



THE

\*Weekly Newspaper\*

COMPLIMENTARY  
UP TO 10 COPIES/\$1 EACH ADDITIONAL

# AMBOY GUARDIAN

• VOL. 7 NO. 43 • 732-896-4446 • P.O. BOX 127 • PERTH AMBOY • NJ • 08862 • WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018 •

## Large Turnout for Special Meeting Regarding Rezoning; Arguments on Both Sides Heard 1/29/18 Special Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – Annie Hindenlang who currently works for the Redevelopment Agency as a Residential Planner began the Meeting with a presentation on the proposed rezoning of sections of Perth Amboy. She stated that this comes from the Office of Economic and Community Development where she was a planner back in 2012. The public was provided a copy of the proposed plan which included the zones that may be affected. She gave a brief overview of how this plan came to fruition. She stated that this has been in the works since 2012 and that the need for rezoning was stressed after Superstorm Sandy. She emphasized the need to reinvent the downtown area and what the City needed to do to accomplish that goal.

Hindenlang stated “We are a growing community. 30% of the population of Perth Amboy has increased and there’s an overcrowding of older single-family units. Over the years, there’s less than half of a housing increase. This is designed to benefit those already here. We did an initial analysis of codes and how we can take the peo-



City Planner Annie Hindenlang gives a presentation at the 1/29/18 special meeting.  
\*Photo by Katherine Massopust



A crowded Council Chambers  
\*Photo by Katherine Massopust

ple’s concerns and direct them to the downtown area and see

\*Continued on Page 7

## Fire at 109 Commerce St. 2/1/18

\*Photo by Paul W. Wang

### Presss Release

PERTH AMBOY - “On behalf of the City of Perth Amboy, we extend our deepest sympathies to the victims of the tragic fire that took place early this morning, where we lost two residents, a 5 year old boy and an adult. I want to thank all of our fire officials and police officers for their response. We ask our community to keep this family in prayer,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

Several Facts regarding the incident:

- Incident reported at 3:07 a.m. at 109 Commerce Street, Perth Amboy



- 2-alarm fire
- 2 deceased, one 5 year juvenile male identified as Rhyen Jumelle and 1 adult male (unable to confirm identity)
- Injuries: 10 transferred to

hospital, including 3 firefighters treated  
• Investigation is ongoing for cause of fire and it does not appear to be

## South Amboy Celebrates Successful Co-Op with Local Students; Victims Remembered from Tragedy at YMCA 1/31/18 Council Meeting



Mayor Fred Henry, Co-Op Program Students, Board of Education Members & Councilman Thomas Reilly  
\*Photo by Joseph L. Kuchie



Doors boarded up at the South Amboy YMCA after the tragedy involving a car crash on Monday, January 29, 2018 around 5 p.m.  
\*Photo by Maurice Maxwell

By: Joseph L. Kuchie  
SOUTH AMBOY - The City of South Amboy recognized two students who recently completed the city’s Co-Op program.

Andrew Rogan and Matthew Coyle were two of the first students to participate in the city’s partnership with the Board of Education. Both students gained experience in different departments within City Hall while also attending school.

Councilman Tom Reilly, who pushed hard to bring the co-op program to South Amboy, congratulated both the students and

the Board of Education on a successful partnership.

“This was an idea I had when I first got on the council... I was a bit persistent about it because I think it’s important,” Reilly said. “I want to thank the two students... I’ve heard wonderful things about you guys.”

“Listen, school is great, do well study hard...hands on experience is terrific,” he added. You not only get experience here, it looks good on a resume, it looks good when you go look for a job.”

\*Continued on Page 2



If It's Local - It's Here!



# BINGO

EVERY Wednesday and Friday Night From 7:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.  
The door is open at 6:30 p.m.  
Ukrainian Catholic Assumption School Auditorium  
380 Meredith St. Perth Amboy  
(kitchen is also open during bingo.)  
We have a POWER BALL GAME !! That Often Reaches \$500 A Night !!!  
Bingo Office  
732-826-1546



## LAW OFFICES OF Kenneth L. Gonzalez & Associates, LLC

Officina de Abogados  
Call Us For a Consultation Today!

AUTO INJURY CASES / FALL DOWNS  
REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS  
FAMILY MATTERS / DIVORCES / CHILD  
CUSTODY / SUPPORT  
WORKERS COMPENSATION /  
BANKRUPTCY CASES/Bilingual Staff



**Phone: 732-442-2500**  
**Fax: 732-442-0114**  
283 High Street  
Perth Amboy NJ 08861

Serving the Middlesex County  
& Surrounding Areas  
lawyergonzalez283@gmail.com

Now at  
NEW LOCATION!

Attn: Walgreens Customers:  
We Are Now Accepting Express Script Ins. Plans



**LUDWIG'S PHARMACY**  
FREE Rx Pickup & Delivery  
WE ACCEPT ALL PLANS  
Including Medicare Part "D"



Fernando Oliveira  
Proprietor

475 Brace Ave., Perth Amboy  
Tel: 732-442-6442 • Fax: 732-442-5784  
M-F 9:30am-6:30pm • Sat 9:30am-1:00pm • Sun Closed



**Assumption  
Catholic School**  
**Meredith and Jacques Streets**  
**Perth Amboy**  
AdvanceED Accredited

**NOW REGISTERING**  
PRE-K (4 YR OLD) KINDERGARTEN, GRADES 1 - 8  
**NOW REGISTERIG FOR 2017- 2018**

732-826-8721  
ACSSCHOOLOFFICE@GMAIL.COM  
WWW.ASSUMPTIONCATHOLICSSCHOOL.NET

## Family Foot Care

DR. ELAINE MARIOLIS, DPM  
732-826-5400



- BUNIONS
- HAMMERTOES
- CORN & CALLUSES
- HEEL PAIN
- DIABETIC FOOT CARE
- INGROWN TOENAILS
- FRACTURES
- ULCERS/FOOT WOUNDS
- FUNGUS NAILS
- WARTS

**COME RELAX IN OUR WHIRLPOOL !**  
Se Habla Espanol  
252 SMITH ST., PERTH AMBOY

South Amboy  
1/31/18 Council Meeting

*\*Continued From Page 1*

Mayor Fred Henry, who worked in the South Amboy school district in multiple roles from 1974-2015, saw the co-op as a life experience that will help Andrew and Matthew in the future.

“Being a former educator myself it is great to see some of the kids to come down to City Hall to work,” Mayor Henry said. “It is a life skill, you learn a little bit different about what’s going on in the world instead of what’s down at the school...I think this is what it’s all about.”

“It’s nice to have the kids come up and see what’s actually going on,” he added. “I want to thank the people in those departments for their help with that because without them this wouldn’t have happened either.”

South Amboy Superintendent of Schools Jorge Diaz was also on hand for the presentation and thanked the city for working with the Board of Education.

“I want to thank the Mayor and council and councilman Reilly for this opportunity not

only to recognize our students in the internship program but for the opportunity to work with the city to expand our programs,” Diaz said. “As you know [South Amboy has] such a small school district with a very tight budget, it doesn’t allow us to expand some of our programs. This didn’t cost us a penny.”

“It was very valuable experience that these students were able to get working within the city departments,” he added.

Mayor Henry and the council also spoke on the tragic accident that occurred at the South Amboy YMCA on January 29 that left one person dead.

“I do want to send out prayers to the families who were involved in the tragedy at the YMCA the other night. Your hearts go out to them, it’s a shame things like this happen. A lot of times we think of them happening at other places but we are no different from other places in our world.”

“I think we are all touched by the event and for those who are affiliated with the Y and love the Y...it’s absolutely heart-breaking,” Councilwoman Dato said. “The irony of this

situation is not lost on me that this girl was in our care, we were keeping her safe, and obviously she was safe there, and then her step dad comes to get her and he’s killed while he’s there. It’s absolutely heart breaking.”

“So many people were impacted by this, people will get the help they need and hopefully we can help this family in any way we can which we are going to try to do,” she added. We have to keep them in our thoughts and prayers because they need us.”

“I think our police department, first aid, and fire department did a great job in handling the situation,” Mayor Henry said. “I was down there with them for a while and they know what they are doing. They are on the ball all the time, they respond as quickly as they possibly can and I want to thank them. We have the best fire department, police department, and first aid around.”

All members of the council were in attendance for the meeting. The next council meeting will be held on February 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Harbortown Discussions Continued  
1/24/18 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – Resident Stanley Sierakowski said that he was in favor of the Senior Units that Jack Halpern Developer of Harbortown talked about at the 1/22/18 Caucus Meeting. “There are 8 acres of undeveloped property. There’s no firehouse or schools. There are possibly 2,200 children with no schools. Modify what exists. They (those children) will be going to the Patten and Cruz Schools. Make the County an offer to the Planning Board. There are 5,000 to 10,000 seats short in the schools projected. Halpern can write off the donated land. The children need

something. We don’t need another supermarket. Go to the Board of Education. Appeal to Halpern. It would appear that he supports the community.”

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “He (Halpern) donated \$100,000 towards the firehouse. The Board of Education can talk to the State as to how much land they need for a school.”

During the Council Comments portion, Councilman Fernando Gonzalez stated, “The Harbortown Master Building Plan was approved in 1997 with amendments. They are in the last stage and have

more approvals in hand. They can approve what they have or create changes to present to the Planning Board. They (the Harbortown Representatives) presented to us what they want. I will go and see their plans. This is not a done deal. They want to change the 5% Commercial/Retail which they want to decrease to 3% in order to build Senior Housing. We need a special meeting on this.”

Council President Bill Petrick said that if anyone wanted to have any comments on what Councilman Fernando Gonzalez said, please let us (the Council) know.

**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.

**A Disagreement**

PERTH AMBOY - Former Councilwoman Lisa Nanton questioned how appointments are made to the Redevelopment Agency. She referenced N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. Local Redevelopment and Housing Law.

Law Director Peter King responded, “The legislation is different. The State Law allows municipalities if they to follow the State Law if they want. You (Nanton) read a resolution.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez responded that he dis-

agreed with King.

Council President Bill Petrick then questioned, “If there’s a dispute, where do we go?”

King responded, “To the Commissioners, or you can challenge it in court.”

Later in when the public was allowed to comment again, Resident Ken Balut suggested that the Council rehire Mr. Blunda. “Because she’s getting worse than Joe (Vas). Most of the PARA Members are tied to PARA.”

Attend Public Meetings - Have Your Voice Heard!





Hackensack  
Meridian *Health*

*Life years ahead*

Call, click or come on in

# Exceptional care right now

For common ailments and injuries, Hackensack Meridian *Health* takes quality and convenience to new levels with an entire network of services focused on you—from primary care...to urgent care centers that are open late...to walk-in clinics just around the corner...to virtual care 24/7 from your smart phone or computer...to emergency care. For exceptional care you can trust, simply call, click or come on in.

Get connected today.

HackensackMeridianHealth.org/[CareNow](#)

844-HMH-WELL

LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Good Points Brought Up

There were many interesting comments made by those in attendance at the 1/29/18 Special Meeting on Proposed Rezoning Law changes in Perth Amboy. Some of the issues to be addressed were valid points.

Here are some of the comments that stood out:

One Resident asked how additional housing would affect the already overcrowded school system. We were taken aback when City Planner Annie Hindenlang said because this plan dealt with zoning, the schools were not taken into consideration.

What concerns us is the large amount of units being built. Unless Millennials sign a contract stating they will not have children while living in these proposed apartments, we are going to again have a very crowded school system. We're trying to get away from having trailers and renting other buildings to alleviate the overcrowding. If these plans go through, it's going to put a big drain on our school system. Even with the new high school and elementary school being built, will the influx of new students overcrowd these new facilities?

A few years ago, one of our advertisers said it's going to come to the point that brick and mortar schools will be obsolete. Children will learn on computers at home.

In some instances, this is already happening. A while ago on a snowy day we were talking to the wife of a business owner. She mentioned to us that her daughter had to do a "Virtual School Day" on the computer for 5 hours because the schools were closed. (What ever happened to a snow day when you got to sleep late and play in the snow?)

There is plenty of software for preschoolers and up.

Even on a college level, many universities have offered online classes for years.

What will we have to do? Maybe Perth Amboy should look into buying the old Amboy Cinemas property over the Victory Bridge in Sayreville.

Another speaker asked about the strain on the hospital. Remember South Amboy, Sayreville and a large amount of Woodbridge Township don't have a hospital. Perth Amboy has two ambulances servicing over 60,000 people. That's a lot of people relying on two ambulances.

I remember when children became overcome by fumes in a South Amboy elementary school. Those students were transported to Raritan Bay Medical Center for treatment.

Remember, we are the closest hospital.

The Garbage issue was not mentioned at the meeting. With more people, there will be more garbage. I won't forget when a former DPW Director made a comment that the workers at Edgeboro Landfill couldn't believe all this garbage came from just one town.

One resident mentioned the fact that at his property down the shore, he had to register each and everyone of his tenants. He stated that it made it easier for the fire department to know how many people actually live there in case of an emergency.

The Meeting emphasized the Millennials. Remember, in 1998 the average lifespan for males was 73.8 and 79.5 for females. In 2017 life expectancy for females is 81.2 years; for males, it's 76.4 years. With new advancements in the medical field, people are living much longer.

We view Perth Amboy as a living entity. The City has a total of 5.957 square miles. This includes 4.702 square miles of land of 1.255 square miles of water.

The one thing mentioned is our aging street and sewer system.

Remember Harbortown and Landings were built with young professionals in mind. We saw those plans and they looked like everything Perth Amboy needed at that spot in the Waterfront. Maybe we should look at those original plans when they were first presented. *C.M. & K.M.*

Questions on Legalizing Marijuana

Dear Mayor Diaz and Fellow Councilmembers:

As you have read, Governor Phil Murphy intends to introduce legislation in the New Jersey Legislature to legalize the use of recreational marijuana. I strongly disagree with the governor's intention because I believe that like any drug such as alcohol and tobacco, marijuana has the propensity for addiction and will contribute negatively to the physical and mental health of individuals. These negative impacts will have real social consequences for at risk families especially in lower income and minority communities. According to NJ Senator

Ron Rice, "We know there are negative factors that we will need to safeguard against, from children's access to marijuana-infused edibles to motor vehicle accidents caused by impaired driving to the effect of marijuana on babies and the impact of legalization on communities of color."

However, I am a realist and understand that the trend is towards legalization. A 2016 Gallup Poll states that, "public support for making it marijuana legal has reached 60% -- its highest level in Gallup's 47-year trend. To that end, there is a real possibility that sale and use of recreational marijuana will become legal in the Garden State in the near future.

One way that we on the Perth Amboy City Council can mitigate the negative consequences

of full recreational marijuana legalization in our state is to consider ordinances that would prohibit any business that sells marijuana -- medicinal or recreational -- or weed paraphernalia within the boundaries of Perth Amboy. Already towns like Point Pleasant Beach and Toms River have passed such ordinances.

Therefore, I urge the mayor and the council to immediately convene a town hall forum to discuss the direction the people and municipal government of Perth Amboy will take when marijuana is legalized in New Jersey.

I will be willing to lead such a forum.

Sincerely,  
Fernando Irizarry

Rezoning Downtown Perth Amboy

Last week my husband, Bob Sottilaro and I attended the meeting regarding the rezoning plans for the future of Perth Amboy. Several people spoke and raised important questions and suggestions. The first question or problem that came to mind was how many section 8's would be permitted in the apartments proposed above the stores?. That also raises the question of how many children will live in these apartments and most importantly, where will they go to school? Our schools are already beyond capacity and the new schools being built will already be overcrowded when they are finished. Will people with children be restricted from renting these apartments? When young people have children, they will most likely want to move out of an apartment to a house.

There was much emphasis on "millenials" and college graduates and artists. This seems unrealistic. The cost of rent was brought up as was the large amount of illegal housing where people prefer to rent a room in a private house because they can't afford an apartment. Someone mentioned that the owners of the buildings don't maintain them properly and only care about collecting high rents. How many millenials,

artists, college graduates, young professionals are currently living in King Plaza?

Last night Perth Amboy made the news again and I watched Ed Mullen and Larry Cattano speak about the fire on Commerce Street. A resident said she didn't realize there were 10 people in that house! Fires seem to be happening more frequently. Does the fire department have the apparatus to reach the higher stories of the existing buildings and the stories proposed on the other buildings? This also raises the question of water pressure, water pipes and sewers. Was Middlesex Water Company apprised of this plan and what was their reaction? Can the water pressure be sustained in the case of a fire? Can the firetrucks move through the city fast enough given the existing traffic problems?

Mention was made of the police with a substation at the train station. That was one positive plan mentioned. However, a friend mentioned that there used to be a substation but it's gone, what happened to it? Mention was made of police on bicycles and segues. I haven't noticed a police presence anywhere except at council meetings. I used to notice cars patrolling the streets all around town. We used to have police walking the streets. One place police should be visible in in front of the library where homeless congregate.

The plan focuses on residential density. When people are jammed together, there is more aggressive behavior and problems. The high rises at Stockton and Huntington were torn down because of problems.

There is a glaring omission of the Department of Public Works in the list of representatives. This department will be responsible for handling garbage which is already a huge problem.

Parking was brought up several times. Wilma Matey and other mentioned that the deck and parking lots are not being utilized. Traffic is already a major problem. Linda Ferreira reiterated the problem with overcrowded schools and also brought up the hospital's ability to handle more patients.

Several people mentioned that the city should fix what exists, improve education, attract stores that offer better merchandise. A suggestion was made by Stanley Sierakowski to bring in a Rutgers University Annex. He also warned that the city could use eminent domain regardless of what residents want.

BJ Torres asked "who did the study", they should be reviewed by the council and the residents of the city should be made aware of them.

This is an enormous undertaking and everyone should consider all the ramifications this plan will bring.

Barbara Sottilaro

Published by Amboy Guardian LLC  
P. O. Box 127 • Perth Amboy • New Jersey 08862  
(732) 896-4446 Email - CRLYNMXWLL@AOL.COM  
(732) 261-2610 Email - KMASS514@GMAIL.COM

**Carolyn Maxwell**  
Publisher & Advertising Manager

<b>Katherine Massopust</b> Layout & Asst. Writer	<b>Paul W. Wang</b> Staff Photographer	<b>Lori Miskoff</b> Website Manager
---	---	--

The Amboy Guardian will not be liable for advertising errors beyond the cost of the space of the copy. Notification must be made of errors in ads within one week of publication. Pictures may be claimed up to 3 weeks after publication, or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with submission.

Printed on 100% recycled paper

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Letters to the Editor Continued on Page 11

Keep those Letters Coming! We Love to Hear From You! E-mail letters to the editor to amboyguardian@gmail.com or write to the paper at Letters to the Editor, The Amboy Guardian, P.O. Box 0127, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862-0127. Letters must include your full name, address and daytime telephone number or cell phone number for verification. First time letter-writers must be called for verification or your letter will not be published. If you are a public official, please include your title. All letters are subject to editing or rejection. All submissions may be published or distributed by us in print, electronic or other forms. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor are those of the writers and do not represent or reflect the views of the Amboy Guardian.





## Where to Find Us . . .

### IN FORDS:

COLONIAL RESTAURANT..... 366 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.  
LIBERTY BAGEL CAFE..... 326 NEW BRUNSWICK AVE.  
PUBLIC LIBRARY..... 211 FORD AVE.  
ROOSEVELT'S DELI ..... 684 KING GEORGE'S RD.  
SUPER DUPER DELI III ..... 650 KING GEORGE'S RD.

### IN HOPELAWN:

KRAUSZER'S..... 683 FLORIDA GROVE RD.

### IN LAURENCE HARBOR:

HOFFMAN'S DELI ..... 5 LAURENCE PKWY.

### IN MORGAN:

SOUTHPINE LIQUORS ..... 467 S. PINE AVE.

### IN PARLIN:

DAD'S ROYAL BAKERY..... 3290 WASHINGTON RD.

### IN PERTH AMBOY:

1<sup>ST</sup> CONSTITUTION BANK ..... 145 FAYETTE ST.  
ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION CENTER ..... 178 BARRACKS ST.  
ALAMEDA CENTER ..... 303 ELM ST.  
AMBOY CHECK X-CHANGE ..... 321 MAPLE ST.  
AMBOY EYE CARE ..... 94 SMITH ST.  
ANDERL & OAKLEY PC ..... 309 MAPLE ST.  
ANITA'S CORNER ..... 664 BRACE AVE.  
THE BARGE ..... 201 FRONT ST.  
C-TOWN ..... 272 MAPLE ST.  
CEDENO'S PHARMACY ..... 400 STATE ST.  
CITY HALL ..... 260 HIGH ST.  
COPA DE ORO ..... 306 SMITH ST.  
DUNKIN DONUTS ..... 587 FAYETTE ST.  
EASTSIDE DRY CLEANERS ..... 87 SMITH ST.  
ELIZABETH CORNER ..... 175 HALL AVE.  
FAMILY FOOT CARE ..... 252 SMITH ST.  
FU LIN ..... 79 SMITH ST.  
HY TAVERN ..... 386 HIGH ST.  
INVESTOR'S BANK ..... 598 STATE ST.  
JANKOWSKI COMMUNITY CENTER ..... 1 OLIVE ST.  
JEWISH RENAISSANCE MEDICAL CENTER ..... 272A HOBART ST.  
KIM'S DRY CLEANERS ..... 73 SMITH ST.  
LAW OFFICES ..... 708 CARSON AVE.  
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.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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

THURS. Feb. 8 Board of Education, 5:30 p.m.  
PAHS, Eagle Ave.  
MON. Feb.12 City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.  
TUES. Feb. 13 Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m.  
Library, Jefferson St.  
WED. Feb. 14 City Council, Regular, 7 p.m.  
City Hall, High St.

### South Amboy

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

Please Submit Your Events  
to [AmboyGuardian@gmail.com](mailto:AmboyGuardian@gmail.com)



### Fizer Plumbing & Heating

Peter R. Fizer  
NJ Master Plumber Lic. # 11141  
Backflow Prevention Lic. #10157

Water Heaters, Boilers,  
Sump Pumps,  
Sewer & Drain Cleaning,  
Fully Insured & Bonded



**\$75 OFF** Water Heater Replacement  
**\$50 OFF** Service Call

**Call Today 732-738-8989**

## ERALIDES E. CABRERA Counselor At Law Specializing In



- Immigration
- Bankruptcy

### Offices Located At:

708 Carson Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
Phone: 732 - 826-5020; Fax: 732-826-6646  
1201 E. Grand St., Unit 3A, Elizabeth, NJ 07201  
Phone: 908-351-0957; Fax: 908-351-0959

### Do you or someone you know have Old Photographs or Documents?

The Kearny Cottage Historical Society is  
Looking for Old Photos and Documents of  
Perth Amboy, South Amboy,  
Woodbridge, Fords, etc. (Local Area)

For an Archiving Project - Your Photos & Documents  
will be scanned into digital format & returned to you.  
*For more info please call 732-293-1090*

### 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  
Don't allow the actions of a few dictate your quality of life  
**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 9-1-1**  
**FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCIES, DIAL: 732-442-4400**

**Deadline for Print Ads:**

**7 p.m. Thursday**

**Office Hours:**

**Mon. - Wed. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

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

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



## Obituary: Mary Frances Malone Jackson

Mary Frances (Malone) Jackson, 93, was born November 28, 1924 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She graduated from William Penn High School in Philadelphia as a valedictorian of her class and received a full scholarship to Philadelphia Art Museum. She was unable to commence her studies due to the outbreak of WWII and, instead, worked as a mechanical artisan and draftsman in support of the war effort.

Mary Frances, a vibrant woman with a full life and a truly loving spirit, volunteered to many public and private organizations. Such as, Perth Amboy Housing Authority, at Delaney Homes as a volunteer server for the summer lunch program. Mary Frances also worked as a hospice volunteer for the Raritan Bay Medical Center, and many others.

Toward the end of WWII

Mary Frances met her future husband, Alfred S. Jackson Jr. They were married in June 1945 and made their home in Perth Amboy, NJ. From their union, six children were born, Maria Franzelle, Alfred Samuel III, Aaron Adam, Andre Rotan (deceased), Mona Felicia (deceased), and Monique Fanette. Continuing their legacy with nine grandchildren: Johnnie Parsons Jr., Leila Yassine Raysor, Aminah Raysor, Kareem Rashad Jackson, Aaron Maurice Streater, Aaron Jackson Jr., Asara Clark, Jason Jackson, and Brittany Diona Jackson and thirteen great grandchildren. Mary Frances leaves fond memories with all her extended family, cousins and close friends to hold her memory dear.

Mary Frances was predeceased by her husband, Alfred S. Jackson Jr., her mother, Fan-



Mary Frances (Malone)  
Jackson  
1924-2018

nie Mae Malone and sister, Geraldine Dunn one brother, Joseph.

There will be Memorial Service at Concord Missionary Baptist Church, 795 State St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 from 11:00 am on Friday 2/9/2018.

## Recurring Concerns 1/24/18 Council Meeting

PERTH AMBOY – Balut continued where he left off at the 1/22/18 Caucus about sexual harassment complaints from female employees. “What are you going to do to protect female employees? Another sexual harassment case was settled for \$100,000. I heard that someone OD'd at Olive Street and were children there? Were you guys notified? The Chief of Police belittled you and me for not showing up for the Fayette Street victims.”

Business Administrator Adam Cruz responded to Balut. “The report that there was an OD at Olive Street was false.”

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak. He reminded the Council, “We do have a protocol for speakers. Whoever comes up to speak must give their name and address no matter who it is. Also, when Balut came up to speak, he may have misspoke where the OD took place. It may have been at Holy Trinity.”

A resident from Convery Boulevard came up to complain about a summons from a Code Enforcement Employee. When he went to court, the employee that was listed on the summons was not listed as a City Employee. Judge George Boyd wasn't concerned. “We went to

all different departments and no one knew who this employee was.” He stated that all other summons was issued by an employee named Angel. “The courts couldn't help me and said it could be a computer error.”

Council President Bill Petrick told the resident that the Council will check this for him.

Vice-President of Friends of Perth Amboy Free Public Library Barbara Sottilaro came up to speak. She made a plea that the club needs more members, citing the same members who have done most of the work over the last 9 years. “Since we started with the Friends, we've raised over \$13,000 for the Library. We've had book events at Barnes 'n Noble and book sales (at Brighton Avenue Community Center) with donated books.” She was concerned about a correspondence that the Friends of the Library received regarding insurance. It stated the Friends would have to buy insurance because of events they have in City buildings.

Business Administer Adam Cruz responded to the insurance issue, “You (the Friends of the Library) will be covered under the City Insurance. There will be a resolution letting you

know this.”

There was a question asked by Resident Iris Rodriguez regarding Communication No.8 – Police Chief Roman McKeon submitted an e-mail from Sgt. Chris Joy outlining the difficulties in getting a quorum in order to conduct the handicapped parking committee meetings.

Rodriguez stated, “My daughter requested and got approved for a handicapped spot back in July 2017. Now there seems to be a question about the block that my daughter lives on in regards to handicapped parking.”

Council President Bill Petrick responded, “Because parts of Fayette Street is designated for businesses, handicapped parking may not be permitted in certain areas of that street.”

City Clerk Elaine Jasko then asked Rodriguez for her daughter's name. Jasko then told Rodriguez that her daughter is on a list for a handicapped parking space. “But right now, it's on the first reading.”

Rodriguez then responded, “There are streets that have 9 handicapped spots on them and there is a dire need of parking. You need to replace the number of handicapped committee members if they can't show up for the meetings.”



## Pirohi Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John's Orthodox Church will be holding their Pirohi Sale at \$8.00 Per Dozen. Orders may be called in from Feb. 5-8, 2018 to 732-826-7067 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Orders may be picked up on Feb. 13 or 14 at 404 Division Street, Perth Amboy, NJ beginning at 2:30 p.m.



Lic# 11917  
**PLUMBING & HEATING LLC**

10% Off Any Service Calls  
\$25 Off Any Water Heater Installation  
\$200 Off Any Boiler Installation  
15% Off for Senior Citizens  
\*\*\*\*\*With This Ad\*\*\*\*\*

**570 Amboy Avenue • Woodbridge, NJ 07095**

- REPAIRS
- HOT WATER HEATERS
- BOILER INSTALLATIONS
- BATHROOM & KITCHEN REMODELING
- SEWER & DRAIN CLEANING
- SUMP PUMPS

**ED ORTEGA**  
(732) 826-4073  
(732) 218-8262  
ortegaeddie71@yahoo.com

**Gustav J. Novak**  
*Funeral Home*  
**Services of Remembrance Since 1932**  
*During Your Time of Need*  
*We are Here for You!*

- Traditional Funerals •Cremation Services
- Pre-Planned Funeral Services •Public Assistance Accepted
- Shipment to Foreign Locations

*Family Owned and Operated*  
Available 24 Hours / Se Habla Español  
**419 Barclay St.**  
**Perth Amboy NJ, 08861**  
**732-826-4525**

**Joseph P. Diaz**  
Manager  
NJLIC No 3841

**Gary Earl Rumpf**  
Director  
NJ LIC No. 3353

**ANDERL & OAKLEY P.C.**  
www.anderloakley.com

**MARK A. ANDERL**  
023001985  
CERTIFIED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
AS A CRIMINAL TRIAL ATTORNEY

20 NASSAU STREET  
PRINCETON, NJ 08542  
TEL (609) 921-1755  
FAX (609) 921-8907

309 MAPLE STREET  
PERTH AMBOY, NJ 08861  
TEL (732) 324-7700  
FAX (732) 324-8908

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

## We Keep You Moving

PERTH AMBOY - The Human Motion Institute at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is sponsoring a free “We Keep You Moving” Total Joint Replacement Education session Friday, February 2, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. The session is intended for patients who have been scheduled for joint replacement surgery or for those who would like to learn more about joint replacement. Registration required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677).

## 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 Vegan 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.



# Large Turnout for Special Meeting Regarding Rezoning; Arguments on Both Sides Heard

## 1/29/18 Special Council Meeting

*\*Continued from Page 1*

what we needed to do for housing and infrastructure issues. We made flexibility for artists.”

She explained when people went to look up certain zoning codes, they were difficult to understand, “We made it simple and in plain language. We’re not taking anyone’s property. There’s a demand for new shopping options. The project kicked off in June 2015. We talked to thousands of residents who said the same thing. A lot of our codes are archaic. A lot of towns have outdated codes. Downtowns are becoming important again and people want to live there. We asked how can a property owner increase their rent? We wanted to make codes user friendly, preserve existing character, and look at the best stuff we have. We’re not looking to close businesses. We are not looking to occupy or take any properties. This does not create any eminent domain. It will not involve any forced loss of your property. We want to help property owners invest in what they have. If you look around, there are a lot of empty stores with facades and upper stories not being used or taken care of. We want to stabilize the downtown. Presently, there is a lot of turnover. We need to bring more residents to the downtown, and to stabilize and bring activity and additional funding to the downtown. We want to control where the growth is. We looked at the availability of parking. The plan provides to utilize the existing decks. We plan to build a 4 story 800 space parking deck at the train station parking lot. Downtown businesses require 5 parking spaces. We want to allow businesses to expand and allow +4 parking spaces. We want to allow businesses to grow and provide flexibility. We want to allow hotels to come in, a craft district and we want the existing buildings to put a roof garden on top.”

Council President Bill Petrick asked Hindenlang, “What do you envision?”

“No plans – it’s to increase flexibility.”

Petrick also asked about the federal requirements for any future buildings to be built in the Waterfront Area.”

Hindenlang explained that this was due to FEMA Regulations after Superstorm Sandy.

Acting Fire Chief Ed Mullen came up to say a few words, “This plan will alleviate illegal housing. Some of the buildings have vacant floors above that are not up to code.” He mentioned streets south of Fayette and Market Street. “If you have more off-street parking, it will help emergency vehicles get down those streets.”

Max, a 23-year-old City Em-

ployee from Office of Economic and Community Development, Perth Amboy Resident and Millennial spoke next. “I’m fresh out of college and I’m looking for a place to get coffee, groceries, and have dinner. It’s the Millennial dream. I hear a lot of negativity about population growth. Perth Amboy is a growing city.”

William Kurzenburger of the Office of Economic and Community Development spoke next, “The chief concerns are of increased population density. Density is upon us whether we like it or not. We can have it crowded in small buildings or living in dignity in better apartments. 40% of the population is under 25. They can’t afford houses and need affordable apartments close to transit hubs, recreation, dining, etc.”

Director of the BID Junel Hutchinson spoke next, “After speaking to business owners, they are concerned about closing their businesses due to competition with large corporations like Wal-Mart. They’re concerned about losing their part of business due to the rezoning. We’re here to help new businesses. Many people do business with their cell phones.”

Police Chief Roman McKeon spoke on issues of public safety. He explained the plans for a police substation annex which will be included the downtown parking deck design. He stated it will help with public safety and it will bring the Police Department closer to the community. “Officers will be downtown on Smith Street with bicycles and scooters.”

Mayor Wilda Diaz spoke next. “I’m glad everyone came out to hear this presentation. We understand the need for repairs to the train station. That work is going to begin at the end of 2019. There was never any intent to displace any of your businesses. or taking your property with eminent domain. Instead of having empty businesses, there can be housing for young people. When we do a census, we look at it. There’s so many young professionals. When they go to school, they leave. We asked ourselves how can we turn around and support the business community? We can attract that purchasing power. We want to bring other shops to the Waterfront. We thought about the parking and we need more parking. We have an Advisory Committee to help revitalize the Waterfront. We want to bring small quaint shops to the Waterfront. We have a plan for the City in the future. Thank you to the team for all the hard work you do.”

Annie Hindenlang then added, “It’s not just for Millennials. It’s for older people looking for places to rent. Divorcee Dads have a large market. The apart-



Rezoning Chart  
\*Photo by Paul W. Wang

ments will start at (approximately) \$1000/month.”

During the public portion, Resident and Businesswoman Wilma Matey spoke first. “We don’t need more housing. Fix what we have to make it better.”

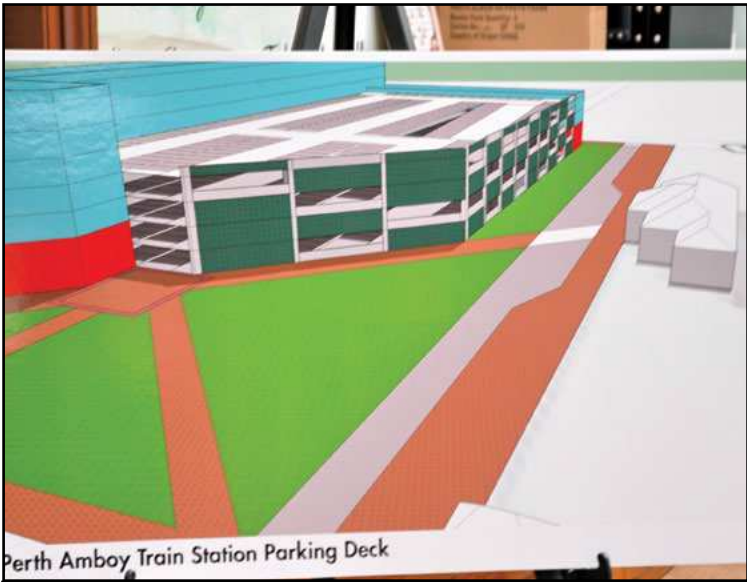
Resident Linda Ferrera spoke next, “What’s going to happen? We’re not all Millennials. Who picks the businesses that come into town? All we have are bars, nail salons – a lot of nothing! We want viable stores to shop. My daughter is a Millennial. She doesn’t rent in the town. Where are these kids going to go?”

Waterfront Area Resident Lisa Jones spoke next, “We could use little coffee shops. In summer, the parking gets quite saturated. Sometimes I have to park in St. Peters. I’ve not lived in Perth Amboy all my life. Millennials are getting married and having children and moving out of apartments and into homes.”

Sharon Hubberman spoke next. “What would be included in the rezoning? What about the shared parking? There was no presentation on that. We already have 60,000 residents. Why are they not patronizing the businesses? There are no grandfather clauses to protect existing businesses. What about additional parking, zoning, and the schools are overcrowded. We’re already building 2 schools now.”

The next speaker was Sergio Diaz, “I keep hearing about more people and children coming in. We have to make sure we have proper housing for those when graduate from school. We need to provide the essentials to help new businesses that want to come in. We have 11,000 kids in school. We want better businesses. This plan enhances our downtown. There are very few buildings we can build on downtown. We will never be a population of 30,000 again. We have responsible kids and they are not criminals. Why the rush to commercialize the Waterfront? Leave politics aside. It’s time for our downtown to be attractive.”

Resident Caroline Pozyski-Torres spoke next. “It’s an ag-



Proposed Parking Deck \*Photo by Paul W. Wang

gressive residential parking plan to allow us to retain our quality of life.”

Quanto Torres spoke next. “I agree what you are doing. It will attract college educated professionals.”

Resident Linda Cruz came up to speak next, “The Five Corners Building is now residential. We do have illegal housing. All people who own buildings are not from Perth Amboy. They don’t care. I believe in public education. Five years ago, a rep said Perth Amboy is on the cutting edge of everything. We could have been a Charleston. Our Waterfront is immaculate. Let’s work to fix what we have. I’m born and raised in this town. We need to talk about reality, not about what’s happening in another town.”

Richard Dunn, Senior Vice President of Paramount Assets came up to speak. “I’m pleased to see this Administration is working together with everybody’s best interest. Right now, Perth Amboy is falling behind in redevelopment behind other towns. I’m here to support the rezoning. It would be in the best interest of the town. It will do wonders for the City and the residents. Perth Amboy is going forward. We have our finger on the pulse of the community. We have a lot of buildings in Perth Amboy that can be used. We are working to bring in a nationally known tenant to Perth Amboy. You bring us all revenue. I live in Middlesex County off of Rte. 9. At this point, the City is moving in the right direction. Paramount Assets is here for the community.”

Council President Bill Petrick then asked, “What would Paramount need from the governing body to address ?

Dunn answered, “Get regulations out of the way. Most municipalities are rezoning. You want to rejuvenate the population.”

Resident Stanely Sierakowski spoke next, “How many dilapidated buildings does Paramount have? That’s where the money is. Rentals not for \$800 - \$1000 (a month) but \$1,500 - \$2,200 (a month). In New Brunswick,

there’s a different kind of clientele. Perth Amboy isn’t going anywhere unless two things are done. New Brunswick has Rutgers and Johnson & Johnson and they have a long-term deal. We can get Rutgers University to have an annex here, instead of warehouses where your children are going to work. No matter what they say here, the law is on their side with eminent domain. Look at the City website. They’re going to offer you money for your property going for \$300,000 and flexibility rebuilding. Read the fine print.”

Virginia Lugo spoke next, “I’m not opposed to a business district, but where is a more appropriate place (for rezoning) where it will not encroach the people living in the area? If the Water Street/Smith Street lower level is built up 25 feet, it will cover my house in darkness. If you were to build anywhere, what about the sewer/water/electric? As far as Millennials – look at the City. What about the rest of the City that looks like holy hell. I’ve put through many studies, many years that have not gone anywhere. The last thing they (the City) did was doing those planters (on Smith Street). The Mayor has done nothing since 2008 since she got elected. Please have a number of meetings before making a decision. I think you should really go down the line.”

Business Owner Benito Torres asked the Council, “Has a study been done on the current parking capacity both at the Waterfront and the Downtown district? What date was the study done and by whom? Has a study been done on the increased parking demand for the proposed rezoning? Has the Council seen these studies?”

Council President Petrick answered, “I don’t know of any parking study.” He asked Hindenlang, “Are you aware? Do you know of any study? When was that study done?”

Annie Hindenlang answered, “In 2013 a parking study was done of the existing parking situation of the downtown

*\*Continued on Page 8*

# Large Turnout for Special Meeting Regarding Rezoning; Arguments on Both Sides Heard

## 1/29/18 Special Council Meeting

*\*Continued from Page 7*

which found vacancies throughout the day and that I can give you. With this plan, they analyzed the potential for how much parking that can be created in the downtown what the impact would be. The 2013 study was done by a firm that only does parking analysis. They did it for the Parking Authority. The analysis looked at the potential for development, if the everything somehow got built up to the maximum level and what kind of impact it had and if it could be accommodated. One of the things all of these plans addressed and said needed to happen is a City-wide parking study. It's in the capital budget for this year. Residential parking needs to be permitted and needs to be protected."

Alan Silber spoke next. He cited several redevelopment projects in the works, including: Developer Halpern with 320 more units in the works at Harbortown; Developer Eddie Trujillo's project which includes 400 more units, Ali Rada's recent project of 30 units, and Kushner's planned around 600-unit complex. "We already have plenty of units being planned for the Millennials. Except the Millennials should think about it this way. Halpern knows what he's doing. He owns units all over. Halpern isn't building for Millennials. He want's senior citizens. But someone says the City has to keep on expanding. But the City doesn't expand. We want more people in one area. A speaker who came up here earlier is accused the Council of being political because you want a Meeting on rezoning. At a previous presentation we've got this Shared Parking assignments? Why wasn't this mentioned? What was mentioned? Doing away with how many parking spaces you need. There was an Ordinance stating one has to live in the City for 10 years to be a City Worker. Now it's stating 5 years? Why reduce waiting time to move out of this town?"

Annie Hindenlang spoke again, "I will address those concerns. Rental properties pay more taxes and are valued at a higher rate for tax attracted models. When people start having kids, they leave because of the school system. I'm glad to show you shared parking anytime. Crime and infrastructure concerns are detailed in our plan. We've worked hard on this plan. You can have here additional plans for that (grandfather clause). Municipal land use, what you can do off-site are grandfathered in. The County Seat doesn't pay taxes. Johnson & Johnson has a tax abatement.

Resident Mary Ellen Pavlov-

sky came up to speak, "Why rezone Front Street? It's not a blighted area. The homes are well maintained. The proposed commercial zone devalues the area. The City is already overcrowded. Other luxury developers have never delivered what was promised. All over Amboy are empty commercial space. What about the dead-end fire hydrants with no water pressure. For one fire, the Fire Department had to pump water from the bay. Why rush ruining a beautiful area with rezoning? Exclude Front Street from rezoning commercial."

Resident Eric Rodgers spoke next, He asked everyone who lives in Waterfront area to please stand up which they did. "How many of you imagine we need more commercial businesses in our area (Waterfront)?" "Nobody who stood up raised their hands except City Employee Lissett Lebron. Rodgers continued, "When I was a very young man and came out of college, I rented a property from Mr. Fishkin (a local businessman who had a store on Madison Avenue). I told him what I wanted to do. Mr. Fishkin said, "I have a lot of money and I'll give you guys a break." Let me tell you about Paramount. Are we going to make this man (Paramount) rich who doesn't even live in this town? He already stated he wants businesses here with deep pockets. Perth Amboy is selling out. A small promise. You can't open an art shop with a \$5,000 overhead. How many times do you see Paramount Properties hand out anything to the kids at any of the festivals? Zero times. What has this man done for Perth Amboy? Anything Paramount thinks is a great idea I think is a bad idea. Do you want Perth Amboy to be the next Newark? He (Paramount) did nothing for Newark; nothing for Elizabeth; and I will bet you he will do nothing for Perth Amboy!"

Resident Angel Rivera spoke next. "Let's use logistics working with existing problems in the City. I hate to walk in the streets in Perth Amboy because the smelly sewers. I hope you make at least \$70,000/yr to live in Perth Amboy, because that's what it costs."

Business Owner Anthony Abreu stated that the rezoning was good for the town.

Resident and City Employee Tashi Vasquez came up to speak next, "I'm speaking not as an employee, but as a resident and home owner. There is an organization looking to partner to buy 8 new buildings in Perth Amboy - affordable units. That would have been done. The deal fell through because they had to put in a variance. I'm not a Millennial. One day, I'll become a senior, and those seniors need

housing as well. Let's not get caught up on logistics. We need to help our businesses. This is the way to do it. We have to think all the way across the board, so if a developer comes in, there's no red tape. Let's make these rules happen and put them in place. Let's get rid of the red tape because that's what we have now.

Resident Dan Hedberg came up to speak next, "How would the cost of rental income justify the increase in owner's property tax? In my experience, population growth has only led to higher taxes. There's lots of vacant land begging for people to do something with. The Gateway project - people pass by and think we're a burnt-out city. A good place to start this discussion is to deal with that illegal housing problem. I have property in Ocean Grove. In order to rent your property there, I have to get a seal every time it rents. I have to give a list everyone including students renting that property. Firefighters know how many people are in that property when they pull up. They don't have to be guessing. I think it's a good thing. The City hasn't been very good about sending out announcements about their general projects. Even the Bayview Park Project, which was built is right under my house - I didn't even know about it until the fence was being put up. Its important information which should be shared with the public. We've seen that Harbortown has turned into a large Section 8 housing project. Just wondering with all this money going into these redevelopments, are they going to end up Section 8 if they don't rent? You have to put that on the scale, too. Will rezoning increase property values? Will rezoning maximize the value of the property at its highest value if sold?"

"Even if a property is sold, when appraisal is done at its maximum potential and it's a one story residential building, if it's allowed to be 5-6 stories of residential then it gets appraised for the additional value than that person can capture," Hindenlang answered.

Resident Abraham Rodriguez came up to speak next, "If you want Millennials and you have to open up a box, the basics here are not for Millennials. You need variables all in check."

Mayor Wilda Diaz came up to speak again, "The City is not going to stop growing regardless who is the Administration. It's not a redevelopment project. I'm grateful for anyone who works for the City. When I take a look at this rezoning, when we ask for grants they ask what's your plan for capital improvement. If you don't have a plan, money is tight. Every plan

we implement, we carved out. You need a plan in place. You have to here. We're serious enough to show the initiative. The Waterfront rezoning came out after Superstorm Sandy. It came from the Waterfront Advisory Committee. Everything here is how we came up with the plan. There is something that you should be aware of."

Resident Maria Rodriguez spoke next, "When are you voting?"

Council President Bill Petrick answered, "We will vote at the next Council Meeting or one of the next couple of Council Meetings. We will notify people thru newspapers (of any meetings).

Rodriguez continued, "It is very important that you read every detail. You have the power. You are the voices. This is an important decision you have to make."

Resident Samuel Cosada spoke next, "This really hits home big time. My parents had a business on Smith Street for 25 years. We had a business on Smith Street and our family business is being left out. I do feel this is a great idea."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry asked, "What type of business?"

Cosada answered, "We had a multiservice. It closed down."

After the public portion, the Council Comments part of the Meeting began. Councilman Helmin Caba spoke first. "There are 2 sides of everyone who spoke. On one side we had the Administration and Developers on the other side we had City Residents and Citizens of Perth Amboy. That tells you a lot. We, the Council are paying attention. We were elected by the people to do for the people. "My decision will be for the people". You should allow us to have a better plan. We should revisit that plan. Yes, every city and nation keep growing, but we need to take in consideration the size of Perth Amboy and its Schools. Two schools are being built: an elementary and a high school. We're finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, so let's not push that light further from us. There was no mention of schools. Millennials are ready to leave Perth Amboy if it's not what they want. Looking at Paramount, Millennials will not be able to afford the rent they charge. The Millennials - we need to keep them here. We've had other projects promising to target young professionals. How many did we have? It didn't work. I believe in property owners being subjected to do variances to any change, because it gives a voice to the residents in the neighborhood."

"Why would this work? Let's work with the issues we currently have like overcrowded-

ness, congested traffic and no parking, so let's not go backwards with high-rise rentals. A parking deck with a Police Substation downtown is a phenomenal idea. We don't need to take on so many more people with this rezoning, we're already doing that with the other redevelopments. These downtown property owners have big pockets and should renovate their buildings without doing high-rises. I too, live in the Waterfront area. I don't want a big high-rise in my neighborhood. I wasn't convinced today. People that spoke in behalf of the project were some of the Administration and developers. Others who were against it were the citizens of Perth Amboy"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez made his comments next: "We got elected to make hard decisions. The reality is I pushed for this meeting. You have to read every word here. I did three times. I'm still confused. Zoning is not an easy matter. We need to look at this. A decision has to be made. All you have to do is look at the makeup, you'll get the answers. Without creating all these changes, there's some good changes. I think this has to be taken line by line to see what we are going to use and not use. Someone mentioned the sewers. There are so many things we need to address. The Administration has the best interest in mind for the City. We do also. How do we put it all together? We got to take it piece by piece. Now, the hard work starts. Now we make this town a great place to visit."

Councilman Fernando Irizarry spoke next: "I will consider everything that's been said and continue asking questions. I'm not committing myself either way. I'm keeping an open mind and considering the issues."

Councilman Joel Pabon made his statements: "We need this more (a large attendance). If you do have an issue, come down here and tell us. Those are good points. We need your eyes and ears to come up here. We'll listen to what you have to say. A lot of this discussion that was here - we'll listen. I was born and raised here. When I bought a second home I took a risk. I'm glad. A lot of things you brought up. I'd like to see a traffic study. A parking deck - it's one of the best ideas we've come up with. 20 years from now, I'd like to say I was a part of it."

Council President Bill Petrick spoke last, "There was an overflow crowd and a lot of people in the hallway. Next time we will have it a larger venue." He thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Irizarry then added, "We did ask the Board of Education to come to this Meet-

*\*Continued on Page 9*



## Rezoning 1/29/18 Special Council Meeting

*\*Continued from Page 8*

ing. We did send the ordinance to them. They did send us an email and what the email that we received said basically they reviewed the ordinance and they felt it wasn't going to affect any of the schools in any way."

Board Member Anton J. Masopust who was in the audience loudly objected, "WE DIDN'T

SAY THAT!!!"

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez then added, "That was sent to the Business Administrator over there. The Business Administrator responded. The Superintendent or none of his staff knew this meeting was going on."

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

## Tom's Tax Tips

### Your New Life As A Pass-Through Entity Owner

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

If you are a small business owner, your planning probably got a lot trickier after the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA). That's because most small businesses have legal structures that are treated as pass-through entities for tax purposes, meaning they "pass-through" income to the owners or investors, which they record on their Form 1040 individual tax returns. These entities include S corporations, partnerships and sole proprietorships.

On one hand, these kinds of businesses will benefit from the TCJA's 20 percent reduction to the taxation of business income. On the other, the rules used to determine how much of that reduction each business gets are complex. Here are some tips to help find out where your business falls in the new structure:

**1. Know your business's QBI**  
QBI stands for "qualified business income," which is generally your business net income other than income in the way of compensation. QBI is the basic figure you need to determine how much of the 20 percent reduction you get. It excludes business losses, as well as factoring in amortization and capitalized expenditures. QBI is determined separately for each business activity, not per taxpayer.

The first simple threshold rule is:

If your taxable income is less than \$157,500 as an individual filer, or \$315,000 as a married couple filing jointly, you can take the full 20 percent deduction from your QBI.

If your taxable income is higher than those levels, several other factors come into play. Buckle up and hold on, here is where it gets complex:

**2. Know whether your profession matters**

Several "specified service professions" are treated differently under the new rules. The list

includes health, law consulting, athletics, financial services, brokerage services, accounting firms or "any trade or business where the principal asset ... is the reputation or skill of one or more of its employees or owners."

If your business is in one of these professional areas, the 20 percent reduction to your QBI starts to phase out to zero once your taxable income passes \$157,500 as an individual filer or \$315,000 as a married joint filer. The phaseout range before the reduction reaches zero is \$50,000 for individual filers and \$100,000 for married filers.

The phaseout range also determines how much of the next factor matters:

**3. Know whether wage and capital limits matter**

Once you go above the threshold, special wage and capital limits start to reduce your deduction.

The formula for calculating the wage and capital limits is based on the greater of 50 percent of the W-2 wages paid by your business, OR 25 percent of the W-2 wages, plus 2.5 percent of the unadjusted basis of all qualified property acquired by your business over the year.

These wage and capital limits are phased in over the threshold and apply in full after passing the \$50,000 range for individual filers or \$100,000 for married filers.

**Bottom line: Get help**

As you can see, the 20 percent pass-through reduction can be a great benefit, but taking it can get complex very quickly. If you are a small business owner, don't try to do it yourself. The new rules apply for the 2018 tax year, so after you've wrapped up 2017 taxes under the old rules, contact us for a consultation to determine how to position your business under the new laws.

In the meantime, please be patient. The IRS has yet to publish guidance on the new rules.

## HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

### Valentine Flowers

SOUTH AMBOY – The Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society will be selling colorful floral bouquets at \$10 each on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday Feb. 11, 2018 from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of Memorial Hall, 531 Washington St., South Amboy, across from Sacred Heart Church. Purchase a bouquet for your loved one or yourself. For more information, call Virginia at 732-721-1521.

### A Delightful

### Valentine's Tea

PERTH AMBOY – The Proprietary House, (the Royal Governor's Mansion), invites you to "A Delightful Valentine's Tea," from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14th.

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Royal Governor's Mansion. Assorted teas, sparkling beverages, scrumptious desserts, chocolates and other treats will be served by candlelight in the mansion's atmospheric colonial brick and stone wine cellar. Enjoy a museum tour and shop in the Museum Gift Shop. (Museum is accessible for people with disabilities.)

\$13 per Person / \$25 per Couple. Space is limited. Reservations required. Funds raised will benefit restoration and operation of Proprietary House's Museum.

For reservations and information, contact Proprietary House Association - Phone: (732) 826-5527; E-mail: info@the-proprietaryhouse.org; Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ, 08861.

### Monthly Tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy monthly tour of The Berkow Maternity Pavilion and family health information open house will be held Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Newly expectant parents are invited to tour and learn about the maternity unit's modern comforts, designed to provide a calm and relaxing birthing experience. Participants are asked to meet in the main lobby of Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Registration required, call 1-800-DOTORS (1-800-362-8677) and reference zip code 08861.



*The Perfect Destination for  
VALENTINE'S DAY*

**WE HOPE YOU'LL  
JOIN US ON THIS  
SPECIAL OCCASION**

**February 14**

Portuguese Manor Will Be Happy  
To Present An Extranordinary  
Holiday Menu

310 Elm Street, Perth Amboy (732)-826-2233  
www.portuguesemanorrestaurant.com

*We Wish You all Happy Valentine's Day*



### Valentine Dinner Special

**The Barge**  
On The Waterfront in  
Historical Perth Amboy  
**EARLY BIRD SPECIALS**  
Mon. thru Sat 3:00pm to 6:00PM  
Sunday 12:00 noon to 4:30PM  
The Barge offers Off-Premises  
Catering for the Holiday's, parties,  
Business Meetings & More!!



**Sweetheart Dinner For Two**  
**Stuffed Lobster Tail**  
**or**  
**Filet Mignon**  
**\$64.95 + Tax**  
*No Coupon on Specials*  
**INCLUDES** Soup, Salad, Potato or Vegetable,  
Coffee & Dessert. Valid Feb., 12, 13, and 14, 2018  
Regular Menu Available  
**CALL FOR RESERVATIONS!**



**EVERY DAY IN February  
NOT VALID ON HOLIDAYS**

**Buy 1 Dinner & Get  
2nd Entree 1/2 Price\***

\*Equal or less value, with this ad. Discount up to \$10.  
Cannot be combined with any other offer.  
Not valid on Early Bird Specials.

**The Barge**  
732-442-3000 / 201 Front Street, Perth Amboy  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [www.thebarge.com](http://www.thebarge.com)

### 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.

### Ask the Rabbi

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - On February 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<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.



# Why Didn’t I Learn This Before?

## Unlearning Myths of Race and Racism

Press Release 1/22/18  
WOODBIDGE TOWNSHIP - In this presentation, being held at the Woodbridge Main Library on Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 PM, Dr. Karen Gaffney will share a few key concepts from her new book, Dismantling the Racism Machine: A Manual and Toolbox. Her goal is to raise awareness about the false beliefs that perpetuate racism, especially the myths often taught to white people that need to be unlearned. There will also be plenty of time for discussion.

Dr. Karen Gaffney is Professor of English at Raritan Valley Community College, where she

teaches Race in American Literature and Popular Culture. As a white anti-racist educator, she presents her work at conferences and in community workshops, as well as in her blog with resources Divided No Longer (available at [www.dividednolonger.com](http://www.dividednolonger.com)). Her book, Dismantling the Racism Machine: A Manual and Toolbox, is an accessible and interdisciplinary introduction to race and racism with tools for action.

This program is free and open to all. The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ. Please visit us at <http://woodbridgelibrary.org/>

---

## Book Discussion Group Classic Movie Night: *The Group*

Press Release 1/22/18  
WOODBIDGE - The Woodbridge Public Library Book Discussion Group will present a classic movie night at the Main Library on Monday, February 12 @ 7:00 PM. Come enjoy a free presentation of the social satire “The Group.” “The Group” was directed by Sidney Lumet and was adapted from Mary McCarthy’s novel of the same name. It focuses on the lives and changing roles of eight Vassar girls, Class of 1933. The film stars Candice Bergen, Joan Hackett, Elizabeth Hartman, Shirley Knight, Jessica Walter, Kathleen Wid-

does, and Joanna Pettet. Also appearing in it are Hal Holbrook, Carrie Nye, James Broderick, Larry Hagman and Richard Mulligan.

Shocking in its day, the film touches on such taboo topics as mental illness, free love and abortion. Sharp and precise it describes the complicated worlds of driven, educated young women in the years before WWII.

The Woodbridge Main Library is located at 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge, NJ All are welcome. For more information please see <http://woodbridgelibrary.org/>

---

## Meet the Author: Scott M. Deitche

Press Release 1/22/18  
FORDS - Author Scott M. Deitche is originally from Fords! His newest book is Garden State Gangland; The Rise of the Mob in New Jersey. Meet him @ our Fords Branch on Saturday, February 10 @ 11:00 am.

New Jersey’s organized crime history has been one of the most colorful in the country, serving as the home of some of the most powerful, as well as below-the-radar, mobsters in the Country. And though overshadowed by the emphasis on New York City, the mob and New Jersey have, over the years, become synonymous, in both pop culture and in law enforcement. But for all the press that has been dedicated to the mob and New Jersey, for all the law enforcement activity against the mob, and for all the pop culture references, there has never truly been an examination of the rise of the mob in New Jersey from a historical perspective. Until now.

In Garden State Gangland, Scott M. Deitche sets the historical record straight by providing the first overall history of the mob in New Jersey, from the early turn of the century

Black Hand gangs to the present, and looks at their influence not only in the Garden State, but across the country as a whole.

Scott is the author of 7 other books on organized crime, including Cigar City Mafia: A Complete History of the Tampa Underworld, The Silent Don: The World of Santo Trafficante Jr. and Cocktail Noir: From Gangsters and Gin Joints to Gumshoes and Gimlets. He has written dozens of articles on organized crime for local and national magazines and newspapers. Scott has been featured on The Discovery Channel, The History Channel, A&E, C-SPAN, Oxygen and both national and local news and radio shows. Scott currently lives in St. Petersburg, FL. with his family. To learn more about Scott Deitche please see <http://www.scottdeitche.com/>

Please note that books will not be available for purchase at this event

The Fords Branch Library is located at 211 Ford Ave., Fords, NJ. This program is free and open to all. No registration is required.

## Fish Fry

PERTH AMBOY – St. John Paul II Parish is sponsoring a Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, February 16, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will be held at Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima Church at 188 Wayne Street. Take-out is also available. The menu is either fried or broiled fish or pierogis, salad, coleslaw, French fries and Spanish rice. Other menu choices include macaroni and cheese and spaghetti with clam sauce. Bottled water and cake and coffee or tea are also included. Soda will be available for purchase. The price is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (7-12 years-old). For tickets call 732-826-1395. The deadline for ticket sales is February 13, 2018.

## VITA (United Way) Tax Assistance @ 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](mailto: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 pm  
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](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).

## Ashes to Go

### Christ Episcopal Church, South Amboy and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy take Ash Wednesday to their local train stations as well as the park and ride bus stop on Rte. 9!

Press Release  
On Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018, Christ Episcopal Church, South Amboy and St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy, will once again be offering “Ashes to Go,” which brings a centuries-old Christian tradition outside the church walls at both the Perth Amboy (6:15 am to 8:30 am) and South Amboy (6:00 am to 8:00 am) Train Stations as well as the Park and Ride bus stop on Rte. 9 (6:00 am to 8:30 am). “Ashes to Go” is an effort that has clergy and lay people visiting transit stops, street corners, coffee shops, and college campuses to mark the foreheads of interested passers-by with ashes and invite them to repent of past wrongdoing and seek forgiveness and renewal.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence. From the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. The reminder that we are dust turns our attention to God’s ability to heal the brokenness in our lives. We take ashes to the

streets because that reminder of need, humility, and healing shouldn’t be confined to a church building. We probably need it more when we are in the middle of our daily business! The ashes we receive are to remind us throughout the day of our need for God, and of God’s call to us.

“Ashes to Go” provides the opportunity to participate in that tradition for people who have been away from church, who have never practiced the receiving of ashes or who are not able to get to church on Ash Wednesday. We are in a time where our church looks to be present in our communities in new and non-traditional ways. This giving of ashes is a reminder of the power of forgiveness and reconciliation which is so needed in these times.

**Contact Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffery/ [ajeffery@stpetersepiscopal.com/](mailto:ajeffery@stpetersepiscopal.com/) 732 826 1594 for more information about this event. More information about the Ashes to Go movement can be found at [www.AshesToGo.org](http://www.AshesToGo.org)**

---

## Civil War Roundtable

WOODBIDGE - In honor of black history month, the Robert E Lee Civil War Roundtable will be hosting a presentation on black soldiers in the Civil War. The event will be held on Saturday February 10, 2018 from 10 am to 2 pm. The event will be held at the Robert E Lee Civil War Library located at 94 Green Street in Woodbridge. This event is open to the public so please bring friends and family. This will be an educational experience.

## Craftapalooza

WOODBIDGE - Join us for a night of crafting @ the Main Library, 1 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. Adults (18+) are invited to create a glass bead candle holder with the guidance of library staff on Tuesday, February 6 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 pm. All supplies will be provided. Guests need only to bring their crafting spirit!

Registration is required to attend this event. Please register online @ <http://woodbridgelibrary.evanced.info> or call 732-634-4450 to register.

**Ads Sell!**  
**Call Carolyn!**  
**732-896-4446**

## Lent Fish Fry

SAYREVILLE – The St. Stanislaus Kostka Holy Name Society is having a First Friday of Lent Fish Fry on Friday, February 16, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at St. Stan’s School, 221 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville, NJ 08872. The menu includes: Fried or Broiled Flounder Platters, Fried Shrimp Platters, and Combination Platters. Includes: French Fries, Salad Bar, Coffee/Tea/Soda and Dessert. Adults – \$15.00, Children (under 12) – \$8.00. Please purchase your ticket in advance in the CHURCH LOBBY Or at the OFFICE. For more info call: 732-254-0212.

## Healthy Eating Lecture and Cooking Demo

OLD BRIDGE - The Institute for Weight Loss at Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center- Old Bridge, is sponsoring a free Healthy Eating Lecture and Cooking Demo Wednesday, February 7, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Joslin Diabetes Center, Affiliate at Raritan Bay’s demonstration kitchen, Suite 420, Medical and Surgical Pavilion, 2 Hospital Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ. Registration is required, call 1-800-DOCTORS (1-800-362-8677) or visit [HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Events](http://HackensackMeridianHealth.org/Events).



Letters to the Editor \*Continued From Page 4

Affordable Housing

Why was Huntington and Stockton building built back then? In 1964 President Johnson wanted to end the war on poverty, so he asked where can we put the poor people to live? One of his advisors had an idea: he told President Johnson “Let’s build high rise buildings about ten stories high and this will end our problem to house the

poor.” It’s kind of like a warehouse for the poor to live. They built these high-rises known as public housing and it had its problems with crime, drugs, and many other issues over the years. In fact, these public housing units never had a real answer to help the poor - just abuse by some that live there. I know only a few that grew up in affordable housing, and it became important to people to the

community, like a Mayor or a School Board Member and so on. There’s a shortage of affordable housing around the country, and the U.S. Department of Justice is investigating those that control affordable housing under HUD from kickbacks to abuse from those that control the money trail.

Orlando “Wildman” Perez

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, bring-



ing 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

Which Is It?

I was recently reading a “news” article that got my attention. The article was about a judge who issued a temporary restraining order halting the deportations of two Indonesian Christians. The article didn’t say, two Indonesian men who were in this country illegally, but instead decided to point out that they were Christian. All well and good.

The judge was acting on a complaint filed by the A.C.L.U. The complaint touched on many issues.

One was that these men were arrested while dropping their children off at school, I guess kicking their doors in at three in the morning would have been a better option.

The article went on to point out and that their children were U.S. citizens. Back to that in a little while.

Another was that deportation of these men violated their due

process and didn’t give them the opportunity to argue their case for asylum.

Another point in the complaint was that they needed time to compile and present evidence that would permit them to file motions to reopen their removal cases.

So, let me get this straight. They are in this country long enough to have children of school age but need time to plead their case for asylum. I would think that would have been number one on their list.

And still another part of their argument was their removal would rip families apart. Excuse me, but when we put criminals that have families in jail for life no consideration is given to the fact that we are tearing families apart.

It was also stated that there was evidence of recent changes in country conditions that make Indonesia increasingly dangerous for Christians in this mostly

Muslim country. It was pointed out more than once in this article that this was a case of life and death. That deporting these men was putting their lives in danger. If that is so, why are the lives of these Christian men in danger, I wonder?

When Trump signed executive order 13769 banning travel from 7 of the 51 countries that are predominately Muslim, it was labeled the “Muslim Ban” by the left. If it was a Muslim ban, why weren’t the other 44 countries included. Trump was immediately labeled anti-immigrant, even though he’s married to one.

The left consistently claims Islam is a religion of peace and tolerance. Then they claim that these two “Christian” men’s lives are in danger if deported. Well, which is it?

Joe Bayona

Movie Review: Paddington 2



By Anton Massopust III “Be polite and the world will be right.”

Paddington Brown, in the new movie “Paddington 2” features that lovable marmalade eating bear has returned to the big screen. He has a helpful, kind nature that brings joy to everyone meets. He makes new friends wherever he goes. But, what Paddington wants most in the world right now is to get a birthday present for his beloved Aunt Lucy. He tries to earn enough money to buy a very expensive pop-up book from his friend who runs an antique store. While he's trying to earn the extra money doing odd jobs around his neighborhood, a thief steals the book and blames Paddington for it. Pennington is sent to jail and while he tries to make new friends there. Meanwhile the Brown family (the family who takes care of Paddington) try to figure out why this thief has stolen this book,

and to clear Paddington's name.

I love the special effects in this film. It’s the same quality of the original “Paddington.” The production company uses models and colors which give excellent special effects. Everything around it is almost like a character within the film itself. Hugh Grant plays the Gentleman Thief. An over the top actor, he steals the show. There are many other notable British actors who you might remember from several British shows including Hugh Bonneville from Downton Abbey and Peter Capaldi from Doctor Who. The performances are outstanding with these wonderfully quirky characters that add to Paddington's world. They are very funny and add to a wonderful movie you can take the entire family to. There’s a little bit of drama here and there because you feel for this character you want to succeed.

Groundhog Day 2/2/18



PUNXSUTAWNEY P.A./STATEN ISLAND N.Y. - Punxsutawney Phil (above) saw his shadow (6 more weeks of winter); Staten Island Chuck did not. (Early spring) Who will be right? Yet to be determined.



What Do You Think? Send Us a Response!



# 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.*

Benito Mussolini on February 5, 1943, sacks his son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, as Italy's foreign minister, taking over the position himself. Il Duce also holds the posts of Interior Minister, War Minister and Air Minister. U.S. Army Air Forces Lt. Gen. Frank Andrews takes over as commander of all U.S. forces in Europe, replacing Army Lt. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

Lt. Gen. Eisenhower on February 6 is appointed commander-in-chief of all Allied forces in North Africa. In the Netherlands, 600 college students are arrested at various schools by the Gestapo after a fatally wounded German officer says he was shot by students. The 600 are sent to the Kamp Vucht concentration camp outside of 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands. Several days later, 1,200 more students are arrested and sent to Kamp Vucht. In the U.S., shoe rationing begins, limiting civilians to three new pairs of leather shoes per year. House slippers, ballet slippers and baby shoes are exempt. Crooner Frank Sinatra makes his debut as a cast member on the popular NBC radio show, "Your Hit Parade."

In the Solomon Islands on February 7, the last run of the "Tokyo Express" (the name given by Allied troops to Japanese flotillas sailing down "The Slot" — the channel between the various islands) leaves Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal, evacuating the final Japanese troops there. The Americans now control Guadalcanal. In Germany, Hitler meets with top-ranking German and Nazi officials and reassures them that, despite the catastrophic events in Russia, Germany can still win the war. He tells them: "Either we will be the master of Europe, or we will experience a complete liquidation and extermination." He pledges total war against the remaining Jews in Germany and the "international Jews" who, he says, have forged an alliance against the Third Reich.

The Soviets retake Kursk, Russia, from the Germans on February 8. The Chindits — officially the British 77th Indian Brigade — cross the Chindwin River into Burma from India, catching the Japanese by surprise. Created by British Brig. Gen. Orde Wingate, the Chindits are a long-range-penetration group intended to operate deep behind Japanese lines and to be resupplied by air. The U.S. Territory of Hawaii — under martial law since December 7, 1941 — is partially restored to civilian control.

On February 9, organized Japanese resistance on Guadalcanal is declared ended by American commanders. The Japanese have lost some 24,000 men killed; the Americans, 1,600. Guadalcanal is the first strategic defeat of the Japanese in the war. In the U.S., President Roosevelt — in preparation for a second front in Europe — issues an executive order increasing the "minimum war-time work week" to 48 hours in 32 cities where there are shortages of workers. At night during a gale, in the waters east of Japan, the American sub USS Tarpon fires four torpedoes at the Imperial Japanese Navy troopship Tatsuta Maru and sinks it; 1,223 troops and 198 crewmen are lost.

The towns of Volchansk, Russia, and Chuhuiv, Ukraine, are taken from the Germans by the Red Army on February 10. The latter is only 20 miles from Kharkiv, the second-largest city in Ukraine. In the Nazi-created Independent State of Croatia, the 13th Waffen-SS begins recruiting troops from among Bosnian Muslims. The 13th Waffen is the first SS division to use non-Germanic people as soldiers. Mohandas Gandhi, imprisoned in India, begins a hunger strike to protest the British Empire. The British Cabinet, feeling that a corner has been turned in the war and that the risk of rebellion in India is lower than it had been, decides that if Gandhi fasts, he will be allowed to die. In North Africa, populist leader Ferhat Abbas issues "The Manifesto of the Algerian People," condemning French colonial rule and demanding Algerian independence.

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower on February 11 is promoted to the four-star rank of General. The Soviet Union begins a nuclear-weapons research program. Physicist Igor Kurchatov is appointed as the program's director.

## DVD/Media Drive

SOUTH AMBOY - Please place your unwanted DVDs, Blu-Ray, CDs, and video games in good condition, into the collection boxes at the Dowdell Library, or Madura Pharmacy Your contributions will be donated to the Dowdell Library to help enhance its current collection. Larger collections call Grace at 732-721-6592 for pick-up Thank you for your support! This on-Going Collection Drive is Sponsored by the Dowdell Library Foundation, Inc.

## 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 732-826-0819.



## 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 CANCELLATIONS!

## 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. 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. 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.

## 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."

## Pet of the Week



Kirin was dumped. His brother got adopted. He's still waiting for his forever home. This big boy loves hugs and being held. What a lover! Text 732-486-6382 for adoption info.

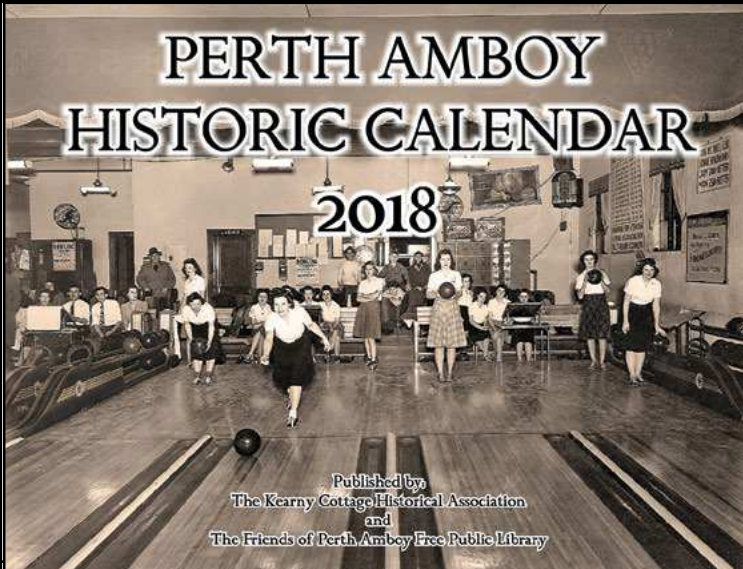
## Martha, Our First Lady

WOODBIDGE – 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.

## Pancake Breakfast

SOUTH AMBOY – Pancake Breakfast at South Amboy Elks 7&4, 601, Washington Ave., South Amboy on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. \$9 pp; kids 7 yrs. & under are \$4. The served buffet includes: pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, home fries, sweets, breads, juice, coffee, tea & much more! For more info, call 732-727-7170. Bring your sweetheart for breakfast!

## 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.*

Prayer to the Blessed Mother Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen. *A.L.S.*

Are You Getting Enough Sleep?

PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy, is holding a free Are you Getting Enough Sleep education session Tuesday, February 7, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall A, Raritan Bay-Perth Amboy, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Learn about sleep disorders and tips on how to get a better night's sleep. Registration required, call 1-800-560-9990.

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.

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!!

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TUES. Feb. 6 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. 7 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. 8 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- MON. Feb. 12 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Feb. 13 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. 14 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- THURS. Feb. 15 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- WED. Feb. 7 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Feb. 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. Mar. 5 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

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

Answers From Puzzle On Page 15

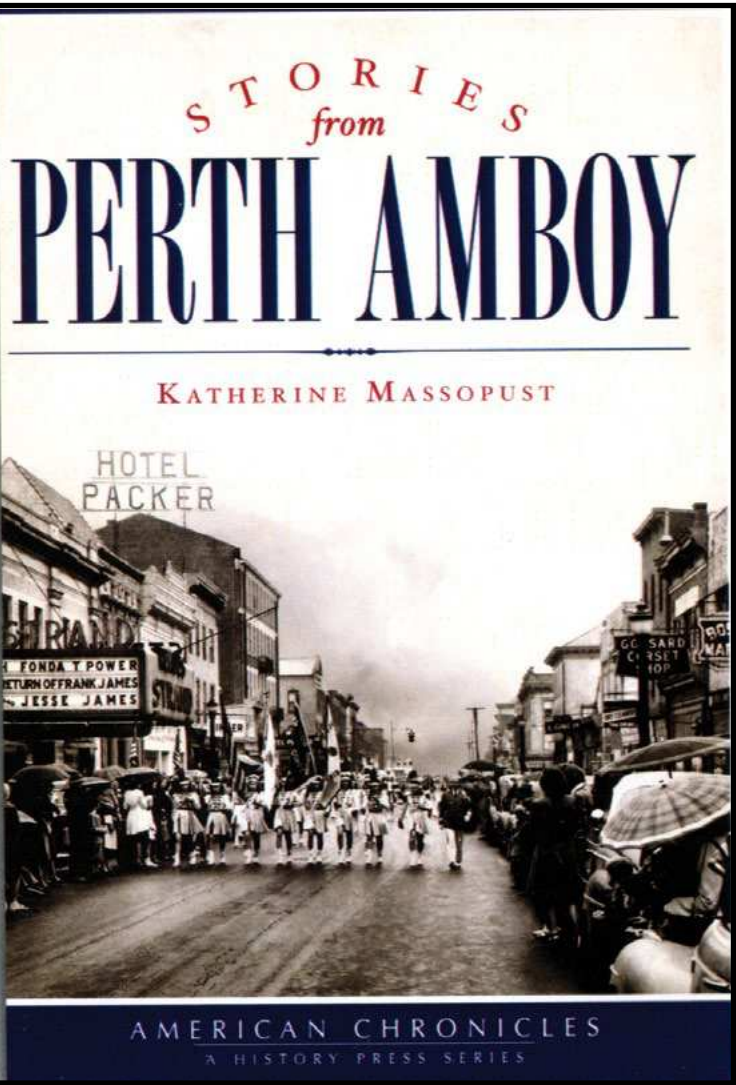


LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - The Recreation Department's sponsored Sports Show. This exhibit was Toth Weightlifting. Mr. Toth is in the rear, Gary Muska on the right and his brother Michael lifting the weights. The event was held at MacWilliam Stadium in August 1966. At that show, Don Newcomb and Roy Campanella were there as well as Buster Crabbe who dove into a Pool which they set up for the event. Palmer Donnelly was there as well. It was a neat show they also had Boating Events on the Raritan over that weekend.

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



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!



SERVICE DIRECTORY  
Call Carolyn @ 732-896-4446

New Plans for the Service Directory Effective 1/1/16 Are Now in Effect. If You Offer a Service, the Place to Advertise is Here! Catering, Auto Repair, Heating, Plumbing, Home Health Aides, Landscaping, Snow Removal, Dry Cleaning, Chauffeuring, Exterminators, Hall Rentals, Insurance, Delivering Services, Hair Stylists, Photography, Counseling, WebSite Design, Computer Repair etc.  
Call For the Plan Which Will Best Suit Your Needs.  
732-896-4446

Classified Ads

Please Notify Us Immediately After Your Item is Sold!  
Email: AmboyGuardian@gmail.com

Please Note: Only One Classified Ad per Phone# will be published per week. If you already have a classified ad in the paper and another is sent, the new one will replace the one that's already published

FREE ITEMS! - Patio Furniture, Microwave, 2 Toilets, Shower Doors(4'x4"x29") Please Call: 732-679-0086

For Sale	For Sale	For Sale
Excellent Three-Piece Wall Unit Lots of Storage \$75 - 732-238-8439	A/C Thru Wall Sleeve 15.25 x 25.5 inch 14,000 BTU's 220V. FREE 732-442-7351	Wood Student (4 Drawers) Desk, 41" Wide; 30" High. Asking \$20 - 732-725-1772
Entertainment Center \$75; Man's Bicycle \$50; 2 camp chairs \$8 each. 732-254-5640 Between 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Craftsman Jigsaw with stand - \$40 School desk chair \$25 - 732-525-8365	Tires - Firestone M&S LT275170R 18 Two \$10 Each 732-727-1772
Hunter Ceiling Fan with Light - Good Condition \$35 - 732-277-4635	Curio Cabinet Wood w/ Glass Shelves 70"x30" Good Condition \$75 - 732-525-8673	Antique Sleds Good Shape, Flexible Flyer Size 51 1/2 in. FF Original Sticker \$50 732-727-0314
Household Items - Gun Case; Tables, Lamps, Furniture, Dishes \$5-\$75 - 732-277-4975	Brand New Electric Heater Radiator. Was \$65 Now \$20 New Never Used. 732-547-7406	20" Snapper Mower \$50 732-727-5056
Door - 28" x 80" unhung solid wood \$30 732-283-0975	Solid Oak Coffee Table \$75; Oak End Table \$50 732-570-9732	Electric Train Set - Complete Track Transformer \$75 - 732-727-8417
Hundreds of Antique LP Record Albums - Some 45's, too - \$75 - 732-297-4457	Train Lionel Thomas The Tank Engine Electric G Scale Good. \$70 732-583-2305	Tree Trimmer Fiberglass Pole, extens rope is good. \$15 or B.O. 732-738-0310
Older New Toy Trucks Sunoco, Exxon, Mobil Hess \$20 Each or B.O. - 732-316-5092	Wood Dining Room Table \$75 (5) Wrought Iron Chairs \$75 732-585-3873	Vacuum Cleaner Eureka Bagless \$15; Coffee Machine Keureg \$10 - 732-826-6324
6x8 Railroad Tie \$20 - 732-396-9537 - leave a message	Safe Combination 21" High 13 1/2" wide on wheels \$75 732-634-1851	Moving - tables, lamps, dresses, dishes, tools grandfather clock \$5-\$75 - 732-925-6542
Advertising Fence Enclosure - Heavy Duty 10 ft. \$25 - 732-442-1093	Sewing Machine - portable Singer \$35; Toilets, Shower Doors \$20 Each 732-679-0086	Atari 2600 original joystix paddles 27 cartridges \$75 or B.O. 908-803-9623
Cabbage Patch Dolls \$10; Stand Mixer \$40 - 732-442-1953 - Leave Msg.	50's Sled \$25; Records \$10up; DVD's - movies \$2 each; Comics \$10 up; Exercise Elliptical \$20; Wood Golf Clubs \$75 - 732-713-0536	Girl's Bicycle 24" Panosonic LX Sport Twelve Speed. Light Blue. \$75 or B.O. 908-501-3993
Two Bedroom Hurricane Lamps - Gold - Beautiful \$50 - 732-442-5466	Leaf Blower - Poulan \$35 Craftsman 16 Gal. Wet-Dry Vac. \$45 732-721-7186	11 1970's Notre Dame Yearbooks & Programs \$40. Bob - 908-561-9033
		2 Wing Chairs- Sofa Brand - new - good quality \$75 or B.O. - 908-803-9623

Tell Our Advertisers  
YOU SAW IT IN



To Place Your Classified:  
First 10 Words .... \$6.50  
5 Weeks for .... \$30  
Each additional word over 10 words 30¢

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Send check or money order (no cash), include your name and telephone, to: THE AMBOY GUARDIAN,  
P.O. Box 127 • PERTH AMBOY • NJ 08862



How to Publish a Novena

If you wish to publish a Novena in The Amboy Guardian, you may use this coupon.

A Petition to  
St. Joseph

Cost \$10.  
Pre-payment required.

A Petition to  
St. Jude

Dear St. Joseph, head of the most perfect household, foster father of Jesus and guardian of His mother Mary, I confidently place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. I ask that, through your powerful intercession with God, you obtain for me all the help and graces that I need for my spiritual and temporal welfare and in particular, the special favor I now ask there mention or think of your home sale or any other petition, especially family needs. Good St. Joseph, I know with confidence, that your prayers on my behalf will be heard by God and that He will grant my request, if it be for His glory and my greater good. Thank you St. Joseph, for having responded to my call. Amen. **G.T.A.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone\_(\_\_\_\_)

Initials at end of prayer\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one prayer, and return form with check or money order to:

The Amboy Guardian  
P.O. Box 127  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

May the sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. St. Jude, worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. *Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.*  
**Thank you, St. Jude**  
**F.M.J.**

Prayer To St. Clare

For Employment

Prayer To St. Jude

Prayer To Blessed Mother

Prayer To Holy Spirit

Novena To St. Anthony

Prayer To Blessed Virgin

Thanksgiving Novena

Novena To St. Joseph

St. Jude Novena

Pray The Rosary

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_



## Classified Ads

Send to P.O. Box 127, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

### The Amboy Guardian Classified Ads Work!

#### FREE CLASSIFIED AD FOR ITEMS \$75 & UNDER

Use this space for 10 words or less to sell your small household items that are too inexpensive to advertise. The Amboy Guardian will print your classified and help you sell those items. Merchandise must be used and not new items for sale items. Please send one ad per family per week.

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: The Amboy Guardian, P.O. Box 127, Perth Amboy, NJ 08862

## SERVICE DIRECTORY

Call Carolyn @ 732-896-4446

### Graphic Design

#### Need an Advertisement Designed?

Call 732-293-1090  
www.photosbythebay.com

### Website & Graphic Design

Newspapers      Newsletters  
Magazines      E-Publications  
Website Design  
Website Updates

Call the communications experts at  
**Media Trends**  
**732-548-7088**  
www.mediatrends.org

### Dry Cleaning

#### KIMBER DRY CLEANING 732-721-1915

- All Work Done On Premises
- Same Day Cleaning
- Expert Tailoring & Alterations

106 S. Broadway, South Amboy

### Hall For Rent

#### AMERICAN LEGION POST 45



#### HALL FOR RENT

Baby Showers, Sweet 16, Parties,  
Meetings, ECT.

CALL: Mon-Fri (2pm-8 pm) 2/28  
(732)-826-2432

530 Smith St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

### ACROSS

- Mimicked
- Fitting, as a remark
- Level
- Depend (on)
- Mr. Gershwin
- Meshed fabric
- Create
- Steal from
- Matured
- Chips' partner
- Bartender on "Cheers"
- Health resort

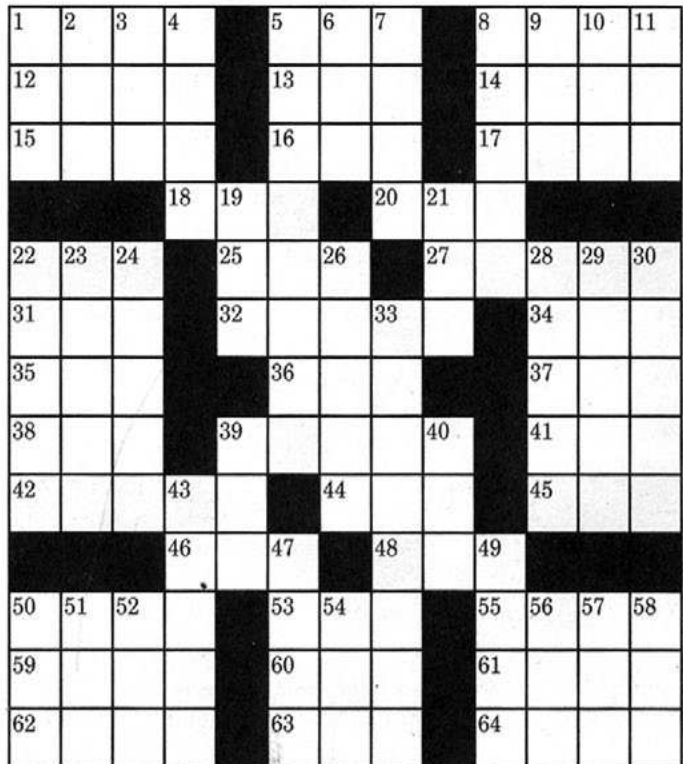
- Solemn promise
- Unwanted plants
- That girl's
- Wipe the slate clean?
- Allow
- Flattering poem
- Pencil point
- Like: 2 wds.
- Cooking vessel
- "Stubborn" beasts
- Roofing goo
- Cut quickly
- Golfer's gadget
- Observe intently
- Chum
- Morning moisture

- "Handle with \_\_\_\_"
- Boxing great
- Barbecue bugs
- Actor Alda
- "A Few Good \_\_\_\_"
- Des Moines' state
- Curve
- Wooden pin
- Horse's gait

### DOWN

- Supply with weapons
- Carrot go-with
- Large deer
- Tinted
- LAX and JFK

- Paid athlete
- Soda-can rings
- What a moth is drawn to
- Hang (behind)
- High card
- Media mogul
- Turner
- "\_\_\_\_ got an idea!"
- Fill with astonishment
- Small stores
- Bicycle footrest
- 53-Across's match site
- Midsection
- Make happy
- Postpone
- Gaze (at)
- Highway violation
- "Gotcha!"
- Perceive
- Consume
- Table light
- "Hold it!"
- Taxi
- Pub quaff
- Moved quickly
- Civil War general
- Neither's partner
- Number to tango
- Used (a chair)



### Appraiser

#### SUSAN BATISTA

Licensed New Jersey  
Real Estate Appraiser  
Call now...for Free Initial  
Consultation of  
Appraisal Services  
2018 Tax Appeals,  
Divorce &  
Estate Settlements  
30 years of Experience  
Cell Phone: 3/28  
732-423-2639

### Hall for Rent

#### Ancient Order of Hibernians

271 Second St., South Amboy, NJ  
Hall Accommodates 100 Guests  
Great for: Birthdays, Retirement,  
Christenings, Communion Parties and  
Baby or Wedding Showers  
**VERY REASONABLE RATES**  
Call: 732-721-2098 2/21

### Insurance

#### ONE STOP INSURANCE

Office: 732-520-2206  
Fax: 732-520-2670

#### Gabriel Ubides Principal Agent

257 Madison Ave  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
Gabe@insureonestop.com  
www.insureonestop.com 4/11

### Bar Open/Hall for Rent

#### Z.P.A. Bar and Banquet Halls

281 Grace St.  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
**Bar Open:** Everyday: 12 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Happy Hour: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
**Hot Buffet \$5pp:** Tues. – Fri.: 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
**Everyone is Welcome!!**  
Hall Rentals for All Occasions  
**732-442-2660**  
email zpaperthamboy@gmail.com  
www.zpabanquethalls.com  
**Good Times! – Great Food!**  
Parking Available! 4/4

### Sharpening

#### Make Dull Stuff Sharp Cheap!!!

Knives, Scissors,  
Garden Tools  
**732-442-3430**



### Photography

#### Photos by the Bay/ ALR Photography

All your Photography Needs  
Under One Roof  
Portraits/Weddings/Sweet Sixteens  
Bar/Bat Mitzvah's/Head Shots  
Photo Restoration  
www.photosbythebay.com  
**732-500-5093 or 732-293-1090**  
**Photography Done Right!**

### Your Ad Here

Your Ad Can  
Go Here for  
**\$11**  
**a week**  
10 Week  
Minimum  
Required

### Your Ad Here

Your Ad Can Go Here for  
**\$19**  
**a week**  
10 Week Minimum Required  
**Call 732-896-4446**





Maurice "Moe" Day  
Realtor/Agent

*Congratulations to  
Maurice "Moe" Day  
for being the  
#1 Agent for the  
Month of January*



329 SMITH STREET • PERTH AMBOY  
(732) 442-1400 • (732) 442-1480 fax



*The Real Estate Team With  
Dedication, Vision and Results!*

FOR MORE OF OUR FEATURED LISTINGS, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.PETRABESTREALTY.COM](http://WWW.PETRABESTREALTY.COM)

**PETRA BEST REALTY WILL GET YOUR HOUSE **SOLD** FAST!!!  
PLEASE CALL FOR FREE MARKET ANALYSIS!**



**PERTH AMBOY** – Great potential with this single family. **\$155,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Very distinctive single family 3-bedroom, 3-bath custom-built in 1991 lots of space, large yard including 10 car garages each rented for \$80.00 per month. you will love its huge master bedroom, finished basement a much more. All appliances are being included in "AS IS" condition. **\$335,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Bring all your ideas and dreams. You can star your new business in this excellent location, main shopping district, close to all major transportation, central AC, tenants pay electric bill and gas. Landlord pays water. **\$1,850/Mo Rent**



**COLONIA** - Corner Ranch, located in the prestigious Section of Colonia, features 3 bedrooms, Dining room, large Rec. Room, 2 car garages, Partial finished basement with a beautiful wet bar and fire place, large shed, 2.5 bath, large corner property. Lots of potential buyer is responsible for Smoke Cert, Termite and all repairs and due diligence. **\$495,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Commuter's Dream - close to all major highways and public transportation. Home features 3 bedrooms, recently updated kitchen and Hardwood floor on the first level. Off street parking -- Must See!! **\$189,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - STUDIO APT. NICE UNIT W/15FT. CEILINGS. CUSTOM BUILT LIBRARY STYLE WOOD WALL UNIT WITH ROLLING LADDER. TONS OF STORAGE(ATTIC) WITH A FEW CLOSETS. CURRENTLY RENTED FOR \$1000. **\$99,900**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Sparkling 3-bedroom, 3.5 bath, finished basement, Hardwood floors, stunning kitchen, garage in the high school section, close public transportation, built in 2007. All kept up with pride, love & care. A must see. This is better than new. **\$295,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - Great move-in condition. Buyer is responsible for C/O, Termite Cert., and all repairs. **\$138,000**



**PERTH AMBOY** - WHAT A DEAL!!! HIGH TRAFFIC LOC. MINS FROM NYC, NWK AIRPORT, MAJOR HWYS(TRNPK/PKWY/440/287/35/1&9/OUTER-BRIDGE) BLDG CAN BE DIVIDED INTO 2-6000SQ FT UNITS OR 1ST FLR(4-750 SQ FT UNITS W/ A COMMON AREA). COULD BE USED FOR MULTIPLE BUSINESS/ATTORNEYS/CORPORATE OFFICES/DOCTORS/ADULT OR CHILD DAY CARES/ HOUSE OF WORSHIP. BUILDING IS WAITING FOR YOU TO BRING YOUR DREAMS TO LIFE. ALSO FOR LEASE. **\$1,499,900**