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City of Perth Amboy Promotional Ceremony P.A.P.D.



PERTH AMBOY - Group photo of Police Officers, Mayor Diaz, Council Members, City Administrators and Clergy 12/19/17

*Photos by Paul W. Wang

Carbon Monoxide Leak Overcomes 5 Family Members; Taking Life of One; Leaving 4 in Critical Condition and Overcomes 27 Police Officers



185 Fayette St. *Photo by Paul W. Wang

Statement by the City of Perth Amboy Administra- tion:

PERTH AMBOY - The investigation conducted by the Perth Amboy Police Department, Perth Amboy Fire Department, Middlesex Prosecutor's Office and Middlesex County Fire Marshal's Office has been finalized. A clay liner within the chimney at the multi-family dwelling located on 185 Fayette Street had collapsed. This obstructed the flow of Carbon Monoxide exhaust from building, and caused high levels of Carbon Monoxide to be released into the apartment. The building owner indicated that the carbon monoxide and smoke detectors were fully functional in December. However, it was not operational at the time of the incident in the apartment.

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Promotions and Emotions Dominate 12/20/17 Council Meeting

SOUTH AMBOY - Before the start of the 12/20/17 Council Meeting, a promotional service was held for Michael J. Kelly who was promoted to Police Sergeant and Dennis McQuade who was promoted to Sergeant a few weeks earlier.

Council President Mickey Gross said, "South Amboy has the best Police Department in the state and you can quote me on this!"

The two Officers were praised by Police Chief Darren Lavigne who said, "Both promotions were well deserved." Lavigne also thanked Mayor Fred Henry for the tremendous support that he and all of the Council Members (past and present) have shown toward the Police Department.

During the Meeting, one of the ordinances had to be pulled – No. 22-2017 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1036 entitled "Parking and Traffic Regulations" for the City of South Amboy in the County of Middlesex and the State of New Jersey.

Law Director John Lanza stated, "There's an error. There is not a starting and ending point, which is required."

Council President Mickey Gross asked the Council to have this ordinance pulled. The motion was made by Councilwoman Zusette Dato and seconded by Councilman Tom Reilly.

During the Council Comments, Councilman Reilly spoke about the fundraiser the Friends of South Amboy had for the family whose child is suffering from cancer, "A lot of money was raised, and we had a lot of volunteers." He also wanted to congratulate Phil Smith and Janet Kern for their service on the Board of Education. "Kern is also a terrific volunteer." Reilly also invited the public to attend the next PARA Meeting, "There will be a discussion of the possibility of a 7-11 coming into town. I and Councilman McLaughlin will



SOUTH AMBOY - Michael Kelly is sworn in as Police Sergeant.

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell



SOUTH AMBOY - Dennis McQuade is sworn in as Police Sergeant.

*Photos by Carolyn Maxwell

be discussing the First Aid Response Time. There is a lack of volunteers. This meeting will be in January."

Councilman McLaughlin then spoke, "I congratulate the new Sergeants and the Department of Public Works."

Council Vice-President Christine Noble wished everyone Season's Greetings.

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, "The Y is having an event called "Hope to Dreams," which is sponsored by Ashley Furniture. Last year, that company donated 50 beds to needy families and this year, they will donate 100 beds. Students will participate and decide which families will be the recipients of these beds. Two families

from South Amboy will be given beds this year. Everyone have a Happy Holiday!"

Council President Mickey Gross congratulated Tom Reilly and the Friends of South Amboy, which is a grassroots organization. "I want to congratulate both officers, whom both I've known for a long time." He then addressed a woman named Kim Sieber, who was sitting in the audience. "I want to thank you for helping people every day. You have changed many lives for the better."

Business Administrator Stacey Kennedy sent thanks to the City and to the employees. "We

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Promotions
& Emotions
Dominate

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delivered many gift cards to schools for two families that were donated by the residents.” City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz extended his holiday greetings.

Law Director John Lanza extended Season’s Greetings and Congratulations to the two Officers.

Mayor Fred Henry thanked the City workers for the great job they did during the holiday season and remarked how great the tree lighting and Santa were. He congratulated the two new sergeants.

Mayor Henry added he had Dennis McQuade in a couple of his classes and had high praises for him and for Michael J. Kelly. “Both are great additions to our Police Department.” Henry sent out best wishes to Assemblyman Craig Coughlin on his new position as Speaker of the Assembly. “It’s well deserved.” The public portion was next. The first speaker was former Councilman Donald Applegate. He had concerns about a blockage which is causing a lot of flooding on Pupak Street. “Was there a sewer cleaning going on in the City?”

City Engineer Mark Rasimowicz answered him, “There was a blockage on the City main. Pupak had a lot of flooding. I will reach out to the County about this matter.”

The next speaker was Mr. Vasquez who owns a barber shop on Broadway. He stated, “We need a business association and chamber of commerce.”

Also joining Mr. Vasquez at the mic was a woman who owns a bakery. She was concerned about a new business opening up close to her who was selling similar products. “I’m struggling and need help from you guys.”

Vasquez then started to speak again, “We were having problems on what kind of signage we can use for our businesses. I received a warning about the signage I have outside my store.”

Council President Gross asked Vasquez, “You got a warning first, but you did not remove your sign?”

Vasquez responded, “So, I knew I was going to receive a ticket.”

Councilwoman Zusette Dato said, “I know your business is good for the town. We want to encourage all businesses and we want you to succeed. We don’t like to hear these things. Maybe we can form an alliance

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Statement by
Mayor Wilda Diaz 1/5/18
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Incident at
185 Fayette St.

“On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy, I want to extend my sincerest condolences to the victims and the family of the 13 year old who passed away from the carbon monoxide incident last night. I want to personally thank all of our public safety officials and social service staff for their prompt response. I also want to thank Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center of Perth Amboy for their outstanding response to many of the victims. Our hearts go out to all affected. We ask our community to keep everyone involved in prayer for a full recovery,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Stacey Kennedy Resigns
as South Amboy
Business Administrator
1/3/18 Reorganization Meeting

By: Joseph L. Kuchie
SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry announced the resignation of Business Administrator Stacey Kennedy at last Wednesday’s city reorganization meeting.

Kennedy took over as Business Administrator last May after Camille Tooker announced her retirement. She had previously worked as Secretary to the Mayor and Business Administrator from 2014-17.

“Stacey Kennedy has already left as Business Administrator and we are actively pursuing through a couple different channels to look for another Business Administrator for the city of South Amboy,” Mayor Henry said. “I hate to see her go but she thought it was in her best interest so I wish her well in what she does.”

“I want to wish Stacey Kennedy the best of luck in whatever she decides to pursue after leaving this role,” Councilman Tom Reilly said.

Mickey Gross will continue to serve as Council President and Christine Noble will continue to serve as Council Vice President after being unanimously chosen by the council.

“I’m going to do the best job I can...I take it serious and I’m honored you guys picked me again this year,” Gross said. “They don’t come any better than the bunch of you and I thank you for your endorsement.”

Zusette Dato was not in attendance for the reorganization meeting. The next city council meeting will be held on January 31st at 7:00 p.m.

Pallone Statement on the
Passing of Governor Byrne

Press Release 1/4/18
LONG BRANCH – Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-06) released the following statement on the passing of former Governor Brendan Byrne.

"I am deeply saddened by the passing of Governor Byrne. Governor Byrne committed his entire life to public service and served our state with skill, honor and integrity. We should all be thankful for his leadership on many issues, including the environment. I hope that New Jerseyans will pray for his wife Ruthie and all of his family during this difficult time."

Spaghetti Dinner

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee will be holding their 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Stephen’s Church Hall, 490 State St., Perth Amboy. \$10 pp. Children under 5 are free. ALCOHOL IS NOT PERMITTED. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti and meatballs, bread with butter, soda/water, dessert, and coffee/tea! Come have dinner with our local heroes! Enter through the rear of the school from Mechanic Street parking lot. Tickets available at the door.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Local Customer Service
At Its Best

The first Saturday after Thanksgiving is nationally known as Small Business Saturday. Shoppers are asked to purchase goods locally. As a non-driver, the majority of my purchases are local. I’m not really a fan of mall shopping, because at a previous job I would take public transportation where I would be dropped off at a mall and it became very monotonous. I know people are very fond of mall shopping, especially when it comes to purchasing the latest technology such as the I-Phones. I can’t understand the logic of standing in line for hours (some people even pay people to stand in line for them to purchase the latest versions). And what happens? The manufacturer was so adamant to make sure the product was launched on a specific date, even though (I believe) they knew all the bugs were not ironed out.

How frustrating is it when you have to turn in old equipment to a national chain store that happened to be in a mall only to arrive and find out that they have moved. So, you figure: “Oh, they have the same company that’s located in the parking lot of the mall, but that location could not take the equipment. Then you have to go to another location to turn the old equipment in.

Personally, the last couple of cell phones I have bought were at a T-Mobile Store at 182B Smith Street and I have been very happy with the product and especially the employees. Sometimes if I’m having a problem with the phone, I’ll call up customer service and they’ve been able to solve the problem.

Recently, I had a huge problem and was on the phone with customer service for about 15 minutes. I told the technician if he could text me the instructions because I didn’t have a landline available. If those instructions were not followed to a tee, I could have lost a lot of information. So, I decided to go down to the T-Mobile Store on Smith Street and I mentioned my problem to an employee named

Stephanie. I showed her the instructions from the technician that I spoke to on the phone. She looked at them briefly and said, “I think I can fix it without going through all of this.”

As I was glancing at other products at the store, in less than 5 minutes Stephanie called me over and said, “I fixed it.”

Let me tell you something: I was very impressed.

She also told me about another more advanced phone that would cost me less than \$10 more. I was just out downtown for a minute and told her that I wasn’t intending to do any more shopping, so I told her I would come back in a couple of days.

This is what customer service is all about. Many times, when you go shopping at big chain stores where there are a lot of people, it’s sometimes very hard to get personalized attention. Stephanie saw how upset I was with my phone not working and the possibility of losing vital data. She knew exactly how to calm my nerves. Something told me my phone would be in good hands.

There was another experience I had locally when I went to Supremo Supermarket to pick up a couple of items. At the time, there weren’t many customers at the store. When I went to check out, the cashier looked at me and said I looked a little tired. I answered her, “That’s exactly how I feel. It’s been a hard day.”

She said she knew the feeling because not that long ago she had fallen on hard times for 3 months and she was happy about having this job. I left her with, “Have a Happy New Year and God Bless You.”

I know there are people who talk about bad experiences they’ve had locally and so have I. But, it only takes one or two people who can let you know how kind people are.

So, I want to recognize the two special young women from Supremo and T-Mobile who know the correct way to interact with customers. I believe they’ll go far. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Thank You

Dear People of the City of Perth Amboy,

I would like to publicly thank the Board of Education as well as the great people of Robert Wilentz Elementary school for my student teaching experience. I have just completed an undergraduate degree at New Jersey City University in Elementary Education and I was blessed to have my Field Experience as a Student Teacher in Perth Amboy, NJ.

It was easy to see the love and caring that filled Robert Wilentz Elementary from my very first day. All the administration,

supportive staff, and teachers welcomed me into their community. The experience I gained at Robert Wilentz will forever make an impact on my teaching career.

Thank you,
Ms. Fig

Gracias

Estimadas personas de la ciudad de Perth Amboy,

Me gustaría agradecer públicamente a la Junta de Educación, así como a la gran gente de la escuela primaria Robert Wilentz por mi experiencia docente como estudiante. Acabo de terminar una licenciatura en

la Universidad de la Ciudad de Nueva Jersey en Educación Primaria y tuve la bendición de tener mi Experiencia de campo como maestra de estudiantes en Perth Amboy, NJ.

Fue fácil ver el amor y el cuidado que llenó a Robert Wilentz Elementary desde mi primer día. Toda la administración, personal de apoyo y maestros me dieron la bienvenida a su comunidad. La experiencia que obtuve en Robert Wilentz siempre tendrá un impacto en mi carrera docente.

Gracias,
Sra. Fig

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2017 NJSACOP ACE Certification Program Update
Two New ACE (Accredited Chief/Command Executive) Certification Program Awards

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police (NJSACOP) has granted certification status to two deserving police executives. Each applicant recently underwent peer reviews conducted by the NJSACOP Accredited Chief/Command Executive (ACE) Program and has successfully earned the following designations:

Accredited Chief Executive [ACE-COP]
Chief James B. Conroy, East Brunswick Police Department

Accredited Command Executive [ACE]
Deputy Chief Lawrence J. Cattano, Perth Amboy Police Department

The NJSACOP ACE Program is a revisiting of the former Certified Chief Law Enforcement Executive Program (CCLEEP) with a new lean towards accrediting the individual police leader and assuring that experience, formal education and management training, continuing education, and collaboration are formally assessed against a recommended standard. The goal is to give surety of merit in our state association’s formal gauging of effective police leadership through a model of peer review.

The NJSACOP ACE Certification Program directly encourages New Jersey’s law enforcement executives to attain sanctioned benchmarks in pursuit of a recommended standard for police leadership that are measurable and attainable. By offering proof of these standards to NJSACOP Assessors, individual police leaders can attain NJSACOP Accredited Chief/Command Executive (ACE) Certification Status.

NJSACOP ACE Committee Chair, Mount Olive Township Police Chief Stephen Beecher, points out the benefits of the program. “ACE is congruent with the state association’s declared philosophy. The Certification Program measures essential proofs in three areas for the ACE and ACE-COP Certification and in five areas for the ACE-COP Advanced Certification. If it is merited, NJSACOP awards individual leadership accredited status based on those appraisals. The ACE Program also promotes and encourages continued education through ACE Re-Certification Program requirements.”

It is the policy of the NJSACOP to promote professional competence, continued education career development among all members of law enforcement and in particularly amongst our leaders. In order to achieve this goal the NJSACOP encourages current, future and retired chiefs and police executives to participate in the ACE Certification Program.

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**An Interfaith Salute to
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

WOODBDRIDGE - Woodbridge Township presents: An Interfaith Salute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929 - 1968) Monday, January 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Woodbridge Community Center, 600 Main Street, Woodbridge. Featuring: The Woodbridge Interfaith Clergy Council and Rev. Neva Lawson, First Baptist Church of Woodbridge, and the Woodbridge High School Choir. The event is open to the public. Please Bring a Non-Perishable Food Item for We Feed Woodbridge.

**Jacob Noel is Raritan Bay Medical Center-
Perth Amboy's First Baby of 2018**
**Photo Submitted*



Press Release 1/4/18
PERTH AMBOY - Jacob Noel, son of Robinson and Laura Marmolejos of Perth Amboy, was the first baby of the New Year born in the Dr. Sam Gordon Berkow Maternity Pavilion at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy. Jacob Noel, the couple's second child, arrived on January 2 at 2:15 a.m., weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces. The couple also has a two-year-old daughter Ann Alexandra. Photo: Laura and Robinson, with baby Jacob Noel, pose for a photo in Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy's maternity pavilion.

**Music at
Saint Mary's
Presents
The Choral Art
Society of
New Jersey!**

SOUTH AMBOY - This magnificent choral ensemble, under the direction of Martin Sedek, returns to Saint Mary's by popular demand after their stunning performance in January 2017. This 50+ voice choir will be performing Palestrina's Missa Brevis, Moneverdi's Beatus Vir and Durufle's Requiem. Nothing warms up cold January nights better than the warm sounds of delicious choral tones set in beautiful Victorian-Gothic architectural surroundings!! Saturday, January 20, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy NJ, 08879. Free admission (\$15 donation suggested). A reception will follow the concert. For questions call MASM @ 732-857-0202

2017 Chanukah



PERTH AMBOY - Chanukah was celebrated in City Hall Chambers on 12/19/17
**Photos by Ray Kawka*

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**Eighth-graders in MCVTS Career Choices
Program Demonstrate Their Skills**


Press Release
WOODBDRIDGE - Eighth-graders in the Career Choices program of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools showed off what they are learning as part of a Spirit Week program on the MCVTS Woodbridge Campus.

"The whole idea is to encourage teamwork," said program director Michael Sullivan, explaining the Spirit Week theme. "We want to get the kids to work together."

A shared-time program, Career Choices exposes students with disabilities from around the county to three career and technical education (CTE) clusters – food and health technology, digital media technology, and construction technology – in a six-week rotation over half a school year. This gives them CTE experience when deciding where to attend high school.

In the digital media classroom, Daisy Nava of New Brunswick gave a presentation on designing a house using computer software, Billy York of Sewaren showed off a video game he devised, and Ayla Rodriguez of Old Bridge displayed photos of classmates enhanced by Photoshop software.

Construction technology students Ashley Lopez of Avenel and Steven Sanchez of Perth



MCVTS Career Choices students Steven Sanchez of Perth Amboy and Ashley Lopez of Avenel show their construction technology project to Detective Joelle Slossberg of the Woodbridge Police.
**Photo Submitted*

Amboy described how they framed a room and wired a light switch and electrical outlet. Later in the lesson, they would sheetrock the walls.

"They do everything in groups of two or three," Sullivan said.

In food and health technology class, Alexis Olsen of Edison, Danielle Watsey of Edison and Brianna Garcia of Perth Amboy showed off a large cookie in the shape of a Christmas tree. Other student-designed cookies included one with the Batman symbol.

The presentations were judged by Detectives Joelle Slossberg and Mark Zeno of the Woodbridge Police, who as community affairs officers, were well

known to the students.

The winning class for the morning session was digital media technology, taught by Stephen McGowan. In the afternoon, the winner was food and health technology, taught by Linda Rozner.

The Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District, the first full-time county vocational school district in the nation, has seven schools on five campuses, in East Brunswick, Edison, Piscataway, Perth Amboy and Woodbridge. More information is available at www.mcvts.net. Like us on Facebook – there's a link on the home page.

Vitale-Sacco Bill to Expand 'Sara's Law' Next-Of-Kin Registry Advances

Legislation Would Expand Emergency Contact Registry for Use by Law Enforcement During Serious Car Accidents, Expand "Sara's Law," Next-of-Kin Registry

Press Release 1/5/18

TRENTON – Legislation sponsored by Senator Joseph F. Vitale and Senator Nicholas Sacco to expand the state's Next-of-Kin Registry, known as Sarah's Law, to allow residents to submit additional information to be accessible by law enforcement officers in case of a motor vehicle accident, cleared the Senate today.

"Every second matters in cases of serious car crashes. Providing an immediate way for police officers to contact family members and loved ones in those critical moments could mean the possibility of a life saved with critical medical information or a final chance to say goodbye," said Senator Vitale (D-Middlesex). "Expanding the state registry will provide law enforcement with additional tools to identify victims so that loved ones may be contacted as soon as possible in an emergency."

"Expanding the scope of our existing program, known as the Next-of-Kin Registry in New Jersey, will prove helpful in assisting police officers, who are often the first responders, during serious car accidents to connect those involved with their loved ones in an efficient and expedient manner," said Senator Sacco (D-Bergen, Hudson), chair of the Senate Transportation Committee.

The bill expands the Next-of-Kin Registry, known as "Sara's Law" enacted in April 2011, which was created in memory of Sara Dubinin, a 19-year-old Sayreville woman who tragically died on September 25, 2007 from injuries resulting from a car crash. Hours passed before her parents learned of the accident, and by the time they arrived at the hospital, she

had already slipped into a coma. Sara died the next morning.

The bill, S-2966, requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) to allow a holder of any New Jersey State validated permit or probationary or basic driver's license to include, with the submission of the name and telephone number of two emergency contacts, the vehicle identification number of any vehicle owned, leased, or authorized to be used by the permit holder or licensee to the "Next-of-Kin Registry" (registry) either through the MVC's website or by mail.

A permit holder or licensee would have the opportunity to update the information in the registry at any time.

The information would exclusively be available for use by law enforcement in the case of a motor vehicle crash resulting in serious bodily injury, death, or incapacitation of a driver. In such instances, a law enforcement officer investigating the crash would be required, when practicable, to attempt to locate an emergency contact by accessing the registry, and expeditiously inform the contact of the hospital or other location at which the driver may be receiving medical treatment.

Under current law, a law enforcement officer investigating a crash that results in serious bodily injury, death or incapacitation of a driver or any passenger is required to attempt to locate emergency contacts by accessing the Next-of-Kin Registry and expeditiously notify them.

The bill cleared the Senate with a vote of 33-0. It next heads to the full Assembly for consideration.

PERTH AMBOY ANTI-RABIES VACCINE CLINICS-2018 May 5, 2018 and September 15, 2018 GATES CLOSE AT 11:30,A.M

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CITY OF PERTH AMBOY DOG/CAT LICENSE APPLICATION 2018

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Starting a Small Business Workshop

Press Release 1/8/18

SOUTH AMBOY- Ring in the New Year at the Dowdell Library with exciting and NEW programs throughout 2018, starting with a workshop on Starting a Small Business. Other highlights include VITA Tax Assistance, Maker's Day, a Chinese New Year Celebration, and many other events!

Are you, or someone you know in the process of opening up a small business? Attend a FREE presentation by the State Department of Treasury on Starting a Small Business on Monday, January 22 from 4:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

In this workshop learn about the different business structures, how to register a small business in New Jersey, legal entity registration, individual structured business registration, how to report your New Jersey business income, and much more! This workshop is limited to 25 participants. To register, please call the library at 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org.

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.

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Promotions & Emotions Dominate

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and a grand plan is for a consistency and not a mishmash look (in the business district)."

Vasquez continued, "I would like to display my distinct colors for my business."

Mayor Henry responded, "There is a packet for businesses that contains the ordinances (of what is required)."

Vasquez responded, "That doesn't work for me."

Councilman Thomas Reilly spoke up, "There are violations on Broadway and we need retail businesses, but codes must be enforced. I have business breakfasts, so we can get contact information. We want to educate businesses on how to promote themselves. We tried "Shop South Amboy," which didn't work."

Council President Gross spoke, "You (the business owners) can talk to each of us (the Council). This is why Councilman Reilly started the business breakfasts."

Reilly spoke again, "This makes no sense to have a new coffee shop next to a similar shop already existing. We have a proposed 7-11 coming close to a Krausz's. Maybe we can reach out to landlords who own these buildings. I don't know about stores opening up until we see the signs (on the buildings)."

The next speaker was Lisa Winkler, "We brought in a New Jersey Preservation Association in the early 2000's. We need a business association. When it was in place, we were successful. When Tooker (the former B.A.) was here, there was a liaison between the City and businesses. Now, the landlords are pulling the strings."

This is a beautiful town. You need someone on your end to build businesses." She then went on to complain about a swastika that had been near a business called, "The Monkey Bar" for years. "Also, on social media there are a lot of racial comments being made."

In response to the last two comments, Council President Gross said, "We will take care of that swastika immediately."

A Council Member then addressed the comment on social media, "We are not responsible and cannot control that."

Another person who works in the business district came up to speak. He suggested that South Amboy have a street fair with local businesses only, "Many times businesses from the outside come here when we have our street fairs or other outdoor events. There should be something just for the South Amboy businesses."

Broadway Diner Owner Vickie Grasso came up to speak, "Something needs to be done about the parking situation which is very difficult. A lot of time the firemen are taking up the spots on Broadway and a lot of tickets are being given out. I love the Fire Department. My daughter is a member. Sometimes people who dine in my restaurant come out to their cars and there is a ticket on it. Sometimes I pay for that ticket."

Councilman Reilly addressed Grasso, "The Master Plan addresses parking. We need more signage. Maybe businesses can give out vouchers."

Grasso agreed with Reilly and thought that was a good idea.


Reilly concluded, "There are a lot of issues."

Local #9 Officers

Press Release
NEW JERSEY - On Wednesday December 6th 2017, Local #9 of New Jersey State Retired Police & Firemen's Association Inc. elected its officers for 2018. Mike Burns was elected President. Joe Britton, Vice-president, Len Mundy, Treasurer and Alternate Delegate, Dave Jakubczak, Financial Secretary, Chuck Kelly, Recording Secretary, Edward Rappleyea, Delegate, Thomas Noble, Sgt.-at-Arms, Robert Bonfante, Chaplin, John Melleski, John Haag, Anthony Tabaszewski, Robert Keating and Robert Yackel as Trustees.

New Jersey State Retired Police and Firemen's Association is the only association in the State of New Jersey which represents retired police and firefighters in Trenton protecting their pensions and benefits. If you are retired or plan to retire this year from a department in Middlesex or Monmouth counties and are interested in joining or learning more about Local #9 contact John Yuhas, Public Information Officer, at john.yuhas@comcast.net or 732-826-1790 for an application or mission statement or go to the Retired Police & Fire website and click on the Local #9 link.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

The City of Perth Amboy is initiating planning for the 2018 Annual Action Plan as part of its application for funding to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City expects to receive \$549,874.00 from the Community Development Block Grant and \$263,904 in HOME funding for FY 2018. Funds may be used to assist persons with low to moderate-incomes, remove slums and blight, or address urgent needs.

The first public hearing is set to be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. The second meeting will be held Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. at the Perth Amboy City Hall, Council Chambers, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. Citizens are invited to provide written or verbal comments at or prior to the hearing. Information will be made available to citizens regarding application procedures, timing, eligible activities, and other regulations related to the CDBG and HOME Programs. The housing and community development priorities of the City, as contained in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, will be reviewed and the public is encouraged to comment. Additionally, the City will be requesting citizen feedback through a survey that will be made available at these meetings and on the City's website.

The draft 2018 Annual Action Plan will be prepared following the close of the application period and committee review. This document will be available for public review in the Office of Economic and Community Development for 30 days starting Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in order to meet the timing and submission requirements established by HUD. The City will hold a second set of public hearings on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. and Monday, March 26, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. to receive comments on the proposed Plan prior to finalizing this document.

Comments can be sent to Adam E. Cruz, Executive Director/Business Administrator, Office of Economic and Community Development, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861, acruz@perthamboynj.org.

Starting Monday, January 8, 2018, applications and CDBG guidelines for FY 2018 CDBG and HOME funds will be available on the City's website www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us or through Adam E. Cruz, Executive Director/Business Administrator, at City Hall, 260 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ. All proposals will be due by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 5, 2018.

Wilda Diaz, Mayor

Adam E. Cruz, Executive Director/Business Administrator
Office of Economic and Community Development

A Tribute to Sports in South Amboy

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Historical Society invites you to "A Tribute to Sports in South Amboy" on Saturday, January 20th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the South Amboy Senior Center, 108 South Stevens Ave. \$5 donation includes brunch. In collaboration with the City of South Amboy.

Pancake Breakfast

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks are having a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. At 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy. Cost: \$9 per person. Kids 7rs. Old & under are \$4. The Served Buffet includes: pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, bacon, home fries, Danish, breads, bread pudding, juice, coffee, tea & more. For more info call: 732-727-7171.

Edison AARP Ch. 3446

EDISON - Edison AARP Chapter 3446 will meet on Monday, January 15, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center, Franklin Ave, Fords, NJ. Venus Majeski will present a program titled "Concerns About Disabilities."

Events:

March 16: The Brownstone - St. Patrick's Day Lunch Show - For information call Mary Ann at 732-287-3659

March 23 & May 18: AARP Driver Education Course - For information call Bob at 732-885-1789

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

Canned goods & miscellaneous Items for hospitals and nursing homes will be collected at the meeting.

For additional information, visit our website at www.edisonaarp.org.

Carteret Hits Important Milestone in Construction of New Marina

**Photo & Diagram Submitted*

Press Release 1/5/18
CARTERET – Mayor Dan Reiman has announced that the Borough of Carteret has completed the in-water component of the second phase of construction for its new municipal marina along the Arthur Kill. The work, which included the installation of piles and a wave screen designed to enhance boater safety, was initially set to end on December 31st but received a three-day extension from US Army Corps of Engineers to allow for the completion of in-water work before the start of a federally instituted moratorium on activities that disturb waterway sediments in the Arthur Kill.

Mayor Reiman pointed to the importance of completing this work before the moratorium took effect.

“Had the contractor not completed this work before the start of the January 1st moratorium we would have been prevented from completing phase II until late this year. Now that we have all of the pilings installed and the wave screen is in place, the contractor can begin work on the upland improvements and installation of floating docks with a goal of having a fully operational municipal marina for the 2018 summer and fall boating season.”

Phase II commenced in October of 2017 and since that time construction has focused on the installation of a 700ft wave screen breakwater and 265ft floating wave attenuator, which will help protect docked boats in the marina from water displacement and wave action. Contractors have also installed the piles that will support the floating dock structure of the marina.

The Borough will now turn its

attention to the installation of 38,000 square feet of concrete floating docks, a gas and diesel fueling station, and sanitary pump.

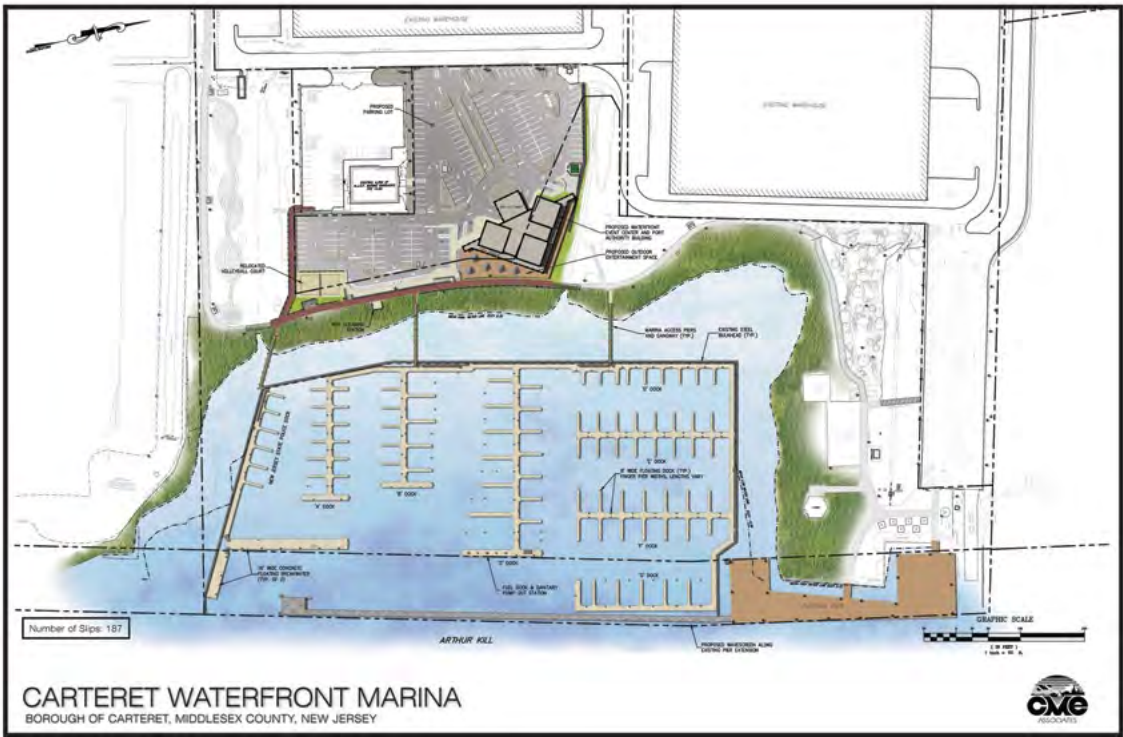
The third phase of the marina project will include the construction of a waterfront marina center adjacent to the marina, a portion of which will be dedicated to marina operations. The marina center will also be utilized to provide a venue for educational and community programming and will include a waterfront bar and restaurant open to boaters and the public.

The Borough of Carteret received approval to build a public marina from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection in December of 2015 after Phase I, which was funded by a grant from the NJDEP Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund program, was completed in early December of 2016. It included the dredging, remediation, and disposal of 118,000 cubic yards of sediment and spoils, as well as, the installation of 1,500 linear feet of steel sheeting bulk head.

Reiman lauded the soon to be completed marina as a significant accomplishment in Carteret’s efforts to restore access to the Borough’s waterfront back to its residents.

“Once this marina is complete, residents will have increased access to this important natural resource for recreational boating and fishing activities.” said Reiman. “It is a perfect complement to all of the upland improvements we have added along our waterfront in the past decade.”

Waterfront Park features an array of recreational offerings for visitors including a fishing pier, boat ramp, miniature golf



course, beach volleyball and bocce ball courts, as well as, a picnic area and pedestrian walkway that includes a sensory perception garden. The park draws thousands of visitors to the Borough each year for events that include the Borough’s Independence Day celebration, an annual Latin Festival and Carteret’s Summer Concerts on the Bay series.

In December of 2016 the Borough was awarded two (2) grants totaling 13.25 million dollars from the NJDEP Office of Natural Resource Restoration to construct over 7,500 linear feet of additional pedestrian walkway along the Arthur Kill and to restore a second pier acquired from U.S. Metals as part of a settlement reached with the Borough.

The first award is a \$6.67 million grant for the Arthur Kill Walkway (AKW) that will expand the Borough’s River walk south from Carteret Waterfront Park to Tufts Point and north to Noe’s Creek. The southern ex-



tension will add 5,300 linear feet of walkway passing a dilapidated World War II pier, which is slated to be rehabilitated. An elevated extension will begin at Waterfront Park and pass through a conservation easement acquired from U.S. Metals Refining (USMR). From the pier, the boardwalk will transition to a paved walkway ending at Carteret’s southern border with Woodbridge. The northern extension will run

2,230 feet long to the Noe’s Creek tributary.

“When those walkways are completed, we will have provided public access to almost two miles of the Arthur Kill channel. Together with the marina project it will make Carteret Waterfront Park the most successful public access of its kind in New Jersey.” Reiman has noted in the past.”

South Amboy Saint Patrick’s Day Parade to Honor Grand Marshal’s at Annual Dinner

Press Release 12/11/17
SOUTH AMBOY - The Saint Patrick’s Day Committee welcomes you to join them as they honor this year’s Saint Patrick’s Day Parade Grand Marshal’s on Friday, January 20, 2018 at 7pm at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 271 Second Street, South Amboy.
Tickets are \$40 per person and includes dinner, beer, wine and soda. Tickets must be purchased in advance at any of the following locations:
Main Liquors (533 Main St. So. Amboy, The Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall and the South Amboy YMCA (200 John O’Leary Blvd. So. Amboy).

Tom's Tax Tips

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Congress has passed tax reform that will take effect in 2018, ushering in some of the most significant tax changes in three decades. Here are some major items in the new bill that impact individual taxpayers:

- Reduces income tax brackets. The bill retains seven brackets, but at reduced rates, with the highest tax bracket dropping to 37 percent from 39.6 percent.
- Double standard deductions. The standard deduction nearly doubles to \$12,000 for single filers and \$24,000 for married filing jointly. To help cover the cost, personal exemptions and most additional standard deductions are suspended.
- Limits itemized deductions. Many itemized deductions are no longer available or are now limited. Here are some of the

major examples:

- Caps state and local tax deductions. State and local tax deductions are limited to \$10,000 total for all property, income, and sales taxes.
- Caps mortgage interest deductions. For newly acquired homes, mortgage interest will be deductible only for mortgages of less than \$750,000. Existing homeowners are unaffected by the new cap. The bill also suspends the deductibility of interest on equity debt.
- Limit on theft and casualty losses. Now only available for federally declared disaster areas.
- No more 2 percent miscellaneous deductions. Most miscellaneous deductions subject to the 2 percent of adjusted gross income threshold are now gone.
- Cuts some above-the-line deductions. Moving expense deductions get eliminated except

for active-duty military personnel, along with alimony deductions beginning in 2019.

- Weakens the alternative minimum tax (AMT). The bill retains the alternative minimum tax but changes the exemption to \$109,400 for joint filers and the phaseout threshold to \$1 million. The changes mean the AMT will affect far fewer people than before.
- Bumps up child tax credit, adds family tax credit. The child tax credit increases to \$2,000 from \$1,000, with \$1,400 of it being refundable even if no tax is owed. The phaseout threshold increases sharply to \$400,000 from \$110,000 for joint filers, making it available to more taxpayers. Also, dependents ineligible for the child tax credit can qualify for a new \$500-per-person family tax credit.
- Expands use of 529 education

savings plans. Tax-deductible contributions to 529 education savings plans can now be used to pay tuition for students in K-12 private schools.

- Doubles estate tax exemption. Estate taxes will apply to fewer people, with the exemption doubled to \$11.2 million (\$22.4 million for a married couple).
 - Reduces pass-through business taxes. Most owners of pass-through entities such as S corporations, partnerships, and sole proprietorships will see their income tax lowered with a new 20 percent income reduction calculation.
- Because major tax reform like this happens so seldom, it's worth scheduling a tax-planning consultation early in the year to ensure you reap the most tax savings possible during 2018.

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NJ Rock Band Mikell’s Plot to perform at the World/US Amateur Team East Chess Tournament

Press Release
PARSIPPANY - NJ Rock Band Mikell’s Plot to perform at the World/US Amateur Team East Chess Tournament Lead Singer Michael O’Connor will participate in the chess tournament on Saturday February 17, 2018 at the Parsippany Hilton, 1 Hilton Court, Parsippany, NJ 07054 Rock Band, Mikell’s Plot will

perform at the World/US Amateur Team East Chess Tournament at 11 am – 12:15 pm during event registration. There is no charge for the audience. Mikell’s Plot celebrates their 20th anniversary this year so it is fitting that they headline this event whose theme this year is “Rock n Roll”. The band led by Lead Vocalist Michael

O’Connor has continued to rock their way through venues on the East Coast since 1997. In 2017 they closed the year with over 100 gigs across this region. The current Mikell’s Plot Band is (Michael O’Connor – Lead Vocals, Pete Mongiello – Lead Guitar, Andy Edick – Bass, Eddie “The Elf” Piotrowski – Drums, John Mul-

renan – Keyboards, Doug De-Rienzo “Max the Sax”, George Rivera – Rhythm Guitar). Lead Singer Michael O’Connor has been an amateur chess player since his teen years. Michael is a Class A Chess player who has a few Master Scalps under his belt. He will be competing with his team Ferrero Forever in this

tournament. Michaels team members (National Master Jim West, Expert Ronald Saylo & Joseph Salvatore) are honoring their friend Steve Ferrero who passed away in 2013. Steve was a chess expert who competed on the amateur circuit. Steve Ferrero was also the Editor in Chief of the Atlanta Chess News.



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City of Perth Amboy Promotional Ceremony 12/27/17

**Photos by Paul Wang & Ray Kawka*



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Celebration of Chanukah 12/19/17

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Facts of Life Actress Kim Fields Visits The Cathedral International Promoting Her Book 12/6/17

**Photos by Eric Salvary*



***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.*

There is heavy fighting at Buna, Papua-New Guinea, on De On January 8, 1943, at Stalingrad, Lt. Gen. Konstantin Rokossovsky, commander-in-chief of the Red Army's Don Front, orders a cease-fire, and issues a surrender ultimatum to Field Marshal Friedrich Paulus and the German Sixth Army. Rokossovsky guarantees the Germans' "lives and safety, and, after the end of the war, their return to Germany." He also promises that "medical aid will be given to all wounded, sick and frost-bitten." Gen. Paulus, skeptical of the Soviets' honesty and influenced by his chief of staff (Lt. Gen. Arthur Schmidt, a die-hard Nazi) as well as a directive by telephone from Hitler, rejects Rokossovsky's demand.

German U-boats on January 9 destroy the seventh tanker of the convoy designated TM-1, sailing from the Caribbean to the Mediterranean. The attacks on the nine-vessel convoy, carrying 100,000 tons of oil, began on January 3. Japan's puppet government in China declares war on both Great Britain and the U.S. SS commander Heinrich Himmler visits the Warsaw Ghetto and is furious to find that some 40,000 Jews are still living there despite his two previous orders to clear the area. He demands that the Warsaw Ghetto be liquidated by February 15.

On January 10, Soviet troops launch an all-out offensive at Stalingrad, with attacks from west, north and east of the city. On Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands, the Allies launch an offensive.

The Red Army moves into the Caucasus on January 11. President Roosevelt submits his budget to Congress. Of the \$109-billion plan, \$100 billion is identified with the war effort. In New York City, left-wing Italian journalist Carlo Tresca is shot to death in broad daylight on Fifth Avenue. (It is much later determined that he was likely murdered by organized-crime elements seeking to curry favor with the Mussolini regime.) The U.S. and Great Britain sign treaties with China, giving up territorial rights in that country that they have held for decades.

Gen. Jacques Leclerc drives the last German forces out of the Fezzan region of southwestern Libya on January 12, with his Free French forces attacking from Chad. U.S. Army troops land on Amchitka, in the Aleutian Islands. In U.S. meat markets, "frankfurters" are being replaced by "victory sausages," a mix of meat and soy meal. On the Don River in the Soviet Union, the defensive lines of the Second Hungarian Army are broken by the Red Army. Some 40,000 Hungarians are killed, and another 70,000 taken prisoner. Prime Minister Winston Churchill secretly flies from London to Casablanca, Morocco, where he will meet with President Roosevelt to refine their war plans.

In Papua-New Guinea on January 13, the Japanese lose control of the Kokoda Trail — the major route across the Owen Stanley Range from the north side of the island to Port Moresby. To make 500,000 additional men from German factories available to the armed forces, Hitler mandates that all German women between the ages of 17 and 45 must register for war work.

U.S. troops on January 14 land on the Rat Islands, just east of Japanese-occupied Attu and Kiska Islands in the Aleutians. President Roosevelt arrives in Morocco, and the Casablanca Conference of Allied leaders begins. Among topics discussed is the eventual invasion of mainland Europe. The conference, however, highlights the differences among the Allies on how to defeat Hitler in Europe. Regarding the Pacific War, Roosevelt and Churchill are united: "There are many roads which lead right to Tokyo. We shall ignore none of them." In getting to Morocco, Franklin Roosevelt becomes the first U.S. president to travel in an airplane while in office. In Berlin, the German Army General Staff proposes strengthening the Eastern Front by conscripting people from the Baltic States for police and army-support duties, thus freeing soldiers to fill out the battle lines.

***75th Anniversary
of Troop 53, BSA***
FORDS - Troop 53, BSA, Our Lady of Peace Church, Fords, NJ is Celebrating their 75th Anniversary on April 14th, 2018. All Troop alumni is asked to join us in celebrating 75 years of service and rededicate to the future. For more information contact troop53fordsnj@gmail.com

***New School
Naming
Committee***
PERTH AMBOY – Want to be involved in naming the New Seaman Avenue Elementary School? Accepting applications and letters of interest. Go to paps.net for an application.

***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, Feb. 1, 2018. 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.



***Sands Casino
Bus Trip
Holy Rosary
Seniors***

HOPELAWN - The Holy Rosary Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem Pennsylvania on February 1, 2018. Cost is \$30 and Includes bus, gratuity, \$20 back in play and \$5 food voucher. Bus leaves Church parking lot 10:00 am. For more details please call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.

***Save
Ellis Island***
WOODBIDGE – The Historical Association of Woodbridge Township Presents "Save Ellis Island," with speaker Robert Currie, Director, and Secretary of the Save Ellis Island Foundation. Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge. For more information, please call: Brenda Velasco, Township Historian: 732-428-2403.



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.
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***Bingo/Tricky
Tray***

SAYREVILLE - Feeling Lucky? Come enjoy a fun evening of coach bingo on Friday, February 9, 2018, for the second annual Middlesex County Association of Chiefs of Police coach bingo/tricky tray at St. Stanislaus School, 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person which includes 12 games of bingo (3 boards per game), coffee, tea, and dessert. There will also be a 50/50. All guests are invited to bring their own food and refreshments. For tickets please call Gina at 732-432-8361 or Joanne 732-254-1781. See you there!!

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Press Release 12/26/17
PERTH AMBOY – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life, legacy and dream continues to be celebrated at Cathedral International. On Monday, January 15, 2017, 11 a.m., the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Day service takes place in the Cathedral Sanctuary, 277 Madison Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ. Bishop Donald Hilliard, Jr., is the guest speaker.
Dr. King was known for his ability to give people a sense of hope in distressful times. When negativity and fear were rampant, he would persuasively speak hope and optimism: "Somehow, I still believe we're going to get there," Dr. King would say. "Shall we say the odds are too great? Shall we tell them the struggle is too hard? Or will there be another message of longing, of hope, of commitment?" The service at Cathedral International will continue Dr. King's message of hope, optimism, and commitment.
Everyone is invited to attend the service. More information is available by calling (732) 826-5295 and by visiting cathedralinternational.org.

Pet of the Week



Rocky is dressed fashionably while shopping with his owner on Smith Street, Perth Amboy

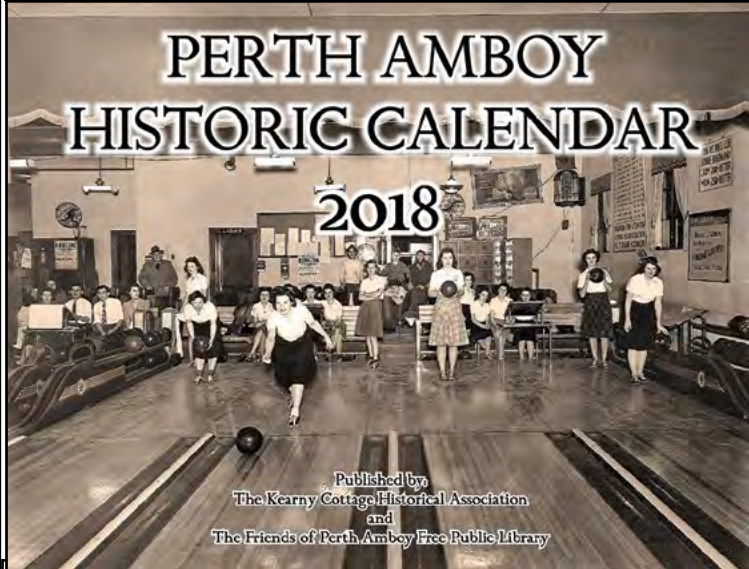


***Volunteer
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Needed***
PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Fire Department: Volunteer Division needs members. Accepting men and women ages 18 years or older. Volunteers must be a Perth Amboy resident. For more information please contact 732-442-3430.

***The Catholic
Charities Skills
Christmas Giving
Program is in
Full Swing***

HUNTERDON, MIDDLESEX, SOMERSET, AND WARREN COUNTIES - Counselor Linda Gamiz, Clinical Supervisor, Joyce Applegate and Clinician Naemmy Thompson of the Catholic Charities Skills Program sort Christmas donations for families in need. Each year the Skills Parenting Program of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, through generous donations from organizations and community members, is able to provide toys, clothes, coats, gift cards and food to needy families during the Christmas season. This year, the program will assist 75 families. The Catholic Charities Skills Program provides individual and group parenting and anger management education sessions, as well as in home counselling and case management services to struggling families who have been referred by the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P). Last year, Catholic Charities served 51,000 people in Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren counties. To support the work of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, visit www.cddom.org/donate.

2018 Historic Perth Amboy Calendars



2018 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.

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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.

Ask the Rabbi

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - On, January 10th and January 24th, Rabbi Sara Metz of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall food court (near Panera) from noon to 1 p.m. She will speak on various topics of interest and answer any and all questions as it relates to Judaism. She will also discuss the topics of the day.

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TUES. Jan. 9 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Jan. 10 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- THURS. Jan. 11 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Jan. 15 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jan. 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.
- WED. Jan. 17 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. Jan. 18 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- WED. Jan. 10 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Jan. 22 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. Feb. 5 St. Mary's 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

Answers
From Puzzle
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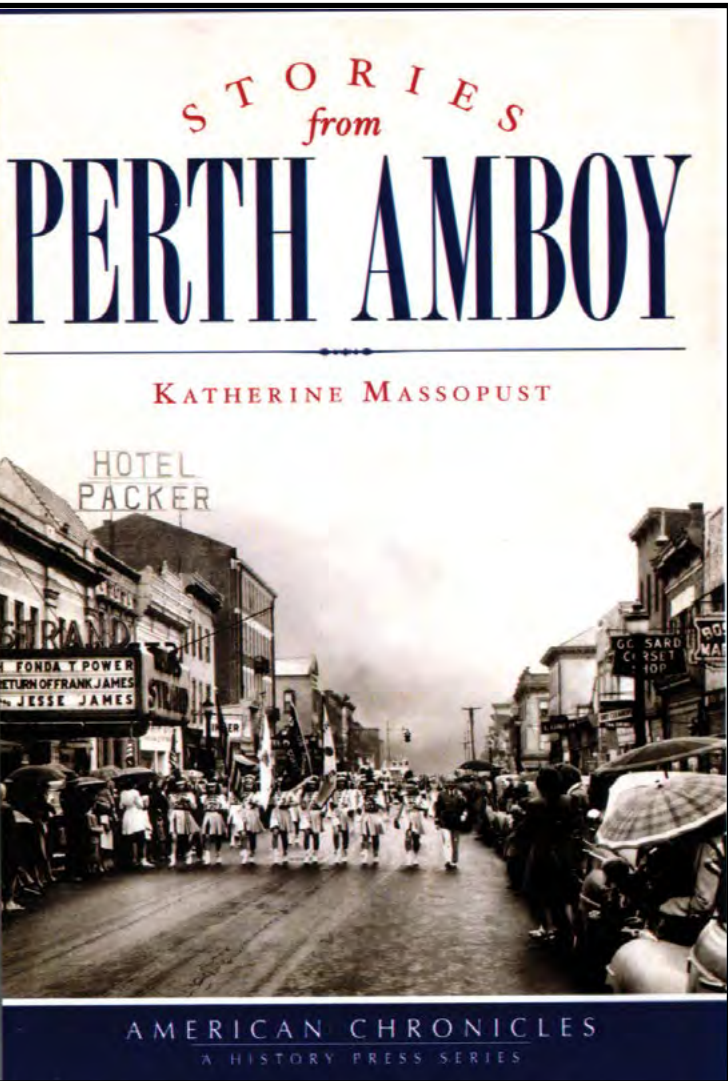


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Smith Street circa 1920's

*Photo Courtesy of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library
This photo was restored under a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to the Kearny Cottage Historical Association.



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PERTH AMBOY - 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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12 Untidy pile
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14 Hurry
15 Coincidence (2 wds.)
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20 It's got Seoul
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28 Like a Bohemian

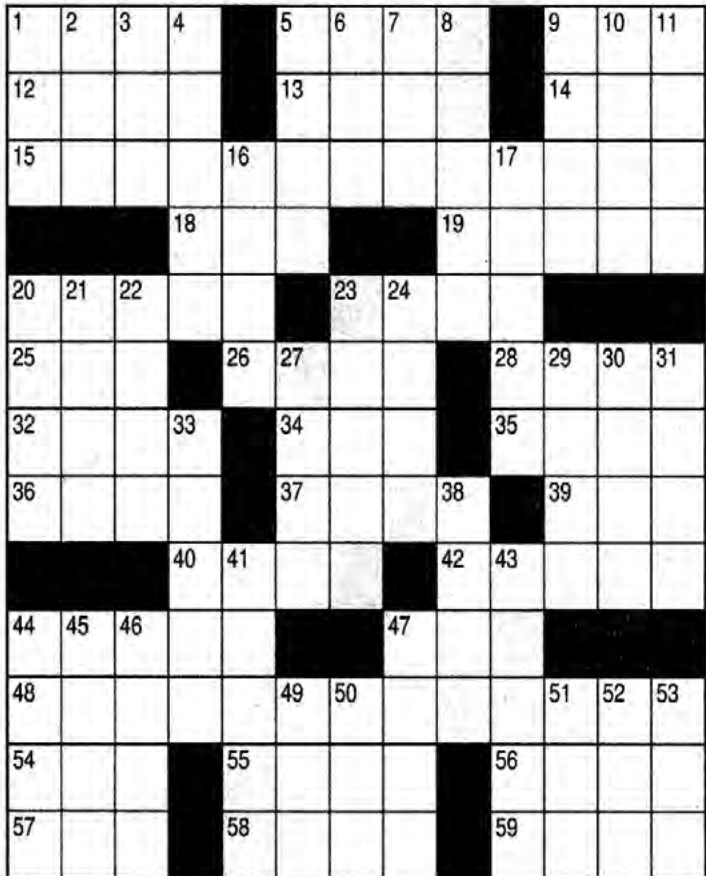
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34 ___ de plume
35 "___ goes nothing!"
36 Rough cut
37 Twosomes
39 None whatsoever
40 On
42 TV oldie: "F ___"
44 Glove leather
47 ___ Paulo (Brazilian city)
48 Crude thing, said in a nice way
54 Not bright

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- 55 Oodles
56 Doe
57 Pig's place
58 Fountain treat
59 Was in glee club
1 Finger-to-lips noise
2 Pod veggie
3 Baseball player's topper
4 An ___ a day...
5 Small quarrel
6 Circle segment
7 London's

- Old ___
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9 "Where or ___"
10 Soap's spot
11 Hoses down
16 Pro votes
17 Entertainer Shore
20 King of the jungle?
21 Killer whale
22 Sluggers' successes (abbr.)
23 Collection
24 Brief note
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29 Divorce town
30 The Kingston ___

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