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The Ties that Bind

Acting Police Chief Roman McKeon Answers
Questions Regarding Recent Shootings

3/26/18 Caucus

PERTH AMBOY – Chief Roman McKeon came up to speak regarding the concerns of residents and the Council about recent shootings that took place in a short period of time. He said this is not the norm. “The shooting that took place on Brighton Avenue on 2/13/18 was between two groups of rivals. Of the people involved, one group lived on Watson Avenue and the other group lived on Brighton Avenue. One member from Watson Avenue went to Brighton Avenue and shot 2 people. There was suspected illegal activity going on at the Brighton Avenue address. All involved were arrested (which include the shooter and people that got shot). The second shooting that took place happened at Smith and Prospect Streets. That shooter was associated with the people from Brighton Avenue, but that person was not involved in the first shooting. The suspect’s house was on Watson Avenue. There was a surveillance camera that was in a local chicken place. There were shots fired, but no injuries. On Brighton Avenue, drugs were found and there were eight arrests. Suspects from Watson Avenue were also arrested. The Police Department has an Anticrime Initiative Program. There was also a robbery at the Big Pantry Supermarket on Amboy Avenue. The individual who was involved in that robbery hit six other places in Middlesex County. When the police caught up with the suspect, \$30,000 worth of drugs and cash were confiscated. There were a total of 13 people arrested. We are targeting four troubled areas in town. We know which individuals to look out for. We go to the barber shops and other establishments where they frequent. There have been 121 arrests since the first shooting. We have undercover cops working. Some people involved in these crimes have been released. All of these individuals have been arrested multiple times. The stabbing on Watson Avenue was a domestic



Acting Police Chief
Roman McKeon

dispute. A woman was stabbed by someone she met on Facebook. There was a robbery at one of the 7-11's at 2 a.m. The suspect used a nail gun. All involved were Perth Amboy residents.” McKeon then stated that there are gangs in Perth Amboy and he named two of them: DDP (Dominicans Don't Play) and Triterions. “These gangs have been committing crime since they met in grade school. They know the system and they get bolder. We have no control over the laws.” He then indicated the Police will no longer tolerate this kind of behavior.

Councilman Helmin Caba then spoke up, “We need to start at the grade school level to deter youth from crime.”

McKeon responded, “In the past, we had the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program, which we are going to start up again. Youth programs are in place to get the youth to start trusting the Police.”

Councilman Gonzalez wanted to compliment the Police Officers on their restraint during one of the recent shootings when they were being shot at.

McKeon thanked the Council for their support.

Councilman Fernando Irizarry also thanked the Chief and wanted him to continue to send the message that the City cannot tolerate this behavior.

McKeon continued, “We (the Police Department) will continue to watch and monitor these groups.”

City of Perth Amboy Celebrates

Women's History Month:

The Heart of Perth Amboy 3/1/18



Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez (far Right) explains the importance of women supporting one another. Noelia Colon (Standing) Jeannette Rios (Sitting)



(L to R) Panelists Neeti Misra, M.D., Candace Disler, and Kenia Nunez listen to Mayor Wilda Diaz speak at the 2018 Women's Business Luncheon at the Riverboat St. Charles. Each panelist spoke on different topics that affect women.

PERTH AMBOY – The City of Perth Amboy kicked off the first day of Women's History Month on 3/1/18 with the celebration theme of “The Heart of Perth Amboy.” The event was sponsored by Horizon and held on the Cornucopia: Riverboat St. Charles.

Pastor Bernadette Falcon-Lopez came forward to give the invocation. She told the women present that sometimes your purpose is to help your fellow sister push through. “Honor, love and help another sister out.” She then asked the Lord to help each woman find her purpose and to embrace it. “Let's honor the Mayor, the City Administration, the City and the United States of America.”

Mayor Wilda Diaz came up to speak, “We make decisions everyday for our families and some of those decisions weigh very heavy. Our achievements were not always recognized. Women's Day started with the Socialist Party. In February 28, 1909, there was a Garment Workers Strike. Women's International Day was started first.”

Mayor Diaz then recognized the women from her staff that were present. “We must stand together for our children's sake. I also want to recognize some

of the men that are present.” The then introduced Mylene Colom, (Multicultural Health National from Horizon) who was the moderator.

Colom then introduced the main speakers.

Candace Disler, Account Supervisor, Client Navigation from Green Room Communications spoke first about how to successfully market your business. “Whenever you are meeting a potential client, you should know about that person's company and any of their problems. Be clear, brief, and consistent. There are 3 rules: who, how, and what. Who is your audience?” She stated that if you are going through changes in your company whether good or bad, it's important to keep your employees informed through a blog to post any news or press releases.

Neeti Misra, MD, Director of Women's Health Center, Hackensack Meridian, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy, spoke about the importance of

not neglecting your health. She drew a comparison as what a person is instructed to do during an emergency on an airplane. A caretaker is instructed to put on their oxygen mask first, before you tend to the person you're taking care of. (You can't help them if you're incapacitated.) Identify your needs and take care of them. Sometimes saying “No” is okay.” She went on to highlight the different stages of life and what you should take care of mentally and physically. “Sex and hygiene education is important. People go through different stages of experimentation and birth control. Girls are becoming sexually active younger and younger. It's important to get the HPV Vaccination for young adults: male and female. It's important to know what testing and what types of precautions are necessary. If you are considering a pregnancy, first have a preconception consultation.

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**Answering Questions for CDBG Grants
2/26/18 Caucus & 2/28/18 Council Meeting**

PERTH AMBOY – At the 2/26/18 Caucus, Tommy Hudanish, Executive Director of the Jewish Renaissance Foundation appeared before the Council. He explained what the Jewish Renaissance Community Development Corporation would be using CDBG grant of \$33,079 for. Hudanish apologized for not attending the 2/14/18 Council Meeting because of a prior commitment. Hudanish stated that the Jewish Renaissance has used CDBG money for 5 straight years in order to rehab properties. “These homes are then sold to qualified, moderate income families. We’ve used three non-local contractors for this work because they are the ones that qualified.”

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked Hudanish if he could provide the addresses of the last five houses that were awarded to qualified homebuyers and the budgets spent on the houses. “I would like to drive by these homes and see how they’re being maintained.”

Hudanish responded, “After the homes are sold, I have to make sure all the guidelines are met. I will provide the information that you ask.”

During the public portion, Resident Ken Balut asked that the Council do an investigation on a house that was bought by the Jewish Renaissance. “A City Employee benefited from another house bought through the Jewish Renaissance. You are giving HUD money to people who are not poor. City Employees got the houses.”

Balut continued his criticism of the Jewish Renaissance at the 2/28/18 Council Meeting. He wanted to know if Resolution R-98-2/18 – A CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) of \$33,079 which was requested from the Jewish Renaissance was to make up for the property at 439 Johnstone St. “The deed for this property is being rerecorded. The first person (applicant) was discriminated against. The Jewish Renaissance paid \$150,000 for this property and sold it for \$146,000.”

Council President Petrick questioned whether the rent money was used for housing repairs.

Balut continued, “You are voting for this. It’s all taxpayer’s money. All these people are connected with the Jewish Renaissance, plus these are the same people who worked on some of your campaigns. It’s a misuse of money or it’s improperly used.”

Business Administrator Adam Cruz responded, “I advise you (Balut) to go to the Attorney General’s Office with your information.”

Resident Alan Silber came up to speak about the same sub-

ject, “The Jewish Renaissance spokespeople misled you. Tell Alan Goldsmith to come here. He signed the deed, along with Hudanish, George Cruz, and Attorney Jay Zisniewski. Was there evidence showing how much money the applicant was making?”

Council President Bill Petrick asked if he could get a copy of the information that Silber had.

For the Consent Agenda, when it came time to vote on the Resolutions, R-79-2/18 thru R-96-2/18 and R-99-2/18 was moved by Councilman Irizarry and seconded by Councilman Helmin Caba.

Councilman Fernando Gonzalez asked that Resolution R-97-2/18 Authorizing the person-to-person transfer of Consumption Liquor License from Santo Domingo Invita to Santo Domingo Invita Restaurant, LLC, t/a Santo Domingo Restaurant, 223 Market St. and imposing special conditions on the license and Resolution R-98-2/18 (CDBG for the Jewish Renaissance Community Development Corporation) be pulled to be discussed and voted upon separately.

Gonzalez stated this was because of additional information that he received, and he needed more time to look at it, R-97 was moved to be tabled. Councilman Joel Pabon seconded it.

R-98 was moved by Irizarry and seconded by Caba. Pabon had a couple of comments in regard to this issue. “We should not continue to do this. It has not been done the right way. This group dropped the ball.”

Business Administrator Adam Cruz told the Council, “The grant money for the property in question (439 Johnstone St.) was grant money through the State (not CDBG) and is not what is to be awarded now.”

Council President Petrick stated, “Some of the grant money may not have been used properly.”

Councilman Irizarry asked, “What happens to this money if it’s not awarded?”

B.A. Cruz responded, “It goes back into the CDBG pool.”

When the vote was taken separately by each Council Member, they all voted, “No” except Councilman Irizarry who abstained.

During the last public portion, Balut came up again to speak. He stated, “We were told two different stories by the Jewish Renaissance. Are they in the business of losing money? We have a homeless problem. Maybe the Puerto Rican Organization (PRAHD) needs it. The same thing is going on as the last administration where someone won a house on a fake lottery. You (the Council) took money away from the schools. All grant money is taxpayer’s money. The transit village was

also Vas’ plan. Our town is going backwards.”

Resident Jeremy Baratta came up next, “This Organization (The Jewish Renaissance Community Development Corporation) is funded by public money. The man who came up speak (Hudanish) should have been here on the 14th.” Baratta was not pleased with the presentation. He also was confident that the availability of this house (439 Johnstone St.) was not properly advertised. “Did they try to reach out to organizations such as Veteran’s Groups, etc. to see if anyone wanted this property? Now the deed shows it to be for low income housing. The CDBG means Community Development Block Grant.”

Resident Alan Silber suggested the money be given to Habitat for Humanity.

Resident Vince Mackiel made an appeal, “There are a lot of homeless people. There’s \$800,000 available in grants. The Salvation Army had requested a similar amount of money as awarded to PRAHD. Maybe some of these developers can give money to build a new community center. The Salvation Army has been here for decades. The Salvation Army should not have to go through loopholes. You need to address urgent needs.”

For Council Comments, Gonzalez and Pabon had no comments.

Councilman Helmin Caba commented about an article in New Jersey Magazine that highlighted Businessman Sergio Diaz and Chief of Staff Irving Lozada. Ken Balut had shown this magazine at the Caucus and Council Meeting showing those two individuals on the front cover. Balut stated that Caba should be upset about this. Caba stated in his comments that he was not contacted by anyone from this magazine. He also stated he was appalled that others in the City were not contacted as well to be part of this article such as Milady Tejada (Board of Education). “I don’t know if this was done intentionally.”

Councilman Irizarry talked about upcoming street projects such as road repairs. “We need to notify the residents 2 weeks in advance, especially if repairs are made on their streets.” He also saw in the City’s Liquor License Retirement fund there is over \$245,000. “I see in the New Jersey Division of Taxation there is one seized license for \$51,000. Can the City bid on this?”

City Clerk Jasko responded, “No.”

Council President Bill Petrick thanked everyone for coming to the meeting or watching it on TV.



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EDITORIAL

Remembering
Marianne J. Brehun
1935-2018



(L to R) Marianne Brehun, Gloria Rebovich, John K. Dyke, Anne Dillman
*File Photo by Carolyn Maxwell



Marianne Brehun (L) and Dortothy Daniel (R) at the April 22, 2010 Comic Relief Night at the ZPA which was presented by the Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team
*File Photo by Carolyn Maxwell

I first remember meeting Marianne when she and Dot Daniel were the “Dynamic Duo” running the Perth Amboy Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) along with other volunteers. I remember going to Police Headquarters on New Brunswick Avenue and taking photos of the whole team along with the Police Officers involved. What stands out the most is when they would have their Comic Relief Night Fundraisers which were held at the ZPA. Their ad book would be bursting with sponsors. They would get the top comedians in the area to perform. I remember how packed the ZPA used to be. It seemed like every business in town and the nearby area took out an ad and sent a representative to that event. Sometimes I

would wonder if they had enough space to accommodate everyone. Marianne started to work at City Hall. I would often sit in Marianne's office in City Hall when I had to wait for someone I had a meeting with. She would always have a bowl of a variety of candies on her desk which I would help myself to. When I was apartment hunting, I happened to look at a unit in the building where Marianne lived. I mentioned to her that the only apartment available was a studio and I was hesitant to take it because of the small size. Marianne told me I would be surprised to see how many things I could fit into a studio because she said she had one. She invited me to her apartment, so I could get an idea on

THE COMMUNITY VOICE

A Bigger
Border Wall?

There are some who mistakenly believe we need a bigger border wall along the southern border. At times I’ve watched the “Border Patrol” series on the “Justice Network” (channel 68-2). There are existing walls where needed. The vast dry empty spaces limit attempts at

illegal crossings. The Border Patrol does its job. Reports tell about tunnels under the existing walls. Many fly to America on Tourist Visas, find a job, and never return. Other reports tell about those who are smuggled in by ships that avoid the land border. Instead of squandering \$25 Billion on a “Maginot Line” just improve existing security

along the land border, improve the Coast Guard, and better control the hiring practices of businesses and corporations. This should cost less and not increase the costs of building supplies nationwide.
Ronald A. Sobieraj

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Women's Luncheon



Over 100 women attended the 2018 Women's Business Luncheon held on the Cornucopia Cruise Line: Riverboat St Charles, Perth Amboy 3/1/18
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It’s important during pregnancy care to take vitamins (if necessary) have genetic testing. Know your options when it comes to breast-feeding. Some women may experience postpartum depression. In your mid-50’s it’s the beginning of your mid-life crisis (hormonal changes). Focus on self-care and exercise more. Osteoporosis may set in." She emphasized the importance of seeing a gynecologist. The third speaker was Kenia Nunez, Certified Health Coach and Best Selling Author from SavvyGems. She began speaking about her personal experiences. “I was a secretary up until the age of 40.” She spoke about how her life changed when her husband was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 38. “He was always very health

conscious and had just passed his physical with flying colors. It was a shock when the diagnosis came down.” She said the cancer spread so quickly that within 8 months it became stage 4 cancer. “I did a lot of research. We went to a health institution for 3 weeks. He was given 2 weeks to live. We went to different types of specialists including Chiropractors and Acupuncturists. He lived for 5 more months. He passed away March 7, 2013 at the age of 39.” She and her children wore white to his funeral. “I learned to appreciate life. At the time of his death, good times left us. At times you’re going to feel like crap. I had a six-figure income and worked from home, but yet I wanted to quit my job. When I told my boss, he couldn’t believe it and asked me to see a Psychiatrist which didn’t work out.”

Kenia then stated she decided to put God first and foremost. “Everyone should have a mentor at every stage of their life. I started to run marathons at the age of 40. World peace begins with inner peace.” After everyone spoke, the Mayor made closing remarks, “I am so inspired by these women who have given me great tips. This is my 10th year as Mayor and I don’t get enough exercise. I’m going to start. We take so much for granted, forget about ourselves, and do so much for others. This was an awakening. Thank God for these women. Kenia should go and share her story with children.” It was a great event of food, music, and connecting with professionals and the community at large.

*Editorial Continued

how to make the most out of a small space. I have never been in her presence when she was in a bad mood. Now, she’s in a special place in heaven to greet those who may have been the victims of domestic violence. She will be that special angel greeting them

with open arms, a warm smile and embrace. Thank you, Marianne for being an angel on earth.
Carolyn M.
The first time I met Marianne was when I was working as a poll clerk. She was reading “Memoirs of a Geisha” and

said that the book was very good. Whenever she spoke on a subject she knew, she knew exactly what was talking about and was never had to fudge a subject. She was never afraid to show her intelligence and I admired her for that.
Katherine M.

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MON. Mar. 12	City Council, Caucus, 4:30 p.m. City Hall, High St.
WED. Mar. 14	City Council, Regular, 7 p.m. City Hall, High St.

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

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

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

**To register for either free program, call Brenda Guilles, Direc-
tor of Healthy Living at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, at (732)
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Complimentary healthy refreshments and free literature will be
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Gateways to History

WOODBIDGE - The Historical Association of Woodbridge Township Membership Meeting will be on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall at The Old White Church, 600 Rahway Avenue, Woodbridge.

Celebrated authors and presenters Dr. Jude M. Pfister and Gordon Thomas Ward will present an illustrated talk with different perspectives on the era of the American Revolution. Dr. Pfister, a member of the National Parks Service, Morristown, NJ is the author of The Jacob Ford, Jr. Mansion and The Fords of New Jersey. He will discuss the Ford Family of Morris County and their mansion, the 1780 Headquarters of George Washington. (Jacob Ford, Jr.'s grandfather was John Ford, an original settler of the Fords section of Woodbridge Township.) Gordon Ward, the author of A Bit of Earth and Ghosts of Central New Jersey, will discuss the 1779-1780 encampment of the New Jersey brigade in Jockey Hollow and their encampment site and entertain us with seldom-heard ghost stories connected with local historical sites.

For more information: Brenda Velasco, Township Historian 732-428-2403

Tooling Around the Township

Mayor John E. McCormack

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

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

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

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

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

Memorial Service for Marianne Brehun, Barge Restaurant, Perth Amboy, 3/3/18

**Photo by Katherine Massopust*



Friends and family held a Memorial Service for Marianne Brehun at the Barge Restaurant on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

Dowdell Library's 104th Anniversary!

Press Release 3/5/18

SOUTH AMBOY - Celebrate the Dowdell Library's 104th year of serving the community with services such as Internet and Wireless access, Digital Historical Newspapers, Free Downloadable Media (eBooks, Magazines, Music & Movies), Print Bestsellers and Great Programs for all ages! Stop by this March for Free Tax Assistance, Maker's Day, Creating an On-line Business Workshop and an Alzheimer's 101 Program.

Haven't filed your taxes yet? 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. Wednesday, March 21 from 10-2:30 pm, Monday, March 26 from 4-8 pm and Monday, April 9 for drop off service only from 10 am- 12 noon. Pick up return on Wednesday April 11. Registration is required: 732-721-6060 or comments@dowdell.org

Join us for Alzheimer's 101 presented by Alzheimer's New Jersey on Monday, March 19 from 6-7:30 pm. This program will provide a comprehensive overview for anyone who wants to learn about memory loss, Alzheimer's disease, and other forms of dementia. Registration is required. Please call 732-721-6060 to reserve a seat.

Attend a FREE presentation by the State Department of Treasury for Creating an On-line Business on Monday March 26 from 4:30-6:15. In this workshop, you will learn about Taxable products and services, Sales inside and outside

of New Jersey, Shipping products, Collecting New Jersey Sales Tax and Filing Sales and Use Tax returns. This workshop is limited to 25 participants. To register, please call the library at 732-721-6060 or email comments@dowdell.org.

Experience Chinese Culture with Celebrate! The Year of the Dog event on Sunday, April 29 from 1:30-3:30 pm. Fun activities will be available for the whole family. Celebrate! The Year of the Dog event will begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp with a dazzling Lion Dance performed by students from the Edison Chinese School. A delightful traditional dance, fashion show, and orchestral performance will follow. Art stations featuring Chinese painting, calligraphy and origami demonstrations will be showcased. Attendees with food tickets will be treated to traditional Chinese refreshments at the conclusion of the program. Directions: www.dowdell.org Don't forget to stop in to view the special Year of the Dog exhibition, which will be on display starting March 1.

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

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



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Woman's Luncheon, Cornucopia Cruise Line, Riverboat St. Charles, Perth Amboy 3/1/18

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Pallone Announces Rutgers Research Grants Totaling \$800,000

Raritan Bay granted accreditation in Nuclear Cardiology

Press Release 2/27/18
PERTH AMBOY - Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Perth Amboy and Raritan Bay–Old Bridge recently earned a three-year term of accreditation from the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) in nuclear cardiology. Nuclear cardiology studies use noninvasive techniques to assess the heart’s blood flow, evaluate its pumping function, as well as visualize the size and location of a heart attack, and is particularly useful in emergency situations. Early detection of life threatening heart disorders, stroke, and other diseases is also possible through the use of nuclear cardiology procedures.
“As cardiovascular diseases continue to be the leading cause of death in the U.S., accreditation by the IAC is an important demonstration of our commitment to high-quality cardiac care,” said Raritan Bay Medical Center’s Director of Non-Invasive Cardiology Mahmood Alam, M.D., FACC, FACP. IAC accreditation indicates that the medical center has undergone an intensive application and review process, and is found to be in compliance with published national standards.
“This accreditation is the result of our dedicated team

members; our technicians, Magnet-designated nurses, and cardiologists, and ultimately benefits our patients,” said President of Raritan Bay Medical Center Michael R. D’Agnes.
There are many factors that contribute to an accurate diagnosis based on nuclear cardiology. These include the training and experience of the technologist performing the examination, the type of equipment used, and the quality assessment metrics each facility is required to measure, all contribute to a positive patient outcome. IAC accreditation is a “seal of approval” patients can rely on as an indicator of consistent quality care and a dedication to continuous improvement. Raritan Bay also holds IAC accreditation in adult echocardiography.
IAC also provides accreditation programs for vascular testing, MRI, diagnostic CT, dental CT, carotid stenting, vein treatment and management, and cardiac electrophysiology. Hackensack Meridian Health Hackensack University Medical Center is also accredited in nuclear cardiology, and other Hackensack Meridian Health hospitals hold or are currently applying to receive IAC accreditations.

Solutions Civics Takes Off in Perth Amboy
Civic Trustees Champion this 21st Century Approach

Press Release 2/28/18
PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy Civic Trust today announced that Solutions Civics is moving forward in Perth Amboy. Solutions Civics is an innovative new approach to teaching civics. Students learn how to use new technology to identify evidence-based solutions to challenges facing their communities and our nation and how to use their rights to introduce their solutions to their city’s government decision making process.
The Perth Amboy Civic Trust praised the School Board for recently adopting its Solutions Civics pilot program for Perth Amboy High School. The program will be under the supervision of the Principal, Ms. Daisy Rodriguez, and Dr. Vivian Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent of Schools. The Citizens Campaign, which developed Solutions Civics in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania, will provide the textbooks and other materials as well as assist in teacher training. This will be done free of charge so there will be no cost to the school district. “I’m looking forward to our collaboration in this endeavor,” said Dr. Roman.
The Trust thanked Superintendent of Schools Dr. David Roman for his support of the initiative. Perth Amboy Civic Trustee Donna Stewart said,

“Our goal is to ensure our students are prepared to be constructive participants in our city’s civic life and in our democracy. That is exactly what Solutions Civics does.” Solutions Civics is a ten-class teaching tool designed to fit into required American History/Social Studies classes. It is being promoted as a best practice by the New Jersey Department of Education and has been endorsed by the New Jersey President of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), and major New Jersey urban school district superintendents. In Philadelphia, The Citizens Campaign will begin piloting Solutions Civics in the fall of 2018 with the goal of eventual widespread use in high schools throughout that city.
With Solutions Civics, students learn:
• How to effectively participate in informed government decision making
• How to use new technology to identify evidenced-based, cost

effective solutions
• How to obtain government information about current policies
• How to use their rights to advance practical proposals at government meetings
• How to use The Citizens Campaign’s proven 10-step, No Blame Problem Solving method
• How to craft a responsible proposal
• How to make effective, respectful presentations to governing bodies
• How to maintain a respectful pursuit of the solution to adoption.
The Perth Amboy Civic Trust is comprised of city residents who pledge to take a no-blame approach to leaving their city better than they found it. Civic Trustees come together in monthly no-blame problem solving sessions with support from The Citizens Campaign’s law and policy experts.
“Looking forward to our collaboration in this endeavor.”



Black History Month Celebration, Thomas Mundy Peterson Inspirational Awards, Olive Street Community Center, Perth Amboy 2/27/18

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Dominican Flag Raising, City Hall Circle, Perth Amboy 2/25/18

**Photos by Paul W. Wang*



Check out Our Website for Breaking News!
www.amboyguardian.com

The Royal Garden Club by the Bay

Press Release

PERTH AMBOY – The Royal Garden Club by the Bay has been affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey since 1993 with the purpose of crating pe-riod gardens around the Royal Governor’s Mansion and pub-lic gardens throughout the City of Perth Amboy.

The members have done a wonderful job on the following thirteen gardens in the City: The Girl Scout Youth Garden, The Rose Garden, The Herb Garden and Rosemary’s Gar-den all locate d at the Kearny Cottage, The Community Gar-den at St Peter’s Episcopal Church, The Rock Garden on Front Street next to the marina office, The Fragrance Garden at High Street City Hall, The Mar-ket Square Garden on High Street Circle, The Butterfly Garden and the Hummingbird Garden, both located at the in-tersection of Sadowski Park-way and High Street, and the Veteran’s Memorial Garden on

Sadowski Parkway. They have been the recipients of many awards, trophies, and certi-ficates for this work.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month, ex-cept December, January and February at St. Peter’s Parish House located at 183 Rector Street. Some of these 7 p.m. meetings include instructional programs, and all include re-freshments.

Planned topics and speakers for upcoming meetings are: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 – Herbert Ling presenting on Wildflowers for the Home Gar-dener
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 – Margo Reynolds presenting on An Introduction to Bonsai
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – Jo-sephine M. Giaimo presenting on All About Honeybees
Wednesday, August 1, 2018 – Annual diner meeting at the Barge
Please plan on joining us!

NJSO String Quartet Celebrates Hispanic Cultures in Unique “Hispanic Roots” Program, March 23rd in Metuchen

Press Release

METUCHEN - The Metuchen Arts Council and The First Presbyterian Church will host a chamber music concert featur-ing a string quartet from the Chamber Players of New Jer-sey Symphony Orchestra on Friday, March 23, at 8 pm. at the Church’s Social Center lo-cated at 270 Woodbridge Ave-nue in Metuchen. The program will celebrate Hispanic cultures with a captivating program de-voted the music of some of Latin America’s most distin-guished composers.

Pioneering Latin American composers produced a rich leg-acy of music in the 19th and early 20th centuries that com-bined western classical tradi-tions with indigenous folk songs and rhythms resulting in distinct national styles in coun-tries such as Argentina, Cuba, Puerto Rio and Mexico. Fea-tured composers in the program include Abelardo Valdez, Con-suelo Velazquez, George Bizet, Juan Crisostomo de Arriaga, Jose Ignacio Quinton, Angel Villoldo, Carlos Gardel and Alma Llanera.

Making up the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra String Quartet are Héctor Falcon and Ming Yang on violin, Michael Stewart on viola and Frances Rowell on cello. (Bio’s at-tached)

This is the second year the Arts Council is bring the NJSO String Quartet to Metuchen. “The Arts Council is pleased to,

once again, partner with the First Presbyterian Church to of-fer this rich music experience to the community,” said concert organizer and Arts Council member Judy Yin-Chi Lee. She added, “Since the commu-nity has expressed such an in-terest in these informal, inti-mate classical music presentations, we will be fol-lowing up with two more cham-ber programs later this year, dates to be announced shortly.” Tickets for the Hispanic Roots Chamber Music presentation on March 23rd are \$15 (\$10 with proof of purchase from a downtown Metuchen restau-rant or a donation to the First Presbyterian Church’s food pantry). Children twelve years of age and under are free. The public is invited to stay after the performance to meet the musicians and enjoy light re-freshments. For reservation, call the Metuchen Arts & Rec-reation Office at: 732-632-8502.

The First Presbyterian Church Community Hall is located at 270 Woodbridge Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Parking and Community Hall entrance is in the rear of the building. The hall is handicap accessible. Grant funding for this program has been provided by the Mid-dlesex County Board of Cho-sen Freeholders through a grant provided by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/De-partment of State.

Call for Murals Art Exhibit

PERTH AMBOY – Thursday, March 29th at 6 p.m., Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts, 339 Reade St. Perth Am-boy. The Gateway Neighbor-hood Collaborative is putting a call for artists to submit as the next mural in the Gateway Neighborhood. Artwork must incorporate one of the follow-ing themes: Perth Amboy His-tory, Perth Amboy Waterfront, Urban Culture, or Education. How to Submit:

1. Submit your artwork to www.partnernj.org
2. Artists can submit up to 3 works of art
3. Once accepted, artists will receive a confirmation with the application and drop off dates
4. Mural renderings will be on display at the Perth Amboy Gallery Center for the Arts on Thursday, March 29th Art Ex-hibit.

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

An Evening with Seamus Kennedy

SOUTH AMBOY - The South Amboy Parade Committee proudly presents a St. Patrick’s Day celebration with Seamus Kennedy. On Friday, March 16, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Commu-nity Theatre of South Amboy at South Amboy High School. Born in Belfast, Northern Ire-land, Seamus Kennedy has been entertaining audiences across the United States for al-most four decades combining music with humor. In this inter-active performance, Kennedy invites audiences to sing along to silly lyrics and to jump up and dance to the music of his guitar or bodhrán as he plays a lively Irish jig or reel. Seamus Kennedy’s clear baritone voice delivers on cherished Irish bal-lads like “Danny Boy”. The Community Theatre of South Amboy is located within the South Amboy Middle High School complex at 200 Gover-nor Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy, NJ 08879. To re-serve your free ticket visit www.southamboyarts.org Grant funding has been provid-ed by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders through a grant provided by New Jersey State Council on the Arts / Department of State. Free Admission

Tom's Tax Tips

Alert: Expired Home and Education Tax Breaks Revived

Courtesy of Tom Ploskanka C.P.A.

Congress passed a federal budget bill in early February that revived dozens of ex-pired tax breaks for the 2017 tax year. They include a de-duction for education ex-penses as well as several tax breaks for homeowners.

If you have not yet filed your 2017 tax return, please be aware these late changes are retroactive to the begin-ning of 2017. Check out this list of the most useful tax breaks to see if they apply to your situation:

Tuition and fees deduction. If you paid qualified tuition and related higher education expenses, you may be able to deduct as much as \$4,000 of those costs. This can be done on a regular return (without itemizing). The deduction is capped at \$4,000 for single filers with adjusted gross in-come (AGI) of \$65,000 or less (\$130,000 joint) and at \$2,000 for single filers with AGI of \$80,000 or less (\$160,000 joint).

Mortgage insurance deduc-tion. If you paid mortgage insurance premiums, you can now once again deduct those amounts as an itemized de-duction. This deduction be-gins to phase out for taxpay-ers with AGI of \$100,000 or more.

Mortgage debt forgiveness exclusion. If qualifying mortgage debt on your pri-mary residence was dis-charged or forgiven, you can exclude that amount from your income.

Energy-efficient home im-provement credit. Energy-efficient home improvements (such as upgrades to win-dows, or heating and cooling systems), may be eligible for a tax credit equal to 10 per-cent of the amount paid, up to \$500.

If you think any of these apply to you, bring all the re-lated documentation to your tax filing appointment. If you have already filed, you may need to file an amended tax return to capture these very late law changes.

Annual Cabbage & Noodle Sale

PERTH AMBOY - St. John’s Evg. Lutheran Church is hav-ing a cabbage & noodle sale. Orders taken March 4th through March 21st. Pick up will be at 664 Amboy Ave (use the side door on Meredith St.) on Sun-day March 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contact Lor-raine at 732-996-8860 or kook-ie.mc@verizon.net to place your order. Cost: \$6.00 for 1 pound or buy 3 lbs. or more save \$1.00 per pound!

Fish Fry

PERTH AMBOY – St. John Paul II Parish is sponsoring a Family Fish Fry on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will be held at St. Ste-phen’s Church cafeteria on 500 State Street. Take-out is also available. The menu is either fried fish or pierogies, salad, and two sides. Dessert and cof-fee or tea are also included. Soda and bottled water will be available for purchase. The price is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children (5-10-years-old). For tickets call 732-826-1395. The deadline for ticket sales is March 20, 2018.

Save Money. Get Your Taxes Done for Free!

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

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

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

Alexander F. Jankowski Community Center, 1 Olive St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 – 732-826-1690;

Perth Amboy Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 – 732-826-2600;

Hansen Building, 415 Fayette St. Perth Amboy, NJ 08861; Feb. 20, 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; 732-442-0384;

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade

WOODBIDGE – The Woodbridge St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday, March 11, 2018 - sponsored by the American Irish Association of Woodbridge – steps-off at 1:30 p.m. from Woodbridge High School, moves to Freeman Street, onto Linden Avenue, to Amboy Ave. (Route 35) to Main Street, concluding in front of Town Hall. Enjoy more than 80 marching units, including traditional Irish Pipe Bands and Step Dancers, Irish-themed parade floats and displays, marching bands representing all three Woodbridge Township high schools, representatives from Township fire departments, first aid and emergency response squads, members of Woodbridge scouting organizations and community, civic, sports, and neighborhood associations.

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding their annual Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner Sunday March 18 following the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day parade at the K of C Hall at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Cost is \$10 Sandwiches and take-out orders are available. Local musician Dan Toye will play Irish songs. For more information call 732-721-2025.

A.O.H.

70th Anniversary

PERTH AMBOY – The Ancient Order of Hibernians in America Division 3 of Perth Amboy, NJ will celebrate their 70th Year Anniversary on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, 2018 with our annual flag raising at City Hall at 11 a.m. and following with an open house at 12 Noon at 428 Brace Ave. Come over to see what Ireland is like in the States with music, bar, and the best part a complimentary sandwich with the purchase of a beverage. Please stop by and celebrate with us to have a good crowd. Make a donation for the purpose of keeping the Irish Society Alive. Thank you and see you there.

Corned Beef Dinner

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

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

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



South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade

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

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

The parade then takes the following route:

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

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

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This Week in World War II 75 Years Ago

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

RAF Bomber Command on March 5, 1943, reports the "first effective attack on Essen [a major German industrial center]," due primarily to the use of a new navigation aid called "Oboe." The system uses ground-based and airborne transponders to guide airplanes and keep them on course even when the skies are cloud-covered. A force of 367 bombers using Oboe strikes the Krupp Works munitions factory; 14 aircraft are lost, but significant damage is done, and 160 acres of the city are flattened.

In North Africa, the Battle of Medenine, Tunisia, takes place on March 6 as Axis forces launch an offensive to delay the British Eighth Army's attack on the Mareth Line. The British, however, had decrypted German communications, and rushed reinforcements forward from Tripoli and Benghazi. The Axis attack fails, at a cost of 635 casualties and 52 precious tanks, against Allied casualties of 130. As Rommel cannot afford to lose men needed to defend the Mareth Line, the attack is called off. In Moscow, Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin promotes himself to the rank of Field Marshal.

On March 7, 100,000 troops of the Japanese 15th Army cross the River Chindwin and invade India, defended by the British 15th Army under the command of Lt. Gen. William Slim. In London, the Polish government-in-exile registers the first reports of prisoner executions at the Nazi concentration camp at Oświęcim, Poland, (known by the Germans as "Auschwitz").

In China, the Japanese advance across the Yangtze River on March 8. They are stopped by Chinese forces five days later.

The German submarine U-510 on March 9 torpedoes eight ships in three hours off the coast of Brazil, in what is the most successful single U-boat action of the war. Col.-Gen. Jürgen von Arnim replaces Field Marshal Erwin Rommel as commander-in-chief of Axis forces in Tunisia. Rommel, whose health is deteriorating, has been ordered by Hitler to leave Africa. "The Desert Fox" will never return.

The Soviet Union on March 10 establishes "Laboratory No. 2 of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences," a secret atomic-energy research facility near Moscow. The lab is under the direction of nuclear physicist Igor Kurchatov. Germany begins new rationing of non-essential goods, the prohibition of the manufacture of suits, and restrictions on the use of telephones and photography.

March 11 starts several days of difficulty for North Atlantic convoys. Convoy ON 169 (Liverpool to New York; 63 freighters) is attacked by wolfpack "Raubgraf" (Robber Baron) between 11 and 12 March, losing 2 ships for 10,531 gross tons. Convoys SC 121 (Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, to Liverpool; 69 merchant ships) and HX 228 (New York to Liverpool; 87 merchant ships) are also attacked in the next days by other wolfpacks, and lose 17 ships collectively against the loss of just two German U-boats. In Washington, President Roosevelt signs legislation extending the Lend-Lease program for one more year.

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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, Apr. 5, 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.



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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.

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Custom Smoker Raffle

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784, 601 Washington Rd. is having a Custom Smoker Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each. Drawing Date: Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 4 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Army of Hope. For more info call: 732-727-7170. Id# 444-6-2941 LIC# RL-3-2018.

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EDISON - Events:

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

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

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

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

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

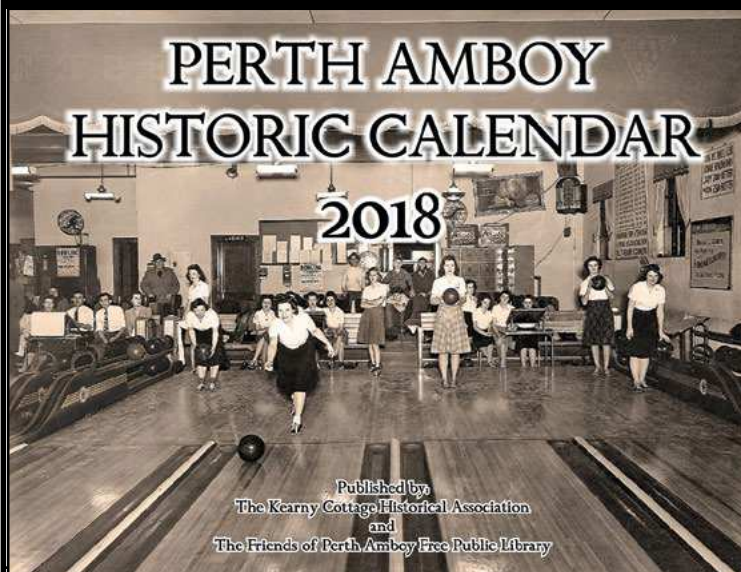
Blood Drive

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a blood drive at St. Stephen's Church School Cafeteria, Mechanic Street Entrance on Sunday, March 11, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Having an adequate blood supply is a public health and safety issue. Blood donors are needed to save lives!

Greek Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony

PERTH AMBOY - The Perth Amboy AHEPA Raritan Chapter #288 presents the Greek Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony. Join us, so together we can commemorate and show our pride for 197 years of Independence on Friday, March 23, 2018 at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., City Hall Circle, 260 High St., Perth Amboy. RSVP: by March 12, 2018 George N. Petrakakis - gpetrakakis@outlook.com - 732-522-3797.

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.



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.

Spring Breakfast Buffet

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

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.

Easter Bunny Breakfast

SOUTH AMBOY – The South Amboy Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Sunday March 25, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Bring your cameras to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. An Easter Egg hunt will also be held. Cost is \$8 Adults, \$3 Children aged 2 to 12. under 2 are FREE. For more information call 732-721-2025.

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.

Perth Amboy Animal Shelter Pictures with the Easter Bunny

PERTH AMBOY - Saturday, March 17, 2018, 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Animal Shelter, 597 Fayette Street, Perth Amboy. For more info, call: 732-324-3877.

Hungarian Homemade Nut Rolls

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Fresh Hungarian Kolbasz Sale

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

Ask the Rabbi

PERTH AMBOY/EDISON - On Wednesdays, March 14 and 28, Rabbi Sara Metz of Congregation Beth Mordecai of Perth Amboy will be at Menlo Park Mall food court (near Panera) at noon. Rabbi Metz will answer all questions asked and will also discuss current events and subjects of interest.

Senior Scene Happenings

Perth Amboy

- TUES. Mar. 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. Mar. 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. Mar. 8 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
- Ukrainian Assumption Seniors, 12 Noon Church Basement, Meredith St.
- MON. Mar. 12 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
- TUES. Mar. 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. Mar. 14 Good Shepherd Wednesday Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Msgr. Gambino Hall, Florida Grove Rd.
- THURS. Mar. 15 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.

South Amboy

- WED. Mar. 7 South Amboy Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.
- MON. Mar. 26 Sacred Heart Seniors, 12 Noon Memorial Hall, Wash Ave.
- MON. Apr. 2 St. Mary's Seniors, 12 Noon, Senior Center, S. Stevens Ave.

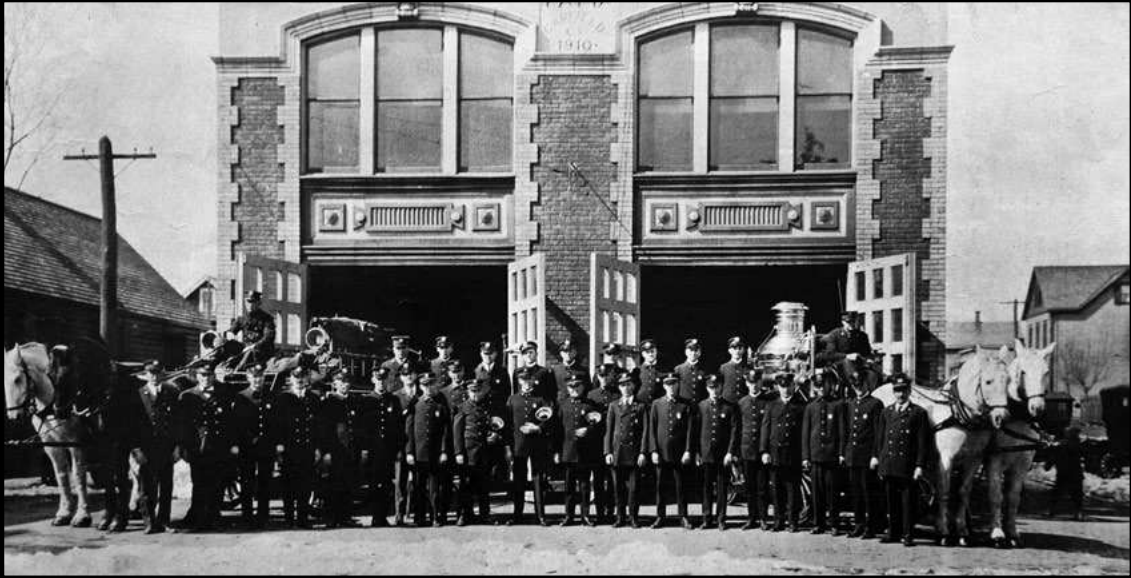
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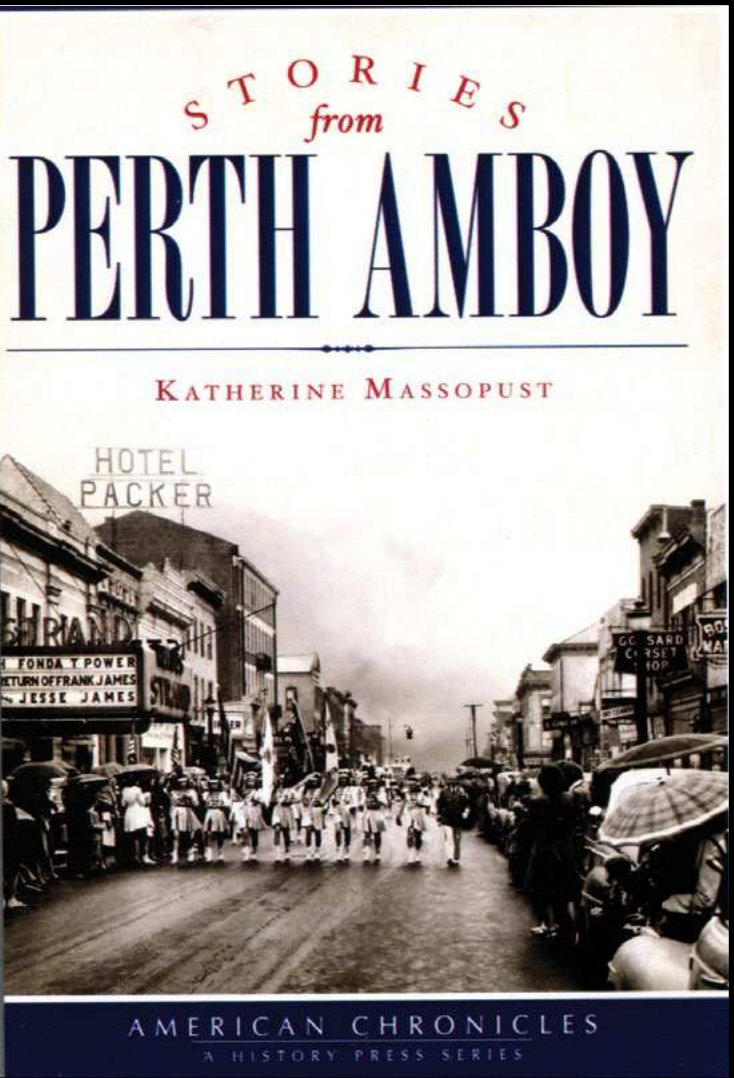


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PERTHAMBOY - Garfield Engine Company No. 5 and Humane Hook & Ladder Company No. 3 Circa early 1900's

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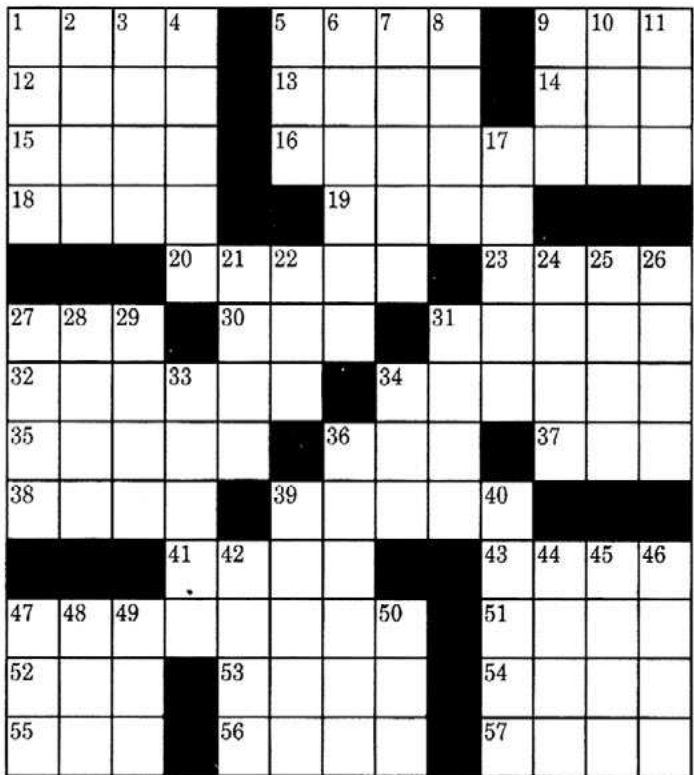
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9. Hawaiian garland
10. Be the possessor of
11. "Well, I'll be!"
17. Viola's larger cousin
21. One of Eve's sons
22. Take to court
24. Harness for oxen
25. Wicked
26. Look (like)
27. First man
28. Horne of song
29. Omelet need
31. Disk-shaped bell
33. Takes it easy
34. Rude fellow
36. Tourist attraction
39. See 2-Down
40. Consumed
42. Urge to scratch
44. Peel (potatoes)
45. Sweeping drama
46. Floor of a ship
47. "Which person?"
48. Sprinted
49. Needle opening
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