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## Big Difference: Snow Removal, Zoning, Free Inventory, & McKeon's Disappointment 1/8/17 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – Councilman Joel Pabon questioned the bids for the replacement of the 6 million gallons per day High Lift Pump #1 at the Runyon Water Treatment Plant. “The low bid was \$46,000. The high bid was \$81,875. Why is there such a big difference?”

Luis Perez Jimenez - Director of Operations at the at the USA-PA (Utility Service Associates Perth Amboy) Middlesex Water Company) came up to speak, “Municipal maintenance was the low bidder have done a lot of work with us before. They will be doing hydraulic repairs. The pump they’re working on is 30 years old and it is one of the biggest pumps that we have.”

Another topic that drew a lot of attention was R-22-1/18 Memorializing the acceptance of military equipment previously received.

Deputy Police Chief Larry Cattano came forward to address this, “Around the year 2015, we were able to acquire military equipment. Besides vehicles, we were able to acquire recreational equipment such as volleyballs. We also get spot inspected by the State Police. There are some items that we no longer want and can be sold as surplus or destroyed. If we destroy any of this equipment we get from the military, we have to show photos how this was done. Some of the items are required to be returned to the source for disposal. We can ask other departments if they can use what we no longer want.”

Councilman Irizarry said, “The Council just wants to know what we are getting before it is accepted by the departments. I’m not voting for something unknown.”

Cattano emphasized that the surplus military equipment goes on a website with thousands of police departments, so they can see and request those items.”

Cattano then responded to a question on why the police department received a military

boat. “These boats are more mobile and can get into tight spots. They can get under the railroad bridge whereas our existing boats have to wait for the bridge to open. We do the maintenance on the boats and they were used on our last two rescue responses. The military assigns values to all the equipment on their website and we get the surplus items for free. We can take back items no longer needed to Fort Dix or give them to other police departments who may need them. The jet-ski we have now has to be rewired.”

Cattano then addressed the situation that occurred at 494 Neville St. “I will check with the court involving summonses at this address.”

At this point Johan Delgado from Code Enforcement came up to speak, “There have been numerous complaints about this address which involved illegal housing and garbage. 9 out of 10 times when we went to check nothing was found. We issued one summons for rubbish and debris which was behind the house. It’s a neighbor situation. I have pictures. We have informed owners of the house on what they can do.”

Delgado also addressed the problem at 701 Gornik Dr. where there were complaints about a second story deck being built, and busses being parked. “The owner of the house came into the office and spoke with Code Enforcement Director Jamie Rios. I’ll get back to you with more information.”

During the public portion, Stephanie Márquez-Villafañe came up. She spoke about the difficulties she had (with her walker) with the recent snow when it came to the street corners where the snow was not cleared. She also commended the Department of Public Works for being out there during the bad weather conditions. Her other problem was that the fire alarms at King Plaza where she resides have been going on non-

stop. “One time at 4 a.m., they went off and the fire departments did not get there until 4:20 a.m. It took them another 10 minutes to shut off the alarms. When these alarms go off, there are disabled people and young people that don’t know where to go. Since alarms go off constantly, some people ignore them.” She then spoke about the difficulties she’s been having when it comes to scheduling the Lung Cancer Awareness Walk. “I’ve started talking to Adam and the Police Department and have yet to receive a clearance on our application. I’ve gone to the Clerk’s Office and the Recreation Office. I can’t get give you a copy of insurance until I get an application approved for the walk.”

Law Director King responded, “There are two applications: one is for if you want any City Officials or media present. This would come from the Mayor’s Office. Special events applications can be acquired from the Mayor’s Office and the Department of Recreation – not the City Clerk.”

B.A. Adam Cruz then remarked, “Director of Recreation Kenny Ortiz approves the application and the Mayor only gets it if she is asked to attend.”

After Márquez-Villafañe spoke, Council President Bill Petrick said, “I’m concerned about the fire alarms going off at King Plaza.”

Acting Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up, “The cause of the alarms going off were the pipes freezing which caused multiple malfunctions. They’re also broken sprinkler pipes. Every apartment in the building will hear alarms that go off in the hallways and lobbies. Alarms that go off in the apartment such as in a case of maybe someone burning their meal while cooking, it will cause an alarm because of the smoke. The alarm will only be going off in that particular unit.”

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## 218<sup>th</sup> Organization of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey Patriot’s Theater at the War Memorial 1/9/18

*\*Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Yvonne Lopez is sworn in as Assemblywoman 19<sup>th</sup> District



Asm. Craig J. Coughlin is sworn in as Speaker of the Assembly by Justice Barry Albin, Justice of the New Jersey Supreme Court

By: Katherine Massopust  
TRENTON – The 218<sup>th</sup> Organization of General Assembly of New Jersey took place in Trenton on 1/9/18. Perth Amboy’s Yvonne Lopez was sworn in as Assemblywoman of the 19<sup>th</sup> District. Craig Coughlin (Assemblyman 19<sup>th</sup> District) was elected and sworn in as Speaker of the Assembly.

The ceremony began with the Woodbridge High School Band and Choir who played and sang patriotic music. The Colonel D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums performed as well. Assemblywoman Pamela R. Lampitt called the ceremony to order and read the Certificate of Election. The invocation was given by Deacon Kevin R. Reina of St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church, Summit. The New Jersey State Police Color Guard gave the presentation of colors. Former Rutgers Football Player Eric LeGrand led the Pledge of Allegiance. Vocalist Arlette Rox-

burgh sang the National Anthem.

The newly elected Assembly Members were sworn in individually. The returning members were sworn in as a group. The Officers were sworn in individually.

The first Assemblyman to be sworn in as Majority Leader of the House was Louis D. Greenwald. He offered remarks, “I want to thank my family for their support and patience. The greatest commitment and sacrifice is by our families. My greatest pride and joy is watching them grow. I was elected in 1995 and experienced all their lives what we call democracy. New Jersey is a much better place with my fourth term and what we fought for. We find ourselves difficult with rising intolerance. I always believe in the power of the spoken word. Patriotism is not a contest to see

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Press Release 1/8/18  
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To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

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*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](http://www.edisonaarp.org).

*Spaghetti Dinner*

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy Volunteer Fire Department Parade Committee will be holding their 8<sup>th</sup> 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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**South Amboy Reviews  
Garbage Ordinance**

By: Joseph L. Kuchie  
SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy council began discussions to amend the city's current garbage ordinance at last week's business meeting.

The current ordinance, which was passed in 2015, was developed to clean up the streets of South Amboy and prevent residents and businesses from leaving garbage on the curb for long periods of time. Currently the ordinance states that residents can not bring their garbage cans to the curb until 6:00 p.m., but Mayor Henry asked the council to consider changing it to an earlier time to reflect the sun going down earlier in the winter months.

After a brief discussion, the council agreed in principle to change the time from 6:00 p.m. to either 4 or 4:30 p.m. between November 1 and March 31. The time between April 1 and October 31 would remain 6:00 p.m.

The city also discussed the fines and court appearance tied to the ordinance. The ordinance states that residents and businesses will be fined for their first and second offense and would have a mandatory court appearance for a third offense and beyond, but the council believes that residents have been required to come to court on their first offense.

Mayor Henry promised to speak with code enforcement to ensure that residents were being ticketed properly for the first two offenses.

Council President Mickey Gross asked City Attorney John Lanza to begin developing an amendment for the current ordinance. Once drafted it would need to be voted upon by the council and the public would be able to speak about it at an upcoming council meeting.

Mayor Henry also gave an update on the Business Administrator role.

According to Henry, he and Council President Gross will be interviewing three candidates at City Hall on January 19th in hopes of hiring someone as soon as possible. Mayor Henry has been taking on the responsibilities of Business Administrator after Stacey Kennedy resigned earlier this month.

Councilman Tom Reilly announced that the city will be hosting another business breakfast at the Broadway Diner on February 24th from 9 – 11 a.m. There will also be a small business workshop at the South Amboy Library on January 22nd.

All council members were in attendance for the city business meeting. The next city council meeting will be held on January 31st at 7:00 p.m.



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who shouts the loudest. Let us dream big and challenge ourselves. Our dreams lie above us. New Jersey was hit hardest by the new tax bill. It's devastating to the middle class. It will exasperate New Jersey's resources and stagnate New Jersey's economy. I believe this crisis presents New Jersey with an opportunity. New Jersey needs a tax overhaul. In 2018 we can tackle this problem. It's time for meaningful tax reform. With incoming investments coming and making it affordable to live for middle class working families which are the backbone of the state. So many millennials (nationally 1/3 of them) live with their mother and father. In New Jersey the number is 47%. Citizens need to feel connected to our government. The Beauty of democracy is that all votes are equal – one person – one vote. In 2018 the average woman earns less than men. There should be equal pay for equal work. Can we agree as a Democrat or Republican to lead the way for every young woman to be treated as an equal? We will do what is right. The gender wage difference will be gone as a relic. Now, I want to talk about gun violence. We need balance in the community. We as leaders need to place effective legislation and we must face inevitable

consequences. The parents at Sandy Hook came to meet with me and showed pictures of their children. We need to find common sense legislation. Gun violence is not about statistics – it's about families. We can do more. We will do more, if not in Washington, then in New Jersey. We placed a ban on bump stocks. Together we will see that no one can inflict that much gun violence in that short period of time. I believe in the people of New Jersey and that they are the most focused legislation on the middle class. We will have committees to find solutions to problems. I refuse there's a problem we can't solve if we work together."

Minority Leader Jon M. Bramnick spoke next, "I look forward to working with the majority of the Assembly. One party rule can be extreme at times for most people in New Jersey. Most people want to be moderate. I want to focus on serious fiscal reform to be bipartisan based. These reforms are painful, but needed. I speak for myself. Americans and New Jerseyans are frustrated with government. This shouldn't lead to personal attacks not worthy to democracy. Tweets do not solve problems. We in New Jersey will stand up for things and focus on issues not chasing ratings and start learning facts. We need to stand to-



The General Assembly at the Patriot's Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton *\*Photo by Paul W. Wang*

gether against this bad behavior. In New Jersey, we have some attitude to fight against this and stick together. One people – one state - one nation.

Craig Coughlin was sworn in as Speaker of the Assembly. He began by asking for a moment of silence on the passing of Former New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne. "We are in a better place because of his service." Coughlin continued, "As a guy who grew up in South Amboy, went to public schools, and worked hard, you believed knew you could succeed. When I grew up, John F. Kennedy was President, and public service was a higher calling. I still believe all of that is very true. I'm saddened by how much people have lost faith in government. Too many people believe the

system doesn't care about them. In the election of 1968 of Nixon vs. Humphrey, I asked my mother who she was going to vote for. She answered, "I chose my candidate because he cares about me." Each of us wants to make New Jersey a better place to live. The power given to us is the power to bring about change. New Jersey has gotten too expensive. Commuters rely on a mass transit system that can't get them to work on time. A quality public endeavor of equal pay for equal work and access to good education opportunities for the middle class is needed. A college education is not for everyone. We must focus on youth training and development. At its core, government must do the basics. Let's pledge ourselves to the Gateway tunnel

and fix New Jersey Transit. Too often there are government actions that have no purpose. In this wealthy state, too many people don't have access to a supermarket. There are too many foodbanks that don't have support. We can and will fix that. Government can help, and it takes all of us to make government work. All voices matter. Republican or Democrat, north or south will have a voice as an equal part of government. We will make sure we get policy right. We do a hard thing and do it right and do them together. New Jersey chose us to make the rules."

The ceremony concluded with God Bless America and the benediction by Imam Morshad Saami Hossian, Voorhees Islamic Center, Cherry Hill.

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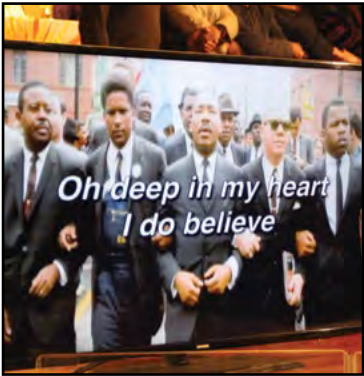
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EDITORIAL

Celebrating Dr. King  
One of the Champions of Civil,  
Employee, & Worker’s Rights



Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Cathedral International, Perth Amboy 1/15/18  
\*Photos by Eric Salvary

One of the harshest realities in life is when you lose a job. One of the worst cases is when that job loss is totally unexpected. This happened recently when Walmart closed a large amount of their Sam’s Club locations without their employees knowing in advance.

The following words were spoken by the late Dr. Martin Luther King. This was in an article written by Peter Dreier in *Common Dreams* at [www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org)

One of Dr. King’s last marches was the Campaign for Worker’s rights. This was to support African-American Garbage workers who were on strike to protest unsafe conditions and at the same time abusive supervisors, low wages, and to gain recognition for the union. Their sign said: “I am a man.”

The Civil Rights Union and the Labor Movements were very much connected. Here are some excerpts that Dr. Martin Luther King said in his address to the AFL-CIO at the 1961 Convention: “Our needs are identical with labors’ needs. Decent wages, fair working conditions, livable housing, old age security,

health and welfare measures, conditions in which families can grow, have education for their children, and respect in the community.”

Other words that he spoke: “What does it profit a man to be able to eat at an integrated lunch counter if he doesn’t earn enough money to buy a hamburger and a cup of coffee?”

At the time, King observed: “Negros are not the only poor in the nation. There is nearly twice as many white poor as Negro, and therefore the struggle against poverty is not involved solely with color or racial discrimination, but with elementary economic justice.”

If Dr. King were alive today, what would he think about the situation where union workers were totally taken off guard and not given ample notice about a job loss? You would think in the year heading into 2018, this would not be an issue. Unfortunately, it is. We salute the message that Dr. King spoke so many years ago. In this day and age, workers should at least be given the respect of proper notification of termination. This should not be happening. *C.M.*

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

A Tragedy is No  
Time for Politics

At the conclusion of Monday’s [1/08/2018] City Council Caucus meeting, Acting Police Chief Roman McKeon was the final speaker during the Public Portion [5 minutes Maximum per Speaker]. McKeon’s presentation, made in uniform, and his interaction with the Council lasted 20 minutes. My observations, interpretations and conclusions were made after watching the meeting online on PATV. At no time did McKeon indicate that he was speaking as a member of the public therefore he was speaking as the Chief of Police.

During the Caucus meeting there was no mention of the incident involving a carbon monoxide fatality so I believed that was the topic on which Chief McKeon would inform the public. But that is not what happened. It began with McKeon informing everyone that what he was going to say was not politically motivated. That’s a sure sign that the opposite is about to happen. Chief McKeon stated that the Police personnel and their families wanted to know why the Council members did not show up at the scene and at the hospital to show their support. He stated how disappointed he was by this lack of support and mentioned several times how many hours Mayor Diaz and BA Adam Cruz stayed at the scene and at the hospital but Council members were absent. Of

course, since this was not political. Chief McKeon then went after the few Perth Amboy residents who attend the meetings but do not support the Police. He commented that they talk about stop signs, parking and the Chief’s version of how safe Perth Amboy is but “when the doo-doo hits the fan” they were nowhere to be seen, not at the hospital and not at the apartment building.

A clearly frustrated Councilman Helmin Caba was the first to respond stating emphatically that at no time had anyone from the Administration or police contacted him about the incident. He commented that it has been embarrassing that as an elected official he often has to get information from residents rather than the Administration. Joel Pabon stated that he was at work, was never called and had no clue of the tragedy until he saw it on Facebook. Councilman Gonzalez backed their version saying he was not notified and also commented that this was an ongoing pattern. Council President Petrick, in response to McKeon, affirmed that he had been contacted by Adam Cruz but was instructed not to tell anyone.

At Wednesday’s regular meeting the Chief, the Deputy Chief, a Captain, two representatives from the PBA [I believe] and a Special who provides security and six members from the public were present. Was this unusual turnout by the Police a show of support for McKeon’s political attacks on the Council

and residents who attend meetings? Was it meant to have a chilling effect on the public and Council to question the Administration? Could this be an attempt by our thin-skinned Diaz Administration to stifle dissent? Dialogue is always useful and welcomed between the police and the public—but the perception of intimidation, especially if it is orchestrated by the Administration, is not acceptable.

I do believe Chief McKeon is a decent man who had a bad day on Monday. The City is not served by a Police Chief carrying water for the Diaz Administration which has an established history of one-way loyalty. The Council members did not deserve his uninformed diatribe on Monday. As for the persistent presence of a small group of residents who attend meetings, I will continue to do so. I know who was there to question, criticize and expose a previous administration and we know that a great many supported that administration without question. That’s a mistake that should not be repeated.

Alan E Silber



Local Dentist to Provide Free Dental Care for Kids

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - Local dentist, Dr. Lydia David, will provide free preventive and restorative dental care and, if necessary, make referrals for continuing treatment for children ages 12 and under as part of National Children’s Dental Health Month (CDHM). The one-day program, called Give Kids A Smile (GKAS), will take place on Friday, February 2, 2018 and is part of the American Dental Association’s (ADA) annual push to bring attention to the number one childhood disease, tooth decay.

“Giving back to the community that has supported my practice is so important,” says Dr. David. “This program, more than a decade old, will touch the lives of so many of New Jersey’s children who need oral healthcare instruction. I am proud to be a part of it,” she said.

Children who come to Dr. David’s office on February 2 will receive a comprehensive dental exam, oral healthcare instruction, fluoride treatments, and free dental hygiene materials including toothbrushes, floss and toothpaste. Parents must make an appointment in order for their child to be treated. Call Dr. David’s office at 732-826-0210 to set up a visit.

Last February, in New Jersey alone, nearly 3,000 children visited 121 sites across the state, including private dental offices like Dr. David’s. In NJ GKAS is supported by Colgate, Henry Schein Dental, Delta Dental of NJ and private donations.

Dr. Lydia David has been practicing dentistry for more than 37 years here in Perth Amboy. Her practice, Dr. Lydia David, is located at 325 State St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

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LEE'S MARKET ..... 77 SMITH ST.  
LUDWIG'S PHARMACY .....75 BRACE AVE.  
MITRUSKA CHIROPRACTIC .....788 CONVERY BLVD.  
PETRA BEST REALTY.....329 SMITH ST.  
PETRICK'S FLOWERS ..... 710 PFEIFFER BLVD.  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS ..... 365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.  
PORTUGUESE MANOR ..... 310 ELM ST.  
PROVIDENT BANK ..... 339 STATE ST.  
PUBLIC LIBRARY .....196 JEFFERSON ST.  
PUERTO RICAN ASSOCIATION .....100 FIRST ST.  
QUICK CHEK .....853 CONVERY BLVD.  
QUICK STOP DELI .....814 AMBOY AVE.  
QUISQUEYA MARKET .....249 MADISON AVE.  
QUISQUEYA LUNCHEONETTE ..... 259 MADISON AVE.  
RARITAN BAY AREA Y.M.C.A. ....365 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.  
RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER .....530 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.  
SANTANDER BANK ..... 365 CONVERY BLVD.  
SANTIBANA TRAVEL ..... 362 STATE ST.  
SCIORTINO'S RESTAURANT .....473 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.  
SHOP-RITE .....365 CONVERY BLVD.  
SIPOS BAKERY ..... 365 SMITH ST.  
SUPERIOR DINER.....464 SMITH ST.  
SUPREMO SUPERMARKET .....270 KING ST.  
TORRES MINI MARKET .....403 BRUCK AVE.  
TOWN DRUGS & SURGICAL ..... 238 SMITH ST.  
WELLS FARGO ..... 214 SMITH ST.  
ZPA ..... 281 GRACE ST.

IN SAYREVILLE:

BOROUGH HALL ..... 167 MAIN ST.  
SENIOR CENTER .....423 MAIN ST.  
SUNNYSIDE RESTAURANT ..... 111 MAIN ST.

IN SEWAREN:

PUBLIC LIBRARY .....546 WEST AVE.  
SEWAREN CORNER DELI .....514 WEST AVE.

IN SOUTH AMBOY:

AMBOY NATIONAL BANK .....100 N. BROADWAY  
BROADWAY BAGELS .....105 S. BROADWAY  
BROADWAY DINER .....126 N. BROADWAY  
CITY HALL .....140 N. BROADWAY  
COMMUNITY CENTER ..... 200 O'LEARY BLVD.  
KRAUSZER'S .....200 N. BROADWAY  
KRAUSZER'S .....717 BORDENTOWN AVE.  
PUBLIC LIBRARY .....100 HOFFMAN PLAZA  
SCIORTINO'S HARBOR LIGHTS ..... 132 S. BROADWAY  
SOUTH AMBOY MEDICAL CENTER.....540 BORDENTOWN AVE.  
WELLS FARGO BANK.....116 N. BROADWAY

IN WOODBRIDGE:

CITY HALL .....1 MAIN ST.  
MAIN ST. FARM .....107 MAIN ST.  
NEWS & TREATS ..... 99 MAIN ST.  
REO DINER .....392 AMBOY AVE.  
ST. JOSEPH'S SENIORS RESIDENCE .....1 ST. JOSEPH'S TERR.

Historic  
Surveyor

General's Office

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

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

Kearny  
Cottage Open

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

Proprietary  
House Open

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

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

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

Community Calendar

Perth Amboy

MON. Jan. 22 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
WED. Jan. 24 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
THURS. Jan. 25 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

South Amboy

WED. Jan. 31 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway  
WED. Feb. 7 City Council, Business 6 p.m.  
City Hall, N. Broadway

Special Public Meeting  
Monday January 29, 2018 at 6 p.m.  
City Council Chambers,  
City Hall, High Street  
*Re: Discussion of Rezoning Ordinance*

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Safety Announcement From Mayor Wilda Diaz  
Regarding the Recent Incidents in NYC and NJ

We are taking safety precautions in the City of Perth Amboy, emphasize that it is important:

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!**

Report Suspicious Activity - Be Vigilant - **STAY ALERT**

Do not think that any call or report is too small

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Thurs. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

# Perth Amboy 1/8/17 Caucus

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B.A. Cruz responded to Stephanie’s concerns, “The property owner is responsible to make sure the corners that they are on are clear.”

Councilman Pabon said, “I thought so, but I don’t think these businesses are aware of it.”

Cruz then stated, “There are about 22 summonses issued today (1/8/18).”

Code Enforcement Employee Johan Delgado came up to speak, “There were 22 summonses issued today. I even deputized a mailman. I gave him my cell phone number, so he can tell us about all the trouble spots that he encounters on his route.”

Pabon then remarked that the BID should be using money for this enforcement. “This is just a suggestion.”

Balut then turned his attention to the situation of commercial vehicles parked under the Out-bridge.

Petrick responded, “This is a Port Authority issue.”

Balut then asked about the company that got a tax break then left. “Did anybody talk about the schools about the density? What are you going to do with these students?”

Mayor Diaz came up to speak. She wanted to let the Council and residents know how the City’s Safety Personnel saved lives by evacuating the building (185 Fayette St.) how they responded. “Our Police, Fire, and Code Enforcement came out on such treacherous conditions. Our hospital responded so well to this crisis. To see that many Police Officers with IV’s in their arms and oxygen masks on because they were overcome – I was so proud of all of them. I recently had a meeting with our Freeholders and let them know that other cities have to be responsible for their residents. We listen to the Council, especially when it comes to parking. A parking deck will help all our businesses. Some businesses already have parking behind their buildings. It will also help if we have a deck when we have a Waterfront event. It was in the plan, but wasn’t spelled out. There are people who want to invest which creates ratables. It’s exciting. We’re holding developers responsible to make sure they invest in the infrastructure.” Diaz concluded again praising the doctors and nurses and other professionals in the hospital who did their best under the worst conditions. “Two people who were overcome by carbon monoxide had to be transferred to another hospital.”

Acting Police Chief McKeon came up to speak next. He became emotional and talked about how amazing it was how

the City worked together to respond to this crisis. “The Auxiliary Police did a great job and the Police Chaplains helped a lot when it came to confront those affected. I want to give a special thanks to Mayor Diaz and Adam Cruz. It was a testament to all of our City employees. Adam and the Mayor were there (in the hospital) for three hours for the families that are affected and our emergency personnel. People come here to the meetings with legitimate complaints, but don’t ever come out to support the police. We appreciate the Mayor and Adam’s support. The only person who called to see how we were doing was the Middlesex County Prosecutor Carey.”

Councilman Helmin Caba spoke, “I was never contacted about the incident. The average person knows what’s going on, but we don’t. As an elected official, it’s embarrassing.”

McKeon went on to explain, “It was a case of bad communication, and the families were upset.”

Councilman Joel Pabon then stated, “I didn’t know what was going on until I found out about it on Facebook. It’s far from the truth that we don’t support the police. I have 110 employees that are my responsibility when I’m at work. I hope we can learn from this. There is no time that I do not support the police.”

McKeon understood, “It’s important that we have an open discussion about this, so we can go forward positively.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez the asked B.A. Adam Cruz, “Will you please inform us of these situations? We have no idea what’s going on.”

McKeon then went on to explain, “A simple text from the Council President will mean a lot. I can’t stress enough how we all pulled together (Fire Department, Police (Regular and Auxiliary) EMS, Hospital, and Olive Street).

Cruz then commented, “I rely on the Chief and Prosecutor’s Office on what information can be released. It was chaos from moment the call came in. I left town at 11 p.m. I had to get people housing. It was one big event. If anyone had called me, I could have relayed the message as to what had happened. The Mayor has never censored me. I tell her what I sent you guys after it’s done.”

Councilman Caba then said, “We can be contacted by anyone, including the media.”

Chief McKeon concluded with the following statement: “I didn’t come here to point fingers. I know each of you supports us 100%. I just had to tell you how members of the Department felt. It would be hard pressed to find another city who could respond to this situation as well as we did.”

# Special Meeting on Zoning Set Up for Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> & Answering Questions from 1/8/18 Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – During the public portion (for agenda items only), Resident Ken Balut came up to speak first. He wondered why, “Of the proclamations given out, why is there not a proclamation for National Police Week? Shouldn’t someone from the Mayor’s Office or the Police Department get recognized that week?”

City Clerk Elaine Jasko remarked, “This is not on the agenda.”

Council President Bill Petrick told Balut, “This can be discussed later on during the meeting and questioned. Why didn’t you mention this at the Caucus Meeting which would have given us enough time to put it on tonight’s meeting?” Petrick also mentioned that there will be a special meeting on the ordinance that was pulled regarding zoning and land development. This meeting will take place on January 29, 2018 and he asked that it be moved to a later hour so more people could attend.

Resident Renee Skelton spoke next, “Zoning determines property value and the quality of life. I think the special meeting of January 29<sup>th</sup> should be at 7 p.m. That’s just my personal opinion. I want to address a zoning problem that has been going on for 3½ months in my neighborhood. There is a lot on Sayre Avenue that used to be the site of an old coat factory. This is a R-25 Zone. Power washing is taking place there, including buses. This is a low-density neighborhood and we’ve had dozens of violations. There are at least 15 to 20 buses on that lot, now. I was told Code Enforcement issued violations to the bus company whose owner is located in Paterson. Now, it’s November and December and buses are still in violation. They were supposed to have a court date. I went to municipal court three times to see if the case was being heard. It has not been on the docket. You are allowing a non-conforming use to be violated which will then become a conformed use. If you let people get away with this, they will continue to violate the laws.”

Law Director Peter King responded, “Every day that this bus company is in violation, the fees go up.”

Council President Bill Petrick then asked, “How long can they continue this cycle with their lawyers postponing the dates?”

Skelton provided photos to the Council.

King then continued, asking Skelton to bring the pictures to the court for evidence. “If the company in violation and is not paying their fines, then a bench warrant is served, and their registration will be suspended.”

Skelton spoke up and said, “Last week, the judge said the case was not on the docket.”

Councilman Joel Pabon added, “There are engines that are being power washed on this lot.”

Skelton then noted, “I’m getting sick from the solvent these buses are using and they are not our school buses.”

Council President Bill Petrick questioned if the police can come at night and shut them down.

Law Director King said, “The police can be called and also environmental services. We will talk to zoning and we may call you (Skelton) and ask you to testify.”

Skelton responded, “I’ll be happy to.”

Resident Jeremy Baratta spoke next, “To get an immediate response, call 1-800-WARN-DEP which is open 24 hours. They will send state troopers and anyone else that needs to be notified.

King replied to Baratta, “The prosecutor does that.”

Baratta again gave out the number and said, “That number is the reporting number for environmental issues.”

Resident Ken Balut came up again frustrated there is no proclamation for National Police Week. He then asked the Council if they knew what the schools and City were going to get for the last PILOT they awarded.

Councilman Helmin Caba stated, “The City gets a larger payment through the PILOT and the schools get 0%.”

Balut then questioned, “What is the taxpayer getting?” He started naming some of the employee salaries. He questioned, “How are we going to pay for additional students? Will contractors pay for the sewer system? All of these developments promise much, but they don’t deliver. Did anyone talk to the School Board? The Mayor is trying to control the schools. Did you guys get a phone call about the ShopRite stabbing and shots fired on Penn Street? There is a problem on Ridgely Street where some residents and buildings are being tagged.”

Katherine Massopust came up to speak to question what’s going on with the rezoning and proposed transit village.

Council President Bill Petrick said the main areas affected will include: New Brunswick Avenue, Elm Street, Fayette Street and Rector Street (and other streets in the area).”

Massopust questioned, “Do you think it’s wise to bring in any more people to Perth Amboy?” in reference to the rezoning. Massopust said, “I would like to see it (the documents).”

Petrick asked City Clerk Elaine Jasko if the document is available online?

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, “We can forward it to you.”

Resident Alan Silber had a question on R-22 – Accepting a donation of equipment from the Law Enforcement Support Office. “If you don’t like the ordinance, then change it. Don’t ignore it. Also, the lot that was

fenced in should also be maintained. At a previous meeting, there was a woman from PARA who said the PILOT would create 2000 jobs. Don’t you think new developers will ask for a PILOT? If the Mayor keeps saying how much money we are getting, then the State will say: pay for your own schools.”

Council President Petrick said, “CFO Goldy and Chief McKeon should be giving us a list of all this equipment before we vote on it.”

Councilman Pabon was glad, “We got a lot of good stuff, but we don’t know about it beforehand.”

Deputy Police Chief Cattano came forward to address this, “We are not trying to conceal the merchandise, but we have to memorialize it and put (document) the receipt of it by resolution.”

Petrick cautioned, “If it will cost us, especially we should know about it.”

Cattano responded, “The merchandise we are getting are at zero cost.”

Pabon then remarked, “I was talking to a DPW Employee who was so happy about the no-cost plow that the department received. We just don’t want to be taken by surprise.”

Councilman Fernando Irizarry stated, “I don’t intend this as criticism. I think what you are doing is great. You’re saving us money. I’d appreciate you telling us when you get the stuff.”

Cattano responded, “I’ll have that sent to you.”

Irizarry added, “We want to know sooner.”

Petrick then said, “Congratulations to you on your certification. It’s nice to know what degrees and certifications the Police and Fire (Departments) have.”

Cattano proudly stated, “Almost everyone has some sort of degree. It makes us more well-rounded.”

Petrick continued, “It’s a benefit to the community to have additional training. What is nice to see is the professionalism.”

During the Council Comments, Helmin Caba stated, “Ken Balut brought up good points to have discussions with the Board of Education.”

Petrick responded, “Can City Clerk Jasko provide the Board of Education with the (proposed) zoning changes so they are informed and have questions?”

Caba said, “I voted for the PILOT. It was the right thing to do for this situation. I don’t approve for multiuse. We don’t get a dime directly. We have to make sure we don’t raise the taxes. I recommend what Senator Sweeney recommended for school – 5% or some small percentage to go to the school system. My condolences to the family of the young girl who passed away last

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# News

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Municipal Court	732.442.6011
Parking Utility	732.826.9223
Police Department	732.442.4400
Public Library	732.826.2600
Public Works	732.826.2010
Recreation/Events	732.826.1690
Water Utility	732.826.5335
UEZ/BID	732.442.6421
Board of Education	732.376.6200
County Health Dept.	732.826.0440

## A Message From Mayor Wilda

Dear Friends:

2018 is going to be a wonderful year! There are so many great opportunities and ways to get involved with all the City is doing.

One way to be a part is by taking advantage of the many recreation programs available. There is something for everyone – children, adults, and seniors!! Teens can visit our brand new Teen Center located at 56 Brighton Avenue for academic assistance programs as well as fun activities, trips and more! I encourage everyone to take advantage of our free programs.

We are a community on the rise! Every day, we work our hardest to serve our residents with the utmost care, excellence, and diligence. Together, we have been able to increase our recreational facilities, expand programs and improve departmental services. This past quarter alone, over fifteen officers were either promoted or sworn-in to the Perth Amboy Police Department or Perth Amboy Fire Department.

As we step into the New Year, our hope is that Perth Amboy and its residents may continue to grow and be successful in all endeavors. We are here to ensure that our residents have all the tools and means necessary to do so; we hope you use them all to the best of your ability! We are here for you! Let's work together to make this our best year yet!

I look forward to what we will achieve together in 2018 for our great, historic city. I wish everyone a warm and healthy new year, God Bless!!!

Sincerely, Mayor Wilda Díaz



Hometown Girl Mural by Joseph Albertus  
440 Connector and Fayette Street, entrance.

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## STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

The City of Perth Amboy will be accepting applications for the 2018 Summer Employment Program effective **Monday, April 2, 2018**. Applicants must be age of 14 (by **June 1, 2018**) and a resident of the City of Perth Amboy. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### Positions available:

- Park Counselor
- Camp Counselor
- Maintenance Aides
- Recreation Aides
- Clerical Aides

### APPLICATION DEADLINE:

**MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018 AT 5:00 PM.**

All applications must include a letter of recommendation from a School or Community Representative. Application may be obtained on the City's Website or in person at City Hall, but cannot be submitted electronically. Completed applications can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall, Office of Personnel, 260 High Street, 2nd floor, Monday to Friday from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Questions???** Please contact 732-826-0290 ext. 4009.



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F.F. Ryan O'Shea

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P.O. Albert Rivas  
P.O. Allan Taveras

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Aux. Cpt. Antonio Abreu  
Aux. Cpt. Jose F. Gonzalez  
Aux. Cpt. Robert O'Buck  
Sgt. Ralph Pineiro

COLD WEATHER TIPS

- \* Landlords are required to provide heat for their tenants. If there is no heat in your apartment please contact your local code enforcement office (732) 826-0183. What you don't want to do is turn on your stoves or use multiple space heaters, which can cause fire safety issues.
- \* Ensure that your pipes don't freeze by letting the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing. Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night.
- \* If you or someone you know does not have a safe warm place to stay look for code blue warming centers in your area. In Perth Amboy our code blue warming centers are open when temperatures drop below 25° locations vary. Stay up-to-date with Nixle alerts.

Stay warm my friends!



Several City of Perth Amboy departments have been recognized and given awards by a number of organizations. Read the highlights below.

NY/NJ Baykeeper 2017  
Outstanding Leadership Award

Awarded to Mayor Wilda Diaz for her leadership in sustainability initiatives within the City of Perth Amboy and the State of New Jersey. Under her leadership, Perth Amboy has launched a growing network of green infrastructure projects and has monitored the waterways surrounding our City. These efforts make Mayor Wilda Diaz and the City of Perth Amboy progressive leaders in environmental stewardship.

2017 Best Overall Public Information Program

Awarded to the Public Information Office of the City of Perth Amboy by the Rutgers University Center for Government Services, New Jersey League of Municipalities and the New Jersey Municipal Alliance Association in the Municipal Public Information Contest. The contest recognizes and awards municipalities that have developed successful and innovative techniques to better inform and serve their citizens, including social media and print media.

Outstanding Achievement in Recycling Award

Awarded to the Perth Amboy Office of Recycling by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection due to their extensive efforts and results in recycling promotion. The Recycling Office's efforts such as the Recycling Buddy Program and launch of the Recycling Coach App promote recycling while educating residents on safe and proper recycling practices.

Class 9 Recognition

Awarded to Perth Amboy Code Enforcement by The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) under their Community Rating System (CRS). The program recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements and gives a discount on flood insurance premium rates to participating communities.



OUTSTANDING MUNICIPAL PLAN AWARD: TO A PLAN  
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PERTH AMBOY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AWARD

The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency won the Outstanding Municipal Plan Award from the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association. This award is given to municipal plans of unusually high merit. The Transit District Strategy put forward a new vision of Downtown, oriented around transit and built on a five-fold strategy, giving the City a blueprint for a comprehensive approach with a clear path for implementation.

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- **Personal possessions** – coverage for your things (clothes, furniture, electronics, etc.) up to your coverage limit
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- **Medical payments** – coverage for medical expenses if someone (other than a resident) gets hurt in an accident at your place
- **Additional Living Expenses** – coverage for extra temporary living expenses if your place is damaged & becomes uninhabitable

It's Crazy Affordable Too! If you needed another reason to consider Renters Insurance, it's incredibly cheap! Much cheaper than other coverage types, and usually only a couple of cents a day (yes, we said "cents"). It can be bundled into your auto insurance policy or purchased separately. Renters insurance is affordable and worthwhile. You can get renters insurance quotes online, which makes shopping for this must-have insurance simple and easy. If your belongings are stolen, damaged or destroyed by fire, storms, smoke, vandalism or other covered causes, renters insurance provides you with peace of mind because you know they'll be replaced.

SANITATION REMINDERS

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MONDAY, MAY 28  
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

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LABOR DAY  
COLUMBUS DAY  
VETERANS DAY (Observed)  
THANKSGIVING DAY  
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SCHEDULED RUBBISH APPOINTMENTS

Scheduling for rubbish appointments will resume on Monday, January 22nd at 7:30 a.m. on a first come, first served basis. All rubbish appointments must be scheduled in person only. There is a collection fee of \$30.00. Payments are to be paid by check or money order only, no cash will be accepted.

Bulk waste can be dropped off Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works yard. Must be a Perth Amboy resident. Please contact the Department of Public Works for additional information: (732) 826-2010.



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# 2018 Winter Arts Program

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Vivianna Acuna-Francisco, Coordinator

## ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Classes begin January 22nd

Ages: 5-9

Mondays 4:30-5:30pm

Students will embark on an artful adventure with a variety of projects, including weaving, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking & more.

FREE

## ADOBE PHOTOSHOP / DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Classes begin January 23rd

Ages: 16 to Adult

Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 6:00-8:00pm

Whether you own a point-and-shoot or a more advanced DSLR, this class will give you a better grasp of your chosen tool and the skills to make successful images. This class is appropriate for novice to intermediate level users of Photoshop. It will take a beginner through both the basics and more advanced features.

FREE

## OPEN ART STUDIO

Classes begin January 23rd

Ages: 13 - 18

Tuesdays 4:30-6:00pm

FREE

## CERAMICS FOR CHILDREN

Classes begin January 23rd

Ages: 10-14

Tuesdays 6:00-8:00pm

FREE

## CERAMICS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Classes begin January 24th

Ages: 15 &amp; Up

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Come join us for a relaxing and fun time in the ceramics studio. Students will experiment and explore with clay, carving, handbuilding, using the pottery wheel, and glazing.

FREE

## OIL PAINTING

Classes begin January 25th

Ages: 15 and Up

Wednesdays 6:00-8:00pm

Many people aspire to learn how to paint with oil, but few know where to begin. This class is catered to the beginning oil painter, with ample support and exercises provided for pleasant exploration into the foundations of oil painting. Materials will be provided.

FREE

## Music at the Gallery

Manny Pacheco, Music Instructor

Music classes begin the week of January 22nd

## INTRO TO PERCUSSION

Ages: 7 to 10

Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm

## DRUMMING

Ages: 11 to 15

Mondays, 7:00-8:00pm

## BEGINNER GUITAR

Ages: 9 to 11

Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm

## INTERMEDIATE GUITAR

Ages: 12 to 15

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00pm

ALL MUSIC CLASSES ARE  
FREE OF CHARGE

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COMMUNITY CENTER  
1 OLIVE STREET :

## BALLET FOR CHILDREN

Classes begin January 23rd

Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays

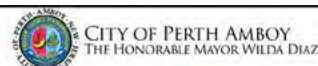
6:00 - 7:00 pm (Ages 3 - 5)

7:00 - 8:00 pm (Ages 6 - 8)

Registration fee:

\$20 per participant

MONEY ORDER ONLY



## Events at the Gallery

### JANUARY

### "Between Us"

Group Exhibition

Opening Reception

Thursday, January 18, 2018

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts

339 Reade Street

### FEBRUARY

### RED 6

Group Exhibit

Opening Reception

Thursday, February 15, 2018

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts

339 Reade Street



To register  
for the Art programs,  
please visit the  
following website:  
[PARECREATION.RECDESK.COM](http://PARECREATION.RECDESK.COM)

### For more information:

Contact the Office of Recreation

1 Olive Street

Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

(732) 826-1690 x4305

[recleader@perthamboynj.org](mailto:recleader@perthamboynj.org)[www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us](http://www.ci.perthamboy.nj.us)

## WINTER PROGRAMS

### Karate

Morales Martial Arts Academy

Starting: January 16th

Ages: 5 &amp; up

Tuesdays, Thursdays, &amp; Fridays

Ages 5 - 9, 6:30-7:30pm

Ages 10 &amp; older, 7:30- 8:30 pm

Robert N. Wilentz School, 51 First St

Registration fee: \$40 per participant

MONEY ORDER ONLY

## ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Registration opens Jan. 8 - Jan. 25

Monday through Thursday,

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

South Campus (351 Mechanic Street)

For more information, please contact

Maria Diaz (Enrichment Coordinator)

at 732-376-6242 ext. 37490.

### ZUMBA

Ages: 18 &amp; up

Monday - Thursday, 6pm - 7pm

Perth Amboy High School

South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street

FREE OF CHARGE

### Boot Camp

Ages: 18 &amp; up

Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays, 7pm - 8pm

Perth Amboy High School

South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street

FREE OF CHARGE

### Conversational English

Ages: 18 &amp; up

Monday - Thursday, 6pm - 8pm

Perth Amboy High School

South Campus, 351 Mechanic Street

FREE OF CHARGE

## SPRING PROGRAMS

### Tee-Ball

Ages: 3 - 4

\$40 - Money Order ONLY

Limited Space Available

### Rookie Baseball

Ages: 5 - 7

\$40 - Money Order ONLY

Limited Space Available

### Girls Softball

Ages: 8 - 16

\$45 - Money Order ONLY

Limited Space Available

### Boys Baseball

Ages: 8 - 16

\$65 - Money Order ONLY

Limited Space Available

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**Summer Youth Leadership Academy**

# SUCCESS BOUND

**For High School Students Only**

**July 8th to Aug. 10th**

**Learn more at the info sessions**

**February 8th @ 6pm**  
58 Brighton Ave

**February 17th @ 12pm**  
60 Washington St

**Application Due 3/5**

**Parents Encouraged to Attend**

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING**

- Earn College Credit
- Gain Leadership Skills
- Paid Internship
- College Application Assistance

**Requirements to Participate**

- Currently in the 11th Grade
- Resides in Perth Amboy
- Plans to Attend College

Contact Information: 732-826-1690 ext. 4305 - [Recleader@perthamboynj.org](mailto:Recleader@perthamboynj.org)

## Teen Center

### Brighton Avenue Teen Center

A safe place where youth can interact with their peers and engage in recreational, social and educational programs and activities.

#### Free programming will include:

Job readiness, resume writing, networking, interviewing skills, financial literacy, FAFSA help, gardening 101 and more! In addition there will be youth clubs, recreational programs, and special trips.

Location: 56 Brighton Avenue

Hours: Mondays through Fridays, from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

A monthly calendar will be provided.

If you have any questions

please call 732-826-0290 ext. 4359 or email

[Recleader@perthamboynj.org](mailto:Recleader@perthamboynj.org).

### Teen Nights

Age: High School Students

Dates: 1/20, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31

Raritan Bay Area YMCA

357 New Brunswick Avenue

Perth Amboy students must present

their school ID





# Upcoming Events

All events are FREE and Open to the Public, unless otherwise stated.

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CITY OF PERTH AMBOY

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## JANUARY

**"Between Us" Group Exhibition"**  
Opening Reception  
Thursday, January 18, 2018  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts  
339 Reade Street

## FEBRUARY

**Small Business Seminar & Business Card Exchange**  
Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
La Terrazza Latina  
273 High Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

**Red 6, Group Exhibit**  
Opening Reception  
Thursday, February 15, 2018  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts  
339 Reade Street

**Dominican Independence Celebration**  
Saturday, February 24, 2018  
11:00 am  
Edward J. Patten Elementary School  
500 Charles Street

## MARCH

**Perth Amboy Animal Shelter Pictures with the Easter Bunny**  
Saturday, March 17, 2018  
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
597 Fayette St.

**Neighborhood Business Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
9:30 am – 10:30 am  
Sipos Bakery  
365 Smith Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

**Basketball against Drugs & Alcohol Event**  
Friday, March 23, 2018  
Perth Amboy High School  
300 Eagle Ave  
*Sponsored by the Perth Amboy Municipal Alliance*



### 2018 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Tuesday, March 27th  
at 6:00 p.m.  
YMCA Auditorium  
357 New Brunswick Avenue

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, March 31st  
Ages: Infant – 3 years  
@ 11:30 am  
Ages: 4 – 10  
@ 1:00 pm  
Albert G. Waters Stadium  
(Eagle Avenue & Francis Street)

## APRIL

**Neighborhood Business Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 4, 2018  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  
Don Manuel International Restaurant  
287 State Street  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

**Holocaust Day of Remembrance Ceremony**  
Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
Flag Raising: 5:30 pm  
Ceremony: 6:00 pm  
City Hall Circle  
City Hall Council Chambers

**Downtown Clean Up**  
Saturday, April 21, 2018  
11:30 am – 2:00 pm  
Registration: 10:30 am  
Fink Park  
Corner of Madison Ave. & Smith St.

**Business Networking & Card Exchange**  
Thursday, April 26, 2018  
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Location: TBD;  
Call 732-442-6421

## Office on Aging

Must contact in advance to register. City resident age 62 and over are encouraged to contact the Office on Aging for additional information and for events listed as "TBD (To be determined)" at: 732-826-1690 ext. 4307. Join the Office on Aging for special activities, program and surprises each month!

### JANUARY

**Frozen /Bergen Pac :** 1/28 @ 1:00pm  
**Birthday Bash Celebration** 1/23 @ Noon  
**Medicare Fraud Patrol:** 1/29 @10:30am  
**AARP Safety Driver Class:** 1/30 & 31 @ 9:00am to Noon

### FEBRUARY

**Sands Casino:** 2/9 @ 9:30am  
**Valentine's Day Celebration**  
**Continental Breakfast** 2/14 @ 10:30 am  
**Peking Acrobats Bergen Pac:** 2/15 @ 8:00pm  
**Chinese New Year:** 2/16 @ Noon **Take out Chinese LOYO**  
**LOYO to Longhorns:** 2/23 @ Noon  
**Black History Month Celebration:** 2/27 @ 10:30am  
**Birthday Bash:** 2/28 @ Noon

### MARCH

**IHOP & Jersey Gardens:** 3/9 @ 9:30 am  
**St. Patrick's Day Continental Breakfast:** 3/16 @ 10:30am  
**Bingo Extravaganza:** 3/20 @ 6:00pm  
**LOYO Seniors Pick:** 3/23 @ Noon  
**Birthday Bash:** 3/27 @ Noon  
**Easter Celebration:** 3/29 @ 10:30 am

### APRIL

**Brings Computer, ESL, & Spanish Classes** (Dates TBD)  
**Sands Casino:** 4/3 @ 9:20 am  
**Birthday Bash :** 4/24 @ Noon  
**Earth Day Project:** Date TBD  
**Medicare Annual Wellness Fair:** Date TBD

### MONTHLY CLASSES

Exercise, Bingo, Tai-chi, Arts & Crafts, Flea Market  
Alemeda Community Caring Program, Shop Rite/  
Walmart, Vision Screening, Foot Doctor/Every other month, and Lunch on your own to a different restaurant every month

## PERTH AMBOY FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### JANUARY

27th	1:00PM StoryTime. Children's Room (registration required)
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### FEBRUARY

1st	6:00pm Langston Hughes Story Time
TBD	The Life and Writing James Baldwin
10th	1:00PM StoryTime. Children's Room (registration required)
22nd	6:00pm -7:30pm Celebrate Digital Learning Day Learn to Program with Bloxels (registration required)
24th	1:00PM StoryTime. Children's Room (registration required)

### MARCH

5th	6:00pm Teen Tech Week: Play with New Technology at the Library.
6th	6:00pm Teen Tech Week: Play with New Technology at the Library.
8th	6:00pm Teen Tech Week: Play with New Technology at the Library.
9th	7:00pm Puerto Rico in Crisis: Public Discussion
10th	10:00am – 3:00PM - New Jersey Makers Day @ Perth Amboy Free Public Library <i>Celebrate the Maker Culture and make something new!</i>
15th	Local Author Jesenia Diaz Visits the Library for Book Signing
TBD	Celebrate Thomas Mundy Peterson Day!

## Office of Recreation

**Between Us**  
Thursday, January 18, 2018  
6-9PM  
PERTH AMBOY ART GALLERY  
339 READE STREET  
PERTH AMBOY, NJ 08861

Join us for a group exhibit consisting of seven artists based out of New Jersey and New York City who met by chance at Art Basel Miami. After collaborating on a street art project located in Wynwood, the artists discovered similarities in their work that they felt should be displayed to the world. Join them as they explore their artistic ideas in an event they've titled "Between Us"

FEATURED ARTISTS:  
Luisa Garcia-Martin, Idrea "Kosmos" Gonzalez, Gorky Martin-Sanchez, photography, Isabelle "Dekone" Swing, @idkonemata, Caiti Jean-Louis @\_Shed309, Andrew "TheKane" Andrew @Kane, @Kane, Louise "LoudBike" Casselberry @LouiseBike, Alex "Admitted Design" Gonzalez, @admitteddesign

## RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, May 5th & September 15th  
9:00am – 12 Noon  
Department of Public Works/Animal Shelter  
599 Fayette Street

## US PASSPORT FAIR

GET ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR PASSPORT APPLICATION OR RENEWAL APPLICATION. A US PASSPORT FAIR WILL BE HELD THIS APRIL, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.CI.PERTHAMBOY.NJ.US](http://WWW.CI.PERTHAMBOY.NJ.US) FOR THE UPCOMING DATE & DETAILS, TO BE ANNOUNCED!

## Stay Tuned for...EARTH WEEK 2018!

April 22<sup>nd</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.  
Upcoming Details to be announced.  
For more info, call 732-826-2010 ext. 4204.

Learn more about helping our environment with Perth Amboy's Green Initiatives—Join us for our upcoming meeting

Perth Amboy (Stormwater Infrastructure Management) SWIM Meetings at the Brighton Avenue Community Center (56 Brighton Ave.) at 10:00 a.m. on: Jan 18th, Feb 27th and Mar 27th

Perth Amboy Green Team Meetings at Fire Headquarters on the 3rd Floor Training Room, Jan 23rd, Feb 15th and March 15th at 6pm

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SINGING  
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO APPLY:**  
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Office of Recreation  
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(732) 826-1690 ext. 4305

**Earn some extra money while displaying your talents!**  
**Register for the street performer permit!**  
For further details, contact the Office of Recreation (732) 826-1690 ext.4305 or email [recleader@perthamboy.nj.org](mailto:recleader@perthamboy.nj.org).

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## 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).

**Help Wanted  
 Bartender**  
 Must Speak English & Spanish  
 Portuguese Manor  
 310, Elm St., Perth Amboy  
 Call: 732-826-2233

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 Phone: 908-351-0957; Fax: 908-351-0959

## 1/10/18 Perth Amboy Council Meeting

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week (1/4/18) Let's continue to pray for the sick. I was not aware that 27 police officers were admitted to the hospital. That information was not relayed to me. We were not contacted or informed. My recommendation is to have better communication. We should be informed as elected officials – good or bad. We owe it to our constituents to be fully informed."

Fernando Gonzalez said, "We need better communication. We should not be apologetic because we are not informed."

Pabon said, "Let's take a look at this. The area of Gerda Am-eristee is being built and Perth Amboy is being cleaned. There has been a lot of land that's contaminated and we're receiving a lot of grants. I remember the building on the 5 Corners (Smith/State/New Brunswick Ave.) and it needed someone to redo it. That developer has done a beautiful job. There are a lot of buses, and that's how the system operates. We all went to school here. A lot has changed. There are State mandates on buses. Everyone seems to get bused now. Do we have the right equipment for the police and do we have to invest in more? We learn by this and we have to do what we need to improve these apartments and stop pointing fingers."

Pabon addressed the problem with the smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, "People need to know they are not to be played with. We learn from these things and hope they don't happen again."

Irizarry had no comments.

B.A. Adam Cruz relayed a story about a Code Inspection that was done as a follow-up

visit at a residence. "On that visit, when the air was tested Carbon Monoxide particles were present. The detector went off. The Chief and Deputy Chief are getting Carbon Monoxide Detector devices. The lady was placed in a hotel. On the day of the incident (on Fayette Street) I called the Council President at 6:30 p.m. At 11:31 a.m. the next day (Friday, Jan. 5, 2018) emails were sent to all by the Mayor's Office. We had an emergency situation. My hats off to the men and women who almost gave their lives. We do have heroes here – each and every day."

Petrick thanked those for their service.

Acting Police Chief McKeon came up to speak, "I was very emotional at the Caucus Meeting. I am a father figure to a lot of the officers. I understand there was some communication problems. I got very emotional, but it was not personal or political. I respect each and every one of you. I saw some family members in tears watching their loved ones being treated at the hospital. I love and support you guys (the Council) and hope you feel the same."

Petrick responded, "As a member, I understand. The Fire Department had a program where they gave and installed detectors for free. Call the non-emergency number to see if the program is still in effect. There are different signs that you may be suffering the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. When levels are high, they can be fatal."

For the consent agenda (R-2-1/18 through R-23-1/18), it was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and Seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba.

## At Alameda Center: Subacute Rehab Every Day of The Year!

Press Release 1/8/18  
 PERTH AMBOY - Step into Alameda Center for Rehabilitation & Healthcare in Perth Amboy during the holiday season, and you might run into a local group of Girl Scouts and their Troop Leaders caroling through the halls of this towering 250-bed subacute rehabilitation and nursing care facility, meet members of a local church delivering gifts, and witness a steady stream of family members who from near and far come to visit their loved ones.

Even more impressive, is that in the midst of this merriment, distinctive of the Holiday season, the care teams at Alameda Center remain ready to provide high quality of care, establishing once more Alameda's 30-year reputation for clinical excellence.

"When you are a healthcare provider, you can't take any day lightly – holiday or not," says Jay Berger, LNHA, adding that at Alameda Center, the care continues throughout the holiday season. "Whether it is easing the transition from the hospital through our uncomplicated admissions process, summoning the specialists to tend to specific conditions, or providing uninterrupted rehab therapies, we operate with 'all hands-on-deck' 365 days of the year, and our care teams remain in place, providing the excellence in care we are renowned for."



The OUTSTANDING Rehab Specialists at Alameda's rehab gym: Ready to provide therapy – before, during & after the holiday season! \*Photo Submitted

"We're all quite aware it's the holidays, and as a staff, we do have some lighter moments during those days, like our door decorating contest that brings out the creativity in all of us" indicates one of the highly qualified registered nurses at Alameda. "But we remain focused on our reason to be here: our Patients and Residents' wellbeing."

Beyond their capacity to remain focused, what's remarkable about Alameda's staff is how they harness the high spirits of the season to boost their patients' rehab progress and propel their recovery.

Case in point, the generous offer from Alameda's administration for family members to en-

joy free transportation to and from the facility when visiting their loved ones.

Certainly, no one wants to be in the midst of recovering from orthopedic surgery or a cardiac event during the holiday season. But if there's a patient in need, be assured that the team of physicians and rehab specialists at Alameda Center will be there – ready to provide the care needed and help both Patients & Residents step into the New Year at their highest level of functionality.

For more information about Alameda Center please contact Diana Candell at Admissions 732-442-9540 extension 7281 or visit <http://alamedacenter.com>.



### *This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago*

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

The British Eighth Army begins a new push in Libya on January 15. In Yugoslavia, German, Italian and Croat forces under Gen. Alexander Löhr launch "Operation White," the biggest campaign to date against anti-Axis Yugoslav Partisans led by Josip Broz, known as Tito. Most Partisans captured, including the wounded, are executed on the spot. In Washington, D.C., construction of the Pentagon is completed after only 16 months. Covering 29 acres, it's the world's largest office building.

On January 16, the British Eighth Army destroys Rommel's rearguard at Buerat, Libya, and is now just 300 miles from the Tunisian frontier. Iraq enters the war against all three Axis powers. RAF Bomber Command renews its attacks on Berlin after a 14-month lull.

At the Casablanca Conference on January 17, the British want to keep fighting in the Mediterranean before any main attack is made on Europe via the English Channel. They propose invasions of Sicily and Italy, which they feel will precipitate the fall of Mussolini, as well as drawing German reserves away from France and the Low Countries. The British also want to establish air bases in Italy, from which German armaments factories and Romanian oil-producing facilities can be bombed. The Americans, on the other hand, believe that the proposed British plan will only dissipate resources for a cross-Channel invasion, and tie up forces in what they feel will be a sideshow. The Americans believe the quickest way to defeat Hitler is by an invasion of northern France. Both sides agree, however, that a cross-Channel invasion will not be possible in 1943, and the Americans grudgingly accept the British proposal for an invasion of Sicily.

On January 18, Jews in Warsaw, Poland, revolt against the Nazis by firing on the Germans with small arms in what is the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The Jewish resistance is triggered by the resumption of deportations to the Treblinka extermination camp, which had been suspended since October 1942. In northern Russia, the Red Army breaks through the 515-day German siege of Leningrad from the east and opens a 6- to 7-mile-wide land corridor by which to relieve the city and start bringing in supplies. In the U.S., bread and certain metals are rationed. The sale of pre-sliced bread is banned, to reduce the need by bakeries for metal parts for bread-slicing machines.

The Soviets on January 19 claim victories during a 75-mile advance towards Kharkiv, Ukraine, stating that some 52,000 Axis prisoners have been captured on this front alone.

In North Africa, the British Eighth Army on January 20 solidifies its position in Homs, Libya, while Rommel's *Panzerarmee Afrika* continues its retreat toward Tunisia. In South America, Chile breaks off diplomatic relations with the Axis countries. A daytime raid by the Luftwaffe on a London suburb hits a school in session, killing 41 children and 6 teachers. A sweep by combined German, Italian, Chetnik, and *Ustase* forces is begun against Yugoslav Partisans; the Tito-led Partisans are forced into southern Bosnia.

American and Australian troops attack near Buna, Papua-New Guinea, on January 21. The Japanese make a stand, but are defeated. The Australians and the Americans pour onto the northern coast of Papua-New Guinea and move northward towards Japanese positions at Lae and Salamaua. Hundreds of Jews are killed in the Warsaw Ghetto as German soldiers, responding to the revolt, begin throwing grenades into buildings where people are living.

### *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.

### *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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### *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.

### *Renault Winery/Resorts AC Trip Holy Rosary Seniors*

HOPELAWN - Renault Winery/Resorts Casino A/C Tuesday 4/3/2018. Bus leaves 9:30 Am from church parking lot. Spend 2 hours at winery - Italian Family style lunch and wine tasting. Leave Resorts approximately 6:30 pm. Cost \$75. \$25 back in play. Any question call Ronnie at 732-442-5252.



### *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: Jan. 27; Feb. 10 & 24. 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. !!!!

### *Have a Special Pet?*

E-mail us your Pet Photos to Amboy-Guardian@gmail.com with Pet of the Week in the Subject line and explain why your pet is special. Please include Name and Phone# for verification.

### *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!!

### *Ask the Rabbi*

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### *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.

### *Soup Sale*

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Lutheran Church, 664 Amboy Ave., Perth Amboy is current holding a Soup Sale. Choices are Cream of Potato, Vegetable Beef or Vegetarian Lentil. Quantities are \$8. for 1 quart and \$20. for 3 quarts, you can mix and match the 3 quarts. Orders can be placed between 1/15 to 2/2/18 with pick up at the Church's Meredith St. entrance on 2/4. To order contact Lorraine at 732-996-8860 or at kookie.mc@verizon.net. All are invited to worship with us every Sunday at 10 am. We follow the Lutheran custom of cake and coffee after the service.

### *Pet of the Week*




Dallas is a shy boy, but deserves a forever home. Text 732-486-6382 or email: Allforthepaws@gmail.com Adoption application and donation apply



### *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.

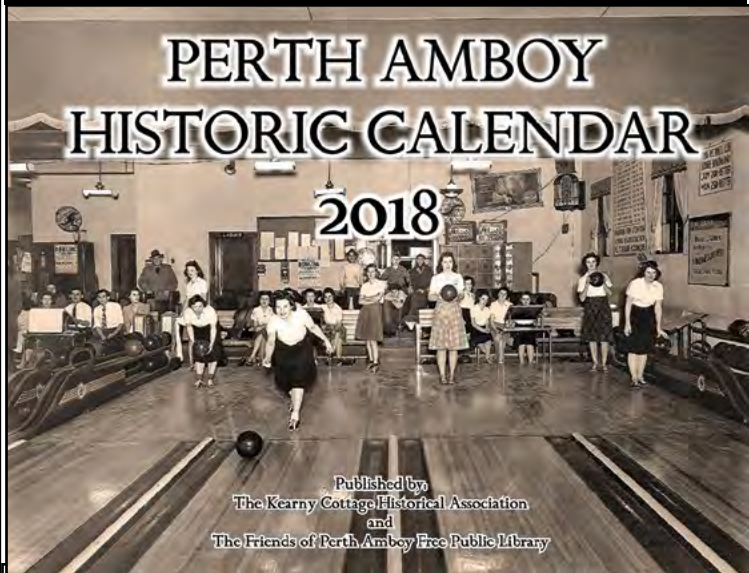


### *Music at Saint Mary's Presents The Choral Art Society of New Jersey!*

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



## 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.

### 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.*

### 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.

## Senior Scene Happenings

### Perth Amboy

- 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.
- MON. Jan. 22 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Jan. 23 Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
- Good Shepherd Tuesday Seniors (HS) 12:30 p.m. Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- WED. Jan. 24 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- THURS. Jan. 25 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

### South Amboy

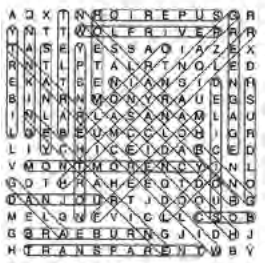
- MON. Jan 22 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. Feb. 5 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- WED. Feb. 7 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

**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**

### Blood Drive

SOUTH AMBOY – January is Blood Donor Month. Make life saving a habit, donate blood! There will be a blood drive Sponsored by St. Mary's Church on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at Stevens Ave., South Amboy - School Cafeteria. All donors will get a \$15 Jiffy Lube coupon! For an appointment go to <http://tinyurl.com/soamboy-stmary> or call 1-800-933-2566. For questions about eligibility or appointments, call 1-800-933-2566. WALK-INS Welcome! Please bring ID and eat before donating blood! Saving a life is priceless! Please give blood!

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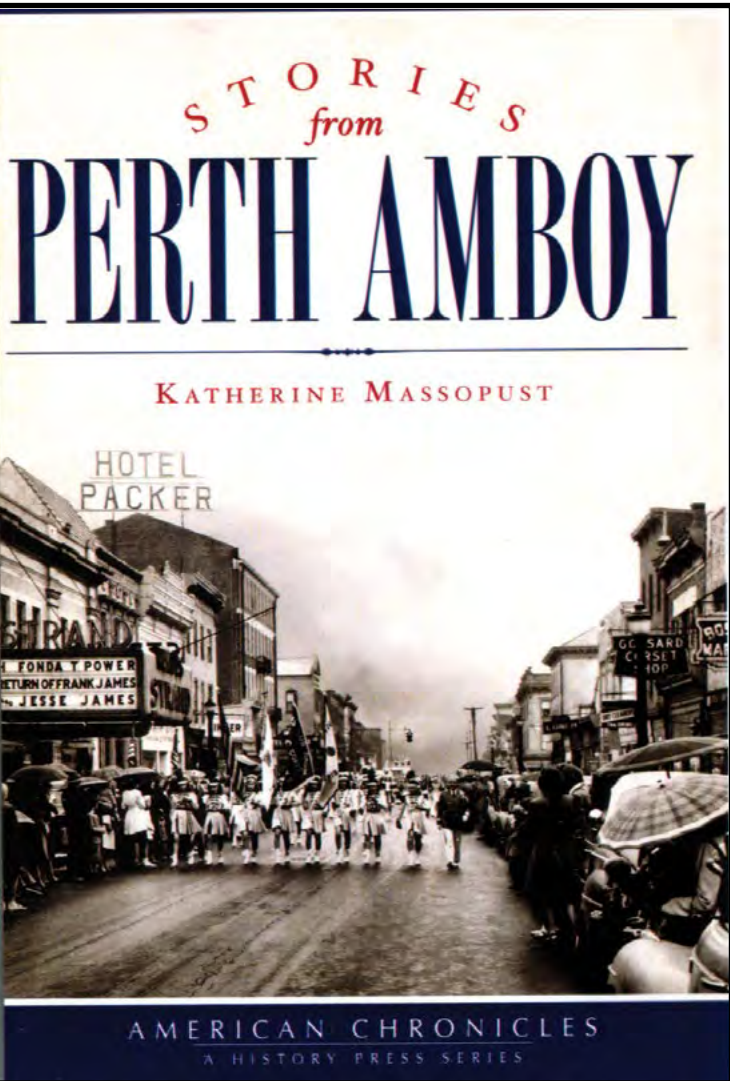
## LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - Smith Street April 1888

*\*Photo Courtesy of Stephen Michael Dudash*

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### Stories From Perth Amboy

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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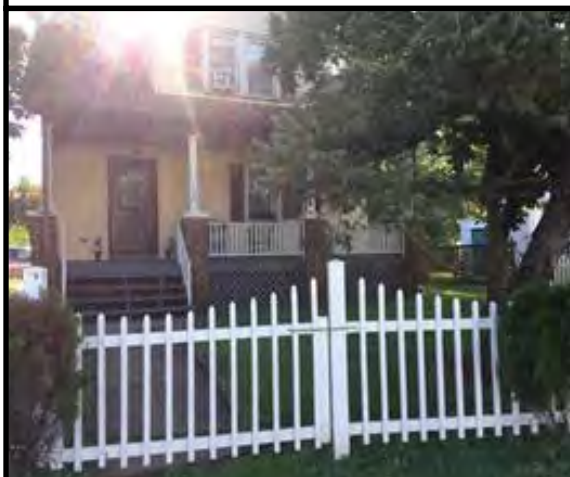
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