executive Director at the NJ Office of Faith Based Initiatives, is excited to partner with PRAHD in addressing this issue.

“Driven by our commitment to promote community and economic transformation in our communities, NJOFBI is pleased to support REFIL – a program that directly addresses a critical social need in New Jersey” LaPorte remarked.

Pirohi Sale

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Wine & Dine Fundraiser

EDISON - Kiddie Keep Well Camp’s capital campaign to “Raise the Roof” is well underway! We are currently in the process of raising funds towards our capital campaign to rebuild our health center and to make other necessary renovations around the facilities, so that we may continue to provide the unique services to our local community. In support of this campaign, we are hosting a Wine and Dine fundraiser on Saturday, October 14th at 6 p.m. This will be held at Schirber Dining Hall at Kiddie Keep Well Camp, 35 Roosevelt Drive, Edison, NJ 08837. Cost to attend is \$125 by October 1st. RSVP by September 15 to save \$25. Pay by check or PayPal through kiddiekeepwell.org.

The menu will be prepared by the Les Marmitons of New Jersey:

- 1st course: Smoked salmon stuffed cannoli
- 2nd course: Cauliflower soup topped with fresh croutons and fried beets
- 3rd course: Poached black bass
- 4th course: Steak Diane with a potato gratin
- 5th course: Chocolate orbit cake with vanilla crème anglaise

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All proceeds will go towards our “Raise the Roof” capital campaign. Please call (732) 548-6542 with any questions or to reserve your seat. We hope to see you there! Thank you for your support.

Meet and Greet

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Republican Org is hosting a meet and greet on Monday, September 25th at 7:30 p.m. at 664 Amboy Avenue (Entrance on Meredith St). Guest Speakers will be local candidates running in the upcoming November 2017 election. Light Refreshments. FREE. Please RSVP to Sharon at 732-800-2017 or email perthamboygop@yahoo.com or for more information, go to www.perthamboygop.org

Girls on the Run

PERTH AMBOY - We're pleased to announce an after-school program in partnership with the City of Perth Amboy's Dept. of Recreation and Girls on the Run for 3rd-5th graders that works to encourage girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games, culminating in a celebratory 5K run. Timeframe: 10-week program: Monday and Wednesday, starting 9/20/2017; 3rd-5th grade girls 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. GOTR Trainer: Yasmine Munoz. Primary Location: 1 Olive Street, Alexander Jankowski Center; Who can register: 3rd - 5th grade girls from the Gateway Neighborhood; Cost: \$0. PARTNER sponsored event through the GNC grant funding by Wells Fargo Regional Foundation.

South Amboy Business Breakfast

Press Release 9/14/17
SOUTH AMBOY - Business owners, you’re invited to the City of South Amboy’s Business Networking breakfast on Tuesday, September 26 at the Dowdell Library from 8-9:30 am. Enjoy a continental breakfast, networking and a demonstration of RefUSA. Bill Loges will be coming from Omaha, Nebraska to demonstrate this valuable resource.

Learn how to target customers, identify your market and create a marketing plan. Registration is required. Please email comments@dowdell.org or call the library at 732-721-6060. This event is being sponsored by Vintage Palette on Broadway in South Amboy.

The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School and is located on John T O’Leary Boulevard.

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

The Dowdell Library’s hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Saturday from 12 to 4 pm. For more information, please visit www.dowdell.org, or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

Free Programs & Activities @ Dowdell Library

Press Release 9/18/17
SOUTH AMBOY - Get back in the groove of the school year at Dowdell Library with free health screenings, bilingual storytimes, a local business breakfast and a banned book week contest.

Discover ways to stay healthy this Fall! Get fit with a free health screening provided by St. Peter’s University Hospital on Monday September 25 from 5:30-7:30 pm.

Business owners, join us for the city’s business breakfast on Tuesday, September 26, at the Dowdell Library from 8-9:30 am for breakfast, networking and a demonstration of RefUSA. This free online research tool can be used to target customers, identify your market and create a marketing plan. Registration is required. Please email comments@dowdell.org or call the library at 732-721-6060. This event is being sponsored by Vintage Palette on Broadway in South Amboy.

Enter the Banned Book Week Contest Monday, September 25 to Friday, September 29, and have a chance to win a prize! Simply, match the title of the banned book with the reasoning for its ban. This annual event celebrates the freedom to read and highlights the value of free, and open access to information.

The Dowdell Library will hold bilingual math and science (MAAST) story times starting Wednesday September 27 from 3:30-4:30 pm. These storytimes will be conducted for children (ages 3-6) and their families in Spanish and English and will involve reading, singing, and hands-on creative projects. This program is provided by a grant from the New Jersey State Library and the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) at Rutgers University to host the Math and Science Storytime Series (MAAST.)

Music @ Dowdell is excited to present “Noisy Neighbors!” This Mardi Gras inspired band will perform live at the Dowdell Library on Monday, October 2 from 6:30-8 pm. Bring friends and family to enjoy an enchanting evening of Mardi Gras!

The origins of Mardi Gras can be traced to medieval Europe, but Mardi Gras was first celebrated in the U.S. by French settlers in the early 1700s. Mardi Gras is about music and celebrations and masks are a magical part of Mardi Gras tradition. The library will hold a “Maskerade” competition for the most intriguing mask. Don’t miss it!

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Story Time Returns to the Perth Amboy Free Public Library!

Press Release
PERTH AMBOY - The classic library service is back at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library! Join us for a fun time to meet other parents and kids for interactive reading, rhymes, music and games for kids to develop early literacy skills, socialization, and play. Our story time schedule is as follows:
Tuesday, September 19th at 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 21st at 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 17th at 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 21st at 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 7th at 1:00 p.m.

Perth Amboy Free Public Library Offers Home-bound Delivery Service!

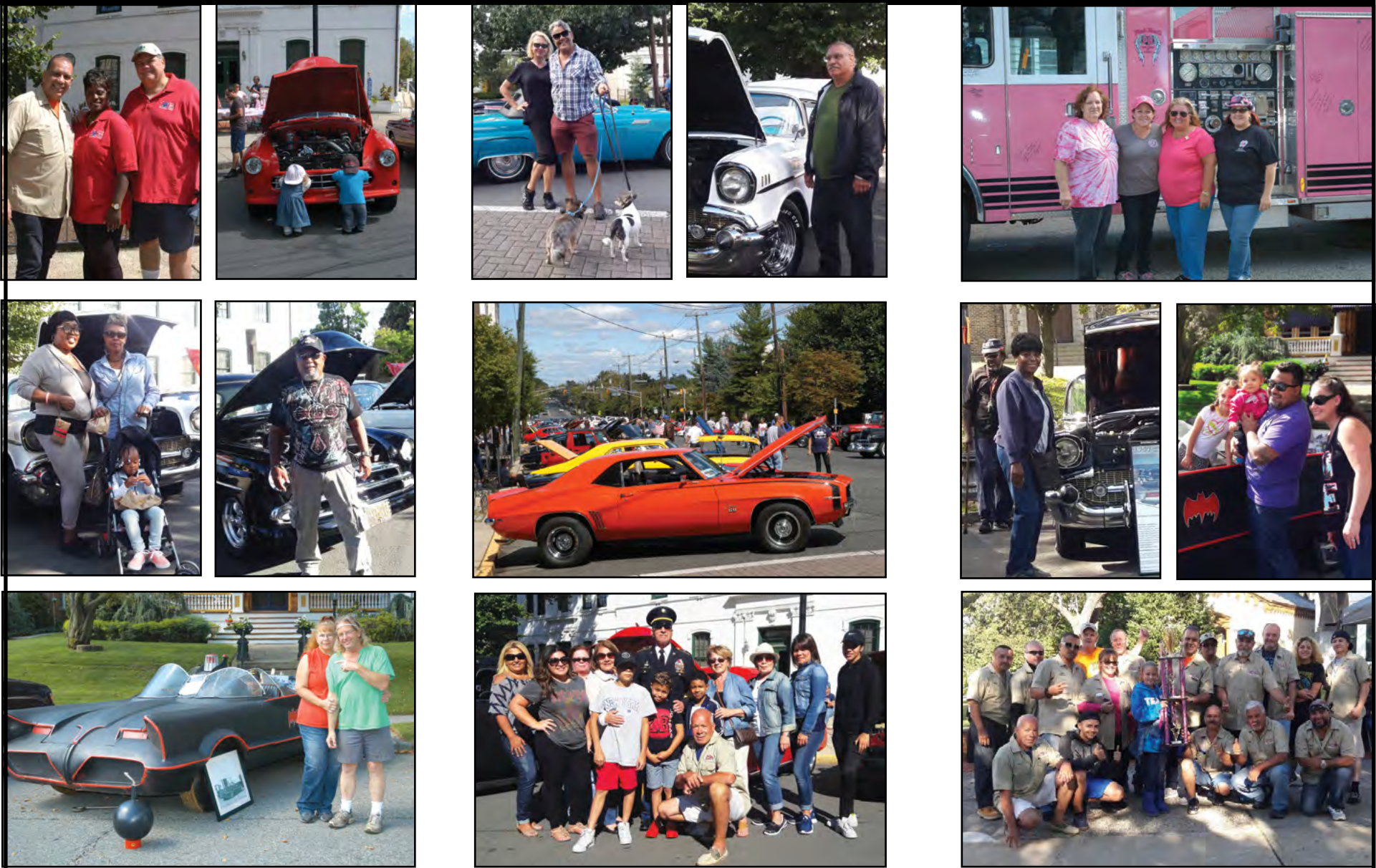
PERTH AMBOY - If you can’t make it to the library, the library can come to you!
The Home-Bound Program is a resource delivery service offered to all Perth Amboy residents who are temporarily or permanently confined to their homes because of illness, age or physical disability. Care facilities and nursing homes are also welcome to take advantage of this program. The service is absolutely free to join and use! Residents who do not currently have a library card will be issued one after successful sign-up of the home-bound application. To sign up for service call the library at 732-826-2600.

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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

From Berlin, the Nazis announce on September 18, 1942, that food rations are being reduced for Jews in Germany. In the U.S., the Army's Col. Leslie Groves purchases for the Manhattan Project 1,250 tons of high-grade uranium ore from the Belgian Congo that was being stored on Staten Island, N.Y. British forces land on the east coast of Madagascar, at Tamatave. The 7th Marines, part of the 1st Marine Division, take up positions on Guadalcanal, strengthening the U.S. presence on the island.

On September 19, German submarine *U-516* sinks the American cargo ship *MV Wichita* about 300 miles northeast of Barbados. All hands — 40 merchant crewmen and 10 U.S. Naval Armed Guards — are lost. In the U.S., the Manhattan Project's Col. Groves, acting quickly, purchases 52,000 acres of land in Tennessee. The property will become the site of the massive weapons-grade-uranium enrichment facility known as Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The RAF raids Saarbrücken and Munich, in Germany, but fails to do much damage.

Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus on September 20 declares that the German Sixth Army needs substantial reinforcements if it is to continue its assault on Stalingrad. Paulus and his immediate superior, Army Group B commander, Gen. Maximilian von Weichs, are also worried about their flank defenses, which consist of Italian, Hungarian and Romanian troops. However, Hitler is determined to capture Stalingrad before reorganizing the flanks. Allied commanders set November 8, 1942, as "D-Day" for "Operation Torch," the Anglo-American invasion of French North Africa. In Paris, the Nazis execute 116 people in retaliation for increasing attacks on German officers. At Auschwitz, in Occupied Poland, the first cremation of corpses takes place.

In Asia, British forces on September 21 begin their first land-based counterattack against the Japanese, at Arakan, in western Burma. In national elections in neutral Sweden, pro-Nazi candidates fare badly at the polls. In the U.S., the Boeing B-29 Superfortress heavy bomber makes its first test flight. Among the plane's innovations: a pressurized, heated cabin and a computer-controlled system that permits one gunner to operate four machine-gun turrets.

On September 22, the German Sixth Army and 4th Panzer Army split the Soviet 62nd Army in two and capture nearly the entire southern part of Stalingrad, including a huge grain elevator that has been successfully defended by 40 Soviet Marines for over a week.

German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel leaves North Africa for Germany on September 23 for treatment of illness and exhaustion. He hands over command of the Panzer Army Africa (Germans and Italians) to Gen. Georg Stumme. Northwest of Stalingrad, a Soviet counteroffensive gains some ground; fierce hand-to-hand fighting pushes the Germans back around an oil-storage depot. In the U.S., the Army's Col. Leslie Groves is promoted to the rank of brigadier general. Groves recruits J. Robert Oppenheimer, a theoretical physicist and professor at the University of California at Berkeley, as Scientific Director for the Manhattan Project. In Chicago, RCA Victor's Bluebird Records label releases the humorous song "Der Fuehrer's Face" by Spike Jones & His City Slickers. The tune will re-appear in the 1943 Walt Disney anti-Nazi propaganda cartoon of the same name, featuring Donald Duck.

Units of German Army Group A launch an attack against the Russian Black Sea port of Tuapse on September 24. The German Chief of Staff, Gen. Franz Halder, is sacked by Hitler for "mismanaging the campaign on the Eastern Front" and is replaced by Gen. Kurt Zeitzler. In the Soviet Union, Olga Yamshchikova, a fighter pilot for the Red Army, shoots down a German Ju-88 twin-engine bomber over Stalingrad, becoming the first female to score an aerial victory. In the Atlantic, off the coast of Dutch Guiana, the U.S. Naval Armed Guard detachment and the civilian crew of the American Liberty ship *SS Stephen Hopkins* fight a mismatched battle with a heavily armed German raider, the auxiliary cruiser *Stier*. The Liberty ship, with only one 4-inch gun, manages to sink the *Stier*. Damage incurred during the battle, however, causes the *Stephen Hopkins* to go down as well, with only 15 of her 60-man complement surviving. In the Pacific, Japanese troops take over Maiana Atoll in the Gilbert Islands.

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

PERTH AMBOY - A.C. Bus Trip to the Tropicana Casino on Sunday, October 1, 2017. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in A.C. Cost: \$30.00 per person (\$25 slot play). Bagged lunch provided -To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726.

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, Oct. 5, 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.

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 (Wal-Mart 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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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. Sept. 27, 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.

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: Sept. 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. !!!!

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.

HIV Support

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

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

Pet of the Week



Parrot Riko with owner
Maileen

Live Music

SAYREVILLE – The Machine performs Pink Floyd, 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

Hardy Mum Sale

SOUTH AMBOY – Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will have large colorful mums in 8" pots available for purchase at \$5 each or 3 for \$12 all day Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 1 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by to see the fall flowers in front of Memorial Hall, 531 Washington Ave., across from Sacred Heart Church. Ideal for autumn decorating! For more information, call Virginia: 732-721-1521.

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Fall Events

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 sponsor a **trip to Sight & Sound Theatre** and Shady Maple Smorgasbord Lancaster PA Saturday December 9. Motor coach leaves South Amboy K of C Hall at 8 a.m. for the 11 a.m. show, "The Miracle of Christmas." with 3 p.m. dining at Shady Maple. Cost of \$130 includes round trip motor coach transportation, tickets for the show, and lunch buffet. For more information call Nancy Smetana at 732-721-2025 or nsmetana65@gmail.com.

Open Mic September 29. South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 resume their Open Mic series for the fall season Friday September 29 beginning at 8 p.m. Anyone who is part of group or is an individual performer is invited. Refreshments are also available. For more information call 732- 721-2025.

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.*

Prayer to St. Jude

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered our beloved Father into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly *(Here make your request)* and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

Thank you, Saint Jude I.N.S.

Friends of the Library Meeting

PERTHAMBOY - The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info call 732-261-2610.

World War I: United States, New Jersey & Woodbridge

WOODBIDGE - In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of America's involvement in World War I, the Woodbridge Historical Association presents Brian Armstrong who will recognize the role area serviceman played in WWI on Monday, September 25, at 7 p.m. in the Downstairs Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Public Library. An independent historian and author, Mr. Armstrong also will discuss the history of the war, the political climate in which the United States entered the Great War and will bring to life Woodbridge area servicemen who died during the war with photos, letters, newspaper reports and military records. Brian Armstrong is the Vice President, Central Region, for the League of Historic Societies and frequently lectures throughout the state on local history.

The public is invited to the monthly HAWT meeting on September 25 at Woodbridge Public Library which is located on Amboy Avenue and George Frederick Plaza.

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TUES. Sept. 19 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. Sept. 20 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone St.
- THURS. Sept. 21 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Sept. 25 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Sept. 26 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
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- THURS. Sept. 28 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- MON. Sept. 25 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. Oct. 2 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Oct. 11 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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

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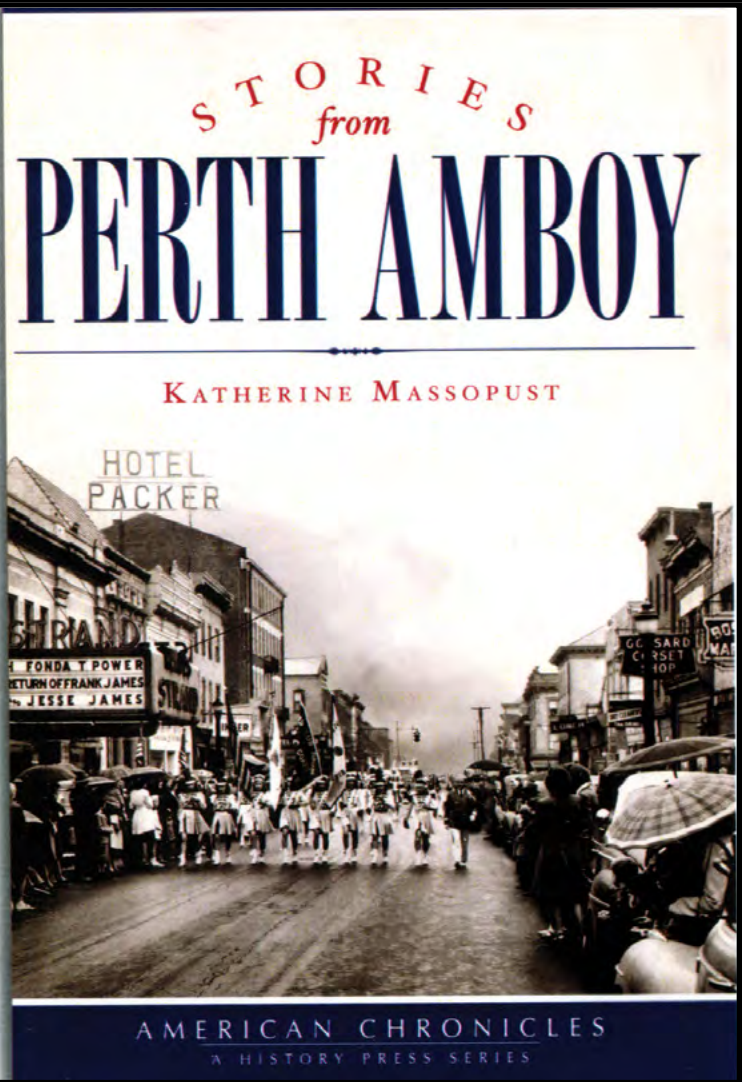
LOOKING BACK



PERTHAMBOY - Grammar School Classroom circa 1940's

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This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.



Stories From Perth Amboy

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

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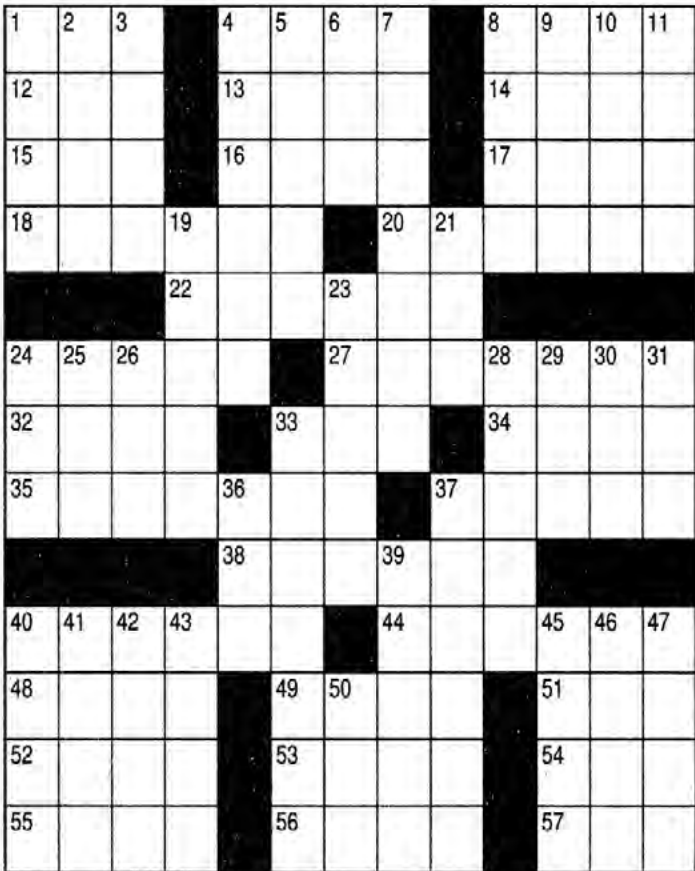
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