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#### Questions on How Board Members Appointments, CDBG Monies & Quality of Life 2/12/18 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – Resident Stanley Sierakowski referenced the last Council Meeting when former Council President Lisa Nanton quoted the stature of an Ordinance specifically regarding appointments of members to the Redevelopment Agency. Sierakowski said he looked on the City's website that part of the stature is missing (No. 18-313-8-17), or at least he couldn't find it.

He then continued, "Ordinance 894 was passed by the Council in the past. The Faulkner Act has 12 different governing boards. The Mayor appoints department heads. You override the Mayor's ordinance."

Law Director Peter King responded to Sierakowski's comments, "I have been calling the DCA (Department of Community Affairs) about this issue."

Resident Ken Balut came forward, "I OPRA'd a request about the cost of sending the Chaplains to Puerto Rico." He continued and talked about the number of students that have come into Perth Amboy between 2010-2015. "The amount of students and taxes went up. The overdose that I mentioned (at a previous meeting) happened at a church that cares for the homeless. I also think that R-67-2/18 (CDBG grant of \$33,079 to the Jewish Renaissance Community Development Corporation) and R-68-2/18 (CDBG grant of \$39,950.80 to the Raritan Bay Area YMCA) should be tabled. They should be here to explain what that money will be used for. Remember that employees from Joe Vas got grants and houses through a fake lottery. There is a church on Cortlandt Street that would be great for a homeless shelter. They have a big kitchen and a lot of room. Churches are trying to sell property. Don't give money to the Y and JRF."

Business Administrator Adam Cruz responded to Balut's comments about the Chaplains' trip to Puerto Rico, "The Chaplains paid their own way and there was no cost to the City."

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up to speak. He wanted to inform the Council and City Residents that there is a legal services office located on the 3rd floor of the Five Corners Building. They can help a lot of people in Perth Amboy. "They're useful, especially when it comes to housing issues. Now, they have a funding problem. They pay for parking spaces and maybe the City can comp some of these spots." Baratta suggested that maybe they can get some CDBG grants.

B.A. Cruz responded, "The County has to make that request."

Resident Vince Mackiel came up to speak and mentioned a HUD Open Public Records Meeting that he attended recently. "The CDBG is a federal grant. People talk about the structural differences in the City. I lived in a house for a year with no heat. I called various agencies to look at this problem. The chimney was replaced. People need to make structures and make sur enough heat is provided. Please consider the extreme weather conditions."

B.A. Adam Cruz responded to a question about the City Police who went to Puerto Rico, "We (the City) were reimbursed by the State through FEMA for those officers who went to help in Puerto Rico."

Responding to Mackiel's question on safety issues regarding buildings, Cruz said, "We have a program that is addressing the carbon monoxide problem."

Acting Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up to explain this in more detail, "We've had a program for carbon monoxide detectors for decades. We now have 200 units each of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors to distribute, and we'll be going door to door. We've installed s a number of these detectors since Saturday (2/10/18). On March 10, the City will have a: "Sound the Alarm" event (in coordina-



Business Administrator Adam Cruz

tion with Red Cross). We will be going door to door (to see if residents need detectors). The Mayor and I did an assembly at a school with 500 people in attendance. Information is given in Spanish and English."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez had a question regarding how CDBG grants are awarded. "We used to have a community group who decided who gets these grants. I have a problem with the Y because they owe us a lot of money. The Y owes us \$22,000 a month. It costs me \$15 to use the facility in Woodbridge. I want all organizations requesting grants to tell us how they are using them and to thank us for giving it to them."

Councilman Joel Pabon talked about how people have been calling him to say the homeless are sleeping in McDonald's and in people's hallways. "I don't know if that church building (that Balut spoke about earlier on Cortlandt Street) is available. If it has a big kitchen and a lot of room, then we should look at it. People come here because they know they can find a spot to sleep here."

Cruz responded the County has been proactive to see how many homeless from other towns are coming here. "The new warming center has been very active and providing new resources. Our Police are always very proactive."

Councilman Irizarry had an excused absence.

## Incident on Gordon St., Perth Amboy 2/13/18 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang



PERTH AMBOY - Police at the crime scene of a shooting on Gordon Street. 2/13/18



K-9 Police investigate the crime scene on Gordon Street. 2/13/18

#### Former Law Director Mark Blunda Honored 2/14/18

\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



PERTH AMBOY - Council President hands a citation to former Law Director Mark Blunda for his service to the City of Perth Amboy. Looking on (L to R) Councilmen Fernando Irizarry, Joel Pabon, Helmin Caba and Fernando Gonzalez. Resolution R-55-2/18 Expressing appreciation, compliments, and gratitude to Mark J. Blunda, Esq. for his dedicated services as Law Director.

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#### If It's Local - It's Here!











#### **Information Regarding Police Incident**

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY - At 2252 hours four Perth Amboy Police officers were in the 300 block of Watson Ave. As officers approached a person of interest related to a prior fire-arms incident, he opened fire at our officers. Officers returned fire in response to the threat.

There are no injuries as a result of this incident. The person of interest is in custody. The investigation on going and being conducted by the Middle-

sex County Prosecutors Office. If anyone has any information about this incident, please contact the Perth Amboy Police Department at 732-442-4400.

"The Perth Amboy Police Department takes the events that occurred in our City over the past week very seriously, as such we continue to take swift appropriate action against crime. Gun violence has no place in our community, as it is my utmost priority and concern to keep our residents safe and

secure. As you travel throughout the City in the coming days and weeks, in order to combat this recent violence, you will see an increased police presence of both uniformed and non-uniformed officers deployed in many different neighborhoods. I commend the training, professionalism and work of the Police department as a whole and trust in their ability to continue to protect our City," said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

## **Public Comments** 2/14/18 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Resident Jeremy Baratta came up and asked, "Why are we meeting here? The elevator is broken and the handicapped can't get up here. It happened at a Zoning Board Meeting, too." He let it be known that there was a handicapped person who couldn't make the Meeting because they could not get up the stairs.

Resident Renee Skelton came up to speak next. She stated that the zoning violation she spoke about at the last Council Meeting was still going on. Violations are not being enforced or are selectively enforced. She then added that the case she spoke about before was not on the calendar because Code Enforcement, the local Prosecutor, and the defendant's lawyer had a closed-door meeting. The person in violation was given a 30day adjournment. She went on to say that this was an R-25 Zone and commercial and industrial activity is prohibited. She wanted to know why this is not being enforced.

Law Director King responded, "The owner of the company thought they were okay. Code Enforcement gave them a 30-day adjournment. This went to the Zoning Board to get a hearing. Within 30 days, the buses had to be removed (from the property). The judge gave the company 30 days."

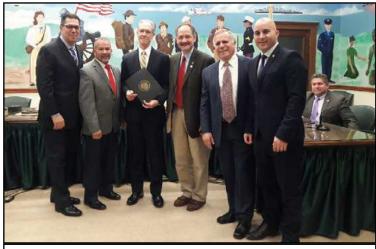
Councilman Irizarry spoke next and thought the judge violated the law.

Council President Petrick said, "Zoning should look into this and the judge ignored the violations."

Law Director Peter King then said, "Summons were issued. The Company got a 30-day adjournment."

Irizarry then stated, "We have an ordinance that needed to be followed."

Skelton spoke up again and was adamant when she said this case never went before a judge and her belief was that they made a deal with the prosecutor. She stated that Code Enforcement would give her a date (when the case would be heard). She also said that any time she went to court on those dates the case was never on the calendar.



PERTH AMBOY - Former Law Director Mark Blunda poses for a photo with the Council and. B.A. Adam Cruz ((R) seated)

\*Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

Cruz responded, "We follow the law as written. The defendant's attorney requested a meeting with the judge."

Skelton concluded stating the City has no responsibility to help anyone and the case never went before a judge.

Resident Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak about Ordinance No. 4 Adopting Amendments to the Focus 2000 Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 in accordance with the local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

Sierakowski wondered, "Why is there no information in the main book about this ordinance?"

City Clerk Elaine Jasko responded, "The backup is not in the book. It's the First Reading."

There were more comments regarding problems affecting quality of life issues.

Resident Sharon Hubberman referenced R-77-2/18. Referring a Redevelopment Plan to the Planning Board for comments and recommendations. Hubberman stated, "This should encompass a traffic study. In other towns, the Council can refer back to the party involved (contractor, developer, or planner). Our roadways have not had an evaluation taken by our engineer. A traffic study is viable."

Resident Vincent Mackiel then spoke about CDBG grants and thought that they (the organizations) do good work." Mackiel wanted to know who denied the Salvation Army to stay open. "It's unacceptable to have the homeless on the street and hanging out in the library. If the Salvation Army was open, they could use that facility." He also referred to R-77-2/18. "I can park at the train station after the buses were removed. People can park at the Landings. Eliminate speculative development. It did not live up to what it was supposed to be. Stop catering to certain people."

Resident and Businessman David Caba came up to speak. He asked the Council if they could please clarify what R-77-2/18 is about.

Law Director Peter King responded, "This is for the Greek Church property."

Caba continued, "After 10 years, Rector Street is going to be fixed. After it's restored, I want it to be: The Caba and Irizarry Way."

Resident Ken Balut spoke next. He referenced R-55-2/18 appreciation to Mark Blunda. "I can't say enough about how Blunda handled the City's cases while spending less money. He then referenced Communication No. 12 (Adam Cruz, B.A. advising Council President William Petrick that he story of an O/D and a person having a needle in the arm during Code Blue at Olive Street is false).

Balut stated, "Churches and Volunteers should not be handling the homeless. I don't have a problem with the Y helping the homeless, but Smith Street is not a good location. The

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# Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library are having a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library (at the Children's Library in rear of the building), 196 Jefferson St. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 732-261-2610

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## 75th Anniversary of Troop 53, BSA

FORDS - Troop 53, BSA, Our Lady of Peace Church, Fords, NJ is Celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

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#### LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

#### **EDITORIAL**

#### See Something; Say Something They Did; Unfortunately, Action Wasn't Taken

Prayers and condolences can only do so much. How many times have these words been spoken to the families of those that lost loved ones to violence. This has been going on for many years and it's been done under both political parties.

There's always speculation as to what can be done to keep certain weapons out of the hands of madmen. We believe one thing for sure, like Mother Nature – if a person is bent on destruction, they will find someway to carry it out.

Yes, again this editorial is in response to tragedy that happened again in a school system. This time, it was Parkland, Florida where 31 were gunned down and 17 killed.

The authorities were notified about this madman from a close relative. He posted on his media sites, and videos about his intentions. The FBI admitted they dropped the ball big time on this one.

From www.FBI.gov: *Official Press Release*:

On January 5, 2018, a person close to Nikolas Cruz contacted the FBI's Public Access Line (PAL) tipline to report concerns about him. The caller provided information about Cruz's gun ownership, desire to kill people, erratic behavior, and disturbing social media posts, as well as the potential of him conducting a school shooting. Under established protocols, the information provided by the caller should have been assessed as a potential threat to life. The information then should have been forwarded to the FBI Miami Field Office, where appropriate investigative steps would have been tak-

We have determined that these protocols were not followed for the information received by the PAL on January 5. The information was not provided to the Miami Field Office, and no further investigation was conducted at that time.

We were relieved about the cure in our schools.

arrest of twin brothers Christian and Tyler Toro in New York, one of which (Christian) was an ex-teacher. They were paying students to bring bomb making materials to their apartment. School Authorities later discovered instructions for manufacturing explosive devices on Christian Toro's work laptop after it was turned in.

There was an article written by Dennis Malloy from 101.5 AM Radio entitled: "How to End Mass Shooting at Schools: Get Rid of the Schools." Here is a link if you want to read it: http://nj1015.com

Recently, I heard parents who were upset at the Administration of Ramapo Ridge Middle School in Mahwah, New Jersey. They were recently given a notice regarding a student who planned to shoot up the middle school on February 23, 2018. The threat was made in late October 2017. That student was expelled from school for the rest of the 2018 school year. A school official stated that the first notification did go out in October 28, 2017, but did not go into great detail.

The following is an excerpt from a Press Release on the East Brunswick, NJ website: At its February 15, 2018 Meeting, the East Brunswick Board of Education unanimously approved a resolution to engage the East Brunswick Police Department to have armed police officers at all of its schools throughout the entire school day to insure the safety of our students and staff. The armed police officers will supplement the District's already existing staff of 71 security officers – all of who are retired police officers - to further enhance the security at all of East Brunswick Board of Education facilities throughout the school year. It is the Board of Education and Superintendent's commitment to take all necessary measures to insure that our students, staff and visitors remain safe and seAlso posted was how the school system handled a recent

terroristic threat by a student: This morning, a high school student was arrested and charged with making a terroristic threat based on an on-line posting. This on-line posting was brought to the attention of District staff by a parent and student at the beginning of the school day. The offending student was immediately identified and escorted to the Main Office by a District Security Officer. East Brunswick Police Officers questioned the student and then took him into custody and will be charging the student with making a terroristic threat.

It would be interesting to look at the statistics of some of the states that have the strictest gun laws and what are their stats on gun violence. Gun laws are not consistent in every state. A National Registry has been discussed.

Listening to the radio earlier today, people called in to talk about when they were in school, they had shooting clubs. They would bring their guns to school and the teachers would hold them until it was time for their practice class. No one thought anything of it. When the practice was over, they would give their teachers the guns back. After school was over, the teachers would then hand the students back their guns.

One of the radio hosts wanted to have this verified. He found out in 1975, 80% of New York District Schools had a shooting club. In 1985, 10 years later it dwindled down to 65%. In 1995, the classes were discontinued due to lack of interest.

The implementation of Social Media has changed our lives in so many ways. Sometimes for good and sometimes for the worse. Unfortunately, we have to concur that the best solution presently is what East Brunswick is implementing. This is the world we live in.

C.M. & K.M.

#### THE COMMUNITY VOICE

#### School Shootings

Shootings
School shootings are in the news again. They demonstrate the vulnerability of "Gun Free Zones". One report said they began around 1990 and became more common. They were unknown before the 1968 Gun Control Act.

What is a possible cause? Since the Supreme Court banned displays of the Ten Commandments they have become common. The Ten Commandments are a symbol of moral training, the killings show a lack of morality. Can we restore moral training to schools? Why not?

Another solution could be a lack of medical care for students. Could we extend Medicare to children from age ten to nineteen? Certainly, these killers had something wrong with them.

Ronald A. Sobieraj

#### Marianne J. Brehun 1935-2018

This week, Marianne Brehun passed away. She was very active in the community. I first met her during the Bicentennial in 1975 when she served in a few committees. From then until now she served leadership roles in the Woman's Club, the Proprietary House Association, Raritan Bay Hospital Auxiliary, and the CAP (Citizen's Advisory Panel) for the chemical companies in Perth Amboy. The last time I served on a committee with her was the Fire

Department Anniversary Committee.

Once I was very sick and in the hospital for a long time, Marianne came every Wednesday with her signature cup of coffee in hand and sat with me and told me the news of Perth Amboy.

Marianne's whole life was spent in service to this community. Rest in Peace, Marianne. You paid your dues. Rest in Peace.

Anton J. Massopust City Historian Perth Amboy, New Jersey

# New Perth Amboy History Documentary

PERTH AMBOY - "F. Luis Mora, An American Master in Perth Amboy" is set to premier on local Comcast TV Channel 34, and on Fios Channel 67/68. This documentary was created & produced by local historian & businessman John Kerry Dyke.

Who is F. Luis Mora? His full name is Francis Luis Mora, although he preferred to just be called Luis. Today, many art experts & galleries refer to him as "America's First Great Hispanic Artist", and his paintings are on display across the country including in The White House. His family roots go back to Uruguay, Spain, Cuba, Puerto Rico & France.

The Mora Family immigrated to Perth Amboy by 1881, bringing a very young F. Luis. His father, Domingo Mora, was

employed by the Perth Amboy Terra Cotta Company as its Chief Design Director. Domingo's sculptures, designs & influence grace the facades of many Perth Amboy buildings, as well as important structures throughout the United States. And Domingo's great artistic ability was inherited by his son, F. Luis.

This documentary focuses on F.Luis Mora's relationship with Perth Amboy and many of his great works that were created here. And of course, period images of Perth Amboy (including those from rare glass negatives) are including in this film.

Check the Comcast Channel 34 or Fios 67/68 schedule for viewing times.

John K. Dyke

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

#### Proprietary House Open

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

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

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

#### **Community Calendar**

**Perth Amboy** 

THURS. Feb. 22 Historic Preservation Commission, 7 p.m.

City Hall, High St.

MON. Feb. 26 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.

City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

**South Amboy** 

WED. Feb. 28

WED. Feb. 21 City Council, Regular 7 p.m.

City Hall, N. Broadway

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#### **Public Comments**

#### 2/14/18 Council Meeting

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church on Cortlandt Street is better." Balut also said, "R-67 should be tabled until someone is here to speak how that money will help the poor. Grants were given to City Employees who are not qualified. Don't give to employees who already have a house. We lost the UEZ because they gave money to those who are not qualified. This is all tax dollars regardless if it came from the State, Local, County, or Federal. I also believe that there is something wrong in Code Enforcement."

Resident Alan Silber then came up to speak. He referenced Resolution R-56-2/18 through R-59-2/18 which dealt with workers compensation settlements. "A lot this is due to dangerous work. Do we have someone making sure that workers have safe working conditions. The insurance company is weak. Is there a list of compensation money listed? I see that there are organization changes." Silber then continued, "In 2016, a person who worked on a political ticket in 2016 now has a job with the City. Was this new job created for him? I also see this person is overseeing the Parking Utility."

Cruz responded, "That person is the Manager (of the Parking Utility)."

Silber retorted, "The title states "Overseer" – not "Manager."

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then spoke up regarding this situation, "I sent an email. This is very serious. If a job was created due to improper appointments and illegal priority, I heard this person rents an apartment from somebody that worked on that campaign."

Councilman Gonzalez finished the discussion asking, "You wanted people involved to come here to testify under oath." He then spoke about R-77 asking why was this requested.

Parish Council President of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy, Judge Marina Corodemus came up to speak, "This is the community center property, which is still under the Elizabethtown Gas remediation. It took 3 months for the engineer report. It should have taken 30 days. This is our 7<sup>th</sup> time coming back here. I don't know what was the delay by your City Engineer. Our engineers and the others (that we hired) had their work or reports done in a timely manner."

During the last public portion, David Caba came up to speak, "The Council is starting to listen. I saw the special meeting on the internet. I saw people sitting with the Council up front. The room was packed, and the public was standing. The public should have been given those seats. Eric Rodgers made a good point. I would have loved to see him sitting with you instead. Wilda is not running this City. I don't have the kind of money those developers have. I agree with rezoning parts of Smith Street, but it depends on who will benefit. Mr. Rodgers was right. Paramount does nothing. I came here a couple of years ago criticizing Paramount. All they do is take people's money and run. They always get tax appeals. A lot of the stores that were in properties owned by Paramount are closed. It's very disappointing that people cut deals that only benefit them. They don't have a heart. I see the Council is working for the people."

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up to speak, "We need an update on the Sunshine Law. During the public comments anything that is written on the Agenda/Ordinance can be commented on. On the second public portion, people can talk about anything. Any paid professional should know this. There should be no ambiguity about public comments and what's stated on the agenda."

Ken Balut came up to speak, "I hope this is a legal house (what PRAHD purchased). Barry gets \$5 million from the County. The Mayor wrote a letter supporting Barry that disappeared. There was another \$150,000 payout for sexual assault, too. This is not being handled properly. I was sent a notice stating that my property needed to be properly maintained. It was a complaint about my hedges. It's wintertime, my hedges are bare. The only thing is the pictures they sent me that was supposed to be my property was not my property. They found a certain time to take pictures of my house when there were no cars parked there."

Balut had complained at previous meetings about illegally parked vehicles on his block.

Alan Silber came up to speak next. "Two owners who will have their property values increased were sitting up front (by the Council) during that special meeting. We need more inspectors. Paramount wants regulations and red tape removed. We always get rosy pictures of new developments." Silber then addressed Councilman Caba, "Mr. Caba, you have to realize who gives you money and who you give money to. You gave money to someone who rents an apartment from someone who the Mayor helped get on the Board of Education." Silber then addressed Councilman Irizarry, telling him, "I was amazed you gave a "No" vote to one of the agenda items."

Sharon Hubberman then came up to speak, "There were a lot of sentiments concerning the density of the City. It' a false premise that additional people will become consumers. The growth rate will be a hinderance. You need jobs. You need to reestablish a Tenant Board. Store owners pay between \$3000 - \$6000 a month in rent after all their expenses. I read a report that in Jersey City, people were pulling scams where they knocked on people's doors. It's usually two people working together. I saw this happen yesterday in Perth Amboy. This is a safety issue." She went on to discuss the Vegetation gardens (discussed at the special meeting). "Recreational use of marijuana will become issues for the Police and other residents. Other towns are banning this. Our Police force is pulled in many different directions. I have called the police when I have seen people suspiciously knocking on doors." She then stated these people have walkie-talkies which scare her. "When I call the Police, they come right

Stanley Sierakowski came up to speak. He again read the ordinance dealing with the Redevelopment Agency and the appointment of members. He again reiterated, "The Faulkner Act does not overrule the State Stature."

Law Director Peter King responded, "A letter of opinion was submitted 3 months ago regarding the Faulkner Act."

Resident Linda Ferreira came up to speak, "The elevator was turned off after a previous meeting. Police said the elevator was broken, even though I used it twice that day. I was lied to. Who says we don't have crime? I remember when the police used to drive around. My daughter's car was stripped. Every time I read the paper, there are more cops hired. We should have thousands. I remember when my daughters didn't want to move from the City. Now, she can't wait to get out. 80% of people who work for the City are on Boards, and they also worked on the Mayor's campaign. What happened to the teen curfew? The Budapest section of town is forgotten

Resident Iris Rodriguez came up to speak, "There's a lot of congestion, especially on Fayette and Smith Streets and at the Ceres School near Broad and State Streets. There are no lines to cross the street. People go 50 miles per hour in a 25-mph zone. It's hard to get in and out of QuickChek. The traffic is making me very stressful. We need more streetlights because of the amount of housing we have."

Steve Nascimento, who owns a condo at Harbortown for the last 12 years came up to speak. "I no longer live in town, but there have been 2 massive failures of past developments. Har-

bortown wants to try to convince 2 Councilmen to approve plans (amended). Look at the lack of workmanship at Harbortown presently. Look at the deficiency of the new housing that you can see with the naked eye. See how it's being maintained and do a walkthrough before you have a meeting (with the Harbortown Representatives). Pools that were supposed to be constructed were turned into parking lots. In Aberdeen, they put in amenities that they promised to put in our town. The community center came in 8 years after I lived there."

After the public portion was closed, the Council made their comments.

Helmin Caba thanked those who attended the meeting. He also said, "Don't assume that the Council knows everything. We depend on you."

Fernando Gonzalez stated, "It's incumbent on us (the Council) to take our positions seriously. We need to investigate if people who work on campaigns have been hired and if they live in town. The Council should investigate and have people come here under oath to answer questions. I asked Mr. King to investigate the individual who is overseeing the Parking Utility."

King then responded to Gonzalez. "Just to be sure, you want me to see if this person was paid to work on a campaign and if he is qualified for the position he was appointed to."

Gonzalez then asked King, "What is the law to make us an investigative party?"

Irizarry had no comments.

Joel Pabon had a statement regarding the zoning changes, "Annie Hindelang from Redevelopment had said that she would incorporate a traffic study into the zoning, and what about the update on the county road?"

Bill Petrick responded to the county road question, stating, "The people working on that road are reapplying for some of the expired permits."

Pabon then went on and asked about the storage of vehicles on the City's High Street properties. "A lot of those cars have been there for a while. There was supposed to be a time limit. They should be auctioned off or given back to the owners. High Street is becoming a junk yard."

Council President Bill Petrick spoke last. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and those watching on TV. "If you're having trouble with the audio problems, call the City Clerk."

#### **Discussion on Ordinances**

2/14/18 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – There was discussion regarding Ordinance No. 2 entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" and regarding "Street Excavation."

Resident Vince Mackiel asked if there would be exceptions to this.

Council President Bill Petrick responded that they are still working on the gas lines.

Mackiel then asked if the City is still doing the water contract.

B.A. Cruz went on to explain that the utility companies could open up the streets at any time of the year in an emergency situation such as problems with the water pressure. "You can only open up the areas that are affected by the emergency. The water is a City Utility. The NJEIP is our funding source. Utilities can't spend more than the actual repair."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry questioned if utility representatives can be present at pre-construction meetings.

Council President Petrick replied, "Yes, we can do that."

Ordinance No. 2 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Gonzalez.

Resident Sharon Hubberman came up to speak about Ordinance No. 3 entitled "Public Entertainment" regarding Special Events/Application Process. Hubberman was concerned because she had applied way in advance to hold an event in a public City Park. "I had to cancel the event because I got permission too late (the day before the event). The turnaround time (to respond back) is too long. There needs to be an application process regarding the turnaround time for approval."

B.A. Cruz responded, "We are streamlining the approval process. The Business Administrator Department will receive the applications."

Ordinance No. 3 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Gonzalez.

There was a discussion by the Council about Ordinance No. 1 First Reading entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" regarding stop sign at Buckingham Avenue and High Street.

Councilman Irizarry asked, "Why a 4-way sign?"

Acting Police Chief Roman McKeon came up to speak, "Although there's not a lot of traffic flow on Buckingham, during the peak hours traffic backs up."

Councilman Helmin Caba finished the discussion, "When Harbortown finishes (building up), we will need a traffic light."

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#### **Representatives Explain** Where the Money is Going

2/14/18 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY - Resolutions R-66-2/18 - R-69-2/18 dealt with the proper City Officials to execute contracts with different organizations to receive CDBG grant from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development under Title 1 of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 as Amended.

Organizations requesting those grants appeared at the Council Meeting to explain what they would use the money

Robert Durso who is on the Board of Directors of PRAHD came forward to explain the amount they requested of \$66,746.10. "We purchased the property next to the PRAHD building (100 First St.). We acquired that property through a foreclosure sale. The money will be used to renovate it, so it can be purchased for a qualified low-income family. We also have a rental assistance program that is 6 years old. We're living in very tough times."

Councilman Irizarry questioned Durso and wanted to know if this program for residents.

Durso replied, "Yes, but other towns send applicants to Perth Amboy."

The next person to come up to speak was CEO and Director of the Perth Amboy YMCA Steve Jobin. The Raritan Bay Area YMCA request was for \$39,950.80. "This is for the capital expense for 392 Smith St. The application went in last March. We have used the Carpenter's Union to do work. We also have donations from an electric company."

The third organization that asked for CDBG grant was the

Jewish Renaissance was for \$33,079.00. Jewish Renaissance Community Development Corporation Executive Director Tommy Hudanish had sent a correspondence that because a prior commitment he could not appear in person at tonight's meeting. He could speak by phone or appear at another regular meeting.

Because of a representative not being available from the Jewish Renaissance at the Meeting, R-67-2/18 was tabled. The consent agenda R-45 through R-66 and R-69 through R-77 was moved by Councilman Fernando Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Joel Pabon. R-68 was pulled to be voted on separately. When it came to voting separately, all voted "Yes" except for Councilman Irizarry who voted "No."

#### Coughlin & Benson Pro-Consumer Bill Helping Cable Subscribers Get Credits, **Rebates for Service Outages Clears Assembly**

Press Release 2/15/18

TRENTON - Legislation sponsored by Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin and Assemblyman Daniel Benson that would exempt cable television subscribers from notifying cable television service outages to receive credit or a rebate was approved, 69-1, by the full Assembly on Thursday.

Under existing law, a CATV subscriber is to notify the CATV company, the Office of Cable Television, or other designated complaint officer of a service outage to receive a credit rebate.

"As of right now, cable TV subscribers may call their company and request a rebate or credit for the time they have gone without service due to an

outage," said Coughlin (D-Middlesex). "Many residents take the time to inquire about a rebate; however, others may not have the time or even know they can call to receive a credit to their account.

"With this bill, we ensure residents get the credit or rebate due to them -- in the event an outage interrupts their service for a substantial period of time - without any undue stress."

"Residents who are busy with work and families may not have time to call and ask for a refund every time an outage happens," said Benson (D-Mercer, Middlesex). "The onus should not be on the subscriber but on the company to make sure a resident is credited for an outage."

The bill (A-2023) amends existing law to provide that a cable television company is to issue, within 30 days of a subscriber's CATV service outage, a credit or rebate or any other form of compensation deemed appropriate by the cable company for a subscriber's cable television service outage, regardless of whether the subscriber notifies the CATV company, the Office of Cable television or notifies the CATV company, the Office of Cable Television, or other designated complaint officer of the service

The bill was advanced by the **Assembly Telecommunications** and Utilities Committee on January 29.

#### Save Money. Get Your Taxes Done for Free!

PERTH AMBOY – You can get your taxes done for free by IRS-certified volunteers at locations throughout the community. Income up to \$65,000 in 2017. Save up to \$300. The free tax sites also help eligible taxpayers claim important tax credits and refunds. Over \$2,3000,000 in 2017! Some of the credits include:

- The Earned Income Tax Credit
- Premium Tax Credit
- Child/Childcare Credit

Get your tax return prepared at these locations; Call to schedule an appointment:

Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 – 732-826-1690; Perth Amboy Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 – 732-826-2600; Hansen Building, 415 Fayette St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861; Feb. 20, 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 732-

Jewish Renaissance Foundation, 149 Kearny Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 732-324-2114, ext. 1111

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#### Ashes to Go, Perth Amboy Train Station 2/14/18 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang







Valentine's Day Party, Olive Street Community Center, Perth Amboy 2/14/18 \*Photos by Paul W. Wang









# **Amboy Bank Winter Clothing Drive**



SOUTH AMBOY - Stan Koreyva, Amboy Bank President & COO, and Gregory Scharpf, EVP & Chief Retail Officer, present clothing donations to Tina Foley of the Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen and Richard Ferreira of the Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton. The donations were collected during Amboy Bank's winter clothing drive. Employees and clients from all 24 Amboy offices displayed their generosity in donating over a hundred bags of clothing and coats. "Our client's needs are many and continue after the holidays," said Foley. "We are very grateful to the employees of Amboy Bank for their ongoing support and commitment to serving the needs of its communities." Founded in 1888, Amboy has been voted "Best Bank in Central Jersey" for 20 years in a row.

\*Photo Submitted

# Free Programs for People with Diabetes

Offered in English and Spanish in Perth Amboy



PERTH AMBOY - Are you a person with Medicare living with diabetes or know someone who is? Take control of your health through a completely free and fun six-week workshop series. Meet others going through similar challenges and learn about preventing complications, healthy eating, exercise, medication management, dealing with stress and depression, action planning, and much more. The program has helped graduates eat healthier, lose weight, regulate their blood sugar levels, and live a healthier life.

Free diabetes self-management programs will be offered in both English and Spanish at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA on 357 New Brunswick Ave in Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

The free series in Spanish will be offered on Tuesdays, March 6 to April 10, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The free series in English will be offered on Thursdays, March 8 to April 12, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

To register for either free program, call Brenda Guilles, Director of Healthy Living at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, at (732) 442-3632 ext. 6530.

Complimentary healthy refreshments and free literature will be provided. All attendees must register by the second workshop session.

The free programs are being offered by Quality Insights as part of the national Everyone with Diabetes Counts (EDC) program, which is funded by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Learn more at www.qualityinsights-qin.org. \*Photo Submitted

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#### PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Superintendent

For Immediate Release February 16, 2018

Perth Amboy – The New Jersey Department of Education today released the District-Level School Performance Reports for the 2016-2017 school year. The Perth Amboy Public School District has been acknowledged for their improvement and academic growth. As taken from New Jersey Department of Education's website, "Perth Amboy Public Schools restructured its administration in order to provide strategic and targeted supports, upgraded facilities, and increased outreach to students and parents by working collaboratively with teachers and leaders. As a result, their graduation rate grew more than 16 percentage points in 4 years."

Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendent of Schools, wants to acknowledge that this is a collaborative effort amongst many talented staff members. Dr. Roman also stated, "As promised...we have only just begun. We are excited about the future and our quest to establish a district of distinction for our students as they deserve no less."

To learn more about what is happening in the Perth Amboy Public School District, please visit our website at <a href="https://www.paps.net">www.paps.net</a>.

For more information contact:

Office of the Superintendent (732) 376-6201

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#### PERTH AMBOY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Oficina del Superintendente Para Publicación Inmediata 16 de febrero del 2018

Perth Amboy - El Departamento de Educación de Nueva Jersey publicó hoy los Informes de Desempeño Escolar a nivel de Distrito para el año escolar 2016-2017. El Distrito Escolar Público de Perth Amboy ha sido reconocido por su mejoría y crecimiento académico. Según el sitio web del Departamento de Educación de Nueva Jersey, "las Escuelas Públicas de Perth Amboy reestructuraron su administración para proporcionar apoyos estratégicos y específicos, edificios mejorados y un mayor alcance a los estudiantes y padres trabajando en colaboración con maestros y líderes. Como resultado, su tasa de graduación creció más de 16 puntos porcentuales en 4 años."

El Dr. David A. Roman, Superintendente de Escuelas, quiere reconocer que esto es un esfuerzo colaborativo entre muchos miembros talentosos del personal de nuestro distrito escolar. El Dr. Roman también declaró: "Como prometí ... recién hemos comenzado. Estamos entusiasmados con el futuro y nuestra búsqueda para establecer un distrito de distinción para nuestros estudiantes, ya que no se merecen menos."

Para obtener más información sobre lo que está sucediendo en el Distrito Escolar Público de Perth Amboy, visite nuestro sitio web en <a href="https://www.paps.net">www.paps.net</a>.

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# Cherish The Ladies

MILLTOWN - VFW Post 133 and The Pipes & Drums of the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh Proudly Present Cherish The Ladies, Irish Traditional Music and Dance Ensemble on Sunday, February 25th starting at 7 p.m.at the American Legion Joyce Kilmer Post #25, in Milltown, NJ. For tickets contact: Tommy Coohill (732.254.8864) or John O'Keefe (908.705.1606)

#### Ask the Rabbi

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - On Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> Rabbi Sara Metz of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall food court (near Panera) at noon. Rabbi Metz will answer all questions asked and will also discuss current events and subjects of interest.

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- Luz Ramirez

#### **Middlesex County College**

Open House at Perth Amboy Center

PERTH AMBOY – Take the Next Step for a Better Future! Thursday, March 15, 5: 30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Center, 60 Washington St., Perth Amboy, N.J. Whether you want to start or continue your college education or improve your English language skills, Middlesex County College is the right choice. Come learn about admissions, financial aid, ESL, and job training programs, plus meet our students and alumni. Register at middlesexcc.edu/perth-amboy-center. (Information is at the bottom of the page.) Held in English and Spanish.



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#### Chili Cook Off

WOODBRIDGE - Ready for the "Cook-Off"!!! The chefs are "Heating-Up" for the 11th Annual Woodbridge Township Charity Chili Cook-Off on Sun., March 4... LIVE from J.J. Bitting Brewing Co., 33 Main Street, in Downtown Woodbridge from Noon - 2:00 PM. Don't have a chili recipe!!! No problem!!! Come spend the afternoon sampling the best chili and the best local brew Woodbridge has to offer!!! Contact Eileen Caggiano at: (732) 596-4048 or e-mail Eileen.Caggiano@twp.woodbridge.nj.us or www.njbrewpubs.com. The Heat is on Us!!!! All proceeds donated to a Woodbridge Charitable Cause.

#### VITA (United Way) Tax Assistance

**a Dowdell Library** Press Release 2/5/18

SOUTH AMBOY - Need help preparing your taxes? Sign up NOW to reserve one of the limited spaces provided by VITA (United Way). VITA free tax preparation assistance for individuals earning less than \$64,000 per year is available on the following dates. To register: 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org

Tuesday, February 20 from 10 am-2:30 pm,

Wednesday, March 21 from 10 am-2:30 pm

Monday, March 26 from 4-8

Monday, April 9 - Drop off service only 10 am— 12 noon. Pick up return on Wednesday April 11.

Stop by the library in February on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm for Family Lego Maze. Build the craziest and wackiest maze out of Legos and guide your marble through to the end. We'll supply the Legos, you supply the maze outline!

Take part in Dowdell's Winter Olympics Palooza! Join us for live streaming of the games, Winter Olympics Wii U Contest, Marshmallow Stacking, Making your own Flag and other activities throughout February! No registration is required.

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.

#### Edison AARP Ch. 3446

**EDISON - 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.

#### Breakfast Fundraiser

HOPELAWN - There will be a breakfast fundraiser sponsored by Los Criollos at the Good Shepherd Parish in Msgr. Gambino Hall, 625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn on Sunday, March 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$8 pp. Please contact Susan Nieves for tickets. Walk-Ins welcome. Menu includes: eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, bread, orange juice or coffee. All proceeds to benefit medical expenses for Jennifer Lopez-Soltren.

Jenn is Good Shepherd Parishioner who is a 35-year-old single mother of a 10 year old daughter. Two and a half years ago, she began having seizures and was diagnosed with brain cancer. Since then, she has undergone several radiation and chemo treatments. Recently, her condition has deteriorated, her speech has been affected, and is limited to two to three words and is often unintelligible. Jennifer's doctor reported that they have exhausted all treatments to try to eradicate this disease. We are being told it's time to make end of life preparations. Giving up is not an option! Cancer had done its damage, no doubt, but with strong faith and love, we believe all things are possible. We need your help to get there. The financial burden is real and it's a MAJOR obstacle Jennifer faces. Out-of-pocket expenses, co-pays, deductibles, and prescription costs all add up, and financial resources are limited. Jennifer and her family need your help.

Please support this event or donate what you can and share this story with all your friends and family. Your encouragement and prayers make all the difference. The support of generous souls and the power of LOVE . . . from the bottom of our hearts we say THANK YOU!

#### Raritan Bay Medical Center Awarded Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers

Twelve Hackensack Meridian Health hospitals now hold advanced certification for stroke care

Press Release 2/12/18 PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy have earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark for Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers. The Gold Seal of Approval® and the Heart-Check mark represent symbols of quality from their respective organizations.

Raritan Bay-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy underwent a rigorous onsite review in 2017. Joint Commission experts evaluated compliance with stroke-related standards and requirements, including program management, the delivery of clinical care and performance improvement.

"Raritan Bay Medical Center has thoroughly demonstrated the greatest level of commitment to the care of stroke patients through its Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers," said Patrick Phelan, executive director, Hospital Business Development, The Joint Commission. "We commend Raritan Bay for becoming a leader in stroke care, potentially providing a higher standard of service for stroke patients in its community."

"We are pleased to receive advanced certification from The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association/ American Stroke Association," said Medical Director of Raritan Bay Medical Center's Stroke Center Eric Uhrik, D.O. "The certification provides us with the opportunity to highlight the exceptional stroke care we provide as well as to continually strive to advance our care even further." With Raritan Bay-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy's accreditation, twelve Hackensack Meridian Health hospitals now hold advanced certification for stroke care.

"We congratulate Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge and Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy for achieving this designation," said Nancy Brown, chief executive officer, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. "By adhering to this very specific set of treatment guidelines Raritan Bay has clearly made it a priority to deliver high quality care to all patients affected by stroke."

Established in 2003, Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers is awarded for a two-year period to Joint Commission-accredited acute care hospitals. The certification was derived from the Brain Attack Coalition's "Recommendations for the Establishment of Primary Stroke Centers" (JAMA, 2000) and the "Revised and Updated Recommendations for the Establishment of Primary Stroke Centers" (Stroke, 2011).

Stroke is the number five cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States, according to the American Heart Association. American Stroke Association. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

#### Tip-A-Pint Parade Fundraiser

SOUTH AMBOY - Thursday, February 22, 2018. Hosted by: Murphy's Shamrock Inn, 147 South Pine Ave. South Amboy, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets: \$20 at the DOOR ONLY (Includes food, beer, wine, and soda) The Col. D.B. Kelly Pipes & Drums will be performing. Souvenir Parade Hats will be available for \$10 each.

#### Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

WOODBRIDGE - The Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday, March 11, 20189 sponsored by the American Irish Association of Woodbridge - steps-off at 1:30 p.m. from Woodbridge High School, moves to Freeman Street, onto Linden Avenue, to Amboy Ave. (Route 35) to Main Street, concluding in front of Town Hall. Enjoy more than 80 marching units, including traditional Irish Pipe Bands and Step Dancers, Irish-themed parade floats and displays, marching bands representing all three Woodbridge Township high schools, representatives from Township fire departments, first aid and emergency response squads, members of Woodbridge scouting organizations and community, civic, sports, and neighborhood associations.



#### South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH AMBOY - The 2018 Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be on Sunday, March 18, 2018. The 2018 Honorees are: Grand Marshal: Brian J. Kelly; Deputy Grand Marshal: George Fuller. Honorary Grand Marshal: Dennis Doll; Special Honored Guests: Joan Antonucci, Pete and Cathy DiMaggio; Master of Ceremonies: Barry Rosengarten.

Marchers will line up on South Pine Avenue from 12 p.m. -12:30 p.m.

The parade then takes the following route:

- Head North on S. Pine St.
- Turn Right onto Bordentown Avenue
- Turn Left onto South Stevens
- Turn Right on Main Street
- Turn Right on Broadway
  The parade ends on Broadway
  at the reviewing stage.

Reminder: No open containers. For more information and a full list of parade rules go to: https://www.southamboyparade.com/

# An Evening with Seamus Kennedy

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Parade Committee proudly presents a St. Patrick's Day celebration with Seamus Kennedy. On Friday, March 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Community Theatre of South Amboy at South Amboy High School. Born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Seamus Kennedy has been entertaining audiences across the United States for almost four decades combining music with humor. In this interactive performance, Kennedy invites audiences to sing along to silly lyrics and to jump up and dance to the music of his guitar or bodhrán as he plays a lively Irish jig or reel. Seamus Kennedy's clear baritone voice delivers on cherished Irish ballads like "Danny Boy". The Community Theatre of South Amboy is located within the South Amboy Middle High School complex at 200 Governor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, NJ 08879. To reserve your free ticket visit www.southamboyarts.org Grant funding has been provided by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State. Free Admission

#### Tom's Tax Tips

#### Tips for When Your Employees Are Family Members

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Working with family can be a pleasure. It can also be a pain, especially if you have to terminate a family member's employment. Here are tips to help you ease the strain of mixing your family and employee relationships:

Hire for the right reasons. Make your hiring and firing decisions based on the skill sets needed to keep your business operating effectively. Hiring your son because he's struggling to find a job or employing your niece so she'll be nearby are not good business reasons for bringing staff on board. On the other hand, you may know more firsthand about a family member's talents than you would a stranger's. Working with them may help bring out the best in both them and your business.

Set clear expectations. Communicate the job's performance requirements to your family member right from the start. Clearly define company policies for promotion, compensation and termination. Make it plain that unethical conduct will not be tolerated and that every employee will be held to the same standard of behavior.

Avoid nepotism. Nepotism is our human habit of treating family members more favorably than others. Keep in mind that your non-family employees will be hypersensitive to any favoritism you show to relatives. If someone is a poor performer and doesn't get called out on it because they're listed in your family tree, you'll make their poor performance conta-

gious. The rest of your company will likely start suffering from poor morale and your credibility as a boss will take a hit.

Document performance. Throughout your family member's tenure, maintain a detailed personnel file that tracks behavior resulting in disciplinary actions. In the unfortunate case of a necessary firing, a well-documented file will provide a narrative record that lays out your reasons and clearly communicates the evidence leading to your decision.

If you have to fire, keep it professional. Set a formal termination meeting. You may want to involve a direct supervisor or human resources professional to ensure that your company is appropriately represented and to prevent the conversation from lapsing into emotional arguments. Focus the meeting on your family member's job performance and provide them an opportunity for them to give feedback. Listen to the feedback politely without interrupting or getting drawn into an argument. Use the end of the meeting to suggest resources and contacts to help them transition to a new career. And give them the option to resign rather than be terminated.

The bottom line: Adhere to formal business standards and communicate in a professional, businesslike manner with your related employees. This will help you cultivate a great working relationship with family members and keep relationships intact even if the job situation doesn't pan out.

#### Lenten Fish Fry

#### South Amboy Elks

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Elks, is having a Lenten Fish Fry every Friday during Lent, starting February 16, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; doors open at 5:30 p.m. Menu: Steamed Clams \$8; Fish Sandwich w/fries & coleslaw \$10; Fish Dinner Platter \$14; Shrimp Dinner Platter \$14; Scallop Dinner Platter \$16; Combo Platter includes shrimp, scallop, & fish \$18; All Platters are served with French Fries, coleslaw, soup or salad, dessert, coffee & tea, 5 chicken fingers & fries \$7; For the kids -3chicken fingers & fries \$5. Take out available. For more info call 732-727-7170.

# Corned Beef Dinner

SAYREVILLE - There will be a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St., Sayreville, NJ on Saturday, March 17, 2018, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Cost: Adults: \$12.00; Seniors/Students/Children 5-12 \$8.00; Children under 5 – Free - Spaghetti & Meatballs

Dinner includes: Corned Beef or Spaghetti & Meatballs, Boiled Cabbage Carrots, Boiled Potatoes Rye Bread or Roll, Beverages Dessert. Take Out Available.

For questions or tickets, contact Winsome Melvin 732-432-9072.

#### Movie Review: Black Panther

By: Anton Massopust III "The Black Panther lives."

After the events of Captain America: Civil War, the Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman) returns home to Wakanda, Africa which is hidden away by a forcefield. Wakanda has one of the most powerful Metals in the world: Vibranium.

The Black Panther returns home to be crowned king after the death of his father. He faces new challenges with his family and his old enemy, the Claw (Andy Serkis) has returned. The Claw wants the Vibranium and to sell it to the highest bidder. A new villain who has claims to the throne of Wakanda, Killmonger (Michael B. Jordan). Killmonger is an exnavy seal and mercenary. Killmonger wants to challenge the Black Panther for the throne and the mantleship of being the Black Panther, which is within his rights.

The movie has a great visual style. The special effects are a



surprise to the eyes and ears just like a James Bond film, Black Panther uses a lot of gadgets that his sister helps to provide for him. She's like his Q. The cinematography is wonderful, and the direction is awesome. Everyone in the cast is perfectly cast, and the film is well-acted. The only two complaints I can say is, the film is a bit predictable, but it's a superhero movie, so you can forgive it for that. I think they killed off the Claw too quickly. I would have liked to see the Claw and Killmonger team up.

Everyone gets to shine in this movie, especially the women. They're the personal guards who help the Black Panther in the battle against evil. There are no damsels in distress here. Andy Serkis and Michael B Jordan are great as the villains.

Stan Lee and Jack Kirby created the Black Panther in the 1960's to show that anyone can be a superhero. The Black Panther is a symbol to kids everywhere. You can take the kids and everyone else to the movie. It moves very quickly and is action packed.

#### Hungarian Homemade Nut Rolls

WOODBRIDGE - Sponsored by the Lorantffy Women's Guild of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church, Woodbridge. Each individually hand rolled made from the best ingredients each weighing 11b 8oz. Available in English Walnut, Poppy Seed, Prune-Lekvar, Apricot and Raspberry. Price \$16 each. Orders accepted by Sunday, March 11, 2018. Orders will be available for pickupon Friday, Mach 23, 2018 between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Please use the Ross Street Entrance. All orders must be paid in full upon ordering. Please call Florette Pastor: 732-636-2868

#### Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz Sale

WOODBRIDGE - Fresh Hungarian KOlbasz made by the members of the Calvin Hungarian Reformed Church of Woodbridge. Sale is Friday, March 23, 2018. Place your orders with Audrey Marciniak: 732-494-1431; Price \$5.50 per lb. Deadline for order Sunday, March 18, 2018. Orders may be picked-up on the day of the sale between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Use Ross Street entrance in back of the church. If you are ordering Nut Rolls, you can also place your orders for Kolbasz at the same time.

# **Tooling Around** the Township

Mayor John E. McCormac
WOODBRIDGE — Tooling
Around the Township is a program that organizes teams of
local community volunteers to
make repairs to the homes of
senior citizens, disabled, and
low-income residents unable to
do so themselves or residents
presently facing a financial
hardship.

You and/or organization or business can play an important role in this annual community effort by volunteering a few hours of your time on Tooling day or by donating materials/ supplies.

We Need: Volunteers – both skilled and unskilled. (Please complete VOLUNTEER Form on website)

Sponsors/Donations – you can support this project monetarily, by employee volunteers and/or donation of materials such as paint brushes, roofing materials, etc. (Please complete Sponsors/Donations Form on website.)

If you or someone you know fits the program criteria stated above and could use the help of this program or would like to volunteer, donate or be a sponsor, please call 732-602-6015. More information can be found on the Township's website www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us or by emailing tooling@twp. woodbridge.nj.us Tooling Around the Township is Saturday, April 28, 2018.

# Celebrate! The Year of the Dog

#### - Presented by the Edison Chinese School -

Press Release

SOUTH AMBOY — The Dowdell Library of South Amboy and the Edison Chinese School will hold a FREE event at the Dowdell Library on Sunday, April 15th from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fun activities will be available for the whole family, so mark your calendar!

"This will be an opportunity to experience a unique cultural event," said Elaine Gaber, Library Director. "Community members of all ages will have the opportunity to enjoy authentic Chinese culture and refreshments."

The "Celebrate the Year of the Dog" event will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp with a dazzling Lion Dance performed by students from the Edison Chinese School. A delightful traditional dance, fashion show, and orchestral performance will follow. Moreover, art stations featuring Chinese brush painting, calligraphy and origami demonstrations will be showcased with several DIY crafts for children and adults.

Attendees with food tickets will be treated to traditional Chinese refreshments at the conclusion of the program.

The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School on John T. O'Leary Blvd. Directions: www.dowdell.org Free parking. For more information, please contact the Dowdell Library at 732.721.6060 or comments@dowdell.org.

# This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

On February 19, 1943, British Gen. Orde Wingate's 3,000 Chindit guerrillas engage in their first action behind Japanese lines in Burma, cutting the Mandalay-Myitkyina rail line. The first "flight nurse" recruits of the U.S. Army Nurse Corps are certified at Louisville, Kentucky. The women's role is to render care to wounded soldiers being evacuated by air from the front lines.

Fierce fighting continues in central Tunisia on February 20 after the German breakout through the Kasserine Pass, but further offensive operations by the *Afrika Korps* are called to a halt. Overextended and with his supplies dwindling, Rommel realizes that he cannot continue on the offensive; the *Afrika Korps* pulls back to the Kasserine Pass, in western Tunisia. The *Afrika Korps* will move to the heavily fortified Mareth Line, to defend against the approaching British Eighth Army. (The Mareth Line was a prewar fortification built by France to protect Tunisia against attacks from Libya, a colony of Italy. Axis engineers had refurbished and strengthened the fortification for use during the war.) In Hollywood, executives of major motion picture studios agree to allow the U.S. Office of War Information to censor their movies.

On February 21, U.S. troops occupy Mbanika and Pavuvu, in the Russell Islands, northwest of Guadalcanal. Especially important is an airfield there. A fierce battle had been expected, but the Japanese had already withdrawn, and the islands were taken without a fight. In the Netherlands, Roman Catholic bishops protest the persecution of Jews. In the Ukraine, German forces begin an offensive towards Kharkiv.

The Bulgarian government on February 22 agrees to deport Jews living in occupied Yugoslavia and Greece to German labor camps. Within a month, 23,000 Jews are rounded up and transported to Treblinka and Auschwitz, in Poland, and killed.

The Allies on February 23 launch a massive air attack on the Kasserine Pass, driving the *Afrika Korps* back to its starting position. In Munich, Germany, six core members of "The White Rose" are executed by decapitation. "The White Rose" was a non-violent, intellectual resistance movement consisting of about a dozen students at the University of Munich and their philosophy professor. The group became known — and arrested by the *Gestapo* — for its anonymous leaflet campaign that called for active opposition to the Hitler regime. In the U.S., the government begins minting "steel pennies" in an attempt to conserve copper for the war effort; the one-cent coins are zinc-plated to prevent rust. They are generally unpopular, however, as they are frequently mistaken for dimes, and they don't work in vending machines equipped with magnets to catch slugs.

By February 24, after five days of attacks, Allied convoy ON-166 — sailing from Liverpool, England, to New York City — has lost 15 of its 49 ships. Only one German submarine is sunk by convoy escorts. In Tunisia, the Allies retake the Kasserine Pass.

On February 25, a round-the-clock bombing campaign over Germany begins: U.S. Army Air Forces planes bomb during the day, and RAF planes bomb at night. Over 2,000 raids are conducted over the next 48 hours. Relations between the Allies become tense as the London-based Polish government-in-exile states its expectation that the Soviet Union will restore Poland's pre-war eastern frontier. The statement is made in protest over Soviet decisions negatively affecting Polish sovereignty over eastern territories and the rights of Polish citizens there.

#### Meet the Author: Debbie Doctofsky-Solomon

PERTH AMBOY – The Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library are happy to host Debbie Doctofsky-Solomon on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m. in the Children's Room of the Perth Amboy Library located at 196 Jefferson St.

Debbie's books include Hidden in the Himalayas, Journey to the River of Perfumes and her most recent release Pedro's Decision. Her books promote understanding about other cultures with settings in Nepal, Vietnam and Nicaragua. She will read and talk about her books leading everyone on "an expedition in learning" with fantastic experiences and beautiful illustrations by Silvia Dotti. These books are geared toward kindergarten age through 4th grade. Books will be available for purchase.

For more information on Debbie, visit her website at http://debbiesolomon.com/

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. For information, contact the Friends at (201) 381-1903, e-mail at friendsofperthamboylibrary@gmail.com, visit our webpage at www.folperthamboy.com or find us on Facebook.

The Friends encourage the love of reading and independent learning, play a role in community involvement, sponsor special programs, raise funds for special projects, equipment and materials in excess of the general Library budget.

#### 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, Mar. 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 732-8260819



#### Atlantic City Bus Trip

Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church

PERTH AMBOY - AC Bus Trip to the Tropicana Casino on Sunday, March 11, 2018. Sponsored by the Fellowship Circle of the Hungarian Reformed Church, 331 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, NJ. Bus leaves the church at 12:00 pm - 6 hour stay at Casino from when we arrive in AC. Cost: \$30 pp (\$25 slot play). Bagged lunch provided. To reserve a seat call: 732-261-8726. Payment due ASAP. NO REFUND FOR LAST MINUTE CANCELLA-TIONS!

#### Renault Winery/Resorts AC Trip

Holy Rosary Seniors
HOPELAWN - Renault Win-

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 paper-backs/\$1 for hard cover) ... or select a "bag of books" for a price of only \$5. We are now accepting 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: Feb. 24. We will be there from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (weather permitting). For more info, e-mail us at friendsofper-thamboylibrary@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.

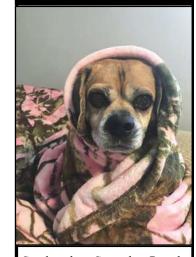
# Martha, Our First Lady

WOODBRIDGE – The Historical Association of Woodbridge Township Presents. . . "Martha, Our First Lady." Speaker: Irene Parke Custis Pearse at First Presbyterian Church, Rahway Ave., Woodbridge on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018 at 7 p.m. For more info call Brenda Velasco, Township Historian: 732-428-2403.

# Greek Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony

PERTH AMBOY – The Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288 presents the Greek Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony. Join us, so together we can commemorate and show our pride for 197 years of Independence on Friday, March 23, 2018 at City Hall Circle, 260 High St., Perth Amboy. RSVP: by March 12, 2018 George N. Petrakakis — gpetrakakis@outlook.com — 732-522-3797.

#### Pet of the Week



Sayde the Snuggle Puggle loves to be cuddled and snuggled

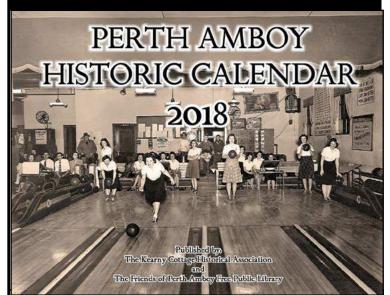
# Community YMCA Yard Sale

PERTH AMBOY – The YMCA is having a community Yard Sale on February 24, 2018 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Y, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Donation: \$20 per table The donation will benefit the Y's Annual Campaign. The Y. For a better us.

# Fish & Chicken Fry

SAYREVILLE - The First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville will be having a Fish and Chicken Fry on Friday, March 16, 2018. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and there are limited tickets available at the door. Chicken is available by advance order only. Take-outs will begin at 5:00 p.m. and dining room seating will be from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For tickets please call 732-257-6353 or e-mail us at churchoffice172@ optimum.net.

#### 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 Marv. and Glory Be three times each. **K.M. & C.M.** 

#### Tricky Tray/ Gift Auction PERTH AMBOY - The St Ann

Society of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption is sponsoring a "OVER THE RAINBOW" Tricky Tray/Gift Auction on March 4, 2018 to be held in the Assumption Catholic School Auditorium, 380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ. Doors open at 12:00 pm and the Auction starts at 2:00 PM. Admission is \$10. There will be 4 levels of wonderful prizes as well as other special raffles including a LG 49" LED Ultra HD 4K Smart TV with HDR, a Designer Bag raffle, Gift Card Extravaganza, Its Your Lucky Day and Money Raffle. Complimentary cake and coffee to all. The Kitchen, sponsored by the men of the Holy Name Society, will be open for lunch, serving delicious foods like, cabbage and noodles, kielbasa and kraut and much more.... Please No Outside Food or Beverage to be brought in. Tickets are available in advance from any St Ann's member or at the door the day of the auction. For more information you can call the rectory at 732-826-0767. Looking forward to seeing you "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

#### **Depression** During the Golden Years

OLD BRIDGE - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Old Bridge is sponsoring a free Depression during the Golden Years education session Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Old Bridge Public Library, One Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Learn signs and symptoms of depression, common problems that cause or mimic depression, and ways to assist elderly who may be depressed. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

#### Spring Breakfast Buffet

PERTH AMBOY – The Ukrainian Assumption Parish Holy Name Society is having an all you can eat Spring Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ukrainian Assumption School Cafeteria (Meredith & Jacques Streets, Perth Amboy). The Brunch Menu includes: scrambled eggs, egg soufflé, omelets (made to order), hash browns, pancakes, fruits, bacon, sausage, coffee, tea, juice and more... Donation: \$10 Adults; \$5 ages 6-12; children under 6 - free. Tickets are available in advance after each Mass or by calling Charlie at 732-254-3966.

#### Answers From Puzzle On Page 15



#### **LOOKING BACK**



WOODBRIDGE - The Woodbridge train wreck occurred on February 6, 1951 in Woodbridge, New Jersey when a train derailed crossing a temporary wooden trestle, killing 86 people. It is the deadliest train wreck in New Jersey, and among the worst train disasters in American history. (Information from \*Photo Courtesy of Ken Puccio

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

### **Senior Scene**

#### Happenings

Perth Amboy TUES. Feb. 20 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. Feb. 21 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. Feb. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

MON. Feb. 26 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St. TUES. Feb. 27 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.

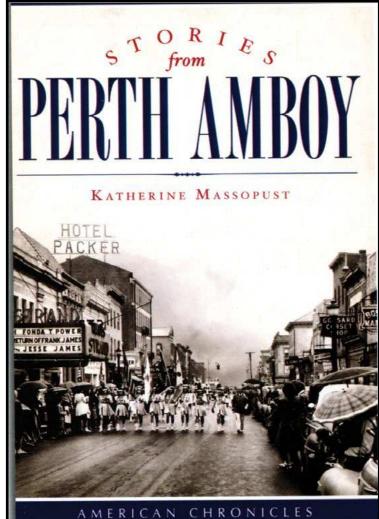
WED. Feb. 28 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd. THURS. Mar. 22 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m.,

Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

#### **South Amboy**

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



#### 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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- 9. Resort for pampering
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- tie 14. Warm
- embrace 15. Slightly
- wet 16. ". Island," classic
- novel 18. Take a
- gander (at) 20. Compared

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- 26. In favor of
- 27. Public transport
- 30. Poverty 31. Upper limb
- 32. Throw with force
- 33. McMahon and Bradley
- 34. Attempt
- 35. Hot . sundae 36. Physician:
- slang 37. Washed out
- (shampoo) 38. Sandal thong
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- 42. Vows to keep
- 44. Steals from 48. Help
- 49. Return to health
- 50. Revise (copy)
- 51. Negative replies
- 52. Observed
- 53. Say (something) isn't so

#### DOWN

- 1. Conclusion
- 2. By way of 3. Lawn tree
- 4. Answered 5. Choir voices
- "Happy"
- serve

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songbird 7. Untouchable tennis

- 8. At less of a distance
- 9. Close
- 10. Unadulterated
- 11. Quite old
- 17. Used a chair
- 19. Not even
- 21. Window section
- 22. Fibbed
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- 26. Sizzle in oil
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- 28. Inner drive
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